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Boom Operators,

Thank you for making 2021 an exceptional year! It's that time of year again to check in on our Boom family (and some gentle ribbing). As you do so, I hope you take pride on our collective achievements; there were a lot this year.

The biggest item of note was our withdrawal from Afghanistan, which signaled the end of decades of involvement all starting on September 11, 2001. During the withdrawal, our CEA brothers and sisters executed a significant effort to airlift service members, civilians, and refugees from the Middle East. Tankers participated in this effort and fueled virtually all of these movements. Many boom operators took place in caring for refugees, either via Wing level taskings or through volunteer work. Outside of that endeavor, tension in the Pacific theater ramped up and saw many units sending aircraft to the north, and to the Far East. Finally, though technically in the 2022 calendar year, Russia invaded Ukraine which further extended our fleet.

Despite those taskings, we still took care of business at our units, looked out for our families and each other. Thank you for all that you do, every day. I wish you the utmost fulfilment in your daily duties and in your personal life. Nobody Kicks Ass Without Tanker Gas...Nobody!

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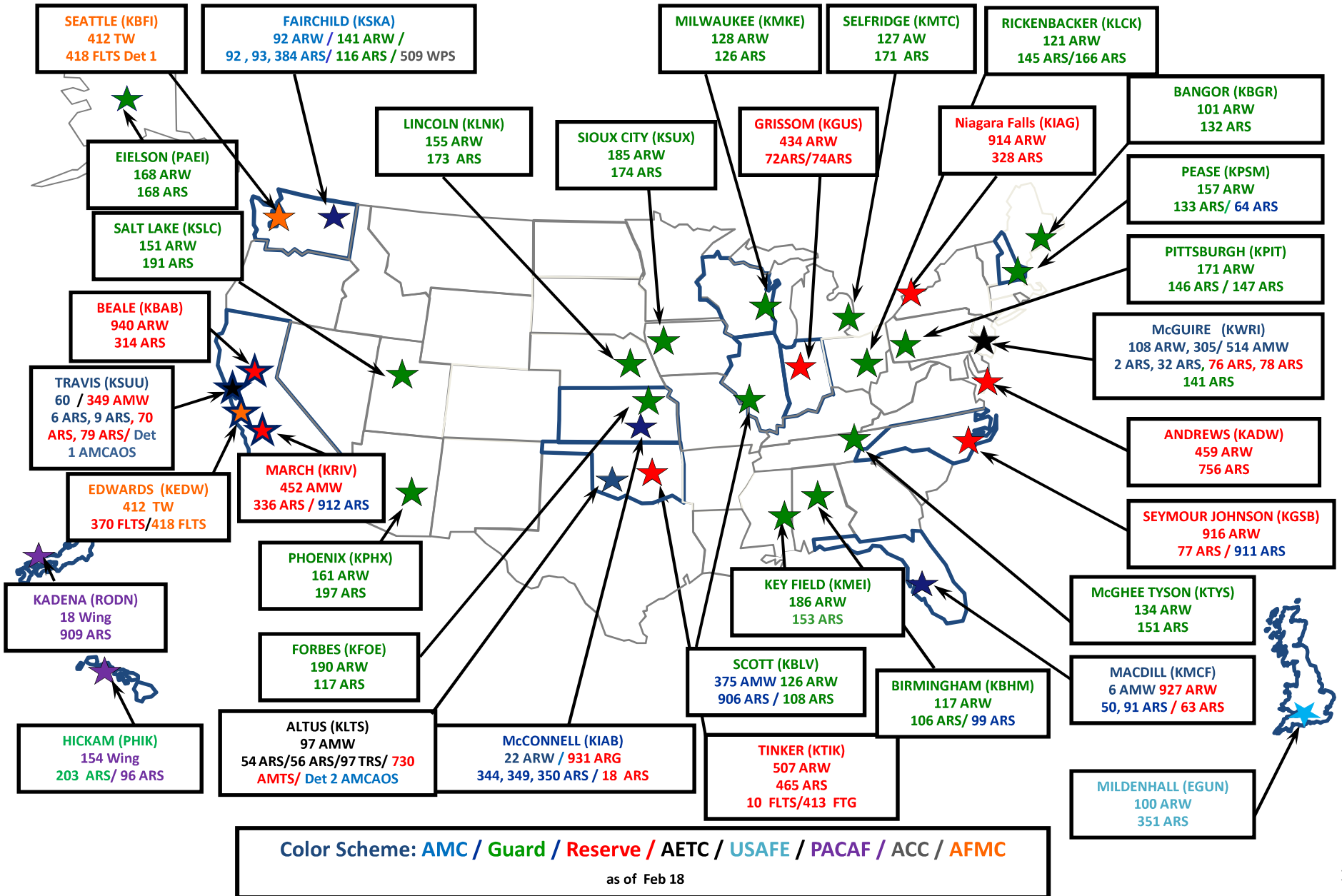
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The Boom Signal Editor



ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

54th ARS

“Jesters”



Howdy from Mobility's Home Town! 2021 was an extremely busy year for the Mighty Jesters, but we persevered through it all and have come out on top. First, we were tasked with augmenting at CAE to help trim down a student backlog by 46% in one month. Secondly, we executed the first of many Agile Jester exercises that proved Agile Combat Employment does work within AETC. Lastly, we reached heights at the FTU that have not be achieved since 2008 by graduating the most boom students in a single quarter from January-March 2022. To say the Jesters are on top of their game would be an understatement and leadership across AETC has noticed. The Mighty Jesters were named the 2021 97th AMW Squadron of the Year and the 2021 AETC Top Operations Squadron of the Year. I cannot express how proud I am of the men and women of the 54th Air Refueling Squadron! It has been a pleasure to see how hard they have worked to achieve so much.

54 ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Andrea Inmon: Chief doing Chief things, as usual. Only allergies can keep her down (as in DNIF). Keeps us on our toes by popping in and out of nowhere.

MSgt Evan Vandermay: Allows free range rabbits to come into his house so that his “wild” cats can kill and eat them. Apparently the next installment of Tiger King will be filmed at his house. He even gets the song bird of his generation to clean the mess up for him.

MSgt Lucas Treat: First Shirt boss. Cleans up dead animals out of your house for fun and has been called the song bird of his generation. You can catch him at his house at 0600 on Saturdays drinking “coffee” and reading a book. We're not sure what's in the mug.

SSgt Carter Russell: Brings a TDY cooler for every flight. Just ask him if he is going TDY when you see him, he loves it. While you're at it, ask him about the new checklist change. Just be prepared for the 1.5 hour rant that follows. He will cross you up in those Adidas slides like Steph Curry.

Operations Flight:

TSgt Jeffrey Jaskela: jAlaska will not accept his new name even though it was issued by the OG/CC...slightly disrespectful Jeffrey. He's menacing and terrorizing students and faculty alike, all day every day. We also call him “Chum Bucket”.

TSgt Neil Patras: The Sigh King still reigns.....over the schedule. When he's pre-briefing a student he can be heard sighing before every sentence from the front of the annex.

SSgt Christian Bande: Got a lot of confirmed info on a WX evacuation to Roswell and never really “came back”. Now believes in aliens and claims to have been to another planet.

SSgt Jeffrey Michal: When you call the boom scheduler phone you can expect to hear waves crashing on the banks of Tom Steed as he climbs out of the RV to empty the black water tank. Cousin Eddie, is that you?

Standardization and Evaluations:

MSgt Brendan Balko: Thinks he is running the Stan Eval shop, but let’s face it, Dakota does. Has high hopes of retiring as a Chief, but no one told him his contract was up 6 months ago and he just keeps showing up to work.

TSgt Matthew Scott: Lead Diversity and Inclusion training this year.... (pause for laugh). It went how you would expect it to go with that southern twang. You can find him at the softball field with SMSgt Almquist reminiscing on the “golden years” or at the golf course working on his swing.

SSgt Scotti Smith: Following his stint in scheduling he was moved to Stan Eval. Had a kid no one has seen yet and took the full 40 days of baby leave. Showed back up to work with more modifications to his truck than what he started with. Scotti, I’m pretty sure that is not how the Primary Parent Leave system works!

Faculty Training Flight:

TSgt Craig Vandenburg: Passed NCOA without even showing up. Volunteers for everything, except flights with students. Runs the FTM shop and will let you know you are not bean complete with multiple emails.

TSgt Collin Green: Currently appearing as the HULK in the next Marvel movie. Made CFIC and now leads every sentence with that fact. Skips leg day A LOT!

Safety:

SSgt Owen Derksen: Has literally worked in every position available in the squadron. Recently upgraded to CFIC and flies a lot. He can sometimes be found in the boom pod not writing TAPRS.

Support and Readiness Flight:

MSgt Terrell Frideger: We just call him dad. Pretty sure he sleeps in the A Model static display and walks to and from work uphill, both ways, in the snow even when it 110 degrees outside. Puts permanent party members in their place when they step up to the Foosball table.

Tactics:

TSgt Madison Dolata: He is a pro at getting angry. Don’t believe us? Just disagree with him and watch. Great guy though and is a professional softball player, unlike SMSgt Almquist.

Student Training Flight:

MSgt Jonathan Rogers: Moved from the Scheduling shop to STM and still adjusts his schedule to his liking. What’s that? No AR for the student of S-5? PA to check it is!

TSgt Dalton Bray: The youngest, lowest ranking, hardworking Airman to run the CFIC program (into the ground). You’re welcome all new IBs; real “promising” candidates he’s been given to work with. He is also the only member to make TSgt twice in the same month. Apparently he is going Reserves but Jesus that’s taking forever.

TSgt Nicholas Brod: Left the front office for greener pastures and plans to take over the world (CFIC). He will be leaving us to follow his soul mate (jAlaska) to MacDill. So on to bluer pastures?

TSgt Michael Dunn: Ah, the quiet one. Not sure if he is committing murder or flying with students. He claims to fly with students, but once they do you never see them again. Has a family, so he says, but no one has seen them either.

TSgt Jameco Edwards: If you are looking for Edwards just look for Rogers and he will be right behind him. Has been “instructing for 10 years” and will let you know it. However, he can’t be bothered to complete his checkride testing.

SSgt Joshua Shopp: We see his name on appointment letters, but no one has actually met the man in person. There is some suave Mofo walking around with hair like a god. God...maybe that is him. We will have to do some Facebook stalking to confirm.

SSgt Ashley Upton: Somehow led a MacDill coupe and took over half of the 54th. They were real sneaky about it too and only set up camp in STM where no one really pays attention to them. Even got some civilian guy to join in. We hear there were promises of baked potatoes.

SSgt Arturo Gac: Dude talks a lot, but no one can understand him. Came here from Kadena AB with an unfinished Japanese Koi tattoo. No one has an idea where he is from. He claims Florida, but roots for Alabama. Were pretty sure it’s Puerto Rico. Just ask his interpreter Scott.

SSgt Layne Gullede: One of Upton’s foot soldiers. Just a solid dude who is 25 but looks and dresses like he’s 45. There was a sale on white New Balance sneakers at the BX recently. He was the first and only person in line when they opened up.

SrA Cade Stinson: Wears the rank of SrA, but is somehow really good at getting out of SrA duties. We often see him with a black name tag of trying to sound smart in the boom room.

Attached/On Loan:

CMSgt Cesar Flores: CMSgt Flores came to us from Mildenhall AFB and has quickly settled in as the Command Chief of the Mighty 97th AMW. He still flies with us from time to time.

CMSgt Jacob Dieter: He was supposed to come to the 54th, but remembered what it felt like after being in the seat for 30 min during a BOWST. He now resides upstairs in the OSS and is finally going to the dark side aka the KC-46.

SMSgt Jonathan Haas: Works at WIT, maybe? Claims he is back with the 54th but still flies like an A-dayer. When you replace him in the boom pod you can rest your knees in the foot stirrups.

SMSgt Jamie Almquist: Took over as the 97th TRS SEL position and with that his golf game got worse. You can catch him in his Army Green Dodge 1500 trying to climb curbs, but having issues doing so. Claims he can hit dingers on the softball field, but he is no challenge for the Altus winds.

SMSgt Matthew Hunsinger: Does he still work here? Maybe the OGV shop can answer that. Hard broke at the moment, but still a great guy.

SMSgt Orlando Infante: Is he even a boom? Yes and he remind Chief of it often when he’s looking for his Altus, I mean MacDill, orders. Took over for Haas at the Wing Inspection Team and decided that playing softball for the Wing team was better than representing the Boom Squad. Only shows up for free food and promotions.

MSgt Shonna Calisi: Currently works for Det 2. Flies a couple checkrides here and there.

MSgt Serjey Ficeli: Also in the Det, but not sure what he does. Just got back up on flying status, but never flies. You can catch him at the golf course getting a sun tan (more like a sun burn) on the back of his knees. Bought a new truck and were pretty sure he had a kid. Still waiting on proof of that.

MSgt Jacob Jewell: Another 97th member. Scheduling has been mandated to schedule him once a week to ensure he is in fact still alive. Gives Patras a run for his money with sighs.

MSgt Joseph Royer: Sparked a ton of great programs while in the Spark cell, but due to lack of manning all contracts expired. Thought his 2020 checkride lasted till his retirement date, but checkrides are due 18 months from the last one. . .not 19 months. Stole the Stan Eval Boom checklist checker as a final “See YA”.

TSgt Joseph Cadwallader: Flies once a quarter because he’s keeping the Colonels water at a certain temperature. When he does fly it’s a checkride. Man of many names is what he claims from a previous life. He’s a jack of all trades and will be headed up to the 56th ARS this summer.

TSgt Ryan Dillingham: Dilly, Dilly! Currently in the pubs shop at the 97th. Brings over unfinished checklist as well as the supplements that are supposed to correct them. What’s that? You need a safety supplement? See Dilly.

TSgt Antoine Nguyen: Took over for Frideger in the WIT office. Flies CFIC checkrides only and occasionally passes them. Heading to Wichita, KS in a few months. Best of Luck!

TSgt Jonathan Nigl: He wears a patch most don’t recognize. Works at Wing Tactics we think. He shows up to the squadron most days in civilian attire and claims he is on leave. How many days do you have Nigl?

TSgt Jacob Sarno: He is here, but not here. Went from one 97th position to another and we’re really sure where he works anymore. Still ripping tops off of monster energy drinks and flying like a boss A-dayer.

TSgt Andrew Valence: Finally upgraded to the elusive EB status. Quickly left the 54th for the 97th and bought a house. If you need to plant some trees he is your guy, just give him a month to get it complete, but at least he finally saw a Sq project through to completion after many before him gave up on the task long before they even started.

TSgt Michael Voorhees: President of the 5/6 because no one else volunteered for it. Make sure to have his schedule up at all times. God forbid you fly him on any day except Monday.

SSgt Jacob Magda: Works at Wing Scheduling. Makes sure to schedule himself on sorties that don’t have students or C-17 or KC-46s. Will work on cars for Marlboros.

Gone But Not Forgotten/PCS:

TSgt Spencer Balcom: We think he retired, or had a heart attack after his fini flight. I hear his Camaro got impounded. Good luck with that while in Japan.

TSgt Ezekial Brito: Had a mid-life crisis and joined the dark side (KC-46). Continued that crisis until he bought a Dodge Charger. We’re pretty sure it is a full life crisis though as he still believes the Cowboys will make the playoffs and win the Super Bowl. Wake up Brito, it’s just a dream.

TSgt Fernando Brome: Actually made it to Mildenhall! Spends most summers in Spain and is determined to never come back to Altus.

TSgt Travis Burnett: Travis left for March AFB and with him he took the worst serve ever in the game of ping pong. Sold his truck because he knew the gas prices in California would bankrupt him if he kept it.

TSgt Dan Childress: Left Altus for bluer skies, but left a piece of his heart behind (his Ford Thunderbird) with Magda. Developed amazing iPad processes in the pubs shop, but forgot to write it down and now Dillingham has completely ruined it. Back to carrying paper pubs to the jet.

TSgt Liahna Childs: Childs is now in San Antonio teaching the future generation of Enlisted Aviators the basics of flying.

(M)Sgt Stephen Doswell: He left us for Fairchild, but his memories remain. Scott visits him from time to time just to reminisce on hunting seasons gone by. Ask him about the monster doe he shot in 2020. We're pretty sure he has a binding contract with the Powell's to follow them until he retires.

TSgt Michael Dmytriw: The Russian spy left Altus for Fairchild. Apparently he couldn't gather enough intelligence so he decided to go back to his old job. Still dropping knowledge bombs on his prior students, just has more leeway on how he can hold them accountable.

MSgt Jason Duckett: Moved back to Kadena with Balcom. Has yet to become mission ready, but has already lowered his golf handicap by 4 strokes.

MSgt Brian Hulls: Worked in the Tactics shop until he quietly drifted off to Scott AFB. Have fun at TACC Brian.

TSgt Michael Jordan: Worked in the Pubs shop long enough to lose all the files that Childress had made. Got hired by the Tennessee Guard, but seems to have lost his way there and wound up in South Carolina completely out of the military. Decided the severance package was the better option.

TSgt Darrin LaFever: He also took off to Scott AFB for an adventure in TACC. Unlike Brito he had a reverse midlife crisis and sold his Charger, bought a second minivan and can be found in the local Walmart with his tube socks and white New Balance sneakers.

TSgt Andrew Lavender: Went to Mildenhall, but wait he didn't. Those passports got him in the end. He is now retraining to be a 46 boom and will be in Kansas soon.

TSgt Logan Lord: Logan left our hearts full and our beer fridge empty. Left us for TACC as well (we're starting to notice a trend here). It's ok though, they will all be back.

(M)Sgt Katherine Owens/TSgt Anthonie Owens: Katherine got orders to Kadena and chose to take her exec (Anthonie) with her. We hear they have taken over the 909th like they did the 54th. Great people, but terrible at Corn Hole.

TSgt Cory Targos: Did he even go here? Worked for the 97th for most of his time, flew every Friday night line he could and then one day just disappeared. We're starting a website to report sightings, kind of like Bigfoot.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

56 ARS

“Mad Hatters”



56th ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Jacob Dieter: Missed Altus so much he decided to give it a second go. Fresh from Scott and currently completing his BTX course. All in all Dieter has been missed here and the 56th is fortunate to have him. A lot better than the last guy.

MSgt Nathan “CASPER” Gibbs: Our fearless Chief Boom, he achieved this position by being next in line. We are all so lucky to have him. He along with another individual are currently working on obtaining what we all aspire to receive in this world; Freedom Papers, Walking Papers, the highly sought after DD Form 214. There is just something about a person who holds the coveted Retired On Active Duty (ROAD) status.

Training Flight:

SMSgt Joseph “VD” VonDohlen: Recently promoted to Senior...100% terrifying, hell must have frozen over. In all seriousness congrats on your selection, time to use what you’ve learned to touch others and make them great.

MSgt Fritz Thompson: Recently BTX complete and hails from the -10 world. Will soon replace Dedon as FTM Flight Chief. Other than being the oldest living boom here not much is known about him.

TSgt Ezekiel “SPIRIT” Brito: Another lucky individual who holds the coveted ROAD status title. As expected 3rd boom assignment and 3rd significant DNIF...conspiracy? We are starting to wonder. He did however go from -46 UB to EB in a year’s time. Priorities first!

TSgt Donnie “DOUBLE D” Dedon: Yes he is still here! Soon he will be making the leap to the even darker side and become a Reservist with the 730th. Still old, still disgruntled, but will soon find happiness and peace. Most recently he became Tanker Meme famous while on TDY, check him out on Facebook and Instagram.

TSgt Amy “RICK” James: I suppose she has done her time here; recently awarded her Freedom Papers and heading to Pease. While she will be missed by everyone in the squadron, due to a recent unfortunate event involving her, her vehicle, and a shit filled wild pig, the local wildlife population is glad to see her go. Safe travels Amy and watch out for those random shit storms.

TSgt James Walker: Still the same old Walker. Fresh out of BTX and at some point will start his upgrade to becoming an IB. Of course you actually have to show up in order to accomplish this. On a positive note he hasn’t gotten into any vehicular accidents, so win win for him in that department. Oh incase yall were wondering, no his feet do not dangle when sitting in the ARO’s position when doing AR, they actually touch the floor.

SSgt John Levario: Just recently arrived from the 349th ARS at McConnell. Not sure quite what to make of him but time will tell. He has a lot of thick skin to build up if he is gonna survive all the old cadre that roam the halls of this squadron.

SSgt Lacy Pickett: Like Levario, just arrived from the 349th ARS. She came in walking and talking like she belonged here. The skin is thick on this one, she will fit in perfectly. This is good because soon we will be losing some establishment challengers and without this special skill the unit will fall downhill fast.

Tactics:

TSgt Brian “MATER’ Mould: Still in Tactics and still trying to figure out what he wants to be when he grows up. Don’t worry Brian you figure it out, and if you don’t the world still needs ditch diggers.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Ian “NAPS” Sweaney: NAPS says it all; even when working or walking down the hall he looks half asleep. Recently moved from FTM to Stan/Eval and then decided to take on the Sq additional duty First Shirt spot too. Additionally he remarried and is enjoying parenthood as a new step daddy to some spirited young boys. Enjoying it so much that he has to hide the vacuum cleaner on a regular basis.

TSgt Grant “SHATTER” Villwock: You know Grant is like the elusive unicorn; you hear about him, people talk about him but you never see him.

Scheduling:

TSgt Carrie “STARBUCK” Williams: Recently released from the OSS and Wing scheduling back to the squadron. She did so well there that the squadron decided to offer her a fine job in squadron scheduling. All in all she does seem happier. Of course it’s just a matter of time before the special people in the squadron make her snap.

SSgt Joshua Granados: Fresh from McConnell and finally a real FTU instructor. Time will tell how he does and what will be in the next Boom Signal.

Support Flight:

MSgt Dustin Sheldon: Quite possibly the second oldest one in the squadron, well at least that’s what his face is telling us. Decided he had enough of the sunny weather and sandy beaches of MacDill. His work is definitely cut out for him here, especially since he is Jesse Barber supervisor. All I can say is get ready to help Jesse with all those paternity cases.

TSgt Jesse Barber: Wow, just WOW! If he doesn’t have stock in Tinder he is a damn fool. Other than that he’ll do as an Altus FTU boom as long as he can remember to stow the boom before turning off boom power. In his own words “boom un-stowed...SHIT!” Hmm BUS sounds like a good call sign for him.

97th AMW:

MSgt Keith “GOOSE” McLaughlin: Another unicorn of the squadron, recently moved from the TRS to the CAG. Strangely enough he is flying a little more now.

97th OG:

MSgt Jacob “NEMO” Nenneman: 8 years here and still counting. The man has had almost every job here; currently residing in the OGV office where he spends his time being held to standards. Those of you who know him know this is like putting make-up on a pig, it can be done but damn it’s not pretty.

97th OSS:

TSgt Anthony “AJ” Velasquez: What can be said about AJ that hasn’t already been said about Afghanistan...bombed out and depleted. Another lucky soul who was strategically moved from one scheduling office to another. There is debate over changing his call sign from AJ to FUNKO. If you’ve seen him you’d understand why.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

97th TRS

“EAGLES...ALWAYS OUT FRONT”



Greetings from Altus Oklahoma! Here at the Air Mobility Training Center located at Altus Air Force Base, KC-46 and KC-135 boom operators are leading the charging preparing the next generation to lead us into the future. This summer we will see the first KC-46 initial qualification students pass through the pipeline as their syllabus has just been approved. KC-135 students are still being pumped through and their syllabus should see some modernization here soon! The 97 Training Squadron had a busy year, re-coordinating over 700 report-no-later than and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape dates, a dormitory renovation, preparing a syllabus in under two months for a summer launch, a new commander, and a myriad of other challenges.

Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSgt Jamie Almquist

Student Admin (TRA)

TSgt Michael Voorhees (PCSing to Scott AFB)

Faculty Training (OGT)

MSgt Jacob Jewell

KC-135 QA (TRK)

TSgt Andrew Valence

TSgt Jacob Sarno

KC-46 QA (TRX)

MSgt Jonathan Lauterbach

TSgt Cody Naylor

Publications Office (OGV-P)

TSgt Ryan Dillingham

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

730th AMTS

“REBELS”



Greetings from A town! 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. Also means we get called old on the daily. Our mission is to supplement the respective formal training units providing continuity and expertise for pilots, boom operators, and load masters. We are continuing to add KC-46 TR and AGR positions! 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 one waiting for you!

Full Time

SMSgt Mike Russell KC-135 – Ah, our fearless leader. Somehow Mike has managed to adopt loadmasters as his children as well. While he is busy peeling their tongues off windows, he still manages to push notifications to urinate in cups, wrangle TMO for an outbound member, and knock out the occasional award/dec. He always says his favorite job is head of HR for the squadron. I just wish he would fly more. Also, he has a sister. Ask Dave. That being said, Mike somehow has managed to become responsible for most of the enlisted in the 730th while managing to still be a productive FTU instructor for his 32nd year and guide the Rebels through a massive amount of personnel turnover. The guy has busted his butt this year!

MSgt Mark Fioritto KC-135 – Here stands the last bastion of ARTs for the enlisted of the 730th. His fingers constantly bleed from thumbing through timesheet after timesheet. Although he does have plenty of time to balance the timesheets of every member in the squadron with all the time he saves from not being able to attend any amusement park in the U.S. He can still attend waterparks but he has grown tired from floating in the shallow end of the wave pool with his water wings on. Still beats flying with a BIQ S-1 though. All laughs aside, Frito has been a great resource to pick up the mantle Gene left behind after retiring, teaching the rest of us newbies the reserve way. I know the TRs appreciate it greatly.

MSgt Derek Greene KC-135 – New AGR arrival from KSKA. Somehow convinced his family to move out here. Maybe it's the beautiful weather, amazing shopping, outstanding dining establishments! Getting settled in by visiting the Walmart, going to the lake and getting Braums...slow down...you did all the things in one day! Excited to get him spun up and churning out students!

MSgt Tom January KC-46 – Tom is still trying to be in charge of everything and nothing at the same time. Self-professed expert at all things boom, will make your head spin during debrief on all the things you didn't know. Just don't ask him to do an additional duty. Not enough time in the day between reading every AFMAN and flight manual ever written to deal with any of that stuff. That being said, he is always willing to help anyone and anywhere help is needed. His dedication shines through each and every day.

Traditional Reservist

MSgt Dave Askins KC-135 – Well Dave doesn't show up to work anymore. Sorry, allow me to rephrase. Dave still doesn't show up to work but now it's allowed. Well except for once a month and two weeks a year. That's right! Dave is now a TR full time... or part time... whatever. We still manage to get the same amount of work out of him though so that's a win. It is sad to not have Dave around every day in the squadron. Few people can make everyone laugh as much as Dave and it is hard to have a bad day at work with him around. Every unit could use someone like him and we are glad he's still here.

MSgt Cody Beverly KC-46 – Cody dove in head first to the Oklahoma life by engrossing himself into one of the biggest local markets to generate passive income. Too bad it came at the cost of never having a vehicle because he tried (and failed) to pull his little home across the U.S. Yep, Cody lives that tiny home life. Although to him and his family it is the same as living in a regular sized home because they are so... willing to make sacrifices? No, no. They are all incredibly tiny. The other area Cody managed to infiltrate is everyone's text messages... and emails.... and groupme. Seriously, you better not have a data limited plan around this guy or else he will run you broke. Dude communicates... a lot. Fun aside, Cody really hit the ground running. He was able to get through training in a very short amount of time and really has showed of his chops for teaching the newest KC-46 boom operators. What he lacks in experience in the aircraft, he makes up for in instructor ability and work ethic. He is a great asset to the KC-46 FTU.

MSgt Leslie Davis KC-135 – Leslie is at the tail end of a yearlong getaway gallivanting across Europe. Who knew the Air Force would just pay you to find yourself for a year if you just ask? But soon Leslie returns to the real world back in the states where she will soon race off to be the newest test boom. Leslie has left a hole in the 730th that has been tough to fill. She has been a tough but fair instructor at the FTU and she undoubtedly will be a massive benefit to the test squadron. Leslie will be sorely missed here in little ole southwest Oklahoma.

SSgt Robert Prince KC-135 – Poor poor Bobby Prince. Bobby has been waiting a long time for his moment to become a boom once more. But fear not, the moment will be upon us soon! Maybe. Probably not. Heck I have no idea. Currently, Prince holds down the scheduling shop at the KC-135 FTU shop both day and night because... well what else does he have to do? Just kidding. A little. Silliness aside, Prince has been incredibly patient in what has been an infuriating process. Somehow he remains happy and optimistic. This points to the incredible character he has and the 730th is happy to have him. Hopefully soon Prince will be able to focus that patience and understanding on new KC-135 students. He is going to make an incredible FTU instructor in the near future.

New Hire's

TSgt Dalton Bray KC-135 - #1 Draft pick from AD via the 54th! Dalton is excited to finally be putting down some shallow, drought resistant roots here in Southwest Oklahoma. Already sounds like an Okie!

Out bound's

MSgt Mark Waski KC-135 – No one is going to believe this. Waski completed his PCS. I know, I know. I thought it was fake too. After 1,465 days of the PCS process, the Waski family managed to move a measly 150 miles north east of Altus to OKC. Interesting enough though, Altus experienced an extreme trashcan shortage shortly after Mark left. On a serious note we are all extremely grateful Mark's family finally has closure on this moving process and he will be sorely missed. We know he will do great things in Tinker and his efforts will be sorely missed here at the 730th.

MSgt Gene Ernst(retired) – What is there to say about Gene? I SAID WHAT IS THERE TO SAY ABOUT GENE! Sorry, Gene has become a bit hard of hearing these days. Also he doesn't get around as good as he used to. I guess what I am trying to say is... he is old. Real old. Gene chose to hang up the uniform this year and it totally wasn't because the Air Force said, "alright dude enough is enough". Seriously though, Gene Ernst served a total of 37 years of honorable service for his country. Most people cannot begin to wrap their mind around the amount of sacrifice that goes into serving your country for almost four decades. That is truly a remarkable achievement and we all owe him our endless gratitude. Our hats are off to you Gene!

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Capt Geoff Junt KC-135 – Geoff didn't have enough fun the first time here as an IB and decided to come back as an IP! Don't worry, he is still jaded and uses the same amount of hair product. Just make sure you clear the runway when he attempting a full-stop. He will let everyone on frequency know his displeasure. Claims to still be current and proficient.

ALTUS AFB, OK

KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



Updates: Early 2021 CAE was moving along at a good pace and getting the timeline back on schedule from the initial COVID-19 outbreak that saw most of the Air Force fall behind on the training time.

Contract negotiations and rebid came out and traveling part-timers were put on hold. Due this we got extremely far behind on the timeline from April through July.

We got the ATS Instructor Booms manned to 100% (Full and Part-time) and brought in guest help from around the country. We worked 20 hour days 7 days a week from August till the Christmas exodus. The Boom students were fully caught up on timeline January 2022.

Thank you to every CAE/DRG Boom Operator that made this possible.

Clay Lifer
Boom Lead

Full-Timers

Clay Lifer – Almost every student loves Clay, especially the “Student Leaders/Ropes” (Beard rank #2). Students see him as a father figure due to his rapidly aging looks.

Joe Surovy – 2nd oldest Boom Instructor though arguably in the best shape. Loves to do steps weird just to get a rise out of the other instructors. Keeps hinting that he is retiring in the near future.

Rodney Ward – Goes by Randy most days and usually had his hearing aids on almost daily but still can’t hear crap because now he is listening to his music via Bluetooth. When the music is off he can hear you whisper from across the base. Can usually be found on a golf course near you.

Glen Stallard – CAE Test Boom, we see him every so often stays busy doing “test stuff” they say he works as Santa Claus during the holiday season.

Jon “Jon Bob” Williams – 3rd oldest Boom Instructor, lives in his RV and goes back up to Claremore, OK on the weekends. It’s rumored that he home brews but none of us has sampled his beer.

Israel “Izzy” Hanks – The Jack of all trades, if you need something see Izzy, if you don’t know how to fix something, go see Izzy. Owns a small farm and supplies the office with chicken eggs, he just got into the cow business so we are waiting on the steaks (Beard rank #5).

Justin Dixon – The most loved instructor by everyone, well (minus one person). If you want to learn something sit through one of his classes or BOWST (Beard rank #1).

David Askins – Just call me Dave, likes to dish out the crap, but gets sick at the thought of dog sh**. Recently had his 5th kid so he bought a mini cooper, and can be found driving a firetruck.

Randy Kay – If you didn't know it he is a retired Command Chief, just wait a few minutes and the rest of us will tell you. He is still loud as FU**, but has a pretty good following (but we don't know if that's because the students think he is Rodney) and tells a mean dad joke.

Jason Hall – Always trying to compete with Randy, got hired 15 minutes after him. Likes to wear super tight pants to work leaving nothing too the imagination and loves to play firetruck. If you're a student do not use an IPAD around him.

Part Timers

Joe Blakley – returned after a lengthy vacation, impressive beard (Beard rank #3).

Opie Flax – Just opened up his own coffee shop, no free samples.

Paul Frownfelter – After being out of the game for 10 years, Paul was called back up to the major leagues and has been hitting homeruns ever since.

Shawn Hughes – Didn't shave or cut his hair for a few years then came back to work clean shaven and buzz-cut. That's a good looking man.

Thomas January – Our resident KC-46 reserve boom.

Mike Russell – Not the one that made Chief, another reserve boom.

Ryan Thomas – Right place right time, great hire for the company.

Lew Timbrook – Our oldest boom operator, still kicking everyones butt. Nationally ranked Pickleballer.

Guest Help During the Surge

Scott Montgomery – Tinker reserves.

Mike Conner – Grissom DRG.

Dane Porter – Fairchild DRG.

Phil Blaisse – Tampa.

Mark Waski – Altus reserves, moving to Tinker said he was tired of being called a Panda.

Left the Company

Eddie Cole – Finally retired and moved back to Tupelo.

James Hill – Retired stayed in the Altus area.

Jeff LeDoux – Quit, came back, quit, came back, quit and moved to Louisiana.

Mike Morris – Quit, came back, quit and went full time in the 2 engine tanker.

GONE, but never forgotten

James “Jaws” Bautista – If you have been anywhere near Altus in the last 23 years you know Jaws. Jaws was taken from this world way to soon. Every student loved him. RIP Brother.

Jeff Sidles – Jeff left the company in 2021 when he got his job up in Wichita and was a great Boom, great friend that everyone loved to be around. RIP you will be missed.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

KC-46 ATS FLIGHT SIMULATOR INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

756 ARS

“Liberators”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND

National Guard Bureau



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

36th CRS

“WE BRING THE AIRBASE”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



BANGOR ANGB, MAINE

101 ARW/132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
217th AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS SQUADRON
AIR REFUELING CONTROL TEAM
“FIRST IN THE FIGHT”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



BEALE AFB, CALIFORNIA

314th ARS

“ Giddy-Up “



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



BIRMINGHAM ANGB, AL

117 ARW / 99 ARS

“DIXIE REFUELERS”



SMSgt Greg Sanders – Greg got to the squadron and was immediately embraced by the guard. Apparently Nate Hackney made a great impression here. After a 3 year stint at the AMC IG he embraced the 4 day work week.....maybe a little too much. He actually got a part time job at Starbucks and brings us free pastries on the regular. If you ever need to know what's in a Starbucks drink, he's your guy. He submitted his retirement papers and will be departing the fix in August. But we all know, he's been road for a long time. Good luck in your next adventure.

TSgt Camron Bilveu – Cam moved into Stan-Eval as the lone active duty boom in the office. Apparently the guard thought he was good enough. He also got engaged and is getting married in June.....there is still time to back out.....don't do it. He also plays a cajon which is the least important instrument in the band. If you don't know what that is don't feel bad, none of us do either. He's the person in the band that you feel sorry for so you include them just because you feel bad. He's also the resident beer expert and has all of the local breweries on speed dial. Congrats on the wedding.....hopefully this one works out.

TSgt Kimber Camper – Kimber got here and has hit the ground.....that's it. He's in pre-CFIC for what we think is the 3rd time.....but who's keeping track. Check list changes for a pre-CFIC flight? Nah who needs those, I got my fan fold. If you need investment advice about where to put your money he sure knows. He's the only one that mysteriously finds out that he's getting a no-notice and immediately becomes sick. He'll be off to CFIC in a few weeks and hopefully comes back as an IB

TSgt Andrew Heacock – Heacock recently got orders to Travis for another vacation at the CRG.....and he's super pissed. Apparently moving your ETSY shop across the country is hard to do. It virtual bro. But if you need an attack tortoise wooden sign, he's your guy [Willow Acre Woodshop | Etsy](#). He recently became an IB.....for the second time. I guess all the hard work of becoming an IB again isn't going to work out so well. Good luck at your next assignment

TSgt Paul Rimar – Known as the squadron phantom, you can literally never find this dude. He claims that his commute is the reason he's always late but if you call him, he never answers and if he does, you can tell he's wiping the crust out of his eyes. This earned him the coveted position in the IG shop working for the guard. Now he's mad that he works a full duty day and is constantly trying to go on trips. No doubt that Paul will crush his new job.

TSgt Jan Perez – We thought we were getting a hot chick when his name came up on the inbound roster. What a letdown. You can hardly ever understand what this guy says and it especially bad early in the week. He routinely makes words up that we need clarification on and we now have a dictionary of Janism's. I don't know how his wife gets a word in because this guys can talk for hours. If you happen to cross him in the hallway, you better have 30 min to spare.....get to the damn point Perez. Recently got on a shaving waiver and thinks he's cool now because

he can have a beard. Jan is known to have a “snack” 20 min before the squadron lunch push.....and still destroys his meal. Jan has been killing it in training and will be headed to AIC in June.....just please graduate.

SSgt Max Smesny – Comrade Semsnikov is constantly giving us updates about the Russia/Ukraine conflict from the tactics office. He thinks most Ukrainians are Nazi’s and can’t understand how we don’t see his perspective. Once he realized his religious exemption to the COVID vaccine wasn’t going to work, he finally went and got the shot. Apparently you actually have to go to church to attempt an exemption. Who knew. Max is holding down the tactics office for the time being until Jan graduates

SSgt Patrick Choy – Choy has become our resident Tinder expert and spends more time in Tuscaloosa chasing college girls than at work. He frequently makes trips to Maxwell to see the public health doctor. As he says, he’s a rare commodity in the south. He finally lived up to his email address bigdaddy98@gmail.com and got his girlfriend pregnant. Now he prays every day for the fetus to no longer have a heartbeat. He hates the south so much he wants to actually be a recruiter.....gross.

SSgt Dimitri McIntosh – McIntosh got here and immediately was a ghost for 45 days. Apparently he was making up for lost time with his wife. Who knew being separated for two years would make someone actually want their spouse more than before. McIntosh is currently deployed and we look forward to listening to all of his made up stories when he gets back.

SrA Dillon Harris – He’s still a SrA after 7 years and just became an IB but don’t call him a fast burner. If you ever need a Mr. Clean impersonator, Dillion is your guy. He’s also really good at sending inappropriate meme’s in group chats without any context.....Harris has left the group. Like Choy, Dillion is about to be a dad too. Their babies are due within a week of each other. It’s like they planned this or something. Weird. Dillion is getting spun up in training but Jan talks so much he really hasn’t learned anything yet.

SrA Shawn Parzych – Gets to Birmingham and immediately fails a PT test. Apparently larping isn’t enough of a cardio workout to pass your test. Now McIntosh is super pissed for having to deploy for him. A week later he assisted with the departure of an F-16 TACAN antenna. I’ve heard that if you do that on your check ride you get a Q-3. He sure knows how to make a great first impression. Choy introduced him to tinder and his life has been changed forever. Now he sits at work constantly swiping right just hoping for a high quality southern belle. When not battling imaginary dragons, you can find him in front of his TV drinking Mountain Dew and playing video games. He’s about to try and deploy for the second time and we hope that his next F-16 A/R goes better than the last.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

FLIGHT TEST BOOM OPERATORS

“FLY BOEING TANKERS”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



CENTENNIAL, CO

KC-46 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS

“Aplá Metávasi ”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

370th FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland.

SMSgt Don “DJ” Johnson: His Barbie collection got out of hand and little like real life, so he now drives a Mini so he can be like Ken. He is now the SEL and found out that Scotty made up everything, and also why we think he is never in his office. Which is great for the new SEL, you know, shaking hands and kissing babies but never actually found in his office working. He now has a child free home and enjoying the extra video game time. Word on the street is he is a new Grandpa!

SMSgt Colin “MOG” Wernecke: Hit his midlife crisis a little early and got a Harley, I guess an unexpected 3rd kid will do that to you. Already has his embroidered leather vest on order. As he moves into the Ops SEL position, he is discovering the “Johnny drawer” and all the crusty socks and bad investment advice Johnny left behind. HAZMAT and bankruptcy inbound! What is TTD?

MSgt Ben “BABS” (Bitter Ass Ben) Tressler: We thought he was native, but now has a high amount of unreported income by painting houses. You can find BABS at the AV Home Depot if you need any house work done! Also doing legit business as a contract boom, but not real AR, just mainly getting poked by the Navy. Preparing for DJ’s retirement so he can take over the SEL role in a few years!

MSgt Leroy “Levi” Knepper: Continuing to show up more and even got a major award, a cup! He was so excited he threw up in the cup and ruined the sweet gift for everyone. Finalized the Chromebook kiosk center and it is the typical acquisitions program, it failed miserably but looks great on some Captain’s OPR.

MSgt Dave “Mr. Barnard” Stanko: He finally committed to a decision, actually his Col wife did, and pcs’d to the 10th. Heard he loves the KC-46 and not making contacts.

MSgt Kevin “Ol’ Kev” Slagle: Finally graduated with a B.S. degree in basket weaving, and decided to use all his GI Bill money to put in a pool, not smart. Somehow convinced the government he is a real engineer and got a job working B52 stuff. We thought we would see him more after graduation, but he is sticking to the semiannual flying plan. Now that we have a Load in the squadron, Kev doesn’t feel so out of place being the only one to wear the 2 piece flight suit.

MSgt Brittany Garland: Is a real controller now? Recommended a new hire, she better be good or Brittany is fired! Brittany volunteers for everything, but when she says “she”, she really means Mike. Man are we glad that guy is in the squadron!

MSgt Steve “Salsa” Cantu: If ever seen, he is in a cowboy’s hoodie and sweet toe shoes. Claims he runs but the bud light still shows.

Attached:

SMSgt Aaron “A-Ray” Ray: What happened to A-ray? He’s still at the group doing group things eating cake and singing happy birthday. Preparing for his dream job and Chiefed some guy about his professional bio photo...

Retired:

SMSgt(R) Scott “Scotty” Scurlock: Said he retired but still shows up to work every day in uniform and still spins like a top about things that don’t matter. Sold his soul for a contract boom gig supporting the Ausies, going down under, without Jen. DJ is still waiting on the SEL handoff...

SMSgt(R) Johnny Pullen: Moved to England to be a 135 sim guy. Moved to New Hampshire to be a 46 sim guy. Training twice a day in Florida to fight Rhonda Rousy.

Edwards AFB, CA

418th Flight Test Squadron



The booms at Edwards AFB have had another busy year executing developmental test for the U.S. Air Force, and our allied partners. While most of our efforts are focused on the KC-46 lately, we still find time to do test flights with the trusty KC-135 and KC-10. This year we wrapped up KC-46 receiver certification for the E-4B. In addition, we completed Wing Air Refueling Pod (WARP) certification for the F-18 and F-35, and hopefully that capability will be released to the force in the near future. Also, we are currently working on making the KC-46 Remote Vision System (RVS) better by sending booms on rotations to Boeing Field, WA to work in concert with the contractor to develop new design changes. Beyond that, we are gearing up to do AC-130J receiver cert later this summer. For the KC-135, we sent a team on a “hardship” tour (it was winter) to Sweden for Multi-Point Refueling System (MPRS) certification with the Gripen, and tested equipment to provide internet onboard via Starlink. Looks like there may be another upgrade to the old War Wagon in the future. Last, but not least, we even had the KC-10 in town to complete receiver certification for the KC-46. This cert was delayed a year, because one of our test booms managed to do what we thought was impossible by cutting the signal coil on a contact. I won’t say who...Bryce.

412 OG

CMSgt Lindsay Moon: Chief loved Edwards so much the first time around, that he couldn’t resist coming back as our OG Senior Enlisted Leader. He is settling nicely and looking forward to flying test again, though no telling when AFMC will approve his position waiver since someone decided the OG Chief billet didn’t need to a flying position. Hope it gets approved soon, but either way, we are glad to have Chief back at Edwards.

TSgt Andrew "Junior" Miller: Works at OGV now, if that's even a real position at Edwards. Biggest airplane nerd on the base and spends the majority of his time finding old crash sites, or stealing everything that's not bolted down at the base boneyard. He also has a weird obsession with checking things with a Geiger counter to see how radioactive it is. Not really sure what that’s all about.

418 FLTS

SMSgt Kurt Hinson: Our newest Squadron Superintendent. The man smokes like a chimney and deep down really misses Altus. He'll tell you all about his glory days there, and you can't get a word in edgewise. He says that he is "counting down the days to retirement at this point" yet he is the only one in the squadron that is "worried about making rank."

MSgt Matt Giles: Holding the down the fort as our "Chief Boom", while simultaneously making our DEOCS surveys more interesting. He always parks in the "Visitor" spot because "he doesn't live here" and if you're unsure where to find him, just put an ear out, you'll hear him....or smell his meat. At his induction ceremony, he was quoted saying that "he smokes only the best meat."

TSgt Bryce Smith: Bryce has settled into his role as tanker scheduler very well. When he is not attempting to herd cats...I mean booms...he is coming up with jokes to make our Loadmasters cringe. He is newly married to his second ex-wife and is currently working on his side hustle of building an erotic petting zoo. In his zoo, he currently has two dogs and a therapy hamster. The price of admission is a jar of peanut butter. Weird requirement, but it's cheap.

TSgt Jordan "Goose" Gese: If he's not camping or drinking, he's probably shaking. We really don't know how he's doing though, seeing he only comes into work once a month. Stan/Eval NCOIC \$h1t....you wouldn't understand. He said he was going to turn a new leaf and start showing up before 10 am; that lasted a day! Jordan is the proud father of a new baby girl and a new truck. One of those was put in his wife's name....you decided which one.

SSgt Tim "Bae-Bae" Beck: Beyblade spends most of his time getting spun up over the slightest inconvenience. Good luck getting him to do KC-46 test, he will already be flying a -135 line with the Reserve. Good luck getting him to make any decision about anything. The dude has to get approval from his chain of command in order to soak. Has an unhealthy obsession with Josh Allen, and is convinced Upstate NY isn't a thing.

SSgt Colin Gourd: Still trying to figure out his call sign. SUNKIST, Pumpkin, Squash or Big Orange. When he's not locked up at home, he likes to spend his weekends scrolling Q'anon and complaining about everything in sight. Request to see how he spent his weekend at the Capitol building. He's graciously accepted his new role as the "FNG." When you get a chance, ask him about his fascination with Land O Lakes butter....you will either be disappointed or strangely excited. At Edwards, we do not yuck anyone else's yum.

SSgt Jeremiah Guinto: Our newest member, yet dodged the role of "FNG" thanks to his bartending skills. Has more weddings planned than leave available this year. The local area is the whole west coast...right?



USAF Test Pilot School

(S)MSgt Michael "Grandpappy DLow" Danilowski - TPS is lucky to have this old geezer. This old fart walks around TPS reminiscing about the glory days as a line boom, telling fascinating war stories from his time in Europe & Altus. Typically, you can find him passing out warm Werther's hard candy to TPS Staff and visitors, taking naps, or writing checks at the commissary for his groceries. It's also not uncommon to hear him groan when he gets up from chairs. Since he made Senior, DLow has become cranky. This Fall, Big Blue is sending him to a community senior center at the 93 ARS at Fairchild AFB. They have lots of activities for Seniors there such as taking care of baby Airman, 1st Shirt duties, and more. DLow has done so much for the 418th and USAF TPS. His contributions as the TPS SEL and a staff instructor have been immensely impactful, especially with standing up Enlisted Test Fundamentals, a course which will have a tremendous reach with enlisted testers throughout the Air Force. It has been an amazing experience working with him! We will miss him dearly! DLow, I hear they have great jell-o in Spokane!

(T)Sgt Joseph "SLAM" Fromm – Joe recently got pulled from the 418 FLTS to come over to USAF Test Pilot School to help stand-up a new enlisted test course. He thinks it was because of his professionalism and outstanding smarts but, it was really because he makes contacts by 'feel'. No looking, no control, not an ounce of finesse; just full-send at the plane until he sees the green light. We almost changed his callsign to "Miley Cyrus" because he always came in like a wrecking ball, but "SLAM" seemed more fitting. Only Test Boom to believe the harder you hit the plane, the better. Joe is doing great things though for the course and for Boom's across the MAF. He recently started a staff project to evaluate the human performance demand required to operate small-unmanned aerial systems, while quantitatively and qualitatively highlighting the specific resources each individual brings to a task. I don't know what that means, but he fits right in with all the 80-lb brains walking around here. When you can catch him over at his desk, sometimes. SLAM stays busy balancing three classes at a time, his staff project, and hoping between the 418 and 370 FLTS's to teach and get his flights in. The dude's a rockstar and we are thankful to have him.

Eielson AFB, AK

168 ARS



Greetings. It has been a few years since our last signal input, we hope to bring you all up to speed with the happenings of The Last Frontier. As the only tanker unit in Alaska we are extremely busy. We are rocking out 24 hour Alpha alert supporting air sovereignty, going through the cluster of the Block 45 upgrade, and dealing with the un-ending air refueling requests from inside the state. At Eielson we now have two full squadrons of F-35's totaling just over 50 more airplanes on the base. So to say that it has turned into busy airspace is an understatement. In addition to the copious local flying we are doing, we have been participating in deployment rotations to Guam, LTMPA, Off Station Trainers, MRA's, Pacific Angel missions. A look to the near future only shows it getting busier as well. With an Active Associate on the way, things are going to get crazy. We look forward to seeing how it all turns out, and hopefully see you all while out on the road. Feel free to contact us anytime at richard.smith.57@us.af.mil or call the boom pod at DSN 317-377-8836, commercial 907-377-8836.

CMSgt Richard Smith (AGR) – Rich has been the Chief Boom around here for the past few years. So far he is doing a great job. Hopefully he retires soon so we can all get promoted ;)

SMSgt Christian Willey (AGR) – Willey Cat is the new ARS superintendent and is doing a great job. We look forward to seeing what he is going to bring to table for the future.

SMSgt James Hudnall (DSG) – Wes got hired into the 9G position in the Ops Group. He will be the next Chief Master Sergeant for the Ops Group. Congrats!

MSgt Keith Rowan (AGR) – NCOIC of Stan/Eval and crushing it. This guy is the driving force behind some of the best booms in the Air Force. Currently he is working his way up to climbing Mt. Denali. Best of luck!

MSgt Peter Gardella (AGR) – Pretty much just shows up with a new black eye and injuries from Jiu Jitsu. We all hope he survives till retirement.

MSgt Nicolas Blace (DSG) – Bob the Builder started his own contracting company this year and is busier than anyone could have imagined. If he isn't fixing old ladies stairs he can be found going TDY all over the place teaching our new booms how it's done.

MSgt Jonathan Legan (AGR) – Jon is the NCOIC of our training shop and is one of the most dedicated instructors we have. Nothing this cat does is anything but 100%. Jon and his wife also just had their first kid a few months ago and couldn't be happier, or more tired.

MSgt Alex Narveson (AGR) – Our Newest AGR, scheduling expert, and Taekwondo Black-belt. Besides crushing the office life he will be representing the United States at Taekwondo Worlds competition!!

MSgt Daniel Kaufmann (DSG) – Dan is our newest member back from instructor school. He is one of our DSG's that is always hustling on alert and LTMPA. If he isn't doing that then he can normally be found wrenching on a car or truck for someone.

TSgt Kyle Armour (AGR) – Kyle rocking the Current Ops life. It's hectic, nonstop, and thankless. Yet this guy keeps crushing it. He is always involved in the community via teaching wrestling at Ben Eielson High School.

TSgt Christopher Frazier (DSG) – Chris got back from instructor school earlier this year after giving one hell of a performance while at Altus. The only boom I know of that went to Altus and came back with a job offer. It really shows too. Chris has showed amazing dedication to his students. We instructors look forward to shedding all our work off on him, ha!

TSgt Joshua (Patrick) Frady (DSG) – Patrick is our newest boom back from Altus. He was a prior 168 AFE member and was a great fit for the boom life.

TSgt Chatham Holt (DSG) – Chatham went away on a deployment and came back engaged with his now fiancé. We are very happy for you.

SSgt Tyler Winterton (TECH/DSG/AGR) – We aren't really sure what status Ty is on, mainly because he is rocking a different one every time I talk to him. Well, he is temporarily in our scheduling shop helping Narv out. Other than that he is working as a firearms instructor, CAP commander, or working on his photography skills. He truly is a man with many skills.

SSgt Jarred Stephens (DSG) – This guy is a world traveler. If he isn't TDY and traveling with us he is being sent all over the world for his photography skills. Truly proud of how he set his mind to doing something and is highly successful.

SSgt Corina Thrasher (DSG) – When Corina isn't up here flying, she is down in Anchorage working on her metal artwork. She makes a hell of a metal rose!

SSgt Melina Arciniega (DSG) – Soon to be the newest boom back from the school house and apparently crushing it. We look forward to getting another Boom back from the school house.

A1C Jordan Martinez (DSG) – Newest hire from our HARM shop and is currently at Boom School.

168 Retired Booms

Ron Merbach*
Billy Malico*
Cheryl Helgerman*
Bob Edgett
Keith Bromley
Mark McGrath
Bridget Tamburino
Dick Hardy
Todd Cook
Bob Hauer
Lyle Kirgan

Samtha Dahl*
Mario McGee
Butch Stein
Dale Forrey*
Pat Kerber
Curt Gipson
Paul Nunemann
Steven Forgue
Keith Henrys
Brett Ayres
John Duhaime
Kendra Halbert
Tanna Carter

*Booms that have passed on.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

92nd ARS

“Blackhawks”



SMSgt Evangeline “Eve” Palmer - All the young booms are afraid of her. They don’t know the easiest place to hide is in the air because she doesn’t fly. Congrats on baby #2.

MSgt Zach “The Don” Donarski - Fresh out of the Pacific, The Don showed up telling all the young bucks about how busy Kadena and the AOC out of Hawaii is. The Don shows our booms the big picture.

MSgt Anne “MOAB” Engebretson - Anne is fresh out of instructor upgrade and on the road! Have fun out there!

MSgt Patrick “Pat” Flaherty - Pat is the Blackhawks shadow governor, embracing life as a MB. Somehow getting on all the Pacific trips. If there is any way to get in the air and on the road, he wants it. Probably why he’s agreed to go through IB upgrade.

TSgt Jenny “MISS” Cook - Cook is the newest Instructor in the squadron and is taking on the challenge of whipping the younger booms into Q1 tolerances.

TSgt Nick Daniello - Nick is enjoying his first deployment as a boom, even if he still gets stuck behind a camera occasionally. Nick is the reason we lock our doors at night.

TSgt Matt “the Hammer” Hurless - Knows cargo better than anyone, including anyone who only touches it once a year. Gets hired and fired from fake jobs before he even knows it.

TSgt Harley Izaguirre - Izzy is still the fastest man in the 92d even after he broke his leg! Congrats on your engagement, happiness can add minutes to your miles.

TSgt Nathan Perry - Nate wrapped up a tour of the fleet as LOSA observer and now prays nightly for our souls and our country. Glad you’re back in one piece Nate!

TSgt Terry Pittman - Pitty is leaving the PNW for the high plains and warm smiles of Altus OK. We miss you already.

TSgt Patrick Reynolds - Everyone's favorite BBOC instructor has joined the Stratotanker after fleeing the KC-10. Glad to have you on the winning team.

TSgt Samantha "Miller" Shelton - I didn't forget you this year, I just don't know which last name to list you under. Her helmet is lined with tin foil, she's our resident conspiracy theorist when she's not in the gym.

SSgt Matthew Baxter - Upgraded to instructor then promptly got stuck in Wg Scheduling. Come fly sometime.

SSgt Gage Fontenot - Gage is molding young minds as Instructor-in-residence at OST/OGT leading MCT. Gage should be filling out those post-Altus training critiques.

SSgt Jeremiah "Cocktail" Guinto - Cocktail recently PCS'd to become a Test Boom and all the guys with Altus orders are jealous. You are irreplaceable.

SSgt Jeremy Hudson - Another cross trainee, welcome to greener pastures. Maybe you can fix the power carts while you're in MCT.

SSgt Kyle Hunt - Kyle has added to his collection of useless skills, stupid human tricks and beer pong accomplishments that make him welcome around the cornhole boards. Most likely to have a Four Loko in his golf bag.

SSgt Cam "PUZR" Miller - Cam got stuck at the group for the last year working with the execs and missing all the shenanigans at the squadron. At least he got a tramp stamp in Guam.

SSgt Payton Olson - Payton is making amphibious moves! Made Staff Sergeant, ALS DG, Evaluator, and on his second deployment as the Chief Boom. Love to see it. Second best mustache in the squadron after Vilmont.

SSgt Curtis "Greg" Shoemaker - Shoe has found the only way to run from the cops which lets you stay in the Air Force: Cross training. Welcome Aboard.

SSgt Christopher Vilmont - Chris put on instructor! And now he flies all the time and is waiting on his first kid to be born soon. He's applying for Altus but nobody listens to him!

SrA Jaden "Jay" Allen - At some point Jay is going to need to say yes to all the people headhunting him so he can get out of Scheduling.

SrA Constance Cassens - First Deployment! And probably last, Cassens is ready to start her terminal leave.

SrA Austin Cullers - Anime, ping pong, and scheduling. Very passionate for 66% of these things. Best softball infielder in the unit. PS, better make sure your appointment is in G2 or else.

SrA Ryan "DASH" Flores - Deadly in the boat and slippery behind the controls of a motorcycle. Or is it the other way around? DASH is lining up for pre-CFIC and frankly Altus should be warned.

SrA Genny Hall - Genny may have the record for longest MCT timeline. Finally a real boom.

SrA Kyler Lacer - Lacer finally got a driver's license and then his car caught fire. At least it's not his fault in the jet.

SrA Colin Lampron - Happy 21st Birthday. Next time wear swim trunks to the pool party.

SrA Dawson "BUSH" Lapolla - His love of Lime-a-ritas, dancers, and anime, Dawson is a character among characters. Cargo SME.

SrA Torian Mather - Mather became a dad. Then we sent him to sit alert in Alaska. His beard repels Chiefs.

SrA Victor Menchaca - Menchaca is still the master of EMCON 4 in and out of the jet.

SrA Jose Retana - Jose is always on the flying schedule or something. I never see him at work.

SrA Lyndsey Sheil - Our Artist in Residence, Uniform regulations are still for other people.

SrA Dylan Vu - Dylan is at Altus for upgrade. Tell those nerds who's boss.

SrA Jordan Watson - Jordan is in competition with Menchaca with who can say less words.

SrA James "Slick" Weale - James looks like he sells weed to middle schoolers. He has the haircut of a bad guy in a 90's Disney movie. Clean your room.

A1C Ariaiah Berhow - Vegetarian, from Oregon, enough said.

A1C Dimagio Carey - Gym Rat! Your retraining window for combat control opens soon...

A1C Keanu Ferry - The lights are on but nobody's home. But Keanu. Keanu is home. Just knock.

A1C Ann A1C Braydon "Jailbird" Kapperman - Jailbird is making friends and influencing people on a consistent and regular basis.

A1C Christian "Babyface" Lawhorn - Christian gets carded leaving the CDC. He's 25 going on 12.

A1C Caleb Leverich - Leverich has the unique ability to piss off every person on base that wants to help him. He doesn't understand why. Gimme your lunch money, nerd.

A1C Martin "Squidward" Ocker - Ocker, if being a boom operator doesn't work out, there's always a job for you getting cats out of trees. Barely fits in the boom pod. Killer with a Frisbee.

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.

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“DOMINI ARTIS”



2021 SMSgt Albert Evans Outstanding Air Refueling Section Winners

MSgt Lauren “POW” Powell – Senior Enlisted Leader

Showed up from Altus and rolled straight into a deployment as the Chief Boom. Is loving being around a real tanker squadron again and is keeping the seat warm until an adult shows up.

MSgt Bobby CaSh – Operations Superintendent

Bobby deployed and Skinny Bobby returned. He is leaving us again but this time to another beautiful location...Altus. He's been an absolute pleasure to work with and will be missed by all in the squadron. Altus, you've got a good one headed your way! Bobby, try to not chip anyone's tooth while you're down there!

MSgt Steven “HYPE” Saunders – C Flight Chief

Steve is our resident cargo expert and will be headed to CFIC as soon as we can get him a slot. He was fortunate to spend part of his year deployed and a month broken in Japan. Steve is an incredible member of our team and the deliverer of Buckeyes and sanity when they are needed. If you're ever in a sticky situation, he will be your hype man!

TSgt Nathan Scheffel – A Flight Chief

Our newest instructor that has returned from the land of Altus. We hope he's around long enough to actually fly TDYs with a K code! He loves spending time tubing in California with Keepers and enjoying the fine lobster in Maine. Truly a rough life.

TSgt Chance Italiano – B Flight Chief

Chance had an eventful year of touring the Pacific, as usual, with a deployment sprinkled in. He's still bummed his team lost the Super Bowl. Maybe next year! Benefitted from HYPE going to bat for him when he spilled his drink...

TSgt Darian “SCREECH” Edwards – C Flight NCOIC

No need to check G2 to see if Darian is around, just listen for him from across the squadron talking about how good he is at chess and about how all of his Kadena trips cancel. Now that he's in scheduling he seems to be going to Hawaii and Guam more...weird.

TSgt Andrew “SHOT” Keepers – NCOIC Stan/Eval

Keepers is our resident smiling Senior Evaluator Boom. We were shocked too that the manning moves got approved but now we have to live with it. He seems to be the only evaluator who constantly has a free week or two to spend in horrible locations like Panama.

TSgt Jayson Swift – NCOIC Professional Development

Swift spends most of his days chasing down airmen and talking about how badly he wants Kadena. Maybe he will get his wish or maybe he will also head to beautiful Altus...only time and AFPC will tell.

TSgt Dave “DODGE” Ballmer – Tactics

Dave found a way to avoid the beautiful mountains of Altus (this year at least) by going to AIC...and probably getting follow on orders to Altus. He somehow convinced the instructors to give him the Academic Award...we were shocked too...and that's all I have to say about that.

SSgt James Kennedy – Training

James was welcomed back to Spokane by purchasing a sweet truck and having someone slam into it and run only 8 days later. He's getting back in the Fairchild groove and once he's done with MCT he will be able to finally go TDY and not be quarantined. We look forward to having a different perspective around and more experience in the squadron.

SSgt Robert Soriano – Readiness

Soriano became the squadron's favorite boom when he arrived and immediately fixed GTIMS on everyone's computers. OUR HERO. He may be getting evicted soon if his neighbor doesn't appreciate his new doormat. Keep your couches clear just in case. We are excited to see him actually fly now that he's ALS complete and is all ours again.

SSgt Richard Robinson – Scheduling

A great addition to the 93d team! Another cross-trainee that we are looking forward to having around for a while. He spends most of his time in the boom pod telling the younger folks about how the actual Air Force works and we appreciate that!

SSgt Derek “FRIDGE” Stiles – Safety

Derek finally got a taste of the boom deployed life and “tweaked his back” prior to his third flight. After recovering he decided to become the permanent troop transporter driver which the squadron very much appreciated! He's doing a great job in safety and will probably head to upgrade sometime next year.

SSgt Adrian White – Professional Development

The true quiet professional. You never know when he's around but he's always there doing all he can to help the squadron out. A former reservist, he has been crushing this whole active duty boom gig. We see CFIC in his future faster than he might like to think...

SrA Jacob Ellis – Training

Ellis made sure that every boom and Altus resident knew his name by the end of his first symposium ever. He made such a huge impact that the Guest Speaker and Colonel included him in their speeches. To say we were proud is an understatement. “I will accept any paperwork that I receive and I will not fight it”. Words to live by Jake, words to live by. He is also the only person in the squadron that somehow managed to get a speeding ticket at the Deid. Only big things ahead for him!

SrA Khalil Brown – Training

Khalil came to us from sunny Mildenhall and has never once complained about any of his many TDYs to Alaska. He's been a great addition to the team and we are thankful he's here!

SrA Bradley Betts

Brad AKA Mini Dave Baller enjoys drinking Coors Lights, T-Alerts and long TDYs where he can roll in the snow. He can't submit a correct DTS voucher to save his life but we are working on that.

SrA Brielle “BAMBI” Springer – Training

After volunteering for every available MPRS flight at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, she finally had enough and made the executive decision to move the squadron back to Turkey. In one night. With no notice. When the VPOTUS speaks, we listen!

SrA Austin “FERRIS” Buller

Buller is currently going through Pre-CFIC and saw fit to start his briefings off right by misspelling his own name on slide 1. To know Buller is to love Buller. He’s our own special guy and provides endless amounts of entertainment. He will be a great and light hearted instructor when he gets done with Altus.

SrA Diego “BOWL” Hernandez

Diego hit the ground running when we got to Turkey and was promptly carried out like Bambi after a finding out about fish bowls. He’s a much calmer man now that he has a girlfriend. She even made him take some of his anime stickers off of his car and told him to keep the ‘stache.

SrA Chris Moody – Professional Development

Chris recently returned from Altus with his K code and has been grinning ever since. Maybe this is the year he finally caves and buys himself a nice corgi to snuggle with at night.

SrA Cydney Graves – Professional Development

Cydney got to spend the winter in beautiful New Jersey welcoming folks to their new homes. Now she spends her days combing the flying schedule for bad deals to Guam and Japan.

SrA Khristian Rias – Professional Development | Honor Guard

Took one for the team and filled our Honor Guard tasker but he ended up loving it and now we can’t convince him to come back our way. Deployments and alerts are so much more fun than staying home in your own bed...come back!

SrA Benny Trevizo – Scheduling

BTZ BENNY! Benny is our local Spanish translator so we sent him down for a hardship to Panama...and to make sure that Keepers didn’t get banned from the country. He can be found in scheduling selflessly scooping up all of the TDYs no one else wants to go on.

A1C Phillip Fowler – Readiness

Oh Fowler...where do we even begin? The most professional and nicest guy we have in the squadron and has found a way to make air refueling terrifying and entertaining to the receivers. You can’t mask a great quality like that. What a great guy to have around even if he sleeps in a hammock on his no-notice.

A1C Aiden “THE LOCAL” Clark – Scheduling

CLARK IS FROM SPOKANE IN CASE YOU DIDN’T KNOW. Even if you didn’t know, he will be sure to tell you when he sees you. His biggest battles include tracking down squadron water jugs and begging the shirt to let him out of the dorms so he can live with his parents again.

A1C Carson Wilberg – Professional Development

Good Deal Wilberg can be found flying the friendly skies over any location with a beach. For squadron ski day he made sure that the whole squadron knew just how good he was at shreddin’ the gnar.

A1C Gabrielle “BRO” Stallings – Stan/Eval

Stallings is the highlight of dorm inspections according to Darian and found out that calling the DO bro is a risky move. She is the FBOA President and loves every second of it, animals is gonna be lit this year in the PNW!

A1C Shawn Fleming – Scheduling

Shawn saves so much money on haircuts because he just doesn’t get them. He got to experience that Boom Symposium and learned a few things along the way. He’s always up for volunteering and helping out where he’s needed.

A1C Matthew Diaz – Stan/Eval

Matt is the steady foundation of the squadron. We've never seen him angry and have only seen him smile a few times. Most recently was when the OG Shirt had to brief the increase in on base traffic tickets. Making the squadron proud, Matt!

A1C Gregory "PORCELAIN" Schuetz - Readiness

Schuetz took a tumble while trying to shower...allegedly. He can usually be found in readiness begging to be released early to go play the newest video game before his wife comes home.

A1C Shane Silver – Readiness

Shane got his first deployment under his bud heavy belt and is better for it. He loved every second including the hallway naps he was able to fit in his busy schedule. He was the only person to self-identify that he wasn't assigned a volunteer duty for SkyFest and asked to work concessions. What a stand-up guy!

A1C Savannah "BUT I WANNA BE A LOAD" Mann – Professional Development

Savannah is usually found lying in the boom pod watching air drop videos on her phone and thinking about what could have been. When she isn't doing homework, she's begging for TDYs and to cross train to AE.

A1C Joshua Amos – Professional Development

Amos is a fresh arrival to the 93d and is always the first to ask if anyone needs any help with anything. We are excited to send him on the road soon to start hackin' the mish!

A1C Parker Matricciano – Professional Development

Mohawk Matricciano is a new addition to the 93d and has already been doing great things. We are expecting him to big things for us over the next few years.

Attached | On Loan:

MSgt Jacob Aufderheide – Wing IG

A-10 showed up and immediately wanted out of the squadron so he hid from us over in the IG. Little does he know that he will be tagging along on our deployment...I guess he knows now!

TSgt Christopher Fitzgerald – OGX

Chris is our resident readiness expert. Hoping to have him through instructor school within the year and headed down to Altus.

SSgt Brandon Herberts – OG Exec

Brandon is going to be a dad! Again! Once his leave ends he will be gallivanting around the globe again and coming back to the squadron. We can't wait to have him back!

Departures:

SMSgt Ryan "ZAMBONI" Clauss – AETC/A3V

Our fearless leader left us this year after three years in the seat. His office still has his musk...and the three fans he left. In all seriousness, he led the squadron through some trying times and we are better for his leadership and boom knowledge. Not sure we would have ever left the Deid without him showing the youngins how to spin an ISU...at noon...in the middle of summer. The heat should have prepped him well for beautiful Texas.

MSgt Augustine Marshall – Scott

Auggie departs this summer for the east-ish coast. We are thankful for his leadership and mentorship that benefitted the new generation in countless ways. He will be sorely missed by the Pegasus family.

TSgt Ian Southerland – Travis

Ian will be leaving us for California this summer and his kids are already requesting season passes to Disney Land! He has been a great addition to the tanker community and we are better for having him in our squadron.

SSgt Connor Wilkins – Kadena

If it wasn't clear prior, Connor did NOT go to Hogwarts but he IS going to Kadena. We will miss his smile and the ability to roast his haircuts when the menace from the barber shop raises his hair line three inches. Kadena...you're getting a good one, take care of him!

SSgt Nathan Vazquez – Nebraska ANG

Our resident Guard expert has departed for happier places. He will be attending school in Nebraska and fighting for a pilot slot with the guard folks in Nebraska. It was finally quiet in the ops center but then Darian came back from Greenland.

SSgt Devin Battle – Scott

Devin had a tough battle this year with the mountain and lost...consciousness. After a bit of being DNIF he got equal'd just in time for CFIC and orders to Scott. Another K code gone too soon to the land of St Louis.

SSgt Ryan Baillie – Scott

Ryan and his family are headed to Scott so he can be stuck with Battle again. We will miss his face around the base and his American flag board shorts in OCONUS locations. A solid instructor that makes the mission happen.

SSgt Riley Noel – Altus

Another K code gone within months of returning from CFIC...are you seeing a trend? Altus stole one of our best to train the next generation of boom operators. He and his family will be missed around the squadron along with his huge smile.

SrA Riley Shin – Greener Pastures

Riley departed the fix for Florida this Spring and is already missed. Her quiet and calm demeanor are already missed and now we have no one to balance out Darian and Connor's screaming. She did incredible things this year, including THE mission over the summer. We will miss her dearly as she closes this chapter and opens another.

SrA Dalton Eggleston – Greener Pastures

Oh Egg...you could always find him in training explaining the two sides of the internet and how everyone should know how to write code. He created a video game with a WWI bi-plane and when asked why there was no tanker in it he said, "because it's old". After some discussion there is now a tanker in his game and the boom works on it! We are sad to see him move on to Arizona but he will do great things on the outside.

The Mistery of the 93d:

Mr. Robert McKnight –Scheduler

When Rob walks into scheduling with his hood on everyone knows to watch out because he means business and is probably looking for a boom to sit ONE. He is the quiet type who will giggle when the young booms complain about flying twice a week. Back in my day...

Frank Pappalardo –Training

Frank THA TANK is still taking data points down for GTIMS in case anyone was curious. He spends his day playing chess games and rolling his toe on the racquetball courts. We are so thankful he's around to quote the Vol 1 verbatim only to be questioned by co-pilots. He quickly educates them on what the books says. Hey Frank, what's an RTM?

Greyson Sandoval – Stan/Eval

Sandy is the glue that holds our Stan/Eval shop together. The latest change, operational supplement and safety supplement have brightened his days and he loves the arts and crafts aspect of his job. We really couldn't do it without him...or Zeus.

HORSE AND A BIRD!!!

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“KICK ASTRA”



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER:

MSgt Thomas Perry – So much to say about our fearless leader. He really SHOULDERed the responsibilities as the 97th's SEL and really had all his peoples BACKS. He did a great job of making sure everyone TOE'd the line, but its time for him to take a KNEE... something about a rotator cuff. Flight medicine is glad they can finally stop writing referrals, he will be 450% missed by the Air Force and his people.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Matt Nelson – He was picked up as the 97th chief boom, we understand now why it was a temporary move. Hes done great things... well he's done everything, maybe one day he'll learn to delegate. Till then he's in his office pulling out all his hair.

TSgt Stephen Doswell – Our very own not boom, boom, he came to us from Altus and has been DNIF so long he's about to go back for re-qual. Were not sure if he's ok based off his RBF, but at least he made Master.

TSgt Seth “TOGO” Corliss – Made it through AIC and thought he was safe from Altus with a W code. I guess it doesn't matter when you volunteer for it anyway! Could you just stay and dual hat tactics and stan eval more? Wg Tactics doesn't need your help.

TSgt Andrew DeCrosta – “Daddy-D” just upgraded to IB. However, he's probably more excited about getting a new headset after losing his 18 months ago. He's got a knack for overcomplicating every task and fodding out jets with AirPods. Even though we give him a hard time, he's a keeper as an IB and flight chief with no equal.

TSgt Matthew Henry - We're all at the point where we've learned to co-exist with Henry's nihilistic outlook and New Year's Eve rant. I think he is feeling pretty down lately since his quest to overtake all “Alpha Males” in arm wrestling came to an end with AIC Talon. He still looks up to Ramey as what a Master Sergeant really should be.

TSgt Joshua Knepp – Josh gave up his job as flight chief in favor of being the WRDCO where he deals with the many joys of data entry and sending out delinquent TODE email reminders. Recently, however, he seems super happy, maybe that's because he is quick to tell you that he's been approved for retirement!

SSgt Raphael Duncan – As if training wasn't enough, “Move me to scheduling.” He swore he could “fix” scheduling. Ha! He's quickly learned to hate TACC last-minute taskers just like the rest of them. But really, the puck board is pretty nice.

SSgt Dean Lovingood – Another cross-trainee! We'd normally welcome Dean and the fresh breath of experience he brings from the Fuels community...however, we think the fumes got to him and he doesn't remember it all. Dean is learning the joys of being in Ops and readiness firsthand by driving to work to issue weapons to a mission that was canceled.

SSgt Robert “CRAB” Kniveton – Man if you thought Bobby was dramatic before, imagine him in Pre-CFIC. For a while there we questioned if he was ok, with his sudden and unexpected departure from the Sq meme stream. But don't worry our resident meme lord just upgraded to IB! Also, be sure to ask about his stop in PSAB and what he acquired, and then smuggled through three countries. Still hasn't made Tech but at least he didn't have anymore kids this year.

SSgt Zachary Pennington – We finally got him out of attached positions and back into a squadron so he could upgrade-work on his Army warrant officer package. He even denied Kadena orders...he must love the Army.

SSgt Demian Solis – To no surprise, last year's “Golden Boy” makes SSgt for the first time! The only boom to volunteer for Altus, change his mind, get Chief to shutdown his Altus orders, get Kadena orders, and then deny them too! Still more decisive than USAF Manning policy.

SSgt Casey Weldon – Still broken from his previous days of CE! Casey bounces around from medical appointment to medical appointment, and sometimes the readiness shop, but never long enough to update the staff meeting slides.

SSgt Andrew Liddane – Joined us from Kadena and completed MCT only to be told “Surprise, your Pre-CFIC folder just opened up!” Oh by the way, can you review my DTS?

SSgt Aaron Salter – Another cross-trainee! Aaron lucked out and picked up the NCOIC of Safety gig in the squadron. What would you say you do here? Besides that, we look forward to what he brings to the community from his past aviation career, especially as we get more “tacticool” with RTIC.

SrA Aziel Alvarado – AJ's still proven to be a quiet “professional”. At least he's employed in scheduling now and we see him! Be sure to ask him whether or not he has plans though before you schedule him.

SrA Nicholas “Chimp” Belmonte - Nick and Drexler are still going steady. They both managed to make a name of themselves on their first deployment, Nick's being that he resembles a chimp...or does it have something to do with frequent bowel movements on the jet...sorry pilots.

SrA Alexander Danclar – Man it's tough to find dirt on this guy, he keeps a low profile just like AJ, maybe they're up to something... Anyways, for now, Alex has a squeaky clean record and can be found working in scheduling.

SrA Elijah “Drifter” Drexler – Managed to earn a callsign on his first deployment, what an accomplishment! Only took how much damage to a vehicle? The official story goes, that he was being a great wingman and driving his crew to the DFAC.....mmhmm. Other than that, a pretty dull deployment for him if you also ignore that TACAN...

SrA Sean Ellis – Still the Don of the E-4 Mafia. Somehow, he got moved to a shop with less work to justify working less. He's figured it out though, always “green” and always TDY. All that time on the road to figure out excuses for not upgrading. SrA take note!

SrA Brooke Griffin – Brooke made it out of MCT just in time for deployment. Afterward, we quickly put her through the pain of CFIC, only to find out at Altus and be pulled for her soon-to-be addition to the family... congratulations! And sorry you have to do it again someday!

SrA Jensen Kokou – He's been working in scheduling for eternity, finally gets moved, and is happy to go back to help?..What a guy! Also, somehow, he manages to run two separate businesses on the side when some of these guys barely do one.

SrA Zackeria Lavier – We think he's joining the guard? Who knows, it changes every day. When not working in training or readiness, he can be found lurking around the ADO office or scheduling begging for trips. Did you know he went to the Academy?

SrA Andrew Miller – One of our newest instructors! It's nice to have someone who welcomes the abuse and just wants to fly. However, welcome to the IB force, now get your 5 TAPRs in!

SrA Allyson Molloy - It turns out Ally is not as shy as she first appears. If you can find her at work in training, she's probably not actually doing that, but rather eavesdropping on scheduling and scheming for that next good deal TDY or how to get out of a group exec job.

SrA Dillon Neal – We think Dillon flies more in his free time than when he's at work...He can be found in the squadron pumping our DTS authorizations or on GroupMe soliciting us to go flying with him to see some sights, but we all know it's to pay for half the gas..nice try!

SrA Christopher Neuman – He’s not sure why the chief boom won’t keep sending him on good deals, as if he forgot he went to Sweden for a week. Other than that, it’s weird how attached he has become to scheduling....he even likes it.

SrA Matthew Ronnfeldt – Ronny finally came down from Tactics and now resides in training. After a long stint of DNIF, we’re finally getting some value out of this IB! Now just make staff already so we can make you an NCOIC or something.

SrA Noah “Hands” Rutan - Noah recently started rock climbing and is competing with the boom pod to see how many boom backs he can break. Other than that, he upgraded to IB, and we’re expecting to abuse him...that is if the OST can keep their hands off of him.

SrA Sawyer Wentworth - Sawyer finally turned 21, gave up napping at work, and managed to complete requal. Additionally, Sawyer attempted to grow his hair back, got engaged, annnnnnnnd long-term DNIF again. He figured out how to keep flight pay while also getting out of every bad deal the Air Force offers.

A1C Harold “Amber” Cheatham - Remarkably, Cheatham has maintained his notorious reputation for being missing or late. After being bummed about being tasked as duty scheduler, he “falls” 25ft rock climbing. You didn’t have to go that DNIF to avoid scheduling!

A1C Joseph “Micro” Lopez – We’re torn whether we should keep sending him TDY or not. If we don’t, he doesn’t get much experience...but if we do, he may burn down the lodging facility while drying laundry in the microwave.... “To be fair...the first 8 minutes worked.” To be fair, packing more than 1 T-shirt or a entire uniform on a week-long TDY in the Pacific would help.

A1C Anthony Maglione – Over the past year he’s grown as an adult and finally learned how to keep his dorm room clean. We are a little concerned with how frequently he swings between being a well adjusted adult and how TF is he still alive? Catch him this weekend “performing” at the Spokane Comedy club, as a opening act people really appreciate the headliner coming out early.

A1C Lillian Oliver – Officer hops is the new 97th go to airman when all of the other airman are smart enough to scatter. We pitched in and bought her some coloring books to see if she can learn how to stay in the lines. Looking at the parking lot it hasn’t helped. Were looking forward to the skyrocketing gas prices and maybe she’ll downsize to a compact.

A1C Caleb Schoen – Just in the last year he stabbed himself, blew up an insta-pot and went full Oklahoma and got his “summer teeth” (summer there, sum er not).

A1C Talon Brandel – Talon quickly P’d off on day fighters, only to get another one and call it a “waste on him.” Well, well Mr. New guy, show us how it’s done...actually, show the 2 EBs your flying with how it’s done.

A1C David Harris – Still in MCT and one of the first booms to offer “advice” during CFIC briefings. He is a active volunteer and has already started making good impresions, thankfully the 97th found their new resident volunteer for all the “career broadening” tasks.

A1C Christopher Rowland- Welcome and thank you for “volunteering” for SF augmentee!

A1C Kian Saadi – Just arrived, no dirt on him either!

A1C Trae Seithalil – We’ve been wondering where this guy has been. Turns out you can drag out in processing pretty long if you want to.

Amn Jayden Shines - Welcome and thank you for “volunteering” for SF augmentee!

Mr. Jeremy “JTC” Culliton – Jeremy’s frustration with ops grows day by day and is quick to remind us of the good old days when people just did their readiness and training on their own. Also weirdly enough, he still takes the GTIMS monthly testing and is one of our top five most experienced booms in the squadron.

ATTACHED

OGV:

SMSgt Justin Poteet – Senior joined us just in time to prepare for the UEI and at OGV no less! Now that is over, **the** rumor is he will be coming down from OGV just in time to take over as SEL and deploy for 6 months! Welcome!

MSgt Christopher Ramey - Chris didn't get his dream job of A3V, where he could crush the entire boom force's hopes and dreams. Instead, Chris will be leaving us to join the TFI at Scott, where he'll have a much smaller crowd to make cry. We all know the real reason he's going to Scott is because he missed Ek's "friendship". Secretly he's trying to get Henry orders to be his personal exec.

WING:

SrA Nathaniel Bartling - We aren't really sure who this is. He got here, went DNIF, and now works at the Wg as an exec. It's too bad because he was one of the booms who actually worked in the readiness shop.

HONOR GUARD/AFRC:

A1C Ester Kim – Kim was eager to take a 6-month gig with the honor guard and we're pretty sure she wanted more! And lately, she can be found helping out at the AFRC.

DEPARTURES:

MSgt Joseph Ekker – After the deployment from hell, Ek took leave, opted for IG at Scott, and received short notice orders. It's definitely a lot quieter around here and there hasn't been a GroupMe created since. Bobby still lets him live in the squadron "meme stream"... for now.

MSgt Derek Greene – Derek became our Chief Boom for about 5 months, but couldn't resist the urge to go back to AETC. However, this time, he wanted a life at Altus, so he palace chased and will ride out the reserves there FOREVER!

SSgt Jason White – The only reason anybody knows who this is, is because he was forced to deploy with the squadron. We imagine he's off the grid somewhere in Wisconsin now, being left alone to ice fish.

SrA Justin Schaeffer – Made it off DNIF just in time to deploy where he thought he'd have plenty of time in Turkey to sort out his 5in stack of 781s for filing old air medals. Instead, we forward-deployed to the Deid where he had even less time, almost died, and had to out process the Air Force remotely.

SrA Race Cockrell – We wish Race was with us longer, however, we know he will be busy as a new parent on the outside! Congratulations! It's never too late to chase your dream, you miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

SrA Courtney Reimann – Courtney has long talked about her joining a skill bridge program as she exits from the Air Force. In a rapid turn of events, instead, she got approved for an early separation and will be moving down to Altus in the summer as a Mrs.! At least now, she really will never see scheduling again.

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384th ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Larry Nahalea- Finally putting this Old gelding out to pasture. Squadron will miss his 24 years of experience, only boom on base that has A-model time. Will still be able to enthrall young booms with stories about his missions on Linebacker II, since he already got a job down the hall in Stan/Eval. He will need the extra income since he lost his flight pay early, has to pay his new alimony and child support. He may be the first boom to be Pax on his fini flight with his bruised brain.

Ops Superintendent:

MSgt Matt Machala- Still not a very good golfer, “States that he is ready for the PGA”. Deployed for 8 plus months and came back with a plastic tube in his urethra. Something to do with it being too small and needed to be bigger. Also said the Turkish nurses are “HOT”

Stan-Eval:

TSgt Mike Dmytriw- The only Russian that we know that does not smoke or drink Vodka. Pretty upset about Russia getting their asses kicked. Still does not smile but working on getting him that next stripe because it has been five years. All of the Airman are very scared of him until he offers them Jelly Beans.

TSgt Charisse Laughery- The Sparrow has landed. Just got here from McConnell and literally hit the ground running. She is killing it and when she is not at work she is off adventuring with her dog “Nugget”.

SSgt Morgan Hendley- Only active duty member we know that has a DD214. Was out of the Air Force and then back in the Air Force but who really knows. Also has seem to injure every single part of her body. Has been non-stop hurt with something. Will be separating this summer to become an Airline pilot with “United.”

SrA Dylan Gordon- Still Goofy, but was able to find someone to marry him, his proposal did not go quite as planned. Needed to chase her down the beach. Every time he went to drop to a knee she turned and ran.

A1C Tyler Jones- Sleep classes have really gone well for him. Now instead of oversleeping he has found some more advance locations to sleep “AKA, on takeoff roll!”

Training Flight-

SSgt Tristen “Dangle” Lang- Recent AIC graduate, got engaged in Italy and did not drop the ring in the Venice canal. Now he thinks he is too good to be a “Square” so he chose to go to the weapons school. Has an impressive mustache and comb over.

SSgt Marcus Nims- Was bored and decided to have a baby. Must be compensating for something because all he talks about is the HP he keeps adding to his mustang he can only drive a few months of the year.

SSgt Eric Fritts- Finally got him back from being an OG Exec. Keeps trying to become an officer but must not have the right stuff. They keep saying no but we will keep him and decided to upgrade him to be an IB. Killed it at ALS and received the commandant Award! We still know his wife still makes more money than him.

A1C Bailey Walling- Went on her first deployment but you couldn't tell due to all the pool pictures. I guess she's coping with her failed Tech School marriage. Is becoming Spokane's up and coming crazy cat lady and living with Idaho's Billboard Queen (Yoder)! Who needs a diamond ring when you can cuddle with a girl that knows how to straddle a horse.

A1C Legea Howard- Been here over a year but no-one knows who she is. Deployed for the first time and that has gone as expected. Spends her time rolling her eyes when being corrected but has a future with the Squares

A1C Gilbert Martinez- Where should we “START” Finally got him off DNIF and rolled him to his deployment with or without his knowledge. Has a very interesting shoe collection and is the third wheel to Zach Henderson. Has lived off base for about six months in Zach's Harry Potter room on his air mattress.

Admin Flight “AKA Holding Pen”

MSgt Kyler Pierce- Missed the “Squares” so much that he came back after being gone a year. We did not want him at first so we put him in charge of the UEI at OGI. Finally we were forced to upgrade him to IB and he is really just too nice to say anything bad about him. Went to the flight doc and came back with stiches in his head and blood dribbling from his head. Standard flight doc appointment.

TSgt Steve Hannah- This is NOT CE!!!! Recently cross trained him and trying to teach him what the real Air Force is. His diet is mainly rice, ground turkey, carrots and C4. Was too motivated so we moved him to be an OG Exec to work for a nonner. First TDY to the Pacific ended up getting trench foot after one day.

SrA Kyle Henninger- Cross trainee who has been here forever, his old unit wanted to get rid of him so badly they sent him to us without any training dates. He literally showed up and no one knew who he was.

SrA Ethan Sudtelgte- Finally left the dark side and now is a real Boom Operator. Did so well we sent him to a Pre-Pre CFIC before MCT. About to push to test the hour waiver to upgrade to Instructor. Recently got engaged to a sugar “Microsoft sales exec”

A1C Grace “Rodeo” Yoder- State of Idaho's local Rodeo Billboard Queen. Previously working the rodeo she also worked part time at Willy Wonka's Oompa Loompa Factory. She has been crushing it in the squadron but our high hopes ended when she asked “How do you wear a reflective belt?”

A1C Samantha “DvnO” Kurz- Alleged leader of the Spokane Yakuza. Her dorm room looks like a bachelor pad and is just “Blah”. Besides being the leader of the Spokane Yakuza she is also the resident paleontologist and ornithologist. Currently looking for a car but the main requirement is that it has to be able to fit a “whole body” Most likely to retire without ever owning a car.

A1C Jacob Donaldson- Could not make enough money as a civilian tattoo artist and now makes more money doing that than being a Boom Operator. Half the squadron now rocks the Donaldson special. Learning bad habits from Joey “Boerboom” Svoboda.

A1C Jyaiyear Clayton- Has the sharpest blues in the squadron, even Senior had to check him three times. So sharp in fact that the squadron had a mandatory inspection to get everyone on his level. You can see for yourself if you can find him. So ahead of his peers he attended TAPS early.

A1C Brendan Ohm- FNG. Has been in the squadron for two weeks and has already memorized the little brown book. You don't have to ask, he will tell you. Taking comb over lessons from Joey "Boerboom" Svoboda. Typical A1C bought a Beamer right outta basic at 16.99 APR.

Amn Sydnee "Green Thumb" Neal- FNG. As a botanist we still don't know exactly what kind of plants are growing in her room, and taking Multi-Capable Airman to the next level she will be by getting a second job as an EMT.

Readiness:

TSgt Brando Wright- Hides in Readiness with his RBF scaring off all of the new booms. Can't seem to do anything for work or fun because his wife is constantly "in school" #singleparentsops. Only time he smiles is when the beer light turns on!

SrA Daniel Harris- See 384th 2020's entry 12, but the readiness version.

SrA Joey "Boerboom" Svoboda- Relationship training is not going well, so instead spends all his time on his many unfinished car projects. His boom skills are over shadowed by his dad's Basketball career. Has started buying salvaged cars to fix his other salvaged cars to fix his salvaged motorcycles to salvage his relationship.

SrA Sage Ledet- We want to be mad at him but we just can't. May or may not be the reason why Morgan Hendley is broken again. Oldest of the "No Car" club. His girlfriend is about a desert "7".

SrA Dakota Griffis- His hair still shines as bright as a red sun. We think he can hold his booze a little bit better after letting a pilot beat him in a drinking competition.

A1C Zach "Danger Dale" Henderson- Needs to go to furniture row and get a new bed, apparently taking his girlfriend to a mineral show went too well due to the noise complaint. Currently seeking legal advice on what to do with the squatter in his house. Only person to receive paperwork for destroying a squadron icon by shaving his mustache.

Scheduling:

TSgt Ryan Kemp- Still grumpy and unable to smile. Only way to hear him talk is if you get a few drinks in him. Unsure if he ever found a house; spends so much time at work he has to be forced to leave.

SrA Nicholas "Guido" Guerrieri- Sad to see him go but has elected to go back to his hippie roots and toke it up while going to school in Colorado.

SrA Dave "Eye Brows" Gabriel- Most recent victim to Scott Sena and his "bets". Just never seems to learn. Happy to be alive and is a notorious drunk Group-me messenger.

SrA Ben Hawley- Finally introduced his mail order bride from the land of cheese to the Squadron. The most ordinary boom in the world.

SrA Jose Rodriguez Roman- Wants to extend or re-enlist so he can take more leave. Bought a fedora and a tommy gun, still wearing jeans and Jordan's. Don't know what his intentions are....about literally anything.

Tactics/Safety:

TSgt Jose Fonseca-Cruz- Due to booms being inherently bad, and Cruz being a prior 2T2, we decided to dump all of the cargo responsibilities on him. Finally going to CFIC.

SrA Travis Coltune- Still waiting to, quote, “get the fuck out of here”. Working as the WRDCO but still comes by the Squadron to inaccurately teach baby booms about systems. But at least he’s trying.

SrA Johnny “on the rocks” Nevarez- Went through a 20-something life crisis and got his nipples and nose pierced. Moonlights as an Uber driver for Sage Ledet and rock painter at Patriot Village.

Staff:

A1C Arianna Jupiter- Finally pushed the birds out of the nest and got her own place. Runs the FAFB underground slap boxing federation.

On loan/Attached:

CMSgt Kenny Harwood- Chief got here in the fall of 2021 and quickly found himself buried in the queep that was left due to the retirement of Chief Rueckert. His time here will be quick as he heads off to Scott to be the incoming MFM.

MSgt Jermey “Radio” Hall- For being one of the original cadre for the Advanced Instructor Course, standard nomenclature was noted as a weak point on his check ride. The receiver still doesn’t know what “Blinky Lights” are.

MSgt Michael Garcia- Went to upgrade just to come back and sit in the vault. At least we think he is in the vault, he won’t answer his phone.

MSgt Marcus Barnes- Deployed as EXXON for 6 months after being XP for a year. Got back and wanted to go back to XP. Biding his time in Current Ops until he retires.

TSgt James “CHAW” Shaffer- You can blame him for ACE or MCA events, seriously this is what excites him every morning. Has not been a boom operator over the last year due to him traveling the Air Force brass, briefing some damn Generals. Currently the Wg/CC best friend....CHAW has him on speed dial for all of his needs. Possibly has the second biggest armory in Eastern Washington, we’re not quite sure where he gets his ammo.

SSgt Cris Cicogna- Just a guy doing boom things. Has been working in current ops the last year and will be PCSing to CRG at McGuire this summer.

SSgt Johnny Mayr- Cannot for the life of him decide what to do with his future. Has maxed out how many times he can extend and is about 40 days from separating. Guess he is just going to roll with it. Been working hard in OGX the last year.

SSgt Zach “Mustache” Reynolds- Got Senior in trouble due to his Mustache at the OG. Has not been able to find a woman so he adopted a dog to help fill that role. Was selected for AIC, again poor decisions just keep happening, and now he thinks he is better than everyone else.

SrA KC Boerboom- Finally claimed Joey “Boerboom” Svoboda as a dependent in DEERS so she could claim him on her taxes. Trying her best to teach him how to “adult”. Going to IB upgrade early and has a bright future ahead of her.

Inbounds:

A1C Aidan Ruehr

Sra Christopher Nothestine

A1C Lillian “Tik Tok” Hixon

Amn Glenn Pierce

Amn Alex Morales

Amn Charles “No Relation” Yeager

Amn Ashley Betancourt

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THE FIRST IN AIR REFUELING



MSgt Tyler “HAN” Yow:

God Father of KC-135 Tactics, so he says. After his rampage in the Pacific, coordinating over 20 OFUCC missions, moving vast amount of cargo for multiple users, he became the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 509th while going through AIC. He demonstrated his vast tactics knowledge by Finishing in the Top 3 of his class of 3, barely..... Han has been changing the boom career field sprinkling Whiskey codes all over the MAF ready to fight the next war. May be mistaken for Han’s “Holy War” or “Master Plan”. He is really trying to make a difference! Bless his heart. He is now a Father of three! Loving life in his Airway Heights Hot Tub and coming back to life boat. “Top line in the Back” He will be a great instructor for the students going through WIC/AIC.

TSgt Travis “PACMAN” Peirce:

PACMAN has been the foundation of the 509th and the creation of AIC. He is still on his first assignment location since leaving Tech School. Finally, after 10 years he got an assignment to Altus. You may see PACMAN grazing the pastures of Altus in the upcoming months with his morning 6-9 mile runs. Make sure you mark your food in the community fridge otherwise PACMAN will be enjoying your delicious lunch. PACMAN, has joined the dark side of the Tanker world and will be a KC-46 Boom. The Pegues life will match his Gucci lifestyle, since he made a fortune with Dogecoin. The FTU will be blessed to have him!

TSgt Robert “BUCK” Medeiros:

Buck has been at the 509th since the “Big Bang” Aka the start of the Boom Advanced Instructor Course. Sadly he will be leaving this fall to Altus.....JK, you can’t have him Altus. He is now going to the first-ever boom assignment at Nellis AFB. Buck has been the work horse, correction War Pony since he has been here crushing each job in the 509th. Bottom line Buck has a Heart of Gold and if any of you give him Sh*t the 509th will find you! All Hail Buck!

TSgt Chris “CRACKEN” Shelton:

CRACKEN is a slippery one. After coming to the 509th, he has unleashed his spirit animal... the Kraken! He has dominated AIC scheduling and has the students scared for their lives, 1E, 1E , 1E..... Since, CRACKEN has settle down in the Squadron, he has been practicing his guitar skills. Nightly, he has been playing at local bars and living amongst the common folk. A CRACKEN sighting has been found as far as the South. The locals in Florida has spotted an overweight red-headed bearded guitar player singing Nickle back cover songs at one of the local establishments..... CRACKEN is now on the path to completing his PhD. However, that one CLEP for your CCAF is a real pain! CRACKEN will be a Chief one day, but not today!

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FORBES FIELD ANGB, KS

117 ARS

“KANSAS COYOTES”



Greetings from the Land of OZ! Our 2021 yellow brick road was paved with another visit to the Super Bowl by the Chiefs, just to lose to the ageless wonder TB 12, our path out of COVID, and a bittersweet goodbye to over 12,000 hours of experience from our two beloved Booms; SMSGT Jamy 'Jackamo' Dunbar and SMSGT John 'JOHNKNEE' Swinney. You both will be missed and so will your instructor knowledge. In their stead we're planning to replace the lost hours with hundreds of new booms fresh from Altus but it just won't quite be the same, our glass is raised to you fellas.

Chief Boom-

CMSgt David "JED" Clampitt- Yep, he is still here. We're not sure why knowing he barely gets to fly anymore. He has a lot of land and nice big new truck, but you might just catch him in a 135 every now and then. Other than that, he is knocking out all the admin stuff a chief boom does. EPR, awards, promotions, and keeping the unruly Boom Mafia in check.

Full Timers-

SMSgt Jamy "JACKAMO" Dunbar (OGV)- Jamy got his retirement started early by using up all the leave he accrued during his 3 decade long career, which is probably why none our newcomers know who he is other than the legends of rowdy Kansas Booms. What's next for Jamy? Probably starting a logging business or making a wrestling move called the 'Dunbar.'

SMSgt Nate "DOGG" Neidhardt (OGV)- Still acting superintendent, DOGG has taken up the reins in Stan/Eval and made his whiteboard wet dreams come true. Now we're taking bets on how soon before it'll be renamed the "DOGG HOUSE."

MSgt Mathew "POW" Crawford (XP)- POW bullied to many of the newbies to tears, so we moved him to XP. Now he can impress his crew with his knowledge of all the books, even the ones that aren't his!

MSgt Collin “NOT TICE” Vaughn (OST)- Spent all his money on nice cameras and drones so now he’s been living in a van down by the river. Between motivational speaking and drone piloting you can find him at the air museum stealing flight time from all the golden oldies.

TSgt Gabe “WIND SHEAR” Ramirez (OST)- We had to tell Gabe ‘Off-Station’ didn’t mean you just get to be gone. He’s now in training teaching our new booms how to get the best deals on trips.

TSgt Brandon “BOOBOO” Gray (Tactics)- Tactics is back and BooBoo is taking the enlisted lead!... If we knew what is was for. Maybe the time in XP will help out. Maybe.

TSgt Chad “CHAZ” Broome (OGV)- Freshly back from IB school ready to spread his wealth of knowledge to the brand-new baby booms. When he isn’t judging you for forgetting things on a check ride you can catch him running some back trails of KS.

Mr Mark Sweeney (SMSgt Retired, BOSS Contractor)- Happily retired and holding down the BOSS. When he’s not helping us keep currency and running EP’s you can find him on the back 9 or at Arrowhead Stadium.

Traditional’s-

MSgt Jennifer “JLO” Velazquez- Loved having one child, so she decided to have another! Good thing she has a lot of practice handing out snacks and drinks to people.

MSgt Jason “BUTTERS” Sebring- Butters has been hard at work recruiting more booms to the squadron and being a flight chief. When he’s not in the squadron he’s moonlighting as a Motocross rider, guy is going big places, just got to watch out for those trees!

MSgt Megan “DORA” Trent- Living the hustle! Always staying current in the jet, and helping out as a traditional flight chief. But that’s only half the hustle... don’t forget she maintains a practices as a speech pathologist, a busy land owner always keeping busy on the farm. Heck, some have heard she evens rents house out in wild wild west of Kansas.

TSgt Lizzie Taffanelli (Carey)- Recently married and busy getting her instructor feet wet, Lizzie is taking care of our newest hires, and probably wishing she could pull more alert. Oh, and don’t call her ‘China-’ seriously.

TSgt Steve “PIZZA STEVE” Zeckser- Well his side gig as the knock-off Chip Gaines on HGTV didn’t work out, so now he blesses us with great TDY stories. If you’re in KS and need a house flipped or a rental, we know a guy!

TSgt Sebastian Adame- Full-time bum, part-time bartender. If Adame’s not in the squadron he’s most likely making friends on the road. If you don’t know him already, ask Jeremiah Weed; they’re best friends!

TSgt Kenny “Velociraptor” Vadakin- When he’s not flying xXVelociraptor69Xx (his Nintendo switch gamertag) has been seen flying his quadcopters through dank vape clouds of dragons blood through the streets of Wichita on his powered board, hang ten bro!

TSgt Adam Gilfillan- Still on the traditional gravy train. Right as he was getting a hang of scheduling we moved him to command post. I hope to hear the sickest “CYAAS!” from you Gilli.

SSgt Aaron Laux- Firefighter who flies sometimes. Look for him in the next all male firefighter calendar. We think he is September.

SSgt Kelsey Warren- When she isn’t posting pictures of her dog on Instagram, you might be able to catch her catching some zzzz’s in some famous places around the world.

SSgt Jacob Fandrich- Decided being a guard bum was the life for him but needed a steady income to rely on. So, he is marrying a nurse.

SSgt Ryan Ewing- Firefighting, baseball, and sort of boomin ??? If you can get him to keep quiet for 2 seconds you may be able to instruct him. Ask him about Peggy ?????

SSgt Mathew Ferguson- We thought he was a sheriff but turns out he really enjoys this boom life and making improvement to his house.

SSgt Connor Remboldt- Guy is always pushing time. We thought being the ol bosses kid he would have a sense of urgency. Well, we were wrong. Couldn't even get his hotel door open in Scotland so they had to break it down for him.

SSgt Trevor Dark- Can be found around your local watering hole with a hot female and his dad. Too bad you won't know if she is his girlfriend or his dad's.

A1C Kyle Wokutch- Can be found lumbering about the squadron when he's not on alert or in school. If you need a Captain for the Viking, this guy is your guy. He is the captain now.

In Training-

TSgt Drew Jennings- Tired of being told what to do by fighter dudes Drew decided it was his turn as a boom! Now instead of taking the dents out of his jets, he puts them back in, aaah the circle of life.

TSgt Nicole Parks- LRS CSS and Port DAWG that got tired of doing all the grunt work and now wants to fly since her husband secured an AGR job.

SSgt Mathew Sumpster- Got another cop in the squadron to help get rid of tickets. Might hit mandatory retirement before he even gets on the plane.

SSgt Lindsay Deckinger- Previous OPs CSS that got tired of doing everyone's DTS so she decided it was better time spent counting low approaches and touch-and-gos. Us too Lindsay, us too.

SSgt Chris Kirk- Don't let the last name fool you. His uncle was a great pilot of some spaceship. This guy not so much. Flight med didn't want him anymore, so we felt bad and gave him a boom slot.

SSgt Olivia Parmentier- High hopes for the Crew Comm crossover we know will make buttery smooth contacts in Altus.

SSgt Caleb Skrzypek- (SHR-PEK) SFS guy who thinks he can trade in his ID scanning for a boom career. If he spends as much time in the gym as he does studying his checklists he may stand a chance.

A1C Sarah Vargas- Brand new off the street boom who wants to do stuff in the medical field. We'll see how that goes when she gets to step onto a jet.

Recently Departed the Fix-

SMSgt Jamy Dunbar (Retired)

SMSgt Jon Swinney (Retired)

MSgt Ben Fulton (Retired)

TSgt Michael Tremblay (Retired)

TSgt Jon Piland (C-130 Unit)

TSgt Sam Wirstrom (Tinker)

Boom Stowed & Latched-

CMSgt Joe Breedlove

SMSgt Ken Griffen

MSgt Tom Cox

MSgt Ben Hollingworth

MSgt John Roth

MSgt Matt Miltz

TSgt Dan Herklotz

Gen Billy Mitchell ANGB, Wisconsin

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Brew City Tankers



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GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

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“The Dark Side”



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GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

74th ARS

“Fighting Red Tags”



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FREEDOM'S SPIRIT



CMSgt Aaron Hendrick, EB (Chief Boom) – Aaron gave up the train track life for a cozy office and a Chief stripe. No longer a flight attendant or Amtrak engineer, but a master of the understatement when you're being counseled. None the less, a great leader for the section.

SMSgt Vic Torres, IB (Asst. Chief Boom) – How'd this guy get here? Vic talks a mile a minute and got a promotion for that. Tells a couple of cop stories and looks for coffee. Where is it? Took on all these additional duties and became a KC-46 Boom Operator too. Needs a vacation-soon!

SMSgt Jimmie Rush, EB (Scheduling/Stan/Eval) – 1st KC-46 Boom Operator in the squadron and still tries to get you to sign up for a trip. Should consider selling used cars when he retires, he's pretty good at it. Can be found standing over the shoulder of a struggling aircrew member sitting at a computer desk or outside staring at the clouds. Try outside first...

MSgt Todd Dallmann, EB (Training/AGR) – Todd is still the AGR and always looks busy. He always has his phone in his hands, he must have a great plan. Todd is a current events devotee, so if you have a minute ask him anything. He'll tell you. But you can't sneak up on him while he's at his desk, he's got a mirror covering his 6. Probably a byproduct of his previous career...

A – FLIGHT

MSgt Markos "The Greek" Moraitakis, IB (Flight Leader) – Still a physical specimen, recently went on a tour to Pease ANGB and Altus AFB to show the younger guys how it's done (meaning the gym and tight t-shirts). Crossed over to the darkside and became KC-46 Boom Operator. His recent project is to teach everyone how to use Mattermost, he teaches it like it's like Tinder, he gets responses that way.

MSgt Brian Kelly, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Brian serves as the assistant flight leader, unit career advisor and general wise guy. Still a cop, but helps get cats out of trees. Oh and his hair is always on fire....

MSgt Shane Lester, UB – Shane is still a BOT instructor and the unit security manager. When he comes in the office, he's got an awesome beard and pineapple socks (he'll show you). Waiting for his food truck to come on base...

TSgt Vince Samuel, MB – Vince owns the largest number of used cars this side of the Mississippi and he'll sell a car to you at a price. He's a steady boom and is always ready for a mission of mercy (just has to find one).

SSgt Eirk Cedano, UB – Erik is a NYC Fireman and always has his earbuds in his ears. He is probably listening to something good because he is always smiling.

SSgt Tim “Timmay” Harman, MB –Allegedly, he still flies for Piedmont and is some sort of flight instructor. I’m sure in any flight simulator software and a keyboard he is, but I just don’t see it. Does have great hair. Maintains his stealth status and remains true to his E-4 roots.

SrA Nathan Miller, MB – Easily the most eager boom operator in the world. His eyes light up when he’s about to make a contact, its glorious...

B – FLIGHT

TSgt Alissa Andersyn, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Alissa is part of the Awards and Decorations hydra that lives in the shop. Keeps a positive attitude with everything going on around her. That’s a good thing especially on the ride back to Baltimore after UTA.

TSgt Dariel Benjamin, UB – Dariel is the OG eager boom operator in the squadron. Chips in with everything that goes on around him while at the squadron. Still a great guy.

TSgt Ryan Woods, IB – Ryan became an instructor and is also a current events connoisseur. Currently in school for real estate and will sell some properties to you very soon!

SSgt Chien Than, MB – Giving TSgt Fable a run for his money as the Boom Whisperer.

SrA Caryl Armour, MB – Setting the E-4 tone in the shop. Can hold a conversation, talk boom stuff and gets things done...all before 1200 hours.

SrA Zena Fuller, UB – Zena is in the process of becoming a flight attendant and will put her military experience to good use. Another Boom Whisperer.

C – FLIGHT

MSgt Phillip Culotta, EB (Flight Leader) –Phil is the only TR flight examiner and also as the middle head of the Awards & Decs hydra. Still hiding out at Taco Bell with SSgt Harman.

MSgt Dana Granteed, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Dana is a still a fireman and is in his department’s pinup calendar. He’ll show you...

TSgt Alvaro Fable, IB –Fable went from transporting prisoners to transporting freight across the country. He’s got a plan, we are sure he’ll be alright. Even off the plane, his speaking volume doesn’t go higher than about a 3.5. The original OG Boom Whisperer.

TSgt Juan Jurjo, MB – Still trudging along in the background. Flashes his smile and disappears. Just like that...

TSgt Russel Lee, MB – Working on his paramedic certification and continuing to fly. Can multitask, watch the way he does his CBT’s.

SSgt Daniel Mauchly, MB – Serves as the squadron’s UDM and sends everyone to far off places. Does all this with a smile. It has worked out well for him, as he was selected for UPT in the near future. We will miss him until he starts doing pilot things and trying to rush us to make an ARCT. Will always be a boom to us. Good luck Dan! You’re going to do great things!

D – FLIGHT/ATTACHED

CMSgt Tige “Tiger” Platt, IB – This guy has done it all and excelled at everything he put his mind to. Is the Command Chief of the 514 AMW, is the Chief of the Brigantine Fire Department, is a KC-10A BOT instructor and was recently appointed to a high level position at AFRC. If you want to learn how to flash a smile and schmooze a room-talk to him. He holds Masterclasses in that....

SMSgt Garret Rayno, EB – Still in OGV. Should visit more often....

SMSgt Bill Simurra, IB – Old Billy Bagels! We miss you! Bill is the First Shirt for the 714 AMXS. Bill retains his optimism with a cocked eyebrow. Could be a scowl but then he laughs, so it can’t be that bad! Must be a First Shirt thing....

MSgt Dean Reck, EB – Dean is the last piece of the Awards & Decs hydra. Will tell you all about myDecs but will not get off the computer. Mind you, he has his laptop set up next to him.

Departed/Retired/Honorable Mention

CMSgt Kimberly Asewicz – Retired 7 December 2020.

SMSgt Robert “Chief” Culbertson - Retired early September 2022.

SMSgt Joe Jones – Retired early 2021.

SMSgt Kevin “Loco” Locascio – Retired early April 2022.

SMSgt Dan Timko, IB – Dan found an AGR position and is making moves in headquarters. He was appointed to his position in early 2022.

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

SrA Brandon “Griffendor” Griffin – Cross-trained to medical 1 Jan 21.

Last, but not least...

The KC-10A “Big Sexy” Airframe – Transferring to the Boneyard as we speak. A workhorse and versatile airframe, molded countless Airmen in this endeavor we all share in. Tons of great times, some sad times but always there for us. We will always have a small pang in our hearts when we talk about our time on it.

Sniff...no one will ever replace you.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

78th ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

305th AMW

Wing Staff Agencies



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305th OG



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305th OSS

“The Rock”



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

2nd ARS

“Second to None”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Christopher “Bam Bam” Joyce- Senior Joyce recently took over as the Squadrons SEL. We would like to say he has big shoes to fill... but that would be a lie both literally and figuratively. Senior is on the mend from his back surgery and is eager to get back to flying once a month. He also just became a proud God father of two ducks, yea you read that right “two baby ducks”!

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Jason Coffey- MSgt Coffey is the new Operations Superintendent after his stint in the Test and Evaluation Squadron. From what we can tell he is getting good at “herding cats” and getting people where they need to be on time. Jason has been a great addition to the Duce family and is eager to get back into the operational game.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Richard “JIMBO” Jimenez- Somehow we managed to get probably the highest time KC-46 Boom Operator in the Air Force “for what that’s worth” to join our team. Jimmy comes to us from Altus and brings a ton of knowledge and credibility with him. So we stuck him right back into Stan/Eval as the Flight Chief and he is busy holding our folks accountable. Jimmy is the perfect addition to our family and we can’t wait to see how he writes his first EPR as he steps into this leadership role.

SSgt Jared Evans- SSgt Evans is one of our Stan/Eval booms and from what we can tell he spends more time working on his OTS package than building Form 8’s. In all seriousness, Jared is one of the brightest KC-46 Boom Operators we have here and we fully expect to be calling him “Sir” one day, just not today.

SrA Alexander Shultz- SrA Shultz is our resident SELE in Stan/Eval. Dude is really good at breaking vehicles, but can fix them all in the same day. Alex is doing a great job flying, and learning his new airframe and we look forward to seeing what he will do in the future.

Training Flight:

TSgt Josiah “Non-Verbal” Harris- TSgt Harris is our Flight Chief of Training and recently completed KC-46 instructor “Initial Cadre“ training. Josiah has done an excellent job managing all of the young booms coming back from training. Were pretty sure he is sick of the Ops Sup putting more on his plate, but he continues to work through it all with great attitude and a smile.

SSgt Ryan Edsall- SSgt Edsall is our Training NCO and when he isn’t flying or in the sim every day, he is trying to find another place to live. Also, when he walks down the hallway most folks think it’s either the Sq/CC or Chief, so Ryan has that going for him. In all seriousness, Ryan has done a great job of managing students and expectations since he took over. He brings the experience needed to make our conversion a smooth process.

SSgt Austin Wilson- SSgt Wilson recently went off to KC-46 training and has seemed eager to transition to the new tanker from the KC-10. Austin is the NCOIC of training and were looking forward to him getting back and hitting the ground running.

SrA Jonathan Vermont- SrA Vermont is one of our young IB’s but comes eager and willing to dip his toe in the water and teach. Jonathan has done a great job flying with and teaching all of the young cadre of booms we are getting in the squadron. Now the only thing we need to do is teach him how to open/close the pilot’s windows without breaking them.

Scheduling:

TSgt Christopher “Not my Job” Revell- Where do we even begin with TSgt Revell? Chris just recently got back from KC-46 training and is already making plans on how to “decorate” the new building. He claims to be good at building the new squadron bar, but time will tell if that comes to fruition. Chris has done a great job managing the booms in scheduling, now we just gotta get him to actually do some scheduling of his own.

SSgt Justin Draffen- SSgt Draffen is the NCOIC of Scheduling and did a great job filling in for TSgt Revell while he was at training. Justin is trying to fly as much as he can and working on his private pilot’s license on his free time. He brings a very good work ethic and a great personality to the Duce.

SrA Benjamin “I Hate Computers” Varnell- SrA Varnell is our resident scheduling “expert”. But still has issues learning how to set-up his computer for the weekly Ops meetings. We are sure that he will get by week 32 and have the highest confidence in his scheduling abilities. Ben has been a great addition to the Duce and is willing to fly, sim, go TDY at a moment’s notice. All thing’s considered, Ben is a good guy and were glad he’s on our team.

SrA Brian Rochette- SrA Rochette is our most recent BTZ winner and has quickly made a name for himself in the Duce. Do you know he even asked how his mom could help with the booster club? Unbelievably generous! If he’s not at work you can probably catch him doing yoga. Seriously, Brian is another great boom that is always willing to learn and grow. Exactly what we need in the Duce.

Amn Steven Holland- Amn Holland has been doing a great job being our continuity in the scheduling office, much needed as we continue to get more folks trained. A KC-10 boom still, but we love him anyways! Steven has been great in his role and what we ask of him day to day. He has a bright future ahead of him and we look forward to watching him achieve his goals.

Readiness:

TSgt Ethan Bowen- TSgt Bowen has been the Flight Chief of Readiness and finished KC-46 training a few months back. Ethan has done a great job in that office, managing and growing as an NCO. We all expect the same to be true in the future when he becomes an instructor. Additionally, Ethan has been filling in as the OG Chief’s exec.

SSgt David Simpler- SSgt Simpler is our NCOIC of Readiness and has been killing it inside and outside of the jet. Don't let his calm personality fool you, once you get him talking he will take off and is always thinking of ways to better the squadron and the folks around him. David has been doing a great job and he will make a great KC-46 IB in the near future.

(S)Sgt Dominic "Question" Baverso- SrA Baverso is a lot of thrust and we love to see that in the Duce. He has his "binder" full of obscure KC-46 questions that he likes to play stump the dummy with the other IB's, but in all honesty he is always looking to better himself and be the best boom he can. Dom's work ethic and drive will pay off for him and the squadron moving forward and it's what we want out of our boom cadre in the Duce.

SrA Sean Cook- SrA Cook is one of our mobility/readiness troops. Sean has been doing great work and seems to be seeking out guidance from our retired Chief that works in that office. SrA Cook will be back to flying soon and earning his stripes in that office and we love what we are seeing from him so far.

SrA Brentan Collins- SrA Collins just got back from KC-46 training and fully immersed with MQT at the moment. Were glad to have him in the squadron and we're sure "Mo" will give him the guidance he needs to be the best NCO in the future.

Integration:

TSgt Austin Fowler- TSgt Fowler just got done with NCOA and has been chomping at the bit to get on the road and fly as much as possible. Pretty sure he is tired of the Ops Sup telling him no but he loves the enthusiasm he brings. He's another one of our previous KC-10 booms that bring a fresh new perspective to how we should operate in the KC-46. Austin is also in charge of getting all the new folks arriving to our squadron squared away and is a focal point to their development.

SSgt Gregory Cyr- A prior KC-10 boom, SSgt Cyr just completed KC-46 training and is about to start MQT. Welcome Gregory! Were glad to have you in the Duce.

(S)Sgt Brady "Just rolled out of bed" Zwick- SrA Zwick is a recent graduate of ALS and ready to fly as much as possible. We can't tell at times if he just woke up or if he's been up too long. Either way, Brady is a great addition and will be leading our youngest Airmen in the Duce, which we know he can handle.

A1C Daunte Batiz- Just got to the DUCE and went right into training. Managed to make it through training at Pease and is currently at Altus flying with some of the best instructors at the FTU.

A1C Austin Cowan- Another prior KC-10 boom who just recently completed KC-46 training. Welcome to the Duce family Austin, were glad to have you.

A1C Tyler Crisostomo- Like all our young booms he went from KC-10 training straight to the KC-46. I have heard some good things about his performance at BTX training, he will make a great addition to our young KC-46 boom cadre.

A1C Branden Hieber- A1C Hieber just completed KC-46 training and were glad to have him in the Duce. Heard he played travel ball with a guy who is now in the Major Leagues, maybe he will hit some dingers for us in intermural softball. Welcome Branden!

A1C Dominic Just- Also came right over to the DUCE before going to BTX at Pease. Managed to rear end another car on his way to training. I hope he flies the boom better than he can drive. Only time will tell!

A1C Christopher Miller- Just PCA'd over to the 2d and recently graduated BTX. He is currently in MCT trying to learn as much as he can about the KC-46. He has also been made our squadron sports rep, heard his golf game isn't too bad.

A1C Austin Ouellette- Just PCA'd over to the 2d after what seemed like years of KC-10 training. A young boom who is eager to learn, he just completed KC-46 training. The only boom that I am aware of who got a commendable at BTX training on his BoT EPE, how do you even do that?? He is a sharp Airman that will do amazing things for the Duce going forward.

A1C Nia Womack- Another new addition to the squadron, Nia came over from the KC-10 and went straight into KC-46 training. She just got back to the sq, we look forward to her impact on the KC-46 community.

Amn Thomas Zamorski- Loved KC-10 training so much he was bummed out when he heard the KC-10 was retiring. He decided to go to the KC-46 for even more training and is getting rave reviews from the Flight Safety instructors. Welcome to the Duce.

Safety:

SrA Nicholas Eddings- Nicholas is quiet but you can count on his monthly safety emails. He is always digging into our publications and offering up valuable GK to the other booms in our squadron. SrA Eddings has been doing great things in the Safety office and we expect even better things from him in the future.

Tactics:

TSgt Joseph Deltoro- TSgt Deltoro is getting back up and flying and will be heading to IB upgrade in July. Joseph has done a great job in Tactics and we need his previous IB expertise in the KC-46 now more than ever. The only problem is we need him to not do PT testing every single day, but that seems like a road too steep at this point. Were lucky to have Joseph in our squadron.

Commander's Support Flight:

MSgt Kenneth "Scrooge McDuck" Essick- MSgt Essick is the new Flight Chief of Commander's Support Flight. We love Ken, were just trying to figure out what he does all day. He is the proud new father of two beautiful baby ducks... so there's that. Joking aside, Ken is great with the Airmen and will be a very welcome/needed personality in that office. You know we love you Ken!

SSgt Tarek "Hersey" Herschleb- No longer taking to the pearly blue skies, Tarek has been holding down the Flight through the KC-46 conversion. He is well known for all of his old trucks, he has numerous old fords and keeps buying more. He's also a real handy man. If you don't keep him occupied, he will use his skills and talents for evil. Now he's just a guy that will do anything you ask of him and he's ready to move onto his next chapter. For now, that next chapter is separating at the end of his enlistment and moving back to Wisconsin. Oh, I'm pretty sure his family is the Wisconsin mob.

SrA Hannah Pinchefskey- SrA Pinchefskey is another one of our BTZ winners and has been killing it in the shop day in, day out. While we appreciate her ability to administer PT tests and help get people to achieve better scores, I think it's safe to say she can start handing some of that off to the next person. Hannah has a drive to learn and she is capable of great things in the Air Force. You can find her when not in the office at a Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts getting an iced coffee of some sorts

SrA Brandon Kim- SrA Kim just completed the transition from a KC-10 boom operator to the old girl herself the KC-135. He said he now knows what it's like to be a real boom operator, not having any of that fly by wire assistance. I am sure soon enough his back will begin to hurt too, best of luck at Fairchild.

Attached/On-Loan:

CMSgt David "Gaba" Lang- Chief has been released on parole to the Group and is currently serving as our Functional Manager. He officially handed over the reins in February after putting the squadron back together and is

loving his new gig. The problem is at times he can be hard to find in his office, probably because the furniture in the building is a bit “oversized”.

SMSgt Lonnie Moon- Senior Moon is our resident KC-46 OGV boom. He recently moved there from the squadron but is settling in nicely to his new role. Senior is knocking off some of that test stink and getting back into the operational side. He is a great addition to our team and brings a ton of knowledge and background information to our folks.

(S)MSgt Mike Thomas- MSgt Thomas is currently serving as our MPC Superintendent and most recently completed instructor “Initial Cadre” training. Mike brings a ton of valuable experience and expertise to the table, there is no doubt he will have the MPC rolling in no time.

MSgt Heather Harp- MSgt Harp join us from the CRG in the spring. She has settled into the lead Current Ops role over in the OSS and is doing great work integrating the KC-46 into the crazy JB MDL world. We’re looking forward to getting her back in the jet as a much needed IB.

MSgt Kenneth “Sean” Dell- MSgt Dell just moved over to XP from his stint as the interim First Sergeant. When he is not in Hawaii TDY or continuing his streak of 100 percent’s on PT tests, Sean is flying the line and still providing guidance on administrative actions for the squadron. He and his wife are expecting another new addition soon to the family, so he will have his hands full even more.

MSgt Justin Schultz- MSgt Schultz is working over in OST and is another one of our KC-46 instructor “Initial Cadre” booms and has been killing training along with still fixing all the issues with KC-10 and KC-46 cargo operations. Justin is about as straight-forward as they come and is doing an excellent job in his new role.

MSgt Alexander Meeds- Newly promoted MSgt Meeds is our PIO guy. Alex recently completed KC-46 Instructor “Initial Cadre” training and is trying to figure out which parts of his checkride we can “table-top”. In all seriousness, Alex is doing a great job in PIO and seems to be loving his new gig and still manages to find time to come to the squadron on a regular basis.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

32ND ARS

“PASSING GAS & KICKIN’ ASS”



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

SMSgt Charles “Chuck” Taylor – Back from his journey at A3V where he used latch pawls as tooth removal tools, to a nice quiet office where he greets folks with a cheesy smile, Doritos, and those little two sip airline waters.

BOOM SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Kevin Simon – we don’t talk about this guy...

ASSISTANT BOOM SUPERINTENDENT:

TSgt Steven Porter – This guy has a motorcycle for every day of the week, only bad thing is he only buys the ones that are not so great. I’d argue he would be better off trading them all in for an high powered Vespa.

STAN/EVAL:

MSgt Drew McGarrell – The quietest hammer we have, good luck reading if you’re Q1 or Q3 before the debrief...fun fact he is currently labeled the fastest in the squadron although Sgt Whaley swear he’s faster.

TSgt Tiffany Irby – You never have to look for Irby, all you have to do is listen for the strong southern draw yelling “I’ll beat your @\$#!” at this point I don’t know if there is any @\$ left for her to beat.

TSgt Daniel Jakab – He picks up heavy things and put them down...you either Q1 or he will squeeze you until your eyeballs pop out!!

TSgt Jason Vance – You know you screwed up when he rubs the stash and says “I was doing a little reading...” pretty sure he collects tears as a hobby.

SrA Tyler Kelly – Super professional, polite, well spoken...wait is he OSI??

SrA Thomas Robinson – We played a kick ball game against our sister squadron and that is the first time I seen a grown man cry over not having the ability to catch a ball.

TRAINING FLIGHT:

SSgt Patrick Tracy/SSgt Seth Phillips/SSgt Ezrick Whaley – An unbreakable bond, these Spice girls can be found performing locally or somewhere on the road together... If you see them do not hesitate to put in your song request.

SSgt Matthew Millard – A young instructor but worries me, I've never seen him mad or get angry... Either he is one with great self-control or... Maybe SrA Kelly should visit Matt's house.

SrA Giovanni Castillo – the youngest of our instructor core, Gio aka “baby money” prides himself on perfecting his instructor skills by never using them, and trying to take over the Chief Boom's office... I wonder if he watched a lot of Pinky and the Brain when he was little, also fun fact he resembles one of them.

SSgt August Bueltmann – Most intelligent instructor we have, Auggie has never talked at work that way when he decides not to show up we don't know he's missing... Genius!!

SSgt James Balsler – This guy hands down has the worst luck on the planet... In one week a Golfer chased by a shark broke his window, Superman then landed on his car which resulted in a total loss, and the only place that sold the car he found needed to get a blood sample and bone marrow which required 3 weeks of leave during an exercise. Poor guy!

SrA Jacob Stahly – One of our newest instructor candidates... wait aren't we shutting down the 10?

OPS FLIGHT

TSgt Mike Marquez - Finally found his way back from the CRW to big sexy, where he quickly found himself a flight chief over ops flight. Since his new reign he has been known to cut a rug at the start of the night, then fold his arms and pout at the end.

TSgt Trevor Jennings – Also back with us from a recent tour in current ops, what better place for him to work than the scheduling desk.

SSgt Nathaniel Cardona – Our NCOIC of Scheduling! Not that he had a choice in the matter but he is taking the news well. Formerly a Weapons troop on F-16s and B-1s, he saw the greener grass and hopped over to the Boomies side. He is still waiting for that phone call from Nike to get that sponsorship money for his latest stunt on national television. Believe it or not, he is just a little shorter than this plug on him.

SSgt Jared Jensen – One of the latest additions to the scheduling shop. Avoiding the KC-46 like the plague, he PCA'd from the Duce to keep his flying career going on Big Sexy. He has aspirations to get out by the beginning of next year to become a “nonner” on the outside as an X-ray tech. Guess he got tired of taking pictures of BONEs in the ARO.

SrA Alexys Gomez – Another addition to the scheduling shop, he was cursing his way to the desk from integration flight since he actually has to do work now. He is trying to beg for another cushy job like SELE but we won't let him go that easily. Recently engaged, he is trying to look for the perfect home in this ridiculous housing market. I hear Altus has some houses available this time of year.

SrA Benjamin Gauspohl – With a last name that sounds pretty close to “gas pole” why wouldn't this guy be a Boom?! Another guy from the Duce who is also avoiding the KC-46, he was already “working” at scheduling before coming to the 32nd. He likes to keep his head down for the most part but you might want to take a look at the schedule on good deal trips to find his name on there instead of yours when you request it.

SrA Danika Chaapel – One of our long time schedulers, she has been getting more stick time lately than mouse time. She recently got married on paper so if you can't find her around the squadron, chances are she is most likely flying somewhere in the world to collect per diem for that wedding coming up. The only time you know she is around is when her pup Chewie is walking around the building. Come to think of it, we see Chewie more than her.

SrA Shaina Cox – Another new addition to the scheduling shop, she has been ghosting us in preparation for ALS. Before that, she was a former SELE and was consistently on the road either on a trip or deployed. Her prize for working so hard on the road

and at ALS? A nice cushy seat at the scheduling desk and a brand new baby Boom to rate on. Keep up the good work and you might just get an all-expense paid trip to Altus.

SrA Matthew Zielinski – One of the younger Booms in the shop but don't let this guy's age fool you. He recently sewed on SrA but you would've thought he had it on for years. He gets what he needs done so he can leave early for the day but that's not how it works in scheduling. The only thing I think is concerning is that he might be watching too much of Outer Banks these days looking like a John B wannabe. If you don't know what that means, keep it that way.

AIC Lauren Hotaling – If you need it Ling Ling is there, really helpful. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, we know this since she decided to put her mom's number down for the recall roster. That sweet lady was determined to help us locate her, she even told us if Lauren didn't act right just give her a ring back.

SrA Daniel Husmann – If you ever see this guy let him know we are trying to reach him about his cars extended warranty.

READINESS FLIGHT

TSgt Taylor Lucas – Will be the 32nd 1st KC-46 boom, well maybe...lol

TSgt Jeremy Becnel – Back with us from a tour in current ops. He is getting requalified and tracking the historical transition from the "Big Sexy" KC-10 to the KC-46.

SSgt Jarrad Montgomery – this dude hides in mobility, the desert, and on TDY's I don't know if he has ever flown a local once he got out of training.

SrA Daniel Franey – Once upon a time on the road he approached A3V and told them ask him anything, he was ready...well a requal and a year later they are reunited and it feels so good!! LOL

AIC Noah Greiner – this young man holds the EFB single page search record for looking up answers. Who knew if you stare at a page long enough no matter the question the answer will appear...My mind was blown!

SrA Abram Harris - real good dude, took on a last minute deployment to pick up some slack, but it is on record that he has more honor guard rotations than he does deployments.

SrA Justin Wood - Goes by the name Wild wood, also part of the mobility warriors...more movie watching takes place.

SrA Austin Savage/ SrA Jalyn West/ SrA Brandon Woody/ SrA Tsering Dadul – part of the mobility warriors...there is no movie these guys haven't seen.

SUPPORT FLIGHT

TSgt Javier Garcia – Got paroled from being a group exec to go to Instructor upgrade. I'm sure he'll do a great job out there with his "pouch" and be a great addition to the squadron instructors.

TSgt Keifer Bowes – Walks around with one sheet of paper, a cup of coffee, yelling for people to complete EPRs not a bad day job.

SrA Jake Distant – The lone enlisted member in awards and decs, wait why the heck does Chuckie T and Simon have to keep up with this stuff, isn't that his job?

INTEGRATION

TSgt Philip Gordon – Back in the squadron from a bid at the FTU, Phil charges hard with special projects, I'm sure his first words as a kid was either delegation or leave.

SrA Johnathan Soo – Young Soo has so much potential, has all the cool toys and shiny jewelry...one look at a nice girl and he turns into Eminem; his palms are sweaty, knees weak arms are heavy...there's vomit on his sweater already.

AIC George Parlier – Dude has been hurt but he has the aircrew mentality, maybe one day we will get this penguin off the ground.

Amn Taylor Adams/A1C Kevin Caceres/A1C Rosendo Garcia/SSgt Jorge Hurtadorochal/SSgt Elisha Nwaukoni/A1C Josh Lovelace/A1C Elliott MacIntosh/ – These baby booms get the ultimate reward of finishing KC-10 training and going straight to KC-46 training...Congrats ladies and gentlemen!! If only training EPRs were a thing...

A1C Thanh Phan – Recently departed the Blue Eagle family to complete KC-46 training and go down the road to the Duce.

A1C Nicolas Yoshida – Recently departed the Blue Eagle family to complete KC-46 training and go down the road to the Duce.

SAFETY

SSgt Kyle Agnor - The only enlisted safety guy in the house, and just like that he is deciding to pack his bags and leave...

Attached/On-Loan

MSgt Garrett “Keith” Machon – OGV?? Test & Eval?? Manchild switches jobs like underpants...guess if you don't know where he works, you don't know where to find him.

MSgt Josh Chrisman - Our resident Wing Tactics Boom. He is our high time on-station guy and looking to stay flying as long as possible! We're looking forward to what he does in moving the wing towards KC-46 operations tactifullness.

Joint Base McGuire-Ft Dix-Lakehurst NJ

AMC Test and Evaluations Squadron



SMSgt Heath Tuma – In true TES Superintendent fashion he never became Test Director, who would if they had the choice. He is currently enjoying being stationed at the finest of the fifty states and busy with the full time job of keeping all of the rowdy Master Sergeants in line.

MSgt Larry Scott – Born, raised, and never PCS'd from McGuire AFB, Larry has filled every position on this base a boom could possibly fill. Now that he has nothing left to accomplish, he has decided to retire. From the KC-10 flightline to the CRW to being a Test Director for the KC-46 AE mission, Larry has been invaluable, all while remaining within a mile from home! We will miss you!

(M)Sgt Chris Reggie Register – He is still uncertain whether he is stationed at McConnell or Edwards with all of the KC-46 certifications he has done over the last year! You can always count on Reggie for two things: he'll have perfect hair and he'll be walking in 10 min late.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

141 ARS

“TIGERS”



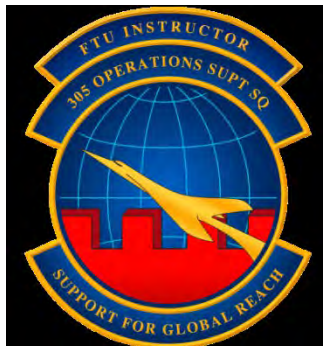
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305 OSS/FTU

“SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL REACH”



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321 CRS



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KC-10 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



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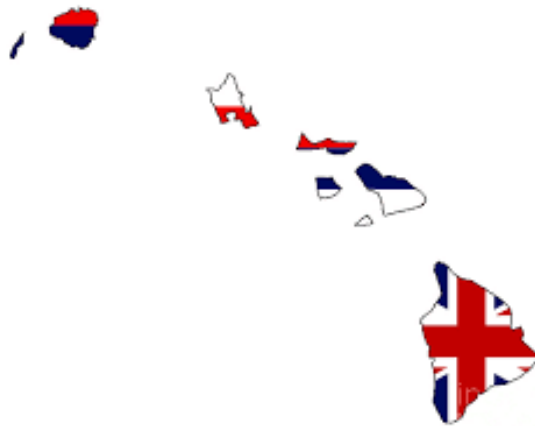
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

203RD ARS

“ 'A'OLE MAMA O LOA ”



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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

613TH AOC

“NOT GONNA SUBMIT-O ”



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS

344 TRS/CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

“SPARTANS”



MSgt Theo Dinwiddie (KC-135) - MSgt Dinwiddie is a man of many titles here at the Center of Excellence. We don't really know his title here but he works side by side with the Operations Superintendent. It's like the 344 TRS has two Op Sups...lol. Anyway, MSgt Dinwiddie is making sure he is molding the future of the Air Force but taking his wife's product (she's an MTI) and making them better by telling them to learn and be their selves.

MSgt Michael Fagan (KC-46) -Yes, Master Sergeant Fagan! Has entered the SNCO realm. You can find him hiding out in the security office or teaching Aircrew Fundamentals. If you catch him in his office he's usually trying to submit for every award possible. He'll show his face every now and again to announce his award(s) win(s), or make everyone jealous of his quarterly flights he has on the KC-46, or in the back of BBOC aspiring to teach BBOC.

TSgt Liahna Childs (KC-135)- TSgt Childs is the NCOIC of BBOC. The one single person in charge of the first step in turning a BMT graduate to a real life Boom Operator. If she not correcting the students hair styles, she's rewriting the course material for BBOC that's slotted to go live in January 2023.

SSgt DeJahnay Fort (KC-135) - SSgt Fort teaches Aircrew Fundamentals for the Center of Excellence. She seems so experienced, you never know she was still on her first enlistment. However, she's actually really funny if she speaks loud enough to actually hear her...lol!

SSgt Brandon Minto (KC-10) – Is that a rapper, a NASCAR racer or Twitcher... no it's SSgt Minto. If he isn't teaching BBOC he is spending hours racing on twitch. He might be a true American, but for someone that does very little he needs a lot of energy. He drinks so many Monsters every day, maybe he is sponsored by them. Anyways follow him on twitch at bminto25 to see him make a lot of virtual left turns on the ground instead of in the air.

OUTBOUNDS:

TSgt Randy “Glue Guy” Miller (KC-135) - We're definitely going to miss TSgt Miller. Although efficient with his words, he's very generous in actions. None of his classes left behind a “legacy project,” but Randy's full-motion activated “Wing Table” more than makes up for it! Off to the land of tea & crumpets!

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HQ AETC/A3FH



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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KADENA, AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN

909TH ARS



YOUNG TIGERS

Greetings from Japan! Another great year in the 909th, with Japan based COVID restrictions loosening we finally took to the beaches and resumed full TDYs around the theater. Probably one of the few paces where you can go TDY to a freezing location but take out your surfboard on the way home. Sushi, Ramen, Yakuniku, Okonomiyaki, and Takoyaki, Lawson's and Family Mart will stretch your budget and your waistline. Come on out any time and fly with us!

Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader

CMSgt Michael "Potato" Russell – He wasn't SMSgt for long, not surprised. He came in promised an ice machine and...DELIVERED! Not like Amazon Prime delivered since it took almost a full year. Thank you for all that you've done for the squadron, Fairchild is lucky to pick up a good one. Ask him to take you bouldering!

Operations Superintendent/Chief Boom

MSgt Michael "60 Degrees" Weidman – Recently took over Chief Boom but still tries to do anything to fly rather than be in the office. The man loves flying, what can we say. Oh, he's called 60 degrees because that's about how far he can bend down with that old man back. There's probably no correlation, it's fine. Crushing it as our newest Chief Boom, swing by for a cigar and some whiskey!

A-Flight - Flight Chief

TSgt Jonathan "Stabby" Hawkins – Ask him about his contacts, he swears they're smooth as butter but rumor has it we can still hear echoes of his extension rate in the distance. I guess he never heard the "no filming the contact" rule. Soon to be the only TI who never won a softball tournament. Best of luck!

Scheduling

SSgt Tyler “Lil Sus” Espinoza – You know what they say about someone who says that’s a “lil sus” constantly, right? Means they’re being a lil sus. Watch out, Espinoza, we are on to you.

SrA Brandon “Protégé” (aka Quarter-Court Hairline) Clement – Divins’ little buddy! He took him on one trip to mainland and got him all Gucci’d up, but we still don’t know what exactly happened there since he won’t talk about it. What happens in Tokyo...spreads around the squadron. Brandon be scheduling like a boss.

B-Flight - Flight Chief

MSgt Jason “I’ve got a tee time” Duckett – Our resident golf pro, #vanlife and #poodle expert Jason stays busy driving mobility and swinging for the fences and doubles down as Maintenance QA.

Readiness/Mobility

SSgt Connor “Ghost” Brown – This guy has been in the 909th for over 3 years now, and we have only seen him a total of 4 times in the squadron. Good luck on your PCS! We’d tell you in person, but we haven’t seen you yet. The additional duty master, he’s probably gone because he’s our VCO, UTM, and Chinese linguist.

SSgt Joshua “Handle Bar” Rials – No one hid a glorious handlebar mustache behind their COVID mask as good as Rials. You could see him tearing across the streets of Japan, pulling wheelies with a samurai sword on his back. Josh be working deployments now, yo.

SSgt Joshua “AFK” Lawson – If you don’t know, AFK means “Away From Keyboard.” That was the supposed justification when we could have sworn we saw him online on Steam during work hours. I guess he didn’t specify which keyboard he was really away from. Josh is getting married, congrats!!!

SrA Abigail “Prime” Stiles – We sent her to mobility so she can have stuff ordered for the unit, like stuff from Amazon! In her free time, you’ll find her listening to her favorite podcasts from Joe Rogan. Abigail wins just about every Airman award... Where the rest of you at?!? Bring it!!

C-Flight – Flight Chief

MSgt Kat “Barrista” Owens – Walk by that office and get yourself a breve, latte, mocha, cappuccino, Letter of X, NMR letter, pastrie, or maybe even a 1206 for you if you’re lucky. Kat be slingin’ that coffee, yo, AND generating big wins for her team. How do you sleep?

Training

TSgt Tiffanie “Squad Mom” Ellerbe – GOOOOOOOOOOOD MORNING to our residential squadron mom in training. It might have taken her 6 months to complete MCT, but she keeps us in line by hunting us down to get our beans done. Tiffanie is off to XP.

SSgt Andrew “Caillou” Chance – Our newest instructor. His briefs always start with a smile, but it slowly fades as the questions start to flow. This defender now leads the training shop. SECFO!

SSgt Reinaldo “#One-Chip” Brown – How are you going to start the One-Chip challenge around the Squadron, watch everyone surpass an hour of torture with no water or food, and not even last 10 minutes yourself?! This man threw up right outside his window! You know who parks right outside the window? The Commander—who happened to give the base commander that spot that day.

SSgt Nicholas “Civies” Selly – We never know where Nick is since he’s always in civies and always on “alert.” Make sure you do your vouchers! If you’re in the guard or reserves, Sarn’t Selly wants to talk to you.

D-Flight – Flight Chief

SSgt Brandon “Thousand Percent” Divins – He is the only person who can post on his Instagram a link for donations to his Venmo for his birthday and actually get Airman to donate to it. Brandon is making big money moves in the FTAC scene. Watch now Career Assistance Advisor!

SrA Arrick “SoyBoy” Duffey – We don’t have much on our residential vegetarian except the fact he showed up to the Sq with a sweet handlebar mustache. No more hanging out with Rials! Duffey is our resident car expert and on the path to becoming America’s next Ernest Hemingway. Big time reader who takes care of biz in scheduling.

A1C Ethan “Peter” Parker – Tom Holland’s doppelgänger of the squadron. At quick glance he kind of looks like SpiderMan! But...he’s not. He’s just a skinnier, less cool, military version of him. Peter stays busy flying around the pacific earning that per diem.

A1C Deull “Pick me up” Arnold – Unfortunately, when he went TDY, he thought PCMIA cards were “pick me up” cards that meant he was going to get picked by trans. He probably is still waiting around for that ride because we haven’t seen him in a minute. Recently married and a new Dad, congrats!!!

A1C Zachary “JROTC” Priest – Zach is a new MB, but he’s crushing it! Our only recommendation is that he tailors his flight suit so he doesn’t look like he’s wearing his dad’s uniform or look like he’s in JROTC. Don’t worry, we will send you on a quick trip to Alaska so you can afford to pay for the tailoring!

A1C Bryan “Kerbal Commander” Weishaar – They call him Hell! They Call Him Stacey! They call him Why-shar! They call him lame! “That’s not my name!” Bryan maybe skirted his chance at a fabulous first impression, but he’s slaying it as the newly-appointed SEL exec. Staying busy in the books and traveling keeps Be-rye busy.

SrA Keri “What’s your sign?” Williams – Keri is busy exploring Japan and staying TDY whenever she can. Also a newlywed, congrats!

E-Flight - Flight Chief

TSgt Spencer “Spoiler” Balcom – If you check out his two-inch spoiler on his Nissan he’s probably playing reverse psychology with you. Our resident crusty tech, we all have Spencer’s wife to thank for his assignment out here. Spencer needs a tdy.

Tactics

SrA Josephus “NOS” Straka – aka “Suits.” He came from Fairchild, and probably made the best first impression we’ve ever seen when he was just sitting on the roof of his car drinking a NOS and smoking a cigarette. We didn’t have to ask his rank because we knew immediately he was a SrA.

Awards & Decs

SSgt Kalif “I’m an Island Boyyy” Richardson – If you didn’t already know, Kalif is from the Virgin Islands. Cool story bro. At least he didn’t get the Virgin Islands tattooed all over his chest, right? Don’t be hatin if you want those promo points from your Ariel Achievement Medal!! Kalif got the hookup.

SrA Malachai “Twitch” Epps-Carpenter – Catch him streaming Tekken on Twitch. He swears he can beat you ten games straight...blindfolded. 1 out of 10 is...10%? Ahhh so close.

SrA Seth “AWOL” Amriott – He successfully came to the unit and hid for months before starting MCT. We aren’t even mad; we’re just impressed. Don’t worry though, the ops tempo here is getting its pound of flesh from him now! Often our #1 high-time flyer.

Stan/Eval

(M)Sgt Anthonie “Crazy Eyes” Owens – One half of the vegan meat eating team, Anthonie pulled that MSgt stripe and gets you the hookup on EFBs. He’s vegan but always has a slim jim in his pen pocket. #yakunikupush #delicatessen #nothanksimvegan #nonotice

(T)Sgt Jesse “AFGL” Cutright – The only person we know who can put that he constantly games on his EPR and still get a promotion statement. You might have won the promotion statement, but how’d that gaming tournament in rocket league turn out for you? Congrats on tying for third place...too bad there were only 4 teams.

SrA Nasia “Beatboxing” Harris – Don’t give this girl any cheese unless, in her own words, you wanna listen to some incredible beatboxing skills. Instead, just ask her the story about her unfinished tattoo she tried to get before becoming a boom.

Safety

TSgt Tyler “Cat-man” Williams - Fresh from COE with the thickest mustache and covered in half-finished jailhouse tattoos, he’s the new Okinawa catch. But sorry ladies, if you’re over 25 you just missed the cut. When you’re that picky, you replace the girls with about four foster cats at the house.

Attached/On-Loan

MSgt Christian “that being said” Villanueva – We’d like to say after checking everyone’s 30_60_90 he’s gone to the IG, and still managing to keep us all in line since transitioning from Squadron Chief Boom/First Sergeant/SEL (sometimes all at the same time). We hope you miss us as much as we miss you!

TSgt Tyler “Class-C” Williams – Next time you need to help AE configure the troop seats, just call Mx. We don’t want another Class-C mishap with a medical injury from you busting your lip again. Luckily, it got him to shave his mustache. Two months later Guy Smiley had a Class-C on his finger. #trendanalysis Currently rockin’ OGV and Shirt duties, how’d that happen?

TSgt Lucas “Grays” Balcarce – I guess when you put on Tech, life does get stressful. Especially when you’re the Group Chief’s exec. Hang in there Lucas, woosah. We’re looking forward to having you back.

TSgt Brandon “Ch. 15” Harmon – We all learn from our mistakes, and if there’s an instructor who knows Chapter 15 like the back of his hand now, it has to be TSgt Harmon. Thanks Chief Wilson, for helping the man out! Brandon is our newest instructor and now resident tactician, working in the OSS.

SSgt Justin “No more excuses” Pauleon – Since last year’s boom signal he has truly made a difference. As of writing this, you can see that he has racked up 201.2 instructor hours in the past year. Well done! Now only if 130 of those hours weren’t from AE missions where, you know, there’s so much instruction happening while oceanic. ...“If I get Altus, I’m separating.”

Already Gone

CMSgt Kevin “Commercial Pilot” Wilson: He put in the hours in the skies and upgraded to Commercial Pilot & Advanced/Instrument Ground. Ask him to fly your around and he’ll be more than happy to! Also ask him to take illegal cargo too, he don’t care! Congratulations on Commandant at Ramstein, you will be missed!

SMSgt Evangeline “Eve” Palmer – Congrats on baby one and baby two! Eve made SMSgt and left us on a one-way ticket for Fairchild where she’s going to be the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 92 ARS Squadron. Thanks for all the hard work!

TSgt Mike “69 KPH” Lawson – Don’t let Mikey on the expressways; he will get himself in trouble. Despite it all, he just keeps on smiling his new smile and maintaining that great attitude. Must be all that Hex. We miss you!

TSgt Erica “LAMB” Lawson – Being Mike’s bus driver and babysitter post-surgery, Erica has been a rockstar, not just at home, but she earned Levitow at NCOA. If you reference last year’s Signal, she’s now overflowing with that blue Kool-Aid. Thanks for shoving Hot-Pit refueling down our throats! We love it.....

TSgt James “That’s Crazzzyy” Walker – When he’s happy: “Sheeeeeeeeeeeeeeeesh.” Going to Altus: “That’s Crazzzyy.” Sorry buddy, hope you’re making the best of it! Enjoy the 46!

SSgt Samantha “OTQ/OTY” Grendahl – Sam is off to Altus, we will miss her but maybe now some of us can win an award. You will be greatly missed!

SSgt Dimitri “I have a cat” McIntosh – We hadn’t seen this man since we kicked him out to Tanker Scheduling, but when we did eventually see him, he had a cat inside his backpack. Not even joking. Isn’t that, like, inhumane? Have fun reuniting with your wife in Alabama!

SSgt Arturo “The Purge” Gac – Another great loss to Altus. With all of his training with the classic “party rallies” on the side of his house, he should be well prepared to suffer the 3-hour patterns when he starts flying with students there.

SSgt Andrew “The Big Tuna” Liddane – He couldn’t catch a flight as successfully as he caught fish out on the water. Sprinkle some ‘rona in there and forget about it! What’s the point of catching all that Mahi if you can’t even taste it?

SSgt James “Eeyore” Kennedy – James decided to head out from Kadena back to his old stomping grounds of Fairchild. Maybe being back there will make him a little less grumpy! It was probably just sky-diving withdrawals, enjoy!

Inbound

We look forward to having you all here! Welcome to Kadena!

SSgt Zackery Shigeru Duenas Yamagishi.

SSgt Jordan Barker

A1C Luis Antonio Hernandez Alverado

A1C Jacob Morrison

KEY FIELD ANGB, MISSISSIPPI

153 ARS / 186 ARW

“MAGNOLIA MILITIA”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



LINCOLN ANGB, NEBRASKA

155 ARW / 173 ARS

“HOME OF THE HUSTLIN’ HUSKERS”



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MacDill AFB, Florida

6th Operations Group



Chief Enlisted Manager:
(C)MSgt Jonny Adams

OGV:
(M)Sgt Alex Orr

OGT:
MSgt Vic Boyd – Vic is the infamous pre-CFIC soul crusher. Story is that he made at least 3 candidates cry in the BOWST. Vic took over as the head dude in OGT and is pushing out booms to the squadrons left and right. Caught orders and will be working at the A-staff up at Scott. Looking to sell his mansion in Tampa and is about to make a grip! Can I borrow 10 Gs bro?

MSgt Shawna Wise – Currently going thru Requal after serving her prison sentence as an ALS instructor. Not sure if she was happier to be back or if they were happy to get rid of her. But beggars can't be choosers I guess we'll take Shawna in since Mildenhall's taking all our talent. All seriousness, Shawna is a great fit for the Red Devils and will be taking over for Vic in OGT.

TSgt Johnny Gurley – Worked a little bit in OGV as a SELA then we upgraded him and moved to OGT to train the young bucks! Please don't be like the other 1A3 cross-trainees (See the next two names below) and actually do some flying for us, please.

TSgt Jeff Sieff – Jeff finally finished in-unit upgrade... 8 months later. Sheesh! Spent a few short months in OGT and is currently in Group mobility. This guy is always busy talking, not anything boom related, but usually about some random stuff. Hasn't awarded a single "P", we're just happy if we can get him to fly. If you see Jeff thank him for all he does.

TSgt David Fogeletti

SSgt Kevin Satberry

OGX:
MSgt Johnnie Creecy, OGX

MSgt Marvin Rottenberg, OGX

CCE:

TSgt Rachel Urquhart

WG/XP:

TSgt Jeff Benson, XP

PCS/Separations:

CMSgt Lee Adkins – Lee is now Mr. Adkins. As like any retired Chief does, he went out and bought a \$100K car. Chief, just don't take it out on Babe-shore drive if you want to keep that beauty in one piece! In his free time, he likes to send memes... ah, the retired life. Congrats Chief!

MacDill AFB, Florida

50th ARS

“Red Devils”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

MSgt Paul “live to serve” McIntyre – Love this guy! Paulie got in the seat once Fulton left and hit the ground running. Quickly deployed and killing all the exercises at the dirty Deid. Been working out with Erickson and working towards getting his 500lb club shirt from the Al Udeid Gym.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Kenny Arcibal - Eagerly awaiting Mac to come back from his deployment so he can stop crying himself to sleep at night. Even security forces SEL started feeling sorry for him, stay strong brother.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Kris Echols – Kris did his 6-month CAOC tour at the Deid and even scored getting COVID 2 weeks prior to leaving. Got back and we upgraded him to EB. Just caught orders BACK to Altus as a thank you gift for upgrading. While the squadron was deployed, he spent a few months filling in as the Chief Boom. Thank you Kris and get these baby booms on the right path before they hit the streets.

SSgt Dalton Degeneffe – Daltito aka John L. Levitow is freaking crushing it. Won the Levitow award and thought they actually printed his picture on the award. Recently got his car stolen from Erickson’s house and the po-po’s found it a couple days later in St. Pete with a handgun and spent shell casings in the car. We’re still wondering if it actually got stolen or if he had one wild weekend.

CSS:

SSgt Billy Pflugh – Billy was suckered in to being the exec, but he was the perfect guy for the job! This rock star just got back from his first flying deployment and completely killed it! Trying to keep his girlish figure ever since his ops supt told him he looked like a green M&M in his flight suit.

SrA Mark Moore – Mark keeps the mood light in the squadron. He is the oldest boom, at least that’s what he says anyway. Never actually heard the story of spook 50 until the week before his checkride. Luck had it where he actually flew on spook 50 during his check. Called his chief boom after the flight saying he needed Jesus after feeling something rub his back during the boom compartment check.

SrA Chad Jones – This superstar was selected as a BTZ winner and has been a great addition to the squadron. He definitely gives the chief boom a run for his money as the sweatiest guy in the squad. And yes, he has a shaving waiver, so stop asking!

A1C Deandre Williams-Grant – Deandre is that dude! Very soft spoken but I heard a couple of his bars on soundcloud. Deandre will be departing the Air Force soon and has aspirations to attend a HBCU and major in fashion. Don't forget about us little people when you make it big Dre!

RA:

SSgt Sam Gulley – Fulley did his time in the RA shop and complained he had too many additional duties. So what does he ask for next? Exec shop and IB upgrade! Welcome to the danger zone Sam. Quickly learning to be careful what you ask for. Currently in IB upgrade and is still complaining. It's his maintainer mixed with aircrew DNA!

SSgt Alfred Bonilla – Bobby Shakes! Went on his first TDY while in MCT with his chief boom and scared TF out him! Just kidding. Alfred is a soft spoken killa. Finally off DNIF and back to flying. Pro-tip, don't put in a big dip prior to going to the flight doc or else she'll DNIF you for 6 months.

SrA Zach Bosnjak – Bos is pretty fun to have around the squadron. If you're getting cold and need a sweater, we can probably shave off the hair off his body and make you one. Wears a mustache year round and is not permitted to get within 25 ft. of any schools or playgrounds.

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Robert Erickson – Robert is the biggest MFer in the squadron. Definitely our muscle and we lean on him to get things done! He even held it down as the chief boom for the last few months at the Deid as a non-instructor! Legend has it he got his 2000 lb club shirt at the Deid, freaking manimal!

Scheduling:

SSgt Travis Nelson – Really proud of how much Trav has grown as an NCO. Can usually be found giving the youngins the business and setting them straight. Has aspirations to upgrade and do AIC? Idealistically that should work out right Trav?

SrA Cameron Andrews – Killa Cam just got back from his second deployment and is sitting around 700 hrs. IB upgrade soon? Rumor has it; Cam fell in love during his redeployment stop in Rota. No wonder he has been speaking Spanish around the squadron so much.

SrA Blake Adler – Blake came to us as a cross-trainee from AF Honor Guard. The only dude I know who stands at parade rest whenever he is talking to someone. Relax cowgirl.

SrA Zyrie Gravilis-Palmer – This dude has big dreams... from starting a business, to dropping heat in the stu, or even cross training. Zyrie finally learned to wear his flight cap whenever he is outside the building. He also wins the trophy for having the most different hairstyles. One day he'll have waves, curls, twists, next... dreads! Zyrie keeps us on our toes and well read on DAFI 36-2903.

Integration:

SSgt Kylie Strawser – Kylie recently upgraded to Instructor and is taking care of the new booms, both in the jet and on the admin front.

SSgt Blake Thomson – One day Blake wants to cross-train, other days he wants to get out, at one point he wanted to upgrade but he really is trying to figure out what he wants to do when he grows up.

SrA Darryl Penman – Our very own 40-yr old Airman. Darryl spent almost a whole year at Altus thanks to the back-log of students and the CAE contract cuts. He spent all that time there while on TDY status, so he is our richest and oldest SrA. Finally going thru MCT.

A1C Dillan Stewart – Dillan just got back from his deployment looking like a mean, killing, war machine. Doesn't say much but that's okay. Just got a motorcycle and about to start a little bike club here in South Tampa.

A1C Ayden Geilinger – Ayden is another member of Dillan's motorcycle club. Word on the street, Ayden was going so slow on his motorcycle that he lost balance and dropped his bike. It's ok, it was only a 600... on to a liter bike.

A1C Nick Moser – Nick loves to sleep in, drink his Dr. Peppers, and practice his sit ups for his PFT. Still waiting to go on a good deal trip... only if he can wake up on time!

A1C Joseph Saldana-Lopez – A lot of the NCOs call him mini Arcibal. IDK why... Arcibal is way better looking. Joey is a great youngin from the west coast and loves to dress up in a sailor's costume on the weekends.

A1C Elijah Welch – Elijah is a young motivated boom operator. A little too motivated to make contacts too apparently... just ask the E-3 crew at the Deid.

A1C Ellis Fiscus – E just finished up MCT and is eager to do great things. Only if he can keep his room clean! Alex just wants to work. When asked about his goals, his response was, "I just want to work"

A1C Martin Garner – Martin is currently on his first TDY out of MCT. Went to do a coronet out west and got lost in the system for about an extra 2 weeks! Perfect outcome since Martin is a big fan of anime.

A1C Jaylen Joseph – Mr. I-95 South himself, aka, "I'm a barber", aka "I sleep in my dorms", aka "I like to do 10 above the speed limit on base in my challenger with my headlights off at night." Jaylen is another one of those hungry dudes, ready to get after it.

A1C Robert Ripley – Robert just checked in and we don't have too much dirt on him yet! Just started MCT.

B-Flight Chief:

TSgt Craig White – Craig oh Craig, what can we say about Craig? Craig likes to post videos of his questionable contacts with receivers on Facebook. One video, I saw his whole signature on the F16 to include his rank! Craig means well and will be taking his year and half's worth of boom operating talents to McGuire to work at the AMOS. Thanks AFPC!

Readiness:

TSgt Austin Willis – Austin finally got it together and made Tech! By the time this signal is out, he will be an IB. I think he wanted to be on Boyd's good side so he studied a lot and crushed Pre-CFIC.

SrA Liam Kilbane – Liam came to us from Kadena and is definitely a weird kid because he likes the NY Jets. Liam is fun to have around the sq and is currently deployed racking up those hours.

SrA Casey "Hugh" Janusz – Finally petitioned to get out of the dorms just to deploy a week after. Rumor has it, he and his girlfriend are eloping. Starting IB upgrade and is going to be a tactics nerd. AIC here comes a Hugh Janusz!

Mobility:

SSgt Daniel Zopfi – We got Daniel back in the sq after spending time in OGT and being dubbed the most hated IB from the baby booms. Love it! Means he's holding the highest standards. Finally got his head out of his ass and upgraded to EB. Daniel had a banner year, first getting married and recently, just getting orders to Mildenhall! Enjoy the bangers and mash!

SSgt Dakotah Zacot – Spidey had one busy year! Stepped up and we put him thru Pre-CFIC in 3 weeks! Graduated IB upgrade and was picked up to do observations for LOSA for a few months. Cha-ching! If you need an IB to fly he's your guy, good luck getting a TAPR written in a reasonable time. Current record holder for most TAPRs due to OGT at once with 26. He shattered Zopfi's previous record of 19, way to go man. Spent a short stint in OGT and will be coming back to sq to head DOT.

SrA Gregory Casey – Casey is still a grouch. Does well in the mobility shop and works on his cars a lot. . . even though half of his cars aren't actually working.

A1C Dakota Evans – Amn Evans is a work in progress. Has a passion for music and making beats. Only if he can finish the pamphlet the commander asked him to do months ago... that too, is a work in progress.

A1C Keegan Salas – Keegan has definitely turned a new leaf! Straight killin it and doing great things. Knocking out classes left and right and pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

C-Flight Chief:

TSgt Josh Foreman – Josh got hit pretty hard by the rona. The comeback is always stronger though! Josh recently got picked up to be in the IG to work inspections and all that fun stuff. Can be found creating GoupMe chat threads for all the wing exercises.

Training:

SSgt Cory Drummond – The Group's IB OTY! We pulled Cory back to the sq from OGT and has been doing a great job in training running programs. Cory has aspirations of becoming an officer. He needs to focus on studying for the AFOQT instead of making youtube videos. Recently caught orders to Mildenhall.

SrA Jarren Sheppard – Shep still tiktoking away his battlefield airman dreams. He did such a great job in DOT that he got selected to be the SELA up in OGV! Hopefully we can get him to cross train to CCT or TACP soon.

AIC Trinity Gonzalez - Trin has spent the last few months as an expeditionary work horse. She racked up the most hours of any deployed boom. When she's not ridiculing TSgt Erickson's gym attire, she can be found napping in the boom pod and enabling her husband's sneaker addiction.

Attached/On-Loan:

SMSgt Odniel Gonzalez – Gonzo spent the better part of the year as the OSS SEL and is now back in wing scheduling. The winner for the least amount of hours last year. Nice! Most likely retiring next year!

TSgt Andy Piggott – SHRIMP is working in Wing Tactics planning all the OSTs getting after the ACE initiatives. Trying to recruit booms to go to AIC by telling them they won't go to Altus once they are 'W' coded... The MFM determined that was a lie. Currently deployed as the WO doing more ACE stuff.

PCS/Separations

SrA Cade Stinson – Tweedle Dee PCS'd to Altus and shaping our future Booms... God help us all.

SrA Seth Amriott – Tweedle Dumb PCS'd kicking and screaming to the paradise island of Okinawa.

SrA Malachi Greman – Just finished the USAFA prep school and is destined for great things. Good luck with college Sir!

SrA Rocco Yannucci – Finished out his time at MacDill working in Current Ops. Rocco met his special someone down here and recently had a baby. Congrats to you and your family and congrats on your promotion to civilian! Good luck on the outside!

SSgt Ashley Upton – PCS'd to Altus and is doing great things at the FTU. Could usually be found at the bars around Altus with our former CSS civilian! Congrats guys!

TSgt Jamar Campbell – Left Tampa for less sun and cooler weather. Could usually be seen on his FB story on the stairmaster dubbed with an inspiring song playing in the background. Our mentoring sessions in Stan/Eval are surely missed!

TSgt Korey Gibson – Korey left us for McConnell and they put him straight in to the scheduling shop. I guess he didn't get enough of it at MacDill. Korey is greatly missed in the squadron and is bound for great things!

MSgt Andrew Smith – After 23 years of military service, Big Air Force finally approved his retirement. He will finally get to enjoy his new Jacuzzi with no worries at all! Good luck brother and thank you for everything you've done.

MSgt Lamar Daniel – Lamar is once again going to do staff work at Scott. Spent most of the year working at XP and will be greatly missed. Good luck up there and don't forget to pack the winter coats!

MSgt Mike Fulton – Mike left us for McConnell and transitioned to the new tanker. Good luck with the new career field! AROs!

CMSgt Kenny Harwood – PCS'd to Fairchild and did a short stint there. I guess they were tired of his 5-minute conversations that turned into hour long mentoring sessions. Our next MFM! Congrats Chief!

SMSgt Justin Poteet – Poteet followed Chief Harwood to Fairchild and is raising hell at that cold place in Washington.

MACDILL AFB, FLORIDA

63d ARS

ARRG! (Air Refueling Reserve Guys)



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



MacDill AFB, Florida

91st ARS

“The Bolts”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

MSgt Justin “VD” Van Dusen – Just accepted a new job in innovations to try and figure out how to innovate a new hairline to get rid of his six-head. Doesn’t know anything about being a boom but if you ask him the yogurt to fruit ratio on a parfait he’s got you!

MSgt William “A-A-Ron” Widener -- Forced into one last move by AFPC but there are far worse places for a sunset tour! Just hoping to not screw up all the hard work VD did while he counts the days until retirement.

Operations Superintendent:

(M)Sgt Matt “ICE” Sadler – Makes MSgt and promptly sells his house to live full-time in a RV. If he mentions his 4 minute commute and all the gas \$\$ he’s saving again the tires on his “house” will probably get slashed!

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Mike Eiland
A1C Mercedes Austin

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Daniel Childress – Dan was just paroled from Altus for good behavior just to be sentenced to run the scheduling office and training flight.

Training Flight:

TSgt Travis Urquhart
SSgt Mathew Mossing
SrA Alex Workman
SrA Bryan Arias

Scheduling:

SSgt Marcus Norman
SSgt Michael McGuire
SrA Jordan Diaz
SrA Dillon Tucker
A1C Mackenzie Rodgers
A1C Moriah Williams
A1C Charles Dawe

B-Flight Chief:

MSgt Paul “The People’s Champ, PD, Paul Bunyon” Dhall – Our resident writing expert, he can give strategic impact to changing toner in the printers. He thinks he’s retiring but we’re gonna keep him until he passes on his secrets.

Mobility:

TSgt Byron Patrick
SSgt Aristides Soto
SrA Paul Rietveld
SrA Ava Sheppard
SrA Jonathan Ross
SrA Andrew Bain
A1C Damien Bowles
Anm Adam Salazar

Readiness:

SSgt Michael Ryan
SrA Caleb Mills
SrA Jeffery Diggs
SrA Jacob Proctor
A1C Jacob Cassidy

C-Flight Chief:

MSgt Ashley Watson – Volunteers for everything except flying. She is starting pre-CFIC but is on the level of a BIQ. Just head out to downtown Tampa and every bartender knows her and her stumble while she heads home. Ask her about her Hawaiian shirt she passes out in nightly.

Integration:

SSgt Juan Ramirez Ceballos
SSgt Alex Diego
SrA Ben Blake
A1C Luca Destefano
A1C Parker Poole
A1C Kevin Garrett
A1C Joseph Slaughter
A1C Traymere Jones

Tactics:

SrA Trevor Busby

Resource Advisor:

SSgt Jacqueline Gross
A1C Tristan Shannon

CCS:

SSgt Jamar Jackson

Safety:

SSgt Bet Davis

Attached & On Loan:

SSgt Tyler “NO SHOW” Fee, OSO
SrA Cassandra Wesley, OSO

Departed the Fix:

SMSgt Myron Somero - Forced to sell his beautiful Florida home to live in a commune in SOCAL and learn the real definition of inflation! 912th ARS at March ARB

MSgt Marcus Hudson - Traded Florida thunderstorms for London fog. 351st ARS at Mildenhall.

MSgt Desiree Kalkbrenner - Has been trying to get out of flying since 2011. If she actually flew you could find her on a troop seat passed out. Traded her wings for a diamond. 1st Sgt at MacDill AFB.

TSgt Miguel “You Suck” Perez - Thinks that an S-1 pre-CFIC student should already be an instructor. No matter who the student is he comes back to the Ops Supt and says they suck and don’t need to go through the program. A loss for the Bolts means a win for the Red Devils. 50th ARS at MacDill AFB.

SSgt Alejandro Garcia - Finally got a joint-spouse assignment so now he can remain current in the bedroom. 351st ARS at Mildenhall.

SSgt Brenton Collins - Outbound to the 906th ARS at Scott – This dude has no problem with telling you that he is the greatest thing since sliced bread. He talks about how great his tinder game is but his buddy told us it is a Farmers Only account.

SrA Layne Gullede - Made a blood-pact with Collins to go to Altus and Collins backed out! 54th ARS at Altus

A1C Trinity Gonzales - Another deal with the Devil. 50th ARS at MacDill

MACDILL AFB, FL
KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

Headquarters 4th Air Force

Boom Operator FAM



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MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA 336th

ARS

“THE FIRST AND THE FINEST”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

912 ARS

“Vipers...Fear the Venom”



SMSgt Myron Somero: New arrival from MacDill. Spent a month RV'ing across the country delaying his responsibilities in California as long as possible. Still lives in the RV on base and probably looks like Scrooge McDuck inside it with all the money he doesn't spend. Ruptured a tendon in his leg before he arrived... maybe that will finally slow him down. Still looks like Doogie Howser behind the desk.

TSgt Jacob Kime: He's the least-maintainer former maintainer we know. Don't go to the beach with him, wears cowboy boots, short shorts, and brilliantly reflects the sun. Don't open your eyes. Ask him to say Dos Equis.

TSgt Alberto Ayala: This man is a ghost and trying to reach him is about the same. We think he works in plans, but they think he works in the squadron.

TSgt Travis Burnett: New arrival to California. The only thing slower than March's ops tempo is Travis' Texas drawl. The dial-up verbal delivery may have worked in Oklahoma, but we will see how it goes in Cali. Thought he was getting a sweet deal at a TFI unit, but got thrown right into leadership roles as soon as he arrived. Relieved that the Ops Super has arrived so he can finally throttle back a bit and put the focus back on his hair.

SSgt Alex Vaughn: Staying committed to one thing in his career no matter what... avoiding Altus. Thousands of hours and not an IB. He's planning to switch patches to the reserves here at March, so we are sure they will Altus for upgrade first thing.

SSgt Garret Peirce: Graduated to Stan/Eval, but doesn't do too many check-rides. He's either deployed or TDY to Hawaii. Avoids the other less-desirable TDYs because "there's too many Stan/Eval things to do."

SSgt Ryan Hortman: Full time college student. Will tell you his landings in the sim are allegedly better than all of the squadron's Co's. Has his sights set on becoming a tanker pilot somewhere in the Guard or Reserves, so he's our only boom who WANTS to work in mission planning. Let's hope the sim operator wasn't just messing with him and had crash override off...

SSgt Jonathan Meshaw: Doing the good work as NCOIC of scheduling and surprisingly hasn't started disappearing on all of the super-nice reserve TDYs. Claims his neighborhood was getting too "murderly," so he signed up for a long commute from the mountains to keep his better half happy. Guess it's working, the wedding bells should be ringing shortly. We are hoping he will make it through his second shot at pre-CFIC.

SSgt Kevin Haggith: Got his degree via a great active duty program... Ever heard of the old "Bootstrap" program where you get paid as an E-5 and stay on active duty, but go to school full time? He engaged ghost-mode during on-again-off-again cross-training attempts, dropped off the RADAR and did just that, but without ADSC afterwards.

SrA Dvante Wells: Our newest IB. Does so well at managing his own training that he avoided the inspection by going NMR on contacts (and we have a working BOWST on base). Just coming back from a deployment, we're sure he's happy to be back.

SrA Aaron Frerichs: Does he still work here? The COVID shut-down never stopped for him. Master procrastinator, why do things now when he can have his leadership move mountains for him the day before the deployment?

SrA Taylor Manz: Took him eight and a half years, but he finally is taking the Air Force seriously. Once that happened, the awards and accolades just keep rolling in. We hope he can put his efforts into promotion so we don't lose him to HYT. Shouldn't be a problem with all the time he no longer needs to put into his hair.

A1C David Liu: He just showed up from Mildenhall, started talking, and hasn't stopped. We were concerned, so we checked the boom signals from the last few years and found out this is normal. Probably the only boom we've met that is eager to get certified in 801X. We will see what he thinks after initial.

Departures

SMSgt Rory Wilcox – Retired: Decided to call it a career right before a major inspection and before his replacement could arrive...didn't go well, thanks. Have you seen him post-retirement? Don't worry, you wouldn't recognize him. With his beard and slicked back hair, he fits right in with the locals. Works from home for what is sounds like a Skillbridge MLM. In all seriousness, congrats on a great career and we wish you the best.

TSgt Eric Severs – PCS (Mildenhall): Tactical boom, stays out on the ground. Says he could tell you all of the things if he was in the vault...he's never in the vault. Still loud and without a filter. Be careful what you ask him because he will tell you. Hey boss, you're headed to Mildenhall.

TSgt Ladarious Malone – PCS (Scott): Long-term DNIF, pulled a re-qual out of us, and PCS'd to Scott to run Coronets so he doesn't need to use the qual.

SSgt Joshua Leatherwood – Separated (TN ANG): Separated, went to the Tennessee National Guard. We aren't sure that much happens there. We're sure he will do a better job of watching what he posts on social media there.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

18 ARS

“CAN DO!”



Greetings from the FRG of the 18th ARS!

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): According to McConnell PA Chief Guldjord has been PCA'd 344th. Since they take credit for his work already, he figured he should just join them. Chief is gaining several new children this year in the form of baby booms, I'm sure it won't be frustrating at all.

MSgt Warren “Bear” Bearup(TR): Bear gave up his ART position to go work with the other ancient Booms at Flight Safety. We hear he is channeling his inner Marty telling 1% truth tales of back in the 135. Thankfully we still have him on UTA's to make the new members uncomfortable.

MSgt John “Johnny Mac” McIlvoy(TR): If you are ever wondering what happens when an average looking man marries a cheerleader the answer is seven children. Soon to be Mr. McIlvoy, John got a GS-12 position working for the 22 ARW and has decided to retire. We extended his checkride to his retirement date so he wouldn't make baby #8.

MSgt Aaron “The Aluminum Monster” McLaughlin(TR): Aaron's super hero origin story began like many with a terrible accident that's how he became The Aluminum Monster/Acting First Shirt, his superpowers included limited neck movement and perfect scores in robot dance competitions.

MSgt James “Jim” Yokom(ART): Jim is back on flying status, the AC on the 46 must be keeping him cool because although the Air Force hasn't gotten any less ridiculous he always stays calm. Working over in OGT Jim handles all of the school order madness for the 20+ booms we hire a week now.

MSgt Waino “Y+9” Yrjanainen(AGR): Working in training for over 5 years hasn't been kind to Waino's mind or body. If he wasn't tall his bald spot would blind us all. Something about training in the 18th makes you full or rage and your hair fall out.

TSgt Giani “Giuseppe” Dossman(ART): While Giani was at the ATD he converted more people than the crusades. His methods were questionable, his stats were impeccable but he wasn't good enough to win a major

award. If he had his current mustache while single handedly converting 3 bases worth of booms I bet he would've won. He takes out his rage racing any Honda civics he can find on Kellogg.

MSgt Justin "Angry Celt Employment" Walsh(ART): The Air Force's newest weapon system/the angry ginger WIC Boom Operator. He has tried to explain ACE but it doesn't appear to make any sense, we keep sending him to classes so he will leave us alone. Justin will drag us into the "future" if we like it or not. Just don't touch his pot of gold in the MPC.

TSgt Wyatt "Billy" Witt(TR): Billy upgraded to instructor this year and is already instructing at the ATD. He sold the farm and moved into the "city". He claims his horses are being boarded somewhere but he served "venison" burgers at Herod's going away party. Billy had a daughter earlier this year and she already has a stronger grasp on the English language than her dad.

SSgt Isaiah "Young Chillionaire" Dark(TR): Times are tough for Isaiah. His Tik Tok stardom has floundered, carpool buddy/roommate became a load, and he is off orders for the first time in 3 years. It might be the first time in reserve history we had to explain AFTP's to an NCO. He better figure it out so he can pay for his sinking house.

SrA Stephen "Zach" Perry(TR): SrA Perry recently completed MCT and is finally flying on his own. The Air Force's oldest SrA, Stephen loved being an A1C so much he took an extra 6 months to get his dental done so we wouldn't promote him. Takes the term pub crawl literally and is prone to face plants.

A1C Aiden Allenbach(TR): Aiden recently completed his KC-46 BTX checkride. New guy doesn't talk much. Aiden passed all of his engineering classes at WSU but failed "Art of Dance" twice, he's no Kevin Bacon but hopefully an okay Boom.

DEPARTED THE FIX (Dead to us)

SSgt Alex Herod: After wasting funds on Alex's training for years he decided to become a C-17 Loadmaster, we will miss throwing RPA at him. We have to keep the UDM door shut to muffle the sound or Dark's crying for his lost brother.

Lt David "Future Snack-O" Brink: Currently at pilot training we are sure it won't go to his head, former enlisted make the mildest mannered officers.

Nine-oh-fifth'ed

SMSgt Chris "Hollywood" Norris(ART): CMSgt select Norris is hoping to move into the superintendent position of the 905 ARS but since he is the only person applying they keep re-advertising. We hope he is a better leader than basketball player.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

22 ARW



22d OPERATIONS GROUP

Red Raiders

Group Superintendent

CMSgt Ben “Rip” Cobb – This fabled star of the hit YouTube song: “Brain Grenadez” by the Candidates dropped his own bomb recently when he clicked the button for retirement. Hearts and minds he has delicately shaped over the years exploded with disbelief all over the MAF when the news spread. Even though he is clearly distraught over separating from the Air Force, his body language tells a much much darker story. The Cool Kids Club will never be the same, and neither will the Air Force. His guidance and influence knows no rank or limit, the impact he has had cannot be quantified. Thank you Chief Cobb for the legacy you left us, and all the memories! “Boom Stowed, Leaving Position.”

Operations Superintendent

(C)MSgt A-A-Ron Tessmann – Recently selected for Chief, this guy burns faster than the gas in his terminator Mustang. With at least 4 more years left of service before he hangs up his flight suit, he’ll end up being the next Command Chief Master Sergeant Major of the Air Force. Which is good, because the Air Force needs his expert leadership now, more than ever. He’s currently dealing with the fallout from the new movie: the Purge 6: Altus is Calling, and Chief Cobb’s retirement. So if you see him, give him a hug and hold him as he cries. We love you Aaron, keep strong and make the Air Force Great Again!!

OGV

SMSgt Bruce “Juicy Brucey” Berglund This dude has been DNIF so long we thought he was showing up to McConnell as a SARM dude. But somehow, he managed to bribe enough Flight Doctors to let him fly again. But with all of his crazy medical conditions, the Doc’s are only allowing him on the KC-46 because it’s not a real airplane, doesn’t really go anywhere, and it doesn’t really do anything. As a non-flyer Boom in OGV his leadership stayed grounded, but his skills will really take flight as Senior Enlisted Leader of the 344th ARS. The Ravens are fortunate to have such a deep baritone with the drive and vision to carry the Squadron to the next level. The “Unkindness” is lucky to have him!!

MSgt Cleigh Robbins Finally after 21 years of the Air Force trying to figure out a way to get this dude to leave, they figured out a way, you just have to pay him 2x as much on the outside to do less than he does now....Who would have thought?!?. No more NORIs, RAMPCO, deployments, PT tests, space docking and giving everyone a hard time....Well the last two will still be possible. Now maybe we can actually get a qualified Airman in OGV! Hopefully he will have enough time to make his Bronco great again...and by that I mean buy a new one and just complain about the old one. If anyone met Cleigh as an Airman, they would die if they knew he made it this far. Cleigh is one of the great McConnell exodus members that will be sorely missed, his leadership, humility and drive is something that cannot be taught.

OGT

(M)Sgt Corey (2Lt?!?) Targos The only thing this guy does more than apply for pilot slots are Guard/Reserve bases is work for the Group. Truly an outstanding guy, his leadership was needed in OGT since everyone was deployed, swapping airframes or just didn't come to work (Flanders/Plunkett). Keeping the OG going in the right direction for the time being, he will be leaving us here soon for a new job that is closer to the front of the plane...

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

22 OSS

“MIGHTY EAGLES – ALWAYS THERE”



Wing Tactics

TSgt Alex “Bella” Esquibel

Is the definition of a real millennial. He has a bluetooth smoker to take care of his meat. For some strange reason, Alex never stops growing but every time he goes out the waitresses still card him. His journey to the weapons school has excelled Alex straight out of the squadron and into his current position at Wing Tactics where he is doing great things. He must have done something right because it landed him a non-vol to Altus, lets hope with all that area out there he can finally sight in his gun. Keep up the good work buddy!

Current Operations

SSgt Donny Donati “Christopher Nesbit”

No joke this guy legally changed his name. OK that's weird, but you would think with a name like Christopher Nesbit why not switch your name to something bad ass that could give you some street-cred. Nope this freakin guy, with all the name in the world to choose from, he lands on Donny Donati!!!! WTF! Aside from the name change, "Donny" is the male version of a crazy cat lady, and his cat Caesar is currently climbing that charts as the next big Instagram influencer. Has also been known to turn 1 F-16 receptacle into 2.

SrA Isaac Damico

Is so good at not doing his PMR paperwork that he was sent to current ops to do even more hi-vis reports. We thank Isaac for taking one for the team to fill a critical role in our mission planning process as a long range scheduler.

A1C Morgan Faries

We don't know too much about Morgan, other than she shows up ready to work, and stays until the job is done! I hope that we get over to see her a little more often in the next year.

ATD

MSgt Derek Lyles

In his second year at the ATD he somehow became the superintendent, we're pretty sure just like all the “rules” they follow, this position is made up, but it's on his SURF so it counts, right? After getting told no to going back to Altus he decided he's going to grow roots at KIAB if he can. When he's not at work (which is all the time), he can be found buying his 15th car, talking about some obscure bourbon he found, or getting pulled over for driving his four door dad cars like they're actually fast or something.

TSgt Aaron Hall

After his stint over at current ops he just came over to us as a band-aid to manning before he PCS's on to McGuire. He's taking on work quick, and learning what it's like to actually instruct after being an IB for a year. He didn't get to fly much while he was at current ops, but we'll fix that while he's still here.

TSgt Nicholas "The Slumlord Hammer" Snyder

He has been a fantastic asset to the ATD during his time here, at least when he is not handing out Q3's. Decided the pastures were so green in Kansas that he is pulling chocks from AD and going over to the 931st. This is good because it will give him more time to clean up the hot tubs of one of his like 17 AirBnB's here in town. He really will be missed though; we wish him the best of luck.

SrA Dustin Curran

By far our best instructor. If you ask him anyway. When you can actually hear what he is saying, he is giving you either good instruction or a scathing insult in such a polite way that you cannot help but laugh with him. He was our first instructor to take a BTX student TDY during a weather evac that the wx shop actually got right, which meant his truck was hailed on in the parking lot. You can typically find him scouring the local thrift shops with his wife to find more bookcases to house their ungodly amount of books.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

344th Air Refueling Squadron

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE, RAVENS RULE THE AIR”



SMSgt Bruce Berglund (Senior Enlisted Leader)

SMSgt Berglund took over for SMSgt Soto about a month ago and has already started a Pinterest account for his new office. When he is not looking for new “Live, Laugh, Love” style artwork for the walls, you can find him in a meeting outside the squadron. The Ravens are excited to see where Bruce takes the unkindness!

MSgt Russ Hobbs (Operations Superintendent)

Now that MSgt Hobbs has finished planning his dream wedding we hope we can get him on the road to teach some students...JK. Our new “Chief Boom” has his hands full managing the schedule, the Airmen, the training shop, scheduling, all while listening to the ADO’s compare airline applications. Good Luck Russ!

MSgt Stephen Wentz

Another resident “Aussie” exchange boom back to the good ol’ US of A. Stephen is finishing up his MCT before immediately returning to training to become a much needed IB. If you ever need to know anything about smoking meat Stephen is your man to talk to.

MSgt Clay Wonders

Our resident expert for all things KC-46. When he is not on the road for another exercise or telling another Senator and or General how awesome the jet is you can find him leading our Pegasus flight to new heights. Clay will be moving out of the 344th and on to OGV for the remainder of his time at McConnell.

MSgt Derek Lyles

As the self-proclaimed “superintendent” of the ATD, Derek has been hard at work pumping out students and instructors just for them to be farmed out to the other MOBs. Soon he will be taking a much needed and deserved break as the DET 2 SIM Cert guy, hope you like golfing.

MSgt Christopher “G2” Plunkett

We are pretty sure he “works” at OGT, but no one has seen him in years.

TSgt Ron Hart

Ron is proof that it really pays to have a prior civil engineer in the squadron. When he took over as the facility manager he immediately went to work getting us new carpet that only took a year to get installed. Along with redoing our heritage room, he's been an awesome NCO to have around...still couldn't get an ice machine tho. Voted for Bernie.

TSgt Nick Gidaly

Nick has been rocking it as the assistant flight chief to Clay. 2 days after completing MCT he was shipped off to our Employment Concept Exercise, where he hacked the mish for 45 days, went TDY on his TDY, and earned himself the moniker "Good Deal Gidaly." He will be taking over at the flight chief next month...the poor bastard.

TSgt Jacob Spencer

Prior security forces, and keeps the airmen in line, I think he works in the ACE office???

TSgt Aaron Hall

As the NCOIC of current OPS we all thought Aaron would make our lives easier...but no, 28 locals a week is too damn many! As a recent IB grad you can usually find him tormenting an FB somewhere in the world. He will be a good add in the ATD!

TSgt Daniel Hernandez

Still a Jack of All trades and the Master of None. Working hard in readiness to get the 344th in a deployable condition for when the time comes.

TSgt Killian Stone

Killian has hands down the coolest name of any boom. Rumor has it she was in the squadron last week but no one has any proof. She works at the group in the S-5 or maybe S-3, actually we have no clue, all we know about her is she sends out an email every couple months for a class that no one wants to take. Most of the booms keep her on auto delete.

TSgt Rob Fuller

Rob is the "backbone" of Stan/Eval. When he isn't giving everyone in the squadron a check ride you can find him rock climbing, disk golfing, or in the ravens nest talking about the good old days at Edwards AFB. Rob will soon be getting his soul crushed as the NCOIC of the ATD, not even sure who makes all these duty titles.

TSgt Jacob Zahn

He and his best friend Jacob Spencer can be seen hanging out on the beach, or taking a long walk through the Spanish countryside, or on their couch watching Netflix. Currently in IB upgrade he will be a valuable asset to the squadron when he is finished.

TSgt DeVaughn Granger

Headed to greener pastures of the reserves, he will be sorely missed. An undisputed master of the KC-46 we are all lucky his heart is tied to McConnell. Hopefully we remain friends so we have someone to plan all the meet and greets that no one else wants to do.

TSgt Mark Hurd

New IB and NCOIC of scheduling is killing it with the schedule...or its killing him, it only took 3 tries to get my bots scheduled correctly so we are on a roll!

SSgt Daniel Collier

Apparently he got married!? Also in IB upgrade, we all hope he is finished soon so we can stop flying all the time.

SSgt Lacy Pickett

Lacy is the only Boom that will send out a SQ wide email to let everyone know that she's flying, change her signature block let everyone know that she's flying, update her FB status let everyone know that she's flying, and hire a town crier let everyone know that she's flying. A killer volunteer she will be missed when she heads down to Altus!

SSgt Cornelius Frazier

One of our new booms from Travis AFB on the fast track to be an IB. Has a can do attitude and seems to volunteer for anything we ask.

SSgt Johnathen Zimmer

To give Johnathen a break for being one of two enlisted execs we sent him to IB school, then immediately back to being an exec, then to training as the NCOIC to clean out the backlog of students. Now that he's settled in, the SQ decided to plie more on top and PCS all the instructors. Good luck man!

SSgt Mitchell Lambrecht

MAF tactician of the year if you ask me, and soon to be NCOIC of Stan/Eval. Mitchell has been hard at work training the booms on tactical systems. His pilot brother just arrived to the squadron and it's a point of contention on who looks better.

SSgt Nicholas Benson

Nick, like many, is jumping ship to Altus. Oaky jumping is a strong word, it was more of a gentle shove overboard. He's been working hard in training creating an awesome MCT program that will give us the best KC-46 booms in the enterprise...if any can make it thought it.

SSgt Daquane Spikes

Another Instructor that was shoved out of the nest. DQ is headed to McGuire to join his fellow brothers that left months ago. He hopes they have everything ready so he can just slide on in.

SrA Trevor Mateleska

Back from a 6 month deployment (9months ago) and is finally almost kinda done with his requal. Still wants to trade in his wings for 18 wheels and become be a trucker, we wish you the best!

SrA Spencer Vick

Stan/Eval's first SELE in over a year, has his work cut out for him. He really wants to take the last SELOs job as lead photographer/videographer but, no.

SrA Carlos Lampon Torres

Carlos has been a hard charger from the beginning. Despite being a 45 year old Senior Airmen he keeps pace with all the younger Airmen in both job performance and physical fitness. Come to think about it he also has every additional duty in the Sq, you should probably stop saying yes Carlos.

SrA Juan Boykin

SrA Boyjkin cross flowed over from the 135 in August of 2021 and has hit the ground running with the Ravens! When he's not changing his hair color (to questionable 2903 standards) or staring at the SNKRS app on his phone for the latest drop, he is on the road hacking the mish! Juan has a very bright future in the world of The Pegasus and maybe, just maybe, our newest SSgt. God help us all!

SrA Victoria Duncan

The newest enlisted exec. Unlike the last guy, the new superintendent only needs one, so we hope she's ready for a challenge. Oh wait just kidding, she is actually separating from the Air Force and will be moving on to that civilian life.

SrA Morgan Faries

Now works in current OPS with TSgt Hall making our lives miserable...and enjoying it.

SrA Joshua Fiener

Left scheduling, now no one knows what the hell is going on. Also in current ops making our lives miserable.

A1C Jonathan Gaston

Took over for SrA Fiener in scheduling. Working to fill some big shoes..not that the guy before him was very good, we just don't have money for new boots.

A1C Mya Jackson

Mya has been killing it, she's always looking for a job or something to do. Recently married and finally out of the dorms and loving life. She can produce any document or information you ask for...she just has to get it out of her car first.

A1C Evan Olsen

Bought a 5 bedroom house for himself, and is constantly on the road. Seriously, he could have put a mattress in a storage unit had saved himself a lot of money.

A1C Krystal VanHoose

Ever sense Krystal has transitioned to the KC-46 life she's been going a mile a minute...literally her heart beats like a hummingbirds.

A1C Jordan Brown

Another 135 crossflow Gent, A1C Brown has stayed very busy since his arrival to the 344th. Always happy and available to go TDY last minute makes the bubbas in scheduling happy with him. Perhaps that's why he recently got appointed as scheduling's newest protégé!? Being on time and in the correct uniform combination will SOMEDAY be one of A1C Brown's strong suits, we're sure of it!

A1C Jasmine Miller

A1C Miller is our second Initial Qual boom we've received from Altus. Fresh out of FTAC and wide-eyed, her future looks bright!

A1C Conner Achtzehn

A1C Ach...Acht...whatever, Connor is one of our first initial qualification booms from Altus. Currently going thru MCT and will hopefully become an MB soon. Even if he can't fly by himself..

Amn Bayden Stoltenburg-Wills

Another of our first truly "baby" booms from Altus. He's hit the ground running, maybe by the time he's ready for instructor upgrade he will be allowed to fly by himself.

Outbound

SMSgt Ed Soto

Ed always talks about how much he loves the cold Northeast winters, so we sent him there to stand up the newest KC-46 Squadron. The Sq will miss him and his kickass dance skillz.

SMSgt Devin Kay

Living his best life as the newest DAO in Mongolia. Finished his badass Wagoneer just in time to buy the oldest Mercedes ever.

Retired

MSgt Eric Flanders

Bueller...Bueller?? Eric came back to us from the Gp just in time to start terminal. Not sure how that was a good deal for us.

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349th Air Refueling Squadron “BANDITS”



Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSgt Justin “JT” Thompson

New to the SEL seat and he is making it his own. Coming over from the 344th. When you walk into his office it’s like walking into a Yankee Candle Shop. He is either complaining about Boeing or the SPO, live streaming twitch or drooling over his computer wallpaper (Aaron Rogers). However, one of the smartest -46 peeps out there, we are lucky to have him. Bruh!

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Justin “Champagne” Miller

New to the 46, new to being a Chief Boom, new to actually putting “8 hours” a day in the office. Big time Bengals fan, but his wife didn’t allow him to have a super bowl party, we can only assume he never wears the pants in the house. In all seriousness, we love the guy and look forward to what the future brings for him in the 349th!

Operations Flight

MSgt Brandon “BMAC” McAnally

Brandon just got here after extending his time at Scott AFB, The Burt Reynolds stache is still going strong! I think it holds all his power. When he’s not working, you can probably find him smoking meat while paying for someone else to change the oil in his car. Still looking for the best place in town to buy tannerite.

Scheduling:

SSgt Everett “Sniffles” Dunham

When he’s not going DNIF for a runny nose, you can find him in the scheduling shop listening to Doug Boren’s war stories.

SrA Natalia “Not Logan” Berry

Haven’t seen much of her around after the deployment except being featured on the Air Force website for her hardship tour at Diego Garcia. She’s now going through -46 training and can’t wait to get back to the squadron to talk about cars and guns.

Doug “Texas is the best country in Merica” Boren

WHO DEM BOYS! Doug is living his best “retired” life mentoring all the young booms on what it was like back in his day. When he’s not talking about the glory days, he’s probably talking about all things bourbon and Texas.

Tactics:

(S)Sgt Brad “Crumple-Shieldskin” Magee (NCOIC Tactics)

When he’s not crushing ice shields, he’s the least qualified member of tactics, he recently made the move to the -46 and is still trying to prove his manliness in the unit, despite his wife making more money than him selling little girls dresses.

SSgt Megan “Tumbleweed” McGonigal

Recently completed AIC just so she could get a call sign. No one has bought her a beer yet to hear the story on why she received her call sign. She is hoping to get orders to Fairchild so she can reunite with her bae Jonathan Gates...but Facebook says she’s single.

SrA Andrew “Kuzco” Hare

Makes more money than the A1C’s in the boom pod but yet always tries to catch a ride to lunch. Can also catch him talking about the “glory days” of high school when he was a quarterback and could power clean 275. With all this talking you think he could actually throw a touchdown during flag football!

DOT:

Jonathan “IDIOT” Sanders (Training NCOIC)

After writing his initials on Thunderbird 5 in the -135 he switched to the -46, We asked for the best from the 344th to help the 349th switch to the -46, they sent us Sanders, I guess they didn’t get the message. But for real, Jonathan is one of the best 3 IBs we have in the unit. He’s been working what little of an ass off that he has making sure our MCT students make it through training.

Braydon “SC-AR” Scarborough

Another top 3 IB in the unit. Came from the 344th and immediately was sent out on the road for 2 months to Europe, where he learned that maintainers play street ball a little rougher than he’s used to, now he has permanent stitches in his head. He’s a great IB, works hard, when he’s not staring in the direction of SARM, and we are glad to have him in the unit.

Pat “Hardees” Haney

Training shop continuity at its finest. Civilian life isn’t much different for Pat. He still loves yelling at the airmen about not completing their training. On his down time in the office, don’t bother him while his headphones are in, I’m pretty sure he’s catching up on the latest episodes of Euphoria.

Bandit Flight

(S)MSgt Mike “Dutch” Fulton (Bandit Flight Chief)

Mike made the smart choice to switch to the -46, coming here from MacDill. Since he got here he’s been flexing his Dutch Huyser win. I think he expects to stand up at parade rest whenever he walks in? Besides that, Mike has been a great addition to the squadron and we look forward to what he has to bring.

(T)Sgt Jessica “Constantly in training” Harell

When she’s not going through SERE, NCOA, -135 BIQ all within the last 6 months she’s taking over the newly created Bandit Flt as the NCOIC. Looking forward to what she brings to the team.

A1C Andrew “Mini” Dawes

If you hear complaining about not going on TDY in the squadron it is definitely Dawes. When he’s not at work you can catch him in the gym admiring himself in the mirror or videoing his PR’s for Snapchat.

A1C Brandon “Richard” VanDyke

From the deep woods of Pennsylvania many mistake him for the Amish. Gave himself a call sign when graduating Altus that call sign was Applesauce. When you ask for the story behind it he'll chuckle as if it is a great back story but it is only for him taking applesauce on every flight.

A1C Edwin “Anaconda” Perez

One of the quietest guys in the squadron but you get a few beers in him he's a completely different guy. Ask for sour monkey at every liquor store in town. Also on the rare occasion you hear him talking usually about his days in Puerto Rico on the beaches and partying with all the girls.

A1C James “Wine Bag” Karlson

The oldest airman we have (we think he might be OSI) You can often find him double fisting at pump house spending 300 plus a weekend or walking the streets of downtown Wichita for hours while his DD is driving around trying to find him.

A1C Eli “WHAP” Jackson (Demarco)

Just recently got married to another boom in the 344th. He should be changing his last name soon! Congrats Mya!

A1C Connor “Mike” Myers

New to the -46 and in MCT. Currently working on his golf swing or trying to make it big in the world of live streaming playing Rocket League.

A1C Jude “Rum” Springer

Currently training in the -46 when he can pull him away from the mirror trying to make sure his hair looks just right. When he's not attached to the ball in chain of his girlfriend you can find him on the golf course searching for his balls in the woods.

SrA Austin “Kid” Amari

One of the linchpins in the mobility shop before the deployment. Really pushing the regs on grooming standards when it comes to the height of his box cut. If you're curious he does carry a ruler around with him to prove that he's within regs. He's currently deployed on TCN duty.

A1C Tyler “IRIS” Adkins

Still a -135 guy waiting for his -46 training date. Luckily he has got time because he's been working on a travel voucher for the past 2 weeks and still can't figure it out.

A1C Jesus “Perez” Payes

Just completed -46 training and had his first kid! He's looking for TDY's anywhere so he can get some sleep.

Readiness:

TSgt Jeremy Robinson (Readiness Flt Chief)

Just made the switch to the -46 from the -10, talk about going from bad to worse in the eyes of the tanker community. He joins us from Scott AFB where he worked in the Tanker Barrel. Not much is known yet about Jeremy, he tends to keep to himself. We hope one day he'll come out of his shell.

SSgt Jesse “UB” Adams (Readiness NCOIC)

Yet another boom from TACC! Jesse has been out of the jet for way to long. Now he's the most unqualified boom we have. It wasn't even worth it to send him to -135 re-qual. Now he just sits in readiness flying a desk and waiting for his kid to born.

SrA Paul “The Rock” Johnson

Not sure this guy is even in the squadron anymore. Finished his -46 training and has been on leave for the past month.

Emergency Management:

SrA Benjamin “Spice” Kuhman

Currently in -46 training, he’s actually one of the few competent airmen we have. Hoping he rubs off on some of the others.

SrA Tony “Magic” Mason

Can often find him in the boom pod talking about the car projects he wants to start working on. Although often times it is complete BS. If he’s not in the boom pod he is probably battling Purnell in an intense game of Magic the Gathering.

Awards and Decs:

MSgt Chance “of seeing him at work” Yoder (Flight Chief)

Hard to write something about a guy who no one ever sees. Not sure if he’s even a boom. He is either hiding in his office, pumping iron or trying to figure out how to get the Air Force to approve him for Skill Bridge at his cousin’s, brother’s, nephew’s boutique that makes cute dresses. Maybe Magee’s wife will hire him?

Austin “Angry Elf” Blodgett

Austin has single handedly revamped the Awards and Decs shop for the better. I think Austin is trying to get picked up for a reality show with all these properties he is buying and trying to “flip”, or convincing young booms how a pyramid scheme requires and yields significantly higher profits and should consider signing up with him for a discounted initiation fee.

CCE:

Tanner “Tatter-Tot” Todd

Always keeping his ear to the ground. If there is a rumor of a TDY, he probably knows about it before anyone else and is trying to hop on it. His wife hasn’t been to happy lately because he’s been spending more and more time with his new truck.

Safety:

SSgt Matthew “Fitz” Fitzgerald (Safety NCIOC)

Still a -135 guy and rocking a nearly translucent stache. Might give B-MAC a run for his money. He’s a little sad when he hears that trips are coming up but they are only for -46 guys. One day he’ll make the switch to the -46.

A1C Robert “Wizard” Purnell

Another addition from the 344th. One of the nicest people you will ever meet. If you need a hug, come see Robert. He likes long walks on the beach during a sunset and being a ruthless savage when playing Magic the Gathering and singing bass in his barber shop quartette. If you need someone who knows sign language, he’s also your guy. He’s a modern day renaissance man.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Logan “I Was Runnin!!” Berry (STAN/EVAL NCOIC)

Currently going through IB upgrade and holding it down in Stan/Eval. Also, the oldest boom in the squadron (it’s not even close). If you want to know all things running, Logan is your guy, even if you don’t want to know, he’ll still tell you.

SrA Tyler “Shooter” McPherson

Currently in MCT or on leave. On paper he “works” in Stan/Eval but if you ask him I don’t think he even knows where that office is and what they do because he’s usually in the boom pod trying to get his high score on Candy Crush.

Ralph “Hurricane” Hoffman

Yet another retired boom holding down a shop. He’s usually the only one in the office but if you count all the voices in his head, the shop is full! If he’s not in the office he’s probably frantically walking around the squadron with a piece of paper in his hand “looking” for something/someone. I think that so no one bothers him because it looks like he is doing something important.

Recent Losses

Seperated:

SrA Alan Wojciechowicz

SrA Caleb Mongold

Moved On:

The following member’s Stockholm syndrome is strong in the -135 and have decided to remain in their current MDS.

350 ARS:

SSgt Russell Molina

SrA Spencer Vick

SrA Arielle Williams

SrA Hannah Clarke

SrA Isaac Carney

Amn Isaac Damico

SSgt Madison Sibinski

TSgt Kyle Jackson

TSgt Casey Lackie

PCS to Kadena:

SSgt Zackery Yamagishi

AIC Arick Duffey

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350th Air Refueling Squadron “RED FALCONS”



Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader:

(S)MSgt Anthony Montani

Our new fearless leader! Tony just took over the squadron after the last two SELs did touch-and-gos. He somehow got out of the SEL position at the OSS and an assignment to MacDill...we don't know how, and we don't ask questions... We're excited to get him into this leadership role and see what he can accomplish!

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Blake “BossBaby” Landry

Blake is the king of the craw-daddys! He can boil a batch of critters seasoned with his patented blend of 69 herbs and spices that'll taste so good, you're guaranteed to Code Brown. He keeps extending his RNLTD to Altus with the hopes that maybe the assignment will just go away. We'll miss his leadership once he leaves in the Fall! We still don't know why his call sign is FURY, since he is always such a ray of sunshine, #Sarcasm.

MSgt Shon “Don't Call Me” Shirley

Shon is the voice of reason amongst the flight chiefs and can usually be found mentoring Airman and counseling Russ. He just got selected and went out the door as the Chief Boom for the squadron deployment. His leadership will be needed out there as all of those booms have a combined 69 flight hours.

MSgt Jeremiah “Blue” Ibarra

E4 is a state of mind not a rank. Blue is constantly asking the Senior Airman questions about being an instructor and how to work GTIMS despite having over 3 times the amount of experience as all of them. He can be found preparing for the deployment that never seems to happen when he's not out dominating the softball or football field.

MSgt Bobby Jones

Bobby has done about every job at McConnell except for a deployment. If you don't see him around the office for a week or so, he's probably home with COVID even though we're sure he has a stash a positive tests hidden somewhere. His flight keeps seeming to get awards and accolades, we just can't tell if it's from his leadership or Gibby's.

TSgt Korey “Sarnt” Gibson

Korey needed 5 Airman to replace one civilian in scheduling but somehow, he’s held it all together. He’s finally getting a break so he can start focusing on pre-CFIC. Hopefully all those lessons about resiliency come in handy as he gets his ass kicked during instructional topics. He is an absolute rockstar though and not afraid to work 20 hours straight the day before he left for NCOA...

TSgt Kyle Jackson

Kyle is so good at his job that he got picked up to work for the Command Chief exec position. Now he struggles to find the time to get off of DNIF to come fly with us. He aspires to go to Lackland AFB to influence the next generation of Boom operators. We can’t wait to get him back in the squadron but he keeps finding reasons to avoid us.

TSgt Bruce “Batman” Freed

Batman just arrived, but he has already found the local beer brewing store. We have a feeling he’s going to fit in great here, ready for that famous Batman Ale.

TSgt Nicole Lodermeier

Nicole just took over our mobility office after her return from NCOA. She seems to be doing fine, just don’t ask her to fill out a 781...

TSgt Russhope “No Comment” Marcelo

Russ has finally taken control of his own shop and is quickly learning the ropes in Training. We’re excited to see what he can accomplish! Hopefully this will keep him from peddling deployment gear from the trunk of his car...

SSgt Hector Agosto Rivera

Hector just arrived from Altus and is already commanding our Scheduling Office. With his MCT, learning the office and supervising the Airman, we don’t think he’ll have hair for long.

SSgt Benjamin “Party Foul” Fedrick

When Ben’s not trying to convince people that his Dodge/Chrysler/Fiat/Stellantis pickup truck is actually reliable, he’s on the hunt for daisy-chained power strips and safety compliance. He is also the coach for all our intermural sports teams, because if he wasn’t there is no way he’d make the team.

SSgt Anthony Feist

Anthony dresses like a Player In a Management Profession...If only his hair was as good as his drip. He just stood up the new “Process Improvement” office but the only thing that’s improved is his ping-pong rating.

SSgt Ave Liaiga

Ave refused her Altus assignment to stay at McConnell a little longer. Her expertise has proven vital during all the recent taskings and deployments that seem to be thrown at the squadron. She’s been providing some excellent leadership in Stan-Eval and we can’t wait to see what she can do once she isn’t bogged down with Airman.

SSgt Chris Nesbit AKA “Donni Donati”

Chris just had his name legally changed to “Donni” and he couldn’t be happier! While we’re not sure on the details, we can only hope that Donni is better at A/R against F-16 than Chris was.

SSgt Jesse Lee

Jesse just took over XP and is trying desperately to learn all the lessons he slept through in 801X. We’ll miss his iconic instruction around the squadron and look forward to visiting him in the vault!

SSgt Madison Sibinski

Madison just arrived from the 349th and has taken control of the Awards and Decs shop. She's a fairly new instructor and has been getting those IB reps where she can. While she's doing great keeping everyone in line with their 1206s, she could use some help with those pesky cargo straps and an aircraft tow bar.

SSgt Amanda Skidmore

Amanda may be only actual adult at the 350th, and the only person in the Air Force who would rather be an MTI than a boom. She got called in to supervise 4 SNCO's on a fini-flight because she was the only one that could be trusted. She's been doing great things at the OG and we can't wait to get her back into squadron!

SSgt Anthony Hornbuckle

Anthony is our avid Twitch streamer and Tik Tok influencer. We thought he had orders to Altus but he's found the secret code to avoiding a non-vol to AETC.

SrA Isaac Carney

Isaac transferred over to us from the 349th and immediately got snagged to assist in the OG with some EFB issues. We're finally getting him to do some work in Stan-Eval and he's next on the list for EB. Hopefully we can get some decent work from him before he gets pulled up for more OG duties.

SrA Jonathon "Pissed Myself" Covey

Jon's an aspiring 2Lt... if he ever gets an answer from his OTS package. For as much money as he spends on ping pong equipment you think he would be better. He keeps the squadron decked out in Red Falcon SWAG. Just recently threw down with the 344th on some competing patches so we're sure this rivalry will end well.

SrA Kelsi "Klaxon" Cox

The only thing weaker than Kelsi's Pre-CFIC briefs is her heart. If our giant voice ever goes down, she could replace it. Uses her command voice for Squadron softball games and to ensure all PT tests she administers have a 100% pass rate.

SrA Daniel "Stinks" Demma

If you're tired of the same old regular sized instructor boom that just can't fit in those tight spaces, try our all-new pocket sized Demma. Fits conveniently in any of your travel bags and is perfect for TDY's. Booster seat required for when he goes to the bar. The lowest ranking instructor to make it through CFIC and he even did it without a permission slip!

SrA Jacob "TAC-P" Denker

Jacob is still trying to find the right combination of supplements to get strong enough to be a "Combat Airman". His girlfriend got rid of his dog so she could use the leash on him.

SrA Ariel "Furbaby Mama" Golbeck

Ariel has more dedication to her vet appointments than she does for her work tasks. Secured BTZ by a landslide and turns into a professional photographer on every flight. She just has to get those A/R shots "for the 'Gram".

SrA Timothy "Penguin" Gradney-McCastle

Timothy is hoping to cross-train into Medical...or at least we thought he was doing OJT at the clinic. He's spent more time in the hospital than at work this year. His most recent accident involved a Cox truck and he had to go to the doc about his hip...that's when we stopped asking questions....

SrA Chance “Gunny” Hackenburg

For Chance, every season is bulking season. At least he has more muscle than brains. His CFIC training was sponsored by Copenhagen Wintergreen and Miller lite. Leaves his garage door open with his keys in his car and wonders why his car got stolen.

SrA Kevin “Hoser” Long

Kevin only does PDMs because no one trusts him to do stuff on the jet. Was asked to create a cargo plan and returned with some scribbles on a napkin. Verbally blacklisted from Greenland. Kevin, stop asking people if they like dark humor!

SrA Joseph “Doughy Jopart” Dopart

Joey spends more time generating content for Tanker Meme Stream than trying to learn the difference between AC and DC power. Capt Sugars mini-me, but more like the sweet and low version.

SrA Dallas “Baby Jewell” Marston

Dallas just upgraded to evaluator but he still wishes he was as smart as Padilla. Trying to get civilian below the zone to fulfill his childhood dream of opening a dispensary. The nicotine and the 4 Bangs in his system are the only thing keeping him alive.

SrA Gabriella “The Lesser” Martinez

Gabby has been the glue that has been holding the mobility office together! We can't wait to get her back in the jet once we figure out how she skipped out on her survival training...

SrA Charles “C-3P0” Whitlatch

His name is fucking Daniel. He's our resident computer expert and honestly don't know what we're going to do once his retraining is approved. He's the glue that keeps are ancient computers working and without him, we may have to go back to carrier pigeons and slate boards.

SrA Ethan “Griethan” Jasinski

Every tornado in Kansas seems to blow right through Ethan's room. Don't ask him to commission a fantasy football league, he will change the rules at the end to avoid getting the Sacko. Will go to a foreign country and piss off every person there and claim he is “winning the hearts and minds of the locals” and that he is “Living mas”.

SrA Alexander “Dinger” Bengel

Sponsored by Natty Light, he's the unit POC for NASCAR races. Olympic curling enthusiast. Can barely put together a Pre-CFIC brief but can go YARD for the walk off homer in the O vs. E softball game while wearing vans and swim trunks.

SrA Devin Olmedo

Devin just upgraded to Instructor and immediately hit the road on a deployment to help supervise all our baby boom operators. It's fine that he's deploying though, he doesn't like hanging out with the booms anymore now that he's trying to get his wife to move up from Columbia.

SrA Gabriel Padilla

Prefers the touch of a man over a woman. “Their hands are bigger and better for cuddling.” Still wishes he was a linguist, but still not as good as Lodermeier. The other half of the whole idiot.

SrA Lahjahniek “Lah” Ramdene

Lah ~~doesn't drink~~, doesn't hang with the other booms, but she will fly all the way to Atlanta just to get her lashes done.

SrA Tanner Redmon

Tanner had to repeat kindergarten twice and it shows. His life gets really complicated when he has to pick up his wife from middle school since he isn't allowed within 100 yards of school property. He must be doing something right because he was selected to help out in Stan-Eval.

SrA Tyler Young

Tyler is our resident tactician that knows nothing about tactics. Doesn't seem to stray far from his counterpart, Demma.

A1C Elijah Amriott

Finished MCT and is already snagging all the good TDYs while catching hate from all the other Booms. Does anyone know how many Hawaii trips are required for MCT?

A1C Trissa "Andersen?"-Bennett

Trissa can fall asleep anytime anywhere...even if it's during someone else's A/R. It's easy to dodge work if no one knows what name to call you. She is currently getting ready to head out the door for her first deployment!

A1C Kaleb "Walrus" Brewer

"THE BOOMS ON FIRE!" Will do any mx on his car or yours during lunch in the parking lot. Commonly does preflights in his helmet because he doesn't have his headset.

A1C Jared Castleman

New inbound that just arrived from Altus. Jared's still waiting to get his eyes fixed so he can finally start flying. He somehow made it to us without having any depth perception. He must have guessed his way to success on those circle tests!

A1C Charles "Georgia" Cornett

"Hi, my name's Charles Cornett. People call me Charles Cornett. I'm not a smart man, but I know a BONE driver. He's a retired Col and he got me this job." He just moved to scheduling and is deploying soon. We're sure he'll do great as long as they speak "Southern" on the radios...

A1C Remington "Frolicking Falcon" Garl

He is THE Island boy. Currently deployed in Kuwait as a TSN monitor (or what every they are calling it these days) "out here on these streets". His dance moves still might be better than his skill in fantasy football as the 350th's raining "SACKO", he can be found at the front gate dancing in a red falcon costume.

A1C Martin Hekking

Martin started dominating at the squadron softball game but then the wind picked up and pinned him to the fence. Should maybe take some lessons from Hack on how to bulk up...

A1C Stephanie Peraza

Stephanie had some misfortune with the photo machines at Wal-Mart. She's still trying to get through MCT but can't seem to find a training sortie that doesn't cancel.

A1C James Plourde

Don't ask James about his "girlfriend" at the Deid. He's trying to go to the KC-46 but they can't seem to find a slot for him for some reason.

A1C Luis “Respectfully” Muriel

If you can't find Luis in the boom pod, he's probably out sabotaging the memorabilia in the 18th ARS. Our defender of the Red Falcon! While he's just waiting to catch someone zapping our mascot, we can't wait to see him unleash his inner beast!

A1C Jersey Tomm

Jersey just arrived to the unit surprised everyone with a name change enroute. We're excited for her to start her MCT but she may need some additional reps marshalling the K-Loader.

A1C Eli “Scrappy” Wilson

We haven't met Eli yet but he somehow popped up on the rosters. Words on the street are that he may be delayed for a few articles that need to be cleaned up at Altus...

Thinks The Grass Is Greener (Outbound):

2LT(S) Brandon “Little” Johnson

Brandon just got picked up for OTS and will be leaving soon. So soon that we rushed to get him a replacement only to find out he still doesn't have any departure dates...

SMSgt Ben “Dover” Davis

Our Wish.com version of Aaron Tessmann. Ben is the squadron's role model for financial responsibility. He burns almost as much money on “overlanding” gear as his truck burns oil. The God Father of AIC, still trying to convince the booms that Tactics is a thing. Makes everyone show up for blues Monday, and then forgets his pants, luckily Cranwell bailed him out. He's moving on to Kadena this summer where he'll hopefully be able to keep a job for longer than 6 months.

MSgt Charles “Sweaty Back” Adams

Charlie got picked up for an IG position this spring and hated it so much that he picked up some orders to MacDill. He's been fighting to get back to the beach ever since his “deployment” to Diego Garcia. We're sure that he's going to do some amazing things in Florida and his leadership and ability to take care of the Airman will be missed!

MSgt Daniel Jordan

When Danny isn't teaching folks how to drive 15 MPH(foot-stomp) on the airfield, he sells cases of Rockstar Unplugged out the back of his Mitsubishi for some extra scratch. He says he speaks Spanish but he immediately got rolled up by the police in Spain for his terrible attitude. Luck enough, his smile was able to get him out of a ticket. Danny is moving on to the CRW and his leadership terrible jokes will be missed throughout the squadron.

TSgt Eric “Chocks” Lucio

Eric will never use Harbor Freight jack stands again. Never trust a Squibs to set a parking brake, he clearly sees you as a threat that must be eliminated. Just got orders to Altus along with Alex. We're sure this power couple will do amazing things at the schoolhouse!

TSgt Alex “Buddy” Esquibel

Alex makes contacts like he grows mustaches: terribly. He looked like Jack Skellington wearing a flight suit. Thankfully he shaved it off while mumbling something about a curse. Still trying to make this “Tactics Boom” a thing and used his patch to score a sweet trip to relax on the beaches in Spain. He just elected to follow Eric to Altus where we're sure this power couple will great things!

SSgt Garrett “JV” Tholken

Garrett shows up to the Sq softball game in full baseball uniform. If you couldn't tell he peaked in high school, it was apparent after his first at bat. Tactically goes DNIF before every exercise he has to participate in and somehow got his Altus orders shut off. Our resident Honor Guard expert. His instructor ability will be well served as he prepares for an assignment to the Expeditionary Center.

SSgt Arielle Johnson

Arielle volunteered for the CRW only to receive an assignment to Altus. She has been doing amazing things in Stan-Eval and we're going to miss her positive attitude and instructional ability. No one has ever made getting a Q3 such a pleasant experience.

SSgt Russel Molina

Russel returned to us from his position at the OG, at least we thought he did... Has anyone seen Russel? We didn't think that out-processing to Altus took 6 months...

SSgt Megan “Esquibel” Miller

Megan deployed to the Deid only to immediately volunteer for a hardship tasking to Diego Garcia. She did so well that they moved up to the group so stand up some high demand staff position. While we thought she was on the fast track, she somehow still got snagged with orders to Altus. Her instructional expertise will be well served at the schoolhouse!

A1C McKenna “Chief” Monnolly

Between snagging all the cool TDYs and stealing all the awards and accolades, McKenna somehow weaseled her way into a Kadena assignment. She'll do great things over there as long as the B-1s play nice!

A1C Tyler Acord

Tyler just can't wait to PCS to Kadena. Well, maybe he can, but just for a little bit. Actually, he should probably just get his assignment turned off and stay here. Japan is so far away. It would be nice, but he's not sure. Confused? Yeah, so were we.

Promoted to Civilian (Separated/Retired):

A1C Charles “Chuckles” Bulger

Charles got selected for Palace Chase and he couldn't be happier. We'll miss his laugh around the squadron but at least now we can cancel the work orders to get all the doorways enlarged.

SrA Andrew Lemaster

Andrew elected to separate on his own terms we're excited for him to start on his new civilian career in dog training. Blue skies and best wishes Andrew!

SSgt Ian Lutzenberger

Ian elected to separate and go back to school.

MSgt Chelsey “Dr.” Thornhill

Chelsey traded in her 19 consecutive years of experience as an MB for a PHD.

A1C Henry Vander Sys

Hank thinks he found a job in the Guard and he's excited to get started as soon as he can figure out how to run an out-processing checklist...

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905 ARS

“RAGING RHINOS”



With all the vigor of a raged up adolescent, the 905th is quickly building its KC-46 reputation alongside the 18th and 924th. With the least Booms on the block and the most real estate for socialization, this squadron is dream come true if you want to fly and refresh. Stop by for the best coffee in the horseshoe and the only squadron with an ice machine that's not soiled by human hands or located behind locked doors. However, beware the decaffeinated Norris as he's been spotted at all hours in these parts!

SMSgt Chris “Hollywood” Norris: Was temporarily on loan to our squadron superintendent position, then officially got selected for the job. When not in a closed door meeting, Norris can be found or heard being very outspoken in common areas. It's usually about he's “laying gold” in the skies or just a downright better basketball player than you. If you want to humble him quickly, just go take a peek at the underside of his F-250.

SMSgt Mike Stahl: Mikey is still our golden child TR who the younger airman look up to. Between owning a low mile Buick and building an aerobatics airplane, what's not to like? We think the boom training/scheduling shops respectively are slowly starting to realize that filling out post-mission paperwork is his kryptonite.

MSgt Clay “DCAS” Dotson: The only Chick-fil-A One Signature member in the group, oh and he's the squadron's AGR Stan/Eval boom. Away from his desk, you can find Clay slowly corrupting all the Active Duty boomers to become a part of the FRG. Hopefully all the recruiting efforts pay off.

MSgt Sarajo “Peg Leg” Danis: Our full-time broken boom operator awaiting training dates... who is in charge of boom training. You can find her complaining about her additional CSL duties or hobbling around looking for the squadron's “missing” tech. Hopefully she gets cleared soon though, Richey and Sam are getting tired of flying all the locals.

MSgt Patrick “Sling Blade” Bartosavage: Where to begin with this one... seems like his civilian gig with Omni Air is treating him well; almost too well. On the contrary, he is boom scheduling's bane trying to get training dates from this individual. Turns out waiting to the very last day of your check ride window butting up to Memorial Day weekend doesn't appease your evaluator very much. All we're saying is good luck homie.

TSgt Sam Aguirre: Still our full-time scheduler flying his tail off because half of the 905th is broken. I guess it paid off, because he somehow became an IB. In other news, remember last year's boom signal where we talked about him not completed Airfield Driving? Yep... he still has not been trained but is somehow the squadron's program manager. Rumor has it Waino looked him up and is rockin' a gov't driver's license from 2019. Respect.

TSgt Dustin “Here’s Your Sign” Confer: A TR boom that has recently moved from Western Kansas (Colorado), to the complete opposite side of the state. Not sure if he’s converted his sign business into a pyramid scheme or he’s just that good at peddling his product. We are also convinced he is just taking all this time to create his mark I edition of an iron man exo-suit.

SSgt Bill “Boneyard” Baker: Ol’ Billy is still turning wrenches as a contracted -135 maintainer in the place that shall not be named down in Oklahoma. We know this because the squadron’s group chat is constantly being reminded via pictures on how some IQT co-pilot astronomically broke the jet. Hopefully we get him back to flying soon. The more bodies in the sky, the better.

SSgt Robert “Meme Lord” Richey III: Mediocre weight slinging, always late being, motorcycle riding, meme extraordinaire. You can find Richey kicking his feet up on the various desks in Training/Scheds letting the creative hate flow via multiple meme apps on his phone. When he’s not generating spiteful art, he’s on the road milking the TACC orders until that pool dries up.

SSgt Tanner Clovis: Some Active Duty LRS transplant from Minot, I wouldn’t blame him to seek out being a Boom Operator. Since earning his wings, I think we are slowly converting him to be a crew dog from his past life. Not sure if we can crack him from listening to country rap to a much more suitable genre. Time will tell.

SrA Lillian “Famous” Amos: Lilly is still kickin’ it as a TR boom. Sounds like she puts most of her time to her civilian day care business, so we see here like twice a month. Let’s be honest though, is an ops squadron really any different than a children’s day care?

A1C Colten “.45” McKeown: Off the street hire from the civilian world and finishing up boom school in June. We’ll see how he manages being a TR upon completion. We are ready to finally have some fresh meat to start picking up the sorties no one wants to fly.

DEPARTED THE FIX

SMSgt Ray Lewis

SrA Robert Estagin

McCONNELL AFB, KS

924th ARS

“Where it Counts”



CMSgt John Wallman (ART): HMFIC got a new hip! It only took Chief a year to notice that someone signed him up for monthly ladder safety emails. At least Rausch doesn't have to worry about climbing the rank ladder anymore.

SMSgt Travis Swinson (TR): Once the IOT&E money dried up Travis flashed us the double deuces but it looked like a gang sign. He's busy doing aerial survey (Part 91) now and we have no idea what he's flying. Well, we know it's not twin turbine 121 time. Spends his spare time idolizing McCrillis.

SMSgt Bryan Fehrenbach (ART): Did any of you work a fast food drive-thru in high school? Remember those idiots that would yell into the microphone? Yeah, that's what working with Bach is like. At least tinnitus is a 10% disability rating.

SMSgt Jerod "RUTA" Norden (Yeti): We haven't seen Jerod in forever and he's still not KC-46 qualified. He's on the books so we'll have a staff boom when WWIII kicks off. As an added bonus, he's tying up that stripe so Meadows won't come back!

MSgt Daniel McCrillis (AGR): Dan replaced Aaron and is just as grumpy and disgruntled, counting down the days to 7,300. He's still in an abusive relationship with the KC-135 and complains about the 46 nonstop. Wishes she could still torture him.

MSgt Benjamin "Cyclops" Sedlacek (ART): If Ben worked for Gru he's be a one eyed Minion. His ERVS IPD setting is "53 or less." Other than that he spends his time being a dad and working on the farm in Augusta.

MSgt Aaron Cuadra (They/Them) (TR): Aaron finally got a civilian job so he's not begging for pay avenues anymore. He's managing quality assurance at Spirit Aerospace across the ramp; because when you think of Aaron...you think of quality. Catch him on the upcoming Netflix documentary, Downfall: The Case Against Spirit.

MSgt Benjamin Rausch (TR): Ben doesn't dress like a tank driver anymore now that he's a real boy. He just got back from KC-135 BIQ at Altus and is about to go through KC-46 BTX. Ben can usually be found at the gym clanking 20 pounds of plates on the shoulder press machine.

TSgt Mark Alexander (TR): The Innovation Lab lost its funding so Mark had to find a real job. Washing cars in a banana hammock part time paid off and now he's managing one of those big drive-thru car washes. It's not a bad gig but we'd like to see him around more often (not in a banana hammock though).

SrA Madison Doherty (TR): Madison has been killing it on the road and working scheduling over at the ATD. Bach already calls her for scheduling help.

FNG's

SrA Bryce Forrest (TR): Forrest made it through KC-135 and KC-46 BIQ this past year. His life is like a box of chocolates...one of those boxes of mistakes that Russell Stover sells at half price.

A1C Morgan Anderson (TR): Morgan is our first KC-46 BIQ from Altus. Jury is still out on her.

A1C Blake Menrath (TR): Blake seems ok, usually tags along on lunch pushes just to order chicken tenders.

DEPARTED THE FIX

MSgt Aaron Meadows: Aaron retired and works as a sim instructor at Flight Safety Defense. He still complains about anything and everything. He just bought a new house so he'll enjoying painting walls again. Brews some pretty good beer for the squadron and still hangs out on occasion.

SrA Nicholas Ingram: Nick didn't trust the science and refused the jab. Last we heard he died of dysentery related to complications from COVID-19.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS
KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TENNESSEE

134th ARW / 151st ARS

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



Tommy "Red Wiggler" Cole - Not content with just being a Chief and the squadron superintendent, the Red Wiggler also had dreams of being a WWE wrastlin' superstar. He displayed his skills at the annual Boom Section camping trip but was handily defeated by Lunger Eidson.

Tyler "Tater" Ott - Still leading via text from his hot tub but at least he shares the bounty of his enormous garden with all of us lesser thans not living on survival compounds in remote parts of the county. He is now an empty nester enjoying lots of free time hiking and vacationing with his wife Jessica.

Ronnie "Crash" Dixon - After a couple crushing years under European Covid Tyranny, Crash and his wife, Denise, have emerged from German lockdowns and are now back to enjoying skiing the Alps and oversampling the Geilenkirchen biergartens as the Boom Tanker Liaison.

Eric "EJ" Jones – He's still the NCOIC of Stan Evil. EJ has given up running but still makes perfect scores on his PT tests. He bought a big camper and spends his weekends enjoying the full service hookups at KOAs far and wide.

James "Bo" Rogers - Bo continues to find ways to avoid his desk in current ops. Sim certs, exercise staffing, mental health days at his lakehouse, and TDYs for which he was just "the last possible option" ... Italy and Myrtle Beach lately ... terrible locations, nobody wanted those trips.

Jody "Emperor Penguin" McKee - Jody continues to impress us all with his deep knowledge of all things theological and cult-related. We learned recently that he has been banned from a church, which we will not herein name. This surprises no one.

Abe "The Professor" Whaley - Abe's left middle finger has healed from the table saw massacre and he is now medically cleared for double bird ops. He recently turned 40 and had a White Trash Bash to celebrate. Mulletts, cutoffs, crocs, and sleeveless shirts were in great abundance among party-goers. In order to take him back to his roots, his wife Katherine got him a full back peel and stick tattoo complete with skulls, a princess, the moon, and two howling wolves. It only went downhill from there.

Melvin "Melvo" Brandenburg - He's keeping a low profile these days trying to ease into retirement without anyone noticing. We honestly never see him - he's been on LTMPA for about a year straight.

Nick "Sedan" Pierce - Nick is still running his brewery downtown and it is doing phenomenal. The boom section regularly performs quality control on his product. Nick ordered a new Bronco back in July of 2020 ... as of this writing, it still hasn't been delivered. If it ever gets here maybe his callsign will change.

Chris "SpongeBoom" O'Donnell - Sponge attended the inaugural Boom Weapons School class and then immediately decamped to Ohio and took a job there as a Fleet Logistics Manager for the great metropolis of Cincinnati. He is also trying to ease into retirement without anyone noticing. I guess his Boom WIC forklift certification will come in handy working for the city.

Brian "Brain" Trent - No one has seen Brian flexing at bars recently but he has been the rare weekender instructor who shows up and flies with students and completes TAPRs. That's all well and good but he still owes Whaley \$40 for that UBER back to Jeff County.

Zach "Smokey" Dailey - The annual boom campout is normally a Friday afternoon through Sunday evening affair, but, never missing a chance to extend his Miller Latte window, Zach decided to make this one Thursday morning through Monday evening. He pooped his pants on day three. We're all pretty sure he had nicotine poisoning by lunchtime on day four but he powered through.

Josh "Lunger" Eidson - Eidson took over the family beef cattle and trucking business this past year. He was on the path to being a respectable fulltime AGR but got in a wrastlin' match with Chief Cole and killed that opportunity so he decided he'd rather jake-brake for Jesus. He prefers flatbed hauling but will scam the US Postal Service from time to time on overnight mail runs.

Adam "Coldwell Banker" Joachim - The active duty is still quite strong with this one. Despite this, he is making it rain all over the greater Knoxville area with his millions of dollars of real estate sales production. But honestly, it's selling land in East TN over the phone to Californians, it's so easy a caveman could do it.

Logan "Classified" Cross - Our newest IB but we don't let him instruct on care and use of COMSEC just yet. We are considering a callsign change to El Presidente since he likes to give incomprehensible aircraft system briefings and then leave without taking questions. He also partnered on buying a racecar shop and is always hawking performance parts to the pilots. He spends most of his time TDY on LTMPA, so all those hanks looking for new glass packs for their '97 V6 automatic mustangs will have to wait.

Briana "Baby Giraffe" Lindquist - Briana bought a newish 4 door jeep wrangler. It's lifted with some big deep dishes and tall meat. She decided it'd be a good idea to take it muddin with the top down the other day. There is no detailing service that can clean or repair what has been wrought upon the interior of that jeep. But, she's got several months worth of days in the vault to make some change to pay for it all.

John "Candy Crush" Pollard - Pollard has been keeping the Post Office at bay for the last year with a steady stream of LTMPA and orders in the Scheduling Shop. He just bought a new house and a new truck at the same time ... and he's on his phone ALL day, so he's either a very successful day trader or he's selling pictures of his feet on OnlyFans - 'cause guard bums don't make that kind of cash!

Cory "Chicken Farmer" Barton - We are all pretty much speechless when it comes to Cory. He has a cushy government job as a pipefitter apprentice but also dabbles in the dark arts of craigslist trading and urban chicken farming. This is not a joke. He is literally side hustling a rather large chicken farm in his backyard, in a neighborhood. Stay classy Marine.

Billy "Battle of Wounded Knee" Bush – Billy was useful to us as a boom for about a year and then tore some ligaments in his knee during a generation response. He has just gotten back on flying status and checkride complete. This spring a large wildfire started on the mountain where he lives and he had to evac his family in the dark of night with the woods burning only a couple hundred yards away. When he had to make the decision about what to save and what to leave behind, somehow the RZR and dirtbikes made it on the trailer but his infant daughter's crib did not. Bravo. His house, luckily, did not burn down.

Wes "They Call Me the Fireman" Taylor – Wes is doing everything backwards. He became a boom first and is now in firefighter school. It's the other way Wes, the other way. When not flying or training to fight fire, Wes spends his time at the smokiest, nastiest dive bar in town, Roosters. Every story he ever tells begins the same way ... "So I was at Roosters having some beers ... "

Richard "Chicken" Checchin – A former Navy engine room dude, he made the jump to working in the powerplant out at Y-12 after we finished getting him spun up as a boom. If you want to see Chicken in his lifetime peak, check out minute 2:55 of Luke Bryan's "We Rode In Trucks" music video. He is down in the swimming hole and he turns to the camera and a drop of water rolls down his face ... and a star was born. Screenshots of this video have launched several memes in the squadron.

Jacob "The Inspector" Whitten – Jake was an instructor in a dental hygienist training program before he came to us. He lives right and never gives us any good material to mock him with. He is now a licensed home inspector and enjoys bending all our ears about the vagaries of plumbing and HVAC systems. His business is growing quickly and we're sure he'll do very well.

Josh "Postman" Osborne - Josh delivers packages for the Post Office, no wait, UPS. Who cares, it's the same thing. Not sure why he wants to go TDY so much when he has a cushy fulltime UPS job but I guess he's not interested in proving that neither rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night ... no, that's not it ... he just wants to see what Brown can do for the squadron.

Noah "Chosen One" Seiple – Noah has been showing us all what clean living looks like while he was pulling lots of days in the vault getting us all ready for the NORI. He did an outstanding job but has returned to fire department to do some quality control over there.

A.J. "Anteater" Rodriguez – AJ is a clown of the highest order. He is one of the court jesters around the squadron, talking trash to everyone from A1C's to O-6's. We will not discuss how he got his nickname. But, we will tell you that at the boom campout he managed to get handcuffed by a Blount County Deputy and poop his pants, on the same day.

Gage "Chug" Seymour – Gage comes by his nickname honestly by following in the footsteps of all the University of Tennessee students who have come before him and found new and interesting ways of putting vodka into their bodies with a funnel. Sadly, he has left his partying days behind, he is a husband and a father now and has fully transitioned into New Balances, pleated khaki shorts, and fanny packs.

Terry "The Reverend" Mull – Reverend Mull only sits alert on drill weekend. He also only flies at night. There are many younger booms, some who have been in the squadron for several years, who have never seen him and don't even know he exists. He's an engineer at an aerospace manufacturing business on the outside and he can run circles around page long equations but can never seem to figure out when his crew showtimes are.

Marshall "King-Size" Sanner – Marshall is pretty new but is has already taken on the class clown role. He likes to cook and brings in food all the time so we like him. Somehow, he got the one room in government lodging on base during the generation that had a king-size bed.

Joshua Leatherwood – Josh just came to us from active duty. No dirt to share yet but we will commence being bad influences on him immediately.

Jonah Parham – Jonah is a brand new, back from Altus boom. His dad was a very respected pilot in the squadron for many years. We expect great things from him.

Hunter Ricks – Hunter is the Red Wiggler's brother. He is brand new to us and is pretty quiet and reserved. We will break him and let you know in what ways he beclowns himself.

Demoted to Pilot:

2LT Andrew "Lloyd" Weber: Weber is currently in T-1s at Vance. He'll be headed to Altus soon. In defiance of Vance AFB flag display regulations, he has had an Air National Guard flag hanging outside his base house for the last year. Some active duty hank complained and base housing forced him to take it down. He has now been fully broken by AETC.

1LT Kevin Crigger: Crigger is back from UPT and Altus and is blasting through his training at home station. He has been helping out on days in Current Ops and Scheduling. All that time in AETC didn't make for any recent cop stories from his real job as a Knoxville Policeman but that doesn't stop him from hogging the donuts when someone brings in a dozen for a crew show.

Lt. Col. Jason Reed: Jason went thru Altus in 2000, and was commissioned in 2005. He is one of our full time pilots (sort of) and is currently the Chief of Current Ops when he is here but mainly comes in to share his languorous monologues on the histories of various ancient cultures and his meat smoking techniques.

Lt. Col Erik Swanson: Erik is still working for NGB. Well, at least that is the rumor. We still haven't seen him since COVID kicked off so if you stumble upon him tell him we miss him and he is still welcome to come visit and fly occasionally.

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. At least all of that is the rumor on the stret but honestly we haven't seen him in a year or so either so who really knows what he is doing these days other than counting all the money he is making.

Capt. Andrew Burress: "Burress County" is our SELO in OGV. Somehow he is still hanging onto this gravy job but we all feel like he is going to disappear one day without warning to work on his farm.

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, Lennie Tipton, Jeff Dyer, Dennis Greenwood, James Quagliana, Nancy Martinek, Greg Waters, Todd Derrick, Joel Lewis, 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, Hiram Williamson, Amanda Walls.

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) Karen Bryson Jurkoic (2021)

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York
914th ARW / 328th ARS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2021 Signal.



OSAN AB, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

607 Air Operations Center

SABRES

“Fight Tonight”



Reached out to MSgt Vula in Korea and it seems he is operating on EMCON 4
Radio Silent mode.



PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

64th ARS / 157th ARW



July 8, 2022

Welcome
BACK



PEASE ANG, NEW HAMPSHIRE

157TH ARW

“*SABERCATS*”



Don't believe the lies about the 46! It is a great airplane that is super comfortable and capable while currently avoiding sandy locations. Pease has recently suffered a blow to manning with the retirement of CMSgt Mike George and departure of TSgt Dan Senechal; we now are only 109 percent manned and the heartless folks at A1 denied our ETP to be a more robust force.

ACEVEDO, HECTOR TSGT- He was a hard guy to motivate as a member of the Active Duty Squadron (64th ARS). But, that is a thing of the past. We have all new problems now, like getting him to simply show up.

ALCOCER, ROBERT SRA- How do you get fired from a job that you volunteered for? Hopefully he gets a second chance if COVID continues.

AVERY, SEAN MSGT- He has gone from Traditional/Civilian Job – Full Time/Civilian Job – Full Time - Traditional/Civilian and managed to keep the same level of negativity and sour attitude the whole time. Impressive really.

BEAULIEU, ALAN SMSGT - Back on his feet and embracing the crew dog roll like he's in his 20's. Also, finally got our Dash 21 Shop stood up and working. Wait, no that's not right. We still got nothing.

BELONGIE, NATALIE TSGT- Always positive, lifts our spirits, and brings us together; we all love Pack. Natalie's aight too.

BERRY, CHANTELLE SSGT- A solid Boom Operator, and a stanch vegan. Is a blast on the road unless you have to talk about where the crew is going to eat at? Also, pray she never loses a water bottle around you.

BERTELL, NICK TSGT- Got a great job working for Flight Safety as an Instructor. So, luckily we have a Boom to talk about contract stuff nobody cares about.

BETTCHEER, ALEX SSGT - When he isn't shooting trophy deer in his driveway, Alex is one of our hardest working Pilo...Booms. Well, we aren't sure what he is.... But he's darn good at it!

CARR, DIANA MSGT - A tremendous Evaluator and example for all young Aviators. As long as we don't point out the shady Double Life she leads. With impromptu vacations and weekend getaways that she will casually not address at all, once she is back at work. Not suspicious at all!

CASTRINGO, KYLE AIC - He's been on orders for years, unfortunately they were all COVID orders. Did we forget we found this guy at the Post Office?

DAWLEY, MATTHEW SSGT - He loves to Surf which is no surprise to anyone who has listen to him speak, even in passing. Or, the fact the he keeps a Surfboard on the rack of his Tacoma pretty much year round.

DERRY, BRANDON TSGT - The White Collar Boy in a Blue Collar world. Stay Golden Pony Boy!

DIAZ, ERIC TSGT – Retired from CT Fire Dept, preparing to retire from NHANG. He will be patrolling the mean streets of NH's Mount Washington Valley. This might be a record on pension systems.

DOYLE JIMMY SMSGT - The OG Traditional Boom "This is why I stay in!" is repeated no less than 20-25 times at lunch every Drill Weekend. Fun fact, hasn't done his own DTS since we stopped using paper vouchers.

GIROUARD MIKE SMSGT - Finally achieved his goal of becoming the Ops Group Superintendent. We all thought he would be happier.

GOSELIN LEAH SSGT- What's the difference between Instagram Photo and the Office? You'll see her in the Instagram Photo.

GRIBAUSKAS WILLIAM SRA - Only Boom we have that sports a CONUS Mustache year round. Respect!

GUERRIER KENDRICK TSGT - I'm pretty sure that is the correct amount of R's in his name. Who knows for sure? Extremely impressive Boom Operator, based on the fact that his wife doesn't let him out of the house and Leadership won't let him out of his Pubs Hole. It's a miracle he stays current.

HAYES DAREN TSGT - Finally joined the full time force, and came in hot, motivated to clean this place up. Just in time to disappear and not accomplish anything except NCOA.

HORNE FRED TSGT - Who? CE transplant waiting for school; established member of the base honor guard; at least one of us will look good in Blues.

INGLIS JASON MSGT - Seems to be doing a good job, too bad most of his work is actually done by an AFE Troop we had to send back to the MPC to help out.

JOHNSON, KEVIN MSGT - Our resident "Ghost of TTF" Between COVID, Leave and Launching? I think he is still in the Unit. Anyway, he may not be present in the Building. But, he is present on this list. Flight Safety calls him 50/50.

LONDOFF, SHENNA SSGT - Wait..... what?

LUTER DANIEL CMSGT - Almost made it Chief... Still the only Chief we trust.

LUX, MARY TSGT - Great Boom to be on a Road with. Cause you can get away with just about anything. If the only other Boom on the trip gets roadside Cornrows while everybody else was getting seated for dinner.

MADAHAR, RAVI TSGT - We rented him out to Jersey and he came back rusty and a little greasy, our Ravi might still be under that grime but the beatings will continue until he can at least sit up straight.

MARIER, JAMES SMSGT - That's First Shirt of the Year SMSGT Marier to you.

MASON, SAM TSGT - Showed up out of nowhere just to become a freakin Pilot. Value added, I guess.

McPHEE, DARYL MSGT - The only thing bigger and shinier than a KC-46 is Daryl's new truck. Too bad his wife won't let him drive it.

MOORE, JORDAN SRA - Lucky enough to get a years' worth of Orders just to show he shouldn't get a years' worth of orders.

PACK, WING DOG (O-6 Equivalent) - Will steal your hat, might piss in your office. One of the few that helps empty the trash around here. He's still the only one everyone actually likes.

PARKER, BRYCE AIC- Shoots from the hip more often than a Western Gunfighter. I guess that's what we get for hiring a Pilots relative.

PETERSON, BRETT SMSGT - One of our Senior most Evaluators and experienced Boom Operators. He is a wealth of knowledge that would be a welcomed source but, unfortunately he is on every TDY that goes out the door.

PROCHASKA, KEITH MSGT - Not the Evaluator we wanted, but IS the Evaluator we deserve.

REID, WAYNE TSGT - Must be annoying to have a little brother to look up to.

REID, KEITH SRA - Must be annoying to have a big brother to look down on.

ROGERS, MATTHEW TSGT - Supposedly does a bunch of work down in the MPC. We've never seen it, but he assures us that it's there.

RUTTER, SAMANTHA TSGT - She is an excellent Nurse and extremely professional at her Title 5 Job.

SATOW, ETHAN AIC - New kid that lives in his parents' house surrounded by FedEx pilots. You can hear brass clanging when he marches.

SHATTUCK, WILLEM SrA - Doesn't speak much...but when he does, he tells great Knock Knock Jokes.

SHAUGHNESSY, RICKY SSGT - Ricky Bobby is the ideal Traditional Guardsmen, he has a Career in the civilian sector and exceeds expectations with his PME. Now if we could get him to walk like a normal human being, he could be the total package.

STORM, CHRIS MSGT - Everybody is real proud of the weight he has lost over the past year, or maybe it's just the weight he helps us cut. Anyway, we are proud of him.

STROUP, ABBY AIC - She is new to the Military but, her father was a KC-135 Boom Operator in Bangor, ME. Her brother joined the Mainiacs too as a boom. Does nepotism count across state lines?

TARLETON, NATE MSGT - Salt of the Earth Aviator. An IB who has never left a question unanswered or a E page unfound. With Form 8's on multiple airframes and thousands hours, and still will not stop pushing up his sleeves. Over and over again... it's all freakin day with this guy.

TAYLOR, DAN SSGT - He is another one of those hard working MPC types. Don't know what he does but, he assures us that he is doing it very well.

WHITE, DAVE SSGT - We hired him for his beard and the discount at our favorite restaurant. Made him shave and quit his job, but he managed to survive as our security officer for two years without a clearance so there's probably hope for him.

WINDY, MIKE MSGT - FKA Culver. Congratulations on recently pinning on MSGT but, sadly the OSS does not currently have Chief for him to call at 0300 to talk about Cargo Configurations.

The Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Air Force Futures

“The Voice of Tomorrow’s Airmen”



Greetings from Air Force Futures! What an incredible year we have had in the tanker business. I can honestly say that I am impressed with what you all do out there every single day. From overcoming the end of operations in SWA, responding to calls for help in support of Ukraine, fielding a new weapon system, and saying goodbye to the KC-10s, you all make it look easy. The efforts you all put forth daily are noticed here in the building. Great job!

So what is going on in Air Force Futures you may ask? Well, we have been extraordinarily busy this year! From war-games, modeling and simulations, deep dive studies, we have been looking heavily into what we believe the future of Mobility Forces should look like. Autonomy will likely become a large part of the MAF, not just on tankers, but in tactical employment as well. As we look to expand this capability into future use case models, industry is working to refine the technology for USAF applications. Flying drones delivering MRE's to you may not be that outlandish of a concept! And while Autonomous Air Refueling is hot topic, don't plan to hang your flight suit up just yet. We expect this tech to evolve from "Human-in-the-loop" to "Human-on-the-loop" to eventually fully autonomous tankers.

For tankers, we are looking into concepts that "move the needle" in a Great Power Competition. We in Futures believe that a connected tanker, is a survivable tanker. And as such, tankers will be called upon to carry out different mission sets, actively participating in the "Kill Web", and no longer be in the dark in the air war. Presently, we are drafting the Future Operating Concept for Tanker Employment, and hope to have AMC help collaborate on this by next spring.

I am excited to say that the KC-Y Capability Development Document Annex has been submitted to our office for staffing. We have been busy reviewing the document in preparation for the Joint Requirements Oversight Counsel to review, and validate as a requirement. We expect this to be complete and ready by Q3 this year. If all goes as planned, we should receive our first KC-Y shortly after the last KC-46 delivery. Truly a historic time to be a Boom Operator!

Keep up the great work Booms! And as always, if you find yourself in the D.C area and are interested in seeing the inside of The Pentagon, don't hesitate to let me know!

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PHOENIX ANG, ARIZONA

197 ARS

COPPERHEADS



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PITTSBURGH IAP, PENNSYLVANIA

171st ARW



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RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, AUSTRALIA

33 SQN

“ENDURING”



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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 Andrew Abney: Holding down the office as the NCOIC. If you call the office, he puts his big boy voice on to answer the phone, although I wonder how it sounds after getting snipped. We have a running counter for how many times his wife calls the office to talk.

MSgt Phil Stacey: If you would like to know about the beeps and squeaks, he is your guy. He is always reading something on SIPR, but don't ask him how to use the phones. Likes to press to test with changing processes in the office, but does it when someone else is on call.

MSgt Leslie Davis: She thought she was going to get a European vacation but little did she know she would be mostly in a building without windows. The little time she got to travel she was in either Ireland and Italy look for her future European husband. Did her time at the confinement also known as the AOC and is returning back to the states in September, then moving on to browner pastures at Edwards to be a test boom.

TSgt Aaron Burk: Our resident AMOSer! If you didn't know, that is bad word in the AOC. Spends most his time talking to the Kesel Run folks or trying to get back out to sit TODO on the COD floor. For some reason he still hasn't hit that retirement button, but you can catch him staring at it after a long week.

RICKENBACKER IAP, OHIO

121 ARW/145 ARS

“TAZZ”



This unit did not contribute to the 2021 Boom Signal.



RICKENBACKER ANGB, OHIO

166 ARS



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ROLAND R. WRIGHT ANG BASE, SLC, UTAH

191 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. All of our full-time booms have converted to AGR. 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 has transitioned over to the Group SEL. Let’s hope his award writing skills can eventually get up to par with his contacts. As he turns over the reins to Hud it’s been a little difficult letting go. Luckily we get to keep him as our own ‘til he stows the boom one last time at the end of the year. When he’s not attending his favorite meetings with the chiefs on base, he can be found rallying around the dunes, coming back with stories of the latest “guess what broke this time”... Here’s to a great last year and a great career. I’m sure Lucy will have plenty to keep him busy!

SMSgt Charles D. “Hud” Hudson – (class 01-05) – There’s a new sheriff in town! Hud moved on from NCOIC of training to the new Program Manager. When not hustling the foosball table he’s hustling the rest of us to “get our sh!t done”. He’s been itching to get out of town and continue his nomadic life roaming the world. Ever need a history or geography lesson, he’s your guy.

MSgt Santiago “J” Avila – (class 00-03) – J moved on from the hammer of OGV to the enjoyment of current ops. He’s been a fantastic travel agent, shopping for only the best trips. When he’s not trying to convince airline pilots to actually go TDY, he spends all the time he possibly can roaming Utah with Joni in their many camping adventures.

MSgt Kurt A. “Kurtz” Armstrong – (class 00-10) – Kurt is still our go-to EB/IB at night. Unfortunately for us, he’ll be stowing the boom at the end of 2022 after 27 years of booming. Always willing to instruct the young and the old. When he talks, everyone knows to listen. He’s looking forward to more time in the dunes with his side by side and cooler full of libations.

MSgt Jason D. “J-Blo” Blood – (class 00-13) – J-Blo is cracking away at the schedule. Just get your availability in on time... While trying to keep the pilot scheduler in line he has acquired a squadron support animal that joins us on a regular basis. As if he doesn’t shoot at enough of Gods innocent creatures, he has quite the collection of farm animals at his thousands of acres somewhere in the mountains.

MSgt George A. “ASH” Kalakis – (class 04-12) – ASH is the new long-range scheduler and is working diligently to balance the ease of booking all the C17’s or actually finding decent receivers. He’s pulling what’s left of his hair out trying to learn JMPS and build flight plans. His new toy is a Ford Focus RS which has already cost him 1 speeding ticket that he’s admitting to.

MSgt Sean G. “BINGO” Price – (class 10-13) – BINGO is one of our newest “Fancy Booms”, recently returned from AIC at Fairchild. He’s our new OGV boom and is our guiding light to DFIU. When he’s not in the vault being tacticool, he’s enjoying the mountain breeze on his bicycle or watching his goats.

TSgt Brandon M. “Rook” Molder – (class 12-04) – Brandon took over the TODO office and is getting real good at scrap booking. His iPad skills are impeccable, probably due to his extensive time swiping on Tinder... In his free time not swiping, he’s on the golf course improving his swing and sh!t talking skills. Un-matched in his ability to find a good concert and good beverage, be sure to call him for a good time.

MSgt Bradley D. “Mayhem” Harris – (class 13-02) – Mayhem is our other “Super Nerd”, recently returned from AIC at Fairchild. Brad is the new aircrew training NCOIC and while he has no idea how to navigate GTIMS, “training Brad is a dick”. He can be found on his back porch drinking beer and before we know it will start yelling at kids to get off his lawn.

TSgt William D. “Mild Bill” Nielson – (class 14-05) – Mild Bill, our newly minted IB and BOSS Title 5. It’s been great having him full-time, even if we don’t know exactly what he’s supposed to be doing. He’s the old, young man of the group. Always in for having a good time and will DD for the small price of a Coke on ice.

TSgt Cody S. “E-or” Harper – (class 15-03) – Shane, or Cody whichever name you go by? Our strong silent type. Listen carefully, he always has a witty comeback under his breath, but if you’re not paying attention, you’ll miss it. Shane is the Mayor of Alert and has the balance of his real job and statuses down pat. We’ve been trying to convince him to upgrade to IB, but he thinks he’ll be too mean to the students. Cody knows how to have a good time and is always down for whatever adventure. This man doesn’t have idle hands.

TSgt Bryan J. “Private” Hall – (class 15-05) – He’s a pilot now. Who cares about that guy... He tried being a Chinook pilot, came back to being a boom. Tried to be a C-130 pilot, came back to being a boom. Now he’s been hired as a KC-135 pilot with our unit, third times a charm? Fool us once, Private Hall.

TSgt Kyle A. “Tater” Hansen – (class 16-10) – Tater is at IB upgrade at Altus getting his butt kicked, or kicking butt we hope. Be gentle on him, please. He’s the schedulers go-to, always willing and able to fly a local or TDY. Give that man a whiskey with a rocking chair and he’ll be there all night.

TSgt Peter A. “Peter Man” Graf (class 19-07) – Peter got his first boom deployment down. He flew with any crew that would have him. Giving us his all as a guard bum and taking all the not fun TDYs. Recently married and in the honeymoon stage adventuring wherever his truck/toys will take them.

TSgt Amy “Black Pearl” Young (class 19-07) – Black Pearl attempted at bettering her MX reliability rate but her namesake remains intact. She moved on from the guard bum life and got a civilian job doing something nuclear with some plant...? We imagine the equivalent of what Homer Simpson does. Her rotating door of cars is still going. Always fun to see what she’ll pull up to drill with next.

TSgt Stetson G. “The Vig” Vigil (class 14-08) – Stetson, we’ve got a meme for that... Our literal go-to for anything SLARCO needs. We beat the active duty stink off of him. You can hear him laughing from 30 minutes out, but he’s always willing to take a flight, teach the new kids, or harass a pre-instructor. His wife Alexi works in Ops now. We thought it would calm him down a little but no luck. Pregnant with their first child, they’re excited to welcome another mini boom to the family. Give the man a Busch Latte and his cowboy boots, he’ll be alright.

TSgt Brandon T. “Maggie” MaGee (class 20-08) – Maggie recently decided to be a firefighter for Salt Lake City. He’s trying to embrace the firefighter culture with quite the mustache... Always willing to give a hug and tell someone how pretty they are. He’s embraced the boom life and learned how to fly faster than his time in the C-130 four fan trash can.

TSgt Aaron A. “Rico” Arteaga (class 19-05) – Rico, or as our SARM likes to call him, the prettiest boom... His own worst critic as a boom, Rico is always asking what he can do better. We think he finally ate carbs for the first time in his life but he probably ran 10 miles immediately after. Working for both sides of the government he comes in for a break of teleworking to come see the fun side of TDY’s and local flights.

SSgt Cody K. “Biebs” Larsen (class 16-09) – Biebs, still trying to figure out what he wants to be when he grows up. Currently milking the Alert cow for every little drop. We just need to help him figure out his life schedule and remember he has a check-ride every 17 months... In his spare time not flying little airplanes he spends it being Daddy to his daughter.

SSgt Zachary F. Tingey (class 17-13) – Tingley is our LTMPA mastermind. This guy gets the best TDYs out of anybody. Unfortunately he gets the no fun pilots too. Another Alert ninja warrior, Zach makes sure to maximize his time between teaching new pilots not to kill him as a CFI and living alternate life as a Duck Dynasty master hunter.

TSgt Samuel P. “Pader” Cavias (class 17-12) – Pader is currently hating all the instructors while going thru pre-IB shenanigans. He’s the peter pan of the group as the boy that doesn’t want to grow up. Slated to be the chief boom in our fall deployment, he’s not sure what he signed up for. He’ll do just fine. Paden has managed to be the go-to Guard bum for a long time and is stepping up to the challenge to be our go-to IB. We’ll have some Crown Royal when you finish Pader.

SrA Ian W. “MIP” Davidson (class 19-06) – MIP, our resident genius is fully engulfed in his genius degree at the U of U. Every once in a while he graces us with his presence and adds a forever timeless saying to the “MIP board”. He’s the quiet book smart kid that doesn’t say much but knows everything that’s going on around him. His SA in the jet is great and has great hands while making contacts. Can’t wait to hear what level of math class only you can pronounce you’re going to take next.

A1C Ty C. “Big Willy” Willie (class 20-27) – Big Willie finally had to find a real job. Something about having a wife and 3 kids that didn’t support his guard bum aspirations. He’s been with us for a couple years and can handle any autopilot off or scary B course F-16 like a champ. Another strong silent type, he can rap with the old guys or drink the young boys.

SSgt Michael A. “Thing 1” Ryskamp (class 21-18) – Thing 1. We stole Mike from the crew chiefs and we’re pretty sure a few of them want to cut our brake lines for it. After a near long enough stay at Altus to almost be permanent party he finally came back and killed it thru MCT. After we cleaned up his knuckles from the flight line he turned out to be a fantastic addition to SLARCO. Mike was recently hired as a Murray City PD and has a baby on the way. Lots of big changes for him and he’s handled them all like a pro.

SrA Zachry T. “Thing 2” Atkinson (class 21-18) – Thing 2. Zach came to us from our very own SARM office. He was a true traditional there and really wanted to do more. He also became permanent party at Altus but we convinced him to leave the love of his life at Scooters and come back to Utah. He’s the type of boom you want in every phase of flight. Cruised thru MCT like a champ and did his first solo boom flight plugging a F-117. He’s a Highway Patrolman and ASH’s new best friend... He’s a new motor cop and we all picture him as Lt Jim Dangle...

SrA Branson J. “BayBlo” Blood (class 21-26) – BayBlo. The legacy continues in the Blood-line. Another new hire in the fantastic 4. Branson came to us from AFE, which I’m positive we made enemies taking him away. Really hope our life rafts open if we need them... Branson has done great thru MCT and recently became the

freshest guard bum around. Pretty sure he's been gone TDY more than he's been home since he was certified. The extreme silent type, it takes more than a couple beers to loosen his moustache enhanced lips. A great boom and great asset to SLARCO. Engaged to be married this summer, sorry ladies, his mustache rides are spoken for.

SSgt Cameron T. "DJ Solo" Hamer (class 21-27) – DJ Solo!!! (cue DJ horn). Cameron was a crew chief steal and even though they said "good riddance" they definitely miss him. He's been making his way thru MCT with ease. Asking great questions and taking inputs with class. Willing to talk boom shop at any chance he can get. He's been a great addition to SLARCO and will do great things when he's MCT complete. We are all however, scratching our heads and faces to know how he has a shaving waiver?

Boom Stowed

SMSgt Brian K. "Grumpy" Jensen – (class 90-12) Retired. Grumpy retired at the end of 2021. A long distinguished career and fantastic boom operator. He was a friend to everyone and could teach the new kids better than most. You might be able to find him on his horse in the mountains somewhere, telling stories of the good guard days. Cheers to your career Grumpy. Your legacy will live on in SLARCO.

RAF MILDENHALL, UNITED KINGDOM

100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS

THE BLOODY BOOMER'S ASS...HYB!



351 ARS:

SMSgt Chris Staton, Senior Enlisted Leader - He had big hairy shoes to fill after Chief Adams left, but he's doing a helluva job taking care of the booms. But if he ever corners you at the step desk with a "good opportunity"? Run.

MSgt Chad Holloway, Chief Boom – Chad was a perfect fit for the Chief Boom gig considering he's got more hours than the rest of us combined. We rewarded his sunny disposition by sending him to the War on Putin to get no sleep but a LOT of per diem. Maybe he'll use the extra cash to buy another samurai sword.

MSgt Brandon Roberts, 1st Sgt – Finally gave the guy some SNCO responsibility by making him the First Shirt, and he faked a back injury to get out of it. Secretly a sweetheart who makes the best going away gifts this side of the pond, but he'll hock dip spit in your eyes if you call him a sweetheart.

DOT:

MSgt Nelson Germer – He put on MSgt and managed to gain some advanced invisibility powers, since nobody ever knows where this guy is. Best way to track him is by watching his IG story. He's currently holding it down as the Chief Boom fighting the war in Southern Spain, and for that, we thank him.

TSgt Alex Govan — Alex has spent most of his time at the gym holding down the Training shop this year. He got married and brought his wife over here just in time to get picked up to be an MTL and leave, which unfortunately is -750 points. :(He's off to Lackland this summer to flex his leather jacket and Air Medals on all the tech schoolers. Get those 341s ready!

TSgt Kaylene Garcia (or Larose if ya nasty) -- Kaylene got kicked out of Scheduling for having too many good ideas and for yelling at a pilot or six. Snuck away during pre-CFIC to get married, and didn't invite any of us. Pro move though, now she'll be eating fish and chips for 6 years!

SrA Brennon Lacy – Flying every single sortie finally paid off...in the form of a CFIC spot! He would've preferred a cold Miller Lite and a pair of Conor McGregor's used socks but he'll take what he can get. Blacy is leaving us for sunny Spokane this summer. Now who's gonna fly all the 0100Z alert lines?

SrA Anthony Toliver – Learning effortlessly from his flight chief, this guy is impossible to find. Spends more time on leave than anybody in the squadron, yet still has a use-or-lose balance. Hmmmmmm.

A1C Jesse Santiago — Currently crushing the “stringiest mustache” competition, but also being crushed under the weight of being the only guy that actually works in Training.

DOS:

MSgt Joel Bradley – All of Joel’s hard work here got him banished to Spain as the deployed SEL for 6-9 months, but he came back with a killer tan and a fiery Latin temper. Had to get a breathalyzer put on his phone so he’d stop angrily texting Scheduling at 0300. Always good for a beer and SNCO advice, though it might not be “legal”.

TSgt Blake Soule — The only boom in history to volunteer for a job in scheduling. He personally coordinated all air operations in support of the Ukraine/Russia conflict, at least that’s what his Wing NCO of the quarter package says. When not leading campaigns as the Dungeon Master, Blake can be found mentoring wayward CGOs and quoting Letterkenney so much people believe he IS Shoresy.

SSgt Brayan Ramirez-Santiago – The only IB in the squadron who somehow has avoided doing any actual instructing. If you ever need a passing PT test though, Brayan’s the PTL for you. He can’t count higher than 14 so everyone gets max points! He’s unfortunately leaving us for the civilian world this summer, so he can finally wear his nose ring loud and proud. Good luck, bruv!

SSgt Juan “KK” Morales – You can usually find “Kitty Killer” in the gym, deployed to Spain, or on leave in Spain. We pulled him over to Scheduling so he can snap flaky pilots over his knee like Bane, but with the friendliest of smiles.

A1C Dan Crump – Dan has become the squadron DJ, which is odd because he doesn’t listen to anything that came out after 1985. When he’s not massaging the flying schedule, you can find him in various European cities getting drunk and trying to explain to girls what Waffle House is.

A1C Kacey Dickey – If you need someone who perpetually looks like they just woke up, Dickey’s your man. Refuses to date a girl who doesn’t have a funny accent, so we’re keeping a real close eye on his security clearance. Managed to lock himself *inside* a bathroom and nearly canx’d a mission as a result. Dickey is on a roll!

DOV:

MSgt Grant Ringenberg — Grant’s been moonlighting in Stan/Eval when he’s not covering as the Shirt, a job which he enjoyed WAY too much. He’ll tell you it’s because he likes taking care of Airmen, but we know the real reason is because he loves the raw power. He’s leaving us for Fairchild this year and we’ll really miss him! Who’s gonna stalk the halls GK-ing copilots now? Good luck at Fairchild Ring!

SSgt Justin Elliott — He missed promoting by one point and to add insult to injury, got his name painted as TSgt on his jet. Thanks a lot, Maintenance! Justin’s been stationed in Morón while being TDY to Mildenhall, and he’s just waiting on his Spanish citizenship paperwork to get approved any day now. He’s always available for an AE trainer, provided the flight nurses are all single.

SrA Eric Volstad – The real brains behind Stan/Eval! He’s graduated from maiming pilots to wanting to be a pilot himself. Must be why he lifts such heavy weights...gotta have that arm strength to pull the jet out of a combat descent. He’s getting ready for CFIC and he’s positive he’ll teach the Altus IBs a thing or five.

A1C Jordan Carr — Oldest (looking) person in Stan/Eval by at least 9 years, but also might be the hardest working. Jordan took a break cosplaying as our previous commander to go fight the war in Spain for a bit, but now he’s back and ready to lose a Secrets bag near you!

Awards and Decs:

SrA Ben Blake – Blake #2/2. Haircut always looks fast, and his bullet writing is even faster, in spite of his West Virginia public school education. Ben’s retiring from Awards and Decs this summer for his PCS to Macdill, where he’ll be teaching classes on calf strengthening exercises.

Tactics:

SSgt Alex Garcia – Came to us from Macdill, and in a tale as old as time, he immediately swept his sponsor off her feet and married her. He's going through pre-CFIC, so we hooked him up and gave him a make-believe job: squadron tactics boom!

Safety:

SrA Nick McGurk – He wears the BCG flight frames as a fashion statement, but uses the enhanced vision to spot daisy-chained extension cords for his job in Safety. Tried to pay for drinks in Spain by giving them a patch. Doesn't work like that, bud.

A/B-Flight:

MSgt Marcus Hudson — Marcus joined us from Macdill and immediately lost everyone's trust when he admitted he thinks ROBE is cool. He's been expertly wrangling all the baby booms in A and B Flight while scheming for a way to overthrow Holloway as Chief Boom and make it look like an "accident". Spends his free time spooking the locals with his mustache and weird little boat.

SSgt Kadrick Barnes – Got banned from most clubs in the UK for telling every British person that they're musty. Managed to make it through CFIC in an efficient 6.9 months too! Not exactly sure what his "job" is in the squadron, and he's hoping to continue that tradition when he leaves us for the beaches of Tampa this summer. Damn that's craaaaazy!

SSgt Katlin Allen – She came to us from the KC-10, and we punished her for that by making her herd all the baby booms. Joke's on us, she did an okay job. Don't get your hopes up though, Kate, we're still not making you a B-level.

SSgt Brendan Smith — Best hair in the 3-5-1! When he's not getting into fist fights on the footie pitch, he's teaching baby booms how to make precision contacts and lie on travel vouchers. Did a Chief Boom stint in Spain and managed to not come back married, defying expectations.

A1C Robbie Elsea – Quickly became salty after deploying to Spain and Germany (how?). When told "wear something nice to dinner", Robbie busts out the Ohio State hoodie. We got him out of the dorms, until he failed his move-out room inspection while shopping for a flat. Anybody need a roommate?

A1C Caelan Beardsley – When he's not sleeping on the jet, he's prepping for the next time he's gonna sleep on the jet. His abuse of ORM sleep points and sugar-free Monsters brings a tear to every seasoned boom's eye.

A1C Justice Ryan – Refused to get a GTC but then complained about never going TDY. He's giving TSgt Soule a run for his money in the thinning combover game, we'll see who gives up first. Went for a boat trip while "deployed" and got 3rd degree burns on 99% of his body.

A1C Kyle Stumphauzer — Brand new baby boom that just finished MCT, and somehow keeps sniping all the good TDYs from us. Has already mastered the standard British teenager haircut. 0 on the sides, extra fluffy bangs on top please!

A1C Max Richards — He and Stumphauzer are a bonded pair, if you find one, the other is probably lurking nearby. Just finished MCT and he's already got 200 combat support hours. Welcome to Mildenhall!

100 OSS:

Wing Execution:

MSgt Mark Smith – Owns not one, but two houses in Altus, and still stayed in a CrashPad for CFIC. If you've got a minute, he'd love to share the good news about his lord and savior Dogecoin! Somehow managed to work in Wing Scheduling without ever actually having to carry the phone, and is an honorary member of the Purple Cobras.

TSgt Juan Upegui – Just as we finally accepted him into the 135 community, JD is getting paroled from Wing Execution to yet ANOTHER flying job. To practice for it, he's asked us all to make sure our tray tables are in their upright and locked position, and to please stay seated while the seatbelt sign is illuminated. He's off to DC to see how many Capitol Hill interns use Tinder.

TSgt Jamar Campbell: Jamar got here from Macdill and finally found his home in Wing Execution. When he's not holding the phone, he's cosplaying as Britney Spears and begging you to hit him one more time.

SSgt Derek Peifer – Tommy P is finally ending his 6 year (yep) Mildenhall tour and joining the Guard, so he can finally focus on his rap career. If dodging Altus orders were part of a checkride, this guy is a textbook EQ. We're going to miss hearing that sad sigh on the other end of the phone, "Wing Scheduling, Sgt Peifer."

SrA David Rodriguez — Dave's got kids older than some of the new booms, and single handedly scheduled the War on Putin, which he was a BIG fan of. We moved him to Wing Scheduling so he can practice his prison guard restraint techniques on the receiver units of Europe.

100 OG:

OGM:

TSgt Casey McConnell -- So...boom lunch? Casey went from doing a little bit in Stan/Eval to doing nothing in Mobility. However that's really freed up his schedule to get more tattoos! He's currently working on a Legally Blonde leg sleeve, but we heard he's paying the artist in recycled Monster cans. The OG Commander had to slide into his DMs to tell him to shave his deployment stache. Never change, Casey.

OGT:

TSgt Fernando Brome – He was a perfect fit for OGT coming from Altus...until he started snatching up every TDY he could to avoid work. Lost (another) fantasy football bet that required him to wear a dress in public. We're starting to think it might just be his kink. No shame, 'Nando!

OGV:

MSgt Dillon Poole – Made him the Group Tactics Boom after his war tour in Spain. Don't ask him what secret tactical stuff he was working on because he can't tell you...mostly because he doesn't know either. Moved over to OGV, where he's trying to make sense of the new boom checklist that HHG did a real good job with...nice hairline, buddy!

100 ARW:

MSgt Chris King -- Back-to-back Bloody Boom Fantasy League Champ! Like the cowboy that he is, Chris is riding off into the sunset of retirement after a quick stint at the AFRC. We'll miss hearing that sweet country twang on the radios. Thanks for your service and so long, partner!

FNG:

TSgt Randy Miller – Just got here after teaching Fundies and BBOC for a bit, now he gets to find out if any of his lessons made an impact on any of us. Don't get your hopes up, man.

TSgt Tyler Loeslein --"It's pronounced Lois Lane." A linguist who crosstrained to be a boom, she just got here and is already fitting in well. Seems fairly smart, even though she married a maintainer. Must've been a linguist for cavemen.

A1C Jeffrey Mayfield – Definitely a case of erroneous enlistment, because this dude looks 8 years old. Got carded at the Bird in Hand as soon as he got here, so we make sure he's got an adult chaperone when he's hanging out around the squadron bar.

PCS'd/Separated/Retired (Dead to Us)

(C)MSgt Jonny Adams – Chief Adams left us for the sunny shores of Tampa and we haven't been the same since. We're glad to not hear about the Packers anymore, though.

(S)MSgt Tony Montani – The good news: Tony left the 3-5-1 a better place than when he found it. The bad news: his mass changed the air pressure in Wichita so severely, it caused a tornado. Way to go, Lunchbox!

MSgt Justin Miller – Justin left for McConnell and got bamboozled into being Chief Boom for a 46 squadron. We racked our brains but sometimes, a guy's actual life is better than any roast we could deliver.

MSgt Clint Laughman – Lawdog separated this year, and checkride debriefs have shortened 300%! He liked it when evaluatees would shoot from the hip, but that’s the only shot he tolerates.

TSgt Mike Dunn – Mike left us to go make new booms at Altus, hopefully they don’t take for granted what a pushover evaluator he is.

TSgt Jameco Edwards – ‘Meco was also “lucky” enough to get picked up for Altus, and hopefully he doesn’t call his students “baby” as much as he said it to us. That could get unprofessional real fast.

TSgt F. Jervis – F scored that sweet, sweet medical retirement and jetted off to Vegas to be a trophy husband. We’re hoping he can use the free time to find more letters for his name, but we won’t keep our hopes up.

SrA Dave Liu – Liu PCS’d to March and it’s been eerily quiet around the squadron ever since. Trust us, we’re not complaining!

SrA Khalil Brown – Khalil joined the masses in Spokane and we’re sure he misses us. He won’t answer our emails, but we’re sure.

SrA Shawn Parzych – This guy got a TFI? How? Shawn’s now in Alabama where he’s having a hard time on the dating scene, considering he’s an only child. Win some, lose some!

SrA (finally!) Alex Bengel – Alex moved on to terrorize the bars and golf courses of Wichita. He was immediately mistaken for Sasquatch by the local PD, until they saw his Clemson hoodie.

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

HQ AMC/A3CC

“Theater Command & Control”



Mr. Greg Conrad (SMSgt ret. 1981-2003; Mather, Loring, Castle, Altus, Scott) – Greg and his wife Angie are doing great with their youngest starting her senior year in high school this fall. Greg is the resident A3 historian with 27 years in the directorate! We have moved out of the HQ AMC building into our temporary (5-6 years) building as they remodel the HQ AMC building. Look us up if you are in town and want to talk old boom stories!

Mr. Tony “T-Nick” Nicholson (MSgt ret. 1986-2006; Offutt, Castle, Altus, Scott) – Tony and his wife Fran have been building up their Wisconsin Compound in their free time removing an old barn and farmhouse while clearing the property of stuff that accumulated over the years. They are always on the move enjoying the RV and new Polaris Ranger! Just sold their house to downsize and be more agile. Tony is still crazy into running with the Road Warriors!

SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

HQ AMC A3TK

Aircrew Training and Tactics

“Low Hanging Fruit.”



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Scott AFB, IL
HQ AMC/A3VK



KC-46

SMSgt Patrick Martin- The current A3V SEL. Working hard to keep everyone on track and even harder to keep the KC-46 on track. When he's not mowing his lawn, he's working on his next assignment to stand the 911th ARS back up at Seymour Johnson AFB.

SMSgt Michael Miranda- Leading the KC-46 fire brigade, he rarely catches a break in the office. When he can disconnect, you can find him hitting the links. He's hoping to tee up his next drive and land a sweet gig doing what he loves in his next chapter, but you'll have to wait to find out what it is.

KC-10

MSgt Brad Lego- Newest Boom arrival to A3V. He got here at a great time as the KC-10 pilot was deployed and the FE was sent to SNCOA, so he gets to figure it out on his own. He just bought a tractor and is transitioning to country living. He's in it for the long haul as the KC-10 becomes a memory.

KC-135

SMSgt Robert Miller- Seems to be TDY more than he's home. When he is home, he's taking care of his ever-expanding animal farm. Don't forget he's always down for a good phở. Might be looking at retiring soon, if only he didn't have an ADSC.

MSgt Jesse Wright- Jesse went full on Forest Gump and logged 1,600 miles of running in a year, he even had the beard to prove it. That's probably why nobody ever saw him at work. Voldemort is headed to Fairchild this summer. He was so good that he's being replaced with two Booms.

Inbounds:

MSgt Greg Albers
MSgt Augustine Marshall

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HQ AMC A5/8

Directorate of Strategy, Plans, Requirements, and Programs



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HQ AMC/A10N

“NUCLEAR OPERATIONS DIVISION”



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SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

108th ARS

HOME OF THE MID-AMERICA MILITIA



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SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

906th ARS

“SPARTANS, COME TAKE!”



SrA Mark Zajac: Zajac has a thing for always getting sweet deals but complaining about it the whole time. Also, the only boom to brag about never using a checklist but wants to be an instructor. Has good intentions though.

SrA Ed Mensah: Mensah, what's that? SPEAK UP BOY. Soft spoken but has solid GK but pretends to know nothing. “You trolling me bro” is the catch phrase that will be remembered for years to come.

SrA Esteban “Steve” Robles: Robles misses McConnell so much needs to remind the whole boom force “that’s how we did it at McConnell”. A rambunctious new instructor that’s eager to teach whether you are ready or not.

SSgt Devin Battle: Left Fairchild to come to the 906th. Don’t let him fool you, he tried to buy the whole Uhaul truck with his PCS money.

SSgt Loraine Ermel: Ermel is she still a boom? Became the 906th hardest working Admin.

SSgt Kaleb (He) Bourque: 906th newest instructor. On his way to Altus to teach the newbies how to be a boom. Make sure you ask him how much a KC-135 pallet can carry.

TSgt Darian (She) Bourque: Family of two recently added a baby to the mix. Came back to work hitting the ground running. Also, headed to Altus. Wouldn’t be a complete day without hearing “Hey, Sir” from a distance.

MSgt Greg Albers: Albers claims to be approachable, although he never smiles. Has a full time job of scaring our CFIC candidates out of the program. Thrown to the wolves being placed in the op sup position that he didn’t want, he acts like he doesn’t care but way way down he kinda does, what a big ol softie.

SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

618 AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)

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Greeting from a windowless building on the outskirts of St. Louis Missouri. Here at the Air Operations Center located at Scott Air Force Base, Career Enlisted Aviators with the best being Boom Operators coordinate, plan, execute, and deliver rapid global mobility at a moment's notice across the world. Channels, contingency, and SAAM missions supporting operations across the globe have included: Ukraine support, replenishment of baby formula in CONUS, Afghanistan NEO, and the dismantlement of ISIS operations in 2022 so far.

ALD

- TSgt. Andrew Cohea
- TSgt. Darrin Lafever
- TSgt. Michael Lawson
- TSgt. Derrick Wagner

ARD

- MSgt. Justice Coker
- MSgt. Brian Huls
- MSgt. Sean Scott
- TSgt. Zachariah Austin
- TSgt. Erica Lawson
- TSgt. Logan Lord
- TSgt Jason Markham
- SSgt. Samuel Ralph

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USTC/J3-WR



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KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTOR



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SELFRIDGE ANGB, MICHIGAN

127th WG / 171st ARS

“SIX PACK”



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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NORTH CAROLINA

77th ARS

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"



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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NORTH CAROLINA

911 ARS

"Red Eagles"



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SIOUX CITY ANGB, IOWA

174th ARS / 185th ARW

“THE BATS”



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TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

465th ARS

“OKIES”



Welcome to the home of the Shit-Hot Okies where our contacts are precise and our “disconnect” game is 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: After many missed deployments he is finally decided to retire.

SMSgt Ben “Napoleon” Brent: Ben is currently assistant superintendent of Stan/Eval. Blue Bell named an ice cream flavor after him... Napoleon. The only boom to wear platted cargo shorts on every TDY. He dresses like he is on an episode of King of the Hill.

TSgt Dave “Morty” Brown: He is married...to a girl! Dave has settled into his finance position on the other side of base. When he isn’t making summit bids in his slip-on rockports, you can find him sampling light-domestic lagers in the TDY Hotel bar and telling tales about the halcyon days of falling down hills in Michigan.

SSgt Thom “Thumb” Carlin: First Okie to go on a deployment and come back in worse shape, rumor has it he is going to turn his desert queen TCN into is stateside Dependa. When he isn’t honing his skills at unsolicited pressure AR he’s likely found at the police auction looking for another Ford Fiesta. While his future is unwritten, odds are he’ll be bailing out his little brother for selling boot-leg cigars to patrons in OKC’s finest dining establishments.

SMSgt Justin “Sparky” Hopkins: After all these years he still doesn’t know how to read the schedule, but that’s forgivable when your solar panel/generator empire is booming thanks to Putin’s Price Hike. Justin spends Darby’s retirement check on social media marketing alone...

MSgt Bobby “SharkEyes” Jackson: The pride of the Okies with his god like instructor abilities and his attention to detail, he always gets the job done right the first time.

TSgt Shay “Unc” Ladd: He may show up occasionally...only when he doesn’t have to, when he is supposed to be here he can’t be found.If it you really need him check out the you literally have a better chance at winning the lottery than catching Unc in uniform.

SMSgt Mark “Salt Lake” McGougan: He is one ounce of salt away from being DNIF indefinitely, honestly not sure how he is still flying. He can be found hustling tires when he is on sick leave

Scott “Egg Head” Montgomery: The only instructor that needs an instructor. Ray Charles of the booms. Wouldn't see the lord coming if he came back today. His hairline would be cool in the 70s.

CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson:

TSgt Landon “The Chosen One” Rother: Like a cocked nozzle Landon has a hard time pulling out, he has more kids than a foster home and all of his kids with one wife.... Loser.

TSgt Michael “William” Wallace: His wife decided that he shouldn't be a boom anymore. His services are best suited being as a stay at home dad. Rumor is Wallace just opened up a daddy day care.

SRA Patrick “Boat Zoom” Carlin: I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Boat clowns run in the Carlin Family. Patrick tends to be a bit skinnier than his older brother. I bit wiser as well. He doesn't think he is right all the time like his brother.

SRA Peter “Repeat” Whitfield: One of our kinda seasoned booms whom just can't get it right. Repeat after repeat after repeat and all Pete can say is damn it... He has an issue with picking a job, Pete has had more jobs than a Chinese phone books has Chins.

MSgt Dalton Williams: CEO of double D's Bussin Meats, recently shouted out by Bonnie McMurray of Letterkenny fame. Dalton's ego is growing faster than his waistline, but he still crushes two workouts a day while creating brisket-dependency problems in half the squadron. Dalton's meteoric rise is not inexplicable, the Pride of Possum-Holler was always destined for greatness, we just didn't expect he would pull the handle and take a golden-parachute ride courtesy of 10th test.

DEPARTED THE FIX:

MSgt Chaz “Shatz” Dalton: Retired and probably making plans for another insurrection. He also managed to crap himself one more time before he retired.

SMSgt Darby “Jose Darbo” Perrin: Currently disguised as a salvation army santa. Spends his free time dodging bullets in Del City, OK.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

10th Flight Test Squadron

“FIGHTIN’ TENTH”



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TRAVIS AFB, CA

6 ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



Senior Enlisted Manager

SMSgt Michael “Smitty” Smith - “Ass****s Live Forever”, is not just a brand he ambassadors (and wears religiously) but can be the very definition of that, when he needs to be. Otherwise, he likes to joke and have an occasional beverage with the other booms, and occasionally fall into a chicken hole and almost break his leg (what an animal, *wink* *wink*). You can find him in his office or walk-, I mean hobbling about the squadron, and then onto his truck or motorcycle.

Chief Boom

MSgt Christopher “Villa” Villanueva - The new chief boom of the 6th is no stranger to most of the booms. Being the head boom instructor over at the FTU for several years, and an evaluator at the 6th before that, he was the face of terror to all who were not accountable for their own training and studying. Now he’s back, and he’s still as frightening as ever. When he’s not being scary, he’s a nice guy to talk to. (The author fears him, and wants to appease him in any way possible)

Evaluators

TSgt Curtis “Claw Daddy” Clawson - The former interim Chief Boom and newly christened evaluator, the Claw Daddy is the father you wished you had, but you couldn’t, so you settle on calling him the Claw Daddy (as if there was another reason to call him daddy; actually, don’t answer that). One of the more senior enlisted booms, his fatherly ways and figure make him even more loveable (and not in *that* way, you perverted minded boom).

TSgt Uriel Escamilla - A newer addition to the evaluator corps, the former 32nd boom and California native has moved on from his time on the east coast, even if his former squadron flying buddies don’t want him to forget, by stealing one of our squadron rugs, leaving a note for him, and creating a tripping and electrical hazard in the scheduling shop.

TSgt Nathaniel “Nat” Forrider - The youngest of the evaluators, Forrider is one of the more experienced and knowledgeable booms in the 6th (that hasn’t been plucked by the FTU yet). When he isn’t being the most productive evaluator in the squadron, you’ll find him watching motocross races, or even on the golf course.

TSgt Adam Ingan - Unlike other boom evaluators, Ingan is quite quiet and usually keeps to himself. He won’t say much, unless he tells scheduling he’s jumping someone on the next cargo OST or coronet west to Hawaii. When he is there, he usually likes to surf or paddleboard. When he’s not on the road, he’s squashing scrubs in Halo and COD.

Instructors

MSgt Jonathan Farmer - Currently the chief of OCC, Farmer tries to live up to name. He tends to his crops sometimes, and hopes they bear good fruit, but most of the time they become overgrown, and it becomes a hassle. Unfortunately, the farmhands are also having trouble dealing with the craziness (if they're not crazy themselves). This includes OCC and his 9 children.

TSgt Marco Ayala - The current head of training, Ayala is all eyes (and approximately 2 ears on a good day) when it comes to training. It's surprising that he has such good boom control with the smallest hands in the Air Force. He was selected to move over to Current Ops to build our OSTs that AMC never provides.

TSgt Jared Sanchez - When he isn't being a look-a-like of one of our engineers (TSgt Jeremiah Mohr), he likes to play Halo, and apparently, he's quite good at it. Just not as good as TSgt Ingan though.

SSgt Ralph "Who Me?" Fleurant - Cool, calm, suave, knowledgeable, and a bit of a jokester at times, Fleurant is the complete package (even if he sounds like a nervous wreck at times). Even in a one-on-one conversation he will still reply with "Who me?"

SSgt Matthew Rando - Can this guy stop being such an overachiever? Award after award, honor after honor, this man cannot stop winning squadron and group-level awards. He's already an instructor and a squadron enlisted exec, and he's about to go and become an officer in the medical field (congrats by the way), yet he still wants to compete against everyone else in the squadron for those awards. Come on, let someone else have a chance.

SSgt Jordan Smith - A sophisticated southern gentleman, Smith is unique character. Whether it's the millions (and millions) of views of his video talking about his aerial culinary skills, or his unique "protestor approved" flatbed truck, he will not be the butt of a Jeff Foxworthy joke.

Line Booms

TSgt James Coomes - One of the more vocal booms we have (when scheduling isn't putting him on trips), Coomes is a leading man in mobility readiness. How do you know if someone does crossfit? Because they tell you...Did you know he was an AE instructor?

TSgt Dylan Richardson - One of the more interesting souls we have, Richardson is one of the most energetic people we have (mostly because of the Red Bull). When he's not at the smoke pit or on his 3rd floor bar and patio at his home, you can find him working on EPRs and awards packages (and some very occasional scheduling work).

TSgt Briana "Bree" Wilson - Why is she so nice, innocent, and full of tears of joy? It's not normal (but then again what is?). Most booms are sarcastic and negative (and she can be at times, although mostly sassy), yet she comes and brightens the atmosphere with just her presence and her soft-spoken voice.

SSgt Edwin Gomez-Rivera - This resources head, and self-proclaimed "Diva", is the most "SaaaVage" boom operator we have. Even though English is not his first language, his roasting is bar none. His road adventures are the stuff of legend, earning him the nickname "Mr. Worldwide" (for reasons that cannot be explained in this forum, and that have nothing to do with Pitbull).

SSgt Austin Hess "Express" - How can one explain the enigma that is the Hess Express? A jack of all trades, a jokester that can make even SMSgt Smith spit take a Yuengling, the great-great nephew of the second-in-command to the Third Reich, and a thoroughbred stallion, trained by the best contractor, Mr. Rob Schuetz, this scheduler is the envy of all. He can do no wrong (except not show up to work on time, too shy to tell people what to do, or be a procrastinator). He will be a great instructor (if he fixes the exceptions).

SSgt Ryan "Mr. Mulligan" Hicks - He isn't the only person in his household that has graced the 6th with their presence. The very soft-spoken gentleman, who is a newly christened mission boom, has an outspoken former 6th

SARM member and current 6th training contractor by his side. The author does not believe him to be a golfer, but if he was, he wouldn't need a 'Mulligan', because he already has one.

SSgt Richard Hudson - The man is a Vietnam War veteran in a man a third of their age. He listens to Frank Sinatra and CCR, smokes and has the occasional sip from time to time, complains about new technology (ahem, Puckboard), and talks about his glory days, which were only a couple years ago. Even though he is an old soul at heart, he is also one of the more productive members of scheduling. He is slated for instructor upgrade as long as he doesn't go missing on the beaches of Wakiki again.

SSgt Keaton Kert Key - Your stereotypical Texas rancher; speaks like a Texan, dresses like a cowboy, lives in a rural area (even though he's 5 minutes from the nearest shopping center), and cares for his livestock. He gets rowdy at squadron events and parties, often talking about his chickens and goats. He can teach you how to catch a chicken, now let's see if he can teach booms not to catch the edge of a receptacle.

SSgt Lyndon Nguyen - Pronounced 'Lin-din Win', a flying crew chief cross trainee from the C-17s... although his ability to hang with booms on the road has us questioning the foundational party habits of FCCs. His 9:30pm bedtime even at a sports bar, non-tobacco use, faithful to 0-0-1-3, and clean record have us scratching our heads.

SSgt Enrique Reynoso - A cross-trainee, and an ALS graduate, he is on his way to becoming a good NCO and boom operator. (Now let's get him through training and in charge of a shop.)

SrA Ashleigh Brown - It's always the quiet ones who are the most interesting, and Brown fits this description. She just moved out of the dorms and is looking to purchase an EV or Prius to assist with the California gas prices as she's commuting from Yuba city.

SrA Ethan "E2" Ellis - Ellis is an excellent entertainer, an enjoyable employee, and effortlessly exudes exuberance (slight exaggeration). He's quite the mama's boy, in that his mother is an Air Force Colonel (and if you receive a coin from her, you'll see a nice little tribute to her favorite baby boy).

SrA Alek Forslund - A man with a soft and a hard side, Forslund is quite the interesting guy. He is a man that can care for his small dog and take care of someone almost double his size in a bout of wrestling (which we won't talk about in this setting or ever).

SrA Dawson "Stain" Mustain - No, before anyone asks, he does not own either the car or the horse. The closest he has come to doing that is playing GTA5 or RDR2. Speaking of video games, when he isn't learning to schedule, you can find him playing Halo with TSgt Sanchez. You can also find him at the gym late at night (no one knows if this is true or not with minimal witnesses, but we'll take his word for it, actually, probably not).

SrA Austin Parker - A part of the fittest and most photogenic section in all of 6 ARS, Parker is a model figure for resources. Whether it's his hard work in the office or his hard work on his Instagram filters, he thinks he is a man most people envy. He and A1C Ubben are attached at the hip and can be found on their joint TikTok account.

SrA Amalia Rosa - Another quiet boom in the squadron both in and outside of work. She usually likes to keep to herself by not coming out to optional squadron events or not picking up the mandatory scheduling phone call, she is quite mysterious.

SrA Ishmael "Sultan of Swag" Sweeney - The newly divorced Sultan of Swag is out on the prowl again. This smooth, jazzy gentleman will be the ire of all men and women alike. The man with the largest hands in the squadron, TSgt Ayala is extremely jealous that his hands are half the size.

A1C Joseph Casillas - The first of the Casillas (alphabetically, and not related), this Casillas is newly married and is the first of the non-related twins to deploy. (Not that there's any kind of competition going on between them.) He can also be found watching YouTube videos about submitting DTS vouchers.

A1C Marvin Casillas - The other Casillas (again, not related), this one likes to socialize with the other booms and is quite the jokester at times. He once joked so much about joining the reserves that he was approved for Palace

Chase, but it was withdrawn as fast as a Will Smith slap. He is also still learning how to stay within his shaving waiver.

A1C Kaitlyn Casper - Like the ghost, she is quite the friendly type (even if she is as pale as one). At home she's usually likes to keep to herself, but on the road, she can hang with the best of them.

A1C Tabitha Clifton - Still in the FTU as an IQT student, she is a squeaky-clean boom, with apparently a squeaky-clean dorm room. She earned Dorm of the Quarter for the Group (which apparently is an award now) and is competing at the Wing.

A1C Jaime Lozoya - One of the youngest boom operators and is already in his new home in sandland. In the beginning, some thought he might have attachment issues with his sponsor (ahem, Hess), but now he's become quite independent and one of the bright stars in the boom career field.

A1C Brendan Price - Already becoming an excellent boom operator, Price (no relation to TSgt Price) is a recent distinguished graduate of the FTU. What's his reward you ask? That's right, more flights with the FTU. Currently scheduling's you're the only one available to fly, he'll one day have a good trip.

A1C Trinidad "Gerber Baby" Reyes - One of the more reliable new booms, a powerhouse if you might. A former high school wrestler, he likes to lift in his time away from work. (We won't talk about that time he lost to someone outside his weight class). Has been referred to as TSgt Clawson's long lost son. He is graduating Honor Guard and moving to Mobility.

A1C Zachary Ubben - If one could copy and paste a description from another person onto someone else, Ubben would have SrA Parker's exact description. They are almost the same (with Ubben being slightly taller, and Parker being a bit more handsomer).

AB Darcy "Juicy" Coulter - She's been in the squadron for less than a month, and she's already got a callsign, just celebrated her 21st birthday (with a celebratory drink), and has had her wisdom teeth taken out. She's taking to the aircrew way of life before sewing on her first stripe or flight. Oh, and she speaks fluent German and lived in Austria for a couple years, if that wasn't enough. Anesthesia is one hell of a drug... just ask her. Vollkommen!

Attached/On Loan

MSgt David "Pingenutz" Pingleton - MSgt Pringle- I mean Pingleton has some of the best barbeque this side of the Mississippi. Whether it's ribs, brisket, or his homemade concoction of alcoholic eggnog during the holidays (which will render you drunk after one glass), his culinary abilities only rival the best chefs in America. (probably a slight exaggeration)

TSgt Christina "Chrissy" Price - This former flight attendant and current, current ops manager is one of the best cooks we have. Whether it's baking up cupcakes, making sandwiches for the former Vice President (now President), or cooking up a good trip on G2, she can make anything happen (to include putting herself on said good trips). Unfortunately, we will be losing her very soon as she will go back to flight attending.

SSgt Zackary Lipsey - A member of current ops, Lipsey is always creating interesting packages for the 6th. From trips and locals to those bundles of joy he likes posting on Instagram, if he fits it, scheduling ships it. Attended Animals in the Woods, but doesn't remember attending Animals in the Woods.

Boom Stowed, Leaving Position (Departures)

TSgt Jesse Eagles - He has had a long career as a boom operator, but left is for the AMOS. Going up the boom ladder to evaluator, then heading to the Center of Excellence at Lackland, and back to Travis as an FTU instructor, he will be missed. Probably a coincidence (or not, who knows), he still gets emails for his wife, who pronounces her name the same.

SSgt Neesen Bristow - Just like the name of the actor that her first name bris- I mean bestows, she has been “taken” from us (not really, it was her choice, and she is coming back to Travis). Now she takes her “particular set of skills” over to the ATC world. But unlike that movie, she won’t try to find you and kill you (because then she’d be fired).

SSgt Cody Ivie - Unlike the plant (that has a different spelling), he has never been a “rash” of person to talk to. He is now an MTL (and already flaunting his black rope), we wish him the best as he leads the next generation into the future.

SSgt Calvin Kim - This fun yet hard-working former instructor boom operator is currently working for the AMOS at Travis. A man that can party and have fun, but also get down to business when needed, you can still see him around the base, talking about how he once was a boom instructor.

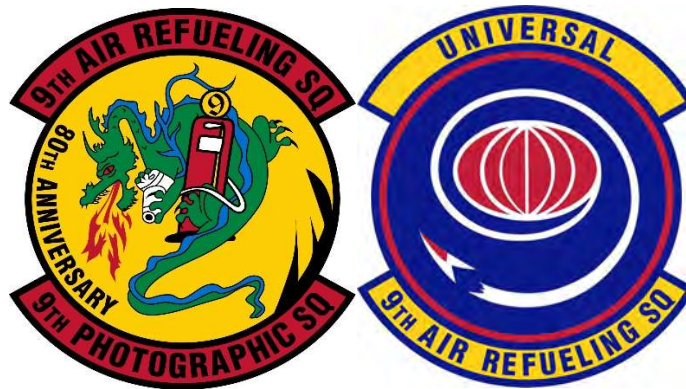
SSgt Samuel “Ralphy” Ralphs - Ralphy, currently over at Scott as a tanker planner, was a boom that you knew would work hard and play hard (but not too hard). The former instructor was one of the more knowledgeable members of the 6th during his time here and was quite the partier. Just don’t get him too partied up though, as he does have a tendency to be a danger to himself. As long as he’s tended to, he won’t try to “break a leg”.

Amn Jesse Freeman - A brand new father, this boom will be spending a little bit more time with his child, as unfortunately he will be leaving us and the Air Force at large. With his wife also being in the Air Force, the 6th wishes him and his family luck on their future endeavors. (There’s nothing to roast here, it’s just a disappointment.)

TRAVIS AFB, CA

9 ARS

“Gucci Pride! Worldwide!”



SSGT ERIK ALEXANDER – Erik is our resident CSS NCO, not by choice. He does a great job at hoping on trips to tropical locations to get them hours in! Rumor has it he collects all the 1st edition bootleg spider-man comics.

SSGT JOHN ANDERSON - John is a great instructor boom (we think) and has no issues spending his one week every two months crushing the scheduling desk. He is easily identifiable on base by his rad bumper sticker that says “Current Ops Rulez”.

A1C ZACHERY BAMBACH - One day Bambi will fly on the KC-10 and it will be glorious, so far he has been an awesome scheduler.

SSGT BARRETT BLUNT - Clearly the funniest/best looking Boom in the squadron. Does phenomenal work and is a joy to have around. *DID NOT WRITE THIS*

A1C MATTHEW BRADFIELD - Matthew is still at FTU so no one really knows anything about him... seems like a cool guy, went out for Special Forces, so expect his shorts to be SHORT.

SRA WILLIAM BYRD - Will AKA Mike is a great Readiness troop. He is our only Boom who has one functional leg, and has the hairline of a MSgt. You guessed it... he is a Cowboys and a Laker fan, that’s all you need to know.

SMSGT JAMES CAIN - Always count on Senior to post a motivational screenshot from his iPhone 4 at exactly midnight. We all know he’s up at all hours of the night watching BMT videos and leaving comments on how soft the Air Force has become. Anything Senior does is Jocko approved and he keeps it real.

SRA CAMERON CARL - Cameron is one of the 9th ARS newest instructor booms and is trying to quickly finesse himself into Stan/Eval. Cam embodies E-4 mafia with his frequent alibies he has on deck.

AB BENJAMIN CRISP - Crisp-B, just a theatre kid from Texas nothing to see here. Will most likely start at the FTU as the KC-10 gets divested, until then he will be collecting that FAT Airman Basic paycheck.

SRA KAMERON CUFF - If you had to place a bet on which Boom would end up on a reality show it's Kidda Kam. He is a model/rapper/D-3 athlete/entrepreneur/amateur fitness mogul in his spare time. The rest of the time you will catch him in resources (supposedly).

MSGT DENNIS EDWARDS - Dennis has found his way over to the FTU and now all of the new booms will get to experience the nicest SNCO they will meet... Alright, Okay, Alright, Okay... Man, man, man

SSGT MICAH LEVI ELIAS - Micah is a man of few words. We are pretty sure he does talk and we think he has a job at the squadron. He is the guy who is logged into a computer but you're really not sure exactly what he is doing... we once saw him navigating MyPers for several hours. It's all about the appearance of being busy.

SSGT CORNELIUS FRAZIER - Cornelius is currently a KC-46 Boom so he is no longer our problem, but we feel like it's important to note that the ping pong table has not been touched since. If you want to be insulted and then watch your evaluator read comics your whole check ride Frazier is your best bet.

A1C TYLER FREETLY - Tyler is one of our newer Booms, he waited about 6 months to finally figure out where supply is. Upon arrival he was notified they don't carry flight suits for anyone who is 6'7 and under 100 lbs. He had to bribe an elderly woman at Yasus to piece him something together.

SSGT JOSHUA GAMBLE - If you need to learn how to make a nice loaf of bread look no further than the world's crustiest Staff. Josh has been in since Nam' and loves working with some of our newest Airmen in the MPC. Back when I came in is a frequently discussed topic with Josh, but he's a great resource for Boom GK.

A1C JOSHUA GRABE - Joshua is currently saving up all his money from trips/deployments to purchase a lovely 2006 Mazda Miata *convertible*. He recently married a maintainer, and explains to her every day that he is aircrew, AKA the tip of the spear.

SRA KENNETH GROVE - Ken's official position is crew breakout topic picker, but we are unsure if that will fit on his EPR. Pretty sure he is the head of the Travis' E-Sports league. He maintains our training shop and we haven't heard any Airmen complain about him yet so he must be good.

TSGT JUSTIN HAUGHN - Justin has been at the squadron for a while now but were not quite sure what he does or where he works.

SRA MADISON HUGHES - Maddy is that boom who you're always happy to have around the one time every 4 months she comes into the squadron. She will hop on any trip you give her if it's not Guam, Alaska, Japan, or stateside... so basically Hawaii. Word on the street is she's trash at COD, but we all know she plays Roblox.

CMSGT GERALD JAMES - Chief embodies the concept of being an Airman, it helps if you have been in since the Air Force started. Chief always carries an original copy of the little brown book on him, we have heard he can recite it word for word. If you're interest in a 2-hour dissertation on the concept of leadership hit up chief.

A1C WILLIAM KEEDY - Will is another one of our new Booms, after his check ride they packed him a couple of pizza rolls and immediately sent him out to the desert. This was devastating to Will since he can no longer play Fortnite with the boyz (Rafferty).

TSGT SHANE KINSLOW - Shane is currently in charge of Boom scheduling, but his real passion... informing young Airmen on the joys of investing in the TSP. Currently Shane lives in an alley behind a yoga studio in Davis, anything to max out those TSP contributions. Reach out to Shane for vegan recipes and kombucha recommendations.

A1C JESSICA ROSE LERE - Jessica's a new boom who enjoys a cold soda and an extra-large bag of hot Cheetos... for breakfast. She is pretty quiet but when she does talk she is asking to go home at 10 AM.

SSGT TARAN LEWIS - Taran also know by his Instagram name "BeerChuggingFlyboy_KC10", took the longest deployment possible after putting on instructor. This was definitely not planned at all by him. After graduating ALS

he said specifically “wow, can you believe how much better Aircrew is than everyone else”. Catch him at the car dealership after his deployment checking out a Jeep Gladiator, which is basically the mullet of vehicle world, nice.

A1C TYLER MARG - Tyler is our squadron’s suspected OSI agent, he is in his late 20’s and only recently received his dollar ride. There is something suspicious about a 27 year old A1C, who doesn’t start his training for 5 month hmmm.

SSGT ALEXIS MARTINEZ - Alexis is a prime example of move in silence... he gets out in 2 weeks. Surprise. You can catch him at the squadron gym listening to a combination of Juicy J, Hannah Montana, and BTS.

SSGT ANDRES MARTINEZ - Andre is that NCO that car dealerships salivate over. His Cuban link chain and out of regs hair scream Pablo Escobar, but his brand-new Silverado scream U.S Airman. He went from a Tacoma to a Silverado and gas is 6 dollars a gallon... let that sink in.

TSGT JUSTIN MARTINEZ - Marty is one of the many Martinez’s we have the pleasure of working with. We pray that one day Marty does some meditation and hot yoga to destress, because at his current rate he’ll be fully grey by MSGT.

MSGT MATTHEW METZ – Matthew just got to the squadron but so far he has done a great job of laying low and not making waves.

SSGT ODILIO PHILIP NADELA - Phil always flies with his DKNY purse/lunch bag, which makes sense because when you take every single trip to Japan, you’ll need snacks. Phil is a great instructor who will teach new Booms how to smuggle car parts back into the states.

A1C AHUAPAU NAKAPA - Chuck Norris is a man of many names, Pono, Nakapa, Norris, Airman, but we have settled on Chuck, we even made sure to not ask him his preference at all. He is from Hawaii, so it is confusing to watch him fly and wear his Massif jacket the whole trip, even to Guam, we assume he’s always cold.

MSGT JUSTIN NEWSOM - Justin just got his 4 months as a deployed chief boom knocked out so he is eager to inflict that suck on us back at the squadron. He is always ranting about these soft Airmen and how no one’s calves are as nice as his. When entering the Chief Boom office be wary of half full water bottles with a minty brown liquid. Verbal Assault is Justin’s leadership method of choice.

A1C RENEE OSWALT - Renee is a great addition to the 9th, she is from Sacramento originally which is great because she never had to actually move out of her house. She said BMT was “pretty chill” and now sits in training seeing who can talk the least.

SRA CHRISTIAN OTERO - Christian is one of the ring leaders of the E-4 mafia. He will schedule you for a trip and will be very sorry, but you’re the only one available, allegedly. He spends his free time at Mango’s and enjoys putting in hair product.

SRA MARTIN PERALTA - Martin is late to work just about every other week, which is why we think they moved him to the closet that is Readiness. Martin works out occasionally, but mostly to post on the ‘gram, we just hope that one day he gets a bigger flight suit.

TSGT MATTEO PIRUZZA -Matteo is one of our squadrons top NCO’s, constantly taking on new tasks. He has hopped on just about every rotator going to the desert, not just for the tax free but mostly to avoid all these programs. He thoroughly enjoys talking about his tesla and coming into work on his crew rest, but he is wearing joggers so it’s all good. Mean mustache genetics, sub-par ping pong genetics.

A1C JEREMY PRITCHARD - Jeremy is one of our newer Booms, oh wait never mind we just think that because he was in training for three times longer than he should’ve been. Jeremy’s hobbies include being at the PEAK, breathing in air at the PEAK, and dreaming about one day getting married at the PEAK (café for the dorms).

SSGT DANIEL PROBEN - Danny AKA peach vibez, has been “getting out” now for about year. His hobbies include coding, 3D printing, and reading fanfiction, we still wonder to this day why he is single. He recently started

calling people dweebs, dorks, and dufus's, we all just figured he came across a joke book written for 5th graders. He will do great things in college, and we have faith he will get invited to a party at some point.

A1C JAKOB RAFFERTY - Rafferty has not been at the squadron long, he is already deployed, getting a taste of that aircrew lifestyle. When asked about his mustache/comb over combo he specifically states that Ned Flanders was a role model of his growing up. His dollar ride was actually on a rotator believe it or not, Thanks MSGT Newsom...

SRA AARON RASSMUSSEN - A-Aron is that guy who needs to take his protein 20 minutes after a lifting sesh, because "the calories hit different". He is about 6'3 and 190 lbs of mostly lean muscle and you know he keeps that extra shmedium sand tee on him. We heard that he has a picture of the Rock as a screen saver on his phone.

A1C WILLEM RIDDER - Willem is always walking around the squadron with a smile, unfortunately for him he works with Airman Winmill who out smiles everyone. It eats Willem up inside that he can't be the most cheerful person in the MPC. Standing at a staggering 7 feet tall Willem actually has to get a custom seat for flights.

TSGT PAUL SANTOS - Paul is the stan/eval guy, if he only insults you a little bit on a check ride, you're probably going to Q1, but if he says "WHAT *blink*" after you answer a question, prepare for your Q3. Paul's favorite place to TDY is Guam, but not for the beautiful oceans, but rather the karaoke. We have seen him argue with Frazier on whose contacts are better for about 45 minutes straight.

AMN CONNOR SCHUMMER - Connor works at the scheduling desk, but in his free time we know he likes to kick it with the boys, they frequently talk about who can bench more, despite his 140 lb frame. He is a regular at the BX, consistently being the sole reason, they run out of hair product. Mustache March came and went and were still rooting for his stache to come in. One day Connor, one day.

MSGT ADAM SIGMAN - Adam came to the 9th pretty recently and the first thing he mentioned was that he retires in a leisurely 2 years. If you want to be regaled by 15 year old stories from when he was an MB just come to a crew breakout. His equal plan will line up beautifully with him hitting the button.

SSGT JORDAN TAGGART - Jordan oversees our Resources shop so if you're trying to lay low in the squadron and not get tagged with work come find him. He is still riding his high of when he used to take trips and deployment, since he has been DNIF for what feels like a decade. He is currently looking into conspiracy theories, everything has come back inconclusive.

TSGT DERRELL VANN - Derrell is passionate about running B-flight, filling in as a temporary First Sergeant, and being an evaluator boom, the only thing he can't do is eat a cheeseburger. As a devout(ish) introvert Derrell avoids all human interaction at any cost, we have seen an Airman ask him for the time once, and Derrell instantly burst into tears and was shouting that he needs more brussel sprouts and teleworking. He frequently does check rides for the squadron's booms over Zoom calls, sending GK questions over via carrier pigeon.

SSGT RICHARD WALKER - Dick Walker is doing great things over in our training flight, on more than one occasion we have seen him threaten new Booms with his ju-jitsu abilities, in which one of the new Booms asked "is that like Naruto?". Richard is always walking around with a clean comb-over, Oakley gas-cans, and a slight frowny face. Catch him on Friday night with a Yuengling, shopping on Amazon for which pocketknife has the best reviews.

SSGT GARRETT WALTMAN - Garrett is our current stowaway at Current Ops, he still needs about 90% of his beans since the squadron has all but forgotten about him. As a prior scheduler he is well versed in finessing himself off trips/locals. After joining the Air Force at the ripe age of 17 Garrett's first drink wasn't until he pinned on Staff. Before enlisting Garrett had hardcore Bieber-fever.

SrA CHRISTIAN WIKER - Chris is the squadron's newest TSP guru, investing a whopping 95% of his base pay. He currently lives in a homeless shelter and has brought in ramen noodles for lunch the past 3 months. Inflation is at an all-time high causing Chris quite a bit of stress. On his off-time Chris has considered doing CrossFit but is too worried he will be roasted back at the shop in case anyone finds out, unfortunately for him that happens anyways.

SSGT SEAN WILSON - Sean is a staple at the 9th, currently he resides in the awards and decs office. The set up they have between Andres and him is like finance, come in as little as humanly possible and avoiding being helpful. Sean is always being put up for additional duties and opportunities by his leadership, which tends to be a surprise when he comes in after a few weeks realizing he now has 3 additional duties. Sean is shooting for 4,000 hours before finally going to upgrade.

A1C BRIANNA WINMILL - Brianna is our most positive Boom, she always has a smile on her face. When she wakes up, smile, when she eats food, smile, and even when she is sleeping, believe it or not, smile. She always says hi to you whenever she sees you, even if you're awkwardly far away. We once saw her greet an Airman over 3 football fields away.

SSGT HONGTAO WU - Hongtao has the great pleasure of his last name being Wu, which we are pretty sure comes from the storied Wu-tang clan. Wu stays up to date with all sorts of stable investment opportunities and shares advice with our young Airmen. We once saw him breakdown the complexities of DOGE coin and options contracts for Tesla, stating Elon is the man. Wu was once a competitive eater in a past life, and we have seen him order one of everything off a Taco Bell menu. It's the same 4 ingredients, but for Wu-tang it's about the principle.

A1C JOVANI ZAVALA - Jovani is one of our Airmen who work in the Resources shop and has been delegated roughly 90% of the tasks. He is from Texas so if you bring it up prepare yourself for three hours of Whataburger this, and freedom that. He hates living in California because he can't face the fact that the beautiful landscapes, supremely better burger spots (In-N-Out), and expensive gas are better than Texas.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA
60th OSS/FTU
“GATEKEEPERS”



MSgt Dennis Edwards- Dennis is the new Boom Superintendent at the FTU. He does a bang-up job tracking all of us knuckleheads and our individual training needs. He was originally a 135 guy and after hearing how loud “effective” his contacts were... it shows. Less is more my guy.

TSgt Zachary Bieber- Biebs is a one man army, he knows all the ins and outs of the unit and everything else he puts his mind to. The kid is a human Swiss Army Knife and makes everything possible. I’m pretty sure you can give him a broken compass, a hang glider, and a plunger and he can find Atlantis.

TSgt Zachary Ruff- Ruff lives up to his name because he’s rough around the edges. I’ve heard rumors of his students leaving the ARO with tears in their eyes, mumbling “cover the damn hole”. However, if you ask him if he wants to leave the FTU? Then he turns into Andre 3000” I want to stay forever...forever ever...forever ever ever!

TSgt Andres Castillo- You’re liable to catch Andres riding in his Subaru STI, or destroying bosses in Elden Ring, or on the golf course. He’s been a little hush-hush about it, but I heard we might be losing him because he’ll probably go pro soon.

SSgt Benjamin LeClerc- Ben is nicest dude you will ever meet. I don’t know if I have ever heard him yell or seen him upset. If so, he’s so damn nice about it! I honestly don’t know what’s quieter... him or the Tesla he drives (Ben I do want your referral code tho).

SSgt Andrew Hall- Andrew has recently medically retired and has embraced the ORF lifestyle with open arms. He has moved to Alabama with his family but he will be missed by his FTU family even though he was always DNIF.

SSgt Mason Wells- Mason is new guy #2 and he is the self-proclaimed man, the myth, the degenerate. He’s had 17 1/2 jobs before joining the military. If you want a burger flipped, car insurance quote, or concrete laid he is your guy.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA 70th ARS

“HOME OF THE ORCA’S”



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

79th ARS

“TOGAs”



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

621st CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

KC-10 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



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TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601 AOC / 101 AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATIONS CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard

MSgt Austin “Rude” Arnold (AGR): *c. 2005*, He is constantly challenging the norms of the tanker sourcing process. Despite all the officers he has upset, he has managed to keep the AMD on the forefront of process/product evolution. Outside of work, he keeps a rigorous pace within the community, assisting multiple non-profits and never misses a chance to work on his yard.

(T)Sgt Derek Peifer (AGR): *c. 2015*, Derek is scheduled to arrive in July 2022, inbound from RAF Mildenhall. He started out trying to get a new nickname, by wrecking his car 5 minutes before his interview. Getting this guy out of RegAF might be a challenge, we are excited to have him on our team!

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.



WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO
AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER
“PROVIDING THE WARFIGHTERS EDGE”



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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
2020 -- 50 ARS, 6 ARW, MacDill AFB, FL
2021 -- 93 ARS, 92 ARW, Fairchild AFB, WA



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. SCSEBBAK
22-Jul-59	TSGT JAKE SCHMIDT
30-Mar-60	SSGT SHIRLEY D. RENNER
27-Jun-60	TSGT ROBERT P. COSTELLO
28-Feb-61	SSGT ERNEST J. LEMOINE
5-Nov-64	SSGT GERALD W. SHULTZ
19-Dec-64	TSGT JAMES R. BILL

KC-135 SRATOTANKER

27-Jun-58	MSGT DONALD H. GABBARD
25-Nov-58	TSGT RONALD L. CHAMPION
31-Mar-59	TSGT HERMAN A. CLARK
15-Oct-59	SSGT PAUL R. THOMASSON
3-Feb-60	SSGT GEORGE W. SHORT
9-May-62	SSGT WALLACE R. ADAMS
10-Sep-62	TSGT JOHN L. DUNCAN
10-Sep-62	TSGT KENNETH A. QUINN
27-Feb-63	TSGT DANIEL C. CAMERON
21-Jun-63	MSGT DANIEL F. DONAHUE
28-Aug-63	MSGT CARL H. BURRIS
28-Aug-63	TSGT RAY L. FISH
8-Jul-64	SSGT ROBERT L. GRAVES
4-Jan-65	SSGT JIMMY TARDIE
16-Jan-65	SSGT REGINALD R. WENT
26-Feb-65	MSGT CAREY W. ADDISON JR.
3-Jun-65	TSGT LESTER M. ALLSOP
17-Jan-66	MSGT LLOYD POTOLICCHIO
17-May-66	TSGT HARRY L. ALEXANDER
19-May-66	SSGT CHARLES E. STUART
19-Jan-67	MSGT ORVILLE MONTGOMERY
17-Jan-68	TSGT CHARLES C. CHAPLIN
30-Jul-68	SGT CHARLES A. OLVIS JR.
30-Jul-68	SSGT HURSCHEL D. PRIDDY
2-Oct-68	TSGT EARL B. ESTEP JR.
22-Oct-68	SMSGT HOWARD B. BENGE
19-Dec-69	SMSGT HOWARD G. BENFORD
3-Jun-71	SSGT RICHARD D. ROUSHER
13-Jun-71	TSGT HUBERT MILES JR.
13-Mar-72	SGT BRUCE J. KLAVERKAMP
25-Mar-75	SMSGT JACKIE V. EGBERT
7-Dec-75	SGT DAVID M. WANDEL
6-Feb-76	SSGT LLOYD D. BAKER
26-Sep-76	TSGT GARY L. CARLSON
19-Sep-79	SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS
13-Mar-82	TSGT DONALD J. PLOUGH
19-Mar-82	MSGT RICHARD A. CROME

27-Aug-85	TSGT CLAUDE F. ARDEN
27-Aug-85	SSGT DESIREE LOY
17-Jun-86	SSGT QUINN L. DEWITT
13-Mar-87	SSGT RODNEY S. ERKS
13-Mar-87	SMSGT PAUL W. HAMILTON
11-Oct-88	A1C ROBERT L. PARHAM
20-Nov-88	MSGT JAMES L. BORLAND
31-Jan-89	CAPT ROBERT LEWELLYN
31-Jan-89	SSGT DAVID VICKERS
20-Sep-89	MSGT CHERYL HELGERMAN
20-Sep-89	MSGT WILLIAM J. MALICO
4-Oct-89	A1C JACK D. CUPP
19-Nov-97	MSGT ROBERT "TUG" MCGRAW
13-Jan-99	TSGT RICHARD D. VISINTAINER
3-May-13	TSGT HERMAN "TRE" MACKKEY

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KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

27-Aug-56	A1C WILLIAM R. DENNIE Jr.
27-Aug-56	A3C RICHARD A. RIDLON

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8-Apr-54	A2C FREDERICK L. MARSHALL
8-Apr-54	A2C WAYNE D. WHITSELL

THE BOOMER'S PRAYER

MAY THE WEATHER BE SMOOTH AND THE BOW WAVE SLIGHT, MAY THE
RECEPTACLE BE LARGE AND HAVE A PLETHORA OF LIGHTS.
MAY CARGO AND PAX BE NOT ABOARD,
MAY WE NEVER HAVE TO USE THE PARACHUTE RIPCORDER. THIS WE ASK FROM
THE POWER ABOVE,
JUST LET US DO WHAT ALL BOOMER'S LOVE.
TO DIRECT THE BOOM WITH PRECISION, AND A TOUCH THAT IS SLIGHT, TO GET
THE CUSTOMER ENOUGH GAS TO FINISH THEIR FLIGHT.
OR TO SIMPLY PUT IT,
SO WE CAN JUST ILLUMINATE THE "BOOM ENGAGED LIGHT".

PATRICK QUAID, MSGT, 1997, ILANG RETIRED

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