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# New vice says hello

Wow! What a great introduction to the 908th! You've impressed me through the final prep and execution phases of the CUI, HSI and LCAP. Great work! I'm honored that Colonel Clark has given me the opportunity to join your team.

I'm Col. Paul Knapp, born and raised in Wisconsin, and now live in Whitefish Bay, a small village north of Milwaukee. I have a wonderful family with my wife Renee and two kids, Connor, 7, and Kennedy, 4. I try to spend as much time as possible with my great family, love sports, technology and my wife's great cooking.

My diverse background includes over 12 years of active duty. My first assignment as an OSI agent inspired my call sign, Snitch. I had assignments as an F-15E Weapon Systems Officer and an Air Force Liaison Officer to the Army in Korea, before moving to the Reserves and the airlift world at the 440 AW in Milwaukee and the C-130 community. I accompanied the 440th to Pope, followed by a flight test squadron

command at Hill AFB and a short stint at Robins prior to coming here.

My first responsibility here is to be Colonel Clark's "right-hand man." As the vice, I support, defend, and advise our boss as we execute the mission at home and around the world. Secondly, I am the wing's senior traditional reservist, and my mission is to ensure you each have a well-balanced Reserve triad. It is imperative each of us maintain a healthy balance between our family, civilian jobs and the Air Force; that is my priority!



COL. PAUL KNAPP  
Vice Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

As a civilian, I have a contract position with Boeing as a flight test WSO for the F-15 program. I fly new fighters when they roll off the production line in St. Louis, test new weapon systems and software, and deliver them to customers.

I am honored to serve with and for you as vice wing commander. I must clear up something I have been asked repeatedly: Auburn or Alabama? After a long and careful deliberation, I have made up my mind and my final answer is ...  
**GO AIR FORCE!**

## A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

CH. (MAJ.) DAVID DERSCH

Summer is a season for vacation! It's hot. Things slow down. We kick back, swim, or take trips.

However, let's remember the pitfalls of the 101 Critical Days of Summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The safety folks tell us that we lose more Airmen to accidents during this season than any other time of year.

The C-130 community suffered a sobering loss this summer. While fighting fires in South Dakota, a North Carolina Guard C-130H3 crashed and four of the six crew members perished. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these fallen warriors, as well as to the 145th AW in Charlotte, as they mourn their loss.

As we relax a bit after our successful Combined Unit Inspections and celebrate our hard work, let's remain vigilant. Ours is a dangerous business, and in work or play, we need to practice good operational risk management.

The principle of being on guard likewise applies to our spiritual lives. We are warned in Scripture to beware of pride, because it sets you up for a fall. When you think you're OK, and have it all together, it's easier to drop your guard, stumble, and give in to temptation.

So enjoy a final break this August. But don't drop your guard, physically or spiritually during the "dog days of summer." And say a special prayer for our wingmen at the 145th.



# Did you know?

By Tech. Sgt. M. Evelyn Baxter  
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The Defense Travel System, often referred to as the "Devils Travel System," is quite easy to use if you travel often. However, if you do not, it can be difficult to navigate.

Did you know there are tools available on the DTS Travel Training and Resource Center that could be of use to you? By going to the DTS website at: [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/training.cfm#lookup](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/training.cfm#lookup), and accessing the "Training Resource Lookup Tool," you will have access to multiple tri-fold pamphlets that will assist you in everything from creating authorizations and vouchers, to aiding Approving Officials in approving orders/vouchers. You can quickly access these tri-folds by entering the following data "Training Resource Lookup Tool" drop down menu:

- Type:** Reference Material
  - Sub-Type:** Tri-Fold
  - Role:** Traveler
- Hit the **submit** button.

These are great reference tools to keep handy while operating DTS.

Additionally, there are some common errors that travelers make in DTS, here are a few you can avoid:

1. Generating duplicate expenses such as rental car, CTO fees, and lodging. DTS inputs these for you when you book your airfare/rental car through the CTO, while lodging is under the per-

- diem entitlements screen so you do not need to list it separately under the expenses tab.
2. Adjudicate pre-audit screens. Any flags you have under the pre-audit screen must have a justification. If you do not enter a justification, DTS goes into a loop sequence and will not allow you to sign your document. Make sure you justify any audited items in your document.
3. Separate lodging taxes. Make sure you breakout your lodging taxes as they are a separate reimbursable item.
4. Be aware the ATM service fee charged by Citi Bank is going up from 2% to 2.22% starting June 23. This fee is an authorized expense on your voucher when you are on official travel.

Within the next year, the Defense Travel Management Office will be updating and implementing a travel policy compliance program. The program will include an application that identifies errors in DTS travel documents and automatically notify travelers and administrators so corrective action can be taken. This will be very helpful for you, the traveler, and for our reviewing/approving officials.

Hopefully this information will be helpful for you as we continue to grow and transition to DTS. As always, your finance office stands ready to assist you.

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**COVER PHOTO:**  
908th Airlift Wing commander  
Col. Brett Clark



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U.S. Air Force photo  
Master Sgt. Christian Michael

The 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron will soon bid farewell to one of its iconic members. Col. Camille Phillips will retire from the Air Force Reserve on Aug. 4, after serving as the commander for over three years.

Phillips joined the Air Force in 1982 and served on active duty for six years before coming to the 908th. Most people join active duty to travel the world, but Montgomery-native Phillips got assigned to Maxwell AFB as a dental officer.

"I've travelled more with the Reserves than I ever did with Active Duty," said Phillips. "I've had the opportunity to do things all over the world."

For the majority of her Reserve career, Phillips has been assigned to the 908th ASTS. In 2005, Phillips left the 908th to pursue a command position with the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at McGuire AFB, N.J.

"I think it's better that I left for a while before taking a command position here," said Phillips, "because it gave me some outside experience."

Phillips said she is grateful to Col. Brett Clark, Commander of the 908th Airlift Wing, for allowing her the opportunity to return to the 908th.

"I commuted to McGuire for three and a half years," said Phillips. "When this opportunity arose, I was quick to put in my application to come back home."

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Wright said he has worked with Phillips for at least 20 years and

was excited when she came back to ASTS.

"She's one of the officers whose actions earned my respect," said Wright. "She will do anything she can, within regulations, to be sure the right thing is done for the unit and the member."

And her team-leadership abilities are visible throughout the ASTS work area. Hanging on the walls in the hallways are numerous paintings by Phillips and other ASTS members from a team-building exercise she facilitated to boost morale.

"We all went out to Corks and Canvas and had a glass of wine and painted together," said Phillips.

Phillips is also a civilian dentist here in Montgomery.

"All of our wing commanders have been patients of mine," said Phillips. "Make sure they know I'm not retiring from my private practice."

Wright said Phillips carries with her a lot of experience and history.

"I am doubly sad to see her go," said Wright. "She is a phenomenal commander and an excellent leader. I cannot overstate that. The Air Force is losing a phenomenal resource."

Although she will continue her civilian career, Phillips said she does plan to spend more time at the beach after she retires from the Reserve. Phillips's parting message to ASTS is to keep their current momentum.

"Keep learning and keep improving. Be life-long learners," said Phillips.

908th Maintenance Group is losing their commander to the halls of the Pentagon. Group commander Col. MacCauley von Hoffman has also been their leader, advisor and inspirational mentor.

"Our maintenance group thrived under her leadership," said Col. Brett Clark, 908th Airlift Wing commander. "Colonel Cauley von Hoffman is a one-of-a-kind officer who exemplified the highest standard of excellence every day. As she leaves, the MXG is again 'exporting excellence.' We will miss her and wish her all the best in her future in Washington D.C."

Von Hoffman, a Columbus, Miss., native, has come far since first arriving at the 908th in 2003 with her children and her husband, a pilot in the 187th Fighter Wing. She learned the first week she was here she would be commanding the 908th Maintenance Squadron and be the first maintenance officer in line for the pending deployment.

"I have had a wonderful support network, which is part of the reserve triad," she said. "You have to build a support network for the family that can help during (unit training assemblies) or deployments. I have a tremendous support network of family and friends that can do that."

Von Hoffman also gives credit for her success to her chiefs.

"My success is because of the success of the unit," said von Hoffman, "I listen to my chiefs a lot. I can't let up because they never let up."

The stamp of difference she hopes to have made during her time here were long-term improvements she implemented.

"We have spent an incredible amount of time and effort improving the maintenance facilities making

them representative of the quality work done here," said von Hoffman.

While deployed as maintenance officer for a CORONET OAK deployment, she experienced the loss of a technical sergeant in Puerto Rico. It had a huge impact on her, who said it was a pointed reminder of how important each Airman in the wing is.

"There was no warning order and no plan to follow," she said, "but from the first sergeant's notification of what had happened to presenting the posthumous award, this wing's performance was magnificent."

The action of maintenance group members cemented her convictions.

"Our unit is a family," said von Hoffman. "I would do everything in my power to be a positive influence on that family."

Master Sgt. Todd Kern, 908th Maintenance Squadron, echoed the sentiments of other Airmen.

"Rarely do you find the combination of qualities Colonel von Hoffman exudes," said Kern, "competence, compassion, trust in fellow professionals, and the courage to make tough decisions."

Von Hoffman said she is exceptionally proud of the MXG's performance during the Operational Readiness Inspection, the 2010 deployment and the LCAP.

Von Hoffman will be assigned as the assistant director of strategic logistics working for the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. She wants wing members to continue working to keep this wing an outstanding unit.

"The 908 AW gets closer to meeting our vision every day – 'an elite unit where each member considers it a privilege to belong,'" said von Hoffman. "So keep doing what you're doing!"



## ASTS bids farewell to 908th icon

By Staff Sgt. Sandi Percival  
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



## Maintenance commander moves on up

By Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder  
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



# INSPECTION REFLECTION

By Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb  
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 50 members of the 908th Airlift Wing were recognized as Outstanding Performers as the unit successfully completed a Combined Unit Inspection June 20-26. The inspection, conducted by the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General's office, evaluated the unit's compliance with the financial, legal and programmatic Air Force Reserve

instructions and regulations.

Lt. Col. Troy Vonada, 908th Airlift Wing's Performance Planner, said this was the first time the wing has undergone a Combined Unit Inspection bringing together a Compliance Inspection, Logistics Compliance Assessment Program, and Health Service Inspection into one event. He said it was a tough inspection reviewing more than 4,000 items across the unit. Vonada explained the

goal of the CUI is to create "white space" where units have predictable four-year cycles with two years between compliance and Operational Readiness Inspections and deployments.

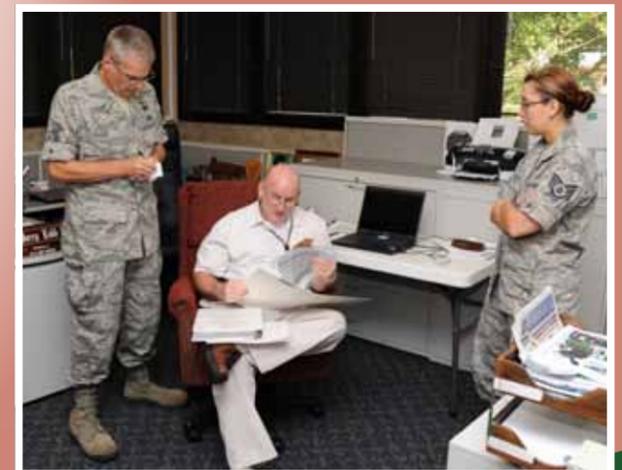
A team of subject matter experts from Headquarters AFRC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., conducted the inspections.

The 908th received an overall Satisfactory rating on the CI, and an Excellent on the LCAP.

The 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron received a Satisfactory in the HSI.

Following the inspection Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, AFRC/IG, praised the wing, stating the 908th had more outstanding performers identified by his team than any wing in recent memory.

"You were clearly prepared and your morale, etc., show that this is truly a quality organization," said Mooney.





Above, Col. Brett Clark, 908th Airlift Wing Commander, poses with The 56'ers Tech. Sgt. Aaron Knight, Staff Sgt. Quiana Carter, Tech. Sgt. Naveya Livingston, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Pettway, Staff Sgt. Adam Dennis and Command Chief Master Sgt. Owen Duke, June 3. Below, Clark and Duke talk to members of Airmen Committed to Excellence, June 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder)

## Commander thanks new enlisted groups

By Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder  
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Col. Brett Clark, commander, 908th Airlift Wing, surprised enlisted groups Airmen Committed to Excellence and 56'ers to thank them for their recent efforts in the wing's Family Day event and in the Highland Avenue Elementary School career day, where volunteers interacted with students and answered their questions about the Air Force Reserve.

Members also participated in the Highland Avenue Elementary Spring Fest where they helped teachers with recreational events and then stayed afterward to clean up.

Senior Airman Shaniqua Rogers said it surprised her and her fellow Airmen when Clark walked in. "It was a shock but a good one. With ACE being a new organization, receiving that type of support from our leadership means a lot. It was a great feeling getting that kind of praise from our wing commander."

Clark said he was pleased with the two groups' active participation in recent events telling them his three priorities: first, "To be a force provider to the combatant com-

manders. The active component just can't handle the 'steady-state' requirements we have throughout the world. Whether it's PACAF, CENTCOM, or SOUTHCOM, we need every component of the Air Force to accomplish the mission."

He further explained his number-two priority in the unit is to take care of Airmen and their families, because the operations tempo in the military is much higher than it used to be.

"The number-three priority is for our facilities to match those facilities of the other components of the Air Force," Clark said, "especially those of the active-duty Air Force. Can I do them all myself? Heck no, I can't do this all myself. Part of it is, I have to find people who will tackle those things," referring to the two new groups.



"Thanks for stepping up with the programs, the priorities and the strategic requirements as a wing commander I ask this wing to take on," said Clark, who relayed that both the 908th members and their families appreciated their hard work. "Your volunteerism to make things happen in the Family Day event is an indicator to me that other things of a higher priority ... (that) you guys will perform cheerfully, professionally and successfully is an indicator of what you're capable of."

His time with the groups was well received.

"It is rewarding to know our wing commander and command chief really appreciate and support what the 56'ers and ACE groups are trying to do," said 56'er Tech. Sgt. Aaron L. Knight. "We are excited about implementing our ideas and have plans to really make a difference within the 908th Airlift Wing. With the continued support from our leaders, the sky is the limit!"

ACE and 56'ers will thank the wing for its great support by sponsoring a pool party with free food. The 'Cool Down' celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m., August 4 at the



# RESCUE for DUMMIES

Members of the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 42nd Air Base Wing fire department participate in a fuel cell evacuation exercise during the 908th's Combined Unit Inspection June 24, 2012, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The exercise simulated mannequin "Airman," overcome by fumes while working within the wing of a C-130 Hercules, is retrieved by fellow crew chiefs. They administered emergency care and prepared the victim for transport. Above, firefighters Stuart Vaughn and Fred Jones prepare the "Airman" for transport off the C-130. Right top, Senior Airmen Allen Rose and Ivan Desindes prepare to extract the "Airman." Right, Chief Master Sgt. Jamie Cornelia, center, inspects Desindes, left, as he prepares his mask while Master Sgt. Joseph Buettner looks on. Below right, firefighters and emergency medical technicians secure the "Airman" to a gurney. Below, members of 908th safety, maintenance and the Air Force Reserve Command inspectors review the event. "I would feel comfortable going into a fuel tank, that those guys could get me out of there," said Cornelia.



U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jay Ponder



### OLD DOGS SAYING GOODBYE

Long-time 908th Airlift Wing member Col. William Forshey retires fellow long-timer Col. Paul Baird at 2 p.m. June 9, at First United Methodist Church of Centre in Centre, Ala. Baird joined the 908th while it was still in Mobile, Ala., and stayed with the unit for more than 41 years. Forshey has been an on-and-off military and civilian member of the 908th since 1972, and is due to retire in September as deputy chief, security forces of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. (Submitted Photo)

### BRIEFS

#### ASTS commander retires

908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron Commander Col. Camille Phillips will retire 11 a.m. Aug. 4 at the Academic Instructor School Large Auditorium, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. All members of the 908th Airlift Wing are invited to attend.

#### MXG change of command

The 908th Maintenance Group change of command is scheduled for at the Air Force Officer Training School Boyd Auditorium for 1 p.m. Aug. 4. Those who wish to attend must R.S.V.P. to Capt. Kristin Hill at 953-5666 by July 27.

### PROMOTIONS

- E-7** Wayne Askew      Wesley Eidson  
Everett Jones      Frederick Koehl
- E-6** Sherri Burton      Tracey Horne  
Ryan Miller      James Toney
- E-5** Jake Yakes
- E-4** Stephanie Bivins      William Hursey  
Hakeem Skipwith      Brandon Tarvin  
Michael Turry
- E-3** Bryan Renforth      Wesley Ingram  
Logan Spendlove
- E-2** Olivia Edwards

### NEWCOMERS

- AB** Douglas Bowers      Shannon Jones  
Ashley Harris      Isshecar Windham  
Jasmine Thomas      Kayanna Rich
- Amn** Nikia Freeman
- A1C** Tyler Aldridge      Charla Colbert  
Lyndon Jackson      Quincy Miller  
Michael Netherland      Andrew Turner  
Jonathan Pilgrim
- SrA** Ryan Esposito      Terrell Russell
- SSgt.** Christopher Daugherty  
Nikada Jordan      Christopher White
- TSgt.** Craig Schadewald
- Capt.** Mark Sprague

### RETIRING

- TSgt.** Lynette Clayton      Alfred Deramus  
Christy Houston      Tdera Jarman  
Henry Milliner, Jr
- MSgt.** Lee Cobb      Nicholas Monday  
David McCaughtry      Roger Butler  
Pamela Rhodes      Darrell Stephens  
Richard Taylor
- SMSgt.** Mark Williams
- CMSgt.** Adriel Carr      Jesse Scott
- Lt. Col.** Peter Garland, III      Laurie Parker  
Stanley Jesionowski      Billy Tabor
- Col.** Camille Phillips

**\* The next Reserve Retirement Briefing is set to take place on Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. in Building 903, the MSG Conference Room.\***

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The 908th will be hosting a joint employer event tentatively on Nov. 2 in cooperation with the Alabama Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Nominate your civilian employer/supervisor to attend "Breakfast with the Boss" using the form below. The event will start at the Officer's Club at 7:30 a.m. Those who wish to stay will be offered the chance to fly over central Alabama in one of our C-130s. Nominate your boss today! All nominations must be received by COB Oct 1.

908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs  
401 W. Maxwell Blvd. Rm. 100  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Please print, fill out and bring in or mail the box form

## Employer Day Nomination Form

### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Title (Mr. Mrs. etc) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Org \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Driver's license # \_\_\_\_\_ State issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Participate in C-130 Flight Yes/No?

### MEMBER INFORMATION

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Military Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_