

*Boom Signal
44th Edition*



My Fellow Boom Operators,

As we close out another year, we also turn the page on a significant chapter in U.S. Air Force air refueling history with the final flight of the KC-10. The “Extender” embarked on its first air refueling mission in October of 1980 and has played a crucial role in every major conflict since. The KC-10 was deeply appreciated by all who had the privilege to fly on it, and while it can be an emotional moment to say goodbye, we should honor its remarkable legacy.

As we bid farewell to the KC-10, we look forward to expanding our KC-46 community. To date, we have welcomed 88 KC-46s, with 14 delivered just this year. While the KC-46 presents its own challenges, it also brings us new opportunities, and we remain committed to achieving full operational capability.

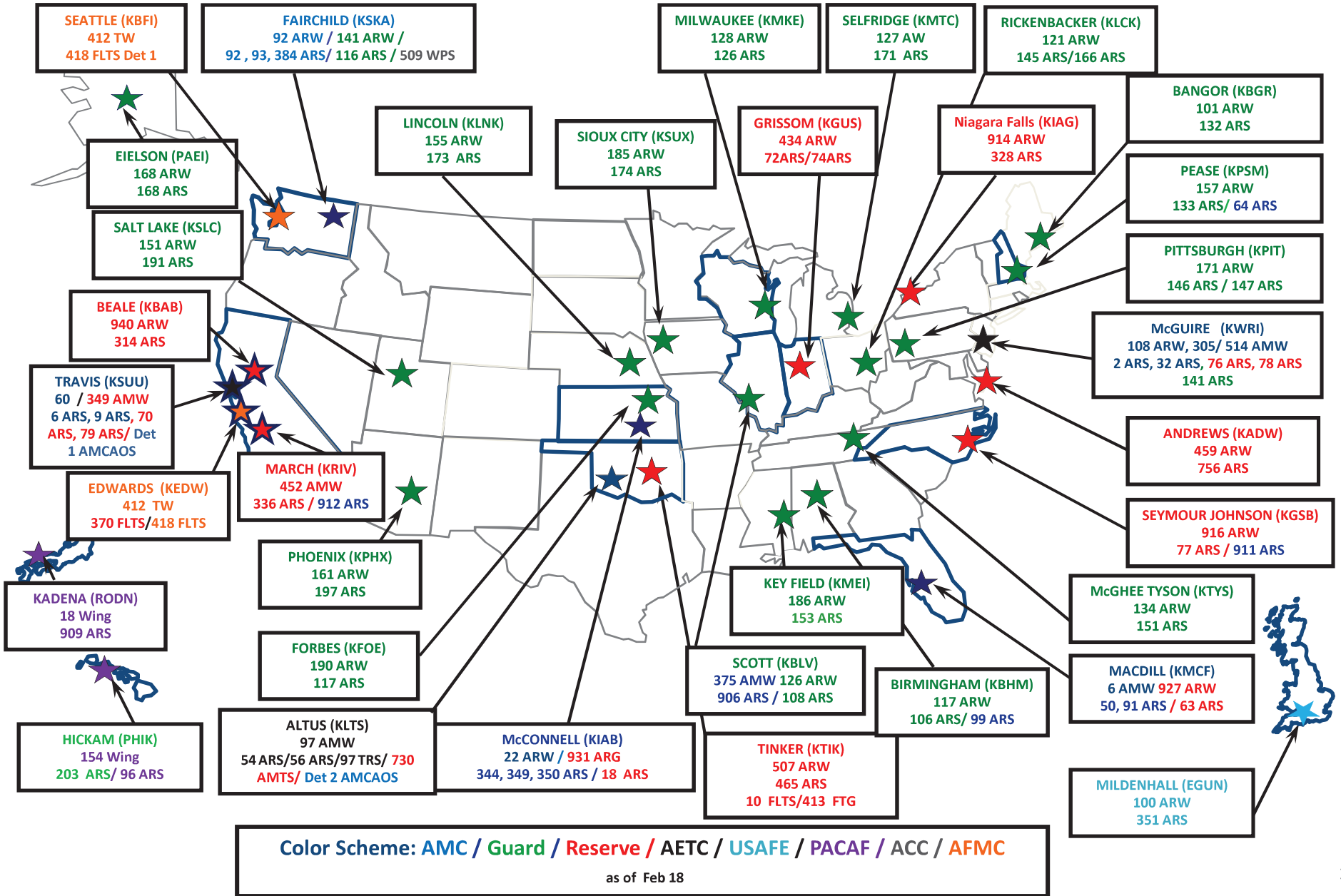
Transitioning to a new platform can be daunting, but it is also a chance for growth and advancement. The “Pegasus” offers advanced capabilities and enhanced technology that will keep us at the forefront of aerial refueling. As we familiarize ourselves with this new aircraft, let’s remember that each of us plays an integral role in shaping the future of our mission.

Meanwhile, the KC-135 remains a cornerstone of U.S. Air Force air refueling community since its introduction in the 1950s. With its proven track record and adaptability, the “Stratotanker” continues to play a vital role in modern air force strategies around the world.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and resilience during this transition. Here’s to new beginnings and continued excellence in our mission.

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KC-135, KC-10 & KC-46 Locations



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The Boom Signal Editor



**ALTUS AFB, OK
54TH ARS
“Jesters”**



54 ARS Boom Leadership/Front Office:

(C)MSgt Orlando Infante: CEA Lando showed up to be our SEL in our time of need, then made a swift exit to MacDill also in our time of need. You wouldn't know he left though because he didn't say good-bye to anyone. I think we all would go to Florida if able. Miss you boss!

MSgt Mike Garcia: He is our new first shirt, but if you see him you might have to do DDR or AADD or he might need to borrow your shoes. He bought some night vision goggles on his credit card that his wife still doesn't know about somehow!

SSgt Dylan Vu: The first line of defense in the front office. He is also the most dedicated IB to the mission. He would rather suck on a hose of oxygen than cancel AR. Loves doing doughnuts in his Subaru at animals.

Operations Flight:

MSgt Bobby Cash: The only person ever to be told we can't bring out any more chips for your table. Bobby was the OPS Superintendent and now the interim SEL, we did not think he would make it above OPS Sup, but we are happy he did. Can be found cruising the back roads of Oklahoma on his motorcycle with SSgt Gent or posting how much he runs...idolizing a random Chief?

MSgt Derrick Wagner (Vick): Just in-processed from a nonflying assignment from Scott AFB, but he is expected to be a hammer after his requal, good luck. Ask him about the investigation concerning his dog at OSI. We promise it's a boxer mix!

TSgt Jose Fonseca-Cruz: A man of few words. Which last name do we call him? He has the hardest job in the squadron managing scheduling booms, but he is really accommodating. Currently taking all the volunteer opportunities. Good luck getting promoted while he's around.

SSgt Nick Belmonte: This honorary citizen of Disneyland turned down a Ramstein assignment to come to here. He has been TDY to Seymour Johnsons most of his time at Altus, he's really dedicated to this.

SSgt Mathew Baxter: He did sssso good in ssscheduling they sssent him to help sssupport command post. It will be good practice because he needs to learn to talk on the radios.

SSgt Collin Lampron: He just arrived and said he was happy to be at Altus, now we don't trust him. Word on the street is he's the reigning glizzy gobbling champion! Loves making meats as well.

SSgt Russel Molina: Just had his 2nd kid and we know this because of a squadron email, you won't find him unless he is sitting the scheduling desk. Silent warrior. If he's here he's getting shit done.

SSgt Riley Noel: He has been trying to stay away from being called "The Machine", but we know its still in him somewhere. He is working on his PPL and his bachelors. It was affecting his work, so he was sent to wing scheduling.

SrA Cade Stinson: Still the ruler of the E-4 Mafia but has gained 2 more followers. Cade has been different since he got a concussion in Casey's jeep for allegedly not wearing his seatbelt. If you are thinking something and its not the time and the place to say it ask Cade, because he'll be honest. Promote Now! <3 - Layne

Student Training Flight:

MSgt Jenny Cook: In charge of STM, but she knows Ashley is the one really in charge. She was very happy to hand off her first shirt responsibilities. She still unintentionally says things that can be inappropriate. Bless her heart.

TSgt Seth "TOGO" Corliss: Once watched Bande choke in public and did nothing but watch him. He might "work" at the Wing now, but we wouldn't know because he is listed 3 places on our recall roster. If you want to get him fired up, ask him about the EFDP regarding PT tests. Desperately wants to go to Edwards and be with his buddy Joe Fromm.

TSgt Cam Miller: Our tactics guy who, technically isn't in STM, is next to go through AIC. He can usually be found at 2pm with a bush light cracked open, but you won't find him before that. Doesn't trust Vu anymore.

SSgt Gage Fontenot: If his "social battery" allows him to, he can be found shooting things, drinking teas, or playing guitar hero. Honor Guard and Switch Golf keep him very busy during the duty day.

SSgt Thorne Fritts: Allegedly on loan to OGT, but sources say he is just on leave playing his guitar. Don't expect him to be a boom too much longer because he is pen-pals with a certain AMC General (small ham). He is an ancient soul so don't ask him about pop culture.

SSgt Ben Hawley: He is from the Midwest but will poop his pants if he eats cheese. Heard he's really close to our Wing/CC. We also heard when he proposed he almost fell off a cliff, nice backup plan. The 54ths newest SSgt.

SSgt Payten Olson: He has been on leave longer than useable at the squadron because he doesn't want anyone to say anything about his mustache, but he's excited to keep spending time with his brand-new baby than at work. Currently working on his Altus Bod.

SSgt Max Smesny: 54th's best "deployer". He was so good at processing the line they made him do it twice. A sucker for a cute face, he brought in a stray dog off the street which resulted in someone getting neutered.

SSgt Kylie Strawser: Our Wing Commander once referred to her as the "Bucket Queen" for doing an outstanding job as our facility manager. She can be found hanging with her Chad husband and newly adopted puppy.

SrA Brooke Belmonte-Griffin: She is a badass boom operator from Fairchild. She comes with a nametag longer than a CVS receipt and her two children: her son Charlie and her husband born in the year 2000. She's going to be the Monica of Altus-go getting and always ready to PIVOOT. <3Sam Hunt

SrA Nick McGurk: He has been existing here at Altus, but we still can't tell if there is a thought between his eyes other than crypto currencies and the matrix. He heads up our Zyn point account but is stressing about the shortage.

Standardization and Evaluations:

TSgt Alex "Bella" Esquibel: He is our ABOA President and a new father. He is still being fooled by AIC sellers. If you need a Monday night T-3 call him. He is VERY happy to get off leave and work for the new OG Chief. We are sad he is leaving the squadron.

(T)Sgt Ashley Pruitt (formerly Upton) (formerly Young): She just got married to the men of all men. This is probably the best of the 3 last names she's been known by. She is headed to Bham soon as well and will be missed.

SSgt Carter Russell: He is still feared as the best back in foosball. He is going to become an Altus reservist soon, so he can be the smartest at Altus forever. Jumped ship to the reserves to avoid the 1.5-mile run.

Faculty Training Flight:

TSgt Brandon Wright: If you want breakfast at 4am he's your guy, but don't expect him to turn the stove off. He loves NHL, but his team doesn't love him, he even shows an unhappy face at work with a Zyn in.

TSgt Megan Miller: This kleptomaniac has gone international. She ran over to the TRS to get out of upgrading to CFIC. She has yet to master child safety locks on everyday appliances. Worst arm wrestler I've ever seen. Cover your ears if you hear her laugh.

SSgt Christian "Rock" Bande: He has been at AIC for far too long and we need him back. This tan Gerber baby is for sure crying himself to sleep at night at AIC (happy and sad tears). Even after almost choking to death on a burger he can be seen double fistng dry burgers after a hard day's work.

SSgt Arielle Johnson: She is stationed at Altus, but you wouldn't know because she spends more time in Wichita. She has a green thumb; she turned a small basil plant into a basil bush. She knows all the JDs bartenders and even gets invited to their weddings.

Safety/Support and Readiness Flight:

TSgt Eric Lucio: Good googly moogly the amount of leave he has taken in the last year, our new folks in the squadron ask if he is the new guy because he's either on leave or doing an airshow. Eric is a straight shooter and has now been sent outside the squadron to hide on the 3rd floor of the TRS building. Claims he won't be leaving Altus as a boom...we'll see buddy!

SSgt Layne Gullede: He is sad to leave his boyfriend behind in Altus while he takes his wife and kid to Birmingham. Finally caved and joined the ranks of CFIC this year. He has the "spiciest" back yard in Altus. He is the official winner of most beers consumed during the first night of Animals, 27, without throwing up.

SSgt Justin Pauleon: He recently had a kid and has been MIA forever. If you need something done this is the person who will never cross your mind and he likes it that way.

Attached/On Loan:

CMSgt Andrea Inmon: If you don't see Chief physically running, you'll find her running something else. Eagerly awaiting her new exec as the OG Chief. Supposedly she is retiring in September (heard that a few times), we'll see if she actually does. Best of luck Chief.

SMSgt Anne Engebretson: Can't let go of her AE past and must drag us all along with her. Was our Ops Sup for all of 5 minutes. Currently the TRS SEL. She loves being on the border line of drowning and treading water!

MSgt Lucas Treat: Lucas has been holding down the 1st Shirt position, scratch that, CCV, hang on, OGV over the last year and is now loving that group staff life. Speaking of OGV, how's that QRH coming? I'm sure it's fine. After dual assignments to both McConnell and Altus, he was blessed with Mmmmmarch orders. Good luck in SoCal, Lucas! -Brendan Balko

MSgt Evan Vandermay: He has officially traded his wings for a diamond. Has recently decided to become the Hulk and is on the Swole patrol. Best of luck to you.

(M)Sgt Darian Bourque: She created the run club at Altus, another child, and the how to make master book while being stuck in the squadron, ALL of this got her BNR to replace our other (M)Sgt select at the CAG. She finally got a spot in the group at OGT for two weeks before baby leave. She told her husband to make rank soon because a CMSgt married to a SSgt looks a little funny.

(M)Sgt Sam Hunt: She has been chasing around commanders at the CAG for a while now. We typically see her husband more often than her around the squadron. She saves baby birds out of storm drains during lunch. Should be a good fit to run squadron Stan/Eval.

TSgt Madison Dolata: He has been genuinely happy ever since he left the squadron but needs to chill with that "pew pew" business. He has a dark sense of humor so tell some anti jokes if you want to see him actually smile. Ask him about his last Cargo Eval at Altus. RIP GROUP CHAT!!

TSgt Mike Dunn: He achieved a pilot slot and leaves in July for bigger and better things. Also, fly with him if you want a free Q-1 on an IBC checkride.

TSgt Jameco Edwards: He can be found at Trader Toms prowling for honeys every other weekend and on the other weekend he's yelling at Tekken while streaming it. Every time he sees a friend he goes "*hey baby!*". Can be found at TRS telling other people that his cut-off score for MSgt was better than theirs...Ask him about that one squadron all call when he referenced the bible, you'll be just as happy as Chiefs face was! We love you man! Never Change.

TSgt Casey McConnell: Tom Selleck's' nephew that got knicked. He's been DNIF forever, but somehow is hardly seen at work till recently (ask the new TRS SEL why). He bought a new jeep and it's already been in the shop due to his driving at Animals and Tweas. He was called into the chief's office to be told he did not make MSgt, his response was "I didn't even know I was eligible". The TSgt we all strive to be like!

TSgt John "TALON" Nigl: He has been at Wing Tactics forever and should be on his way to Fairchild to keep things tacticool. He is our resident keg expert and the day after he left the keg did too.

TSgt Terrence Pittman: One only sees "*Pitty*" when Jenny is around, or he hears a beer crack in the boom pod. No idea where he works or what he does. Doesn't get in trouble anymore because his boss would get mad at him. He has yet to finish fixing Collin Greene's 4Runner.

SSgt Joshua Shopp: He has been super happy to not be flying a bunch, but that is about to change really quick when he becomes a receiver and starts doing double tracks on the KC46. Have fun sitting in the air conditioning and your 3D movie glasses. Enjoy those fancy "Only Booms" patch upstairs.

DET 2:

MSgt Brendan Balko – Quickly becoming a resident Altusian he has been so Institutionalized to the Altus life that he has moved to Det 2 rather than breaking free from the cage. Oh well, at least we know he will still be terrifying students on their checkrides while sneaking in some sim certs on the side. -Lucas Treat

TSgt Roberto Ayala: AJ got sent to the Altus Det 2 on promises of choosing your flying schedule and getting to go on TDYs around the MAF to certify BOWSTs for training. So naturally, after arriving in Altus, he was served Shawganistan orders. After 6 months, plus some leave, we're happy to have him back. Now he can finally do those things he was promised. -Brendan Balko

Gone But Not Forgotten/PCS/PCA:

MSgt Blake "Fury" Landry

(M)Sgt Nick Eykamp

TSgt Collin Green

TSgt Craig Vandenburg

SSgt Kaleb Gent-Bourque

SSgt AJ Gac

SSgt Jeff Michal



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**ALTUS AFB, OK
56 ARS - MAD HATTERS
“NOVI AUT PERI”**



56th ARS Boom Leadership:

SMSgt Joseph “VD” VonDohlen – Grizzled jaw line, tween smile, you never know if he’s messing with you or not. Still hasn’t found a jet he likes to work on, but don’t give up!

MSgt Thomas “-9” January – Did you know he wrote the -9? If you didn’t, he’ll give you a brief about it at 1500 on a Friday. You can find him either at work or at the golf course... but mainly at the golf course.

Stan/Eval:

MSgt Joshua Chrisman – The Q2 KING! Hands out additional training like nobody’s business. If you need additional 1st Shirt services, contact literally anyone else. You can find him staying busy at imaginary “Shirt” meetings. Oh, and quit holding on to it and just shave it off.

SSgt John “DADAB” Levario – He didn’t learn from his first slap on the wrist and wound up getting kicked out of the innovation lab for 3D printing objects that were unbecoming of an NCO. He should have 3D printed some stilts so he could achieve his lifelong dream of being over 5’5.

SSgt Joshua “Uno” Granados – The Santa Claus of the Mid-West. Was a part of the 2024 “FYRE” festival that took place in Las Vegas. He now claims he’s BFF with Usher and Ja Rule. Has the freshest cleats on the Links. Mediocre flyer, so we hid him away to forward emails like no other.

Training Flight:

MSgt Blake “FURY” Landry – A KC-135/C-130 FTU instructor that transferred over this year. Even though he never completed IB upgrade he didn’t let it hold him back from taking over the voiceless Boom Ops Chief position where his 6-9 KC-46 hours will be vital for his continued success and will hopefully retire soon. He really embraces

leading from the rear. For some reason he thinks if he yells louder people will listen to him. Has a warrant out for his arrest for driving his golf cart around base housing.

TSgt Jesse “CAS” Barber – Should be renamed HR. Not because in the real world that’s where his students would go to complain about him, but because he’s a bit of a Hopeless Romantic. It seems after many nights of standing in the corner alone he finally found true love, The gym! After skipping actual work for weeks, he finally got picked up to join the reserves at Seymour!

TSgt Joseph “LOCO” Cadwallader – Joe upgraded from full birds’ and generals’ waterboy to being the head of STM and besides having a pretty weird obsession with turtles he’s a standup guy...at times. He may be one of the first booms to leave the KC-46 life of luxury behind to go back to the dinosaur KC-135. Favorite quote: THUNDER UP!

SSgt Austin “SID” Wilson – Reminds us of the crazy eyes guy from the 50 First Dates (3D glasses not needed). May have taken DayQuil and NyQuil at the same time. Pretty good on the jet but treats work like high school (supes popular) to where he can’t get any work done. If you ask for Performance Statement data, don’t worry...he’ll wait.

SSgt Brandon “Excuse” Scarborough – STM’s newest hire but he’s never in the office thanks to flying 3 times a week, how convenient. Need Ops Supt approval to fly with majority IBC. We found out that he’s susceptible to random sniper shots and tends to fall multiple times in a row, its truly his MILITARY SPECIALTY.

Scheduling:

TSgt Andrew “COWBOY” Miller – After taking his first year to get all spun up and settled in, Miller is finally starting to fly with students. No-one really knows what he does at the office but shows at high noon and he always has a look on his face like something is really important.

TSgt Andrew “LEX” Valence – Got him a “Shugga Momma” here at Altus. He’s here, but not really there...soft spoken but strong, real strong. Due to his advanced “cha-cha” skills, surgery required; however, KC-46 EB was waiting on him upon return... but DAYUM!

SSgt Brad “RAGIN KAJUN” Magee – Brad has so much energy for someone who is basically 45 years old. He is still being peer pressured by other delinquent booms to say a curse word, but he is holding strong. Also believes there is zero chance that SSgt Wilson could be Jesus Christ even though the Chaplain told him otherwise.

OGV:

MSgt Fritz “Goliath” Thompson –Secretly wishes to be more like his brother...a Loadmaster. Tony Hawk.... naw, more like “Hawk Tuah”. Spit on that Q-3! Subpar students and normal day to day life takes his breath away...constantly. 26 Elm Court...Never forget!

Attached:

MSgt Dustin “NIP” Sheldon – Low T won’t stop me! Now BFFFF with Jesse and Daniel...NBD. Always talks about gym, never seen her. He misses his 1976 Shaggin Waggin (still NMC).

MSgt Jake “Nemo” Nenneman – After being known as the squadron hammer for so long it turns out Nemo has a real hard time counting to 6 especially if its on a cargo eval. After years of begging on his knees to go to McConnell the Air Force heard his cry’s and gave him orders to McGuire. His Yee Yee will never be the same.

TSgt James Walker – When he’s not wearing other people’s name tags while testifying at court marshals you can find him proudly inspecting KC-46 courseware and every male member that comes in for drug testing. Way to leave impactful changes James.

SSgt Lacy “MINI” Pickett- Finally made Tech...! She said she sunburned her eyes working on her trailer, but we are pretty sure it was from shooting dirty looks at students. Her future is looking bright... but not as bright as her golden locks.

They Gone:

SMSgt Christopher “Verizon” Yontz – Made sure he dropped off hundreds of his AI generated real estate business cards before he left. Hopefully he can find people homes faster then he can publish FCIF’s.

TSgt Daniel “Swole” Jakab – Due to his large size he found it rather difficult to fit in at the FTU. He has since picked up his bags and moved on with life as a civilian.

MSgt Keith “Goose” McLaughlin – This silly goose sure did lay a golden egg on his way out the door. His superb performance not flying on the aircraft his last year here helped him get selected for SMSgt! Congratulations best of luck at Scott.

TSgt Carrie Jo “Starbuck” McLaughlin – Surprisingly still married to the same boom as last year so the over/under has officially bust. She now works at Scott and although she has explained her job several times none of us are sure what she does.

TSgt Ian “NAPS” Sweaney – Took his fancy haircut and beard to McConnell where he has been kicking and screaming to make his way back to Altus. We are still hoping he finds out that the movie *Cheaper by the Dozen* is a comedy and having that many kids is indeed not cheaper.

TSgt Travis “HODOR” Peirce – he decided being selected for MSgt wasn’t enough for him, so he decided to apply and was picked up for OTS! Turns out locking yourself in the tactics vault and over inflating awards packages for your troops is exactly what the Air Force is looking for in its officer core. Good luck SIR!

The Replacements

TSgt Jason “Eeyore” Vance – A transplant from McGuire who wanted to follow SSgt Wilson to Altus so bad he managed to take his job from him. Jason will go from absolutely chill to full “this makes no sense” mode in about 3 seconds. It’s kind of scary and we all know he just needs a drink to relax but he keeps refusing. Constantly smiling but you know there’s pain behind those blue eyes.

SSgt Danika “Hey Teach” Vance – The brains and the cool to the Vance duo. This Harley riding chick will be using her multiple years of experience as a teacher to help her instruct here at Altus and she is really loving being a UDM, EC, RA, GPC, UTM, EM, VCO, UCC, NCOIC/SEL, etc. She will tell you she has a dog but don’t let her fool you we all know it’s a rat.

SSgt Kaleb “SNIP” Bourque – Transferred upstairs from the Darkside and got fully spun up just in time to go on baby leave. He randomly woke up one day and decided it was finally time to start “trying” at this whole Air Force career thing...trying to follow his better half. Since Darian made MSgt, he refers to her as ma’am (even at the house) and will take her last name.

SSgt A.J.” DIM” Gac – Another downstairs 135 boom to transfer over. We asked Gac for a comment and all he had to say was Gibberish Gibberish Gibberish Gibberish Gibberish, Gibberish ha-ha. Secretly an LSU fan, but for some reason mumbles “Roll Tide” at times. Thanks, Bish! Speaks in cursive French, you’d never guess English was his first language.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

730th AMTS

“REBELS”



This Unit did not submit.

ALTUS AFB, OK

KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



Updates: Not too many changes here at the KC135TS. Currently working on reflowing the training syllabi to possibly incorporate some VR into our training and still working on getting DMO into the BIQ and IB syllabi as well. We are still on timeline and still pushing students through the school house, just not as many due to the Boom Career being currently overmanned. I am sure this will change and when it does, all of us will be happy. If you are in the area, stop by and say hello!

Clay Lifer
Boom Lead

Full-Timers

Clay Lifer – Katrina and Clay adopted recently, the boys are doing great and Clay has aged. Had a shop built in the back and now has shop whiskey stop by for a taste and started hunting in Oklahoma he has shot 3 deer and a hog, you will have to ask him about the harvest.

Israel “Izzy” Hanks – Now the #2. Since the last update, he has drastically increased livestock a couple of bulls and cows, ducks, geese, goats and even more chickens. Bought a generac generator back in April of 2023 and at this time he is still waiting on it to be installed. Any day now.

Joe “Hey you’re an instructor, right?” Surovy – Stepped down as #2 and has hinted about part time/retirement. Joe went to Washington for Christmas with his daughter and slipped and fell and then fell again tearing both quads. Missed work for a couple of months. Rumor has it that his wife came to the office and begged for him to be allowed to return to work. The only person we know that mows his yard with a Yukon.

Rodney Ward – Still goes by Randy, doesn’t run anymore due to needing a new knee, still golfs and drinks beer not necessarily in that order. Can’t wait for OU to be in the SEC so they get stomped every week. He is very close to figuring out how to properly submit time off correctly.

Glen Stallard – CAE Test Boom, still don’t see him. We have now started to look at his desk calendar to know when the last viewing was.

Jon “Jon Bob” Williams – We have all sampled his beer now and he even had a few of us to his place in Claremore for BBQ. He has learned to sail and bought a boat. The doldrums await, he has even hinted at possibly selling the Barracuda and retiring.

Justin Dixon – Still the most loved and even got to first hand witness “Red Randy” on a student.

David Askins – Rumor has it that he is engaged.

Randy Kay – Loves it when students talk crap, and tell him that they are Green ropes and basically above the rules.

Jason Hall – Learned how to request leave from Rodney, usually knows about said leave months prior and waits until the day before to ask for it, once the schedule is reworked has been known to cancel said leave. Has given money to a student for a haircut that never got cut, so the next student he just forced their hair into a fan.

Part Timers

Joe Blakley – Still rides to Altus for work part-time but now it's from the Upper Peninsula. Had a student ask to record him.

Matt Calisi – Supposedly an Oklahoma resident but refuses to get an OK DL or license plates.

Opie Flax – The one boom that is truly louder than Randy Kay.

Paul Frownfelter – Would love for Joe to go part time so that he can be a full-timer.

Shawn Hughes – Loves to share his past, if you want to know it ask him what he did as his last AF job.

Thomas January – Ops Super for the 56th ARS and David's future boss.

Cleigh Robbins – Finally got his Bronco after a 3 year wait. One thing that you can place a bet on is if it can happen to Cleigh it will. Damnit Cleigh we don't put the hoist motor in hold with the boom down and 5 units of trim.

Mike Russell – ready for retirement and a fulltime CAE gig.

Ryan Thomas – You won't find anyone better at instructing cargo mission support from a lawn chair than Ryan Thomas.

Lew Timbrook – Misses that old days, tells us Vietnam stories and about the time he worked on the railroad in Thailand.

Former Boomers

Mitch Malseed – Been out of the Boom business for quite a few years but still works upstairs, you wouldn't think that he is older than Lew.

Chris Massey – Still comes down to the Boom office to BS on occasion, you usually hear him in the hallways about 5 minutes before with his wooden soled shoes. Sounds and looks like a High School Principle from 1987.

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

36th CRS

“WE BRING THE AIRBASE”



This Unit did not submit.

ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

756 ARS

“Liberators”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND

National Guard Bureau



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BANGOR ANGB, MAINE

101 ARW/132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



This Unit did not submit.

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



This Unit did not submit.

BEALE AFB, CA
314 ARS
“BEALE BANDITS”



Jim - Our loyal Chief is finally retiring after 56 years in the Air Force. A 940th OG, Jim's taking his talents to Oregon to finally enjoy everything he couldn't while in the Air Force. I'm sure he'll still eat his ham and cheese sandwich wrapped up in a paper towel for lunch everyday. The next tequila shot is for you, we'll miss you Chief!

Larry - The squadron relic, Larry has been a boom on the KC-97, KC-10 and the KC-135. Larry added a new chapter to his war stories after falling off a ladder and shattering his leg. After literal decades of dedication, he's ready to trade in his CAC and flight suit for AARP card and the free senior citizen breakfasts.

Lindy - Lindy is the epitome of balance—if balance means juggling a pack of dogs, a Disney obsession, and a work schedule that would make even the most dedicated workaholic blush. If you think she's yelling at you, that's just because she only has one good ear. She's clearly mastered the art of living the dream, one chaotic and sleep-deprived day at a time.

Kevin - He rage quit a fantasy football league, then a week later made a new league with him being in charge and invited half of the old league. Can't make jalapeño popcorn when Kevin's in, the air is too spicy for him.

Shawn - Still in DOT because he refuses to move. Still the Queen of the Claws, but only until the end of the duty day because he has to rush home for a different type of doody day. Shawn used to be fun, but who needs adventure when you lead a glamorous life of middle management, topped off with the chaos of parenthood.

Jake - Jake curtailed his AGR tour to follow his fiancé to Seattle with big dreams of that sweet civilian money. Still unemployed and desperately trying to find a job. He's currently trying to sell his fish tank to people in the squadron.

Kix - Just became an AGR but after lunch he decides that he is once again a TR.

Malicki - Most booms end up with lifelong neck injuries. Ryan may be the only boom to DNIF himself rolling his ankle stepping 6 inches down into the boom pod.

Buell - Peter Pan finally grew up and committed to full-time employment as an AGR, his wife will be happy since AGRs never go TDY. He stress tested his EFB by leaving it on the roof of his car while driving down the highway. Just so everyone knows, that thing will fly off once you hit 60 MPH.

Ortega - Our newest AGR and recently started running a crash pad for pilots who don't wanna stay at Beale.

Rice - Currently dating one of our pilot's Au Pair. He would marry her to keep her here but she doesn't want to live in his mom's house.

Carrie - Our quintessential Gen Zer with an artsy flair, karaoke superstar and sass that could cut glass. She wants to take her talents to the airlines, to sing safety procedures to passengers and handout lukewarm coffee and pretzels.

Moon - A fresh 21 year old enjoying all of Guam's finest establishments. Get two Long Island's in him and he's proposing to some poor girl.

Nugent - After being some random dude in the unit for 2 years, he's FINALLY in BIQ.

Takeda - One of our baby booms, a PJ washout (so he says), fresh back from Altus and in MCT.

McKinley - Who? Just kidding... She completed MCT as fast as she possibly could, so she could disappear without being asked where she was.

Ushiro - In BIQ. We only hired her so she'll bring us purple donuts from Hawaii.

Perez - In BIQ. We're not really sure what he did in between AD and going to Altus... flipping couches is what he claims.

Departed

K9 - Smoking weed or eating mushrooms in the hills of California.

Kempster - California politics finally got to him, so he moved to MacDill to be with all the other old people.

Birmingham ANGB, AL

117 ARW / 99th ARS

“DIXIE REFUELERS”



MSgt Dustin “Dusty Balls” Clark- Didn’t make Senior so he retired, the Air Force messed this one up.

TSgt Kimber Camper III- Denied orders due to taking a long ass time submitting his paperwork to get stationed in Tampa closer to his kid and got forced out.... Left like he came in hitting the ground.

TSgt Jan “Janimal” Perez- Jan really likes Subaru’s, especially wrapping them around trees. Left on leave to Puerto Rico for a month and completely forgot how to speak English but thanks to the LEEP program we got a great translator. You will fit in at Randolph well sir! Bon Voyage!

TSgt Cameron Bilyeu- This guy went on baby leave and never was seen again until out-processing. He did it well and is in greener pastures.

TSgt Tyler Williams- One of the 99ths newest inbounds from Kadena. He always tells us stories about his beach days there and how he dreams about joining the guard...or dating someone at the guard? We can’t remember. Voted as the 99ths most handsome boom operator.

(T)Sgt Dmitri “Meat” McIntosh- His callsign is exactly what you think it is. Professional reptile collector and cheesecake connoisseur. He can be found working in current ops making tooth pick bridges and talking about his pregnant wife.

SSgt Maxwell Smesny- Having fun at Altus. Got there and tasted the waters... Got the wife pregnant. Hopefully the 54th got something funny to say.

SSgt Patrick Choy- Crosstrained to be a Flight Attendant and now wants to be a boom again. Keeps saying the President really likes his ice cream...

SSgt Dillon “Big Red” Harris- Is stationed now at COE Lackland giving good impressions to the fresh BMT graduates. Became a dad again for the second time.

SSgt Paul Rimar- Extensive life lore. Is banned from all local strip clubs. Has a mean golf swing but is expected to be late to tee time by at least an hour. Will make a great dad.

SrA Shawn Parzych- The 99ths newest IB. He is well versed in the latest meme culture as he will show you something every 5 seconds on his phone. Shows up an hour early to everything due to severe FOMO.

SrA Eric Volstad- If you ever want to know what a “code brown” is, Eric is the guy to ask. When he isn’t taking naps on the couch in the intel office, you can find him in the HARM office talking about Corgies.

SrA Gregory Schuetz- Soon to be IB, if he can make it through Altus. Seriously...stay away from Trader Tom’s while he is there. Hide your wives, hide your bumper stickers because someone here has sticky fingers.

SrA Robert Elsea- The dirty 30 is treating our very own Samwise Gamgee well. As of now, no grey hairs can be seen but the arthritis in his right big toe is really taking its toll on him. Consistently shoots over par but says he gets a birdie on every hole.

SrA Daniel “DJ” Crump- The old man of the group, Gandolf would be proud. Has said “back in my day” on numerous occasions and really likes 80’s rock...like really likes. Drives a nice truck but sold a kidney for the down payment. I guess age doesn’t always equal wisdom.

SrA Jacob Ellis- Tricked some poor girl from Poland into marrying him just as long as he promised he was going to be her sugar daddy. Drives a Subaru but assures us he’s straight.

EDWARDS AFB, CA

418th Flight Test Squadron



SMSgt Kurt “SENIOR” Hinson- Senior Hinson retired his amazing career at Edwards. Congratulations! He infamously left with a glorious mugshot of him and his waivered beard on the AMN/NCO meme page. A true-life accomplishment. Now he's a teacher for the ROTC program grooming young children to lead our future. What a guy.

(S)MSgt Matt “CHAPS” Giles - From BIG SEXY to CHAPS, Matt finally left us for Scott to do AMC things. At his going away speech he told us how much he loved the job, the people, and cried that he didn't want to leave. The very next day he makes Senior and had the possibility to stay as our Superintendent, so he immediately caught the next flight to Scott to in-process, burning 30 days of leave in ensuring he never stays at Edwards. We got your message LOUD and CLEAR.

MSgt Bryce “SHIBA” Smith - When he's not spending \$1,000's of dollars on Magic the Gathering and Aliens collectables with his newly found fortune as a MSgt, Bryce can be seen completing his life's work of collecting every animal on earth in preparation for the next flood. Through sheer luck, Bryce has the pleasure of being the 418th SEL since our last one went out for smokes and never came back. If you're ever looking for mediocre mentoring, Bryce is your guy for the next six months.

TSgt Jordan “GOOSE” Gese - Nobody rides the silver bullet into an MEB quite like this boom. Jordan can be found in his natural habitat next to a fireplace singing along to bands that would make a manager at a hot topic proud, all while challenging every living soul to a game of corn hole that might happen to pass by. When it comes to multitasking Jordan's particularly gifted in the way he avoids work wither it be by watching his kids or hiding in the squadron bar hoping nobody remembers he's alive. If you're looking to grow a mustache that would make robin olds blush shoot him an email.

SSgt Colin “PICKLE” Gourd -PICKLE here is our resident 46 boom who is our savior when it comes to EFB issues, but he will still complain about it the whole time. When the pilots do tower fly-bys, PICKLE can take an empty cup and magically fill it with his lunch. We all know a boom's dream is to write our initials on the coolest receiver, well PICKLE lived that dream when he put his initials on a Thunderbird.

SSgt Jeremiah “MOLOTOV” Guinto - Dude somehow has a leave balance after being missing in action for months and is on his 15th week of baby leave. Alas, Jeremiah conjures up some fantastic drinks and kept the squadron bar well stocked, impressive feat considering the numerous alcoholics that work here. This man has more friends and family than the CIA and FBI has connections. Ask this guy where's he's headed during a 4-day weekend and flip a coin you'll never be correct with your guesses. Magically BOP'd to Travis, but doesn't know how he got orders...

TSgt Brandon Tyler Williams - BTW (his nickname) Test boom #72 which matches the year he was born, 1872. He has a lot of GK from his time during the SAC days. According to his LinkedIn profile he was a test certified engineer before he started test, he is just that good! Even with the finish line in sight, he exemplifies himself as a great mentor, leader and friend for the

enlisted, when he wants to. He's our resident expert on how to make money with the TSP, as he's about to get access of his retirement fund by his next birthday.

SSgt Richard Hudson - Rich landed his spot at Edwards from Travis. He was originally with the TPS squadron but was moved to the 418th to get rid of the smell of cigarettes, Coors lights, and bad decisions. He's been a great addition to the squadron, we just don't have a reason why.

SSgt Joshua Lawson - Josh is one of our FNG's, coming from Kadena. He's been breaking his back trying to get a house anywhere in the Antelope Valley, so much so that he's always DNIF. Whether he has a house or not, he got that shotgun ready to go at a moment's notice.

(M)Sgt Andrew Keepers- Andrew is the latest of the FNG's from Fairchild, he has a quick start to becoming our next dual-qualified boom as spends a little over 100 glorious days at Altus for KC-46 Initial qual. He's ours now, Andrew Keepers loser's weepers.

EDWARDS AFB, CA

USAF TEST PILOT SCHOOL

“HOWLIN’ OWLS”



MSgt Theo Dinwiddie: This Senior Enlisted Leader is a unique blend of Michael Jordan (bald) and Olympic gymnast, seamlessly switching from slam dunks to cartwheels across the 412th Test Wing. Rumor has it, his muscular physique comes from the amount pushups he owes every time he is late to a meeting.

EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

370 FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



SMSgt Colin “Mog” Wernecke – Former KC-10 boom who claims to know how to load cargo and couldn’t tie down the bar he built for the squadron so it departed the trailer enroute. Q3 for cargo, EQ for airdrop. Set to retire this year.

MSgt Ben “Babs” Tressler – All the kids he touched are now grown and taking revenge. The new SEL. Fabricated some awesome tables for the new squadron bar, but the tops are wavier than Salsa’s hair. If you can balance your beer on the table, you know you are ok to drive, if not Leslie will take you home.

MSgt Steve “Salsa” Cantu – Claims he is a Mexican from Texas, but ketchup is too spicy for him and he cooks on a pellet grill (easy bake oven) and calls it BBQ. Survived single parent ops while his wife was deployed. He is the chef of the squadron and makes outstanding meals. Maybe if he didn’t focus on cooking so much, SF wouldn’t have to look for his lost kids twice. He is still looking for the cat...

MSgt Levi “Leroy” Knepper – Started flying again and decided that was overwhelming. So having a 5th kid for those 12 weeks of leave was much easier. We still don’t know how he gets to work since he cant pull out of a driveway.

MSgt Leslie “Jizmo” Davis – The only person we know that goes to Hawaii for socks. Have you seen a dog get distracted by cheese? That’s Leslie’s reaction when she sees a tall basketball player.

MSgt Joe “TR” Fromm – Figured out how to be a TR and collect AGR benefits/pay. Good thing, because he needed Tricare and the ER to remove a splinter that 3 year olds would laugh at. He never flies with us, but we hear he is still doing great things for the enlisted test course and every other unit on base that has nothing to do with being a boom operator.

MSgt Kevin “O’le Kev” Slagle – Clicked retirement button? Maybe? Fly? No.

MSgt Brittney Garland – Decided that Palmdale was too expensive, so she moved to San Diego. Now the drive is too long so we don't see her much but the AFSC change has made her a great personalist. The real loss is Mike.

SMSgt Don "DJ" Johnson (Ret) – Held more jobs in 2 days after his retirement than the rest of his life combined. Turns out working with grown ups wasn't his thing so he decided to teach kids the ways of the -46.

Eielson AFB, AK

168th ARS



As the only tanker unit in Alaska we have a pretty busy schedule. We are rocking out 24 hour Alpha alert supporting air sovereignty, going through the cluster of aircraft upgrades, and dealing with the unending requests for AR from inside the state. We also have two full squadrons of F-35's at Eielson, turning the area into a busy airspace. In addition to local flying, we participate in deployment rotations to Guam, LTMPA, Off Station Trainers, and MRA's. Things will only continue to get busier on the last frontier, and we look forward to embracing future challenges and seeing other units while out on the road.

Full Timers:

CMS Christian “Willey Cat” Willey – Our Chief Boom, Willey has hung up his “asshole instructor” belt (don't worry, it's still up for viewing in his office) and is now jokingly referred to as “Willey Kitten.” Willey is the most professional of us booms and he somehow manages to keep us in line and happy, or at least as much as is possible now. We don't know how he manages to handle all of his tasks as a Chief and a boom alongside the businesses he manages outside of military commitments. We do enjoy knowing that he'd go to bat for any of us booms if we needed him to – and an angered Willey Cat is something to be feared.

SMS Keith “K-Row” Rowan – some say K-Row has yet to peak in his career, but his co-workers know he has also yet to peak outside of work; after an attempted summit of Denali this past spring, his coworker's can't imagine how he manages to age so gracefully while facing the stress of all the random questions and assignments we throw at him. He currently works as the pioneer of our up-and-coming tactics section while still juggling the normal headaches of being an evaluator. A fun fact for K-Row is that he has the most flight hours out of anyone currently in the squadron (pilots included) and his knowledge definitely reflects that fact.

MSgt Jonathan Legan – towering above the other booms physically and metaphorically (he humbly says that he is 5'18" tall), Legan is now in charge of Stan-Eval. As his luck would have it, this take over occurred just in time for everyone to switch over to the newer iPads. Now a fully domesticated man, Legan is a proud dad to a rambunctious little guy and one of the busiest people in the AGR force despite his cool and calm demeanor that would make you think he's got nothing going on. He still manages to hop on the occasional flight where other booms can enjoy seeing him make contacts while letting his feet hang out of the boom pod.

MSgt Pete “Hormel” Gardella – Our resident book-worm for the unit, Pete is your go to for meaningful reading material and obtaining advice about how to live a strong, resilient lifestyle. When he's not busy instructing newer booms, corralling the officers in the Current Ops shop, coaching baseball, or on some form of leave, Pete enjoys

convincing junior booms to commit felony B&E's. Not just our token jiu-jitsu athlete, but he's also perfected the art of 'sleight of hand' when it comes to tactically acquiring necessary materials on TDYs.

MSgt Alex Narveson – the token fiery personality within our AGR community, Narv isn't afraid to tell it like it is. Maybe it's because he's a former maintainer, maybe it's because he's been an instructor for so long, or maybe it's because he's had to deal with being in the scheduling shop for too long... Whatever it is, he manages to loosen up and enjoy confrontation of the more entertaining variety when on the road, where he proves adept at maintaining anonymity in headline-worthy stories.

TSgt Christian "Groot" Armour – Armour goes by "Kyle" and it is not because he loves Monsters and punching walls. This real-life gentle giant has abandoned Current Ops and joined the Training shop where he has the luxury of dealing with the onslaught of new booms and pilots coming back from Altus. Fortunately for him that rate has been about two new members bi-monthly, a challenge which he's handling well (we never doubted him). When he's not at work, flying, or coaching wrestling, Kyle finds himself in unique predicaments such as having his four-wheeler being mysteriously set ablaze.

TSgt Tyler "Ty" Winterton – Ty is one of our most tactical booms, gaining added proficiency with each course he attends that sets him above the ranks of the rest of us. He also recently joined our league of instructors and now helps with teaching new booms the ropes while also enduring the tempo of the Current Ops shop. A man of many hats; when not found cruising around in his little red Honda (and he will text you if/when he insists on passing you), you can expect to find him in the role of shooting instructor, filming content for a spin studio, or helping to lead the Civil Air Patrol program.

DSG's

CMS James "Wes" Hudnall – Entering his sunset years as a boom and looking at retiring sometime next year (bummer for us), Wes just completed yet another rotation through Guam this past spring; his old stomping grounds where he once "accidentally" joined a gang, but this time he eagerly embraced that GTL lifestyle. He currently holds the Alert mission together on Eielson, and as the lover-of-awkward-moments that he is, genuinely enjoys attending a meetings with the big-wigs whereas any other boom would sooner volunteer to fly a transition-only sortie with Big Jared (he's hoping to break his record of 28 approaches).

MSgt Daniel Kaufmann – Not only does Dan help hold together the Alert mission, but he also helps ensure that all the hungry DSG's receive enough orders to keep our lives together. It's a shame he doesn't take bribes for access to said orders, but similar to the paradigm of 'law and order' that he holds himself to, you can appeal to the ideology of fairness and maybe wiggle out some extra pay days. When he's not dealing with needy boom operators, Dan is a full-time dad and staunchly denies being a member of a motorcycle gang (pencil tab check).

MSgt Rachel "Ray Ray" Cook – one of our boom's from years past before she jumped ship to CSS; now having conquered that realm, she's returned to the flightline and now finds herself facing the barrage of questions other booms have for her whenever the CSS office is empty. Ray-Ray went right back into booming like she hardly even had a break from it, and she currently covers a variety of order types that keeps her plenty busy. Her flight hours dwarf those of her husband, Abe, but there's no competition between the two as they dance around the demanding schedules of being parents and boom operators.

MSgt Abraham Cook – Abe's job of the week is as a boom operator. With his background as an avionics specialist, crew chief, wing safety manager, QA section lead, BOSS operator – you get the point the man ~~is indecisive as~~... has had a lot of experiences. Now as aircrew he particularly loathes pattern work and having to shave his lush beard that he grows out whenever he isn't sporting the flight suit. He's new to us as a boom but as he was/is our quality assurance specialist he is already plenty used to dealing with our faces and attitudes.

TSgt Collin Green – Recently converted from Active Duty, Green is an instructor coming to us straight from teaching on the Altus Flightline. Obviously we had to promptly work to break him of his active-duty habits, but he's settled in quickly to the guard way of life. Now a transplant to the state who enjoys challenging the tensile limits of his snowboard, Green is quickly becoming a true Alaskan. He also recently welcomed a daughter into the world, his second kiddo, and is incredibly reliable despite his hectic schedule that would likely give the rest of us a run for our money.

TSgt Chatham Holt – In a MacGyver-like fashion, Chatham is one of our more unpredictable personalities; when he's not designing his own regulator/BCD system for scuba diving or creating nifty charcuterie boards, you can find him managing his local mechanic shop and picking up the occasional sorties here and there. As a wise, long-term DSG boom Chatham frequents more out of state TDY's than he does local sorties.

TSgt Jarred Stephens – photographer, diver, impromptu costume-changer in evasion scenarios involving law enforcement, and savant of choosing dining locations only officers can afford; "Baby-J" is your go-to boom for shenanigans particularly given the many TDY's and Guam rotations he's survived throughout his career (he goes almost every year, so that's saying something). He is currently pursuing his degree in aeronautical science and working towards his ambitions of becoming a pilot, probably so that he can have a paycheck that will meet his high-class standards.

TSgt Corina Thrasher – Just made tech last year! When she's not on orders in Fairbanks, Corina works as a full-time federal employee in the bustling city of Anchorage. When on orders, she cruises up in her bougie Mercedes camper so she can sleep in the parking lot, bum facility amenities, and grab an occasional flight. People talk about bringing work home with you, but Corina brings home to work.

TSgt Joshua Frady – the biggest nerd you could come across in the unit, Frady has the type of personality that makes him hard to forget... because he will literally keep reminding you that he is there. With a chat-rate of probably 20 words per second, Frady is as quick to converse as he is to nab orders before the rest of us DSGs even have a chance to express our interest. With his strong competitive nature, booms quickly learn it's best to not mention how many contacts you've gotten if it's more than him throughout the year (trust me). Frady is always keen on any order, of any type, and he'll maintain a lively disposition when bending to the whim of just about any mission.

TSgt Melina "RC" Arciniega – The shortest boom in the unit at a whopping five feet tall, RC also has a resume that screams "I dunno, guess I'll try." Coming from both an Army and ANG maintenance background, with a random stint as a paralegal, RC now strives for orders alongside her fellow, desperate DSG's. Her preferred orders are deployments to Guam, but more often than not she'll be on random trips that typically lacked volunteers because she's easily guilt-tripped into helping out. When she's not making stupid puns on sorties, she is a full time grad student. She also procrastinates assignments in order to write this Boom Signal entry within the three-day notice she was given.

SRA Jordan Martinez – Did you know in Alaska we don't *actually* have penguins? Well, we don't, and similar to those that don't fly and aren't in our state, Jordan resides in California doing whatever job he seems to think is cooler than being a boom operator.

SRA Tylar Hoffert – Tylar (spelled intentionally) is the kind of chill that will let you mispronounce his last name throughout his entire span of MCT orders and only casually mention that you've been saying it wrong the entire time in a passing conversation. Tylar pursues his degree in Business (because mechanical engineering was too hard – his words, not mine) and plans to apply to become a pilot, meanwhile grabbing every sortie that he can. He currently looks forward to jumping on more out of state trips and has just turned 21!

Off the Deck – New(ish) MCT graduates

SSgt Scott Hurn – Scott's one of our newer booms, having completed MCT earlier this year. He hails from the flightline as a weapons troop on F16s and F35s, but now enjoys a severely reduced workload as a DSG. One could say that Scott is a man of taste; he is a skilled painter, his favorite color is blue, favorite movie Interstellar, and he really enjoys playing Bingo (particularly with F22 pilots – ask him about it).

SRA Gage Frohnappel – Another commuter to the DSG force, having completing MCT shortly after Scott, Gage crossed over to us from JStars. He also really dislikes it when you mispronounce his last name as "Falafel." Outside of being a boom, he is going to school for aviation management and chase his ambition of becoming a pilot. The reigning "short king" of the booms, Gage also enjoys hunting, snowboarding, and riding motorcycles throughout the great state he calls home.

A1C Hunter Thibodeau – the most recent MCT grad, Hunter comes to us without a previous AFSC and a baby-face that will make you question 'does your mom know that you're here?' Don't worry though, Hunter's parents are

definitely aware of where he is, considering his dad is the ARS commander. So obviously because of the parental supervision we can't talk about the time on the road in [REDACTED] that he [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED] and then had to be [REDACTED].

TSgt Devin Farnsworth – Devin is nearly MCT complete and comes to us from then hectic job of being a paramedic. Rather than stick patients with needles he's decided he would rather stick airplanes with the boom, and he has since found out that both AFSC's require patience and a steady hand to avoid unnecessary damage. Devin has a lackadaisical attitude when it comes to getting orders unlike the rest of the DSG's, probably something to do with his wife becoming a PA and being the primary breadwinner of the house.

On the Deck – the Newbies

SSgt Timarra Roth – reminds you of how to spell her name by saying she's named after her father, 'Tim.' Timarra joins us from the F-16 maintenance side and has a vault of incredible stories, particularly about her time in Korea, that would make any crew chief blush. Now out to embrace the boomer life, we're looking forward to having her quick wit and self-deprecating humor on the schedule. Outside of the uniform Timarra is a bartender and barista. When she is somehow not working she enjoys horsing around with Jay (her actual horse) and enjoys two-stepping the night away (with humans, not horses).

SSgt Luke Stanley – Luke is a transfer from the maintenance group, currently finishing up at Altus and returning for MCT in mid-October.

MSgt Luke Sjoblom – another transfer from the maintenance group, this Luke is currently at Altus making his way through BIQ.

AIC Tanner Thibodeau – new to the military, Tanner joins the ranks of boom alongside his brother, Hunter, and should be returning to Eielson to start MCT in the near future.

Stowed & Latched

CMS Richard Smith – Chief Smith is now happily retired and has begun to look more and more like a real-life Santa Claus with his magnificent, snow-white beard. We are grateful for his leadership, humor, and resiliency through the years and for inspiring newer/incoming booms to pursue their goals. He now enjoys getting to attend to all of those household projects that have been procrastinated over the years of a busy schedule, and getting to spend more time with his wife, children, and grand children.

MSgt Nick Blace – Nick unfortunately passed away unexpectedly last year; leaving a hole in the hearts of his coworkers who are eternally grateful his friendship, kindness, and fearlessness that made him both a local legend and a valuable member of our team. Nick was a pillar of what teamwork should look like, both at the workplace with the booms he trained as well as outside of work where his sense of adventure meant the ability to share the joy of those experiences with family and friends. His outgoing and excitable personality always made Nick someone who was hard to forget, and he is deeply missed by his family, friends, and coworkers.

TSgt Christopher Frazier – a noticeable absence in the office and instructor-force, Chris was one of those instructors you'd be excited to fly with as he is incredibly patient, calming, and effective at communicating complex things. Having to leave due to medical reasons, we miss having Chris at work but are grateful to still know that he is a beloved member of our community and a good friend. He now enjoys spending time with his large family (he has 4 kids to keep him and his wife busy!) and we want to remind him that he is always welcome to our events and gatherings.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

92ND ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



SMSgt Evangeline “Honey Badger” Palmer – All the Booms have rejoiced now that Ginger Prime has finally returned from her banishment as Group CEM, just in time to deploy with the unit. Eve has turned into somewhat of a celebrity on PSAB. She can’t enter a building without adoring fans asking to take a picture with her or for the occasional autograph. Still professes that she is anti-social but we are not fooled. Her smile is unnerving in a way that lulls you into thinking you’re safe but in reality, she wants to hurt us all.

(S)MSgt Mat “Grizz” Ohle – Mat with **one** “T”, giving off the same energy as “Christinith!” Finally able to relinquish his SEL duties with Eve’s return, Mat has been Chief Booming it up on deployment. He has been busy sending his enforcer (Matt with **two** “T”s) out on assignment to strike fear into the new booms. “Fix that tiedown Airman!” Aside from his daily rage posts about MEEP #getthatmoney, you can see him running laps around the base and losing a whole person in the process. Odds are he will leave this deployment with an eating disorder and an addiction to dry chicken breasts smothered in Sweet Baby Ray’s with a side of jalapeno poppers. No shock to anyone Mat made Senior this year. Your Blackhawk family will miss you. Good luck at Kadena!

MSgt Jesse “Mountain Man” Wright (Ret) - Jesse "Mountain Man" Wright, the Boom formerly known as “Voldemort” went from cutting down booms to cutting down trees, passing on the mantle of angry old man to Hurless as the enforcer. The 92d will miss your unparalleled ability to strike fear into all those that dare not to do their TODE, but in all seriousness, congratulations on your retirement and years of service. The Blackhawks truly appreciate you and we know that you will never be too far away, hiding in the woods doing your best Sasquatch impression.

MSgt Patrick “Pat” Flaherty – Pat has mastered the art of dodging orders, embodying the 5-Ds of dodgeball, while also extending his time in the darkness, ensuring our nation’s Nuclear deterrence from the safety and comfort of the vault (get some sun, and maybe fly once or twice). This guy still needs a chaperone IB to fly.

MSgt Blake “BE-LA-KAY” Soule – Blake is our A-Flight Chief among other things. He somehow procreated and is now a father but don’t worry his sense of humor hasn’t been affected too much. He has stepped up filling roles such as SEL, Chief Boom, and you name it, while most of the squadron is deployed. Blake is showing a lot of growth, just don’t ask him about awards...rumor is he’s going bald. That receding hairline and concerning caffeine addiction is an indication that new stripe is settling in nicely.

TSgt Patrick Reynolds – Pat is our B-Flight Chief babysitting all the baby Booms. He finally managed to upgrade to instructor on his second airframe just in time to deploy on staff. When he’s not hunting, he can be found getting non-vol’d to Shady-J for the KC-46 which means he will hit the Boom Trifecta. At least there will be Air Conditioning. Best of luck playing the tanker version of Duck Hunter.

TSgt Matthew Hurless – Matt is our C-Flight Chief and he also recently joined the **Zyn**babway National Guard to support his Traeger campaign. Matt gets the job done whether the baby booms like it or not. Upgraded to IB and now crushes all those that cross his path, or looks at him. He's secretly a sweetheart...especially if you give him some Zyn reward points (almost has that Traeger). When he's alone he ponders which is his favorite Hawk? One or Tuah?

SSgt Reinaldo “Code” Brown – aka self-proclaimed “Rizzler” with zero game...Spades included. These days he can be heard walking around humming his favorite tune ♪Oh Maria, Maria...She reminds me of a West Side Story♪. Currently working as our NCOIC of Training and he's a heavy lifter. Ray Brown has set a record that we never knew existed. Holding the CENTCOM record for most poops in a single combat sortie, he truly knows how to leave his mark. He is the life of the party, so we decided to keep him around for another year.

SSgt Raphael Duncan – Dunkin came to us from the 97th and is putting in some hard "work" in Stan/Eval. Recently returned home from deployment a week early to get sweet photos of the next airshow. Yet another victim of the KC-46. I wonder if he'll enjoy the picture opportunities from the mighty Pegasus.

SSgt Jeremy “BJJ” Hudson – Jeremy is our Assistant A-Flight Chief and recently upgraded to IB. Somehow he can't get orders to Altus despite his multiple attempts. Became a Dojo Master and word on the street is that female attendance went up 200%...correlation is not causation (don't worry he lets them down easy). At least his Brazilian Ju-Jitsu is better than his Spades game.

SSgt Kyle Hunt – Kyle has been holding it down in OGX. After trying everything to leave us, this TDY sniper is taking his talents pro and heading off to be an EMA. He can be found practicing for his new job. “Would you like a hot towel with your coffee?” Best of luck and enjoy the additional clothing allowance.

SSgt Jaden Allen – Jaden has been killing it up at the group as an Exec. He loved it so much he decided to volunteer for Altus. He's moved on from his motivational speaking tour, wrapping up its 3rd Season, to his directing debut creating self-help videos for Booms. We will miss your infectious smile and wish you the best of luck, please send us some talent.

SSgt Curtis “Greg” Shoemaker - Curtis is departing the fix with our appreciation for all the work he has put into the Awards and Decorations shop ensuring our members get the recognition they earned. Thank you for caring up to the last day. We wish him and his family best of luck as he pursues his dreams of being in a folk-indie Taylor Swift cover band.

SSgt Brennon Lacy – Brennon upgraded to EB after returning from his stint in OGT and decided handing out Q-3s is easier than instructing (jk he's a Santa Claus). He does a great job holding down the Stan/Eval shop and hopefully we can keep him here a bit longer...these IBs keep getting poached!

SSgt Collin Lampron – Collin replaced Lacy in OGT to get some seasoning as a newly minted IB. Got orders to Altus and is excited for the additional instructor pay to help feed his pet horse “THAT'S A BIG DOG!” Hopefully he can use all his new skills he learned at ALS to instill some discipline in the young crew force.

SrA Ivan Casey - Casey, the man with the iron head, successfully escaped Titan Fury by head-butting a cargo door. If you're ever in a pinch, just remember: when in doubt, use your head—literally. Great thinking, Ivan!

SrA Austin Cullers – Austin was entrusted to go support OGV as a liaison and can now fix your EFB in his sleep. Another victim offered to the Pegasus Gods. He's always hanging out in the Command Section for some reason. Hopefully, he found what he's looking for and dad says yes... Best of luck at Travis!

SrA Santiago “Santi” Duarte - Santi has returned from his 6-month hiatus with the Base Honor Guard but still thinks he's in formation. Don't be surprised if he salutes you in the hallway. Just wrapped up his first deployment and is doing great work. Welcome back, Santiago, and at ease!

SrA Amanda Garcia – Amanda promoted Below-The-Zone and almost has the hours for IB upgrade thanks to volunteering to extend her deployment out to 6-months. Hope she hasn't picked up any bad habits when she starts upgrade—get ready!

SrA Shane Gardner – Shane comes to us straight out of Altus sporting a tech school marriage certificate (enjoy the BAH). How is he already a SrA? At least they get to deploy together.

SrA Dawson “Bush” Lapolla - Dawson is our Readiness shop lead. He spends his days managing the squadron snack bar and cooking glizzies in the bar. We are still finding his sticker all over the world...great branding!

AIC Braydon “Jailbird” Kapperman - No Kapp...he really enjoyed his annual SERE refresher but forgot his innocent circumstances. Remember to stay in your circle. Kapp has been doing great instructing our new Booms providing weekly TED talks on all the systems. Recently added proper use of a GTC to his instructor briefs, turns out you DO have to pay that bill sometimes.

SrA Caleb Leverich - Has a nice side hustle being the designated squadron dog-sitter. Now if only people would start paying him for it. After being “Schone” the light, Caleb decided to get out for real this time. Thank you for all your hard work with the Blackhawks. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

SrA Torian “Snotz” Mather-Mickins - Torian is currently on a skill-bridge program—we don’t know how the scheduling shop will survive. Best of luck in Florida!

SrA Victor Menchaca – Victor got the opportunity he could not refuse—a prestigious Pegasus assignment! This guy loves working with wood, just ask to see some of his work. Thanks for holding down all the monthly training folder reviews and best of luck in Travis!

SrA Martin Ocker - Martin, our stealthy new parent, had a kid and managed to keep it a secret. Rumor has it, he works in scheduling...must be at an appointment. He’s looking forward to stepping up to IB. Congratulations, Martin, and welcome to parenthood!

SrA Jose Retana - Jose has been so successful in the Tactics office that no one has been able to figure out where he's at or what he's doing. Sun Tzu famously said *“those that can't be seen, cannot be voluntold”*.

SrA Noah “COBB” Rutan - Noah came to us from the 97th and he's been Kicking Astra in training shop. This guy steps up and even took on MEEP as a unit rep...Has yet to log one sortie by himself. His hobbies include cultural appropriation while walking through the streets of Riyadh wearing a man dress. COBB - Culturally Oblivious Brother Boom

SrA Kylie “Destroyer of Booms” Sullivan - Kylie "Destroyer of Booms" Sullivan is well on her way to becoming the career field’s first ACE with two confirmed boom kills. We hope she is enjoying her 6-month paid vacation to Saudi Arabia, because she’s going to IB upgrade sooner than later—she can’t wait.

SrA Don Turner III - Turner completed MCT and is working in the scheduling shop putting booms to work—perhaps he will put himself on a sortie one of these days.

SrA James “Scratch” Weale - James survived his deployment to our surprise and impressed us so much that we decided to push him for IB upgrade, and that is going to significantly cut into his D&D time. Roll for proficiency advancement! You need an advance degree in hieroglyphics to decipher his paperwork. It’s a good thing forms have gone digital because he has the handwriting of an illiterate toddler.

SrA Gage Huckaby - Gage is a new Boom and is already known for being a high-roller at the local casino. He made it out of MCT in time to deploy and is doing great when he’s not making up crossword puzzles in the 781Hs.

AIC Stephen Gordon - This guy is wise for a new boom, which is good cause he's already got 2 kids and another on the way (Congratulations!). Recently completed MCT and we look forward to having you on the team!

AIC Mersadie Hudson-Kimmel – She’s a Diesel through and through. Mersadie comes to us from Altus along with her Husband— we didn't know booms came in a two-pack. Currently deployed and hacking the mish.

AIC Ashlen Johnson – Ashlen finished MCT and is crushing her first deployment. She’s pretty fun when you get her out of her shell. Keep up the great work!

AIC Austin “KJ” Kaiser-Joly - KJ loves draining APU accumulators and honeybuns...And he's all out of honeybuns. This Saudi cologne connoisseur has had more than one run-in with a Rhino so we're told...maybe it's the pheromones. KJ is the life of the party and we can't wait to see him progress as a Boom.

AIC Allyson Lara – Allyson is yet another new Boom. She is so aloof that up to this point there has only been one documented sighting of her smiling. Welcome to the Blackhawks!

AIC Adrian Liendo – Adrian has hit the ground running. Poor guy already crushed a deployment for us and we haven’t even ordered him a squadron name tag yet. But that’s just because he’s a Cowboys fan.

A1C Lanz Padilla – Fresh new Boom from Altus and Padilla has already impressed us with his ability to account for all his crew's items while on the road. He enjoys exploring exotic locations solo...we hear Doha is a lovely location for a walkabout.

A1C Roberto Perales – In the infamous words of DJ Khaled, “*Another One*” — new Boom that is. He’s got a great mind for finance! Saves money by walking everywhere, and refuses to take his GTC on the road so his pilots have to buy him everything. Rapidly learning the ropes and gaining experience points out in the desert.

A1C Malachi “Ice Spice” Shipman - Another new boom from Altus adding to the unit's collective Ginger population. One has to wonder if someone in AFPC is pulling a prank putting so many Gingers in one unit. Working hard and getting experience on his first deployment.

A1C Justan Stanley – Justan finished his first deployment strong—seriously, he might be the strongest Boom pound-for-pound. He’s taken on his first office job as a Readiness Airman and doing great!

Retired but not forgotten.

Mr. Jeremiah “Doc” Docken/SMSGt Ret. – Doc is still the single point of failure in Stan/Eval. He has been teleworking a lot—not sure what his new side hustle is...perhaps embezzling Gonzaga booster club funds to support his property expansion.

Mr. Richard “Reaper” Bailey/SrA Sep – Mr. Bailey walked across the street to work in Wing Scheduling. We still get see him from time-to-time enjoying lunch in the squadron bar.

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SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

SMSgt Mike “DLow” Danilowski (EB) – Senior dislikes Active Duty so much that he’s willing to lose a strip AND move to California to get out of it. He may adopt a closed-door policy from now on since his office is never empty when the door is open. But seriously, DLow is a great SEL and handles every situation with grace. Active duty will miss his leadership and dedication to his Airmen. “Dope, dope, dope, dope”.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Serjey “Serge” Ficeli (EB) – Serge took over as Ops Sup and showed his affinity to “Lead By Example” by immediately putting himself on a 2 week vacTDYation to Korea... for... um... ACE.. MCA... insert Buzzword reasons... In reality, the squadron has never run better... (until he got back...) The Truth is, he has been crushing it, and the 93rd is truly blessed to have someone with such a huge breadth of knowledge, and an amazing instructor/evaluator to be able to lead the squadron and nurture its people.

SCHEDULING

SSgt Michael Flathers (MB) – Mike is a recent cross-trainee from maintenance and hit the ground running. When he isn’t double-fisting protein bars, you can usually find him surrounded by the young Airmen looking for advice or listening to a story about F-16 engines.

SrA Gabby Stalling (IB) – CFIC turned our nicest Boom into the least requested instructor for an M010. Didn’t realize the IB “K” code didn’t come with AFMAN 36-2903 waivers immediately. She is doing great in scheduling keeping the folks in check while she has her feet up on the desk and glasses on her head.

SrA Joshua Amos (MB) – Amos has been crushing it in scheduling, conveniently adjusting his G2 schedule to be at an appointment anytime the Ops Sup asks for volunteers. As much grief as we give him, he keeps it light in the shop which is always appreciated.

A1C Gabriel Bautista (MB) – Gabe is a stellar Airmen. He is the type of person that is always smiling and happy to help wherever is needed. His ID says he is 20 but acts like a 70-old who carries Werther’s in his pockets and complain about the price of milk. He is a fantastic guy though and one we are thankful to have around.

A1C Clark Bromley (MB) – Clark comes from a long line of Boom Operators and is happy to share his sage wisdom about the KC-135A and the Strategic Air Command with you at moment’s notice. In all seriousness, he is great and one that will go far.

A1C Zachary Maczszak (MB) – He loves money. At this point, Zach has spent as much time in Alaska sitting Alert as he has been home. Between wrestling Moose in the Northern tier (not to far from the truth) and acting as Chef Ramsey with his ninja in the dorms, he works in the scheduling shop.

TRAINING

SSgt Derek Stiles (IB) – Derek came back to us from Wing Scheduling and got through CFIC. We felt it was finally time for him to do some actual work, so we put him in training to exercise his instructor abilities. Doing great so far if he could just get his blue's uniform together and finally take an ONE tour.

SrA Sahwn Fleming (IB) – Shawn just barely survived CFIC and returned to us with a Q1 and a shaving waiver. If he hasn't already told you everything about trees and what it's like to live in Maine, Shawn is usually schooling any challengers to a ping-pong match. Still not getting any work done.

A1C Jordan Esteem (MB) – Esteem is one of our newer Booms and has already made a name for himself in a positive way in the Squadron. Great work ethic, eager to learn, and motivated. He also made his name known at some local establishments where he lost his wallet, got a girlfriend, and somehow obtained pink eye which he still hasn't shared how.

A1C Dlyan Barker (MB) – Dylan showed up to us and already had baby leave scheduled. At 19, it's babies raising babies. He is doing great in the Squadron though; so much so that someone decided we should give him an actual job to make up for Stiles.

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Jason Markham (IB) – Jason came to us from TRANSCOM staff and has no hesitation telling you how it was. Has the most prominent resume that would rival any General Officer this side of 18 AF. Claims to have once been a scratch golfer but, always has a reason not to join the weekend outings. In close contention to replace Kennedy as the most feared EB. Once he is qualified.

A1C Chloe Mathisen (MB) – The first time Chloe cursed; everyone was shocked. We didn't think she had it in her to say a "no-no" word. She is a hawk when it comes to good deals with the Ops Sup number on speed dial for requests. It finally bit her though, getting her stuck in Canada for 4 days with nothing but a Tim Horton's and dad jokes from the pilots. Serves her right.

SrA Jared Castro (MB) – Don't let Jared's Cali-calm demeanor and Justin Beber style hair fool you... he really doesn't care. This kid is some calm he makes people nervous for him when he is in their presence, unless you accidentally cancel his leave. Then you see the real Jared. When he finally does talk, he hits you with some knowledge about computers and loses most immediately.

READINESS

SSgt Layrd Olliff (MB) – Layrd has one of the best names we had seen come across the inbounds in a long while but is more like Olliff from Frozen than you'd think. Nicest guy in the world and thankful to be away from the B-52 maintenance side and flying airplanes. Just be ready if he asks for a minute, the Olliff minute is usually about 45.

SrA Carson Childers (MB) – Chili is the best of us. Second year in a row voted most likely to give you the shirt off his back, but still last in the spelling bee. On his way right now to CFIC where we expect he will do great things for years to come.

SrA David Trulson (MB) – The dancing Boom. David wowed us when he got here but volunteering to teach the Wing Commander to pop and lock, the drop didn't happen due to age. Engaged to one of our all-star instructors who makes him do stand-up briefs at breakfast before coming into work.

SrA Carson Wilberg (MB) – There's a lot you can say about Willy. Between terrible haircuts, heckling pre-CFIC students, or otherwise causing trouble for his supervisor, he is actually an alright dude. Frustratingly good at the Boom thing when he wants to be and an aspiring pilot. Eventually he will figure out what he wants to do when he grows up so he can stop asking DLow.

SrA Keri Williams (MB) – Keri is the nicest person you will ever meet. She will keep you honest and makes sure you have taken a break, had lunch, not worked too hard, and not spent more than the required time at work when you can be with family. For real though, Keri is a Saint, and you can usually find her helping the young Booms learn to be better.

A-FLIGHT

TSgt Wesley “LP” Laprairie (IB) – One of our newest IB’s and already wants to Palace Chase. Feels used every time some has a cargo question as they immediately go to him to decipher what is happening. We think “LP” stands for “Load Planner” more than just initials from his last name at this point. Great dude and thankful to have him.

A1C Natalie Bitter (MB) – It’s a Boy!!!! Natalie got here and shortly after finishing her MCT welcomed her first. We are looking forward to getting her back so we can schedule her cargo check.

A1C Armani Jesus-Cristo Royval (MB) – Royval topped the best name on the inbound listing the minute he got here. We weren’t sure if this was two Airmen or one at first, but thankful he arrived with most of his things. Poor guy didn’t realize you can’t schedule overseas leave without asking anyone, a day before the trip, two days after checking in with the Squadron. Also failed to get trip insurance. “U” for SA. He will figure it out eventually.

B-FLIGHT

(M)Sgt Brandon Harmon (EB) – Brandon came back to the Squadron from OGT and was dying for a TDY. So much so that even a wildfire threatening his house and wife couldn’t sway him. When duty calls, I guess.

A1C Isiah Maciel (MB) – He showed up to us, almost finished MCT, just to find out he had no depth perception. Somehow, he managed to memorize the test and blind luck passed Altus to get up to Washington. #1 Security Forces augmentee select.

A1C Justice Casaquit (MB) – Arrived to us fresh from Altus and immediately got sent on the road to Korea to gain experience. Unfortunately, the jet broke so the only experience he got was sight seeing and soju tasting. Smart kid, when the Ops Sup asked, “How old are you?” he replied, “Old enough to drink in Korea.” Well, played sir.

C-FLIGHT

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Help Wanted

Looking for motivated NCOs who are self-starters, driven, and can take a joke. If interested, call (509) 247-4554

SAFETY

SrA Phillip Fowler (MB) – Phil has been a rock star in the Squadron for anything you need help with. Follow through is tough, but when you need a body, Phil has got you. Korea TDY, ONE, last minute deployment, ONE, you name the work Phil has got you. Finally got his name into a CFIC class slot and actually started the process to complete it this time. Looking forward to seeing him shape young minds.

SrA Parker “BATMAN” Matrisciano (MB) – Parker hides away in the safety shop completing his realtor certification. Parker is a great dude and is always up for a round of golf if you need someone.

TACTICS

SrA Aiden “Speagle” Clark (MB) – Clark is so tactical; you’d never know he is coming. He is so tactical, he spent 8+ hours in the vault, starting a missing Airmen recall when he didn’t come home, only to be found snuggling an RTIC drive. After everyone made sure he was good he got an LOR from his wife but all good on the work side. Another great one to keep an eye on in the future and one to have on your team.

A1C Shane Silver (MB) – Shane has come a long way since the last Squadron deployment. Selected to go to CFIC but seems to like it so much he asked for extra rides and an apartment off base. He aims to be the first A1C Schoolhouse Instructor.

ATTACHED

SrA Brielle “BAMBI” Springer (IB) (OGT) – Bambi got moved over to be our nominee for OGT. She came back from CFIC with a passion for teaching, so we figured it was right for her. Finally figuring out what she wants to do when she grows up and will be off to join SLARCO in the Spring!

SrA Cydney Graves (MB) (OGX) – Cyd joined OGX with the stipulation it'd be a short-term fill. Little did she know that she'd soon become the only one in the shop that did any work and it'd become a permanent move. Miss having her in the Squadron, but she is off to better things at the end of the year. Good luck Cyd!

SSgt James “PABST” Kennedy (EB) (SEF) – James is still scaring the hell out of everyone and the upgrade to evaluator only made it worse. From terrorizing the Booms, he also intimidates the Pilot's into having them give up their lunch money while on the road. The most terrifying thing in the world is watching him try and smile. Big heart, loves teaching, scariest EB. Pray he doesn't no-notice you.

SrA Ariel Gobleck (IB) (OG/CCE) – The better half of the Trulson's. Planned the entire week-long trip to Korea, only to be on the ground for 24 hours before coming home and starting her job at the Group. Ask her if she is salty.

DEPARTED/OUTBOUND

TSgt David “DODGE” Ballmer (EB) – Dave held down the chairs in DOV and could quickly deflect all questions to OGV. Unfortunately, someone's joke about him getting orders to Altus came true. Dave will be missed in the Squadron but is a great asset to the cadre there. Thanks for everything Dave!

SrA Chris “PEACHES” Moody (EB) – Moody was phenomenal for the Squadron. He worked his ass off to earn the coveted “Promote Now” just in time to take his talents to Altus. Going to miss his inspirational quotes he has written throughout the Squadron. Thanks for the work Moody and good luck!

TSgt Darian Edwards (EB) – Darian was so ready for a change he took up the MFM on the offer to switch to the KC-46. Talk about a complete 180. Turns out you can teach an old dog new tricks. Looking forward to hearing his complaints about the AC and seat comfort during touch and goes (actually hearing him talk so loud). You're going to be missed dude. Wally ball will never be the same.

MSgt Laruen “Pow Pow” Powell (EB) – Laruen had to move over. Her leadership and talents were needed to help get the 97th ARS ready and out the door for their deployment. She is missed over here, but we are thankful to hear she is still able to take care of folks.

SrA Bradley Betts (EB) – DO NOT wear flip flops around this dude. Betts crushed his time in Stan/Eval. Not sure what he did, but his EPB's all read like he saved the world, one FEF review at a time. Off to the CoE where he can keep instructing and looking forward to seeing the students under his tutelage.

MSgt Steven Saunders (IB) – Happy Birthday Steve!!! Steve upgraded to Instructor and immediately became the Santa Claus of the cadre in the Squadron. Not a nicer person around and someone you could always rely on. Keep an eye out on your porch for random offerings he drops off that he decided not to pack with him to Alabama. Going to miss the dehydrated everything he crafted in his basement. Thanks for everything Steve.

SrA Elijah Rias (MB) – Rias came back from the Honor Guard after pulling an extra tour there to help their manning out. We think putting him in scheduling was a bad choice as he seemed to be on every TDY that dropped (not suspicious at all). Going to miss the jokes and laughs he brought out in the shop. Good luck at Scott!

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SrA Aziel Alvarado – Has an obsession with the older ladies and now that Danclar and Moody have departed, he can be found begging for orders to anywhere but here.

SSgt Nate Bartling – One of the nicest guys you’ll ever meet. Quietly sits in scheduling trying to keep Mags and Cheatham in line.

SrA Talon Brandel – Had his window in base housing shattered and thought it was a hate crime from the lesser mission booms. He isn’t an instructor, but you’d never know based on how he talks to the younger guys. One day he will get it...

SrA Alexis Burnside “SIC” – Alexis’ really found her stride this year after challenging Poteet to a drink off, calling the Commander a fun name in Alaska and paying \$200 for a temporary tattoo. The only boom in the Air Force begging for orders to the KC-46 that has been repeatedly ignored. She’s like an ant to a light!

SrA Harold Cheatham – Somehow, we convinced Cheatham to upgrade three years ahead of Ellis and to no ones surprise he prepared not one second longer than was necessary. He’s currently scheming on how to live off of his sugar momma the librarian so he and Mags can spend all day rock climbing together.

SrA Nathan Christenson – Bald. Loves when you misspell his last name. Sadly, he will have to replace his beloved air refueling shrine in his living room with photos of his surprise kiddo landing later this winter. He should have plenty of practice painting the nursery though since he crushed painting the 97th!

Mr. Jeremy Culliton “JTC” – Have you heard about the new ATSO exercise this week???? Jeremy has been super chill this year prepping us for our deployment in the mobility shop and has a great relationship with public health. His new hobby is grumbling when AC’s refuse to put their heads under their desks during ATSOs! He’s adamant he has a new job just around the corner, quits three times a week, but we still see him every day. Not even the Spokane PD wants to listen to his war stories.

SrA Alex Danclar – Mr. Danclar, newly married, decided he wanted to control his own fate and head to Altus but never told anyone...so AFPC handed him a sweet -46 slot to Travis. Dreams do come true.

TSgt Andrew “ZzZzZzZ” Decrosta – You can find him in the office from 1200-1215, but most days not even that as he is closed for training. He’s the only NCO ever to be fired from DDR because he wasn’t what they were looking for. Either way, we are happy he is back in the building keeping our dorms clean and programs polished!

TSgt Ryan “DillyDilly” Dillingham- uhhhhhhhhhhhh... Dilly took the time out of his busy day of attempting to tell one story that took 2 hours and decided to tell the commander that he could accomplish more things if he stopped being so damn lazy...which is wild given Dilly’s work ethic.

MSgt Stephen “daGrate” Doswell – First person that we’ve ever heard of to get a Grade 3 concussion, not by the entry grate, but by the grate in the boom pod. He also had another throat procedure done this year and logged more miles back and forth to the Emergency Room than Ronnfeldt. Fingers crossed for Senior this year!

A1C Q’Yarrius Gates – Lobbying ARSAG to replace standard verbiage for AR. He thinks, “how much gas you want” is way more efficient and we tend to agree. If he hits another growth spurt, we might need a bigger boom pod for him!

SSgt Charlton Hampton – Apparently, you’re supposed to be awake and paying attention while honor guard airmen make contacts. The F-16 lost its TACAN and Hampton lost his Q1 Form 8. Funny how life seems to happen. He can usually be seen walking around with his tablet and satchel making recommendations to improve morale and quietly leaving the room when the real work needs to be done.

SrA David Harris – RESET, RESET, RESET, RESET, RESET, RESET.... That’s three right?? David is trying to go to the KC-46 this year and given the non-vol rate, will probably be successful.

A1C Claretta “Trick Shot” Kernlyons – Got to the squadron and immediately made quite the splash at the Christmas party where she bounced her puke off the bathroom door and onto an unsuspecting Poteet after he burped her like a baby. This happened again returning to the dorms with friends after a night out in what seems to be an emerging trend...take note stan/eval.

SrA Brandon “Sleepy” Kim – What time is it? Where in the world is Kim? Sent a squad out to find him but the search was to no avail. He can be found taking copious amounts of notes from Decrosta. He is the 12th boom in the 97th to successfully accomplish the Lime Scooter Smash.

TSgt Bobby “NODE” Kniveton – DID YOU KNOW HE’S A PATCH?!?! He can be drawn and quartered planning a wing level exercise but can’t plan a good spot to put tamper tape. Also, he’s a patch. Even though the commander orders him to stay home, he continues to come to work so he can pull up SIPR and cry. Did we mention he’s tactical and a patch? Can’t win a BBQ contest to save his life.

SrA Jacques Laurie – The most eclectic boom in the squadron, our favorite truck baby, and make-a-wish cause! He’s logged more hours over the road in the good ole’ USA than any other boom we know. In his spare time his favorite hobby is TACAN smashing those darn F-16s while Hampton naps.

SSgt Andrew “Daddy” Liddane – He sadly lost the only child he cares about this year when Belmonte moved to Altus #prayersforandrew. He’s battled through months of depression as a result but now spends his time slightly less than happy sitting in his chair with GDSS and Outlook taking up the screens while he waits for his next OTS rejection letter. Luckily the Red Sox are doing great things to year to brighten his spirits!

SrA Anthony “Mario” Maglione – Mags decided to take a quick jaunt across the border for a fun and exciting “ski” trip this year. He has an extensive artwork collection at home that is both tasteful and colorful.... but only if you define colorful being pale and white.

SrA Julie McNab – Julie started the year with 10 fingers and finished it out with 9.7. She sadly passed away towards the end in an airshow exercise but miraculously came back to life to complain about the In Memoriam posters not having a good enough photo. She also made the Top Ten Maintenance Most Hated list after bleeding down the O2 system to get a beach day and rubbed it in their face. # DAYOFF!!!

SSgt Andrew Miller – Andrew is the reason ALS now sends leadership report cards after every class. When he isn’t upsetting the commandant, he can usually be found at WSINT or finding a way to do less Air Force stuff and more flying stuff. Chest hair coming out of his shirt must be out regs

MSgt Matthew Nelson – Something, something, something... he’s really bald... Did you hear about the story of him in Guam?? He cares more about his fake plants than his wife’s favorite cat that mysteriously disappeared one day in base housing. Rumor has it that it was Matt who removed the collar and traded it to a local Spokane homeless man for a sweet scooter.

SrA Christopher Neuman – Neuman was part of a handful of Airman to apply to Altus. Unfortunately, after Altus received his 12 ASVAB score, they politely declined his orders and pushed him to McGuire. He told the Air Force “no thanks” and is maximizing his new K-code at OGT. In true Spokane fashion Neuman elected to not pay his last month of rent to miller when moving out.

A1C Cameron Ping – CamPing can be found in the boom pod trying to figure out how to check his G2 to see what event he’s going to miss that day. Mandatory formation? No thanks.

A1C Samaria Plummer – FNG.... Too nice to have any dirt on and too new to offend anyone yet.... yet.

MSgt Lauren “Pow” Powell – Our Lauren Savior...I’m not saying she is Jesus, but she did get crucified for other people’s sins...just speak up when you talk to her.

MSgt Brandon Roberts – Somehow was able to throw up on the new squadron carpet before Kernlyons got to it. He was proactively trying to solve AFPCs overmanning problems by choking on Chipotle while Dowd and Powell watched his life fade away cheering before finally being saved by Nelson. He also has the only accent to rival McNab but is three kids ahead of her...for now.

SSgt Matthew “Magnet” Ronnfeldt – Ronnfeldt was only present for 5 shootings this year but did manage to smoke his head getting into a car and causing a Grade 3 concussion. He can be seen doing doughnuts in the 9-ton on the flightline or making hot corn at 6am. Finally made Staff #Line136

SrA Kyler “Batman” Rosinsky – Slim Jim found a new way to triple his daily sodium intake when the Dizzy Glizzy arrived in the squadron. He can be found lounging in the boom pod eating BBQ Vienna sausages from the can...cold. Tricare isn’t going to cover whatever issues he has later in life but there’s always hope that it’ll be deemed “service connected.”

SrA Christopher Rowland – Older than our current SEL, yet somehow still an Airman, Rowland is terrible at keeping secrets.

SrA Kian “Menopause” Saadi – The 97th’s most clueless non-instructor instructor. Need cargo loaded? Don’t call him, he will call you. The Riddler when it comes to life and the jet.

SSgt Aaron “Squidward” Salter – Our resident window licker, continues to wander and deliver ADHOC CBRN exercises crop dusting scheduling and training shops.

TSgt Jacob Sarno – Jake has his eyes on retirement and can be seen googling SkillBridge in the dark training office nonstop. Still a workhorse flying the line and giving checkrides.

SrA Trae Seithalil – The silent brooding type. Now rated 2/5 stars on Yelp for his DTS skills. He runs Awards and Decs while Salter saunters around the building avoiding work of any kind.

SrA Jayden Shines –After playing house in the Dorms with his GF while TDY then being caught by leadership with handcuffs, body armor, and a mask in the room, Shines finally decided to move out of the dorms and put a ring on his actual high school sweetheart, but at least Sheri thinks he smells good.

TSgt Alison “Needs a Piddle Pack” Sowka – Some people get their names on the side of aircraft, Sowka got hers in -3502’s bathroom. She learned the hard way on a 15-hour flight to always check the valve is open! She’s been counseled no less than ten times for throwing her cans away. We could use that money for stickers, Alison!

TSgt Victoria Turan – Deemed Fairchild’s most competent 2T2, Turan is coming into her own in the squadron after arriving from the CRG. She’s our resident RAMPCO expert teaching us all how to keep the ATF in line! She can be seen lugging a suitcase sized lunch box around the squadron or running laps around base housing.

Departed The Fix

SSgt Nick “Lesser” Griffin-Belmonte – Departed the 97th for Altus and was immediately greeted by a beautiful E-4 tornado. Praise be to the White Buffalo! We already miss his smiling face and good writing skills. Put ‘em to work, Altus! Good luck finding other Yankees fans in Oklahoma.

SrA Brooke “Better” Belmonte-Griffin – Brooke finally got out of OGT and headed down to Altus. We are so excited for her to be getting a nice long 4-year break from flying with students...oh wait.

SrA Jensen Kokou – Kokou is to thank for everyone having to take an official Air Force photo this year. Sending in a dating app black and white photo isn’t really the vibe for Headquarters Air Force awards, sorry Jensen.

SSgt Dean Lovingood – Dean decided to miss day 1 at his new tech school to establish dominance. That usually works out well for folks so I'm sure it will be fine. He departed for greener pastures as a flight attendant after a deployment to Shaw as protocol where he proved Booms shouldn't work with Generals.

SrA Dillon "Dahmer" Neal – Left for the civilian world...and maybe the reserves? Makes the nastiest popcorn you will ever taste and received a Q3 to reflect that.

SSgt Lillian "Side Piece" Oliver – Did someone say you have to wake up on time? We know this, but it's news to Lily. Sadly, she left the PNW for the sunny beaches of Tampa when she joined the Reserves with her supervisor. Her smiling face is already missed in the squadron, and we wish we could have her back!

SSgt Demian Solis – Took our newest instructor with him to MacDill when he married the Airman he sponsored! She's still the better boom by far. Enjoy the pool and beverages with Josh!

SrA Sawyer Wentworth – Expect More, Pay Less ☹ Separated and enjoying his time with his new wife and kiddo! He's also bald...

MSGT Grant Ringenberg – After being "in charge" of the squadron move, he broke the TV, broke the pool table, broke morale, and broke red. Ever since he left the career field for the IG, Cheatham has been seen in tears on multiple occasions touching the framed photo of Ring on his desk.

SMSGT Poteet – Senior left us for the CEM seat followed by the OGV seat. Pyramid checkrides just got exciting! He's already developing a syllabus to take a flight attendant and turn them into a boom operator while bypassing Altus. What could go wrong? *Insert Elmer Fudd voice* I'm hunting for wabbits, buwwets and stwipes.

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116th ARS

“CAVEAT HOSTIS”



CMSgt Walt ‘Night Train’ Hinton – Still one of the nicest people in the unit. Tries to rally booms together during drills, which is as effective as herding cats. Lost a bet to Kiser and had to wash his truck in a bikini, which was kinda like Dodgeball Gone Wild.

SMSgt Shaun ‘Boop’ Bopp – Recently switched from Stan/Evil to Training which has him tearing out his hair...the last one remaining. Talks gruffly, but carries a soft stick (not a double entendre); he actually cares a lot about developing and maturing the boom force. Lovingly and caringly spreads his honey around the squadron.

SMSgt Rob Mitchell - Swapped with Bopp from Training to Stan/Eval which is tucked away in a dark corner of the temporary 116th ARS building. He lurks back there, like a villain, scheming ways to Q3 unsuspecting booms on no-notice checkrides. He's actually doing a great job putting all of his experience to use ensuring that the booms do their jobs safely and effectively.

MSgt David Crisman - This guy woke up one morning last year and thought to himself, "I should quit my AGR job and run a HVAC company in Montana." So he proceeded to do just that and has been very successful.

MSgt Ryan ‘Cash’ Kiser – Just married!!! (about a year ago). Sorry ladies, this short stack of good looks and bad attitude is off the market. He lost a bet to Walt and had to shave his head to match our Squadron Commander’s ‘cut.’ Can’t include pictures but he looked a lot like the evil clown from the movie Air Bud and that did set him back a bit in the looks department.

MSgt Louis ‘ACROP’ Winters – Owner/operator of Freedom Landscape, AGR Boom Scheduler and recently promoted to evaluator. On the weekends he mows grass and during the week he kicks... all with a big smile on his face!

MSgt Chris Langus - Our most recent MSgt! Chris is still angry about something, though, and he won't hesitate to tell you about it. He is a full time firefighter in Spokane proudly serving both neighbor and nation.

MSgt Curt Smith - This guy is married with a toddler, works as a full time firefighter downtown, and is an excellent evaluator and boom. He also rides his mountain bike competitively, flies his Cessna to backcountry fishing spots, and can be found running the ONE line from time to time. His day must have more than 24 hours in it.

TSgt Stephen ‘Wanker’ Kerr – Went DNIF to have an actual reason to not fill out any paperwork. A man of many words, of which only a handful are meaningful. Still a great guy to have around to poke holes in the good-idea fairies that float around.

TSgt Chas ‘Shamus’ Cramer - Potentially married a spy but she checked out and is now a U.S. citizen! Chas has been tasked to work directly with Bopp to train up the boom force. So far he's doing a fine job.

TSgt Greg Webb (I’m Old Greg!) – Finally has a rank that almost matches his age. Spends most of his days in the vault doing things no one knows about and even fewer care about. Recently became an IB again so maybe he can pass on some of his knowledge, if he still remembers anything.

TSgt Gary Plaha – Poses shirtless in the yearly Spokane firefighter calendar. This year he’s Mr. August – by far the hottest month.

TSgt Timothy ‘Big’ Diehl – New dad! Picks up extra work around the unit when needed and is generally pretty smiley.

TSgt Grant ‘LENNI’ Gerhart – Oh look, another firefighter boom operator... Recently finished his probation year with Spokane Valley Fire Department. He is officially allowed to be included in the firefighter calendar photo shoot. He will be getting requalified in the tanker soon and we are excited to have him back.

TSgt Jimmy Ray Bailey Jr. – Mr. Glass is DNIF... again. The healing powers of frequent cold plunges into Spokane River keep him bouncing back quickly. Also, another one of our firefighters proudly serving neighbor and nation!

TSgt Davis ‘Glizzy’ Gese – Goose, Baby Goose, Glizzy...not sure what to call him anymore but he completed the One Bite Challenge of a hotdog with a Bud Light in the other hand.

TSgt Dave ‘Gwen’ Stefaniak – Handsome Dave is still lighting up the room with that positive attitude and infectious smile but is currently in CFIC and the negativity is already creeping in. When he’s not standing Alpha he can be found hiking mountains with his 2 kids on his back. He can also be found standing at attention whenever Nicole enters the room (officer = forbidden love).

TSgt Thomas ‘OMG’ Gantt – Old Man Gantt is possibly the oldest member in the 116 ARS and 141 OG. He continues to work even though he reached retirement age during BIQ. He’s a hard worker and able to keep up with the rest of us so we’re happy to have him around.

TSgt Ryan ‘Cold Asshole’ Kaldhusdal – Keeps copilots in line with a barrage of insults, but does it with a smile so he thinks it’s okay.

TSgt Damen Gaddis – Our newest Tech Sergeant and the smartest boom in Current Ops. He is often referred to as Damien by old heads that don't actually know his name. Solid worker and heading for great things.

SSgt Mitch Walker – Making a full-time living doing part time work and loving every minute of it! He's one of the booms that has trouble saying no to trips; or anything really. When he’s not TDY he’s making new squadron patches.

SSgt Luke Merrill – Coming to us from the active duty Comm squadron, Luke is a new addition to the unit and has just started MCT. He’s looking forward to seeing the rest of the world from 20000 feet. Poor guy, doesn’t realize we only hired him to fix our computers and map printers.

SSgt Adrienne Christian – Unconfirmed smallest boom permitted to wear a flight suit. Fresh out of Altus and so far is rocking it. She has a background in Supply so maybe she will help us get the parts we need so she can actually fly and not just do pre-flights.

SrA Eric 'Spade' Porter – One of our newer booms, he is like a walking moral patch. Constantly reminds everyone that we are in the 116th with pics of Aces, Spades and 116s...was that last one your speedometer? Eric is a legacy-of-sorts as a nephew of Dane Porter. He loves the tanker, loves booming/passing gas and says 'yes' to everything...just ask him. Looking forward to what he'll do in the future!

SrA Michelle Thielemann – One of our younger booms working through what comes next in her career. She's done a great job of not highlighting herself so no fun, negative stories...yet. Otherwise, she always shows up and is ready to help as needed.

SrA Donna Mills – Donna was a Guard baby in Michigan but moved west with the family and joined us. She values understanding and communication, which means she will very politely tell you you're wrong and won't settle for anything less than a thorough and accurate answer.

SrA Brett Beeman – Brett was an active duty loadmaster then joined the Guard as a CE troop. Decided he missed being aircrew so he applied to fly with us. Once the paperwork goes through he'll be the only boom who actually knows how to load cargo.

PAST MEMBERS

1st Lt Andy Capra – Still with us just decided he preferred to be up front rather than sweating/then freezing in the back. Congrats Andy!

MSgt Thomas 'Legend' Nance – Recently retired, impossible to replace. Still does all our artwork and is active in squadron events.

TSgt Robert Austen Smith – Left to greener pastures in the IT world.

SSgt Jared Lee – Great storyteller but decided to move on from the Guard life.

MSgt Dave McDowell - Retired and moved to England to be a Sim Instructor.

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384th ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! The Squares had another action-packed year, starting 2023 with significant support to Operation NOBLE EAGLE. We didn't really slow down much after that point, pivoting our focus to nuclear operational readiness and then to preparations for our AFFORGEN deployment. The Squares spent over a month down under in Australia and Guam in support of Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN, logging deployment certification event credit for the operations they conducted with minimal support. Our aircrews were lead for two 48-hour maximum endurance, over water flights at the exercise and demonstrated the Real-Time In-Cockpit system to a congressional delegation while in the Pacific. The squadron returned from the Pacific "vacation" and promptly deployed to support NATO operations in Germany, despite having to navigate the Grey Fire (10,085 acres burned, 240 structures destroyed, and \$60M in damages) days before our scheduled departure. While Germany was a great place for our crews to experience, events in the Middle East shortly after arriving in Europe necessitated a move to Prince Sultan Air Base in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Squares took the move in stride and brought the KC-135 back to its former home from 20 years ago. While deployed we were the lifeblood to multiple operations, including INHERENT RESOLVE, SPARTAN SHIELD, and PROSPERITY GUARDIAN over the Red Sea. Our busy year did not go unnoticed by AMC, we have the SPAATZ TROPHY to prove it!

We in the Squares keep sending talent on to bigger and better things. The manpower world has blessed us with copious amounts of Airmen... at least our NCOs are getting a lot of practice. If you've seen some boom NCOs around, we certainly could use a few more up in the Inland Northwest. All that said, if you see a Square Patcher on the road, feel free to say hi and take 38.4 minutes to grab a drink!

Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSGt Myron Somero-

Hailing from March ARB, Senior arrived at Fairchild three days after the squadron departed for deployment. He still found a way to out-process during MCT and deploy on the back half. His eagerness to deploy might have something to do with his run-in with Security Forces when he tripped the duress alarm trying to complete a BOWST. If he isn't in a meeting, you can find Senior working awards, decs, PCS orders, KC-46 slots for the Squares well past curfew. Everyone keeps telling him to go home, but the Air Force has made him a workaholic.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Jacob "A10" Aufderheide-

"A10" came to us by way of the IG. Clearly developed a soft spot for inspectors and keeps trying to convince us they are the good guys. He's trying every trick from every book he's read to keep his life in order and has reverted to decorating his office with whiteboards... must have been a scheduler at some point. A10 can usually be found imparting life and career advice to any Airman that wanders by his office. The only issue is when it comes time to end the conversation, there's still 40 more minutes to go.

Stan Eval

MSgt Zach Donaraski-

Zach is still going to "Physical Therapy." Must be a bid to try convincing the VA he's broken, turns out it he's not broken enough to stay home for the squadron deployment. He did what he does best over there... acquire things. His tent would make a pack rat proud. Back from deployment we're not sure he still works here, between 60 days of use-lose leave, hunting, and fishing, he's doing a great job practicing for retirement.

A1C Lillian Hixson-

Does all the things outside the airplane, making all of us booms look lazy... it's tough for any of us to make it look like we are accomplishing anything when she's around. Voted President for all the booms of Fairchild and competes with SrA Lesslie on recruiting tributes to work fundraisers.

SrA Samantha Kurz-

Samantha is still a huge dinosaur and bird enthusiast. She found a Skill Bridge opportunity and will be departing the Air Force soon, we don't know if it incorporates at least one of those two areas, but if so, we won't be surprised. For somebody dead set on leaving the Air Force, she has an unhealthy trust in the FSS to produce her orders on time.

A1C Sydnee Neal-

The EARS staff did their best to track Sydnee's emotional state during the deployment but ran out of dry-erase markers. Was at a loss for words any time the fire department got within 100 yards of her. We sent her home early because she insisted on becoming a C-130 Loadmaster. Currently at training, she will be headed to Japan when she returns.

Scheduling

MSgt Kyler Pierce-

Showed back up in the squadron out of the blue with a training date to become a C-130 Loadmaster. We don't know what strings he had to pull, but he's headed to Ramstein.

TSgt Ryan Kemp-

The Air Force tried to get him for DSD but turns out you must talk to be an MTI or Recruiter...and we all know Ryan doesn't do that. He hid away in readiness for a while, so we moved him front and center to scheduling where he's already found a corner to hide in. He couldn't hide from AFPC though, he's headed to Kadena in the fall.

TSgt Steven Hannah-

Would give you the shirt off his back and works till the lights turn off. The worst at taking leave, we've had to chase him out of the squadron on multiple occasions. Off to the more comfortable ride of the KC-46 at Seymour. With all that time away training we think he might be losing his gains. Soft beef?

SSgt Kyle Henninger-

Kyle is a very cool, down to earth guy, but we wouldn't be surprised if he was on one of the Feds' lists somewhere. Must be that maintenance background, hard to shake that rough upbringing off. Somehow, we overlooked him in the instructor upgrade conversation, but now he is doing his best to compete for the longest DNIF period in the unit and keeps signing up for surgeries. How did nobody know about those procedures?

SrA Johnny Nevarez-

Puts on a hard act, but deep down inside there's a caring person in there who at least two times a week sends nice messages like, "Sorry, I'm running a little late this morning." Fully committed to missing the unit's deployment. We're sure that torn ligament was "flag football." He wanted to do contingency response in New Jersey until he didn't, maybe he just wanted to say "No" to AFPC?

SrA Tyler Jones-

Tyler has logged a pile of hours, both unconscious and conscious. Now if we could get those conscious hours to overtake the unconscious, we'd get this guy to Altus. Joking aside, he is getting looked at to make the leap to instructor provided the KC-46 doesn't involuntarily take him first.

A1C Glenn Pierce-

Who? He doesn't say much, and we barely know he's in the squadron. When he does say something, we all listen, mostly because we are all surprised. Reports say he plays a lot of video games and functions well without sleep, we'll see if that pattern continues now that he's turned 21.

A1C Ashley Betancourt

Talks faster than she can think. She moved out of the dorms earlier than everyone else, something about being old? If you want to get on her good side, point out how tan she is.

A1C Vance Scrape-

Training kept leaving him in charge of the shop and going on the road, so we moved him to scheduling. Finally catching a grip on what is required of him at the scheduling desk, at least when he's not falling asleep at his computer.

Training Flight

SSgt Karin "KC" Svoboda-

After years of waiting, Joey (see Tactics Flight) FINALLY put a ring on it. KC is happy to be back to actually flying after being a SQ then OG Exec. You better watch out for her if you aren't getting your BERP done. Our booms might just get lazy when she departs with her husband and SrA Yoder to the Travis AFB and the KC-46 next year.

SrA Sage Ledet-

This guy is like a 135 encyclopedia. "SrAIC" of DOT whenever KC is TDY or on leave.

A role-playing master, he is your CFIC nightmare. His favorite answer to a question is, "Where would you look for that?" Can't be disturbed for things as petty as a PFT.

SrA Arianna Jupiter-

Don't try to talk to her first thing in the morning if you know what's good for you. A sharp instructor and is super nice if you catch her on the right day. We are thinking of hiring her a travel agent to keep her finances straight with all those TDYs she's done.

SrA Aidan Ruehr-

Getting put through the shredder of Pre-CFIC at the moment. We hope to see great things from him after Altus. Hopefully he gets a girlfriend soon but to do that he'd have to talk to girls in his free time instead of playing fighter pilot on DCS all night.

SrA Ethan Parker-

Fresh out of CFIC and straight into instructing at the squadron. Finally got some time in CENTCOM. Seems like a cool guy but hard to tell since we've only been able to get a sentence or two out of him in the time he's been here. His new puppy is really cute though!!

Readiness

TSgt Charisse “Chartreuse, Chorizo, Charcuterie” Laughery-

The Squadron's only Master-Select Lieutenant-Select Sergeant is now in charge of 11 Readiness rascals, fortifying her mothering skills and disappointed dad glances. She dreams of weeknights at home alone with her dog Nugget where she can drink wine and FaceTime 1 of her 3 Konens. She would tell her young airmen that she was on American Idol, but they wouldn't know what that is.

SSgt Ethan Sudtelgte-

Our squadron Grandfather hobbles around with ½ of a good back. See what happens when you make a KC-10 guy start working? He's officially the daily elevator inspector and his corn and potato themed walker should be arriving in the mail shortly. Until then, the Captains got him a golden claw to keep him working...don't worry, the claw comes with a flashlight and extra batteries!

SrA Gilbert Martinez-

Always good for golf talk and innuendos, but mostly he's, you know, yeah. He's got a way with those things, kind of, plus he's got, just sort of, I guess. You feel me? Well, you know, right?there, you've basically had a conversation or pre-CFIC briefing with SrA Martinez.

SrA Legea Howard-

If she was Superwoman, then the cypher lock getting into Readiness would be her kryptonite! No meeting or door is safe when she comes around. When she isn't fumbling around with the lock, she can be found studying, making the shop feel lively, and keeping our two civilians on their toes.

A1C Shen Yeager-

Our 115lb, 6'4" KING! When he's not getting berated for doing a jig during the National Anthem, he can be seen with a smile on his face and a creepy mustache covering just the corners of his lips. We assume another 3 more years before the center fully fills in...good things take time! This jokester is a great addition to the Square family.

Safety

SrA Madison Lesslie-

Our ~~most recent~~ SrA BTZ winner oozes competence on the radio and she's touted as having the most stable boom by the deployed F-16s! ...but that's what happens when you don't move the rudder control stick, even to avoid the canopy. She always has her hands in something and is a perfect addition to our Squadron as Booster Club President!

Integration Cell

A1C Anthony Addington-

When he's not waking up to 3 NCOs standing over his shirtless corpse because he's late for the bus, you can catch this hard charger volunteering for everything under the sun and getting in his weekly 472 holes of golf. Despite his best efforts in England, he's the Squares **most recent** SrA BTZ winner!

A1C Jamerra Evans-

This woman is always on the go! From deploying just one day after completing Mission Certification Training to weekly TDYs across the globe, she's become a sharp aircrew member! ...But she only brings her ProGear if she thinks it's really, really important.

A1C Quenton Miller-

Trash cans and mascots ain't got nothin' on this new boom. Probably the lowest experience to age ratio you'll see in a boom. He's always sleeping in his van in the parking lot of his furnished dorm or offering his waking hours to help with projects in the Squadron or TDYs to warm places! Great guy who knows how to live it up.

A1C Alexander Knight-

Our newest boom is currently in Mission Certification Training. He's a little quiet but the definition of professionalism. Proof can be found in his well-written, thought out, and grammatically correct text messages. He is crushing training and we're looking forward to having him in the Squadron full time!

A1C Tirrell Hollingsworth-

New addition to the Squares and our favorite curly-haired red-headed stepchild. When he's not saying, "Ready, set, go" as his takeoff report, you can hear him blowing hot air in Readiness. We are happy to have him...but we don't trust a word he says. Can usually be found within a few feet of A1C Miller.

Tactics Flight

SSgt Zach Reynolds-

Who knew somebody can be auto-PCA'd out of a unit while deployed? The 509th recruited him and pulled him in, all on the same deployment, though we're not sure he actually wants to leave the Squares. He's still in the squadron "working on his re-qual" and trying to convince us that he's found a girl that will tolerate that mustache.

SrA Joey Svoboda-

Living fast and large, he does all the extreme stuff. Between cars, trucks, bikes, motorcycles, TDYs, and that unfortunate dinnertime show he put on in Waikiki, Joey is the perfect ying to his wife's yang. Joey somehow has the world working for him...the books just saved him from losing that cargo qual! He and his wife are off to Travis AFB and, while not pumped about the move to California, they are happy to get over to the KC-46.

SrA Jake Donaldson-

Jake is an old soul, married with a mini-me. We wonder when the little guy is gonna get his first tat. Jake is currently away at Altus going through upgrade. We know we will get a solid instructor back soon, even though all the Command Chiefs give his hair a second look. He thinks they are just jealous.

Executive Support

SrA Grace Yoder-

Volunteered to leave us for the KC-46... then she waited, and waited, and waited. How about this class date? Nope, I've got plans. This one? Nope, still got plans. One finally stuck; she joins the Svoboda convoy departing for Travis early next year. Our rodeo pro, she's come a long way for not knowing what a tanker was when she joined the Air Force.

On-Loan / Attached

CMSgt Michael "Penguin" Russell-

Still pulling all of the strings he can pull to take care of our booms across the OG. He doesn't fly much at all these days, just for a quick "visit the troops" tail swap to scoop up some tax-free pay. All he does is train these days for Ironman. Swim, bike, or run, he's always looking for a partner to embrace the suffering with him.

MSgt Michael Dmytriw-

Our Comrade stayed on as a Square until he sewed on that upper stripe, then quickly PCA'd to the Group to make the whole OG think that he is angry with them. Pretty effective technique to get things done in OGV and likely how that background check went through. Underneath that hard shell he's really a softie who is low-key freaking out about his assignment to Mildenhall.

SSgt Chris Nothstine-

Chris is a boom but thinks he's still in the battlefield airman selection process. Pushes himself harder than the human body should be pushed and takes on any opportunity to walk multiple miles with heavy stuff attached to his back. He might try to follow them out the back of his C-17 when he gets to McChord.

(T)Sgt Tyler Espinoza-

Tech-select Espi is making big moves up in Operations Group Training as the fill-in superintendent. Give this man some power and authority and he'll run with it, or at least walk with negligible arm movement. Camaro connoisseur can swing you a fantastic deal on a lightly used vintage Camaro that may or may not have a working engine. No bother, he'd rather be fishing anyways.

SrA Zach Henderson-

We kicked him off to Operations Group Training to cut his teeth as a new instructor. While there, he upgraded from "The Intimidator" stache to the full beard. Looks like a European fighter pilot and the new Airman think he's the coolest thing since sliced bread. He hasn't let all that go to his head though, nicest guy around and will do pretty much anything for a slice of carrot cake.

SrA Dakota Griffis-

We couldn't convince him to consider sticking around past his first enlistment, so we sent him to work as an exec up in the ivory tower known as the Operations Group in the hopes the big dogs could convince him otherwise. No dice, despite our best efforts he is committed to becoming Mr. Griffis. A shame really because he still keeps pulling his weight, in the office and instructing in the air.

A1C Alex Morales-

Poor guy got back from deployment and promptly got shipped off to honor guard. He's been making us proud over there and we still see him from time to time when he drops in to knock out his beans. He'll have to show us some of his moves when he gets back with us.

A1C Brendan Ohm-

We had taken A1C Ohm out of the running for instructor upgrade given his post-Air Force plans. Move the guy out of scheduling and he starts talking about re-enlistment...MSgt Dmytriw must've scared him into signing a contract.

Departed

TSGT Jose Fonseca-Cruz-

This guy gets things done. The squadron left him behind in Germany to clean up our mess as we forward-deployed. While in our minds he was ripping donuts on the flightline after everyone left, the reality is he is too squared away for that and reverted back to his 2T2 background, building pallets and shipping cargo. We already miss his expertise, but we are sure it will be well-used at Altus.

SSgt Marcus Nims-

Dearly Departed to the warmer climes of California. He disappeared to Skill Bridge for a few weeks then came back to us to "out-process" for what felt like three months. We still think of him every time we hear a mustang that's way too loud pass by the squadron or when Balfour-Beatty Communities takes our BAH.

SSgt Ben Hawley-

Ben kept that low profile up at the Group as an exec. We are sure that he and the OG CC kept each other entertained with facts about the packers...Brett Favre this, Aaron Rodgers that... He faded away to Altus and will no doubt keep performing under the radar there.

SrA Bailey Walling-

One of the three Konens. Practicing how to be a stay-at-home wife. She hung out with us and did her best to distract the Training shop from their work during her final months. We wish her luck with the housewife gig and the photography work.

SrA Dan Harris-

We're not sure how you can fit that much mustache under one nose, but he made it work. He showed to two events in his six years as a Square, one to celebrate his bride, Ms. Bailey Walling's going away, and the second his own going away. He and his glorious mustache recently departed for Skill Bridge. Must be at a military surplus store with all that gear he's working to liquidate!

A1C Jhaiyear Clayton-

He left us for Chicago. We hope the best for him on the outside. He's a guy who is very easy to get along with and everyone will miss.

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KC-135 Cadre

MSgt Christopher “Cracken” Shelton (SEL): Fighting daily to figure out how to be an SEL and trying to smash together two MDS’s that butt heads constantly. Disappearing to the gym on a daily basis to escape his Squadron woes, but always having the squadrons best interest at heart.

MSgt James “CHAW” Shaffer (Ops Sup): Despite having won best overall instructor for the year of 23, this unprofessional aviator, instead of fighting the good fight has decided to cross train to Helo’s. At least he’ll now be on an aircraft that has a better MX record than the trucks he keeps filling his garage with. He’s excited to spend his winters in -20s in beautiful Minot, why not stay a boom we’ll never know.

TSgt Jonathan “Talon” Nigl (upgrade): Having just got here from Altus his head barely fit through the door, he will be taking over for Chaw, and already believes he’s the subject matter expert but we know he’s terrible. He will quickly find out the pace of the 509th won’t allow him time to use his money pit of a kayak to fish every day.

(T)Sgt Tristian “Dangle” Lang (Academics): Despite making rank every time, this baby-faced boom still has a lot of growing up to do, when he’s not trying to sell the AF on his crane for the 135, you can find him reminiscing about his wedding day from three years ago, must be a keeper...

(T)Sgt Megan “Tumbleweed” Gates (DOT): Recently married, Tumbleweed is finally finding her stride due to the looming PCS of Sgt Shaffer, no longer able to hit the easy button she’s finding out that she is capable of success if she tries. We congratulate her on her courthouse wedding hope a shotgun wasn’t involved.

SSgt Zach “Gator” Reynolds (upgrade): Finding his girlfriend at Dangles wedding it only took copious amounts of liquid courage for him to have the gall to ask her on a date. Recently returned from a “deployment” (Shaw...) filled an officer spot but didn’t receive the recognition he adamantly says he deserves.

KC-46 Cadre

TSgt Jacob Spencer (46 Ops Flt Chf): As the embodiment of a 20-year tech his saltiness kills the grass he walks on, ready to retire at the drop of a hat, the only thing sharper than him are his home-made knives and that’s not saying much. Spends his time browsing reddit looking at promiscuous pictures of guns counting the seconds to retirement. We’ll miss you.

TSgt Mitchel “JAB” Lambrecht (unknown): Not enough to have a brother that’s a pilot, this guy decided he’d rather fly to the dark side, with an OTS package at ACC he’s already a Shoo-in, but in his heart he’s still just a boom. PCS’d and had a baby a month later no one at the squadron knows who he is, and still doesn’t know what his job is.

SSgt Jonathan Vermont (CCV): One of only three 46 booms in ACC. Came to the squadron with a big head thanks to AMC IB of the year, realized he was too dumb for the tactics life and decided to try to go army Warrant, guess he really wasn't that smart. Can be found in the gym in his off time and trying to figure out what his job in CCV is.

Recently Departed

TSgt Nicholas "PATR" Sowder: Recently a father to twins decided he needed an easier life and found a gig in Little Rock as the only Boom he'll be developing training exercises for AMC, we'll know he'll do us proud.

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“KANSAS COYOTES”



Hello from the DOGG house! Once again, we are Super Bowl champions thanks in big part to the Chiefs new head of PR Taylor Swift. Year one under the new Chief Boom and what a year it's been!

Chief Boom

CMSgt Nathan “DOGG” Neidhardt- After chewing all of the knowledge off the retired “Jed's” hambone, he finally spit the bone out. DOGG has truly come into his own as the newest 117th Chief boom. Making him perfectly fit for the task of leading so many lost puppies.

Full Timers

SMSgt Wayne Walls (OGV)- Good O'l Pap Pap. Wayne is one of our most senior instructors and citizens. An absolute wealth of knowledge and experience. Upon initially meeting him you'd think he invented the 135. Now days he can be found back in Stan/Eval talking to Jed about the “Good old days” and how the Air Force has changed.

MSgt Matthew “POW” Crawford (ARS Superintendent)- Everyday it seems like he styles his hair and mustache like Everett from “O Brother, Where Art Thou”. A very Dapper Dan man indeed, he is killing it as the superintendent. What that entails the world may never know.

MSgt Brandon “BOOBOO” Gray (NCOIC of Tactics)- Huge promotion to NCOIC of tactics! He is the only enlisted member of said tactics shop so there was a lot of competition. Between spearheading our new OST's, training young booms as an IB, and his rigorous physical training consisting of pickle ball and taco tuesday. We just don't know how he finds the time to manage his hair care regiment.

MSgt Chynna “LIZZIE” Tafanelli (NCOIC of Training)- After raising other people's kids, AKA the baby booms. She decided to do the job right and do it herself and become a new mom. Allegedly the NCOIC of training but she's been on baby leave so long most the new booms don't know who she is.

MSgt Chad “BUCKO” Broome (Training)- An absolute unit of an IB. Took on 99.68% of training duties while Lizzie was on baby leave. Under his guidance the new booms can be found wondering around looking for him because he is out flying with one of the other kids. You'll never hear him complain about it though, because he is always giving a “BUCKO 5” percent effort on everything he does!

TSgt Matthew “HUDS” Ferguson (XP)- Quit the fun of car chases and arresting the bad guys but kept the paperwork. He mostly holds down the XP shop but also got picked up for IB school and will be one of our newest instructors.

TSgt Steve “PIZZA STEVE” Zeckser (Off Station)- Another new IB! Stuck in the corner with the rest of the former maintainers that call themselves the scheduling shop. One of the key managers of the fishbowl underground computer kiosk migration enterprise. Always has a smile on his face even when he can't find an AC for a trip.

TSgt Jacob “ROD” Fandrich (OGV)- One of our newest IBs, he took on the responsibility of running and fixing our EFBs. He has moved over to the Stan/Eval office and gets the honor of hanging out with the old heads all day as he tries to explain technology to them. A great teacher and instructor for the younger booms!

Mr. Mark Sweeney (SMSgt Retired, BOSS Contractor)- The Boss of the BOSS himself! Mark now has some peace and quiet now that Jed moved offices. Gives out knowledge and stories like he's Oprah.

Mr. Jed Clampitt (CMSgt Retired, BOSS COR)- Recently kicked Crawford out of his desk so he could have a nice window view next to Wayne. I have no idea what he does here but good luck finding him to ask.

Traditional's

MSgt Collin “NOT TICE” Vaughn- If you can picture Mr. Clean in a flight suit that's Collin. Isn't around the Squadron much but he is loving life as a civilian pilot.

MSgt Jennifer “J-LO” Velazquez- Went full native in Guam and now works as a mama-san at the local day-care.

MSgt Jason “BUTTERS” Sebring- Working hard on becoming the first non-instructor Chief Boom.

MSgt Drew Jennings- Newly promoted to MSgt that attempts to manage “A” flight. Divides most of his time stuck in a vault working on continuous quantum propulsion machines. Honeywell must pay well. Perhaps J-Lo should look into the air conditioner trade too.

TSgt Gabe “WIND SHEAR” Ramirez- The other midlife crisis Boom turned civilian pilot.

TSgt Sebastian “LOCAL” Adame- Found himself a sugar mama and fully embraced the bum life. On occasion can be seen doing his job but mostly just hogs a computer in the bum room.

TSgt Connor “RAD” Remboldt (UPT)- One of the many booms this year picked up to be a pilot and will now be driving his homies to AR instead of doing the job. With the weight of local scheduling on his back and stress of being a new father, it's no wonder he wants to get away for a few years.

TSgt Adam Gilfillan- Gilli can be found out on the flightline most of the time! He's not flying he's out there running and getting ready for his next marathon.

TSgt Nicole Parks- Loved being a CSS so much she kicked our old one out and took her desk. Don't ever be scheduled to go TDY with her cause it will cancel.

TSgt Lindsay “CRASH” Deckinger- First TDY, has difficulties deciding what's more fun. Taking the golf cart out for a crash, or the aircraft lavatory for an intense CRASH.

TSgt Chris Kirk- Professional Guard bum. According to the IRS he hasn't had a full-time job in 4 years.

TSgt Ryan “CHIP” Ewing- Stuck reliving baseball glory days while pretending to be a fire fighter/boom operator. Soon to be the next Uncle Rico for sure.

TSgt Olivia Parmentier- A master chef with the Galley oven! Cold on a flight? Just ask her to knit you a blanky. Bribes her way onto flights with grilled cheese and everyone supports it.

TSgt Dmitri “MEAT” Davila (UPT)- Refugee from Nebraska, was hired as a pilot but ended up dealing with all the baby booms as an instructor.

SSgt Trevor Dark (UPT)- One of the smartest Marines you'll meet! Not only joined the Air Force but is now a pilot too! Still hasn't shaken the crayon addiction.

SSgt Caleb “SHIPWRECK” Skrzypek- Eternally DNIF medically, but he is training to be a male nurse at Baker. Perhaps he can repair his own body one day.

SSgt John Ruthford- One year back from training, and is an extremely polished ~~Sailor~~, I mean Airman, much like the teeth he cleans.

SSgt Kortez Kelly- Claims to be a former maintainer but he was really just AGE. If you hear random laughing out in the wild there is a greater than 0% chance its KK.

SSgt Joey Caton- One of the many crew chiefs to see the light and transfer over to OPS, can often be seen raging with the boys on TDY.

SrA Kyle “HODOR” Wokutch- Went from flying the line to becoming an electrician, and man is he electric.

SrA Sarah Vargas- Always excited to see her friends on drill, “OH FRIENDS!!”, so that she can yap all day to someone.

A1C Bryce Farris- Our local astronaut that wants to be like chief so bad he wears his helmet the ENTIRE preflight or when an opportunity presents itself.

A1C Josiah Chase- Will consume any beverage that is put in front of him.

A1C Tanner Zerger- Probably the youngest boom to ever exist in the squadron (unconfirmed) but is fresh back from school and is still 18. Predicted to be the longest serving DD.

Honorable mentions

CMSgt Justin Betterton- Used to be a 184th guy back in the day. But recently has been doing a long stint of odd jobs around the Air Force just to get by. He now serves as our Wing Kings Jester. He’s doing a great job as Command Chief and is proof that us Booms really can do anything we put our minds to.

SMSgt Mike Money- Loosely assigned for flying with the 190th. However, he is mostly seen swimming in the golden coin pool of the MRA funds like Scrooge McDuck.

In Training

TSgt Chance Kueny (ALTUS)- Former Weather flight guy. Adding another gentle giant to the squadron. We hope to see good things from him!

TSgt Cory Riner (ALTUS)- Another Crew Chief coming over to the promised land!

Recently Departed the Fix

SSgt Kelsey “KELSO” Warren	SSgt Matthew Sumpter
TSgt Kenny “RAPTOR” Vadakin- Now a UDM	MSgt Megan “DORA” Trent

Boom Stowed & Latched

CMSgt Joe Breedlove	CMSgt Steve Stucky	SMSgt Ken Griffen
MSgt Ben Hollingworth	MSgt Tom Cox	MSgt John Roth
MSgt Matt Miltz	SMSgt Lowell Seymour	TSgt Dan Herklotz

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Home of the greatest group of booms known to man.
Next time you're in town, swing by and we'll grab a couple two tree beers with ya!
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Fulltime

CMSgt Patrick Sosinski – Chief Boom – Loves serving the great state of Wisconsin so much he demanded an age waiver so he could serve past 60 years old! Just like the 135, you just can't retire him. Like Yoda I am sure that when Pat does eventually retire, he will just disappear into the wild blue yonder. Till then, we'll keep him around so we can have someone to do DTS and find booms AT days. If you ever get the itch to be humbled in golf by a guy old enough to remember when pilots didn't b*tch about having to fly, hit up Pat. Thank you for your leadership over the decades and the time commitment that you and your family have endured.

CMSgt Kurt “Chiggy” Ignasiak – 9G/Stan-Eval/Everything Else – Imagine being so dedicated to getting people the help they need that you come into work, hobbling like a pimp, for months with a BROKEN HIP! I am not kidding, if you gave him a cane and fuzzy hat you too would be calling him Chief Chiggs with that Digs! When Chiggy isn't here laying down the law, he can usually be found with his family camping or celebrating one of his daughters' graduations from college...keep Cadon far away.... Chiggy never stops and it does not go unnoticed. Like Pat though, Chiggy was born before cars had seatbelts in the back seats so its only time till he retires...Keep the pimp hand strong Chiggy!

SMSgt Peter Gauerke – Training – Fearless leader of training flight and squadron projects extraordinaire. Pete has been trying to get training flight spun back up so it can help baby booms succeed since he took over the office about a year ago. He also has a few projects going on around the new building and pretty much hung all the art by himself. Whenever he has a spare minute, Pete usually donates his own money and time into making the squadron a nice place to look at. So next time you walk down the hallway amongst the photos, squadron shrine, and the artwork in the main briefing room, please thank Pete for putting all that together. That is if he's around and not in GK, Poland, at an MRA conference, CEA conference, Greenland, family trip to the motherland, Hawaii, etc...Gotta work hard to play hard!!

SMSgt Brad Love – Stan-Eval – Our resident QRH fanatic! He loves the QRH so much he had the bright idea to make the 128th a test unit! When he's not talking about how much his kids drive him up the wall, he's usually talking about the QRH...Just kidding. I only joke about that because Brad is the only one working in Stan-Eval which basically means he's responsible for the development of an app created to keep us flying monkeys alive when the airplane catches on fire (most likely self-inflicted). Don't let his backwards hat and goofy ginger mustache fool you...Brad is one of the “gifted” booms who actually knows what they're talking about. Brad can school any pilot on 135 stuff, minus BMFP, any day of the week. Big things are on the horizon for Brad, and I'm sure all of us younger booms will reap the benefits. Thanks for your hard work and let's keep the mustache shaved...its creeping out the baby airmen.

MSgt Bryan Storbeck – XP – Is flying again? Bryan has been out of the jet for so long he doesn't even remember what to brief in the crew brief. Apparently, telling the clinic that you stop breathing while you sleep is a bad thing...who would have thunk! That's why you should never tell the clinic anything! Bryan has been looking lean and mean ever since he started his new fad diet! All he eats are the hopes & dreams of new booms and washes it down with their tears. Welcome back to the wild blue yonder Bryan...no more "I'm DNIF" texts when Carla is looking for someone to do a trans only on Friday. All jokes aside, Bryan it will truly be great to have you back up and going and I am excited that training flight is your next office. Go kick some ass!!!

MSgt Troy "Fly-Boy" Johnson – Scheduling – First off we have to give Troy a second to put on his old man reading glasses...alright, now that those are on...Ah...Troy...my favorite boomer to roast. I love roasting T-Roy because it's so easy and there's nothing better than seeing him get all spun up. Troy reminds me of a mixture of Trump and a bulldog...you never really know what crazy sh*t might come out of his mouth, but it doesn't matter because he's a good little boy at the end of the day. These pilots & booms are so annoying and bad at their job that Troy literally had a mini episode and lost feeling in his third leg or something like that...or at least that's what he told everyone. We are really happy to see you back on your feet and back to your b*tchy self. Troy is always quick with jokes and to make people laugh. I am sure his little episode will go down as "wounded in battle" so someone go grab his purple heart...I swear we'll never ever here the end of this Combat Vet! PS: *Tracey – I just want to say on behalf of all the booms, we love you and your baking! We don't know how you put up with Troy's crazy antics, but we're glad you do and appreciate you letting us borrow him during the week. Say hi to the puppies for us!*

MSgt Karley Holtz – MPC – A bit belayed but Karley is one of the unit's newest instructors. She was a little apprehensive at first, but I just kept reminding her "If Luke passed, you will have absolutely no problem". And guess what, she did pass!! Guess what I told the boom that went to IB upgrade after her... just kidding. Karley usually spends her workday staring longingly at her Jason Momoa poster in her office and finding ways to drown out the frat boys she works with. Wouldn't be surprised if she's getting baby fever again with all the babies popping out around the squadron, so if anyone is interested in a little betting just let me know. Additionally, if anyone wants to bet on the type of car she's going to get next year, let me know. So far, we've had van, SUV, and then back to van...so maybe another SUV??? Maybe an underdog, a truck??? Congrats on making instructor Karley, now you get to go fly with the crazy baby booms. Oh...also...if you really want to get Karley spun up tell her to "Just Google it"...when she is struggling with Word...highly recommend it.

MSgt "Good Deal" Luke Ellis – MPC – Still swiping good deals from other units and even found himself TDY in Alaska at midnight on a golf course on his birthday! System is corrupt when we start to allow booms to take jets for their birthdays...and to Alaska?? Luke coordinates all the fun stuff like airshows and flyovers, outside of that he kind of just walks around breathing heavily. He hung his last TV in the garage like beginning of January, and we're all waiting for the big housewarming party but he's probably still trying to figure it out or something...I know he hung this TV because Luke LOVVESS to post literally anything/everything on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Grinder, Myspace, etc. One day Luke got his little selfie finger schwacked when he thought it would be a great idea to post pics of F-35s online...guess what...it wasn't a great idea, and it wasn't worth the 34 likes from ISIS. The family seems to be doing really well though and every time he brings Maverick into the office, we're all blown away at how big he's gotten. Pretty sure Maverick is already bigger than Alyssa...

TSgt Lavontae Harper – Training – Per usual, Tae is still the coolest and smoothest boom at the unit...he is also the proud new owner of a bar! Now he'll be offloading ice cold American freedom fuel both in the air and from behind the bar. Tae is truly living the boom operator dream! If you're in town, definitely swing by his bar and leave a zap! I'd give it some time though before you ask him to borrow a few dollars...buying an entire bar is no small purchase and he's been walking around looking like a baby boom that just found out they're getting a no-notice. I did hear that booms drink free at his bar though so come thirsty! Thanks for all your hard work in training flight and setting these baby booms up for a great career. Good luck not wanting to throw yourself out of window back in Tactics!!

TSgt Carla Villarreal – Scheduling – Dang...if you thought Carla was bossy before...you should see her when she's pregnant! Carla rules the squadron with an iron fist...so either move or get moved! If you don't get your Proflyt availability in on time, Carla will find you. Jokes aside, we absolutely need Carla's iron fist around the squadron. She is truly the glue that keeps this whole crazy operation moving forward and running smoothly. That being said if you see her having a rough day, spicy Cheetos and very berry gummy skittles go a long way. Keep up the good work Carla and never stop being the badass that you are! Everyone is very excited to meet the new baby!!!

Traditional

MSgt Mat Gryzb – Fireman – Protein, Alani, Push-ups, Flex, repeat. Mat is what is created if Mr. Clean and Maverick from Top Gun hooked up and had a kid. Not sure if you've seen the news but terrorists have been turning themselves in and fleeing countries in the middle east because they heard Mat's heading their way to be Chief Boom in the Deid for a while....and he's there to "Clean up the mess". Unfortunately, Mat will be deployed during the shooting of "2024's Sexiest Bald Firefighters" calendar, but maybe he will be invited to the shooting of "Deployed Boomers Summer Edition". Either way, calendars will be sold on Amazon, so stay tuned.

MSgt Jordan Jungwirth – Retired State Trooper – Poor Jordan joined the ranks of Troy in the Combat Veteran club this year when he suddenly and unexpectedly injured his weenis in the line of duty. Reports are mixed and a bit hazy – some say he was injured either choking a chicken during a cock fight, shucking an ear of corn, polishing a banister downstairs, or milking a rare breed of worm...Either way this man was injured, and we are all here for him. Jordan...if you ever need a hand, please feel free to call...day or night. He is rather healed up now though so don't feel too bad. If you ever need to get a hold of Jordan...you can't...he's most likely flying or taking selfies with snakes in Africa. Keep living the dream my man and I can't wait to see what crazy trip you get on next!

MSgt Lynda Daley – Guardsman – Ok...Lynda is a full blown Swifty and I'm getting slightly concerned...a few months ago, her and few other of these swifites went to Door County and dressed in robes...and I'm just guessing here but they probably sacrificed a goat while listening to "Cruel Summer" or something. What did the goat do to them? I'm not quite sure but that sh*t is crazy. Just kidding, no goats have been sacrificed...by Lynda at least...Lindi is a different story though. Lynda is still crushing it as the most likeable and kindest boom in the squadron, no surprise there. We're all still waiting for her to start instructor upgrade so we can all fly our yearly Proficiency Sortie with her because she's so nice and would be way better than any of the other instructors. We love you more than Travis loves Taylor Lynda! Lynda is our "Fearless" boom and her and Lucas are our favorite "Love Story", and she is always a "Marvelous Time", and she always looks "Gorgeous"! That last bit is courtesy of a fellow T-Swift cult member...

MSgt Justin Jung – Guardsman – The squadron's silver fox. Justin does a great job of entertaining us stupid booms, but we all know that Justin is way smarter than us. You walk around here with your eight pack abs, great silvery hair, and proper posture then on top of all of it you have a big brain! ANND NO I'm not just saying this because I'm jealous of your ability to grow the most perfectly thick and curly mustache I've ever seen... Justin is awesome and will soon hopefully join the instructor core...better not have a mustache though or else I will make every sortie a living hell... Just kidding! It's great to have Justin amongst our SNCO club and he is truly a great leader. Thanks for all the hard work Justin and keep growing perfect staches.

TSgt Nick "L-12" Lichtenwalner – Guardsman/SSR – Saw that everyone else was starting small militias of their own, so thought "eh why not join them"? Must have gotten smoked by some AWACs radar or something because he had a little girl! If you didn't think he was around before as the squadrons SSR...now we really won't see him! Even though you may not see him around too much, Nick has been crushing it as the SSR. He shows up in his Kohls dad outfit and Vans and just nerds out for the day. Nick was WIT for our inspection, and this might not seem like a lot, but his wife had their kid like 2 days before, so I guess that means he loves us more than his family? That's funny though because, like Groshek, Nick is always on daddy duty whenever booms get together. So go have fun with your family and what not Nick! We'll make sure to pour one out for you at the bar...into another cup obviously...I'm not about to waste a beer.

TSgt Kurtis Strasser – National Cargo Loadmaster – Hide your kids, hide your wife, & hide your husband because Kurtis is dating everyone around here. This guy found some girl from Luxembourg to date??? I thought Luxembourg was from Harry Potter or something. That's a real place? Anyways, Kurtis is still out here slaying it and booming harder than ever, when he can. Did we almost scratch a B-2 getting him recurrent? Yes, yes, we did. Did I shart myself a little when that happened? Yes, yes, I did. Did Kurtis really care? Nah not really, but that's what I love about Kurtis. He is the most laid-back guy in the squadron, and we desperately need that to offset all of us high blood pressure freaks. Kurtis was part of a crew for the NORI and never even looked stressed for a second. Keep up the good work dude and always stay classy!

TSgt Zach Pulido – *PSI/Guardsman/Marine* – This guy...this “Marine”...is one of the only guys in the world to know what the Marines storming Iwo Jima felt...but Zach’s Iwo Jima was Altus... Like I did when Karley went through instructor upgrade and was nervous, I looked at him and said, “If Tae, Carla, Luke, Bryan, and Karley can make it, then you can certainly make it...like at least a week or so”. I think Zach was just scared that he would eat Altus out of Crayola color crayons and there really isn’t a big city around for miles. But guess what...the prior nonner made it through big scary Altus and is now passing on his knowledge to the baby booms. Yeah, I called Marines nonners...sue me. When Zach isn’t dropping brain grenades on the newbies, he is usually cleaning out your mom’s vents with a long hose or chilling out with his awesome little family. Zach truly makes the unit way more enjoyable and can easily put a smile on anyone’s face. Keep kicking ass Zach and please please please stop licking the windows in ops...you can’t “taste the outside”. ATTENTION: The Boom Signal is a beautiful piece of satirical art. When I referred to Marines as “nonners”, I obviously don’t mean that and am clearly just making a joke. Semper Fi Marines. Also...can someone explain “satire” to Zach...slowly and don’t use big words...they scare him.

TSgt Bryan Groshek – *Assistant to the regional Principal* – Probably the only crew member at the squadron that fully fills out his availability on time and correctly. But that’s pretty easy to do when it just says “Unavailable”. Bryan took over as assistant principal, started raking in all that school money, and ditched the hell out of us. What’s even funnier is that he even puts unavailable on the weekends and won’t hang with us boomers because he’s “busy doing dad stuff”. We used to call Bryan “Broshek” now he’s just Groshek. I am writing this because we miss you Bryan...please come back. We miss getting you all worked up over some pop darts or some crazy sh*t leadership has come up with. But we get it, you love your family and “want to take care of them” and what not. We need more hard workers like Bryan, and we can always rest peacefully whenever he’s out on the road with a crew or with a new boom. Here at the 128th ARW, we’re always trying to inspire the next generation to join, but no one quite as much as secret internet influencer and YouTube star, Bryan. Please do yourself a favor and head over to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxUc0COWHpg> for a fantastic little clip of Bryan. I hope you all have “a great day, evening or night depending on when when whe whun when you watch this video”. Bryan...buddy...you can’t just be leaving that on the internet for people to watch, download, or hold over your head whenever they need something.

TSgt Donovan Cole – *Guardsman* – Donovan, honestly haven’t seen too much of this guy recently but I’m sure whatever he’s doing he’ll tell you all about it. You definitely need to ask him about his Guam experience! It was a wild trip and definitely memorable. It’s also great listening to Donovan talk about his kid. The way he talks about him and how much fun they have/all the stuff they go do, I think damn, I wish Donovan was my dad! He is always picking up trips here and there and sitting LTMPA when he can. Keep hacking away at it, Donovan, and thanks for always being you!

TSgt Alyssa Degner – *Mom/Guardsmen* – NEW MOM ALERT! NEW MOM ALERT! Earlier this year, Alyssa brought into the world a future little badass. Hopefully when he becomes a future boom operator, he can better articulate how the boom works and how we’re not like a “big straw”...since you know...that’s kind of the opposite of how it works... Just joking! Alyssa represents the booms better and more eloquently than any of us ever could, and it’ll be great to have her back flying lines whenever she’s ready! I would say more but that’s really all I got unfortunately... She was kind of around earlier this year, just waddling and huffing & puffing everywhere, then has been out... Ohhhh I almost forgot! Her sister is now going to be a boom... Zach is going to have an absolute field day with you two, smh. Good luck and we’re excited to see you fly again Big Straw!

TSgt Nate Walters – *Waukesha Airport Airplane Technician* – Nate is going for the record of least number of hours flown in a year. Nate is the only boom I know who can make a better contact in the simulator than the jet...That being said, I would still trust Nate in the jet over some of the full-timers. Nate has been wrenching on jets up in Waukesha and taking care of his family. It’s summer so he’s currently working on his trucker hat tan line, and I thought I saw his top lip wiggling around last time I saw him, so I’m sure that beautiful mustache will be making an appearance soon. Just know we miss seeing your beautiful stache and amazing tan lines Nate!

TSgt Jake Dunsmore – *Guardsman* – Chiseled chinned, 12 pack abs, fantastic hair, talks about RTIC a lot, and got engaged to his best friend.

SSgt Dana Polzin – Broken Bat Brewing Beer Slinger – Dana is still living the craziest life of all of us...Anytime Dana comes in you better grab some tea because if its not her roof leaking, it's probably someone smashing out her windows in her car. People say women can't drive, that's sexist...only Dana can't drive...Dana decided to pull an "oopsies" and crashed into a local cabbie while out TDY in Athens!! But hey, that's why we put the rentals on our GTC! With all that being said, Dana has been absolutely crushing the planning for the Boom Christmas party. Its June and she already has the venue, food, drinks, & hotel already figured out and a save the date sent out! Dana is one of the hardest workers I know, and I'm excited to see all the hard work pay off! Just keep plugging along Dana and let's avoid any more "oopsies" while TDY...

SSgt Austin Berns – UPS HVAC Mechanic – Austin! Austin! Has anyone seen Austin?? This guy is an enigma, I swear. He's somehow staying current, going TDY, and helping out on locals when he can but I never seen him around. Must be that he's just busy kicking ass and working his tail off. Austin was also a part of the NORI crew and for his first ever NORI, he handled it like an experienced professional. Never did Austin let the long days get to him or pressure of the entire state's eyes rattle his cage. Austin is getting ready to deploy sooo I'm sure he already has some tinder dates at the BRA, movie theater, and BPC already lined up. Some desert queens are about to find their desert king!

SSgt Connor Reynolds – Gun Range Defender and Paramedic – What didn't Connor do this year? NORI crew dawg (SIKE!), saved a dudes leg/life, joined the Euro Swifty cult, and partied his ass off while TDY to Poland...oh and somehow got engaged to his girlfriend who's so out of his league it's crazy...But maybe she just sees the hardworking, caring, and genuinely nice guy that everyone at the squadron sees. Sam and Connor absolutely crushed the boom Christmas party last year and it'll be hard to top that in the future. Guaranteed though, if there's music at next year's Christmas party, Connor will be the first one out there grinding on anyone willing to join him. Congratulations Connor and Emily!

SSgt Samantha Cardarelle –VA– No surprise here but Sam has been absolutely killing it this year. To say she has gone through a lot is an understatement, but Sam has handled everything with grace and strength. Last year Sam was the host and planner of the boom Christmas party, and it was undoubtedly the best one yet. But again, this all comes at no surprise because Sam always gives 110% in whatever she's doing and it's such a unique trait that only she really possesses amongst us booms. Sam was a crew dog during the NORI. Was she a little nervous at first? Meh, maybe. But once she started doing what she does best, working hard and trying her best, she was easily outpacing the rest of the booms. With all that being said, WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A HOUSE PARTY SAM! Great job this year and just know that we are all always here for you!

SSgt Jared Nyland – Guardsman – Currently in MCT while I'm writing this. Jared is quiet...too quiet...nah just kidding. Jared seems chill as hell and is out there slinging the boom around trying to make contacts so he can eventually fly alone. That being said, he is starting to grow a really nice stache that will easily outgrow mine, which is really starting to piss me off! Maybe I'll go fly with him and drop some brain grenades on him, eh we'll see. When he isn't here flying, you can most likely find him at a camping spot somewhere up north or playing volleyball with his girlfriend. Welcome to the boom core Jared and trim that stache or else your next sortie will be a living hell...

A1C Cadon “Baby Hardesty” Hardesty – Guardsman/Future College dropout – This kid might actually be genetically part potato. I swear to God, if you ask me one more stupid ass question, I will personally escort you off base. I have never been asked “Hey I got a stupid question” and it actually be a stupid question...until I met Cadon. The only thing Cadon has going for him is that he can put the boom in the hole successfully every once and a while and he does actually try so that's something...but honestly an untrained monkey could do both of those things so don't get cocky. Oh! And he says he's going to go to college...maybe we should give high school another go before we move on to the big words my guy. Cadon does fly all the trans only flights, so I guess we'll keep him around...though he may have misinterpreted “trans only”...Oh its funny Cadon don't go crying to your Papa! Always stay humble Cadon, and when you eventually go the pilot route always remember...you were the FNG at one point too. Good job so far and always reach out if you have a question.... unless it's stupid...then ask Zach.

SrA Jess Rohleder – AFE- Here we go...just another Rohleder so basically copy paste; far left democrat, organic food only, reads books...wow...wait...Jess is actually cool?? Are you saying all Rohleders aren't crazy outdoorsy people?? Cool! Welcome to the boom core Jess! Even though we all love to tease your sister Alyssa, you do have some very big shoes to fill. While writing this Jess is currently down in Altus probably hating life and I don't really know too much about her so yeah...oh this just in, Jess might be seeing one of the guys up in Intel?? Cannot confirm but either way, that should be some good content in the future! Welcome to the sh*tshow Jess!

Incoming

Christian Gollop – Newbie – Don't really have anything on this guy. Tried Facebook searching him and only found a guy that works at the Krusty Krab and goes to MATC. So, if it's the same guy then he is going to rock! But who knows... Guess we will see if he makes the cut.

Adia Williams – Newbie – Another off the street hire. They haven't had the beautiful opportunity to meet me, so I have no idea what they're about. Hopefully they're cool though and can make it through training.

Outgoing

TSgt Ally Underwood- Professional Traitor – The moment we have all been waiting for...this is where I go off on Allie for moving to another tanker unit...but that would be rude because Ally is truly a fantastic, hardworking, and smart boom operator that we will surely miss here at the 128th. Ally came back from Altus at the same time as Connor and Austin. No surprise but she was clearly smarter than the boys. Hence why I didn't need to really fly with her too much. Since then, she has been crushing the local flying schedule, when she doesn't break..., and LTMPA. The 190th ARW over in Kansas is extremely lucky to be picking up such a great boom and person. IS WHAT I WOULD SAY IF I ACTUALLY DID CARE!!! YOU THINK I'M THAT NICE?? THIS IS THE MF BOOM SIGNAL ALLY! YEAH, I SPELT YOUR NAME WRONG JUST AS A LITTLE SLIGHT! Whoa...lost my cool there a little bit...umm yeah enjoy hanging out with your horses and future husband on your big ass ranch. I guess its cool that you kicked ass on the NORI and you're deploying with us before you leave...but we're still upset! Obviously, you're still always welcome to come visit a real tanker base when you get bored over there and you'll always be invited to any of our parties. All jokes aside, you're a badass Allie and we are all very excited for your new adventure! Please don't forget to check-in every once in a while.

Defectors

Lt. Col. Paul Matthews – 128th Maintenance Group Commander in Chief – Still a badass, still the best pilot at the unit, still will buy rounds for everyone at the bar, still the only person who can actually pull off a fedora, still looks out for his people, and is still a boom at heart. Thanks for keeping the wing moving forward and introducing a little common sense in the commander's meeting.

Maj. Niko Ilich – FedEx Pilot Model – What a guy Niko is, flies both at the 128th and at FedEx all while married to the biggest T Swift fan on the planet...When Niko and Lindi aren't here or flying for their airlines, you can usually find them on a tropical island, European city center, or another T Swift concert. Definitely the most fun couple at the unit and are always looking for ways to boost morale a little bit. Thanks for being awesome guys!

Maj. Andrew Kueffler – Mission Planning – Has been laying pretty low as of lately. Still in charge of planning the big exercises and bribing the MRA folks for good trips. Too bad he can never find pilots to fill them but hey it's the effort that we appreciate. If you ever want to go on a great trip, try to hop on one with this guy. It'll be well thought out, to a nice place, and you'll find yourself at the bar having fun. Thanks for the hard work, dude!

1st Lt. William Pelkofer – Technician/Staneval – Just biding his time till he converts to AGR so that he can really throw his feet up and do nothing. He went from Kraig's paper b*tch to now Ryan's paper b*tch but guess what, Will doesn't care because neither of them are ever in anyways so who cares?? Will finally figured it out and will be a father by the end of the year. Pretty exciting stuff and we're all excited to meet the future little boom operator!

MSgt Anthony Walter – LRS – Doing the lord's work over at vehicle ops. I talked with a couple of his guys, and they all said that he is the first supervisor to actually give a crap about them, which is no surprise because Anthony has always cared about his people. Another super successful whiskey sale this year and everyone is sufficiently stocked now. Maybe next year he'll dabble in wines or barrel aged stouts?? Either way, Anthony will always go above and beyond what is required and is great at fostering some local relationships.

MSgt Benjamin Casper – Headquarters – Still out there doing his thing and working towards retirement. I haven't seen him around ops in a while but occasionally we'll see him around base. I just want you to know Ben that I will never forget my first drill at the unit, and you designated me as the drug tester pp watcher...jokes on you though, that was the best day of my life. Swing by and have a beer every once in a while! Don't forget that you are a boom at heart.

TSgt Elvis Alvarado – Recruiting aka Air Force Influencer – This guy...literally is the reason why we get yelled at for not wearing the correct patches... Every time he comes to brief us about how we need to "shake our asses on Tik-Tok to get people to join the Air Force", he is wearing all the wrong patches. Anyways...I'm starting to sound like Triplett...Elvis is still rocking it with the recruiters. They'll be up at EAA again this year spreading the good word and getting into scuffles with the EAA grounds people about where to park their big ass golf cart. Thanks for finding us people like Cadon....what would we do without him... Just kidding, we all know that you wouldn't recruit another Hardesty...

Boom Stowed and Latched for the final time.

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

To our new Retirees! Thank you for your service.

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

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

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

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

*Respectfully,
TSgt Jake Dunsmore*

P.S. this was written in June. If anything happens after I submitted this on July 1st, please don't be mad at me.

ARIZONA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

161st ARW
Goldwater Air National Guard Base

“THE COPPERHEADS”
197th Air Refueling Squadron



Playing catchup for a few Boom Signals missed.

Yes, it's a dry heat but nobody here really says that and 90% of us prefer 115° days over any amount of snow ever. We are a very busy 8 tail unit holding down 2-3 LTMPA lines as well as our usual day to day operations. Our typical customers are F-16's & F-35's from Luke AFB, A-10's and C-130's from Davis Monthan and F-16's from the Tucson ANG.

Chief Boom

Chief Select- SMSgt Hilario Sanchez- "Hil" is a 35+ year military lifer with the 161st. A Native of the west side Hil got his start as a Crew Chief at Luke AFB. He joined Operations 25+ years ago and has served in every shop there is as a Fulltime Technician; Training, Operations, Scheduling and Stan Eval. He has finally been called to lead in the utmost of callings, the Chief Boom of the 197ARS. Has future aspirations in joining his brothers running the family Bakery. Pins on Chief in June. Congrats!

Full Timers

OGV- SMSgt Jason Snodgrass- Snodgrass has 34+ years under his belt. He is a guard baby getting his start in the Avionics/G&C shop for his first 10 years then in 1999 transferring over to Operations. He has been a Technician for 8 years serving in the Training shop and currently in OGV. He was recently recognized for amassing over 3500 mishap free flying hours. Snodgrass is an avid Star Wars collector and self-proclaimed nerd. His desk showcases a vast assortment of "collectibles" he is not allowed to exhibit at home.

OGV TODO- MSgt Nicklas Savasta- commonly referred to as “Soviet Boom”, no direct affiliation to Mother Russia, is a relatively new AGR boom. Initially getting his feet wet with Current Ops he recently moved assignments to take on the task of TODO. Comrade Savasta recently completed IB school as well as promoting to MSgt.

NCOIC Current Ops/ Short Range Scheduling- MSgt Jarred Jordan- Jordan is our high-flying fitness guru having participated in numerous marathons, triathlons Ironman etc. Jordan prides himself on continually exceeding AF fitness standards. He recently joined the first ever statewide Arizona Air National Guard cycling team. Who ever heard of such a thing? He also handles scheduling/coordinating our many receivers for refueling.

Training Shop- MSgt Jamie Hoffman- Stock Market nerd and resident Spicolli recently promoted to MSgt. He leads the Training Shop as the NCOIC.

Current Ops- TSgt Maggie Sanchez- Our newest fulltime AGR hit the ground running in Training Shop but has since transitioned to Current Ops but first is tackling NCOA school in residence.

Long Range Scheduling- TSgt Kevin Gimenez- Recently moved from the TODO spot Kevin is our resident “Asian” but who’s counting? Part Hispanic, part Pilipino all-ways MIA.

DSG/Traditional

NCOIC- MSgt Jonathan Myers- Dir of Projects ASU

TSgt Daryl Gladstein- Phoenix Fire Department

MSgt Chelsey Rios- Phoenix Police Officer

SSgt Stefanie Khodeir- Delta Flight Attendant

TSgt Roger Levine- LIMA Boss

SSgt Willis West- JJ Sprague Trucking

TSgt Trent Stokes- USAA Insurance

SSgt Derel Zeigler- Kroger Foods, Only Fans

TSgt Eric Medina- Searching for purpose

SSgt Angel Macias- Searching for purpose

TSgt Matt Duncan- EMT College

SSgt Tyler Zoccoli- ASML

SSgt Christian Williamson- Searching for purpose

In the Que

In an unprecedented move the 161st recently hired their first, fresh off the street civilian boom. Wheeler is a legacy hire from his father who was a retired Chief at our unit. At the start of 2024 we extended the offer to two other civilian hires.

AIC- Eyan Wheeler

SRA- Robert Merritt

SRA William Eshbauh

AIC- Espen Zahl

SSgt Michael Massadeh

CIV Erica Cole

Retired/Separated/Transferred units

CMSgt Carlos Trujillo

SMSgt Dave Hetrick

SMSgt Tyson Warren

SMSgt Tom Ellington

SMSgt William Garrett

SMSgt Johnny Weiss

MSgt Bill Brady

MSgt Sharon Johnson

MSgt Scott Johnson

MSgt Mike Cullum

MSgt Craig Bell

MSgt John Bonnett

MSgt Rene Gonzalez

MSgt Tony Graziani

MSgt Vince Jones

MSgt Ken Daughenbaugh

MSgt Pat Clawson

(TSgt) Maj David Wright

(TSgt) Maj Christy Kjornes

TSgt Ryan Pinney

(TSgt) Capt Johnny Estrada

TSgt Caroline Bourgeois

TSgt Chad Hill

TSgt Dave Hanson

TSgt Afton Lee

TSgt Daniel Cole

TSgt Mike Hastings

TSgt Shelia Guengerich

SSgt Laura Carroll

Departed the Fix

CMSgt Jeffrey “Maddog” Madorski

This one hit hard and happened just this past 29 November 2023.

Jeffery Charles Madorski aka “Maddog” was a man who enjoyed the outdoors, hunting camping and cooking for his friends. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth and camaraderie. He was survived by his mother Annalee Madorski. As Chief Boom he amassed over 5000 flight hours and instructed, evaluated and mentored many. A remarkable achievement that showcased his dedication and expertise. He served Arizona for 32 years demonstrating unwavering loyalty and commitment to his country.

SMgt Steve Hanson

MSgt Buddy Waite

MSgt Andrew Duncan

GRISSOM ARB, IN

72 ARS

“The Dark Side”



Greetings from the corn fields of Indiana where “The Dark Side” calls home. The Air Force has kept us busy this year with exercises, a deployment, and operating out of Fort Wayne International while our runway was under construction. We are really going to miss that daily per diem. We promise there is more than corn here, so if you’re ever in the area, stop by our new and improved Heritage Room and have a beer on us!

Chief Boom

SMSgt Kenneth Knight – Ken was successfully scooped up to be the Chief Boom here in the 72nd ARS this year. Now that the booms *have* to listen to him, his “mentoring” has grown expedientially. If you ever get stopped in the hallway by the Senior, anticipate a “two minutes or less” presentation about career “opportunities” that then proceeds to last 45 minutes. Not kidding, his last Boom ART meeting lasted 2 hours. Ken is eagerly waiting for his promotion to Chief and is leading from the front. His creative uses for off station Annual Tour have been lifting morale significantly. Despite having more wing meetings and administrative tasks to do, he still routinely catches a monthly TDY and/or takes a vacation (that he blames on his wife “making him go on”) and flies the line, instructing the young guys... though we know its mostly so he can max out his AFTPs.

Full Timers

SMSgt Debroah Thomas – *Stan-Eval* – Debbie is the 434th OGS’ newest Stan-Eval Boom after recently switching over from the 74th ARS. Promotion *and* leaving the red side? Call that a win win. She also recently hit the aircrew lottery and married a Delta Pilot. Congrats!! That Lincoln Navigator payment just got a whole lot easier! If you don’t find Debbie hunting you down for a no-notice, pestering the Evaluators to get their Form 8’s in, or going toe to toe with the Billeting Manager on crew rooms for the NORI, she’s probably teleworking.

MSgt Courtney “Sparkles” Werth – *Mission Planning* – Courtney is kicking ass and taking names wearing just about every hat you can think of! Not only does she publish a detailed monthly squadron newsletter with current and historical events, she heads up about 12 other additional duties. She also put the squadron on her back in regards to morale items, running what she calls her “Mid-life Crisis Craft Store” with squadron swag she makes. Recently Courtney moved from Ass Chief Boom into the Mission Planning shop where she can let out all of her pent up body scheduling rage on the Mission Schedulers who kept ruining her weekly training plans. And now she has the power to cancel all transition. The Booms are going to miss seeing her everyday but can find her redecorating the Mission Planning office into the “Grissom Airways Travel Agency” and yelling at the Schedulers!

MSgt Brian “B-Wow” Wright – *Asst. Chief Boom* – Another boom we recently ~~stole~~ acquired from the 74th and hired as a new ART, Brian did not take long to convert to “The Dark Side” lifestyle. He was always too nice to be

down with the red tags anyway. Brian recently got back from Instructor School where he was hailed as “Definitely a Reservist.” He took the reigns as Ass. Chief Boom underneath Senior Knight and holds all the power over our schedule, alert assignments, no-fly list and TDY schedule. To balance the fact that he’s way too nice, Senior Knight had to put Aaron “The Hammer” Longgood next to him in the boom shop so he wasn’t taken advantage of by the ARTs or TRs.

MSgt Jeffrey Navarre – Vault? Scheduling? At the Gym?– Another new add to the 72nd from the 74th, depending on the day and depending on who you ask, Jeff either works in Scheduling or the Vault, but in reality he’s probably working on his pectorals and calves at the base gym for at least 4 hours a day. Or he’s hanging out with his “Throuple” partners TSgt Sam Roberts and MSgt Bryan Lampinen in the 74th. He of course also has a shaving waiver depending on the day. No one really knows what Jeff does as an ART or what his schedule is, but that’s just the way he intended it. Jeff’s most shining attribute though is he is the *smartest* Boom we have in the jet and can teach you a thing or two, carrying on the now Retired Chief Maier torch of *Boom Who Knows the Most KCI35R Facts*. He’s also the best jail house lawyer you’ll ever see... if you can find him.

MSgt Dave Long – Mission Planning – Old man Dave decided he needed a change in life at the young age of 54. Why not become an ART and drive two hours to work everyday?! Some people call that a midlife crisis but we all think Dave is just good at retirement planning. Dave was immediately thrust into Mission Planning because what better place for a guy who doesn’t know how to log on to his computer? While he has been reading his “Computers for Dummies” book, he is also preparing to become an Instructor so he can pass on his life skills to the new booms, which is excellent because he is also the only boom we have that has actually had to perform a real Pressure A/R. Ask him about how the F16 pilots came back the next night asking for some of “that pressure A/R” instead of fixing their receptacle. Welcome to ART life, Dave!

TSgt Aaron “Shortbad” Longgood – Boom Scheduler – After building the 434th OSS Mission Planning shop up from almost nothing (thank you pilot shortage) to a well oiled machine, TSgt Longgood was assigned as Brian’s “Wright” hand man in the Boom Shop as Training Manager. He immediately began instituting discipline for TRs who did not take out the trash and petitioning for Senior to hire more “Young Airman” for him to boss around. TSgt Longgood has also been very busy training for Instructor School as well as heading the Heritage Room Rebuild committee and championing the room as the new place for all things aircrew. While you won’t see TSgt Longgood on TDY anytime soon, because he ran out of kitchen passes, you will find him handing out Busch Lattes and ordering New Lieutenants to make popcorn in the Heritage Room.

Traditional Reservists

SMSgt Scott Floyd – Civil Engineering – As our Reserve SEL, Scott is hammering down EPRs and teaching the TRs all the boom secrets. Or making cricket noises in every room he enters. During the day you can catch him over at his civilian job in CE forcing people to “mask up” with their chem gear for training. He also runs his family farm, has a trash hauling truck, and is about as local as you can get. He recently also welcomed his son to the Air Force and become a Grandpappy.

MSgt Cory O’Connor – Lead Trougher –Our Resident Social Media Influencer, Cory is doing the lords work on Tik-Tok showing the world how cool being a Boom Operator is. He is still a self proclaimed gym rat and only takes time off troughing to go to Lifting Competitions, which he also posts about on Tik Tok. Don’t call it crossfit though, he’ll get super offended and tell you he’s an Olympian! Cory is our lead trougher and works his butt off for the squadron! His mustache always wins “Best in Show”, despite Senior Knight trying to claim his is better. If you ever need a guy to do anything for you, he will be there.

TSgt Todd Lincoln – GS Employee – Five minutes into any conversation with “Mary Todd Lincoln”, you’ll quickly find out he is a GS-13 at some random place in Indy and that “he doesn’t need to work here for pay”. He also holds down the “Biggest Procrastinator Award” in the shop, driving Senior crazy by somehow ending up on pretty much every bad boy list that comes out. Despite this, “Todd Lincoln Ford Mercury” maintains a pretty steady night flight

schedule and has turned into a pretty great boom. He keeps saying he doesn't need us but you can bet he throws his name on all the good deal trips!

TSgt James "J.T." Marshall – *RV Industry* – J.T. is our longest serving Reservist and would give you the shirt off his back! While he never did get that super tight "Airshow Flight Suit" he asked for when he first got here so he could pick up chicks at airshows, JT is known for buying the first round on every trip and shunning PME. He's essentially the reservist version of the E-4 Mafia. He is also the squadron Fitness Manager and is the go to for all things PT test. You can find him on any TDY that goes to a southwest location so he can go line dancing or doing a half day to knock out someones PT test.

TSgt Sean Witter – *Trougher* – One of our newest Bachelors Degree grads, Sean can still be found either whipping his environmentally friendly Prius around base, going on any good deal overseas TDY he can, or working on his Pilot application. Although since it should have been finished by now we aren't sure if he *really* wants to be a pilot... While we don't expect TSgt Witter to be a boom much longer, he is still holding down a solid trougher position. Just don't go on any TDYs with him to Alaska or you'll never stop hearing about how "when he lived up here...".

TSgt Haley Mohler – *Trophy Wife* – Haley randomly showed up from Active duty looking for free baby leave! After the initial surprise on who this "randomly assigned active duty person" was, her first two years in the squadron were spent in the hospital cranking out kiddos and changing hairstyles. However, now she is a valued member of the troug, rollin' on flights and giving out sarcastic eye rolls to anyone asking for her to backup the pilots on transition. Her husband Beaux just made it big time at American, so we know she doesn't need this job for money, but does it out of love for us.

TSgt Travis "TWOW" Griner – *New Guy* – Travis is our most recent Boom back from Altus. Almost done with MQT and being tied to MSgt Wrights instructor hip, he claims to be a small appliance wizard but our fridge still leaks water everywhere... confusing. He does do an excellent job of keeping the popcorn going, stocking the beer fridge and doing what he's told by TSgt Longgood. He should be signed off soon and out hacking the mission!

Outbound

SMSgt Michael "Leonard" Morgan – Mike recently left us for some fancy job at AFRC IG following in his officer wives footsteps. According to him, 100 years of experience walked straight out the door when he left. His office step-son, Shortbad, misses his daily leadership sessions. He made sure he kept his ART job for USERRA though so he can linger in our minds forever...or at least until the 5 year job hold runs out.

SMSgt Anthony Krisher – Senior Krisher was chosen as the new 74th ARS Boom Chief and set to task cleaning up a shop that had grown wild and lawless in the year since Chief Maier had retired without a replacement. He actively set to work assimilating to his new squadron and forgetting that he was ever a Blue Tag. He still comes down to the 72nd on his way to the gym and gives us our daily dose of healthy skepticism or devils advocating and is actively counting down his days to retirement. Which he tells everyone about daily. Congrats Senior Krisher!

TSgt Dillan Addington – SMSgt Knights first order of business as the new Chief was caving to Senior Krisher in the 74th and sending Dillan straight to the Red Side. We are all pretty pissed about it, as Dillan was our local car expert redneck and flew the line valiantly. While we miss Dillan and his TDY escapades, we still get to see him down the hall and occasionally get to fly with him. Maybe the Red Side can get the guy to show up on time for work...

SSgt Naje Montgomery – No one really has a clue what happened to Naje as his time with us was short and...eventful. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

SSgt Irving Reyes – As part of the infamous 2023 boom swap, sweet and innocent Irv Dawg was also traded to the Red Side to be with his "Work Dad", Senior Krisher, who had been grooming him since he started.

Inbound

SSgt Megan Bickel – An AMXS pickup from Grissom, Megan “Best of the Best of the Best Sir!... With Honors!” Bickel left us the impression she will be good at using her blackbelt Jujitsu skills to keep the pilots in line. She finally got her flight physical back and will be shipping out to boom school at the end of May.

SSgt Kirsten Harrington – Also recently acquired from AMXS, Kirsten is eagerly awaiting her flight physical to come back so she can get boom school dates. She brought a killer batch of brownies to her interview and that was basically the selling point.

Retired

CMSgt Drennan Gaffney – Chief Gaffney recently departed KGUS for the final time last year for the long awaited retirement ~~home~~. Drennan was a well loved kind and quiet Chief who made sure all under him were taken care of and spoken for. He was luckily able to finally get the VA on his side and is now residing in his Chicago area VA disability penthouse with his yellow corvette, enjoying some bourbon. We hope to see you back in the bar every once in awhile, Chief. Enjoy retirement!

SMSgt Scotty “EWO” Ward – After 35 years, our last (Finance) SAC warrior Scotty finally hung up his boots. Don’t worry, he didn’t go very far... unfortunately. HA! Scotty took the Grissom CAE sim job across the street after Mike Connor left and gets to live in his glory days in virtual boom reality. He is still a dues paying (retired) squadron member, provides his place down by the river to us for squadron parties, and you can still hear his voice from down the hall yelling war stories at the bar, so he’s really just retired in place. You’ll probably find him either in the sim or in Senior Knights office trying to get more booms assigned to sim profiles.

MSgt Matty Pockette – Retired on Reserve – Matt is *still* basking in his former Active Duty AFSOC Loadmaster days, talking about Chain Boxes and just can’t quite give it up. We keep hearing he “doesn’t need to come in anymore” because he has all his points before his impending June retirement, but he keeps showing up anyway. He’s had about 132 civilian jobs since he got off Active Duty and we don’t expect the job jumping trend to change once he’s retired, despite the fact he’s 150% VA disabled and could probably just live off that. We are going to miss you Matty!

GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

74th ARS

“Fighting Red Tags”



This Unit did not Submit.

HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA
435 TRS OL-A (fka USAF EOS DET 1)



This Unit did not submit

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

2nd Air Refueling Squadron

“Second to None”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

MSgt Andrew Abney- MSgt Abney has been in the interim SEL role for a few months now and has crushed it with his leadership. While he's great at holding down the squadron, he is always wishing he was on a trip and not perfecting EPB's.

Operations Superintendent:

TSgt AJ Velasquez- First off, congrats on the second baby but the squadron is ready for your return. You may find him running back and forth from stan/eval to the scheduling desk but if you are unlucky, you may find him waiting for you at the MPC.

Stan/Eval:

SSgt David Simpler- Our newest Tech select has been busting his butt day in and day out to better the boom force. His favorite hobby is making booms think they are getting no noticed, just to tell them hello at the MPC. Maybe one day he will remember to tell Mr. Moore good morning when he walks into the office.

SrA Christopher “Jett” Miller- Chris is always looking to fly any mission that is a good deal even if it means flying with the guard or reserves. You might find him in his new office as a SELE but you have a better chance finding him playing golf or softball.

Training:

TSgt Richard “Jimbo” Jimenez- TSgt Jimenez is the highest time KC-46 Boom Operator and it shows by his expertise in the airplane. Jimbo is one you may see in the office until 1700, but that's only because he's waiting for the intramural softball game to start.

SSgt Justin Draffen- Justin is fitting into his instructor role well but always remembers where he came from being

the unit UFPM. He is either putting in his next leave request, no clue where he is getting all those days, or part time instructing.

SrA Brian Rochette- Finally having to move from his parents' house, Brian is counting down the days until he is migrating to Altus. It won't be long until he is creating an intramural golf league and teaching baby boomers with his extensive knowledge of hitting from the bunker.

SrA Benjamin Varnell- Ben is one of the new instructors and continues to educate students. When he's not instructing, he is roaming the halls for donations. Some say he's the reason the beer fridge stays stocked.

Operations:

TSgt Daquane "DQ" Spikes- Spikes has recently put on Tech and the stripe is finally there. He has finally figured out what his gas light means and now shows up to work "on time" every day. He currently has his hands full while being the Ops Flight Chief and interim Ops Sup. He is eager for Sgt Velasquez's return.

SSgt Charles Moore- Mr. Good Deal is always managing to ensure he is on the road. Sometimes we think he may miss being Port when he has cargo on the jet reminiscing the good ole days. He currently holds the fastest time to put on a top net.

SrA Nicolas Yoshida- Nic has resigned a contract to stay as a scheduler for another year, we are not sure if he pissed someone off or he's actually good at the job. He is currently on his requal track to get back on the road soon.

SrA Joshua Lovelace- Lovelace may not know how to use his inside voice, but we continue to work on volume control when having close proximity conversations.

SrA Austin Ouellette- Ouellette recently got his wish of being a scheduler. We're always unsure if he's coming to work but that's just because he is showing up in a new car every two weeks.

SrA Noah Greiner- Greiner has recently been forced to turn his computer on when he's at work behind the scheduling desk. Some say he resembles Johnny Bravo well.

SrA Nia Womack- This will be the last entry for Nia in the Boom Signal as she just completed contracting tech school. She is headed out to Grand Forks to do great things. Thanks for holding the office down and making sure the schedule is running smoothly.

Readiness:

TSgt Javier Garcia- After being released from the Group as an exec, Javi joined us as our Readiness flight chief. He is currently on pace to spend more days TDY than actually in the office.

SSgt Jesse Hill- After being in the squadron for almost a year, Jesse has done his fair share of duties in three offices. Maybe one day they'll keep him in an office long enough for him to show his true colors. All around great guy though.

SrA Austin Cowan- SrA Cowan is a veteran readiness troop and somehow has gotten worse with computers. Cowan is the catch-all good trips kind of guy but is also there when we need him to fly last minute with his great passenger handling. He has just signed a one-year extension at the expense of his girlfriend.

SrA Branden Hieber- SrA Hieber showed everyone in the squadron that anyone really can become an instructor. Now completing his second tour in readiness, Mr. Moore is scared to let him go as he is always making sure the squadron is prepared for anything.

SrA Dominic Just- Dominic is not only known well for his driving skills, but he's also grown to fame in his music career by dropping two horrible albums. He has recently returned from a six-month sentence in honor guard, many thought it would straighten him up...

Integration:

TSgt Austin Fowler- We are sad to inform you that we are losing Fowler to Wright Patt. His time in the duce consisted of Integration and Scheduling where he was always willing to help anyone. Austin will head to the SPO and continue to grow the future for the Air Force and KC-46.

SSgt James Balsler- Balsler is the Integration NCOIC and assists in getting the new booms integrated into the way the squadron works. He's honest now.

SrA Jackson Massey- Jackson is in MCT and is working through his training folder. He is always there to help as long as you tell him what he will be doing first.

A1C Thomas Zamorski- Zamo has floated around the squadron but somehow ended up back in integration. He is either helping with squadron projects or talking golf. Disclaimer: Thomas is unavailable on Tuesdays from 11:30-5.

A1C Tyler Phan- Phan is seeking opportunities after his Air Force career is over and has recently been accepted into a college and will set himself up for success. Phan is always volunteering to help in the squadron with events and projects.

A1C Daniel Whitham- Whitham is a new member to the squadron and going through MCT to grow into an MB.

A1C Alex Meraz- Alex is a new member to the Duce and is also in MCT to later become a line boom and get on the road.

Tactics:

SSgt Greg "Old Greg" Cyr- Your friendly Canadian tactician, Sgt Cyr is on his way out the door to instruct at Altus. If you see him in the halls, be sure to run before you get cornered and questioned on TERP's. I would say he may leave Altus with gray hair but he already has none.

SrA Ryan "Kink" Kinkead- Ryan is rarely seen in the squadron without a smile, we're unsure if it's because he's thinking about golf or thinking about golf. When he enters a room, people tend to think Jeffery Dahmer wasn't really dead after all.

Safety:

SrA Duante Batiz- SrA Batiz is just a guy that is "happy to be here" and will always be saying yes to last minute tasks. Word on the street is he will be the next Avatar or potentially a future Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force if he can stop watching Family Feud while on duty.

Commander's Support:

TSgt Ethan Bowen- Sgt Bowen has officially run his time down as an MB and is beginning his Pre IB tour. While his time flying low as an MB was spent well, he will excel in the instructor role and continue to lead everyone around him.

SSgt Mike Aherne- Big money Mike continues to grow his knowledge in the airplane but quickly found out that when you do well, they stick you as an enlisted exec. While we are all still unsure what exactly he does there, maybe we will all get our birthday passes eventually.

SrA Blake Lewis- If you happen to see Blake in the halls, you will probably think he is busy, in reality it's just him looking that way so he isn't voluntold to put together another squadron event.

Attached/On-Loan:

CMSgt Christopher “Bam Bam” Joyce- Chief Joyce is still holding it down in the CEM position. He also has the mentality that he is 18 years old, but his body says otherwise. The only evaluator in the Air Force with zero flight evaluation hours in the KC-46. He tries to swing a golf club like he used to, but his game has deteriorated like his flying skills. He will always shoot par when he plays though, some wonder when he will actually be bean complete.

SrA Emma Norton- Emma is stuck in the dungeon with OGV. Doing what? We are still trying to figure that out, too. She was rewarded with BTZ but also quickly found out nothing good happens when you do well.

Recently Departed:

SMSgt Lonnie Moon- Lonnie made the decision to hang up his boots and flight suit to move on to greener pastures. If you are in the market for a new home, he is your guy or knows someone in his family rolodex of realtors. Thanks for your 20 years of service and the legacy you left across the entire tanker fleet!

MSgt Kenneth Essick- Ken officially retired last year even though he stopped actually working when he was at staff 5 years ago. He managed to find his way back to Scott AFB as a civilian and is now one of those old guys.

MSgt Kenneth Dell- “Sean” just finished up Skillbridge and terminal to join the official DD214 club. Sad to lose a good SNCO but he was ready for the next chapter in his life, and we are excited to see him succeed going forward.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

32d Air Refueling Squadron

“PASSING GAS & KICKIN’ ASS”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Charles “Chuck” Taylor– Finally converted to the -46 and is already adding to his legacy in the community. He single-handedly wrote the KC-46 Dash 9 or at least that’s what he claims. Chuck is known for his aircraft systems knowledge; it seems as though he has already read every book cover to cover... I don’t think he has a life outside the Air Force. How can anyone have that much time...?

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Tim “Timmay” Lowman– Back from the CRG at Ramstein, he’s got even more stories to tell and new booms who haven’t heard them all...yet.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Mike Buchanan– Mike came to us from the CRW and promptly got orders to Altus. Though the Air Force gods were smiling down on him and gave him orders to OTS instead...well played and you’ll be a great officer!

SrA Thomas Robinson– I’m not even sure he’s still in the squadron anymore. Though I think I see him walking around every once in a while, and he’s on the Alpha Roster.

Training:

SSgt Tyler Kelly– He is definitely OSI... He somehow managed to EQ his Altus BTX check AND his Altus Initial Instructor check. Only OSI could pull off a feat like that. He is also the go-to for literally everything and the squadron would fall apart without him.

SrA Lauren Hotaling– Lauren is still doing great things. She’s preparing for upgrade and shows daily that the Chief should be proud.

SrA Elliot MacIntosh– Elliot has made his presence known and somehow managed to get an upgrade slot rather quickly. I guess he’s doing good things in the squadron.

Ops/Scheduling:

SSgt Kyle Agnor– Finally got him out of safety, though it still feels like he’s inspecting every time he walks into a room.

SSgt Justin Wood– Justin is crushing it in scheduling and showing the LTs how to do their job.

SrA Tsering Dadul– He’s still very quiet, until he needs to tell you that you’re being tasked to fly…

SrA Jonathon Soo– Soo did so well in training that he was moved to scheduling, though now he has a lot less time for working on his chess game.

SrA Jake Mueller– Still the go-to emcee for everything, when he’s not on quarters for some rare illness. Earned a BTZ stripe and was so excited to sew on that he failed to wear the right stripes on his promotion date.

Readiness/Mobility:

TSgt Taylor Lucas– Now that he’s the readiness Flight Chief, he manages to get on all of the good exercises.

SrA Kevin Caceres– Kevin does great work and never turns down a good opportunity.

SrA Nicholas Petruzzi– No one ever sees this guy. He’s such a ghost, the LTs introduce themselves to him every time they see him.

A1C Jonathan Fehrman– Silent and dependable, he is always in the air.

Support:

TSgt Robert Shedd– Just came to us from the RPA pilot community. When he flies, the entire crew talks about pilot training.

SSgt Jorge Hurtadorochal– A man of few words, when he speaks, everyone listens.

SSgt Alexys Gomez– He’s the Exec Shop NCOIC. He somehow finds a way to be conveniently unavailable while being available at the same time. People should take notes.

SrA Benjamin Gauspohl– Ben is Mr. Reliable, when you need something done, he doesn’t even ask questions.

SrA Taylor Adams– She’s held down the fort in Awards and Decs. She got married and got a Join Spouse to Travis. Finding her replacement will be difficult.

SrA Jake Distante– Finally hid the 10>46 patch, he’s killing it in the KC-46 and as an Exec.

A1C Heather Price– Our latest BIQ. She’s finally not too scared to talk to our UPC.

Strategic Plans:

TSgt Josiah Harris– Josiah joined us from Wing Tactics and was promptly “deployed” to the CAOC... Thanks Chief Joyce. Hopefully we’ll get to use him when he gets back.

SrA Brandon Rivas– Brandon is killing it in his shop and on the road. I don’t know if he was ever taught the word “NO”.

Tactics:

TSgt Keifer Bowes– Keifer moved to tactics and decided to completely immerse himself. I think he is trying to figure out how to physically integrate into the KC-46 mission systems.

SrA Giovanni Castillo– Gio finished BTX and quickly upgraded in the KC-46. He brought his Gio-Party to the KC-46 side of training and it was a hit.

SrA Rosendo Garcia– He decided to BOP to Travis to get closer to his family. Though McGuire is getting every bit of flesh from him since he is going out on every exercise over the summer.

SrA Bryson Lexow – Last year’s entry aged well... Bryson is crushing it in tactics. He knows more about the mission systems than Keifer.

Safety:

SSgt Jarrad Montgomery– Just completed KC-46 conversion and learning the ropes in scheduling. Nothing like being thrown to the wolves.

Attached/On-Loan:

MSgt Kevin Simon– Kevin is building our world class Mission Planning Center and helping crews execute the mission. He’s been DNIF ever since he tried to catch a softball in the outfield and shattered his jaw running into another boom. Intramurals are the DEVIL!!!

MSgt Garrett “Keith” Machon– Test & Eval... Manchild just clicked the button to retire, Congrats!

TSgt Nick Gidaly– Nick came to us from McConnell, and we promptly moved him to OGV where he’s crushing it and trying NOT to get promoted... I’ve got a tip for you Nick... Start sucking at your job, that’ll ensure you don’t promote.

TSgt Joe Del Toro– Joe went to OST and has been killing it. He made MSgt and is somehow the only boom in history to VOLUNTEER for Altus and not get it.

SSgt Nathaniel Cardona– Nate has been ensuring our locals aren’t completely unbearable over at Current Ops.

TSgt Steven Mertens– Steve moved over to Wing Tactics and upgraded in the KC-46. Almost immediately AFPC sensed blood in the water and hit him with orders to Altus.

TSgt Jeremy Becnel– Up at Wing Plans now, I think Jeremy spends most of his time reading books and memoirs with our wing historian.

Recently Departed:

MSgt Heather Harp– On to better things... Heather is on terminal to become a JROTC instructor or working at Flight Safety who knows. Either way she will be AWESOME. Thank you for your service!

TSgt Ryan Edsall– Well, he didn’t have to become an MB or take off a stripe. Ryan managed to BOP to Pease where he will do great and be rich living in his mom’s basement.

SSgt August Bueltmann– Finally came up with a plan and decided to separate. Congrats!

SSgt Jacob Stahly– Jake became a recruiter so we can no longer believe a word he says... until he returns to the career field.

SSgt Elisha Nwaukoni– Elisha got picked up to fly C-130s with the Guard. Well played and congrats!

SrA Matthew Zielinski– Matt literally left work on a Friday and came back in on a Monday two desks down... As a NJ Guardsman. Congrats!

SrA Abram Harris– He finally completed C-130 LIQ and PCS'd to Ramstein, an assignment that makes 99% of the booms jealous.

SrA Daniel Husmann– The AF paid for his Masters degree and he bounced. He'll be making 7-figures before we know it.

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76 ARS

FREEDOM'S SPIRIT



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141 ARS

“TIGERS”

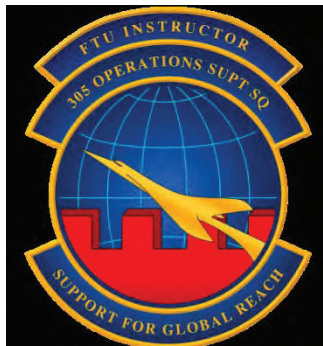


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305 OSS/FTU

“SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL REACH”



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78th ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



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305th OSS

“The Rock”



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KEY FIELD ANGB, MISSISSIPPI

153 ARS / 186 ARW

“MAGNOLIA MILITIA”



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LINCOLN ANGB, NEBRASKA

155 ARW / 173 ARS

“HOME OF THE HUSTLIN’ HUSKERS”



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KADENA, AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN

909th ARS

“YOUNG TIGERS”



Konichiwa from Japan's southernmost prefecture! Another great year for the 909th, maneuvering throughout the Pacific and its many austere locations. Anyone is always welcome to fly with us and to come enjoy Okinawa, which boasts a rich cultural tapestry shaped by its unique history and geographical location. Renowned for its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and subtropical climate, a true fusion of Southeast Asia.

(C)MSgt Ben Davis – We'd tell you "Congrats" on making Chief but we haven't seen you since we found out. I am sure we will all see you at Kadena's home away from home, Aloha!

MSgt Antonie Owens – Found out he was going to be "assistant to the regional SEL" for 6 months and immediately started asking us AF history questions and magically learned the moustache regs.

MSgt Tiffanie Ellerbe – Good morning, honey! Those three magic words make us feel like we could kick down a brick wall. She truly embodies the 909th esprit de corps and will truly be missed as she heads towards her next adventure.

OPERATIONS FLIGHT

TSgt Amanda Skidmore – Put Kadena as her number one as a joke and then got orders. She hasn't been here long, but she's already taught us about Dragon Boat Racing and the 36-2903.

Scheduling (DOS)

SSgt Blake Thomson – He asked everyone to take an Autism test and then got the highest score which prompted him to make an Excel graph of everyone's scores and demographics.

SrA Bryan Weishaar – Got orders to Altus before he even finished CFIC. Thoughts and prayers... for Altus.

SrA Luis Hernandez Alvarado – I drank at Chili’s for four hours and couldn’t think of anything. Actually... he kind of looks like Hispanic Jeffrey Dahmer.

SrA Deull Arnold – Rumor is he broke his toes to get out of pre-CFIC.

A1C Brennan Rodriguez – We’ve given him our two toughest battles: being DeBlieck’s wingman and being a scheduler.

A1C Grant Rudolph – Bad as hell. A-10 pilot. Oh wait, that’s his sister.

A1C Alton Martin – Can you believe he’s married to Ransier? Neither can we. He also set the record for most delinquent training items but somehow still able to fly.

Training (DOT)

SSgt Jordan Barker – If you need something done in Training, ask the Airmen. If you need a cheesecake... he’s your guy.

SrA Ariaiah Berhow – Cats, cats, cats. And Pokemon.

SrA Caleb Schoen – I don’t have much to say about this guy because I never see him, but I hear he started to look at real-estate in the Wichita Area.

SrA Lahjahniek Ramdene – The definition of “work hard, play hard”, she took leave from Okinawa to go to Turks and Caicos for an island vacation.

READINESS FLIGHT

TSgt Jayson Swift – There are only two things this man can’t do: clean out the warehouse and hurt anyone’s feelings.

Mobility (DORM)

SSgt Alex Workman – We think we hear good things about him, but we really can’t understand him through the accent. Country roads, Take me home, To the place, I belooooooooooooong.

SrA Jose Rodriguez Roman – The last time we saw this guy was when he got picked up from the Pax terminal.

SrA Jacob Morrison – The self-proclaimed gatekeeper of “fine dinging” around the island of Okinawa. Why do all his favorite restaurants have one-star reviews? Must be all the good food he was raised on in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Aircrew Development (DEV)

(S)Sgt McKenna Monolly – A great person to ask about RTIC if you don’t want any of your questions actually answered. Good luck and have fun during your 6 month training course.

SrA Kelsi Steadman – Singlehandedly trained all the Baby Booms... and then still didn’t win IB of the Quarter

SrA Seth Amriott – He makes perfect contacts. But only under buttery smooth conditions.

A1C Jayden DeBlieck – Our very own personality hire. He went to lunch one day and came back with a perm. Rumor is he wants to look like his dad, Anthonie Owens.

A1C Audrey Wilemon – She is finding out just how hard it is to get night contact in the Land of the Rising Sun. hopefully you get fully qualified before you PCS.

Amn Margaret Seeber – Spends her evenings studying and eating frozen broccoli. Also has never had a baja blast.

SUPPORT FLIGHT

Tanker Scheduling (OSS/OSOT)

TSgt Spencer Balcom – The Encyclopedia Britanica on everything television. If you aren't up to date on the latest show talk to Spencer. He can update you and point you to the right streaming service.

SrA Zachary Priest – We have to send him on every Typhoon Evacuation so that a strong breeze doesn't blow him away.

Awards & Decorations (AAD)

SSgt Abigail Stiles – If you need to schedule an appointment at the Appointment Center, Stiles is your person! Spent her entire enlistment in the beautiful Okinawa sun, thank you for your service and good luck on the next adventure.

A1C Andrew Jimenez- Guzman – Quiet and hard working. Can roast you with unparalleled accuracy.

Safety (SE)

SrA Dimagio Carey – Two years ago he got off the rotator and almost got onto the Marine Corps bus because a Corporal was handing out crayons. Followed his Marine dream and attended Corporals Course, completed as Distinguished Graduate. Stop shouting Oorah!

Combat Support (RA)

SrA Arick Duffey – We tried to think of something mean about this guy, but honestly couldn't. Actually, yes. Log back in and approve those vouchers tysm.

TACTICS FLIGHT

(M)Sgt Matthew Henry – Mister “two first names” here is the only person who's ever read the Terms and Conditions of everything he signs for. Congratulations on reading the fine print Master Sergeant!

Tactics (DOW)

(T)Sgt Andrew Chance – He's been a Staff since Seeber was in 3rd grade, at least now he's moving onto the great “AC on the ground” jet. Line number of “Tomorrow”, Congratulations brochachos!

SrA Christian Lawhorn – Sadly he did too well and now works at the OSS. But he's always willing to bring us some Glumpke. Whatever that is.

STAN/EVAL

SSgt Zachery Yamagishi – I heard him say something once... it was about the vol. 2

SrA Tyler Acord – He graduated high school from Kadena and then got stationed here right after. He's also spent every dollar he's ever earned on tattoos.

SrA Dave Gabriel – Could spend all day talking about Fairchild and whatever the Instructor before him just said.

A1C Rachael Ransier – Spent her maternity leave at a USMC Corporal’s course... did anyone tell her she doesn’t have to do that? Semper Fidelis and stand At Ease Marine!

A1C Landren Dela Cruz – Every time we see him he has a new set of patches. Honestly, we don’t know what squadron he belongs to.

ON LOAN/ATTACHED

MSgt Katherine Dickey – She’s our favorite Wing safety bae and is on a strict diet of poptarts, protein powder and the tears of Airmen.

MSgt Jason Duckett – Still chasing the dream of gaining over 5000 glorious flying hours in the beautiful Stratotanker. Is that why we can always find his name on Puckboard for all the TDY’s going to Australia?

TSgt Jesse Cutright – He left the Boom career field to go and be a hacker. Possibly the first of his kind. Something about wanting “transferable job skills”. But we know wherever he goes the morale will be higher than ever.

TSgt Kalif Richardson – The resident Island Boy who only has an accent when he comes back from leave. Got his STEP stripe and now he is an Island King!

SSgt Connor Wilkins – He left the Squadron to get a break from flying and now works in an abandoned elementary school 6 days a week. But he has the basketball court to himself.

SSgt Josephus Straka – Who gave him the callsign WAKA? More like Honey Badger, cause Honey Badger doesn’t give a ** about your rank, you are going to get an email!**

OUTBOUND/INBOUND

SMSgt Christian Villanueva – Guess who’s back? Back again?

TSgt Tyler Williams – There’s only four words not in this man’s vocabulary and they’re “hand off” and “change over”.

SSgt Joshua Lawson – The Yu-Gi-Oh Master believed in the heart of the cards so strongly that he accidentally got orders to Edwards. Enjoy SoCal!

SrA Brandon Clement – He left us for sunny California, thank you for your service.

MSgt Mathew Ohle – Inbound

TSgt Ryan Kemp - Inbound

SSgt Joshua Shopp – Inbound

SSgt Aristides Soto – Inbound

A1C Kaylin Davis – Inbound

A1C Kaden James – Inbound

Amn Harmony Wheeler – Inbound

Amn Edrik Gaisoa - Inbound

MACDILL AFB, FL

50TH ARS “RED DEVILS”

“GIVE’EM HELL”



SEL:

SMSgt Charlie Adams- Expresses love frequently and drunkenly. Part owner of beach bar Seascapes. Needs wingman while downtown Yokota or else he will do hood-rat things without his friends. Might have a family in Kansas but he prefers his bachelor camper.

OPS Sup:

MSgt Jeffrey Jaskela- Story Time Jeff. The squadron hammer, with an unreadable demeanor, never let them know your next move. Nobody is safe, even N/N the boom who set up his promotion ceremony. For some reason, he insists that booms should stay in the books?

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Austin Willis- Didn't make the cut for MSgt so he thought Lt would be the next best thing (was told that he wasn't good for that either). Anyway, he's weak at the knees for running. Sets the example by getting caught doing doughnuts while in the GOV, they emailed the 1st shirt and VCO about his "Shenanigans" ... too bad that he was both.

Scheduling:

SSgt Hajjii "Preflight Cowboy" Frederick- Sensational used car salesman/booster club rep, but his cowboy hat business never took off. He still can't offload his product. Volunteers for literally everything but spends more time doing riddles than flying. Don't share any secrets with him.

(S)Sgt Keegan Salas- Most passionate boom, or emotional, whichever means you cry a lot. First boom to ever be bullied by command post; The 3 hour out call heard round the world. SINGLE HANDEDLY revived a maintainer moments from death. Also finally finished CFIC.

SrA Nicholas Moser – Soon to be diagnosed with narcolepsy. Would be a TSgt by now if he had not slept through the first half of his career. Heading to CFIC soon. He will need an IV drip of Monster to make it through.

SrA Dakota Gross – Did you know he was a fire fighter. Has a lot of heart in his soul, just needs his actual heart to stay strong. Waiting to finish re-qual before he cleans his car. TCCC Master and holding down scheduling.

A1C Alexa Tracy – The only A1C with more hours than the SEL. Begged to fly on every sortie while deployed and that still wasn't enough, had to do the full six months to quench her thirst for Air Medals. She even cancelled leave to go TDY for a week and yet STILL found her way back to the Deid while in the reset bucket. She is the only boom quieter than Garner.

Enlisted Integration:

(S)Sgt Cameron Andrews – HE WILL NOT GO TO THE 46! Never mind that actually sounds fun, sign him up! Another proud member of the Sh*thouse that is gone but never forgotten. We thank him for his contributions to Sq training, but more importantly, our morale. You will be missed as well.

SrA Alex Fiscus – Great to fly with and loved by all AC's, unless you get on his bad side... Always quick witted, get him a spot-on Kill Tony. Put him on a scooter if you like to visit the hospital. Should be heading to CFIC soon. Good luck!

A1C Logan Spengler – Wish Clark Kent. Only AADD driver who will take you to the next bar, a true hero! Nobody takes Allen's precious piece of cheese and gets away with it. Leading the integration team, all two of them.

A1C Grady Mackey – He drives ATVs like he stole them. Mackey hated Alaska so much that he injured himself to get out of there. Add him to the giant list of injured 50th Airmen. We need to get these new guys some MILK!

B-Flight Chief:

Honorary Boom TSgt Haley Gorski – Our medical SME was tired of having a long IMR list so she opted to takeover the largest enlisted flight. Steps up every time and constantly seeks mentorship to help out her booms. We are fortunate to have her on our team, sorry-not-sorry MDG.

Mobility:

SrA Darryl Penman – J-DUB Jr. VERY close second place for oldest in the Sq title. Finished ALS with Kilbane and immediately bought a new car and scooter. He couldn't stop driving his scooter on the golf course and got struck by a golf cart. He is made up of 90% Hummus.

SrA Zyrie Gravilis-Palmer - Slick back. Developed an "interesting" haircut for honor guard. Does a great job keeping accountability of the Sq guns, he even takes them with him to parties for his music videos. Truly doesn't pass up an opportunities to volunteer.

SrA Chance Egnor- Baby Trimble. You can trust him with your newborn baby. Rumor has it his blood was replaced by Busch light and pre-workout. He is currently perusing his master's in foreign affairs. Part owner of the Dallas bowl and some say he may never come back from OGV.

A1C Caden Weinberg – Killing it on the road, spent more time on TDY than with his wife. Thicker than a bowl of oatmeal. Built like a damn dump truck. Double cheeked up every night of the week. Saves money by driving his grandmother's car. Volunteers for every bad deal.

A1C Aaron Shurette – Boom Operator by day, Swag Daddy by night. You thought you were Gucci until he shows up. Turned goth... It's not a phase Mom!

Readiness:

SSgt Juan RC- Forever a mystery what his last name is. Great dude who volunteers for literally everything, except a flight. Bright future as an ADL, ALS instructor, or literally anything boring. President of Boom operator association but can't tell you where the boom is on the jet. He will tell you he is a sponge, but he intakes new information like a rock. Killing as NCOIC for Readiness.

SrA Jaylen Joseph – Born with a club foot and finally got it fixed, now he is eternally DNIF. Holds the record for most days “tele-working”. Get better soon dude!

SrA Elijah Welch – Working on his fitness for Spec Ops, monster in the gym but just doesn't show during his annual test. Dreams of moving to the C-130, whether they want him or not. Dying to stay in the E-4 Mafia, we can't even get him to go to the test.

SrA Justice Ryan – E-4 Mafia CEO. Don't let him out of your sight or you will be working with the Saudi Embassy to get him back from his kidnappers. Happily, volun-told to work at base Honor Guard, and loving every minute.

C-Flight Chief:

TSgt Joshua Foreman – An actual dinosaur, he has been at MacDill since it was an Airlift Squadron. 4x Undisputed World Champ of dodging orders. Flaunting a mighty 4 – 0 Record vs AFPC. Had an incredible run at MacDill and maybe, just maybe, will get off DNIF this year. If not, he will enjoy his time chilling before retiring.

Training:

SSgt Chad Jones- Loves to take all the good opportunities just to go DNIF and ruin it for everyone. SEXY BEARD now that he can clean it up. Thinks he is better than us and is a future/current pilot. Rumor has it he grinned once.

(S)Sgt Liam Kilbane – Mr. Crocker. Nervous around Spanish girls. Spent a month in Japan smashing with his bro's and is the nicest guy ever. Finished ALS and is ready to lead the squadrons baby booms in training. Prefers Digimon over Yugioh.

SrA Ayden Geilinger – Passed off the reigns to Garner at Wing Scheduling. Developed a learning disorder during Pre-CFIC, became a family man and sold his bike. Might complete Pre-CFIC one of these days.

Awards & Decs:

SrA Orlando Rodriguez – Went AWOL his first day after completing MCT. He can be found at the FOX dancing with anyone who makes eye contact. Young guy who just got his driver's license, or at least he drives like it.

STAN/EVAL:

SSgt Kadrick Barnes – Spoof, is here and also not, has a deal with the government where he gets an extra day of leave every month. Starting at STAN/EVAL but who knows when that will be. He was the Chief Boom on deployment, but Adler also claims that.

SrA Robert Ripley – Yet another Boom heading to the 46. “Worked” at the Bolt Cell, but there is no proof that really exists. Moved to STAN/EVAL after that and has spent every waking moment TDY. We will miss another hard-working dude.

Resource Advisor:

SSgt Zachary Caldwell – The Rocket Man (ask him about the F-15). Got a BBL and took off an entire deployment. Elite travel agent skills. Concerned about everyone going DNIF... If only he wasn't. Don't agree to dog-sit for him, unless you want a new dog. He is leaving to the 46, or so he claims. Impressed with AFPCs need for volunteers but is consistently told no (3x) to a TOS waiver.

SSgt Ryan Macadam – After 2 years and compiling over 2400 total flight hours in the C-5, he finally managed to get 5 hours in the 135. A true professional, always ready to brief the nuclear mission to the Wing CC “right meow”.

A1C Wyatt Shackleford – One of the many new booms with the body of an 80 year old. More surgeries than contacts. Doing a great job in RA since he is bound to his wheelchair.

Wing Tactics:

(M)Sgt Miguel Perez “Doghat”– Least likely to have signed up for weapons school but here he his with markers and briefs that nobody wants to hear. Very excited to PCS to Fairchild and be the SEL of the 509th WPS. Liquor him up and he will transform into DJ Mikey.

SSgt Casey “~~ACRO~~” “Hugh” Janusz – Completed AIC and disappeared from existence. I guess he really is that tactical.

Wing Plans and Programs (XP):

(T)Sgt Travis Nelson- Nervous tester, struggles most when the test gives you the answers. He doesn’t remember seeing us at parties we don’t remember seeing him at work. Voted meanest instructor, definitely made the most booms cry. Ready to go to AIC as long as there is no online test... with the answers.

SSgt Blake Adler – Took time off from his raves and volunteered to help the squadron and deploy for 6 months, meanwhile lost a ball, wrecked two cars, and got a perm. Might go to the 63rd, might extend... he may never know. The answer may lie in one of his many fanny packs.

SrA Mark Moore – PHd in Day Trading. He has elevated beyond being a Boom Operator. We will be seeing him on Forbes soon after he is out of the Air Force.

Squadron Safety:

SrA Joseph Saldana or Carillo – Almost the perfect airmen, married in three months, more paperwork than contacts, only thing he is missing is a 35% APR on his car. Watch out F-35 community he looks for the receptacle like he is looking for his missing wallet. Personnel vendetta with SSgt Adler, he may have ruined his life for a year.

OGT...or OST whatever it is today:

SrA Zachary Bosnjak – The poster child of all things Sh*thouse and nothing Air Force. Boz was out of the office for six months and still somehow got an EQ at Altus. If his septum ring is out while he’s in uniform, he’s within two feet of an open PBR. If you can’t find him in the office, just don’t even try. Probably making shitty movies with Dege.

Wing Scheduling:

SrA Martin Luther Garner – Works at Wing Scheduling now. Good luck to any AC if you need help with a flight before 1300. In case of emergency DO NOT CALL. If a breakaway is called and no one can hear it, did it make a sound?

SrA Dillian Stewart – A literal ghost, worked in Squadron “Tactics” for a while and was seen once every full moon. Works at Wing Scheduling now, maybe we will meet him one day. Johnny Bravo.

Outbound:



(S)MSgt Paul McIntyre – Good dude. Pauly left the 50th to go be the SOCOM’s Chief Exec...How he got the opportunity or why he would have wanted that job is beyond me but they BNR him. Kinda cool, kinda lame. We were still able to get him on a fini flight as an MEP and “Definitely did not get a contact” before he got sniped to go KC-46.

MSgt Shawna Wise – Finally Came back to the unit after years of boring jobs, just to go retrain to the KC-46. Filled in for the OPS Sup and SEL during the squadron deployment. We’re sure she will find another boring office job as soon as she arrives at Travis.

TSgt Johnny Gurley – Killed it as C-Flight Chief before retraining. He is heading to be a 89th Communications System Operator whatever that entails. We will miss him.

TSgt Jeffery Sieff – Served as A-Flight Chief while he wasn’t seeing the Doc for something. He has more hours logged in flight med than instructing in the jet. He has since moved on to his true calling, Cyber Awareness or something like that.

SSgt Alfred Bonilla – Bobby Shakes, another boom jumping ship for the KC-46. A couple drinks and Bobby gets extra friendly... Always at work in the safety office, not sure what work is being done though.

SSgt Dalton Degeneffe – The APU monster. 0-3 record vs Altus evaluators. Now he is wasting his talents retraining to be a 46 boom when he should be a full-time party planner, video editor, and tattoo artist. The Squadron will never be the same without the Sh*thouse. You will be missed.

SrA Amante Allen – Worked scheduling for a bit but is on his way out now. Enjoy the other side! Finished up at RA without learning how to save money to fix his truck. Walks to work more than he drives.

The 5h*thouse

*The 5h*thouse – The 5h*thouse did not discriminate, despite its mantra of Dudes, Booze, and more DUDES. Home to the most epic beer Olympics, redneck bashes and full-on concerts the world has ever seen. The production quality of their invitation videos could lead them to multiple awards at Sundance. RIP to the 5h*thouse. You were more than that, you were a 5h*t Home.*

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63rd ARS

“Pirates”



63 ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Phillip Costine: The superintendent or SEL or whatever the new term is. The Leader of Booms, he bought a new \$75k truck and will be here not a minute less than 9 hours a day, 6 days a week to pay for it.

MSgt Matthew Janson: The Chief Boom can always count on him to leave his stuff behind wherever he goes. I personally have 3 coffee mugs, a pair of sunglasses, and a tin of Zyn of his at my desk from him stopping by.

AGRs/ARTs:

SMSgt Vincent “Stu’y” Stulginski: The Stan/eval guy, the name you fear randomly showing up on the FOs without warning, Stu’y will let you know its lonely on top as he shreds you for your iPad being out-of-date. If you meet him and you don’t know what he does, he’ll tell you faster than a vegan, cross-fitter, and atheist simultaneously.

MSgt Joshua “Taco” Ortega: Let us know that fatherhood wouldn’t be that hard on him. 2 kids later he is so disgruntled he can’t wait to get to work for the day to take a break. Also, you never know what he will say at a meeting...And what will happen after...RIP Former Chief Boom RIMPAC 2024, First Half.

MSgt James Kyper: Continued his business as “Handy Man” – interpret the “handy” part as you want because he knows the name of every female “celebrity” from 1970s-Present.

TSgt Jake Coll: He has 101 additional duties but #1 amongst those is letting us know how much everything is Doom and Gloom. Closely monitors all the rumors about the AFRC comings and goings, since you know, his dad is a chief. The most disgruntled 300-hour Boom Operator.

TSgt Luke Yates: Last AGR and next Pilot. Dude crushes Zyn for breakfast and is Chief Boom RIMPAC 2024, First Half. He will probably fail out of pilot training and become the commanders exec. The most disgruntled 200-hour Boom Operator...He's been hanging out with Jake too long.

TRs:

SMSgt Nate Hooper: The eldest TR. He is now married and will retire happier than all of us.

MSgt Joel Hildebrand: No one really knows why he's still on our books...he doesn't take hints very well.

TSgt Megan Hatch: Wanted to become an ART so bad until she found what ART pay was so she moved to Jacksonville to become a nurse instead.

TSgt Tyler Berthelot-Meres: Poor Tyler can't catch a break...oh wait yea he can. After his failed attempt at becoming a "State Senator" he broke his hand before RIMPAC and couldn't get his paid vacation to Hawaii.

TSgt Jackie Brown: Not sure why we still have her on here. She's a First Shirt but is still an IB sometimes

TSgt Clayton Shiver: Our newest IB in the squadron just got hired as a pilot a month after coming back from Altus.

TSgt Jeff Urbaniak: He's a cop who rides a bicycle in short shorts. He is essentially the Tampa Version of Reno 911 with a shaving waiver.

TSgt Wayne Reid: This dude does EVERYTHING!! He's been kicking ass since joining the squadron and recently has been selected to become out next MSgt, but we don't want to tell him in fear of him starting to become as lazy as our other TRs.

TSgt Jacob Zahn: Zahn thought coming to the reserves was his ticket out of scheduling, jokes on him, we needed to utilize his experience...in scheduling.

SSgt Rob Huesgen: Finds it unfathomable that AD doesn't work with us more to accommodate his work schedule and that if he ever goes "non-qual" his ass in fact will be on the chopping block. God, forbid you take "his" TDY because you'll never hear the end of it. Either way, he can stretch 48 tp's across 96 local sorties.

SSgt Teresa "Nard-Dawg" Hoffman: Her name is not hyphenated but Nard-Dawg is her new forever Call-sign. She is the next coming Full-timer, and her haircut demands the respect of a Lt. Col.

SSgt Rodolfo "Rudy" Mirabal: He is currently famous; He is another cop who at 25 yards at the range or not can put all 90 rounds exactly where they need to be.

SSgt Tyler "Peter" North: Has only been with the squadron for a year and hates it so bad that he decided to go to Top Golf a week after the Boom Top Golf Outing.

SSgt Haley Stevens: The boom from down-unda, she recently surprised us by moving about as far away a commuting TR could move. However, she must follow the money her sugar-grandpa has.

SrA Mackenzie Macklin: She probably takes the biggest pay cut from her civilian pilot job to come play Boom Operator, but she tried to get her monies worth by getting her hair caught in the fan on the jet. #LOD

SrA Derek Zona: Sometimes you tell Zona he has 40k in travel vouchers he needs to finish, and sometimes he gives you the look like a guy who didn't prepare for a presidential debate. He's the squadron myth. The stories that get talked about Zona, no one would believe them...until you meet him.

A1C Kolby Spurlock: Nepotism will forever continue, after being interviewed by Airmen Magazine for flying with Uncle Josh, he's solidified his path to becoming a pilot, regardless of slots available.

Newbies

SSgt Demian Solis: When he's not busting his ass in the squadron you can find him enjoy his favorite pass time...watching his fiancé get hit on in front of him and her shutting them down.

SSgt Mike McGurie: Very unmemorable...literally...the first two boom operators he saw in the squadron allegedly were in classes with him, neither one had any idea who he was.

SrA Lillian Oliver: Real hard charger, she didn't realize scheduling in the reserves is nothing like active duty...she finished a whole week's worth of work in 2 hours and now is the newest subscriber to Tik Tok.

SrA Trevor Busby: Fastest TR boom to come and go ever, he showed up on a Monday and by that Friday we all realized the 63d isn't for everyone and he's becoming Mr. Busby.

MACDILL AFB, FL

91 ARS

“**BOLTS** ⚡”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

MSgt Alex Orr – The man, the myth, the legend, the man of many hats, the Levitow winner, the Wing SNCO OTY! This man does it all, literally... It could be 0600 or 1800 and you'll still see Alex's car in the squadron parking lot and his office light on. Speaking of cars, we're surprised to see his hooptie is still pushing.

Operations Superintendent:

TSgt Byron Patrick – “What would you say you do here?” ...Who's running this squadron? This guy doesn't even have 700 hours and he convinced us to make him Ops Supt and an EB!? He's been a Security Manager since he got to the squadron and there's been about 10 security incidents so...yeah. He's got orders 3 times, and he's got orders cancelled 3 times. His duty position on the puck board literally says “Just hanging around” but apparently, he's our NCO OTY.

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Benjamin “Bully” Blake – Don't let his nice guy appearance fool you, you catch him after a long hot day dealing with incompetent ATOC, a 60-year-old aircraft, and a jet full of whiny passengers and Ben the Bully will bite your head off...just ask the Red Flag 24-2 chief boom...it's a shame what happened to that guy.

A1C Detavian Daniels – The car Detavian showed up to the 91st with mind as well have a KC-135 serial number attached to it. That thing doesn't have AC, one of the windows is jammed, and I'm pretty sure he has to give an egress brief before anybody gets into it. We're currently working with the booster club, AF Aid Society, GoFundMe and other local charities to get him some new wheels.

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Nicolas Brod – Nick is supposedly this great fisherman and hunter but all he brought back from his turkey hunt was a video of him spraying and praying. I'm almost certain he shot with his eyes closed. When he does come to work, he spends most of the time telling the MBs how trash they are but never tells them how to fix it...and that ladies and gentlemen is why he is our best Instructor.

Training Flight:

SSgt Owen Derksen – Since he's arrived to the 91st Owen has been scheming of ways to get BACK to Altus, yeah you heard that right. He's one of our most experienced booms and has already filled Stan/Eval and Training NCOIC positions.

SrA Korbin McNeill – After a fast IB upgrade as an A1C, he followed his wife here to the Sunshine state after leaving McConnell. I heard he just cried so much about missing her that the (what squadron was he in?) just wanted to get rid of him & shut him up.

SrA Mackenzie Rodgers – If it gets her out of work, Mackenzie will put an appointment in G2 to take out the trash in the heritage room. And even then, she'll find a way to turn that into a bullet. She's in line for Instructor but is putting Self before Service and finishing up her bachelor's degree.

SrA Jacob Proctor – I'm pretty sure Jacob is an anime character in human form. He's quiet as a church mouse so you can never tell if he's really focused on his UTM duties or plotting his next battle against Vegeta. Find out on the next episode of Dragon Ball Z...

SrA Nathan Zelasko – We never really know what Nate is up to...He's either No-Show'ing for an inter-fly, sitting alert on an ONE or he's babysitting one his newest fling's kids. He volunteered to go on the full 6-month deployment, but what he's really doing is working a plan to snatch up one of those Qatari princesses.

Scheduling Flight:

SSgt Caleb Mills – Caleb was supposed to get out last year and join the Reserves, but once that direct deposit didn't show up in his account, he zipped back to active duty faster than a boom in AUTO retract. Now he's back conjuring up ways to keep his supervisors on their toes like taking OCONUS leave and not telling anybody or leaving the flap bypass valves open after an exercise...Good to have you back brother!

SrA Traymere Jones – Let him tell it, he'll say he's the best ping pong player in the squadron. I guess if that's all you do at work then you eventually get good at it. I'm sure his skills are diminishing as fast as his boom skills are now that he's not sleeping being a new dad and all. Congrats Tray!

SrA Tristan "King" Shannon – These young kids use that "King" title a lot and Tristan took it to heart, now he's leaving us for the royal treatment of the -46 with their Denny's menu checklist, telemarketer headset, and Easy-bake oven. Good luck to his royal highness and good riddance.

A1C Jackson Gotta – Took us forever to find out it was pronounced GOAT-a, and took him just as long to find out how to track his own MERS. Gotta looks like the jock from any Disney teen movie. He returned from Honor Guard and has been killing it in Scheduling.

B-Flight Chief:

TSgt Kris Echols – The ROAD warrior, Kris is focused on his upcoming retirement. You can tell because if you ask him when his airman is returning from leave, he'll respond with "Who's that?"

Mobility/Readiness Flight:

SSgt Shawn Golembieski – I imagine Shawn becoming a boom like this: One day a janitor was cleaning the squadron and he stumbled upon a flight suit in the trash, he picked it up and thought "hey, this would be a pretty cool costume". He puts it on and then finds a checklist in the ankle pocket and voilà!

SSgt Jeffrey Diggs – Spent about the last year on the DNIF train and floated mostly under the radar. Now he's just been approved to voluntarily retrain to (checks notes)...MAINTENANCE!?

SrA Andrew Bain – Good deal, Bad deal TDY, local, PTT, 801X, deployment, you name it Andy's not going. Now let the Tampa Bay Lightning or Buccaneers need volunteers and Andy's all in.

SrA Charles "LIT" Dawe – Heard he tried to defect during the last deployment. Don't believe me, ask him how he got that callsign.

SrA Jarret Montgomery – JJ's haircut was inspired by Mugatu from Zoolander. He brought back a life-sized cutout of the Queen of England (RIP) after a Mildenhall TDY, that's gotta be some kind of international incident right?

SrA Adam Salazar – From mugshots to MB10's, this guy has come a long way in his short career. From a rough start to the Air Force to now telling booms how bad their alignment sucks. Adam is on his way to make Chief now since he's checked all the boxes if you know what I mean...

A1C Josiah Amriott – Josiah just got to our squadron out of MCT and all but ruined his chances of ever getting accepted into the 63rd. He's the epitome of why "See a step, do a step" exists and that step is #6 in our checklist. We beat him up (figuratively) about it, then he beat himself up but I think he's good now....I hope, for Maintenance sake.

C-Flight Chief:

(T)Sgt Jackson – Now that he’s finally made TSgt, and we’ve finally got him to upgrade he ditches us for the CRG. With his Master’s degree, he’s probably one the smartest people in the squadron. And that makes sense when you realize he found a way to dodge IB until his literal last months in the squadron. I think he got us “new” ovens in the jet, so I guess he did something while he was here.

Tactics:

SrA Bernardo Valiente – BTZ winner, Val no joke shotguns at least 3 red bulls before SHOW on a 0530 alert...and then packs another 3 for the flight! We first thought that his high energy level was just a front, but this guy is one contact away from a shorted signal coil. Oh, and while we’re here, if you’re carrying weapons on the jet...never EVER give him the key!

Resource Advisor:

TSgt Leavens – Another one of those new old guys that cross trained to become a boom operator.

SrA Mia McNeill. – Another one of our BTZ winners, Mia came in hot winning Amn OTY and taking on an important position in the RA shop.

Exec:

(T)Sgt Alex Diego – We call him “Dammit Diego” around the squadron because he messes up so much, that’s all you can say when you work with him. We tucked him in the Exec office and give him crayons and coloring books and makes sure he has adult supervision. He brings stale donuts in every week to keep us all fat for job security as our UFPM. Somehow, he scraped enough points to get promoted this year but honestly... **whisper* I think AFPC made a mistake.*

CCS:

SSgt Michael “My-Ty” Ryan –

SSgt Aristides Soto – Named after a Greek philosopher, such a strong name for a tiny guy. Never say that to his face though, he’ll have you in a knot with his jiu-jitsu skills faster than you can say “briefed boom”. He’s heading back to Kadena, but now as a boom operator versus his SecFo days...hopefully they teach him how to write a TAPR.

SrA Mercedes Austin – Mercedes is a Dallas Cowboys fan....we could stop here but I won’t. She’s another one who tried to cross-train to greener pastures but fortunately for us MPF sucks at their job and she’s stuck with us. If we could ever get her in a jet, or to work for that matter she’d be a great candidate for Instructor.

Safety:

SSgt Bet Davis – I’m not sure how Bet is still employed or what it is he actually does at the 91 ARS but I need to find out his trick. He’s like a mystical being similar to a standard speed boom or an AC cart...you’re told they exist, but you never actually see them in the real world.

Attached/On Loan:

SMSgt Kenny “Arci” Arcibal (Gp)

MSgt William “A-Aron” Widener (Gp) – You know the GIF of Grandpa Simpson walking in, then right back out of Moe’s bar?...That was Aaron when he “retired” from the Air Force. He took a peek of the civilian world and ran back to us like he saw the boogey man. In the words of Wolf of Wall Street...HE’S NOT F***ING LEAVING!

MSgt Ashley Watson (Wg)

TSgt Michael “Prison Mike” Eiland (Wg)

TSgt Matt “ICE” Sadler (Gp)

TSgt Daniel Childress (Gp)

TSgt Andrew Drake (Gp) -

SSgt Marcus Norman (Gp) – Don’t ask Marcus to do anything past 1800 (his bedtime), and if you’re ever at a bar with him...keep him away from the women’s bathroom – he will fight someone. My guy finally upgraded after his 2nd attempt, but to his credit he’s from Virginia so he was always fighting an uphill battle.

SSgt Jacob Magda (Gp) – Our in-house grease monkey, a mechanical guru some would say, so you'd think he'd be able to build a cardboard float to win us the regatta...NOPE! Thanks for nothing Jake, Not Ready Now.

SrA Damien "Chili" Bowles (Gp) – Should change his nickname to "Chill" Bowles because during his re-qual, you could've gone to get lunch, take a nap, manually charge the APU, and he still wouldn't be done with his preflight. He says he can't upgrade at the moment because he's finally becoming an adult and buying a house, but I think he's just stringing us along just like the rest of the MBs.

SrA Jacob Cassidy – Sounds like Cass is sick of the Air Force and is getting out soon.

SrA Emily Southwood? – Emily's an Honor Guardsman, BTZ winner, and a powerlifter so it's hard to say anything bad about her...she's probably gonna be the 1st Chief Senior Airman of the Air force. We're still digging up dirt on her. To be continued...

SrA Cassandra Wesley (Wg) – Since we've last seen Momma Cass she's had two babies. We're not sure if we'll ever see her back in the jet again sadly, all because she can't keep it in her pants.

SrA Parker Poole (Wg)

SrA Moriah Williams (Wg)

PCS/Seperated:

Lt Col Mike Vilven (Honorary Boom Operator)

Lt Col Ivan Blackwell (Honorary Boom Operator)

MSgt Johnnie Creecy

MSgt Jeff Benson

SSgt Tyler Fee

SSgt Jaqueline Gross

SSgt Michael McGuire

SrA Trevor Busby

SrA Bryan Arias

SrA Joseph Slaughter

SrA Kevin Garrett

SrA Jordan Diaz

SrA Dillon Tucker

A1C Charles Bijesse

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336th ARS

“RRATS”



CMSgt Brian Sammons- his approval rating varies weekly, but he diligently tries his best to support and advocate for the booms. You can still find him on the flying schedule and being active in keeping up his skills, despite him being chained to the desk more often. Brian has an open-door policy, but we'll forewarn you, empty your bladder before entering. The minute he prefaces a sentence with "real quick like," you'll be there; For...Ev...er.

SMSgt Chris "Shady" Shadday- if you wanted to know where the shit ends up downhill, it's in training. The pile doesn't seem to leave poor Shady's desk and he's one additional task away from his good eye exploding out of his head. You can usually find our "Puff Penguin" behind the squadron creating strawberry scented thunderclouds, trying to calm himself down. Despite all these challenges, Shady is busting ass and helps wherever he can for everyone. He's a master at the grill and we all appreciate it when we you make us those bombass tacos for lunch. Thank you Bro!

SMSgt Jenn Ventress- as the 336th hype girl and resident nurse, Jenn is always available for some sound, encouraging, and admittedly uncensored advice. With her extended time traveling the world in the luxurious Strato "Polaris Class" Tanker, she definitely knows the best places in town to grab "dinner" after a long flight. Her main role in the squadron is to keep Shady's eye from twitching and being Sammon's unofficial anger translator.

SMSgt Joe Parker- self-proclaimed "Papa Joe," we think you still go here. We're unsure. You may need to send a flare or something. OGV Stan/Eval are looking for you too.

MSgt Charles "Salt" Salter- cue in Rihanna's, "Shine Bright Like a Diamond." What this man can't do is remarkable and seemingly, beyond human ability. He wears many hats; works for Metrea, sim instructor, instructor boom operator, and now the First Shirt over at the FSS. Seriously man, you have some *Interstellar* trickery going on. He is the master juggler and crushes all these positions while wearing a smile.

MSgt Jeff Kemp- a jack of all trades and master of all, he is a fast burner and gem to the squadron. (Just goes to show you can recover from having your mugshot taken in Hawaii). Our reliance on Jeff's past experience in CSS has driven the squadron to hire two CSS troops to compensate for the loss. Needless to say, we're screwed, but we're happy for you to join the instructor cadre. Plus, we're sure you're relieved to get a break.

MSgt Johnathan “JGar” Garcia- our Stan/Eval SNCOIC, who always seems to be out of the office when you need him. He does have a good excuse of the AC being down in the building and we all know how hot it gets here in the Inland Empire. When you do find him, he’ll be in PT gear and always in a perpetual state of “ready to go home.” Truthfully, we can’t recall the last time we’ve seen him in a flight suit. We know the budget is tight for uniforms, but I’m sure we can find you one JGar.

MSgt Lisa Smith- a Navy transfer, whose hair bun contradicts all laws of physics. It is something you must see to believe. She is able to pull her incredibly long hair into a bun with it being in regs and on fire every time. How do you do this? Lisa is also our amazing and hardworking scheduler who is always there to help you out. Her absence when she was in Germany and deployed was sorely felt and we’re so happy to have her (and her bun) back at the squadron.

MSgt Yulia Yambarsheva- the OG Roosky of the squadron, Yulia can now be found in Florida, dodging alligators and hurricanes. You will know instantly when Yulia is back in town, because the sun is always shining and half the squadron is hungover. She is truly a ray of sunshine and she makes the roughest days of drill tolerable. We miss having you around more often Yulia. Na Zdorovie!

MSgt Sonny Madrid- has a limited number of facial expressions, with RBF as his default mode. He is the go-to man if you have questions about anything from training, IT, or base contacts. If you walk away feeling like he perceives you as an idiot, you’re probably right. But, you got your answer. He is constantly helping us improve our spreadsheets, tracking records, and fixing the endless computer problems that riddle the squadron. You can also find him constantly on flights, guiding our new booms to the standard of a 336 RRAT.

MSgt Mark “Lucky” Luckinbill- he may be the oldest boom in the squadron, but he will easily make you feel aged and decrepit when confronted with any physical activity. The adage of “once a Marine, always a Marine,” still rings true. When Lucky isn’t working through inclement weather as a postman or pulling alert, you can find him near a body of water, enjoying sunsets and fishing.

MSgt Buddy Bewick- since leaving for Wing Safety, it comes up frequently in conversation at the squadron of whether Buddy has retired or not. The amount of Buddy sightings are as rare as being struck by lightning or getting your paycheck on time. Maybe he has retired? Maybe he avoids us because we’re no longer cool? Or maybe he is still on his journey through the Candy Cane Forest looking for his father? We just don’t know. Buddy, if you are reading this, we all miss seeing you and would love to see more often. Hope all is well. xoxo

MSgt Jose Prado- our tactics specialist and steel hammer evaluator. If you can get him to crack a smile or even better laugh, he’s either suffering from a stroke and immediately call 911 or your joke was actually funny.

TSgt Catherine Zepeda- has put up her fire axe and has settled into the family life. The power of Mateo’s mustache is hard at work and is keeping the stork busy. Even with these new changes, it hasn’t stopped Cat from flying, pulling alert, or traveling. You honestly handle all of this with grace and make it all seem easy.

TSgt Albert “Maui” Menocal- who once looked like a native of Hawaii, has now lost so much weight for the physical requirements to become a pilot, he can now tie a bow in the front of his flight suit. This is actually true. He will be departing us here soon to join our C17 neighbors as a pilot. We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing you on the other side of the boom.

TSgt Tatiana “Tati” Castillo- one of the smartest bean counters on base, she is a great advocate for us at the squadron when it comes to pay. Although she may be soft-spoken (we’re talking quiet like the girl on Pitch Perfect), don’t let that fool you. She’s been known to cut you off in her little racecar because you’re not going at the speed of light. I wouldn’t want to try and race her at a stop light.

TSgt Debra “Nikki” Mendez- arguably the most popular boom on social media, excluding the stalkers, she’s not just a pretty face. She’s a talented writer, singer, and model. When she’s not busy with that, you can find her on Corando working with the Navy as a contractor.

TSgt Andrew “Andy” Robinson- a former KC10 boom and flight engineer, he has acquired a peculiar choice for flight meals. Perhaps the KC10 has more options to where you can have your lunch and not subject others to the noxious smells of it. Once, he brought a lunch so foul, the crew almost jettisoned it from the aircraft. The sextant port was opened. Pilots had to declare an IFE. Children on the ground were crying. It was that bad. However, word on the street is, he has gotten better. When not wearing his flight cap (seems he doesn’t have one) he exchanges it for a cowboy hat and is up in the skies piloting for the US Marshalls.

TSgt Jonathan “JP” Pettway- a switched was flipped and JP has soared! Perhaps he was inspired by some country song or had a coming to Buddha moment. Who knows, but whatever the cause, it worked. He has an insatiable appetite for learning and being the best of the best of booms. It’s really been incredible to watch his growth and seeing him develop into a strong NCO and soon to be evaluator in our squadron. Keep on keepin’ on!

TSgt Victoria “Vika” Johnson- a classic rags to riches tale, Vika started as a gate guard at March ARB (the only one who’d smile at you) to now a zipper-suited sun goddess. Our second Roosky in the 336th, in order to be culturally sensitive, we exchanged one of the water fountains for a vodka one. Her excitement of being a boom is fun to see and she takes every opportunity she can to be up in the air.

TSgt Matt “OD” O’Daniel- has packed up and left for Arkansas. We honestly can’t blame him. I’m sure the dollar exchange is better in comparison to California. He enjoys the simple days out there now, riding his lawn mower on endless fields of grass. Watch out for those twisters!

TSgt Alex Vaughn- our recent hire from active duty, he has braved the transition into the Reserves by taking a full-time job in Plans. Although this may be more of an extension, we do appreciate you taking one for the team! Welcome to the RRATS! P.S That Dodger’s flyover was off the chains!

SSgt Abel Vital- the newest Sheriff with San Bernardino County, he is like Chase and is “on the case!” He walks around a little taller and holds his head a little higher now. Except in a brief. You can usually find him constantly dozing off then. You’d think because of this new job, he’d be hyper-vigilant and not draw attention to himself. Even the base cops have caught him slipping up and he has been sighted handing over his license and registration. Silliness aside, we are proud of you and do feel safer at night, knowing you’re on watch.

SSgt Ian Tamayo- has won every damn squadron and wing award there is available. At this rate, he might make Chief one day and still win “Airman of the Quarter.” He recently purchased a home, so I’m sure his wife is thrilled about the amount of wall space required to accommodate all his accolades. This guy is borderline like Mary Poppins.

SSgt Isaiah Green- like Dwight from The Office, he demands respect and is a bit naïve. His first day as an ART, he self-assuredly walked into Chief’s office to point out that some of the tasks he was asked to do, were not in the description of his job duties. You can imagine how well that went over. Green finds himself now running every tedious, mundane task “within” his duties. He also is the classic airman who drives one of the most expensive cars, whose license plate bears “GMUNY1.” We’re happy you feel the pay you receive as an enlisted ART is worthy of such display.

SSgt Caryl Amour- the trifacta boom operator, Caryl, like Pokémon, has collected them all: KC10, KC46 and now the KC135. She comes to us from New Jersey and recently finished (and crushed) her training in Altus. Her energy and spirit are contagious and we’re happy to have you with us. Welcome to the RRATS!

SSgt Andres “Panda” Galura- the wee boom of the squadron, it’s evident he recently acquired his driver’s license two years ago. To this date, he has hit a parked car, run over a raccoon and turtle, and flipped a couple of golf carts. NBD. Because of this, the pilots, if crewed with him, are now the drivers when TDY. When we hired him, we thought we’d have a DD for a while, but it looks like the joke is on us. We even wonder if his parents know exactly what he does. Rumor has it, his mom wrote him a sick note and our commander had to send out a permission slip so he could go TDY.

SrA Cooper Strople- is working on his college degree and pulling a ton of alert. He sits so frequently now, he resides in the alert room, has a mailbox on base, and has depleted the Commissary of hot pockets. His car also has the same mileage and max speed as an alert vehicle. The alert life can be rough, but he can be found around the squadron, helping us out with stuff. It’ll get better Coop! One day, you’ll PSC!

SrA Gilbert “Gibby” Garcia- with the refined palate of a three-year-old, never ask Gibby where he wants to go to eat when on the road with him. Just ask the hostess for the kid’s menu and everyone’s happy. The months are getting hot here in California, which means we don’t see much of him due to his job in HVAC. Get dem monies and we’ll see you in the winter!

Retired:

CMSgt Apphia Gomes- retired in September after 21 years of service. She started active duty in Fairchild, crossed over to the WA ANG, and then finally made her way back home to California in the Reserves. Her achievements are beyond impressive, and we are so fortunate to have had her. Even though she has hung up her flight suit, she remains in the local area, working for Metrea and the sim. She’s a refuge for sound advice and continuously extends her vast knowledge of the 135 to us. We love still seeing you around!

SMSgt Jon Brown- retired in June after 23 yeas of service, John started in the KS ANG as a mechanic and then discovered the boom life was better. He landed in Fairchild, active duty, PSC’d to Mildenhall, and then came to California where the RRATS obviously snatched him up. John’s kind spirit and wisdom brought a balance to the squadron. He plans on leaving the area for the Inland Northwest with his family. We wish you the best John!

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

912 ARS

“Vipers...Fear the Venom”



SrA Caelan Beardsley:

SrA Beardsley is a little on the quiet side, think opposite of Liu. He is our high-time mission boom in the unit that just won't upgrade (it may have something to do with the stumble he had during his requal). However, we trusted him enough to let him fly on his own again and send him back out on the road again.

TSgt Travis Burnett:

The strong silent type, TSgt Burnett will steal your sole away with a look as he gives you a check ride making even the most seasoned Boom question their every move. Not really. But he does do a bang up job as the 912th's most seasoned evaluator and held down the fort as the Operations Superintendent for almost a year.

SrA Marco Gutierrez-Benitez:

Save some for the rest of us Marco! Sra Gutierrez...I mean SrA Benitez...Marco is our unit's high-time flyer for the booms this year. After cross training from SF and completing his MCT, we sent him out to the Deid immediately so he could experience a real crew dog deployment. Now he's creeping up on flying hours of booms who have been in twice as long as he has. (Trying to upgrade soon Marco?) The deployment finally got Marco to break out of his shell after being shell shocked initially from his cross training. Now you can find Marco marching through the halls of the squadron from the scheduling office ordering NCOs & Officers alike to fly local sorties and TACC taskers for him.

SrA Nasia Harris:

Promote this Airman Now! At least that's what the Commander thought when he signed her EPB with a PN. SrA Harris got to the 912th and has been a hard charger from the very beginning and has been a staple within the training office. She's been doing such a wonderful job that the Commander decided to give her a promotion (not a stripe) TACTICS! Ask Nasia how she feels about this manning move and she'll be the first to tell you how thrilled and excited she is (insert sarcastic remark here). Sorry Nasia, but the Air Force expects you to work on your "SAM". We know she'll do great things in there and perhaps may even find a passion for tactics!

SrA David Liu:

What can we say about SrA Liu that hasn't been said before....O ya, noise, noise, noise, noise, noise, noise, noise, noise. Wait, that's been said already. By this point everyone in the -135 fleet probably know that SrA Liu is a

BIIIIIIG talker. We've started getting some use out of the many many words that comes out of his mouth by upgrading him to instructor, but even that wasn't enough, so we threw him into Plans where he is locked in a vault all day. SrA Liu is doing some big things in the Plans office and is helping write some STRATCOM guidance among other things so at least we know he is being useful in that office.

SSgt Juan Morales:

SSgt Morales is loving March ARB and California. So much so that he is Palace Chasing and joining the Utah ANG. WTF JC! He's probably sick of writing 1206s & EPBs so he decided that a change was necessary. JC has been the lynch pin in the Training shop for some time now so his replacement will have big shoes to fill. JC isn't afraid to speak his mind either. Catch him at the next CC/Chief's all call asking leadership the tough questions to answer. Sorry, but if you didn't want JC coming at you with questions you shouldn't have opened the floor up for everyone!

SSgt Josh Rials:

SSgt Rials came to the 912th and was immediately booted out of the building to go work in Current Ops. After spending about a year in the office it was time to upgrade him and bring him back to the squadron. Initially some of the newer booms were welcoming Josh to the 912th and he had to remind them that he's been here for over a year now. He's now the NCOIC of Scheduling so this might be the first time in his career that he has been someone's supervisor. Good luck Josh and as Chief would say, "don't fuck it up".

SrA De'Vante Wells:

Senior Airman of the Air Force De'Vante Wells. This man should've promoted 2 years ago, but he didn't submit for his Air Medals and missed the cut off by less than 1 point! If you're trying to find De'Vante then look no further than Stan/Eval as he recently became the squadron's newest EB. Not in Stan/Eval you say? Go check out the gym where De'Vante can be seen spiking volley balls through the fabric of people's souls when he's not giving his NCOIC orders.

Arrivals

MSgt Lucas Treat:

Coming to us from the Midwest where he has literally spent his entire 18-year career (McConnell, Altus McConnell, Altus). Glad he was finally able to get a different assignment, even if he was the 3rd best option (the first 2 MSgts with orders to March got out of their assignment). Welcome Lucas, happy to have you with the Viper team.

SSgt Austin Buller:

SSgt Buller came to us from Mildenhall and hit the ground running. We even had to get a waiver for him to put on his new stripe prior to completing ALS. In which he walked away with the Levitow! Damn Austin, slow down, you're making the rest of us look bad! SSgt Buller just refused to slow down though so we booted him from the squadron and sent him packing to the Group CC to be the new exec up there. Watch out SrA, better not cross SSgt Buller. He will be sure to pull the "Brown Book" on you and remind you of your expectations and responsibilities.

SSgt Dejahnay Fort:

SSgt Fort is newly arrived from the CoE and has just recently completed her requal/MCT after being a penguin for 3 years. With the robust curriculum they are teaching at the schoolhouse now we thought that mission planning would be a good fit for her, and she hasn't looked back since. She couldn't wait to get back out on the road again, so we sent her on a TDY to knockout her last remaining MCT items. What's that? They cancelled the only remaining event she had left, and she still got to go have fun on the road? That's fine, we'll get your Hot Pit when you get back.

SrA Jordan Carr:

SrA Carr joined us from Mildenhall and gave us another IB. When he's not sitting the desk in scheduling, he's out hacking the mish. He recently had a run in with a F-18 on the BDA (literally). How would you respond if a hose wrapped around the basket with < 2 seconds to react?

SrA Christopher Clement:

SrA Clement PCS'd in from Kadena and we stuck him in mission planning upon MCT completion. Thought we were going to need a waiver for his Pre-CFIC folder pushing into his MCT, but Chris cried uncle and opted for a later date to upgrade. Planning to send him early next year so standby for further results.

SrA Jordan Watson:

Can we get this man some more TDYs please? SrA Watson is usually the first to volunteer when a good trip drops into G2. That's ok, he needs the hours. Recently found out that Jordan is a boxer, but after looking at his 1.5 mile time it's questionable of how many rounds he can go.

Departures

SMSgt Myron Somero:

Who? That man was barely here! J/K, SMSgt Somero was very much missed after his departure especially since he left a void within the unit. Seriously, no Ops Sup almost a year! The Vipers stood up and helped out where needed though, dual hatting, even triple hatting roles throughout the unit until their replacements came in. We see Myron from time to time whenever we get an opportunity to travel to Fairchild where he is now the 384th ARS/SEL.

TSgt Jacob Kime:

We haven't seen any post on the Amn/NCO FB page so that must mean that TSgt Kime isn't cursing out young trainees too excessively. Jacob is finishing up his remaining DSD assignment as a BMT MTI. Back to the basics! Hoping to get him back in our boom force soon so he can get back to doing the job that made him happy in the Air Force.

TSgt Garrett Peirce:

TSgt Peirce is now molding the young CEA minds at the CoE. When he's not teaching, he's impersonating a DV and getting flight meals served to him from future EMAs. Schoolhouse has its perks it seems. He can also be found posting pictures of his new Taco Truck on SnapChat or working on his sneaker collection.

SSgt Jonathan Meshaw:

After finally completing his IB upgrade after his 3rd attempt SSgt Meshaw got order to Pope AFB shortly after. We have no idea what he is doing out there and pretty sure he has no idea either. Hope all is well out there for you Meshaw, whatever it is you're doing.

SSgt Ryan Hortman:

SSgt Hortman has finally made his exit from the Air Force and we're pretty sure he's out there somewhere with a smile on his face since he's no longer doing boom duties and instead doing some of that "pilot shit". Still in the local area he is back at flight school completing the remaining certifications he needs to begin his next career as either a commercial pilot or a CFI.

SSgt Conner Brown:

Conner left the Air Force so fast that he forgot his FEF in Stan/Eval. Not exactly sure where he is these days, but hope is plans to be an EMT worked out for him.

SSgt Taylor Manz:

SSgt Manz was approaching his HYT so he decided now is the time he would put in the work to finally get promoted and it worked! What happened after surprised us all. Why did you want to be promoted Taylor? To separate and go to an accelerated flight school to get your license and become a commercial pilot? I guess working at a reserve base does that to people. Taylor and his wife moved to sunny Clearwater Beach, FL where he is working on the next chapter in their lives. Just don't ask him for Fantasy Football advice as he is not very smart when it comes to football knowledge. The crop top and belly button ring is all the proof you need.

SSgt Alex Vaughn:

Alex is STIIIIII not an IB. However, he did finally make TSgt...he's just no longer active duty. He is now a traditional reservist with the 336 ARS. I guess they will promote anyone these days! He also has a job with Matrea with the hopes of flying for them one day. He just needs to become an IB first and build some instructor hours. Good luck Alex, you'll be heading to Altus eventually...even if just for a short period.

SrA Aaron Frerichs:

Aaron made the decision to Palace Chase and is now awaiting his training date to cross train into the ANG in Minnesota to become a C-130 Loadmaster. We wish him the best and hopefully he'll have plenty of time to work on his golf swing while in the guard life. In the meantime, feel free to place a bet against him on the golf course...should be a pretty good investment and ROI, especially when he's throwing putters in the pond and buying brand-new Scotty Camerons to help improve his game (it's not).

McConnell AFB, KS

344th ARS

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE”



SMSgt Bruce Berglund - The SMSgt previously known as our Senior Enlisted Leader, but professionally known as “Juicy Brucey”, has now left our squadron for the Group. Apparently, the airmen were not multi-capable enough, didn’t remind him of the good old days. Ask him about the ink he got in Greece...

SMSgt Derik Melson (Senior Enlisted Leader) - SMSgt Melson just became our SEL. Loves to preach boom seasoning to the younger guys. If you ever go to a car auction, you will probably see him there as he fixes roughly 15 cars a year. We aren’t even sure if he sells them or if they even belong to him. He certainly doesn’t drive them; I have never seen a grown man so attached to a 2006 Honda Accord.

MSgt Patrick “Blurry” Murray (Operations Superintendent) - As our newly crowned Ops Sup, MSgt Murray’s first act will be to enact draconian laws upon the airmen for not getting a haircut. Corporal punishment is now, not only allowed, but preferred. There is no such thing as a weekend, just extra days in the week to get things done. In all seriousness, the 344th’s judge, jury, and executioner is actually a pretty good guy. He enjoys long walks on the beach, a lovely 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, and taking care of his people.

MSgt Russ Hobbes – Previously the NCOIC of STANEVAL whom has now retired. Probably still driving his Tacoma from the 90’s. They come out with a new one each year Russ, Treat yo-self.

MSgt Christopher Plunkett – rumored to still be in the local area... allegedly on Skill Bridge? Possibly retired? Either way, we see him the same amount.

MSgt Robert Fuller - introduced to all the new guys as “the guy who blew his back out pole dancing TDY”. Always down to party, and mold new instructors. You can catch Fuller walking the halls with the beard of a Greek deity, body of a 12-year-old girl, and the posture of ancient seer. He recently left us for Edwards, we’re awaiting to hear the tales of him using his beard wax to make himself a set of wings and becoming the real-life Icarus.

TSgt Dan Hernandez - Hernandez is currently counting down days until his retirement.....4 years from now. Keeps the Mobility door closed, so we’re not real sure he even works there. When questioned, he always seems to have a physical therapy appointment. It’s in G2 though so you can’t get mad.

TSgt Daris Zimmer – The squadron’s very own ITS enforcer and previous head of Boom Training decided that his strongly worded emails about having the RTM memorized word for word simply would fall on deaf ears. His solution? Join the dark side so he can have that butter bar on his shoulder, seriously congrats on OTS. Certainly, we will all listen to him now.

TSgt Mark Hurd - Hurd is our resident MCA. He’s an instructor boom, financial counselor, entrepreneur, and “pro” top golfer. He keeps growing his family to spend as little time at work as possible, but when he is here you can catch him putting the training shop on his back, or going on romantic lunch dates with his BFF, SSgt Frazier.

TSgt Killian Waitforit Stone – Might be her real name, might not, but it’s dope so who cares. She has taken full control of the Readiness shop, but just defers to Ms. Wendy anyways. Just waiting for that one bad day to push the retirement button and spend all her time with her new pup.

TSgt Challis “Chall Pal” Landsberg – She has the privilege of keeping track of all our inbound airmen. God gives his toughest battles to his strongest warriors. Better her than us. TSgt Landsberg is always down to help anyone who needs it, just be sure she’s had her coffee first.

TSgt Nicholas Snyder – Coming from the AC-130, TSgt Snyder has settled into the squadron as our Scheduling NCOIC. He has been on baby leave for longer than the duration of his wife’s pregnancy. Nice guy though.

TSgt Jake Spencer – Lost to the WIC, TSgt Spencer is forever in our hearts and minds as the IB that will softly place you to sleep as he tries his best to act like a Boeing engineer. Apparently, the dude is so metal though.

TSgt Mitchell Lambrecht – Standing in the shadow of his brother’s, Capt Lambrecht, wicked sideburns, Mitch decided to leave McConnell and head up to the WIC in Fairchild. Now he can stand in the shadow of TSgt Spencer instead!

SSgt Cornelius Frazier - This guy does it all. EB, shoulder to cry on for young airmen who want more awards, Warzone competitor. Participant? Attempter? He likes his spread.

SSgt Carlos Javier Lampon-Torres - The 2008 Runner-Up for the “Dos Equis Most Interesting Man Award”. Carlos has done it all. The most interesting man you’ll never meet, where is this guy? School teacher, construction worker, instructor boom, star on Discovery Channel’s “Deadliest Catch”... alleged World Poker Champion and, procurer of rare and exotic goods.

SSgt Rodell Ubungen – After witnessing this man run up walls and jump to insane heights during Boom PT, we have concluded that he fights crime at night. You may have heard of this guy called “Batman,” what you did not know, is that “Batman” is based on a true story. SSgt Rodell Ubungen is that true story. This guy is the USAF’s hidden weapon. He’s got a serious repertoire. You know, like nunchuck skills, bow hunting skills, computer hacking skills, etc.

SrA Peyton “Wolf” Moeggenberg – Although he looks like he’s gonna punch you in the face just for looking at him, he’s actually just a huge softy. A pushover, really. When he isn’t picking up heavy things and putting them down at the gym, you’ll find Peyton in the Exec shop getting a good mental pump by reading regs like a good boy.

SrA Carson Delano – Caution: Has been known to puke on pizzas and during Squadron Rolls Calls. Has also been known to spill beverages and laugh extremely loud during the reading of medal citations. Will not sell his 2004 Dodge Grand Caravan that will only run bi-annually. Priorities are perfect. Promote now.

SrA Conner “Apache” Achtzehn – This guy would be the absolute worst salesman ever as he is still working to close his first sale. Conner sent his application to “The Bachelor” and the Utah ANG and for reasons unknown, he didn’t get picked for either. Instead, he got upgraded to instructor as an AIC and got a sweet new motorcycle.

SrA Jordan Brown – Jordan is leaving to open plains for something a little more concrete, by concrete I mean New York. He will be headed out with his new family to be closer to his own family.

SrA James “TROUSERS” Mejchar - After years of wearing his BMT-issued boots with every outfit, James is now the proud owner of a brand-new pair of Redwings after being peer pressured by three separate crews at Red Flag to buy them. This is the professional development that we need in our Air Force.

SrA Jasmine Miller – Known to coordinate a practice emergency separation, “30 minutes after contact,” on a check ride. Jasmine is holding down the safety shop, going to college and preparing herself for instructor upgrade.

SrA Bayden “S-10” Stoltenburg-Wills – Surely one individual could not pass out in the lobby of the Shogun Inn, wake up in a pool of slobber, accidentally destroy a sake bar’s toilet, and traverse the rooftops of Oki City all in one TDY, right? The stuff of legend to be sure, but probably made up... S-10 recently upgraded to instructor, and we couldn’t think of a better guy for it.

SrA Orion Tyra- When he isn’t messing up everyone else’s schedule, or missing the events that he scheduled for himself, you can find SrA Tyra is pursuing his goal to be a motivational speaker, marketer, and real estate mogul. He even keeps a picture of Dr Phil in his wallet for motivation.

SrA Juan Boykin - “Is he still in the Air Force?” Counting down the days until he gets out, Juan is working his skill bridge with Google. He once told us that his life goal was to work for Google after he watched “The Internship”.

SrA Brandon “McNugget” McDowell - If you were to walk into STAN/EVAL, you wouldn’t have to look very hard to find Brandon’s desk. Not just because it is right in the front, but because his desk houses approximately 15 Happy Meal toys. This guy could be standing under a waterfall in the Garden of Eden, sun shining, birds singing, and be upset that he can’t play “The Amazing Spiderman” on his PS5. On the bright side, he made BTZ.

SrA Thomas Bright- Never seen someone try to pick their own callsign not just once, but twice. After being given a hard no on, “The King,” Thomas decided a better option would be, “Colonel Darkness”, because that’s his name on Steam or something? A true smooth talker, always looking to make a deal. He WAS a used car salesman after all... Weaseled his way into being the boom event coordinator, wheeling and dealing with local businesses to get the best steals out there. That was 6 months ago and we’re still waiting for a boom morale event...standard.

A1C Cord Nakaahiki- “Naka... Nakaaaaaaaahyk???... Well, not gonna work here anymore anyway...” We don’t know much about this guy because he never speaks. In the wise words of Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., aka Lil Wayne, “real G’s move in silence like lasagna,” and Naka lives by that. Dude has flown more hours in a quarter than he has spoken words in a fiscal year and is always a top contender for our “High Time Flyer.”

SrA Nicole “Drako” Kleymenov - If you or a loved one has ever thought about jumping someone in the women’s restroom at a bar, you better hope you don’t pick Nicole. If you ever find Nicole in line at a public restroom, please do not cut in front of her. If you do you may be entitled to compensation after you finish picking up your teeth following her one punch power. Excellent boom operator, crazy cat lady, instructor upgrade is coming next.

SrA Jacob Witt – Either taking leave to go see his *alleged* girlfriend that lives in Canada or playing video games. Might show up to work, probably not though. I think he's a boom operator..?

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

349 ARS

“Bandits”



SEL- MSgt Andrew “Lav” Lavender

Showed up to the 349th from SOAR with the intentions on dethroning Mike Fulton and taking his job. Clearly, he succeeded and the Bandits are better for it. However, since he has shown up all he does is enforce rules on patches and PT. Probably to blue for his own good.

Operations Superintendent- MSgt Jon “Chuckles” Lauterbach

This guy works way to hard for someone who “doesn’t want to promote”. Recently moved jobs three times (probably wasn’t good at any of them) but took over a job where he can stay away from people to the max intent. It’s a win win situation for all.

Operations Flight Chief- TSgt Nathaniel “Nat” Forrider

Honestly its kind of tough to write anything bad about this dude. He literally shows up and shows out. For those who know this guy, please if you have any dirt call 349th leadership, Nat is to good to be true.

Squadron CC Exec- TSgt Jessica Harrell

Jess is a “Swiftly”....enough said. Honestly, Jess is trying her hardest to stay on the flying schedule, but somehow always gets the “development” jobs.

Scheduling Team

SrA Ryan “IRIS” Terry

Ryan is truly spare parts, he has the IQ of a genius but the common sense of an infant. Supposedly has the highest ASVAB out of all the booms, but a lot of good that has done him. The dude literally needs an adult in all areas of his life.

SrA Vincent Massie

Vincent is Terry’s partner in crime, and they are joined at the hip. However, Vincent is with out a doubt the best escape artist in the 349th and probably should stop licking door knobs since he is on quarters more than any boom ever. Apparently has a “coffee business”, more than likely some form of illegal operation.

NCOIC of Tactics- SSgt Paul “EYAS” Johnson

Paul just recently broke up with his first girlfriend ever. Predictable, since he was basically smothering her. He took the breakup so hard that he volunteered to go to Altus. I hope the 56th ARS is ready for a lot of students to get yelled at.

Tactics Team

SrA Tyler Adkins

Good ‘ol Texas boy. Just recently graduated IB upgrade with probably the most Unsats you can get and still pass. Turned down his assignment to Travis, and honestly that base is probably better for it.

SrA Edwin Perez

This guy is like serial killer quiet. Not much you can really say about him, but I guess ever mission boom thinks his sister is hot. More to follow.

SrA Andrew “Who?” Hare

Probably has an attendance somewhere around 20%. He is literally on baby leave or hiding somewhere. He was so scared about IB upgrade that he decided to go and tear his ACL in a volleyball game.

Supervisor of Training Operations- SrA Andrew “DAWG” Dawes

Andrew has really been on a tear, he single handedly shut down the ATD here at McConnell with how bad his instruction was. Some how he still won a Wing level award or some non-sense. Also, his callsign is 100% self given, the only “DAWG” thing about Andrew is he isn’t house trained.

Training Team

SrA Karla “Good Deal” Biehl

Easily the SEL’s favorite boom/person. Apparently can do no wrong in anyone’s eyes. Recently received her 3rd EQ “allegedly”. She is so good at being a boom that she is just deciding to get out of the Air Force because “booming” is just too easy for her.

Safety Team

SrA Tyler “Useless” McPherson

How to describe Tyler, simple, the easy way out personified in a person. Surprisingly smart, but beyond lazy. Heading to Travis soon, fair warning to their leadership, this one needs supervision.

SrA Connor “Excuses” Myers

If it wasn’t my fault was a person, it would be Connor. Constantly this guy is almost in trouble, but some how always comes out just fine. Trying his hardest to leave McConnell, but its probably best he stays here.

NCOIC Readiness- TSgt Ian “NAPS” Sweaney

Showed up from Altus in force, but quickly couldn’t hack the Ops Tempo, spends most his days on leave or broken. Which is fine, Ian seems really good at playing supporting roles and hiding in the background. Turns out Ian may be the real “Good Idea Fairy”.

Readiness Team

SrA Amarri Austin

Probably one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. However, he has to be at work for you to meet him. Literally, as I’m writing this, I have no idea where he is.

SrA James Karlson

Recently just had his first kid and named him Jet. No idea where the inspiration came from. Seems to always be going through requal, but hey its keeping the instructors relevant.

SrA Jude Springer

I think Jude is secretly the leader of the SrA Mafia. Honestly a solid dude, and we hate to see him go. Enjoy Travis, you took a good one.

Sra Caleb Heistermann

Without going into safety privileged info, lets just say Caleb is a bit of a cowboy. Caleb is single handedly taking down the KC-46 boom fleet by breaking booms with his eyes closed AR technique. Regardless we decided to upgrade him to IB, God help us all.

Bandit Flight NCOIC- SSgt Matthew Fitzgerald

Matt finally became a 46 boom operator after fighting the man for so long. Apparently no one told him Covid was over though because he always seems to be "teleworking".

Bandit Flight Team**SrA Joe Casillas**

Joe is our newest Bandit, so not a lot of dirt on this guy. However, he drives a Tesla. Which honestly leaves a lot more questions than answers.

Awards and Decorations Team

SrA Brandon “Amish” Van Dyke

Brandon recently got a shaving waiver, though I’m pretty sure his Amish believes would have easily allowed for religious exemptions. One piece of gold I would like to leave here is a recent quote from a pilot that went TDY with Brandon “Truly one of the most confident Boom Operators, however, he is always wrong”

AIC Luke Kim

Luke is a bit of an enigma. His tough “New York” attitude is often conflicting with life in the Midwest. Luke set a record for most flights to get certified for fighters, but no one has the heart to tell him that’s not a good thing.

Attached/On-Loan Team

MSgt Justin “Champagne” Miller

Justin has been hiding over in SOAR and swears that he can’t talk about what he does. Which most of us know is just a way of saying, “I’m never actually at work”. Might have to clear this message with him so it doesn’t get redacted.

TSgt Bruce “Batman” Freed

Bruce is hiding over in Current Ops. We basically got him qualified him on the 46 and then said “here is a job that will get you 0 hours”. Regardless we are upgrading him to a KC-46 IB now, the dude has like a million hours on the 135.

TSgt Jeremy Robinson

Jeremy was part of the duo that helped close down the ATD, more than likely because no one over there actually instructed. However, once coming back to the 349th he realized he hated his boss so much that he worked his own drug deal to go work in the Ops Group. Recently upgraded to Evaluator, and people tend to say “he is a nice guy”

SSgt Jesse Adams

Jesse is our current nuclear subject matter expert. Someone thought it would be a good idea to put the KC-46 nuclear certification in his hands (against everyone’s better judgement). However, most of us are still trying to figure out if he actually knows what he is doing, or are we just that lost when it comes to 801x.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

350th Air Refueling Squadron “RED FALCONS”



Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Anthony Montani – Thanks to Shirley, Montani got to deployed to the Deid for 3 months! He said he worked out every day there and lost 11 pounds. We don't think he did any exercise at all. If he did, in fact, exercise and loss weight, then he might be the first person to lose weight and still look the same.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Antoine Nguyen – Antoine has been sitting as the SEL for the last 3 months and he really enjoys it! Rumor has it when Montani gets back he's going to be Ops Supt so Nguyen can keep yelling at everyone. Love that he called me fat in my entry. Oddly enough he has never had authentic BlackStone Fried Rice. No one can ever understand his stupid French accent the first time around.

Stan Eval:

TSgt RussellHope Marcelo – Russ has finally returned to us after his year at the Wing, where he was a glorified secretary. Oddly enough, he was also able to get the EFDP and make the rooftop! Now that he's back, his hair will fall the rest of the way out. He also had a baby and traded the baby's naming rights in fantasy football, only to get last place and earn that last place punishment. Oh! He also got married or something; no one was invited.

SSgt Jesse Lee – Awful at fantasy football, and we don't know how he is as a boom since it's been so long since he's flown, but hopefully soon! We do know one thing, he's good at keeping books, so he's hanging in Stan/Eval for the time being.

SrA Alexander Bengel – Alex is the modern man. 37 years old, and still posting poop selfies on SnapChat, Papa couldn't be prouder. He recently settled down and moved in with Mama and bought a smoker and puppy! The boys at Pump House are gonna miss him so much in the bathroom stalls.

Training Flight:

TSgt Zach Austin – John Lennon has come back, and he is a boom. Zach has been killing it the past year in Training Flight and deployed as the Ops Supt. How he managed to find time to do all of that and still cosplay as a dead musician we will never know.

SSgt Hector Agosto Rivera – Hector is freshly back to us from CFIC and we already put him to work in DOT. You'll be able to find him there not doing the Letter of X's for 3 months among other things. Looking for great things

from him!

SrA Remington “Hot” Garl – Garl is getting out prett.....oh wait nevermind he just realized this is the easiest job in the world. He is however begging for Altus orders because he’s a huge fan of the Med group down there, or something.

SrA Jacob “Pretty Boy” Denker – Jake came back from CFIC a new man, mainly because he had to reenlist after making a baby. The good news is that she’s a nurse, which is also the bad news since he wants to be a C130 loadmaster. You two will never see each other again, but good luck!

SrA Joseph Dopart – Joey is going to be a 350 alumni soon, but he has been our go to Pre-CFIC hazer....I mean IB. We will definitely miss him and all those memes talking crap about the redeployment that definitely was not him.

Scheduling:

SSgt Erick Gutierrez – Gut loves to take care and mentor his airmen. In fact, he loves them so much that he will put himself on a TDY just to get out of going to their ALS graduations. Way to go, Staff Sergeant!

SrA Gabby Martinez – Coming back from a deployment/TDY, Gabby had the bright idea of landing in civilian clothes and being welcomed back by Wing leadership. Guess no one told her that was a big no-no. Now, she’s the reason why we teach our MCT students they must wear their uniform when landing.

SrA Stephanie Peraza – Saying “Breakaway” can solve a lot of problems! However it is not in Stef’s vocabulary, despite that being a thing she still made to CFIC and apparently is a stellar student.....BREAK....AWAY.

A1C Eli Wilson – A pretty lady once said that Eli looks like a character from Minecraft. Now every time we see his fat head, all we see is Steve. Also, he thought he was a badass and tried trolling our SEL on his first week in the squadron. How did that go, little buddy?

Readiness:

SSgt Joseph “Peep” Kastendieck – He puts the pickle in, well I was going to say pickleball, but he just had a baby so the joke kind of writes itself. His AC made him stand at attention and ask for permission to board the aircraft for every flight during their deployment because that guy hates enlisted. Wife makes great cookies.

SrA Martin Hekking – Cannot fathom how this man is paperthin, when his wife is tied for best cookie making in the Squadron!! Fresh outta CFIC and back to the Squadron to wreck lives and make me fat(ter) again.

A1C Eli Amriott – Eli is trying to join the reserve down at Macdill. However, they keep giving him the stiff arm and haven’t told him when they’ll have the hiring board. Nonetheless, he is very excited to leave the AD life for the reserve... if they end up hiring him.

SrA Charles Cornett – Charlie, Cletus, Gump, SlingBlade, he goes by many names, and now IB is one too. We went pretty hard on him last year so we’ll tone it down a bit, but he is definitely going bald. Not a mean bone in his body.

Tactics :

SSgt Austin “Buff” Buresh – Buff recently just returned from CFIC. As soon as he returned, he got hit with a KC46 RIP. Good thing he just had a baby because he was like, “Nah, bruh. I’m taking baby leave.” Now he’s hoping to go to weapons school. I guess he really wants to earn that patch and learn how to do tactical circles in the sky.

SrA James Plourde – Have you ever seen a puppy get kicked? That’s Plourde every time you tell him no. He will turn his back and walk away from you while looking at the floor. But if you tell him yes, he will also look at the floor, but with a smile.

Safety:

SrA Trissa “Slasher” Bennett – So you know how most people will try to claim as much as possible on their DTS vouchers? Not Trissa! She will claim the least amount possible and pay out of pocket just to get the voucher done as quickly as possible. Girl... Stop! Claim what’s owed to you!

CPI:

SSgt Chris Nesbit AKA “Donni Donati” – What can be said of Don... Last year, he put in for MTI, got picked up, instantly regretted that decision, and tried everything in his power to get out of it. To avoid the same scenario from happening, he volunteered to go 46. Wait... Maybe he did that to get out of his deployment? hummm... Anyway, good luck being an ARO! Your cats are ugly! The People’s Republic loves your TikTok channel.

Awards and Decs:

A1C Sidney Ferguson – Sidney is just way too nice to have anything bad to say about her. We hate it. Hurry up and do something dumb so that we can make fun of you already!

A-Flight:

TSgt Nasia Tollinchi – T is currently on a 6-month A-Staff gig in the Deid, proving that Groups are worthless every single day! We miss her here, but it was a good time for her to be gone, she needed to grow out her hair so we didn’t miss Blue anymore.

SSgt Ben Fedrick – When ask how he is, he will always respond with “Just tired today.” Tired from walking around? Because it sure as hell not from doing any work!

A1C Kelsey Winters – Our newest and only MCT Boom!

B-Flight:

TSgt Tanner “Elf” Niggli – Tanner loved booming so much that he decided to do a 6-month deployment to Al UDeid... Who in their right mind would want to extend and do 6 months in that hell hole? We’re still unsure why he even extended when he also wants to cross-train to be a loadmaster. Whatever, weirdo.

C-Flight:

TSgt Casey Lackie – Ever dealt with someone who loves to bitch and whine, but does not contribute anything meaningful to the organization? Yeah! That’s Casey! Somehow, we still gave him a good deal 6-month deployment to Shaw AFB. We’re just very jealous. We would love to collect full per-diem for 6 months. His dog is great! Miss you Casey.

A1C Darien Brooks – 9A’d

D-Flight:

TSgt Nicole Lodermeier – Nicole decided to talk to the functional about going back to her old career field when he came to McConnell. And in typical fashion, she pulled a “Lodermeier” and was surprised when she received orders back to her career field.

On-Loan 135 (Real) Booms:

CMSgt Aaron Tessmann – He has been looking great since starting the Kansas Meth Diet. Soon he’s going to have to trade it in for the Florida cocaine because he’s on his way to the Panhandle. We hope he can find a Squadron down there to harass about cargo flyaways, because it’s such a useful training tool (it’s dumb). Love you buddy, we’ll miss you!

SSgt Devin Olmedo – Hey! We finally made a SSgt! Let’s ship him out of the Squadron immediately. We hated to give SOAR a good boom, but we owed them after the 4 weeks they had Golbeck. We cannot wait to get him back just in time for the next OTS board.

TSgt Neil Patras (SKOA) – He’s in OGT or something I think? He also wears his stupid ballcap with his flight suit, HATE. Might be the first EB to ever give a commendable on a Q3, fun little carrot to dangle.

SrA Kaleb Brewer – Kaleb is trying to go to the TN Guard, luckily for him we were deployed with those guys and put in ZERO good words for him. He might be in the Squadron more now that he's at the Group than he was when he "worked" in the Squadron.

SSgt Anthony Feist – Where to begin. Can't go to my go-to of "the beard you're growing is shittier looking than the hair you can't grow on his head" because he spent \$15K on hair plugs! They look great though man, no one can tell at all that it's ass hair.

Moved on to Greener Pastures:

Msgt Jeremiah "Blue" Ibarra – Blue had a retirement ceremony on a damn snowday, and still managed to get almost all of the booms in attendance. We miss this dude, but not too much, because he stayed local and still shows up to Hangar Fly every now and then.

MSgt Shon Shirely - Ramathorn left us for Ramstein.

TSgt David Peck

TSgt Sam Martinez – Sam is currently doing nerd SkillBridge stuff and will make more money than all of us soon!

SSgt Madison Sibinski - EGUN

SrA Dallas Marston – Left us to be an ALS Instructor

SrA Dan "Pocket IB" Demma -EGUN

SrA Ariel Golbeck - KSKA

SrA Timothy McCastle – Mr.

SrA Jersey Tomm – Mrs.

SSgt Ave Liaiga – 46 Reservist, probably late on a DTS voucher there too.

TSgt Amanda Skidmore - RODN

SrA Darius Burse – Mr.

SrA Ethan Jasinski – Soon to be 46 Boom in Nebraska, big Don Bacon fan.

SrA Kelsi Steadman - RODN

SrA Kevin Long - KLTS

(S)Sgt/(2)Lt Jon Covey – He's on a golf course somewhere

SrA Chance "Monkey" Hackenburg - EGUN

SrA Tanner "Dema" Redmon – Mr.

A1C Korbin McNeil – I don't even want to talk about losing Capt America...it hurt.

McConnell AFB, KS

18 ARS

“Can Do”



This Unit did not submit

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

905 ARS

“REVEL IN CHAOS”



This Unit did not submit

McCONNELL AFB, KS

924th ARS

“Where it Counts”



This Unit did not submit

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York

914th ARW / 328th ARS



This Unit did not submit

OSAN AB, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

607 Air Operations Center

SABRES

“Fight Tonight”



This Unit did not submit

MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TN

134th ARW / 151st ARS “Sylvester’s Squad”

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



Tommy “Red Wiggler” Cole – Despite the lingering defeat in his failed wrestling career, Chief Cole is still hanging around two years later. He has moved into our SEL seat and appears to be doing all the “high level” meetings these days. At least that is the rumor because no one has seen him lately.

Tyler “Tater” Ott – Still lingering in the Chief seat and heavy lies the crown. With all the constant churn lately, Tater’s been busier than a dog in a hubcap factory. He deployed this past spring just to get a break. He keep shis nose clean, except at the annual boom camping trip, where he typically floats a Miller Latte keg on his own while observing, encouraging, and sometimes participating in the shenanigans from his reclining lawn chair.

Ronnie “Crash” Dixon – Crash has returned after a four-year tour in Germany and to be honest, he came back just a bit more sophisticated. These days he can be found in OGV complaining about how hard it is to retire these days.

Eric “EJ” Jones – The long-awaited promotion to SMSgt has finally arrived for EJ. Congrats to him. Honestly since he quit running 24/7, he isn’t giving us much material to write about these days. Our guess is father time has caught up and he finally had to slow down like the rest of us.

James “Bo” Rogers – Rumor is he works in training these days. I guess his position and area of responsibility has changed but the behavior hasn’t. No one has seen him at work for months. He is most likely at the fire department, or the lake would be our best guess.

Jody "Emperor Penguin" McKee – Our resident "freak in the sheets" is hanging out in Current Ops these days where he spends most of his days looking for his next cushy government job. The man has a lengthy resume of excel products that he has expertly created while sitting at bars on TDY's. If you are interested, I am sure he is willing to help you out with how to use excel to grade bachelors, bachelorettes, etc., feel free to give him a call.

Abe "The Professor" Whaley – Between the sermons on his newfound exploration of religion, his planning yet another hiking vacation-ski trip-or family trip to Michigan, his river plans with Caleb, etc. he "works" in OST now. You can occasionally find Abe in training these days complaining at how hard he is working as the unit fitness program manager. Despite the fact that every one that handled that duty before him accomplished it without it impacting their other work, Abe somehow finds a way to make it last half of every workday and he of course has to be in his workout clothes to do it.

Melvin "Melvo" Brandenburg – Melvo tried to retire last year after a long-distinguished career but failed and had to be extended a year. Honestly it makes sense due to Melvin being slow and deliberate with all his actions. Rumor is FSS is still listening to Melvin tell a story he started last March.

Nick "Sedan" Pierce – Nick has recently transitioned to Wing Plans and his smile hasn't left since finding out. I am not sure if he loves the job or if he just loves that no one around Ops even knows if he is at work on the daily. Decent chance is if he isn't in the vault he is back at Tri-Hop brewing a new delicious beer for our enjoyment. If you are ever in town, I recommend you stop by his place. You may even be able to see Spud working the bar trying to find his next tinder date.

Chris "SpongeBoom" O'Donnell – Sponge is rumored to still be in our squadron but honestly, I think the Rickenbacker unit has seen him more than we have since he made Master and moved to Ohio. Our assumption based upon his track record is he probably has kid number 7 on the way by this point but who is counting? We probably should do a wellness check.

Brian "Brain" Trent – Brain is finally hanging it up and will be retired by the time this publishes. I guess he is going to let the rest of us have a chance now since he won't be around to pose for the ladies anymore. In all seriousness, we will miss him and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Zach "Smokey" Dailey – Bourbon, Miller Lite, Marlboros.....that's all. Seriously, even when in a no smoking Luke Bryan concert with all his people.

Josh "Lunger" Eidson – Josh is still doing his over the road trucking, so we don't see him often. We have a Master stripe coming up soon so we thought he might be around a little more but I guess the draw of the lot lizards is stronger than a promotion opportunity.

Briana "Baby Giraffe" Lindquist – Supposedly Bri is leaving us this winter but none of us believe that since she has told us she is leaving for a decade now. She is also one of the many booms that works in Oak Ridge these days, so no one has seen her in months. Honestly, she may have already retired, and we just didn't notice.

Adam "Estate" Joachim – Due to HIPAA laws, I can't really update you on Adam since our last input. Rumor is he has serious health issues although we see him on every social media platform counting his real estate earnings and he appears to be in good health to us.

AJ "Cuz" Rodriguez – Cuz has finally gotten a grown-up job after pursuing his pilot dreams on the civilian side for the previous couple years. If you know him, you are probably slightly concerned about this, but we do wish him well but at the same time we are all probably going to be taking some driving vacations for the next few years. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Cuz nickname yet again. It is probably one of the best stories we have ever heard, and I honestly can't share it here but please ask him about it as you see him out on the road.

Cory “Bogs” Barton – The ol’ chicken farmer is close to finishing that pipe-fitting apprenticeship out at Y-12 National Labs. We are trying to spin him up for IB school, but he speaks so slow we’re not sure how much he could really teach a student on a 2.8 in AR633 ... especially since every flight begins with a deep dive into the vagaries of heirloom chicken breeds.

Billy “Wounded Knee” Bush – Wounded Knee is now Wounded Pee-Pee. He just had baby number 3 (congrats!) and subsequently got himself snippy snipped to prevent any such future events. He and his RZR are still livin’ their best lives in that trailer up on the burnt-out ridge.

Marshall “King Size” Sanner – Always the ladies’ man, Sanner went on a Caribbean cruise with a buddy and came home with a live-in girlfriend. Then he deployed immediately after moving her in ... classic enlisted man behavior! He better watch out though, “Spud” Edlin was making eyes at Sanner’s daughter when she came out to meet the redeployment jet. Rumor is she thinks Spud looks super-cute in his flight suit.

Wesley “Fire Marshall” Taylor – Our resident good-time Charlie. Apparently, 2 hours of pattern work recently wasn’t a good enough time for him, so he fired up some Netflix. An IB in attendance on said flight was not amused and remedial training followed. But, hey, at least he’s all caught up on Gilmore Girls.

Joshua “Stewey” Leatherwood – This one suckles at the teat of the LTMPA non-stop. We are trying to prep him for IB school, but he is always broken somewhere in the Pacific on higher headquarters missions. In all fairness, he did run a portion of our annual cargo training, and his performance was middling but passable.

Jacob “Mute” Whitten – Jake got himself one of those cushy gub’mint jobs out at Y-12 Labs, so we don’t see too much of him these days. He did (sort-of) deploy this past spring but spent half the deployment DNIF in Germany and the other half of it mute after his 3 beers at the Fox Bar. Rough life.

Hunter “Dale” Ricks – Hunter has been working on a 20x20 deck on his house for about 6 months now. Apparently, he thinks he has the nicest deck in town and wants everyone to come sit on his deck. But, for some reason, he just can’t get it quite right. It has a couple weird angles, and he needed the help of several other booms one recent weekend handling the wood. After a lot of hammering and nailing, they finished Hunter’s deck.

Terrence “The Rev” Mull – Another Y-12 National Lab worker who disappeared once he got hired out there. He did take a trip up to Elmendorf for a week and while everyone else was out seeing everything that Alaska has to offer, T-Mull was seeing everything the Broken Blender had to offer. He posted up there on the first night and for the next week only left to sleep before returning for morning Mojito’s.

Richard “Chicken” Checchin – Our prior sailor-boy in the boom shop. He looks back fondly at his time as a seaman. On a recent deployment, he decided to go to the Souks and procure himself a traditional Arab thobe, ghutra, and egal and then walk around in his new clothing. A good time was had by all.

Josh “Postman” Osborne – We all like to let loose on those stopovers coming back from the desert. Ozzy recently went all in and found himself naked and afraid in a hotel hallway without a key to his room. It was a lonely walk to the front desk for a replacement.

Gage “Chug” Seymour – We bought his books, sent him to IB school, and then he put in to be a pilot. Good riddance. He has the morals of an alley cat ... printing out photos of his wife in bikinis and hanging them in the fire trucks at his downtown firefighter job. Good luck at UPT Chug.

John “Candy Crush” Pollard – John ditched the USPS to deploy this past spring as a staffer ... one marvels that the crews had any paperwork at all. He enjoys Dr. Peppers, spending all his money on guns, and long walks up people’s driveways to deliver their Amazon packages.

Colton “Spud” Edlin – A recent addition who came to us via the HARM shop. He is obsessed with Toyota 4Runners and wearing gold chains in civvies. His moustache is terrible. We call him Spud because he is Tater’s mini-me, following him around everywhere like a little puppy.

Luke “Teach” Edwards – Pollard is no longer the oldest SSgt in the squadron. That honor now resides with Luke. Luke spent some time in the regulars way back in the day but decided after being a high school math teacher for many years that TDY beer and chicken wings in “the guards” was a better deal than explaining polynomials to Gen-Z Tik-Tok influencers.

Tyler Ryan – FNG off active duty. We shall break him and report back.

Taylor Webb – Normal people fear snakes and spiders, Taylor fears crew entry chute grates. One viciously attacked him during an alert response and sent him to the hospital with a 3-inch gash across his pretty boy forehead, disfiguring him for life. Though his wound has healed, his Tinder account numbers have yet to recover.

Jonah “LBP” Parham – Jonah deployed earlier this year and hit the gym every day. He lost 40lbs. (Bravo!) Alas, he has regressed to his former self after returning home, accepting a chicken nugget eating challenge. He ate 70 nuggies in a single sitting and then proceeded to puke in the Ops parking lot. Right on track for full time employment.

Demoted to Pilot:

1LT Andrew “Lloyd” Weber: Weber has been back from pilot training for a short time and got a flying gig outside the wire almost immediately following his MCT. He recently deployed for several months for us, but no one has seen him in the two months since our return.

Capt Kevin Crigger: Crigger recently transitioned to the Chief of Current Operations to take over the 1000 changes that Lt Col Swanson started implementing in his short tenure. We wish him well, but it isn’t stopping all of us complaining on the daily about the changes.

Lt. Col. Jason Reed: Jason went thru Altus in 2000, and was commissioned in 2005. He was a full timer but has since went off to the greener pastures of the airlines. On the rare occasion, and I mean rare, that he is here he 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 finally got his 20 and let his job at NGB go just to roll right into an AGR job here temporarily running Current Ops. By temporary, I mean he got hired at the airlines shortly after starting which comes close to breaking his previous record of resigning a full time job faster than any previous pilot.

Retired in the Local Area : Chad Cheatwood, Andrew Burrell, 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)

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“SABERCATS”



CMSgt Mike “G-Rod” Girouard – G-Rod is our extremely industrious Chief Boom and established Peruvian chicken connoisseur. His mind is like a steel trap, his computer is probably full of several hundred highly-detailed excel spreadsheets complete with pictographs and hieroglyphics, his desk is covered in ceramic chickens. He’s willing to go the extra mile to make his point known. He lives for the people, he yearns for the people!

SMSgt Jimmy “This is why I stay in!” Doyle – Our own local legend. If you don’t know who he is by now, just look (or listen) for the old guy with the Boston accent or whateva. His text size is as big as his personality. We can all recount endless tales of Jimmy lore and he hasn’t even retired yet. If you lose him, check the nearest clammin’ beach or Irish Pub, but don’t expect him to evah move. He’s nevah leavin’!

SMSgt Al Beaulieu “Precious” – Extremely nervous, approach with caution. Loves to patrol the OGV coffee bar and catch unsuspecting pilots not emptying the coffee pot. We love his end of year Precious Productions, which he may have to start leaning into more heavily. Very worried that Rick Taylor is after his job. Which he should be...because he is.

SMSgt Daryl McPhee – Busted his kneecap doing normal human things the second day of Red Flag...fitting since he is officially now a Senior. Rumor has it he’s giving Aunt Jemima a run for her money in the maple syrup business. “Uncle Daryl’s Mostly Real Maple Syrup” sure has a nice ring to it.

SMSgt Brett Peterson – Quiet and unassuming, likes to sit in the corner and scare people who don’t realize he’s there until he rustles the recycling bag full of energy drink cans under his desk. He loves flying with students and mentoring so much that he might just be the Chief Boom one day. Golfs a lot, probably sucks at it though. His brother is funnier than he is, we all hate that for him.

SMSgt Rick “BRE” Taylor – Big Rick Energy was blessed with a new nickname before he was even hired, probably to wash that Jersey stank off him. They lost out big time and keep crying for him back. We’re taking good care of him now and he’s got Al’s job to look forward to.

SMSgt Chris “Stormy” Storm – We’re glad he recovered from the carbohydrate incident. He enjoys either ruining people’s day on the interstate or organizing professional development opportunities for our fine group of aviators. We look forward to these team-building exercises each year. He likes his contacts extra firm and his ceiling panels on the floor. (I’m so sorry don’t arrest me please.)

MSgt Sean Avery – He has a nickname or five that we probably shouldn’t divulge here. But trust us in saying that he has earned every one of them. We still appreciate his unparalleled wit and stinging sarcasm. Someone has to be the a**hole, right? Oops, I said we wouldn’t divulge...anyway. He spends more time in Europe than he does at home, which might be why he’s been significantly less cranky this year. Enjoys leaving teeny weenie gifts in your flightsuit. Don’t ask him for treats from overseas, he’ll let them melt in his 1970’s rusted out Forerunner for 2 months before remembering to give them to you.

MSgt Natalie “Whatever it takes” Belongie – We love Natalie, even though she runs a lot. Like more than an any normal human should. Much more than any boom should. She single-handedly got her shop an excellent grade during an inspection...you figure it out. When she’s not at the office, she’s probably out in the woods squatting in a foxhole beside Pack, or on Nantucket show-boating Pack to the sweater-vest tourists. That dog is so full of himself at this point, she completely spoiled him. We’d still throw Natalie off a bridge for him though. But training would be in shambles without her.

MSgt Nick Bertell – When he’s not dominating Rocket League at his Flight Safety job, he can be found talking to literally anyone at a bar or restaurant critiquing espresso martinis. He loves long walks on the beach, a good pedicure, spreading democracy and Brazilian women.

MSgt Diana “D” Carr – D is a closet hippy who enjoys motorboating, woodland foraging, and feeding chipmunks to her giant Maine coon, Gooch, in that order. She leaves random woodland surprises on her desk for unassuming personnel to find and say “hey what’s this? I think I’ll sniff it,” resulting in a straight shot of spore to the brain. This is how The Last of Us began. D is a born leader – she leads the 64th’s most experienced booms right out of active duty and into the Guard. We love D, everybody needs some D.

MSgt Jay Inglis – Jay drinks way too much caffeine. For the love of God and your children, please take care of yourself, Jay.

MSgt Kevin “KJ” Johnson – KJ is our resident Chef and breadmaker. The sourdough kind, not the moneybags from Boston kind. He rallies all of Ops with morale-boosting lobster boils on the patio while we gaze on at our ramp full of shiny new hangar queens. We know our moldy old lunches will be taken care of thanks to KJ’s dedication to refrigerator hygiene. Always ready to greet passers-by with a nod and a “sup” from his open-concept exec desk. A fine operator indeed.

MSgt Mary Lux – When she’s not busy body-shaming her workout clients, she’s terrorizing young booms as a somewhat newly appointed instructor. When she’s not busy doing either of those things, she’s taking long, romantic walks on the beach with Lark. Lark is a horse. She’d rather hang out at the beach with a horse than with us. We suppose she uses this time to reflect on how to further charm us all into liking her more, which is simply not possible.

After some thought, we understand. Go forth and beach with your horse, Mary.

MSgt Keith Prochaska – Quite the ornery fella. He’s dressed down numerous new 64th members and fellow Aircrew alike and takes fervent pleasure in it. Not even our Chief is safe. When he’s not screaming at new pilots, he’s busy running the scheduling shop and not doing his PME. Has been known to frequent shady card shops to fulfill his degenerate gambling problem. If anyone sees him, tell him to get his PME done.

MSgt Matt Rogers – Our resident MPC extraordinaire. Wants so badly for us to not know what he actually does that he hides behind multiple locked doors. Probably choking on a sandwich or something. Has a new top-of-the-line Jeep every week and an arsenal that would make John Wick tear up.

MSgt Nate Tarleton – If you hang around him for not long at all you'll know everything about his previous life as a C-5 Loadmaster. We all know that you got those hours watching ATOC do the work then slept in a hammock for 8 hours on the way to Ramstein, just so you could break on the ramp for a week and spend all your per diem on crappy drinks at the Chili's Too in the KMCC. To his credit, he's a reformed aviator now, providing newbie booms with eternal wisdom and establishing dominance by putting his dirty boots on the furniture.

MSgt Mike Windy – Tactics and pour-over coffee guru. Possibly into yoga. Not sure what else he does down there, probably supervises Matt Rogers eating sandwiches. We're assuming it's super tactical though, since we rarely see him.

TSgt Shantelle Berry – Shantelle is one of our dedicated night-flyers when she's not working her uber important civvie job. What does she do? Nobody knows. Anyway, she seems to have finally realized that kale is gross, judging by the look of utter disgust on her face every time she eats it.

TSgt Matt Dawley – Matt is a big dumb animal, but he's our big dumb animal. He's always breaking a bone or something. Yearns for the surfboard and salty cold waves of New Hampshire's pristine shoreline. Hard working, or at least wants you to think so. Probably cries at sunsets.

TSgt Evan Delhay – We confiscated Evan from AFE and re-trained him as a boom. Evan is equally as smart as he is funny; we'll let him decide whether or not that was a compliment. Nothing bothers him, maybe because being a boom is cake compared to being a Marine and Dad of children that ruin everything. He should impart some of his infinite chill on one of our other former Marines who just can't seem to let it go...

TSgt Brandon Derry – Works about 69 jobs and has an equal amount of college degrees. If only he could put all that knowledge and skill in to being a boom operator...

TSgt Daren Hayes – Hot n' cold, just like that Katy Perry song from 2010 we all wish we could forget. He still runs around the office yelling with a knife hand, and has gone so far as to present said knife hand to poor, defenseless airmen outside of work. We do have to admit, he comes in handy during troop movements. We just set him loose and watch the show. Also, a diligent bar manager, we'd yell a lot too dealing with the JAG trying kill our morale. Seriously though, you're not in the Marines anymore, calm down.

TSgt Fred Horne – Still learning how to ride a bike.

TSgt Kendrick Guerrier – His face is home to a glorious moustache and he loves traveling, just not with us. If you're lucky, you may see him once or twice when you're on the same TDY.

TSgt Ravi Madahar – Can often be spotted with Keith Prochaska at shady card stores. Likes to grumble while he waffles around trying in vain to fix the perpetually broken BOT. So invested in sportsball his wife made a Superbowl bingo card with his favorite exclamations on it. What she didn't put on there was a spot for the bulging aneurysm creeping across his face when he finally realized the Chiefs had won. His dumbfound expression made us all winners that day.

TSgt Jordan Moore – Honorable mention moustache; not as glorious, but definitely creepy. In the running for elite wit and sarcasm, but not quite up to Sean-level. His attitude can be a little stinky and he thinks he knows everything, like when it's okay to do AR without disconnect capability. But he's an alright boom, I guess. Keep talking shit about old people, your 30's are knocking on your back door, my dude.

TSgt Kayla Orner – Wanted to be a pilot, had to settle for being a boom. It's okay, we've all settled at some point. The key is to not let them know that we know that they think they're better than us.

TSgt Sam Rutter – We don't see her much, she's got a lot of important Flight Safety stuff to do. She occasionally joins us for a currency flight and a check ride.

TSgt Ricky Shaughnessy – Ricky hates his civilian job so much, he is always flying, always on Lima, and always down for anything. We wish there was some shitty aspect of his personality or a funny incident we could comment on, but we're drawing a blank. Scheduling's favorite, not an easy feat. Ricky do something funny.

TSgt Dan Taylor – Dan is just an all-around good dude and we have nothing bad to say about him. Except this. If I had to pick one guy in the squadron that most likely has a secret lipstick list and a 20 ft empty well in his basement...it would not be Dan. He probably takes his frustrations out on spicy Reddit threads and arcade games. Or he's OSI.

TSgt Dave White – Dave is the people-iest of people persons. He longs for the good old days in Ramstein, and tries to sleep in his Subaru under the stars on wicked cold nights. A modern Cinderella story; once a burger flipper, now a boom. He learned the hard way to not give his hotel key to other crew members while TDY. Surprised he didn't get pink eye from all the farts drilled into those pillows. God bless Dave for being left on read and giving us BCT.

SSgt Robert Alcocer – Frontman of the popular band GDR, he's a talented musician who makes friends with just about anyone by yelling sports things out loud and starting random jams. Dons an exclusive wardrobe of Buffalo Bills fits. Dude has the quickest comebacks of all time and is totally unphased by it. Thinks being called "Buddy" is an insult, and would fight you over it if he wasn't old enough to know a thing or two, cause he's seen a thing or two.

SSgt Alex Bettcher – Alex is quite reserved, but so was Einstein. Not comparing them or anything, after all, he did sign up to be a boom. But seriously he's the salt of the Earth and has kept everyone in LTMPA sane for the last 2 years. We are stoked to have Alex back in the jet, and we'll soon be celebrating him flying again with a different set of long-term orders...to Altus, USA for IB school. Congrats bud! Well-earned.

SSgt Jacob Cabana – Recently got back from a 6-month all-inclusive stay at Altus. He sure talks a lot and enjoys Dunkin Donuts. Hopefully he'll be a good boom. If not...well, we can always send him back to maintenance.

SSgt Leah Gosselin – Doesn't have time for us losers anymore! She joined the dark side and is a civilian instructor pilot now. Likes to surround herself with hot people, not that there's many of them here.

SSgt Will Gribauskas – Will is an excellent marksman, he trained all his life for it. Very reserved, but there's some sort of ancient wisdom all bundled up in him, we can feel it. Sort of makes us forgive him for being a Masshole.

SSgt Shenna Londoff – I don't get it...

SSgt Eddie Taveras – Yanked him from his cozy maintenance AGR job to go to boom school. Guess he forgot he was hired and still on the books. Oops.

SrA Hector Acevedo – Some say they've seen glimpses of him at drill. Others say they've witnessed his presence on the jet. We don't know you well, Hector, but we want to believe. MAKE US BELIEVE.

SrA Josh Allen – Still don't know who Josh Allen is.

SrA Bryce Parker – Good-natured dude with a bunch of different jobs. Just out there trying his best, which isn't always great, but he's doing it!

SrA Keith Reid – Acts way too mature for a boom. We get the feeling he thinks so too.

SrA Ethan Satow – Juggling school and working part time in Pubs. Sure enjoys being a young bachelor in certain foreign countries; you go, kid. Pretty sure he likes to party and may have shown up hungover a few times and tried to play it off. I'm on to you Ethan...

SrA Willem Shattuck – Doesn't talk much but apparently has the best Tinder game in town. Swiped right so many times his fingers bleed. Hide your wives! ...hide your moms too.

A1C Kyle Castrigno – We don't see Kyle much these days. Someone should tell him he still needs to fly once in a while. Come fly with us Kyle...you're one of us...

A1C Addison DesRosiers – We're literally just scared that Addie is going to show up one day, scream "IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!" and pummel us into the ground. We're not buying the nice and innocent persona. One day she's gonna get mad and we'll be forced to sit back and watch her destroy some poor sap (from a safe distance.) You ever seen someone crush a watermelon with their bare thighs? Yeah, she could do that. We should ask. This is us asking.

A1C Zachary Marcoux – New guy hired off the street, hasn't even been to basic yet, but we have high hopes. He's an EMT on the outside and apparently knows how to give IV's, which is a big win for us.

A1C Emma Schmidt – So nice and has such a sparkling positive attitude it makes us all want to vomit. As soon as she got to the squadron, everyone around her immediately looked like crap. A new bar was set. Until she forgot how cars worked and stranded everyone on the side of a barren highway out in the Texas sticks with an empty gas tank. Which makes sense cause she's probably never pumped her own gas. But yeah, there's literally nothing negative to say about Emma. Except that she's from Jersey.

A1C Abby "Wednesday" Stroup – Abby earned her stripes early via her deadpan stare, messed-up sense of humor (we approve) and peculiar passion for metal. We were concerned at first that she had too much important college shit to do, and we weren't cool enough to hang out with. But she has quickly become a young boom prodigy and honors the millennial folk with hip fist bumps, high-fives, and cryptic gestures. Hawaiian Abby was a creature to be admired, respected...and feared. She's too young to be this salty. The island calls her name.

AB Tom Denton – Nepotism at its finest. With his father being a pilot legend and longtime Lima warrior, we'll see if he can live up to his old man's reputation. Hopefully he's nothing like his Uncle.



PEASE ANGB, NH

64 ARS / 157 ARW

“PHOENIXES”



SMSgt Ed Soto – He’s been working away amongst the maintenance folk waiting patiently for the new Chief to arrive and relieve him of his SEL duties. See you back in the boom seat soon, Señor!

MSgt Nate Bahr - Of all the booms in the 64th, Nate is one of them. He’s still working in the Wing closet doing MAF stuff, but ironically didn’t participate enough at the Wing level to make Senior this year..wump wump. Should have led more volunteer burger flipping events, bud, that definitely would have landed you a strat in this economy. Congrats on MB of the Quarter though, evidently that impressed the 133rd so much they forgot about your annoying dad jokes and hired you back. Enjoy being treated like you’ve been a boom for 17 years. Now get back in your closet.

TSgt Amy “Not so approachable” James – When she isn’t beating the awkwardness out of some baby booms, she can be found smiling to herself about her latest home improvement project. Just kidding, she doesn’t smile. Likely because she was forced into the flight chief role while our local MSgt hides in a closet...have you met these kids? Amy loves to hike, but the more trips she takes into the woods, the more concerned we become that she’s just scouting out places to dump the bodies...

TSgt Ryan Edsall – Legend has it, he was an Evaluator at McGuire. You’d never know otherwise, cause he seems to be a pretty humble dude who like to keep things close to his chest. Recently moved back in with his mom, guess the economy is worse than we thought. MA! THE MEATLOAF!

SSgt Austin Blodgett – The REAL most interesting man in the world. If you’ve ever met anyone with chronic ADHD and a giant burrito-eating affliction, it’s Austin. Wrastles gators to assert his dominance, a real Florida Man from Nebraska. He does all the hobbies, and even locked his wife away in a trailer to sell coffee and ice cream that we’ve never tasted. With all of those colorful life stories, he could write a book that no one would read.

SSgt Shaina Cox – Acts like she’s afraid of everyone, but we’re not buying it. The first thing she did when she showed up was cuss out an officer and started harassing the only people who didn’t know any better; the Lt’s. So bad at math the DO has to keep track of her contacts. Scheduling seems to like her though.

SSgt Lyndon Nguyen –Recent addition to our quiet group of Travis booms. Needs to work on his first impressions. To include changing his name so Natalie can pronounce it.

SSgt Austin Savage – Plays a lot of hockey and somehow ends up at all the concerts everyone else is at. Did you know Austin single-handedly saved Al-Dhafra from sinking into the Persian Gulf under the massive weight of his accomplishments?

SrA Natalia Berry – Over-achiever with a Furry phobia. So much golden retriever energy, she's often confused with our Wing dog, Pack. We were worried she'd be a mini Natalie, but things look promising for Natalia, thank goodness. We still like her, even though she has a knack for being involved in aircraft mishaps... probably so she can write that she saved the day on her EPB. Deserving of all the treats.

SrA Jaime Lozoya – Worried that everyone will think he's a dirtbag Airman. Don't worry, we already thought that 6 months ago and have moved on. Keep your head on a swivel, kid, TSgt James is always watching.

SrA Jacob Rafferty – Why say lot word when few word do trick?

SrA Aaron Rasmussen – Thought it'd be a good idea to call out the Chief of OGV on his first TDY while plugging fighters. It'd be wise to recall how many times you were retracted on before engaging in smart-assery, young squirt!

SrA Amalia Rosa – Expert evasion specialist. We're thinking about step-promoting her to SERE instructor, but even they'd probably never be able to find her.

Inbound Phabulous Phoenixes

SSgt Brenten Collins – Thought this guy was Brentan Collins. That would have been awkward when he finally does show up. They are, in fact, not the same dude.

SrA Jovani Zavala

SrA Tyler Freetly

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

203RD ARS

“ 'A'OLE MAMA O LOA ”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

613TH AOC

“NOT GONNA SUBMIT-O ”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS

344 TRS/CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

“SPARTANS”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3FH



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3VM



This Unit did not submit.

PITTSBURGH IAP, PENNSYLVANIA

171st ARW



This unit did not submit

ROLAND R. WRIGHT ANG BASE, SLC, UTAH

191 ARS

Home of SLARCO



This Unit did not submit.

RAF MILDENHALL, UNITED KINGDOM

USAFE A3, 100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS

Bloody Hundredth, HELL YEAH, BROTHER!



USAFE A3/AV:

MSgt Jeremy "Radio" Hall, MAJCOM Evaluator- He misses his son terribly. Brody Hall 09 June 2005 - 23 March 2024.

351 ARS:

SMSgt Chad Holloway, Sq SEL- Always ready to party. No, you're SEL, I know for a fact you don't party.

(S)MSgt Marcus Hudson, Chief Boom- When he's not on leave for a rock climbing excursion, he can be found admiring his latest accomplishment of buying 4 ISU 70's (that are always empty) or making Airmen put the newly purchased forklift roller tines on and conducting forklift cargo training.

TSgt Jamar Campbell, ARS First Shirt- AKA:UNDERSHIRT. Is he still here? Thought he PCS'D. Maybe if he was around for a briefing or Commander Call we would know what this guy looks like.

B Flt Leadership:

MSgt Nelson Germer – Nelson decided he just couldn't cut it as a boom. He is leaving soon to be a flight attendant, where he will probably be forced to actually show up to work, but at least he can post more on Instagram. Luckily for Germ, as a flight attendant, he won't have to wear a headset or sling bags around.

C Flt Leadership:

MSgt Cheyenne White- Since finishing MCT, Cheyenne is living it up as a mission boom before we force her to go to IB upgrade. As the part time squadron secretary, she happily assists the entire squadron with all their GTC needs. She brings a type of Midwest soccer mom vibe to work every day that we didn't know we were missing, but now things get done!

Training:

TSgt Tyler "Ghost" Loeslein-

SSgt Tyler Young –

SSgt Miles Humphries –

SrA Gabriel “Husky” Padilla –

SrA Kyle “TAPAS” Stumphauzer – One of our newest IB creations. We believe he is the sole reason the commissary never has milk.

SrA Jeff Mayfield-

AIC Alex Robinson –

Scheduling:

TSgt Eric “Stroke” Severs-

SSgt Marissa “FABEN” “NMBR” Tooze-Johnson –

SrA Jonathan Ross-

SrA Morrigan “MO MO” Denman -

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Katlin Hubbard (Allen)-

SrA Max Richards –

SrA Zachary “G-LOC” Donato -

Awards & Decs:

SSgt Kevin Satberry –

SrA Kacey Dickey -

Tactics:

(M)Sgt Nate “VANDAL” Perry- “Patch patch patch patch patch. Tactics, patch patch patch patch, tactics.” “LMAO”

SSgt Daniel Zopfi-

SSgt Alex Garcia -

Safety:

SrA Dan “STANKY” Demma-

XP:

SSgt Madison Sibinski-

A-Flight:

TSgt Randy Miller-

SSgt Jeff Michal- What can you say about the Squadron Dad?! The guy reeks of class and pisses excellence. Always quick with a HILARIOUS dad joke or Bluey reference.

-Love, Jeff ;)

SSgt Chance “Gunny” Hackenburg- Holy shit! If Robocop was a boom! Shows up to Moldyhall and STEP promotes to Staff. Goes to ALS and blows everyone else out of the water! Easy choice for DG (and I don’t mean degen). He’ll get the job of OG Exec here soon and most likely just take over as the OG Chief. Has many leatherbound books, to include a first edition Bible.

SSgt Mendeleev Lahens- Mende now has the second busiest name tag. He is our response to the foreign RCVR/ATC lack of communication skills.

A1C Aidan Hilty – We are always very cautious when we have Civil Air Patrol in the building, so we do not lose him. Made BTZ, but still may not be enough to keep him as an E. “Mo

A1C Reece Carman – For whatever reason, he thought it would be a good idea to bring a Costco sized pickle jar full of spaghetti with him on a week-long TDY. On this same trip, Reece received an aggressive wake-up call because he was late to show after going a little too hard in the paint the night before. Reece- the 70s porn star orange sunglasses don’t look good!

A1C Edgar Lopez – This old guy is also known as “Big Spenda”. He was unaware that anytime you talk to a doctor, that you are DNIF until you return to fly. Now, anytime he is stuck in an elevator or passes a doc on the stairs, he can be found shortly after at walk-in RTF.

A1C Danny Fragoso- Claims he loves coffee, but he always has a Red Bull in his hand and a twitch to accompany it. He is quick to make sarcastic jokes, but we are all still waiting on the air sample he was ordered to retrieve.

A1C Katelynn Paller- Katelynn is our squadron barista. She was so excited about coffee that she convinced the Snack-o’s to buy a used £500 espresso machine. She’s used it twice, and since assuming Alfa for the rest of her boom career, the machine no longer works.

A1C Jordan Page- Jordan was very excited to be a boom, but has been heavily influenced by all the LT’s in A-flight, he is planning to commission to follow his true passion; being a SNACK-O.

A1C Maya Posada- Our newest boom. Maya loves to talk about pretty much everything except aviation; Bridgerton and all the smut shows, mostly. She impresses everyone with her experience using the bucket in SERE and hopes to find blind love before she finishes MCT. While all her peers are moving out of the dorms, she has decided to stay “for the experience”. You can find her soon on AFN: *Finding Love in The Condemned Dorms*.

100 OSS:

Wing Execution:

(M)Sgt Kaylene Garcia -

SSgt Cory “Emer” Drummond-

SrA Jesse Santiago –

SSgt Jacob Bitter –

Wing Tactics:

100 OG:

OG Exec:

TSgt Justin Elliott – Even after we gave him a stripe, Justin realized he couldn't cut it as a boom operator anymore and is leaving to go load 130's instead. Hopefully his cargo skills are better than his basketball ones.

OGT:

MSgt Terrell "Digger" Frideger –

OGV:

MSgt Fernando "Bromie" Brome – Don't ask him to prove if he can pop, lock, and drop it, because he WILL rip his flight suit and none of us want to see that...again! Brome has big shoes to fill, as he will be stepping up as chief boom shortly.

PCS'd/Separated/Retired:

SMSgt Chris Staton- SMSgt Staton did a fantastic job as SEL while he was here. SMSgt Holloway hasn't won a single game of cornhole since you left! We all miss you and wish you the best at Scott!

MSgt Brandon "GATM" Roberts- Only Brandon would give out going away gifts at his own going away! We all miss his generosity and hope he is doing well at Fairchild!

SrA Anthony "Tolly" Toliver-

SrA Jordan Carr-

SSgt Juan "JC" Morales- We all miss JC, but he is living it up in California at March AFB.

SrA Dan "DJ" Crump- Crump managed to get a good deal to Birmingham. Maybe they'll give him another shot at upgrading to instructor.

SrA Robert Elsea- Another one that got the good deal at Birmingham, but none of us are sure how. Hopefully he stops breaking every boom he touches.

SrA Nick McGurk- Altus finally snagged him! Nick, we hope you are doing well and enjoying instructing as much as you did here... hopefully complaining about it a little less.

MSgt Mark Smith- First person in Mildenhall history to volunteer for an Altus gig, but on the reserve side. We hope he is doing well and loving the reserve life!

RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY

HQ USAFE-AFAFRICA A3/10 & 603 AOC

Operations Directorate & Air Mobility Division



The Operations Directorate oversees the organize, train, and equip activities to ensure USAFE-AFAFRICA assigned Wings have the equipment and training support to execute assigned missions in two combatant command theater of operations.

The Air Mobility Division is the operational level command and control organization responsible for turning USEUCOM & USAFRICOM combatant commander's intent into air power effects. Uniquely positioned, our operating area confronts strategic competition between Russia and NATO, dynamic counterterrorism missions in Africa, and acts as a vital bridge between CONUS and USCENTCOM.

Operations Directorate:

MSgt Radio Hall, Command Evaluator – Coming to you live, broadcasting a steady stream of nothing but the latest FCIFs, keeping Mildenhall aircrew on their Ps & Qs. Additionally due to the rated officer manning shortage, he is rumored to be the only guy in USAFE stan/eval, which explains his record for holding the longest staffing of an 847.

Air Mobility Division, Air Refueling Control Team:

MSgt Philip Stacey, Flight Chief – His way or the highway...literally, nothing gets by this guy and he has driven everywhere in Europe.

TSgt Aaron Burk, Strategic Tanker Planner – Retiring after 20 years of dedicated service, his commitment to the accuracy of the Air Tasking Order is unparalleled, unless it involves cycling to work. He will be missed!!!

TSgt Tuna Halbert, Strategic Tanker Planner – Our token ANG boom operator, at least we take his word for it. His current goal is to join active duty and become a KC-46 Boom Operator...Roll Damn Tide.

TSgt Shane Kinslow, Strategic Tanker Planner – The poster boy for CEA mergers, he is currently on his second assignment to Ramstein, this time as a Boom Operator. Previously he shuffled dignitaries as a flight attendant, prior to that he dragged his knuckles on the Herc.



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RICKENBACKER ANGB, OH

166 ARS / 121 ARW

“ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES”



Our first submission in several years. Our goal was to list All Ohio ANG Boom Operators from our KC-97 beginning up to the present day 166th ARS, including the deactivated 145th ARS (1961-2013).

166 ARS Boom Leadership

CMSgt Kevin “Hoss” Cartwright: EB, AGR, Chief Boom and QRH developer/Boom SME. The Chief is the proud father of a high school senior and expects to retire in August 2025. He spends his spare time managing properties and flying part-time for METREA. 1994-Present (Possibly the longest flying Boom Operator in service, he was the first Boom to graduate from Altus, Class 95-03).

SMSgt Dave “Meerkat” Sorrell: EB, AGR, NCOIC and the NGB Boss User Group Chairman. Dave is the father of three girls and coaches basketball. He spends the remainder of his spare time flying part-time for METREA. 2003-Present

MSgt Bob “Box” Cox: IB, DSG, UTA NCOIC, Cargo Load Trainer and all things RTIC. Bob works full-time at the Defense Logistics Agency as a Supply Planner and has two girls that keep him busy. 2010-Present

Stan/Eval

SMSgt Ryan “Viking” Dunn: EB, AGR. Ryan is our OGV Boom and EFB manager. He is the father of 3 and coaches every sport known to man. 2007-Present

Training

MSgt AJ “AJ” Derryberry: EB, Technician, Flight Chief and Lead trainer. AJ is a recent CATS graduate. He enjoys tinkering in his garage and traveling with his wife. 2013-Present

TSgt Allen “Stix” Scherer: IB, AGR, Trainer and BOSS Sim Instructor. Allen is a recent CATS graduate. He is recently engaged and spends his time away from work running a lawn care and snow removal business with his family. 2019- Present

Scheduling

SSgt Tristen “BAT” Miller: MB, Technician, and All things scheduling. Tristen enjoys walks with his pup, fishing and spending time in the gym. 2020-Present

OSS

MSgt Greg “Lil Weenie” Wetzl: EB, AGR, Flight Chief and Current Opps short term scheduler. Greg is the father of a son and stays busy around the house. 2013-Present

MSgt William “Willie G” Gilbert: EB, AGR, Flight Chief, Current Operations long term scheduler and lead Cargo Load Trainer. Willie G has a son and daughter and enjoys time with the family. 2003-Present

The Boom Shop

CMSgt Chris “Cheeto” Hasty: MB and Operations Group SEL. Chris is an Ohio Highway Patrol helicopter pilot. Chris stays busy with his young son and daughter. 2007-Present

MSgt Vanlath “Lou” Daranikone: IB and Flight Chief. Van is a Franklin County Deputy Sherriff. He is married and the proud father of three boys and a girl. 2010-Present

MSgt Bryan Mott: IB and Flight Chief. Bryan is a Franklin County Deputy Sherriff. He is engrossed in all things related to cinematography and is an accomplished photographer. 2007-Present

MSgt Samantha “Sam” Demint: IB and Flight Chief. Sam is a Recent Capital University Law School graduate. She is studying for the BAR Exam and recently accepted employment with a local law firm. 2016-Present

TSgt Jamie Matheney: IB, Jamie is Senior Network Control Specialist with DHL and a logistics genius. He is the proud father of four and a dedicated coach. 2016-Present

TSgt Krista Guillotte: MB, Krista is a commercial aviation student and accomplished private pilot. She transferred to us from March AFB a few years back. 2016-Present

TSgt William King: IB, Will recently graduated from The Ohio State University and is an aspiring Airforce pilot. He enjoys re-building his 78 Bronco in his spare time. 2020-Present

TSgt Jamie Hayhurst: MB, Jamie is a Quality Assurance Specialist with the Defense Logistics Agency. He is a proud father of three and avid outdoorsman. 2017-Present

TSgt Justin “Meatball” Falkenbach: MB and Master Guard Bum Justin is an accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. 2020-Present

TSgt Ryan “Wolly” Wollenberg: MB, Wolly is a Customer Account Specialist at the Defense Logistics Agency DLA employee. Wolly plans to retire in October 2024. 2019-Present

TSgt Christian “47” McGraw: MB, Christian is a Student at The Ohio State University, accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. 2022-Present

TSgt Emily Ehrhart: MB and Guard Bum. Emily is an accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. She loves to travel and spend time with her friends and family. 2022-Present

TSgt Bradley “Snowden” Coleman: MB, Brad is an IT genius at West Virginia University. 2021-Present

TSgt Hanna “Bones” Rohr: MB, Squadron UTM and Guard Bum. Hanna currently inter-flies with MacDill and enjoys time with her fiancée. 2022-Present

TSgt Tyler Simmons: MB and Guard Bum. Tyler is pursuing a bachelor’s degree and enjoys building Instagram content for “_flywithty”. 2023-Present

TSgt Morgan Hall Bainer: MB, Morgan is an Owner Services Account Manager with NetJets. She is an accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. 2020-Present

TSgt James “Jimmy” Allen: MB, Jimmy is a Quality Assurance/Engineering Technical Analyst for the Defense Logistics Agency. 2020-Present

SSgt Nolan “Cowboy” Smith: MB and Guard Bum. Nolan is an accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. 2020-Present

SSgt CJ Bulger: MB, CJ is a Computer Science Student at The Ohio State University. He palace chased from McConnell a few years back, best decision he ever made! He is married and is a proud new father. 2022-Present

SSgt Evan Aucoin: MB and Guard Bum. Evan is a student at Embry Riddle and an aspiring pilot. 2022-Present

SSgt Conner “Corndog” Jones: MB and Guard Bum. Conner is a student and enjoys his time in the gym. He is an aspiring pilot. 2022-Present

SSgt Tyson Sinclair: MB and Guard Bum. Tyson cross trained from a C-130 Loadmaster to Boom Operator last year as the 179th AW, Mansfield Ohio, converted to a Cyber Wing. 2023-Present

SSgt John “Pooh Bear” Fruner: MB and Guard Bum. John is a student at The Ohio State University and an aspiring pilot. John cross trained from a C-130 Loadmaster to Boom Operator last year as the 179th AW, Mansfield Ohio, converted to a Cyber Wing. 2023-Present

SSgt Zach Garber: MB, Zach is a DOD Firefighter at Rickenbacker International airport. 2023-Present

SrA Cole Allen: MB and Guard Bum. Cole is becoming an accomplished private pilot and is an aspiring Airforce pilot 2022-Present

SrA Addie Braden: MB, Addie works for H2O and likes to read, surf and wake board. She is an aspiring pilot. 2020-Present

SrA Maddie Veyon: MB and Guard Bum. Maddie cross trained from a C-130 Loadmaster to Boom Operator last year as the 179th AW, Mansfield Ohio, converted to a Cyber Wing. 2023-Present

SrA Josh Moore: MB and Guard Bum. Josh cross trained from a C-130 Loadmaster to Boom Operator last year as the 179th AW, Mansfield Ohio, converted to a Cyber Wing. He is an accomplished private pilot building hours. 2023-Present

SrA Matt Logan: MB. Matt is a student at The Ohio State University. 2022-Present

A1C Khaleb Rykard: MB and Guard Bum. Khaleb is a finance student at The Ohio State University. He is an accomplished private pilot and aspiring Airforce pilot. 2023-Present

Recent Retirees

CMSgt Todd “Devo” Devoe: Todd splits his time between Ohio and Sweeden where his wife and he own a cabin on a lake. 1992-2022

CMSgt Sam “Chihuahua” Given: Sam hit the ground running training police K9s and gunsmithing. Maybe you can teach and old dog new tricks. 1992-2022

SMSgt Paul “Elmo” Emler: Paul drifted into retirement and is living life carefree and without hesitation. He is currently exploring the country camping out of his jeep. 1988-2021

Departures

Matt Foster 1979- 2012 (Flew West 2024)

Heidi Rempe 1998-2012 (Flew West 2018)

Mike McKinnon 1992-2014 (Flew West 2017)

Steve Schlinkert 1987-2009 (Flew West 2009)

Joe Semeraro 1998-2004 (Flew West 2009)

166 ARS and 145 ARS Retirements and Separations 1992-Present

Tom Foster 1961-1995
Terry Kerr 1973-2004
Matt Foster 1979- 2012
Bill Mciver 1977-2008
Allen Berg 1981-2011
Dick Grein 1984-2005
Steve Schlinkert 1987-2009
Paul Emler 1988-2021
Tab Bursk 1988-2001
Scott Keller 1990-2015
Mark Hamilton 1990-2016
Bob Reffitt 1990-2008
Shawn Carr 1990-2000
Kevin Black 1992-2016
Jack Bishop 1992-2012
Tom Guard 1992-2014
Dan Toskin 1992-2018
Todd Devoe 1992-2022
Sam Given 1992-2022
Jose Isern 1992-2006
Barry Anderson 1992-2018
Mike McKinnon 1992-2014
Lib Malbon 1992-2016
Rex Robertson 1992-2000

Mike Bursk 1992- 2006
Joe Contino 1992-1998
Kris Kuck 1992-1999
Rick Schonizler 1992-1999
Dave Luce 1992-1999
Josh Hanna 1992-2005
Pat Helgerman 1994-1999
Barb Newland Bartch 1994-1997
Eric Shoemaker 1994-2013
Marq Thompson 1994-2014
Delmar Mcgee 1994-2007
Joe Semeraro 1998-2004
Heidi Remppe 1998-2012
Bob Derryberry 1998-2021
Nick Davis 2000-2004
Jeff Morgan 2000- 2011
Bob Bissett 2000-2004
Kristian Tonnessen 2000-2010
Jon Groleah 2001-2016
Zach Smith 2001-2007
Jodi Fullerton 2001-2005
Erin McBride Sayson 2002-2009
Steve Davis 2003-2018
Lanette Kilbarger 2003-2018

Scott Mettle 2004-2006
Stu Gentry 2004-2013
Adam Karshner 2005-2015
Alex Treneff 2007-2018
Dale Ryan 2007-2015
Brian Tonnessen 2007-2009
Mark Perkins 2007-2021
Jason Vinson 2009-2015
Jim McNellis 2010-2015
Jason Krupa 2010-2014
Victor Atkins 2010-2012
Matt Evans 2010-2015
Matt Gross 2013-2018
Kris Konopka 2014-2018
Eric Piime 2016-2019
Abby Stevenson 2018-2022
Ryan O'Conner 2018-2020
Sarah Engle Huhn 2019-2021
Ashley Williams 2018-2022
Austin Howard 2019-2021
Cody Martin 2019-2022
Steve Owens 2020-2024

160th ARG/145th ARS KC-97 and KC-135 A and E model Boom Operators 1961-1992

John Young
Thomas Foster
Donald Harris
Seth Giust
Paul Clark
Rowan Hoffner
Allen Berg
Dick Grein
William McGiver
Tim Caudill
Joseph Lafleur
Trent Ralston
Paul Newman
Wayne Davis
Bobby Flyn
Ponder Eslinger
Virgil Anderson
Arthur Wilson

Paul Clark
Darrell Williams
Larry Morris
Robert Barger
Gary Banner
Thomas Bursk
Terry Kerr
Charles Reinhart
William Wood
Robert Corenett
Ronnie Wade
John Snelgrove
Eugene Fenner
Alan Moge
William Baker
William Rielley
Robert Gerzema
George Bussard

Gary Render
Robert Garvin
Malcom Green
Richard Baird
Ralph Lewis
Allen Inwood
Russ Leadbetter
Charles Bauer
Ronald Ramsey
Joseph Young
Albert Bliss
Douglas White
Robert Lineman
Ed Smith
Danny Thomas
Tom Hayes
Shawn Carr
Paul Hughes

David Camp
Chris Neitzelt
Robert Fentress
Lonnie McLaughlin
James Garry
Phillip Short
John Collins
Mathew Foster
Barb Papenfuse
Mark Hamilton
Frank Springhetti
Ray Watts
William Pogue
James Farmer
Daron Bloom
Bob Reffitt

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HQ AMC/A3CC

“Theater Command & Control”



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HQ AMC A3TK

Aircrew Training and Tactics

“Low Hanging Fruit.”



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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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108th ARS

HOME OF THE MID-AMERICA MILITIA



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SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

906th ARS

“SPARTANS, COME TAKE!”



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618 AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)



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SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

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SELFRIDGE ANGB, MICHIGAN

127th WG / 171st ARS

“SIX PACK”



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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

77th ARS

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"

2024



"Hello Y'all" from the Booms here in the 77th, Home of the "TOTIN' TIGERS". The 911th is back at Shady J almost in full force. The 77th is already stealing them away, one by one bringing them to greener pastures. Or at least a different shade of green. We are full up with integrated sorties & TDY's as much as the Government bureaucracy allows (the pots of money). They are still wondering how we have so many great trips. Boom manning has increased; the hiring will continue as we figure out our manning, school slots & retirement. We always say, "WHEN you decide to leave active duty or want to come to the BEST Reserve unit, give us a call". We have a variety of positions ARTS, AGR & TR's; we will have a large turnover of fulltime positions over the next few years with some of our younger Booms becoming Pilots & many of our senior Booms retiring. We have some great schools here, NC State, UNC, Wake Forrest, East Carolina, Campbell University, Methodist, Duke, and Meredith all within 1-2 hours of the unit; this is a great way to go to school and still be a Boom Operator. Stop by & say Hi. If you have enough time, we'll take you out for some Carolina BBQ & sweeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OSS/OSO NCOIC

SSgt Camilo Abreo-Perez MB-TR - Dec 22 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 258.6 Hrs. – Total 258.6 Hrs.

One of many, many new Booms & one of the most "experienced Boom" new Booms going through KC-46 MCT training. He's grateful to finally be back at SJ after surviving the schoolhouses, training & all the troubles that come with it! He's learning the hard way & wishing to see the fun side of being a Boom. We are all eager to see his next chapter.

SSgt Barron, Byson MB-TR- May 22 - Present

Flying History KC-135R 27.0 Hrs – KC-46A 231.4 Hrs. - Total 72.0 Hrs.

Another one of our many new Booms, yes, he had to go to KC-135 school to become an "experienced Boom" before going to KC-46 training. He's happy be back at SJ after surviving the schoolhouses. Killing the MCT training & all the troubles that come with it! He is eager to write his next chapter & go out on the road & live the Boom life.

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

Flying History KC-135R 2207.2 Hrs – KC-46A 354.6 Hrs. - Total 2561.8Hrs.

He's the boss of Cherry Point Depot making the F-35's Keeping them flying, he loves a challenge. Hasn't made SMSgt yet but he has his eyes on it, if only we had a TR SMSgt position!! Still loving life at beach with his wife, kids, just not enough time for all that & the ski boat, but the kids are getting older. Want to go skiing give him a call he's always looking for friends to ski with, and help watch his kids, not in that order.

CMSgt Gregory "Scottie" Benton MB a TR– Jul 17 – Present

Flying History C-130 1980.7 Hrs. – KC135R 572.3 Hrs. - KC-46A 247.6 Hrs. – Total 2857.9 Hrs.

Our OG Superintendent making things happen & getting things done, don't ask questions! He has a coolest job at Bragg & once a year looking for people to play in the woods with his Bragg students, best thing is you can get put on orders to do it. Still lives on the farm and giving us double yoke eggs, Hmm!

SMSgt Barry "Stan Evil" Bradley EB-ART – (Joined Aug 93) Nov 93 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H 3431.8 Hrs. - KC-10 843.1 Hrs. – KC-135R/T 6738.9 Hrs. - KC-46A 1244 Hrs. - Total 12153.1 Hrs.

Barry always said the only job he hasn't done is "Current OP's/MPC", well now he has. The OG has detailed him to the C-OP's/MPC office to help that office & straighten it up. Good luck!! He's still trying to fly more, but the broken jets, the new job has slowed that down. He's not going TDY as much as he would like, he can't get out of the office because he thinks they can't do it without him. Doesn't look like he'll deploy in the KC-46 before he retires. He's happy that he doesn't have to deal with GTIMS, as much as he did in OGV. He & Tammy are trying to travel the world on their new HD, but flying doesn't allow as much as he would like. He only has just over 1 year left before he retires stay tuned for the retirement date.

SSgt Kaityln Casper MB a TR– Nov 23 – Present

Flying History KC-10 466.8 Hrs. – KC-46A 0.0 Hrs. - Total 466.8 Hrs.

One of our hires from McGuire KC-10's. We see her around the squadron, mostly UTA's, always has a smile. Now waiting a school date.

SrA Jalen Cottle, MB-TR - Nov 21 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 34.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 468.3 Hrs. – Total 502.8 Hrs.

One of our new booms now complete with MCT training & trying to go on as many trips as possible. He's always trying to make the system work before it makes him work. Now complete with MCT we don't see him as much, Yet!

MSgt Christopher Davis IB-ART– Aug 14 - Present

Flying History C-5A/B 1048.5 Hrs. - KC-135R 423.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 591.8 Hrs. - Total 2064.3 Hrs.

Our KC-46 Boom training flight NCOIC. His job in training flight might age him a little with all the RTM changes & new challenges our new baby booms present every day. He's not doing as many TDY's now that he's landed an ART job. He's still eyeing his next job, Stan Eval, chief Boom, Sq Commander, or maybe group Commander Shhh, be very, very quiet, just thinking.

SMSgt Keny "Dammit" Fallin MB-ART - Aug 06 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 7010.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 651.9 Hrs. – Total 7851.1 Hrs.

Keny "Every day is a Training Day" Fallin. Keny's the Boom NCOIC, Building Manager, Baby Boom sitter & sitting in the scheduling office over seeing all Boom things. He's the real estate King of Trailer parks in Wayne County, maybe all of NC with a little more time. We are all still waiting for him to buy his mid-engine Corvette, as a married man & kids at driving age the Vette maybe delayed awhile. Keny still reminds us that in Europe Budweiser is an import!

MSgt Brian Greer IB-TR – Apr 2016 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H/J 1883.2 Hrs. - KC-135R 797.7 Hrs. – KC-46A 464.6 Hrs. - Total 3145.5 Hrs.

Another enlisted flyer that can't make a commitment, jumps from airplane to airplane, C-130, KC-135, KC-46, now flying the BOT every day at Flight Safety. He doesn't really miss anything as a fulltime Reservist because he's making \$10,000 an hour or so he tells us! Still has an aversion to iPads, but he smiles more now. He now thinks the jets are parked in the building in separate rooms. Hmm. He's also trying to out do Forest Gump in total miles run!!

SSgt Shane, Hardin MB-TR – Jul 22 - Present

Flying History C-5A/B 56.9 Hrs. – KC-46A 328.3 Hrs. - Total 385.2 Hrs.

Still one of our newest Booms, with tons of experience traveling the world (especially Japan), he won't lead you astray or at least not too far, maybe! He says his an organizer, likes projects, but he likes TDY's more. Always looking forward to his future stories here in the future, only time will tell.

TSgt James Hargrove MB -TR– Sep 2022 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 250.8 Hrs. - Total 250.8 Hrs.

One of our Booms just completing KC-46 training & wanting to fly every day, almost! He's grateful to be complete & on his own. Now he's at the end of his seasoning tour, next TDY's & eventually what ever job pays him to be here every day.

SrA Tim Hohnadel MB-TR – Mar 20 TBD – Present

KC-135R 16.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 671.8 Hrs. – Total 688.4 Hrs.

Tim Oldest new baby booms, completed BBOC in 2020, stuck in AETC hell until they could figure out how to train him in the KC-46. KC-135 school first then KC-46 school, then MCT at SJ. He's currently working in body scheduling office, TACC trougher & Fallin's assistant Building Manager. It's all about pay.

TSgt Nathan “LORD VAPER” Horton MB-TR – Nov 16 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H 818.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 501.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 175.6 Hrs. – Total 1494.7 Hrs.

KC-46 Boomer trying to get his hours in & hoping to exceed the last two aircraft total hours. Working hard to talk his civilian job into financing KC-46's for the AF, he's also hoping to get a .00001% off the interest made. If you know Nate wish him well, congratulate him and say your prayers for his wife & kids they live with him every day!

MSgt Kristianjon “K2” Kankelfritz EB-AGR – Dec 16 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1041.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 905.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 1651.9 Hrs. - Total 3599.1 Hrs.

He's still thankful for not being an ART, soon looking for a new career after his AD retirement or maybe he'll stay chasing hours. He has moved to OGV to take over Barry's empire or not. We are still waiting to see what happens, but we don't know since he's flying or TDY 90% of the time & finds other minions to do the monotonous office work.

MSgt Corey Lawson MB-TR – Aug 23 – Present

KC-46A 121.6 Hrs. – Total 121.6 Hrs.

One of our Booms just completing KC-46 training & taking flights away from the rest of us. He's grateful to be complete & almost on his own. Now he's at the end of his seasoning tour, next TDY's & eventually whatever job pays him to be here every day. He's all over the place making a name for himself or at least invaluable since he's also fighting for the limited trougher dollars.

TSgt Christopher Lester MB-TR – Nov 23 – Present

KC-46A 106.2 Hrs. – Total 106.2 Hrs.

Another Boom just completing KC-46 training & taking flights away from the rest of us. He's so happy to be complete & just about on his own. He's at the end of his seasoning tour, next TDY's & eventually whatever job pays him to be here every day. He's competing with all the other booms making a name for himself and invaluable since he's also fighting for the limited trougher dollars.

CMSgt Mark “Beerman” McElmurry EB-ART- Apr 97 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 6832.8 Hrs. – KC-46A 1070.5 Hrs. - Total 7903.3 Hrs.

He's the Chief Boom, but still does most of his other additional duties. He's still NOT making beer, honey or anything for us. Well, he is the Chief he had to stop doing something. Making all of us less sweet & more sober. Not a good mix, either way actually!

SrA Lucius Mcraven MB-TR – Aug 22 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 39.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 112.8 Hrs. - Total 151.9 Hrs.

Still one of many new Booms completed KC-135, KC-46 school & MCT. He's still wants to paint the airplane the same colors as his State Trooper car & put light bars on it. If you ever see a KC-46 pulling in behind you with all Blue lights on you'll know it's him. His fun begins juggling Family life, work, & flying. He does always have a smile.

MSgt Mitchell "Miller Lite" Miller KC-46 IB-ART – Dec 10 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 1620.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 236.7 Hrs. – Total 1857.3 Hrs.

Still, Yes "Still" in body scheduling, still sitting thinking about flying & going TDY. Just thinking!! No new kids YET, give him time. His family keeps him busy and then some and some more. He says we are easier to wrangle than his family, but not as entertaining.

TSgt Patrick Muckey MB-TR Apr 14 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2866.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 362.2 Hrs. – Total 3228.3 Hrs.

He's enjoying his civilian job forking & lifting, still flying occasionally for dollars. He's thinking about becoming an IB again, but he's now just trying to stay current & relevant, he's doing a great job at it too. He's always looking for someone to talk NASCAR or Mustangs with so swing buy have a bag of popcorn & talk, he's always ready, but you'll have to make it fast & mostly left turns!!

SSgt Ralph Nickens MB-TR- Aug 22 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 110.4 – Total 110.4 Hrs.

One of many new Booms grateful to be complete, out of the schoolhouse & training complete. Well sort of complete, there seems to be so much change every couple of months. Now we need to get him on some TDY's & start training for all the new upcoming exercises.

TSgt Alexander Oakes MB-AGR - Nov 17 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 786.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 850.2 – Total 1636.2 Hrs.

One of our AGR Boom's has finally received his civilian pilots license & now he's dumping us & going to the bad side, our Squadron has picked him for a pilot slot. He will be departing later this summer, he thinks he's moving up in the world, but it's only about 3 feet forward. He's still in OGV he was trying to break Barry's record for being in OGV the longest but that will have to wait until after Pilot training.

MSgt Bradley Pike IB-AGR – Jul 17 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1083.7 Hrs. KC-135R 769.5 Hrs.- KC-46A 743.3 Hrs. – Total 2596.5 Hrs.

Still assigned to "Long Range Scheduling/MPC, keeping everything running like a well-oiled Bartender. Loves living local still no Harley, WHY!! Looking for someone to hang with when TDY give him a call he's always up to an adventure. He's also our money man, he has both of our GPC cards & has no money, GOV economics doing nothing with less.

MSgt Christopher Register EB-TR - Mar 08 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3.5 Hrs. KC-10A 2595.6 KC-46A 570.1 Hrs. – Total 3174.4 Hrs.

Fresh from the 911th our newest hire we stole from down the hallway. Barry spent over a year talking him into the reserve way of life & working in OGV. He's now in OGV, but not working for Barry, working with K2, he got lucky. Let's see what his next chapter writes.

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

Flying History KC-135R/T 3304.2 Hrs. KC-46A 193.4 Hrs. – Total 3497.6 Hrs.

Still one of the sharpest KC-46 Booms most of the time, he just needs more time off from his civilian job to keep it going. He always has a smile & full of encouragement if you want to run the streets & want someone to run with give him a call if you can keep up. Still the fastest one on the track during PT, the only time we run past him while he walks his seventh lap & maybe his eighth.

TSgt Bryan Snow MB-TR – Jul 22 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 591.1 Hrs. – Total 591.1 Hrs.

One of hundreds of new Booms back from to KC-46 training, now completing MCT & flying anywhere & everywhere. Now looking for anything, everything, anywhere, anytime.

TSgt Joe Stansfield MB-AGR – May 18 – Present

Flying History C-130 E/H 332.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 427.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 653.9 Hrs. – Total 1413.4 Hrs.

A New KC-46 AGR Boom. He has now transitioned to the fulltime Boom world & pretty happy about that. He's one of 500 booms in Body scheduling trying to make "Scheduling Great Again" Let's hope he doesn't learn from others in his office & he continues to fly a couple of times a week or more. Ok if we have flyable jets.

MSgt Andrew "Ricky Jug's" Steuart IB-ART - (Joined Nov 07) Boomer Sep 08-Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3167.9 Hrs. – KC-46A 868.6 Hrs. – Total 3925.0 Hrs.

He's stepped into the darker side as the new OGT Boom ART & newly created office non-colocated with training flight, & no other bodies to help. History repeats itself. NO more limited availability, but life is still busy. He has a nice Subaru Rally car and he hasn't blown it up again lately, we'll have to wait to until the next race.

TSgt Jemere Todd MB-TR – Oct 17 – Present

Flying History C-130H 147.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 411.2 Hrs. KC-46 74.2 Hrs. – Total 632.4 Hrs.

He's done babysitting our reserve cadets awaiting BMT. Now back at his civilian Trooper job and trying to keep us all from getting pulled over. He Completed KC-46 training but "THE SHOT" slowed him down, now just waiting to see what the future will hold. If you're speeding through eastern NC slow down & say hi to Jemere.

MSgt Robert White IB (AGR)- Jun 21 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2691.9 Hrs. – KC-10 1300.1 Hrs. - KC-46A 479.7 Hrs. – Total 4471.1 Hrs.

Our MPC long range local sotie planer scheduling by the seat of his pants. Long range to Rob means the day before, or maybe night before. He's always available for anything good, going anywhere good, doing anything good!! He's redesigned his BMW eats M3, the proof is on his hood where the M3 hash marks are all over it. He's now an M3 ACE. Ask him for a ride in his BMW!

MSgt Derrick Yelverton MB (TR) – Sep 14 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 508.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 234.4 Hrs. – Total 743.0 Hrs.

Our regular KC-46 TR flying more than some full timers. He's always a welcomed sight, he always has a smile no matter how crappy our aircraft availability is & all the BS AF training requirements we have he still shows up. Welcome to the KC-46. FYI if you need a bank or a loan (maybe a safe combo) give him a call.

Can't forget our Attached Boom

CMSgt Aaron Ray EB

Flying History KC-135R/T 2817.9 Hrs. – KC-10 474.1 Hrs. - KC-46A 188.1 Hrs. – Total 3481.3 Hrs.

He's at AFRC, we talk often but see him seldom, so Good & Bad for both of us. If you see him on the road buy him a beer, say hi & ask a lot of questions he has answer. If you have extra money give him some for him to travel, AFRC doesn't have any for him.

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB NC

FLIGHT SAFETY BOOM INSTRUCTORS

Sean Rix

Earl Mayhew

Brian Greer

Ryan Perry

Jason Prosser

Booms of Yore & the date they were here

Listed by departure year:

2023

MSgt Anthony Flores MB-TR– Jun 19 – 22 or 23?

Flying History KC-135R/T 1663.4 Hrs. – Total 1663.4 Hrs.

Came to us from McGhee Tyson. Only saw him on UTA's, never flew with us or went to KC-46 training, now Retired.

2022

MSgt Rich “Bowl O’ Chili” Bonicelli MB - Oct 04 – 2 Jan 22 Deceased

Flying History KC-135R/T 3327.0 Hrs. – Total 3327.0 Hrs.

Rich has left his mark in many ways in this unit & on this base. He will be sorely missed & loved by all. It's truly not the same without him here. Later in 2024 we will be dedicating the new MPC section to Rich for getting us our new office.

TSgt Cody “Haircut” Beverly MB - Mar 15 – Jun 21

Flying History KC-135R 4503.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 29.1 Hrs. – Total 4532.4 Hrs.

He went to the Reserves at Altus as a KC-46 Boom & now working for Flight Safety. Not sure if he's teaching new Booms how to inflate the escape slides, but we know if anyone can, he can. Good luck on all future endeavors big, Tiny or bearded..

TSgt Dan “FROSTY” Frost IB – Apr 17 – Dec 21

Flying History KC-135R/T 2725.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 191.6 Hrs. - Total 2920.9 Hrs.

He was our first Boom Weapon School Graduate, now completed Pilot training & KC-46 training. He's back at SJ late & making executive decisions. Hopefully he remembers where he came from.

CMSgt Tony “Frank the Tank” Parris MB - Nov 93 - Dec 03 & Apr 08 – Dec 22 -Retired

Flying History C-141B 914.6 Hrs. – KC-10A 517.4 Hrs. - KC-135R/T 5723.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 56.8 Hrs. – Total 7211.9 Hrs.

He moved to Warner Robins with his family, new house, new retirement life. He's enjoying being home with his son. We'll not so fast, he has a new civil service job, hmm so much for retirement!! We'll miss talking to him about what vehicle he's going to buy next.

2021

SSgt Noah “Preacher” Starnes MB – Dec 16 – Aug 21

Flying History C-130 277.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 892.2 Hrs. – Total 1169.5 Hrs.

A prior Loadmaster & Pope Refugee. He's still enjoying his Honeymoon with his wife & will always be on his honeymoon. They are traveling the world & make it a better place. In other words “Making the World Great Again”.

SSgt Alex (first name Squared) Mark IB – Sep 12 – Mar 21

Wanted to be a Pilot but didn't want to get a lobotomy, so we kept him around for a while. Now at McConnell AFB. We wish him luck.

2020

SSgt Thomas “SQUISH” Smarsh MB – Sep 16 – Feb 20

Flying History KC-135R 1108.0 Hrs.– Total 1108.0 Hrs.

He's is still telling all his Army war stories from all the battles he fought in Hawaii. He keeps repeating jobs in the Squadron, from Scheduling to Orders clerk, iPad guru as a Boom & now as a pilot. Now he drank the Pilot's Kool-Aide and so we lost another good Boom.

2019

TSgt Roxanne “ROXY” Best MB – Aug 14 – Aug 19

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

SSgt Kijuan Amey IB - Apr 15 – Jun 19

He’s from Durham NC; now he’s writing a new chapter. His personality hasn’t changed, if anything he’s funnier if that’s even possible. He has more ideas on what to do next, he has a band, he’s looked at being a drag racer, give him time maybe the next astronaut. He hasn’t slowed down, so catch him on Facebook & say Hi.

TSgt Sena “The Boom Princess” Alfaro MB - Apr 09 – Dec 2019

She was one of our Traditional Reservists here at Shady J. She has 3 girls, they are keeping every free moment and then some very busy. She has since separated from the AF and is writing a new chapter in her life. We wish her & her little girl gang the best in their future.

2018

SSgt Rachel Cullen MB – Mar 17- Mar 18

She’s was one of our many Pope Army Air Field “refugees”, a prior Loadmaster. She went on one deployment & decided it was too hard to juggle a family & an Army husband that’s gone all the time. We wish her well.

SSgt Sonya “Teacher” Alexander MB – Apr 15 – Jun 18

Flying History KC-135R/T 1126.6 Hrs. –Total 1126.6 Hrs.

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

SSgt Ryne Jordan MB – Apr 2016 – Jun 18

He was one of many Pope Refugees, prior Loadmaster. He became a Boom, but that wasn’t enough. He’s was one of our TR’s crossing over to the Pilot side. He completed her Altus KC-135 Pilot training in early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot right after that. Hope he loves training. Now back at the Sq.

2017

TSgt/SMSGT Billy “Mr. Deployment” Somerville (MB) - Dec 00 – Oct 17 Retired

BJ is loving retirement, riding his Harley and working on his fleet of Airplanes. Now that he is retired; he discovered he doesn’t have enough time to get anything done. Ride hard, ride long.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard (MB) – Mar 15 – Jan 17 Retired

Just a quick stop at Shady J, retired/IRR in 2017. He went on to Boeing as the Weight & Balance guy for Boeing in SC. So if you want to discuss W & B he’s the one.

2016

2015

TSgt Adam “Shot Gun” Craft (MB) – Jun 14 – Dec 15

Adam went to the AGR world at Tinker doing PDM flights now at HQ AFRC.

AIC/TSgt Tara “Scratch ‘n Dent” (formally known as Hopewell) Kirkpatrick (MB)- Sep 00 – & May 13 – May 15

Tara has her own business “Herbal Life Club” somewhere in the world, we will miss her.

MSgt Steven "Butter-bean, aka Loverboy" Stanton (EB)- Jan 06-Apr 15

He's at Home in Oklahoma at Tinker AFB. He has built his estate & has no interest in leaving, maybe!

2014

TSgt Travis “Swine King” Swinson (IB) - Apr 11-Jun 14

Last we heard he was at McConnell AFB. Rumor has it he will be part of the KC-46 program and a Pilot on the civilian side.

MSgt Kevin “NSACAR Insurance King” Hughes (MB)- Jan 03 – Nov 14

He has retired from the Air Force Race, to concentrate on being the Big Cheese in the Insurance biz. And, he wanted to takeover NASCAR, but they were to slow for Kevin, so now he's taking over NHRA! If you want to see him go to Erica Ender's pit & say Hi to Him and his wife April.

MSgt Jorge “Habi” Brewer (MB) - Jan 04-Dec 14

Jorge is retired from the Reserves & his State Trooper job but works at RDU as a Police officer.

2013

MSgt Lori “TDY” O'Connell (IB) - Sep 04-Nov 13

Lori is an ART at AFRC in the Tanker Mission Support Cell. She misses flying and misses SJ, heck she just misses us.

2012

2011

SSgt J.R. Bravo (MB) – Jun 08 – Jul 11 - He was one of our Booms that cross-trained from the Sky Cop world. He has officially lost his mind & all common sense. He went to the ARMY Guard and then received a Commission as an AF COP, we think! Next chapter unknown for now?

2010

TSgt/MSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 & Oct 91-Jun 10 – Retired - Now an ROTC Instructor. O-Boy look out baby O's.

SSgt Bill Frazer (MB) – Mar 07 – Sep 10 - He's back at work with his civilian employer. He has gone IRR (Inactive Ready Reserve), to work on his civilian career for a while. He's all over face book look him up.

2009

SrA/MSgt David “Chando” Chandonnet (MB)- Aug 99-Apr 09 – He & his wife are now drug dealers, the politically correct word is “Pharmacist”. He now makes more money than all the Booms combined. Unless you're an ART then he makes double.

Sgt/SMSgt Sean “Bimmer” Martin (EB) – Sep 91-Jun 09- Now a retired CMSgt. He is “The KC-46 Tanker's Boom Extraordinary” and telling KC-46 Booms how to fly...but as Mister for Boeing. If you want to buy one give him a call.

2008

SSgt/MSgt Rodney “Rowdy” Smith (EB) – Apr 97-Oct 08 – Now a “MR.” - went “TWISTER Oklahoma” (Tinker) as a Retiree. Now leaving in Tennessee hoping for better weather to ride his HD or work on his fleet of vehicles. He is creating his own car Museum, Corvettes, Challengers, Trucks, Harleys, if it moves it could be there! Stay tuned next year for more.

SrA Brice “Surfer” Hayden (MB) - Mar 06-Dec 08 - Last we heard is in the Savannah National Guard as a C-130 Pilot. I mean Navigator... No I mean Pilot, he just completed training and doing well.

2007

2006

CMSgt Jerry Snyder (EB) – Jun 90-Aug 06 – Retired – He’s retired leaving in the local area.

TSgt/SMSgt Don Templeton (EB) – Jan 96-Nov 06 – Retired – Retired as a SMSgt, now working / living in the Raleigh area as a Computer Guru.

2005

2004

2003

SSgt Tony Parris (IB) – Oct 93 – Dec 03 – Went to Andrews AFB to become the Chief Boom. Returned to SJ in 2008.

MSgt Randy Palumbo (IB) – Nov 96-Jul 03 - Retired - Done retired. Somewhere in the USA. If you see him call us.

SMSgt Rick Powell (IB) – Apr 95-Oct 03- Retired - Moved to Florida & living the good life in the Sunshine State. His newest adventure is building Jeeps & driving them on the Beach. Still a proud owner of a Harley Davidson (we think) looking forward to do some riding in retirement, oh wait he’s working fulltime.

TSgt Al Rigdon – May 00 – Jul 03 – Was a C-5 Engineer at Martinsburg WV, not sure where he is now.

2002

TSgt/SMSgt Brad Baxter (EB) – Apr 90-Aug 02 - Retired – Really retired, traveling around the USA in a Motorhome or Gypsy Wagon.

2001

TSgt Betty Matthews (MB) – Feb 87 – Oct 01 – MSgt Retired – Living in NC

SSgt Mike Harston – Jun 98-Jun 01 – He became a Pilot. Major Mike Harston came to Shady J, no wait he left again; he’s back in the 10 world on both coasts, we think, heck he might be retired. Oh he’s somewhere! Utah maybe.

2000

SMSgt Ronnie Wade (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 2000 - Deceased – We have lost a great Boom & Friend.

SMSgt Kerry Vanausdall – Nov 87 – Nov 00 – Left as a SMSgt to go to Grissom AFB.
Unknown.

SSgt Jamie Ward (IB) – Jun 88-Dec 00 – Now a SMSgt, he is at Scott AFB, IL

SSgt/TSgt Carl Sisco (MB) – Apr 93 – Oct 00 - Deceased – Carl last worked at New River Air Station and lived in Wilmington NC, we will miss him & he is now entertaining everyone in Heaven.

1999

SSgt Tom Glosser – Dec 97 – Apr 99 – Retired – Last we heard Civilian Flight Safety at Altus AFB.

1998

1997

1996

SrA Corey Brown (MB)- Dec 91 – Jan 06 – We made him a Pilot. Moved as Lt Col to McGuire, back in the KC-10's.

TSgt Jon Calcote – Mar 93 – Jan 96 - Unknown

1995

SMSgt Andy “Virgil” Anderson (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 95 – Moved to Travis AFB Retired in Texas.

MSgt/SMSgt Don Askren (EB) – Jan 86-Jun 95 – Retired – Retired as the McConnell Chief Boom.

SMSgt Tim Holt – Jul 86-Jun 95 – Unknown.

MSgt Randy Rinehart – Jul 87 – Aug 95 – Living in Atlanta as an airline Pilot.

SSgt Mike Boozer (EB) – Sep 89 – May 95 - Retired - Chief from Robbins AFB Now living in Alabama?

TSgt Donna Dobbins (IB)– Oct 91 – Jun 95 – Deceased –Was last at McGuire.

SrA Steve Dolan – Aug 92 – Sep 95 - Unknown

1994

SrA Felicia Anderson – Jul 91 – Jan 94– Went to McGuire. Unknown.

MSgt John Young – Apr 86-Jul 94 – Unknown.

TSgt Ricky Helt – Sept. 86 – Jul 94- Unknown.

SSgt Jeff Garland – Jan 87 – Jun 94- Unknown.

SSgt Anthony “TACO” Cleaver – Oct 91 – Sep 94 – Last known location was McGuire AFB.

MSgt Bobby Drinnen – Jun 87 – Oct 94- Unknown.

TSgt Rand Sanders – Dec 88 – Nov 94 – Went IRR- Past away 2024.

Sgt Paul Dube – Feb 90 – May 94- Went IRR- Unknown.

TSgt/MSgt Dave Brock – Jun 91 – Oct 94- Still around on Face book doing well.

SrA Jim Harris – Jan 92 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire. Unknown

SSgt Duane Slusher – Sept 92 – Jan 94 – Unknown.

SrA John Mercer – Sep 93 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire – Now at MacDill, Now Retired, now unknown.

SrA Gary Towles – Sept 93 – Oct 94 – Went to McGuire. Unknown.

1993

MSgt Paul Jordan – Feb 86 – Jul 93 – Unknown.

Sgt Greg Keeter – May 86 – May 93 – Unknown.

MSgt Dale Wilner – Dec 86 – Sep 93 – Unknown.

SSgt Jeff Carter – Feb 89 – Mar 93 – Unknown.

SSgt Mike Block – Feb 89 – Feb 93 – Became a KC-10 Pilot at Travis.

1992

TSgt Larry “Lighting” Brown – Mar 86-Jan 92 – Unknown.

TSgt Phil Crain – Jun 86-Jun 92 – Retired – Lives in the local area.

TSgt Randy Norris – Sep 86 – Sep 92 – Unknown.

SMSgt John Powell – Oct 86 – Mar 92 – Unknown.

SrA Jon Rion – Oct 90 – Mar 92 – Unknown.

1991

MSgt Ed McGowan – Jun 86-Jan 91 – Unknown.

SSgt Eric Lomascolo – May 89 – Oct 91 – Unknown.

SSgt Bonzie Wherry – Sep 90 – Aug 91 - Unknown

1990

CMSgt Steve Fromm – Jul 85-Oct 90 –CMSgt Retired – Deceased 13 Jun 2023

TSgt Don Gwinn – Apr 87 – Mar 90 – Unknown.

TSgt Craig Shackelford – Feb 88 – Jul 90 – Unknown.

TSgt James Dean – Feb 88 – Aug 90 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Kramer – Apr 88 – Mar 90 – Unknown.

1989

TSgt Kevin Holmgren – Jul 86 – May 89 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Kibler – Oct 88 – Apr 89 – Unknown.

1988

SMSgt Andy Miller – Nov 85-Jul 88 – SMSgt Retired – Unknown.

MSgt Chris Burkhart – Jul 86 – Sep 88 – Unknown.

MSgt Dave Brock – Dec 86 – Jul 88 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Wetzel – Apr 88 – Aug 88 – Unknown.

1987

TSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 Returned in Oct 91-Jun 10 – MSgt Retired – Unknown.

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“THE BATS”



This Unit did not submit.

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10TH FLTS BOOM SIGNAL
SABRES



SMSgt Ryan Cornell – Ryan was patient and bided his time under “Big Daddy” Stanton, and when Stanton decided to take his talents back across the street to the Okies, Ryan assumed the throne as the top sweaty. When Ryan isn’t herding cats at the 10th, he spends his time looking at male torsos (dead or alive) for inspiration on his next tattoo. Ryan’s hobbies include listening to boy bands and traveling to the nearest furry convention.

MSgt Mark “Back Shots” Waski - Mark has entered the twilight of his career where he enjoys the occasional flight if his schedule allows and spends the rest of his time drawing up plans for his future house build. Mark also likes to itemize his various ailments that he will inevitably have to claim when he retires, chief among them is a back issue that we have been privileged to hear about regularly which causes him to traffic a local clinic where he routinely takes “back shots” to feel all better.

MSgt Dalton Williams – The new skinner, Dalton decided to become a health nut. He recently has decided to take up Jujutsu where he gets his a\$\$ kicked by 12-year-olds. Although he may never be good at Jujutsu, he is still the master of smoking meat. In Daltons free time he likes to sit back and make fun/crack jokes on everyone’s behalf even though he’s the goofy one.

TSgt Joseph “Cad” Cadwallader – Our newest uh, guzzler, Cad seemingly parachuted from the heavens via Altus just in time to alleviate the burden of the arduous 10th test flight schedule. However, in a 4D chess move, Cad managed to not secure a parachute class or an updated CAC and so his training has come to a screeching halt before it even began. Well played, sir.

SMSgt Mike “The Shocker” Mayfield (TR) – Our most seasoned TR, Mike’s time at the 10th is nearing the end. He’s not terminal, but rather retiring so that he can enjoy his days in Nebraska without having to give availability every other quarter. Mike got quite the scare as he was shocked while adjusting the AOA’s on a jet recently. Apparently, the jolt to his pacemaker was enough to make him really reflect on what’s important in life and helped make the decision to retire and enjoy what life he has left. Congrats!

TSgt Mike “Jeff Bass” Moore (TR) – We’re hoping that Mike sees this signal and can manage to get back to the 10th with his availability. Seemingly a squatter at the 10th, your best chance to see Mike at work is to catch him stumbling in late to the mandatory UTA. Running where Jeff Bass only managed to walk, Mike spends his time trying to act like he’s attempting to push the mountain of waivers he requires to get back on flying status. If Mike has any energy left from all the “work” he gives us, you may hear him complaining about how he has been a TSgt

for so long and how deserving he is of MSgt even though he literally can't produce a reason he should promote and actually put any work in to promoting himself. Hey, is anyone hiring??

SMSgt Adam "Meat Eater" Craft (Attached) – Crafty is our local meat connoisseur, he is allegedly kickstarting his own website ratemymeat.com where he will apply his own proprietary grade to your meat pic. Sounds kinda fruity if you ask me. He also has started his very own nonprofit where he solicits hobos in their off time for a free lower half physical.

SMSgt Steve "Big Daddy" Stanton (Departed) – Steve opted to hop back into the ART world and is now shaping the young minds at the Okies. God help them.

TINKER AFB, OK

465 ARS

“SHIT HOT OKIES”



Welcome to the home of the SHIT HOT OKIES where our contacts are precise and our “disconnect” game is on point. We are approaching a massive change; our long time Chief Boom, CMSgt Steve Robinson has recently stepped down thus ending the 20+ year reign of the Iron Flat Top. We are proud to share the updates below on our members past and present. If you get stuck on a PDM or are fortunate enough to catch a TDY in the area stop in and share a drink! Enjoy the Signal/Roast.

SMSgt Ben “Rooster” Brent: Ben, the Commander in “Chief” of the Stan/Eval Office is first up on our platter. One of two in the running to replace our long time Chief Boom CMSgt Bif Robinson. He remains constant as the Rooster’s call every morning by parallel parking across the OSS CC’s slot, then swinging his “Rooster” through the entire command section. The race is tough, but Ben remains aerodynamic with his signature flattop. Bif’s hairline and body has officially taken too many ORM points, so Ben now holds the title of Best Flattop in the OKIES!

TSgt Dave “Guam Bomb” Brown: We were impressed in 2021 at Daves marriage to a member of the opposite sex... but we are simply amazed that Dave found time to have not one but TWO children in between his bouts of TDY drunken parkour. He is now known from Okinawa to Poland for practicing his Spider Man poses on unsuspecting streetlamps and dumpsters. A happy father indeed!

SSgt Bernard “Bernie” Carlin: Melanoma? Mela-no-Ma’am! After his heroic recovery from cancerous sun exposure, Bernie decided to invest heavily in curtains and blinds instead of wearing SPF 100. He is in line to become an IB and ART soon, and in preparation has been practicing the game of hooky by scheduling “ghost appointments” with various OKC doctors. We do know that Bernie is not a fan of the Sun’s byproduct, commonly referred to as “heat”. He spends at least four TP’s alone paying off his laundry bill after soaking through a minimum of three undershirts per flight.

SrA Patrick “Patty” Carlin: Our preferred Carlin brother recently found himself in the hospital in Hawaii after using his body as a blender with the “Thai Twins”: Thai Hot Pad Thai and Mai Tais. Never a good mix! He is a troughing TR with an inclination for tropical locations and broken TDY jets. In between his visits to foreign locations, he remains a conservative propaganda enjoyer and a leader of the “Anti Lt Coalition”

TSgt Nate “Carlos” Elliot: Is it Nate? Is it Carlos? Depends on his Blood Alcohol Content... A new ART in the OKIES making his stand in the Training Shop against TRs and UEI evaluators. He comes from the backend of the AWACS and was upgraded quickly to IB after demonstrating some “non-conventional maneuvers” he learned in the Navy. We couldn’t begin to explain here, it must be witnessed while under the influence...

SMSgt Justin “Sparky” Hopkins: Another year, another high year tenure waiver in the books, another year as only a Mission Boom! We would have more to say about him if he wasn't always staying so busy being a market mover in the OKC energy scene! Rumor has it that he was contracted by the State of Oklahoma to construct an electric fence to keep out the “California Commies”. Doing God’s work Justin!

SMSgt Bobby “Country Boy” Jackson: We’re still unsure how Bobby is able to keep the Gucci TDYs coming with so much of his time being taken up by underground donkey fighting rings. Bobby is now our fearless leader of the OKIES Current Ops Office and #1 OnlyFans Contributor! Pray he doesn’t take a sick day or TDY himself because the office is helpless without him.

MSgt Shay “Unc” Ladd: Scheduler supreme and exceptional athlete with a great beard! With all his time in the gym, you would think he would wear an adult size flight suit now! AFE still sources his uniforms from the children's section of the BX. His favorite holiday is Jan 21st (national hug day for those not in the know) so if you see him around that time be sure to “bring it in for the real thang”.

TSgt Matthew “Matt” Millard: Prior Gucci Boy IB, now a lowly KC-135 CD (Crew Dog), he’s recently promoted and in the running for best fraternizer in the unit! It's a close race between him and Mike Wallace... Matt’s wife is an ABM to be if the E-3 sticks around. TBD!

SMSgt Mark “Goo” McGougan: We are sad to announce that one too many Jimmy Dean's breakfast bowls with extra salt passed his lips... After countless hours, trips, and years spent around the globe with the Stratotanker, he has finally taken a permanent DNIF just months before his 60th birthday in August... Convenient! Goo remains #1 in the region for tire and used car sales to active-duty members below E-4. An excellent target audience Sir!

MSgt Scott “Bud” Montgomery: Much like Justin, Scotty has pulled yet another HYT waiver out of the thin air just in the nic of time! He still takes the benefits of his Quarterly “Finni TDYs” to destinations of his choosing that stock Budweiser products and allow cut-jeans in their bars (Blue States are non-permissible). It's hard to nail him down for anything other than a good trip or Alert Tour between his many trap phones from his several Boost Mobile outlet stores.

SSgt Nicholas “Nico” Ocampo: Not much to say yet on our young Nico. He is coming to us from the Flight Deck of the E-3. Hopefully this prior Flight Engineer picks up the KC-135 a little quicker than Scott!

CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson: The man, the myth, the new GS-13! Only a true master of the system could arrange his resignation of the OG SEL and within 48hrs assume a higher technician slot he built for himself. We are happy to welcome this fresh meat to the OKIES TR Shop. He will be Mr. Robinson by day and CMSgt Robinson by night to soak up some of the best paying AFTPs in AFRC! Ever the fore thinker, he will surely remain a background string puller and SME for years to come at the OKIES... The TRs won’t be sure who to ask for permission to leave from: the new Chief?? Mr. Robinson?? Updates to follow...

TSgt Landon “Land-O” Rother: Please direct all BLK 45.3 questions to Land-O. He loves being bombarded with update requests by crewmembers and maintenance alike. When he is not reinventing the wheel on KC-135 avionics at his day job, he can be found counting his cattle upon his 69 Hectares of land north of OKC. “I don't know, I just work here...”

SSgt John “Trip” Sorrel: Another recent addition to the OKIES Boom Force. This Texas native comes to us from the land of the Gunship. His time in the back of Whisky Model AC-130s as a Gunner during his formative years contributed to his fondness for dive bars, cheap beers, and Ford Lightnings. Recently, he was diagnosed with OBINVS (Orion Beer Induced Non-Verbal Syndrome) and was found yapping at innocent Okinawan civilians about Grunge having a comeback! He’ll fit in well here.

SMSgt Steve “Papa” Stanton: This 6’ 8” 260lb Marine is an avid fisherman and the NCOIC of the OKIES Training Shop. He returned to us after an AGR stint with the 10th Flight Test Squadron. Stanton is our other man in the running for the new Chief of the OKIES and the competition is fierce without having a flattop. This man feeds on young Booms lack of system knowledge and Hale Koa Mai Tais. Did I say feed? More like watering the Hale Koa shrubbery with an excellent display of Highly Pressurized Alcohol Evacuation. Good form sir!

TSgt Michael “William” Wallace: Behold a man who won an argument with his wife! (And leaned on the ineptitude of our Aerial Port’s onboarding staff) Mike remains with the OKIES as a freshly minted IB and we’re happy to have him. Not sure how he made it through his upgrade training in between hourly check-ins with his better half! This model of Army Strong Load Bearing Hips returned from Altus with a serious need for speed and some TDY mischief. Please leave the “yogger pants” at home...

SrA Peter “RePete” Whitfield: Peter the beater and a renowned MILF eater! To you younger Booms reading this, hide your mothers or our RePete will find them! Pete has settled in at the OKIES as an active TR who will never stray away from a good trip. You can find him in Tattoo Parlors avoiding his ALS PME like the plague! Apparently you have over a year to finish it, so he keeps saying... Will he ever be promoted? Tune in next time and find out!

TSgt Sam “Spirit” Wirstrom: “Engineer” at one of the big three defense contractors and he’ll let you know it! UTAs are full of his Tales of Old from the Guard days in Guam and the ongoing upgrades to his home shop. His first ever experience with a salad occurred in the Dirty Deid many moons ago and ended poorly in an in-flight bowel evac... Horrid memories became reality again on his recent rotation to the sandbox ending in some chili dogs being spattered across the Strato-Lav! Condolences to his crew...

DEPARTED THE FIX:

CMSgt Phil “X-Man” Brand: One of the best has officially retired and we were sad to see him go. He now resides in Colorado with his family. We keep tabs on his beard growth and are quite impressed with the progress. Last we saw of the X-Man in an official capacity, he was rocking jorts, a flannel, and no shoes. The true peak of retirement! ONCE AN OKIE ALWAYS AN OKIE!

MSgt Dalton “Meat Man” Williams: The Pride of Possum-Holler has sprout roots at the 10th Flight Test Squadron. The only thing sour about this jolly green giant is the beer he drinks in between his cross-fit sessions. That's all we care to say... For any BBQ needs, reach out to his secretary, SMSgt Bobby Jackson.

TRAVIS AFB, CA

6th ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSgt Michael “Smitty” Smith (46) – Can you believe that Smitty got Non-Vol’d to his favorite golfing location uniting with AETC to light fires under students again. The only thing he doesn’t add salt to is his beer to help lower, not raise his blood pressure. He is up to four zyns at a time because he adds one for every year he hasn’t made Chief. There is no clue to what he will do when he does finally make it, just don’t park in his parking spot!

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Christopher “Villa” Villanueva (46) – Villa has a Jr. now and that has convinced him to push the button for retirement as soon as he possibly could. He clearly enjoys being a dad but overpays to make him feel just like a Dodger. When he’s not busy taking care of every Airmen, he will be called out by leadership for flying Thursday nights, even if it is for NVG training. If the man is on leave don’t dare to call him, but he will call you without hesitation when your leave is clearly in PuckBoard and he approved it.

Evaluators

MSgt Clay “Scab” Wonders (46) – Clay is our OGV that lets us do anything once. When he’s not on the road giving checks/playing roach chest in Raleigh-Durham he can be found wondering the halls of the 6th giving people the bird. He finally got a house after a year because Fam Camp was taking him to court for eviction. “TTT” Travis’ Trailer Trash!!!

TSgt Adam Ingan – Adam sleep’s even more on the plane now that he is getting ready for retirement. He only comes to work when he is flying or out-processing. He spends his weekends playing video games or stealing money from Airmen in poker. Would be a Chief if they promoted you for flying hours!

Instructors

MSgt Zachary “Biebs” Bieber (46) – General Biebs enjoyed being the interim First Shirt so much he started dating a real one...HUAH!!! Freshly pinned on his rooftop at 10 years and is bringing his cats to Altus instead of playing with the feral ones out there. This will be his second stint at an FTU so the students better hope they have shaving waivers, or a single blade BIC razor will be waiting for them.

TSgt Andres Castillo – Andy is riding the KC-10 into the ground just like his STI’s engine. He’s also getting his pilot’s license and has a future job with the reserves where he will have more time to golf. He is looking forward to not dealing with the AD Thizz face anymore.

TSgt Uriel “Homie” Escamilla (46) – The Homie is always bricked up to fly.... TDYs only! He has an office job, but not even he knows what to do, his future Airmen will have to worry about running the shop. You can catch him working on his 2JZ.NOSHIT of a car that he might have flightline pictures with both real tankers -10 and -46.

(T)Sgt Taran Lewis (46) – Taran has stopped returning to bars in the same Uber he left in, but he can still chug a beer faster than anyone who has challenged him. He is excited to leave the Exec shop now that he got his Promotion statement. He is looking forward to the Altus FTU life to spend more time at home with his family teaching his daughter how to chug milk!

SSgt Joshua Gamble (46) – Josh has never been saltier. He’s balding, barely walks straight, and complains about everything, even the good deals! His golf swing probably won’t get better in Altus, and neither will his back with all the Touch-n-Gos. He is growing a mustache to compensate for the lack of hair up top... he is also looking forward to a more stable schedule to help raise his soon to be 1 year old son.

SSgt Richard “Dick” Walker (46) – BDR has been busy with remodeling and preparing to PCS to Altus after almost getting scammed for an Oklahoma plot of land. Good thing he is a local boy and knew better than to trust the natives. If you need something heavy lifted, he is your guy and he is ready to crush FTU students.

SrA Zachary Ubben (46)– The last AD KC-10 instructor upgrade!!! Ubben has gone to -46 school and will soon be constantly on the road or in the gym, just how he likes it. He tries to keep his mind busy, so he doesn’t cry about missing his other half, Parker.

Line Booms

TSgt Dylan Richardson – As Dylan couldn’t cut it as Flight Attendant because his knees finally gave out, he is getting ready to PCS for the second time to McGuire to the CRW. He has always been handy around the squadron with manual labor; rebuilding the squadron bar, constructed a wall-sized light bright, and ensured the Sq was caffeinated with his Nitro Cold Brew on tap.

SrA Ashleigh Brown – Ashleigh is still the mouse in the room, but she is always working her tail off in Awards and Decs. She is slated to leave the service June 2025 and is looking to SkillBridge.

SrA Marvin Casillas – Marvin was blind as a bat and still might be, but he should hopefully be going to -46 school eventually. He has the greatest 5 O’clock shadow of all-time and is happy that he is the only Casillas in the squadron now.

SrA Tabitha Clifton – Tabs got fired from running the squadron because it wasn’t legal for a SrA to be in charge. She is getting ready to transition to civilian life and head back to the Midwest where she can over charge for her T-shirt designs.

SrA Daniel Franey(46) – Daniel is our new guy who was immediately sent to current ops. We are still learning to trust him. He can be seen riding his bike everywhere because he doesn’t believe in polluting the air.

SrA Darcy “Juicy” Coulter (46)– Darcy is at -46 school and keeps Face Timing people when she is bored. Maybe she should be paying attention to her instructors or studying instead. She famously tried to start a squadron garden but didn’t keep an eye on it and now the crops are all dead and still decaying outside the side door.

Attached/On Loan

TSgt Curtis “Claw Daddy” Clawson (46) – Claw Daddy is getting the -46 stank on him and is officially a line boom. He beat Ingan at being the least useful boom in the squadron, something they have been battling for years. He is enjoying Altus as much as the rest of us and can’t wait to get back to see his kiddos.

TSgt Cade “Shaft” Yandell (46) – Yes, the SHAFT story is true, and he has verified it. At least he is owning up to his oversights from when he was in the dorms. Cade works at tactics, and no one really knows what he does because the -46 isn’t even that tactical? The only thing he’s tactical at is dodging locals. He is getting married in a couple of months.

Boom Stowed, Leaving Position (Departures)

MSgt David “Pinglenutz” Pingleton – He went for the darkside. Hopefully his Christmases doesn’t get ruined there. He will be a Wizzo for what he hopes is the F-15 so he can still sit behind pilots.

MSgt Jonathan Farmer – Farmer has a kid for every year served in the military and decided it was time to hang up the uniform, you should see his retirement beard! However, they just welcomed another child a couple months ago and if we know the Farmers they are probably expecting again... looks like he needs a Bus now!

(M)Sgt Briana “Bree” Wilson – The most recent MSgt select...Bree went kicking and screaming to McGuire CRW because all she wanted to do is fly. Unfortunately, she still went to the CRW, but kept her AFSC as a flyer. She will look forward to taking the skies again in a few years.

TSgt Marco Ayala – Ayala made his way down the street to the CRW here at Travis. He wanted to stay local to spend as much time with his family. Still a KC-10 boom so we will see what his future holds for him as he completes his tour.

TSgt Matthew “Dr.” Rando – He might be a doctor by now or a nurse or a paramedic. But he will always be a boom! The guy who worked 7 days straight for 52 weeks for 2 years... not sure when he slept, maybe Grays Anatomy is true?

TSgt Edwin Gomez-Rivera – GR is a flight attendant now, but he is still the same old GR! If you don’t follow his IG you are missing out on some Wild Times! He is going to be the Center of Attention out at Andrews for both his Flashy outfits and his Charismatic personality. The DO is still jealous of how much he was loved in the Sq.

(T)Sgt Lyndon Nguyen (46)– Lyndon finally made Tech so we don’t have to listen to his nervous conversations about his testing anymore. He adopted the couch surfer Jaime and is allowing him to live in his basement... not sure if it’s a Hannibal Lector situation or not, but best of luck in Pease!

SSgt Keaton Kert Key – Key moved his Triple K ranch out east to Scott. He has the worst fake hillbilly accent but swears its real. Best of luck out there where he can tell everyone that he is the Key Boom.

SSgt Ryan “Mr. Mulligan” Hicks – Ryan went to Scott, so he didn’t have to face the embarrassment of his fantasy team losing every year. He loves the Eagles and thought that Philadelphia was in Illinois. If you haven’t seen him, he is the Ed, Edd, and Eddy cartoon in real life.

SSgt Ethan “E2” Ellis (46) – E2 made staff and dipped out to Seymour Johnson! Best of luck in your future and we hope your blues are ready for ACC. Don’t make him too mad or he will be as Red as Anger on Pixar’s Inside-out.

SrA Alek Forslund – Alek took his cute dog to the Garden state so they can lay in the flowers together. He is assigned to the CRW at McGuire and is holding Dawson hand to keep him in line.

SrA Dawson “Dusty Musty” Mustain – The squadron might have had a betting pool if his truck would make it to Texas or not on his way to the McGuire CRW. He did make and the funds restocked the bar so thank you Dawson.

SrA Austin Parker (46)– The on base gym banned him so he had to PCS to Seymour Johnson where the base name is just as fitting as his shorts. He is missing his Bromance with Ubben, but SIMP’d his way back into his girl’s arms. Pretty sure she uses his Chem Gear to withstand his protein farts.

SrA Amalia Rosa (46)– Rosa was too good for the 6th as a KC-46 boom, so she went to Pease and dragged a drogue on her first TDY there. If you are her next leadership, just be aware that you might get a phone call from her Auntie requesting that you watch her Niece.

SrA Ishmael “Sultan of Swag” Sweeney – Ish has found his home down the hall in the reserves and regularly DJ’s at Extend O’clock. He got a job with CALTRANS so blame him for the shitty California roads. I think he uses the taxpayers’ dollars to buy his collection of colognes.

SrA Joseph Casillas (46)– Joe quietly left for McConnell AFB. You can probably hear a cotton ball drop if he’s talking with you. However, if you need some digital design work, he is your guy... just be sure to ask him to keep it appropriate.

SrA Jaime Lozoya (46)– Jamie is using his last two brain cells still. You can catch him couch surfing at his several best friend’s houses. He will continue living the surfing dream in Lyndon’s basement at Pease. Best of luck and buy a bed already.

SrA Trinidad “Gerber Baby” Reyes(46) – Completed -46 training and headed out to McConnell. Needs to get XXLarge flight suit because he is like the Jolly Green Giant.

SrA Brendan Price – We got tired on Brendan aimlessly droning on in conversations, so we sent him to be a C-17 load at McChord AFB. He will be a great Load Toad, but once a boom, always a boom!

TRAVIS AFB, CA

9th ARS

“Gucci Pride, Worldwide”



SMSgt Michael Thomas- New to Travis, SMSgt Thomas arrived full of energy to the 9th ARS as the first KC-46 SEL of the unit. He specializes at taking a one sentence announcement and turning it into a motivational novel. SMSgt Thomas continues to remind us that he is a 10 boom at heart as he launches our squadron through its transition to the KC-46.

MSgt Danielle Repp- The 9th ARS' newest Ops Superintendent, nothing gets by without her approval. Coming to us from the Boeing Facility in Seattle, she needs to fact check all everything to ensure that no Boeing Slander is going on behind closed doors. MSgt Repp is now learning to balance work and family life as she and her husband have welcomed in a new baby this year!

MSgt Matt Metz- MSgt Metz is riding out his time as the Readiness flight chief. In True SNCO fashion you can find him limping around the squadron with whiskey in hand talking about the good old days in the Herc. he will be retiring alongside the KC-10 later this year after 22 years of service and will spend his time with his family enjoying the civilian life.

TSgt Ryan Sickle- It's a good thing this is written, because there's no chance he would be able to hear this if you told it to him without his hearing aids. TSgt Ryan sickle is ending his career as the Section chief of Mobility after completing his 13th deployment after assisting in the shutdown of the 908th EARS. One of the last instructors in the KC-10, Ryan loves to tell the younger booms how it's because of his instruction that we are so great. He will be retiring in December of this year after 20 years of service.

TSgt Zachary Ruff- The guy who started the trend of denying Test Boom PCS orders. He's come a long way since getting the 9th banned from the Jelly Belly factory. Currently the Chief Boom (which is no longer a position) he now just makes swag to sell at airshows and calls that a "job within the sq." He is slated to depart at the end of this year due to the 7-day option and hopes of getting picked up as a KC-46 pilot.

TSgt Lucas Balcarce- Balcarce was the first KC-46 Boom to arrive at the 9th ARS! Always dreaming about the ARO window that he lost, Lucas loves to try and convince Airman that the 135 was the superior tanker. He and his wife welcomed in a baby boy this past year and he is currently excelling as the Flight Chief of Integration flight.

TSgt Ben Leclerc- Leclerc has returned to the 9th ARS Stan/Eval section after his vacation at the FTU. With all Boom evals complete for the Kc-10, he spends his time complaining about the “Youths” and pretending he isn’t from the same generation. Realizing that “he’s too good for this” Ben will be separating this August as he begins his double Masters program at UC Berkley!

TSgt Justin Haughn- Speed running his way through KC-10 quals after returning from the CRW, TSgt Justin Haughn took over KC-10 STAN/EVAL for the squadron. He continued his lucky streak by volunteering to be a KC-46 instructor at Altus only to find out he was too good for the place. He is currently enroute to Edwards AFB to serve as a Test boom!

SSgt Cameron Carl- Carl has arrived back to the 9th after his stint as an instructor at the KC-10 FTU. Realizing how much he hates having actual work to do, he has submitted his package to retrain in to Special Reconnaissance. He spends his time working out and explaining how he will be more than just a weatherman in his next profession.

SrA Pono Norris- A True Ride or die airman, SRA Norris truly believes “west coats, best coast”. When asked to leave the golden state and the KC-10 behind, he pulled out his best Jordan Belfort impression and said “I’m Not F***** leavin!”. We’d all love to actually believe that happened but he really didn’t want to leave a job where he has little to no actual work to do. SRA Norris will live on and ride out the KC-10 before separating from active duty!

SrA William Keedy- SRA Keedy has adapted very well to his role as a scheduler so that he can keep track of any upcoming mission so he can get first pick. William is currently on the sunset crew and will be riding out the 10 through divestment.

SrA Willam Ridder- the King of Mischief, Ridder can often be found convincing those around him how whatever they’re doing would be better with a beer. A Faithful man, SRA Ridder was unwilling to leave the KC-10 and has elected to transition to the civilian life rather than move to the lesser aircraft.

SrA Matthew Bradfield (Assigned to the CRW)- Your stereotypical surfer, Matthew only knows how to address people as “bro” or “Dude”. Seeking a more tactical lifestyle, SRA Bradfield transferred to the CRW where he traded in Red Baron pizza’s and 5 star hotels for MRE’s and sleeping bags.

SrA Kenneth Grove (Assigned to the CRW)- After spending his time being the friendliest instructor you’ll ever meet, SRA Grove took a chance to broaden his horizon. When hearing about the frequent stops to the tropics, he jumped at the opportunity to Join the AMOS here at Travis. Grove is currently loving life and enjoying a break from flying.

SrA Tyler Marg- Marg wrapped up his rotary wing credentials this year so he could be sure to make fun of pilots with any type rating. When not working on his cars, you can find him focusing on his other fixation; LEGO's. Tyler has been a savior to the flying schedule this year, making sure to fly as much as he can to avoid sitting the scheduling desk.

SrA Jovani Zavala- Zavala completed his mission qual this year, finally becoming a real boy in the squadron. After getting dumped the day of his mission check ride, he demonstrated his ability to persevere by not only getting a Q-1, but also hitting on ever "MILF" he could find in town. The man with a million stories, he now is a KC-46 Boom after his return from Altus in June.

SrA Zachary "Bambi" Bambach- A victim of the Med groups inability to do anything in a timely manner, Bambi is currently holding down the record for being DNIF the longest. Reigning supreme as the king of supply, he is also our squadrons go-to guy for anything and everything you could ever need. He is truly the Jack of all trades and master of all ground duties.

SrA Joshua Grabe- Grabe is the newest addition to the 9th instructor corps and the last instructor to be certified in the KC-10! One of the biggest hatters of the KC-46, he was adamant that he was ready to separate and move on to the next phase in his life. He is currently slotted to graduate from KC-46 BTX in September of this year.

SrA Benajmin Crisp- Crisp was the last Active-duty Boom Operator to be qualified in the KC-10. Just like every other Gen-Z, he couldn't stay off his screens and volunteered to be A KC-46 boom as soon as he could. Ben has just returned from KC-46 training and is in the process of completing his MCT here at Travis.

A1C Connor Schummer- the park rat of the 9th, you can find this kid on a ski slope from November through May. The rest of the year he's locked in the readiness shop writing endless reports for the commander. He answered the call to join the KC-46 mafia so he can continue to get the discount on next years Epic Pass.

TRAVIS AFB, CA

70TH ARS

“HOME OF THE ORCA’S”



Greetings from Northern California, home of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron. In the past year we had a lot of changes with retirements and the KC-46 transition. Here is the list of who is new, who remains, and who has moved on.

70th ARS STAFF

CMSgt Donald Davis: (Chief Boom). An FB with 27 years of experience with 2 years until retirement.

MSgt A.J. Baxter (Training). Counting the days until his next big adventure.

MSgt Corbet Cadwell: (Scheduling). Will be hanging up his flight suit at the end of the year.

MSgt Jessica Eagles: (Stan/Eval). Has heard the calling and will be an AF Chaplin soon.

70TH ARS TRADITIONAL RESERVESTS

SMSgt Mike Hinton. The first 70th ARS KC-46 Boom.

MSgt Danny Fortier. Been busy building a new bar in our heritage room.

MSgt Callie Flood. Spent the last year working at the last KC-10 FTU.

MSgt Mark Short. The last Chief Boom of a KC-10 FTU.

MSgt Michael Bob. Finishing his KC-10 career and retiring in November 2024.

TSgt Jared Breaux. Making gas and passing gas.

TSgt Terryl Fenton. Got a new job and moved to a new town.

TSgt Victor St Martin. New hire cross training from medical.

TSgt Joshua Carpenter. Hunting, fishing, and distributing electricity.

TSgt Logan Talken. The biggest guy in the section.

TSgt Lane Friel. Soon will be passing the gas that he makes at the refinery.

TSgt Taylor Dickson. Expert in animal husbandry and hoof care.

SSgt Blazius Nimrichter. New FE hire and yes that's his real name.

SSgt Ishmael Sweeney. Addition duty DJ and fisherman beanie model.

SSgt Scott Speck. The last KC-10 Boom trained in the Air Force.

SrA Seamus Burmeister. His Dad made us hire him as a Boom.

70TH ARS ATTACHED PERSONNEL

SMSgt Daniel Rufkahr (349OSS)

70TH ARS OFFICIALLY RETIRED

MSgt Ryan Phillips

MSgt Robert Rossman

TSgt Jon Pratte

TSgt Erik Esquerra

TSgt Ian Overbey

TSgt Alan Greene

70TH ARS MOVED ON

TSgt Adam Stickney

TSgt Rebecca Hernandez



TRAVIS AFB, CA

79th ARS

“TOGAs”



Holla from the best coast! Change is afoot in our world. On one hand, we've moved up from our asbestos-riddled slum at bldg 250 to our newly remodeled, palatial digs at bldg 187. It's a good setup and it's always nice to be able to recruit from within our own bldg. For every step forward there's a step back, however, as we're currently in conversion from our beloved KC-10 to the getting-there KC-46. We know Peggy will get there, eventually, but she's got some big (and sexy!) shoes to fill. In the meantime, we're trying our best to keep the Gucci spirit alive and well with our new whip.

ARTs/AGRs

CMSgt Matthew Fisher: Matt is a bit confused these days... He has a very high workload, but then he moonlights as the OG Superintendent until God knows when. He asks for peace and quiet in the boom shop, just to blare Pearl Jam and Cake in his office. He's a self-proclaimed Libertarian, but lives in the hippie-haven of Davis and drives an electric car. When he's not running the boom section, terrorizing the helpless 70th ARS Orcas, or accidentally blowing a slide raft at Altus, he can be found lecturing "the yutes" on Chomsky at Sacramento State University.

MSgt Jesse Farley: You name it, Jesse has done it. From starting off fixing F-104 engines to being a Flight Engineer on the C-141, to doing pretty much all the squadron's medical and training programs, Jesse has his fingers in many pots. With less than a year left until retirement, Jesse guides the training of our newest booms as well as our oldest, making sure "these cats" are always mission ready. Not sure how the squadron will work when he's gone, but it will be with less style to be sure.

MSgt Christy Jeffreys: There are people you learn to say "no" to: telemarketers, your spouse's deadbeat relatives, and others. Then there's Christy. If you need something done you give it to her and get out of her way! As our squadron's high energy bulldog, and with her eager willingness to crack a few kneecaps, she's the natural head for the squadron's booster club, fitness program, and others. Christy notably softens and glows when she talks about retiring, which for whatever reason she mentions much more often after her conversion to the KC-46...

MSgt Bethany "Benny" Marrero: Benny got tired and frustrated doing the thankless job of herding cats in the UDM shop, so having learned her lesson well, she decided to become a scheduler... Good call! We've lost track of how many "the BOT is down!" and "last chance to give your annual tour requests" emails she's sent, but between her and her dogs, the squadron is a better place to be.

MSgt Steve Garbett (assigned to 349th OSS): You can say a lot about Steve. Much of it good, but there are very few people who can make Altus a good time. Steve is one of them. A man who could organize a party at a funeral, Steve does double duty running Ops Group training as well as being a ready source of gifs and stickies. The pickle sticky is especially memorable. Available for \$3.99 on his OnlyFans account.

SMSgt Jeremy Rigg (assigned to 349th AMOS): Although he's also a former Orca (like Matt), Jeremy is actually a great dude. After killing it with us, Jeremy is getting "career broadening" and suffering through months-long vacations, errr... I mean "deployments" to the AOC at Hickam and other garden spots so he can take power someday. It's a rough job, but someone has to do it.

Traditional Reservists

SMSgt Michael "Sticky Fingers" Parks: Full-time Registered Nurse, slacker and thief, and part-time reservist. During his 2 1/2 months at Altus he somehow spent more time on pass status outside Oklahoma than actually training in Oklahoma. When asked how, he cryptically replied "don't worry about that, player." He misses the 10, but with roughly 40 KC-10 APU starts a year "uhh, for currency" to ensure air conditioning or heating, he has grudging respect for the 46's excellent creature comforts. He can often be found casing out things to steal, even though the boom shop and squadron bar are already full of his "acquisitions."

MSgt Scotty Thomason: When given the choice of retiring with his beautiful wife or switching to the 46, spending 2 1/2 months at Altus, and doing endless can't-say-no BOT checks for Christy, Scotty made the wise choice! Smart move. Best of luck in retirement!

MSgt Justin Hughes: Newly minted 46 instructor and sad, sad superfan of sports teams that are leaving the Bay Area. Don't let his past as a crayon-eating Marine ("purple tastes the best, hands down!!!") fool you: he's the smartest boom in the squadron. God help us all!!!

MSgt Vince Montojo: Another fresh 46 convert, Vince and Justin had such a great time at Altus, their AI-generated family photos adorn the walls of the boom shop. No, seriously. A great, friendly guy, if you cross him he will pull you over the next time you're passing through Fremont on a bum rap. A \$400.00 B.S. ticket served with a smile.

MSgt Arriel Bromley: Don't let her innocent looks and easy going nature fool you: Arriel will hand you a beer with one hand and sign your Q-3 form 8 with the other. When she's not busy keeping the newly-minted 46 converts in line, she's clicking "next slide" on her PME and searching for end-of-module answers on quizlet. Definitely Promote!!!

MSgt Ryan Gregory: You'd think a 15-year former PRP Security Forces and Sensor Operator would bring a certain, shall we say, "style" to the shop, but Ryan beat the odds and fits in better than some of the reserve babies! A great asset for the 79th!

MSgt Terry Faulkner: An Engineer retread and our squadron's resident cicada: we hear him, he stays current and gets paid, but we never see him. Hopefully, when cornered like a rat in a trap, he can teach the rest of us to read approach plates and calculate winds like good crewmembers.

TSgt Oscar Sanchez: Another Engineer retread and former active duty bug killer, Oscar once went through an "aircraft recognition training" to be able to identify a C-172 versus a C-17 and the like. Hopefully he remembers that valuable training during his time in the BOT at Altus...

TSgt Mike Goirl: After a few years of "X-raying necks and cashing checks," Mike is coming back to us. They always come back. Hopefully for the long term, as the squadron is a better place with him.

TSgt Aaron Spencer: Aaron has quietly been "gettin' 'er done!" for years now. With the 10 going away, he somehow finagled a job as a career advisor ("what would you say you do here?"), got promoted, and doesn't have to go to Altus. You can now add 3D chess master to his list of job titles.

TSgt Steve Zorro: It's impossible not to like a guy like Steve. Great on the road, has a wonderful family, and is never too busy to show a new guy the ropes. Steve's party house was the #1 YELP review ranked attraction at Altus for 10 weeks in a row! Glad to have you back, Steve.

TSgt Matt Johnson: After a few years crushing it at the FTU (RIP!!!), Christy made Matt an offer he couldn't refuse and he's now running KC-10 DOV until he goes to Altus. He's the rare man that can tell you "you suck!" with a smile on his face and mean it. Matt is probably the only man in history to go through KC-46 training so he can spend more time with his wife.

TSgt Abigail "Abby" Vinson: Abby has been crushing it! Between professional events, promotions, bodybuilding competitions, and upcoming nuptials, 2024 has been one of Abby's finest years. She's also our DO's only competition in the "women who could crush you like a bug" category. Needless to say, she gets firewall 5's from me!

SrA Sam Nolan: The squadron's resident "Pit Viper" sunglasses salesman, Sam is both a walking party and a walking AFI 36-2903 violation. The only man we know who took out a home equity loan for a bachelor's party, Sam will be the squadron's last KC-10 boom operator. Somehow, that fits. May that beautiful jet and Sam's less than beautiful, but somehow extraordinary mustache, live forever.

SrA Abdulai Turay: A great conversationalist, Abdulai will let you talk yourself into a jail cell: he's a CHP trooper when he's not working his side hustle with us. We're glad to have him around, even when he searches our parking lot for expired tags.

SrA Andrew Lanthier: Andy has been crushing it in life and with the 79th. He's always got a smile and a good attitude. It makes us all sick. We'll see how long his smile lasts when he gets to Altus and he's told by one of the lifers to "hold my pocket!!!"

SrA Kevin Muerle: Although he just edged past Sam Nolan in the "worst mustache, ever" category, Kevin has been thriving in the squadron. Relatively quiet and soft-spoken - for aircrew at least - he was cut-off after 1 and 1/2 Diet Cokes due to calling an NCO an asshole to his face. Solid hire!

TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601 AOC / 101 AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATIONS CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard

MSgt Austin “Rude” Arnold (AGR): c. 2005, After years of working hard at the AOC (Facebook marketplace) he finally purchased his boat. He did get a fair amount of use this summer season; we will see what next year holds... He is the 6-year running champion as AMD’s public enemy #1 and is still a MSgt after 6 six years. Some things just don’t change. He pulled all the strings he had to finding his next stripe, but butchered the interview... ever heard of AFFORGEN? Despite all of this, he still earned himself a stratification and continues to excel as NCOIC of Tanker Plans.

TSgt Derek “Rogue” Peifer (AGR): c. 2015, Derek is the AOC’s Mobility Guardian and the AMD superstar! His DVIDs interview has produced many iconic photos and a cult following. Derek bought his first home after searching and making every real estate mistake, at least the septic works at his new home. He has been crushing school preparing for commissioning opportunities to become a pilot. He finally got attached after being denied 500 times. We appreciate Birmingham taking a chance on the best Boom in the FLANG! Derek can’t withstand the chance to be out front, he has submitted more NCO of the quarter packages without a win (0/8) ... Despite the odds he gets coined every other week by a GO and even the Under SECDEF took sympathy on his batting average.

Check out the video: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/710936/mobility-guardian-2019-kc-135-boom-operator-extends-tanker-reach>

MSgt Ryan Seifert (Retired): c. 2004, Ryan retired this year. Best wishes to you and your family!

Colonel John “Boom Boom” Erickson (AGR): c. 1992, He is the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for the 601 AOC.





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
2022 -- 909 ARS, 18 WG, Kadena AB, Japan



Boom Memorial Names

KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

<i>7-Jul-51</i>	<i>TSGT HENRY H. HILL</i>
<i>7-Jul-51</i>	<i>1LT JACK W. KERN</i>
<i>7-Jul-51</i>	<i>CPL REGINALD F. RUSSELL</i>
<i>7-Jul-51</i>	<i>SSGT SCOTT L. WALLACE</i>
<i>10-Jul-53</i>	<i>SGT WALTER F. OLSEN</i>
<i>26-Dec-56</i>	<i>TSGT THURMAN RANIER</i>
<i>10-Jan-57</i>	<i>TSGT EDWARD C. CLEMONS</i>
<i>10-Jan-57</i>	<i>SSGT MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH</i>
<i>2-Feb-57</i>	<i>MSGT LAWRENCE M. GRIGORY</i>
<i>2-Feb-57</i>	<i>A2C ARTHUR B. KOSIER</i>
<i>2-Feb-57</i>	<i>A3C FRANKLIN D. SCHWEIGERT</i>

KB-50 SUPERFORTRESS

<i>13-Mar-57</i>	<i>A2C ROBERT E. CRAIG</i>
<i>13-Mar-57</i>	<i>A2C BILLY B. ROSE</i>
<i>8-May-57</i>	<i>SSGT THOMAS E. O'CONNOR</i>
<i>8-May-57</i>	<i>A3C DONALD E. COSPER</i>
<i>13-Aug-58</i>	<i>A2C FRANCIS C. HERMANCIE, JR.</i>
<i>13-Aug-58</i>	<i>SSGT NORBERT T. KNULTY</i>
<i>22-Jan-59</i>	<i>A2C IGNACIO W. SANCHEZ</i>
<i>22-Jan-59</i>	<i>TSGT WAYNE M. SOUDER</i>
<i>4-Aug-59</i>	<i>A2C THOMAS M. PAYTON</i>
<i>18-Oct-60</i>	<i>SSGT HARDIN A. BAILEY</i>
<i>18-Oct-60</i>	<i>A2C THOMAS J. LANE</i>
<i>18-Oct-60</i>	<i>A3C MICHAEL W. MILLER</i>
<i>5-Mar-61</i>	<i>SSGT HAROLD D. MEEUSEN</i>
<i>5-Mar-61</i>	<i>A2C CLIFTON C. TABOR</i>
<i>8-Jan-62</i>	<i>A2C PAUL M. CLAWSON</i>
<i>8-Jan-62</i>	<i>A2C CARLTON A. LINK</i>
<i>8-Jan-62</i>	<i>SSGT BILLIE D. MOORE</i>
<i>9-Feb-62</i>	<i>A1C GUY L. POWELL</i>
<i>9-Feb-62</i>	<i>A2C RALPH E. REUTZEL</i>
<i>20-Dec-62</i>	<i>SSGT ROBERT T. CRAIG</i>
<i>20-Dec-62</i>	<i>SSGT JAMES R. HAYES</i>
<i>13-Aug-64</i>	<i>SSGT WALTER B. HICKMAN, JR.</i>
<i>13-Aug-64</i>	<i>SSGT CAREY A. LIVINGSTON</i>

KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

<i>9-Nov-51</i>	<i>SGT JAMES A. MAINS</i>
<i>27-Jun-54</i>	<i>A1C DAVID ARAMBULA</i>
<i>27-Jun-54</i>	<i>SSGT ROBERT O. GONZALES</i>
<i>27-Jun-54</i>	<i>SSGT VINCENT PROVENZANO</i>
<i>23-Feb-55</i>	<i>SSGT ROBERT E. ROSENCRANCE</i>
<i>23-Feb-55</i>	<i>A2C CHARLES J. SITFA</i>
<i>4-May-55</i>	<i>A1C MARVIN R. DEVRIES</i>
<i>4-May-55</i>	<i>A1C JOSEPH L. PRIDGEN</i>
<i>13-Jul-55</i>	<i>SSGT GEORGE R. MIGNOSA</i>
<i>13-Jul-55</i>	<i>SSGT MARVIN F. RUSK</i>
<i>25-Apr-56</i>	<i>SSGT DONALD S. DELPRIORE</i>
<i>25-Apr-56</i>	<i>A2C JURI E. JOONAS</i>

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

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

27-Aug-56	A1C WILLIAM R. DENNIE Jr.
27-Aug-56	A3C RICHARD A. RIDLON

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

8-Apr-54	A2C FREDERICK L. MARSHALL
8-Apr-54	A2C WAYNE D. WHITSELL

THE BOOMER'S PRAYER

MAY THE WEATHER BE SMOOTH AND THE BOW WAVE SLIGHT, MAY THE
RECEPTACLE BE LARGE AND HAVE A PLETHORA OF LIGHTS.
MAY CARGO AND PAX BE NOT ABOARD,
MAY WE NEVER HAVE TO USE THE PARACHUTE RIPCORDER. THIS WE ASK FROM
THE POWER ABOVE,
JUST LET US DO WHAT ALL BOOMER'S LOVE.
TO DIRECT THE BOOM WITH PRECISION, AND A TOUCH THAT IS SLIGHT, TO GET
THE CUSTOMER ENOUGH GAS TO FINISH THEIR FLIGHT.
OR TO SIMPLY PUT IT,
SO WE CAN JUST ILLUMINATE THE "BOOM ENGAGED LIGHT".

PATRICK QUAID, MSGT, 1997, ILANG RETIRED