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Foundation of Freedom

A few weeks ago, while visiting one of our recruiting offices, I had the honor of enlisting a young woman while her proud parents looked on. She raised her right hand and swore an oath. She swore an oath to support and defend freedom. She swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. That oath is steeped in the heritage and somber in its true meaning. It's serious business.

When she was done with the ceremony portion, I sat down with her and her parents to chat. I pulled out a copy of the Constitution that I often carry with me. As we discussed her bold decision, I handed her the copy and gave her a challenge – read it. Statistics tell us that most young citizens of our nation have not actually read the Constitution. We will swear an oath to support and defend it, even to die for it, but we can't be sure what it actually says.

The news is frequently charged with passionate arguments about the intricacies of the Constitution. In the profession of arms, we hold this document as sacred. On its behalf we sacrifice our time, our relationships, even our lives. We work, we struggle, we train, we deploy and we fight. We fight as if everything



COL. DAVID CONDIT
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

we hold dear is at stake, because it is. That document represents our nation and our freedom. Our nation is not perfect, but it is exceptional in that we constantly strive for freedom and equality.

Let me offer the same challenge I did to that dedicated young woman who swore an oath. I challenge you to read the Constitution. I will not demand you read the way I do. In fact, I'll fight and die for your right to see things differently. Whether you last read it recently, years ago or never, I challenge you to read the words on which our oath is based.



COVER PHOTO:
Second Lieutenants (L-R) David Smith, Courtney Tremmer and Drew Tatum, celebrate after graduating from OTS 2 Sept. Smith and Tatum are slated to become pilots and Tremmer a logistics officer.



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A MOMENT WITH THE **CHAPLAIN**

MASTER SGT. KELVIN KING

Where is the time going? Fall will soon be upon us. It will be welcomed to have the summer temperatures diminish to cut down on the heat related illnesses and too much exposure to the sun. Fall is my favorite time of the year. Seeing the leaves on the trees make that amazing change is a good indication that the seasons are shifting. The only thing about it that I don't like is all the leaves that fall and fall and fall in your yard. Leaf raking is something that as a kid I enjoyed very little. Now with the modern equipment available you can do this chore easily and quickly.

Changing Seasons

Our times are like the seasons that change due to the fact more equipment and technology is advancing quicker than our ability to grasp. Well, I will speak for my own experience on this topic. I was at my civilian place of employment and one of my co-workers had a video of his daughter's birthday party. Of course it was on his smartphone in HD with a sharp vivid picture and sound that was loud and clear. He was able to view it as soon as he finished recording. When I was a kid not too many years ago in the 1970's, you can laugh if you like... We had a Kodak 8mm hand held camera and the film had to be mailed off to be developed which

took about two weeks to get back as I recall. Then my father would open the package, which was in a round flat tin container, and my siblings and I would anticipate seeing the film that had to be loaded onto a projector and played without the sound. Wow have times changed.

We can also include this in our lives as the world we live in evolves constantly. With the new technology we should make time to interact with one another. The personal touch to communication must not fade like old technology.

Yellow Ribbon: Prepare for deployment

By Jamie Ellis

As many of you gear up for the upcoming deployments it can be both an exciting time and anxious time for most folks. It is often we become focused on ourselves and making sure that we have all the paperwork and arrangements in order. We are often processing our emotions about leaving the country, our families and what we know is familiar. This maybe your first deployment or your fifth deployment. How do you prepare yourself and your family?

I am reminded of what our wing commander, Col Condit, said recently about being in uniform in a diner and several people coming up

to him thanking him for his service. The event made him think about who thanks our families for their service to us when we leave. I've been both the person deploying and the one staying behind, so I understand how hard it can be for both sides.

A great way to connect with others who can relate to and connect to your family is the Yellow Ribbon Program. You might say, "I know about this, isn't this just for those who have never been deployed." Yellow Ribbon is so much more than that. It is a way to reconnect with your family and have them express their fears/concerns about being home while you are deployed.

The Yellow Ribbon program has

question and answer sessions where you and your family can express concerns. You can also learn ways to stay better connected with each other. Each Airman is allowed 1 Yellow Ribbon event prior to deployment and 2 Yellow Ribbon events after deployment. The next scheduled Yellow Ribbon event is November 18-20, 2016 in Orlando, Fla. Please see Technical Sgt. Kidd if you would like to attend. Think of it this way....it is a great way to spend quality time with your family.

First class response to accident

On Thursday, September 1, there was an accident resulting in a serious foot injury to Senior Airman Jude Castanos, a member of the 908th Maintenance Squadron Sheet Metal shop. Castanos, along with Staff Sgt. Steven Harris, Senior Airman Dustin Smith and Master Sgt. James Melton were working to restore a light duty trailer in the corrosion control blast booth in bldg. 1456. The front of the trailer was already on jack stands as Castanos attempted to lift and help place stands under the rear of the trailer. The trailer shifted and fell off the front jack stands, causing the rear of the trailer to bottom out. An "L" shaped angle iron came down on Castanos' foot making contact between the steel toe of his boot and his ankle.

At first, Castanos said he wasn't sure if he was hurt. The impact felt like pressure and the pain was not immediate. "Harris was the first to notice I had blood coming out of my boot," Castanos

said. Within seconds everyone with him sprang into action. Melton went inside to call for an ambulance while Harris ran to get the first-aid kit. Smith stayed with Castanos and helped him get his boot off and elevate the injured foot above his heart. Smith also called Castanos' wife. Castanos spoke with her to let her know he'd been hurt, but not to worry. When Harris returned with the First Aid kit, Castanos foot was still bleeding significantly despite being elevated. "Since it was bleeding I put plenty of bandages on it and then wrapped his foot real tight," Harris said.

Once his foot was bandaged, Harris and Master Sgt. Cody Green moved Castanos into the shade and waited for the ambulance to arrive. Castanos said he and Green were already discussing the accident report while waiting. Smith waited for the ambulance on the far side of the building, directing it to where Castanos was located. He was taken to Jackson hospital for treatment.

"The injuries to his foot included a damaged artery so when the medical staff at Jackson Hospital unwrapped Castanos' foot it started bleeding again," said Maj. Richard Cox, Commander of the 908th Maintenance Squadron. "They said whoever bandaged him up on scene did an excellent job. It is fortunate that Harris was there, as he has previously studied to be a nurse and has worked in a hospital." X-rays later revealed that Castanos had sustained four broken bones in his foot. He recently shared that the doctor said it looks like everything is going to mend properly and no surgery is required.

"I really owe those guys," Castanos said. "They all performed flawlessly. Everyone acted as if we had planned and practiced for just this event beforehand. Sgt. Harris did an outstanding job. Within just a few minutes they had taken care of me and we were just waiting for the ambulance to arrive."



Lt. Col. Emory Dueitt, the new 908th Operations Support Squadron Commander, addresses the audience following his assumption of command. The Alabama native said he is happy to be home and leading great Airmen.

Four 2nd Lts graduate OTS, COT join wing



2nd Lieutenants, David Smith, above, Drew Tatum, below, are slated to be pilots in the 357th Airlift Squadron.



Recently four wing members graduated from Officer Training School and the Commissioned Officer Training School. Drew Tatum, Cortney Tremer and David Smith graduated from OTS and commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants on Sept 2. Desiree Statler graduated from COT on Sept 9.

Tatum and Smith are slated to become pilots, Tremer, a logistics readiness officer and Statler a flight nurse.

Tremer said OTS was the most challenging and memorable training of her career. Drill and dorm inspections emphasized attention to detail and working together as a team. She and her fellow cadets were challenged with the practical application of lessons learned, through leading peers via flight, squadron and group or wing positions. She said she felt a sense of accomplishment in overcoming so many challenges. "As I proudly marched across the parade field I thought about those who helped me along the way," Tremer said. "My graduation was a result of the efforts of so many people: peers, mentors, subordinates, supervisors and friends."

"At first COT was very difficult," Statler said. Statler, a cardiac intensive care nurse in her civilian job, said she was thankful for the friends she met and the great relationships formed with members of her flight and the staff. She is excited about her future as a flight nurse with the 908th AES.

Colonel Donald Richey, Commander of the 908th Operations Group said, "It's not often you get to welcome three new Second Lieutenants into your organization at the same time. We anxiously await the completion of their training so they can begin their careers in the 908th Operations Group."



2nd Lt., Courtney Tremer, (with Col. Hal Linnean,) and 2nd Lt., Desiree Statler below graduated OTS and COT respectively.





Into the *HEAT!*

Col David Condit, Commander of the 908th Airlift Wing visited the Civil Engineering Squadron and participated in a training exercise with the Firefighters during the September UTA. In the top left photo he's in a fire truck. In the top right photo Technical Sgt. Darryl Lane is helping him into one of the new firefighter suits. In the two bottom photos he is directing the hose on the fire, and posing with Staff Sgt. Kenneth Brizendine.



Col. Condit visits Maintenance Grp



Master Sgt. Phil Rone talks with Col. Condit in the maintenance scheduling office.



Col. Condit is greeted by the Maintenance Squadron leadership team at the entrance to building 1456.



Senior Airman Dustin Smith briefs Col. Condit in the sheet metal shop.



Senior Airman Jason Gessler briefs in the prop shop.



Senior Airman Victoria Lott explains the operations of the wheel and tire shop.



Technical Sgt. David Baster briefs in the electric shop.

USS Montgomery Commissioned

“City of Montgomery II”
performs flyover



Photo By: Ray Zawarski

On September 10, our C-130, tail #35, “The City of Montgomery II,” performed a flyover during the commissioning ceremony for the newest Navy ship, the USS Montgomery. The ceremony took place in downtown Mobile, near the Austal facility where the ship was built.

The USS MONTGOMERY (LCS-8) is an Independence-Variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), which will be assigned to the U.S. 7th Fleet. This is the fourth naval vessel to carry the name of the Alabama state capital.

908th Vice Commander, Col. Pat Brooks and his wife Amy represented the wing at the ceremony and he assisted with coordinating the flyover. Brooks said “It was a great opportunity for the 908th Airlift Wing to be able to participate in the commissioning of the USS Montgomery! In the Total Force integration (TFI) world that we live in, it was just one more example of how the different branches of the military cooperate with each other. With that said, our 908th Airlift Wing flight crew was ‘on time, and on target’, demonstrating the precision and professionalism that our reservists operate at on a day-to-day basis! Nice job!”

Steve Jones, Chairman of the USS Montgomery Commissioning and Support Foundation said, “It was nice to have our hometown Reserve unit fly their “City of Montgomery II” over as a part of the ceremony. This event was all about Montgomery and the Air Force Reserve’s 908th participating made it a joint affair.”



Photo By: Patti McCarthy

KEY SPOUSE ORGANIZATION REACHES OUT TO DEPLOYED MEMBERS FAMILIES



AES had approximately 15 members deploy late August through mid September. One of the amazing Key Spouses, Angela Farris, (CES representative) designed and donated her time and talents to making tote bags to send to the deployed members' family. The tote bags were mailed to the families with a letter of encouragement and support from the 908th Key Spouses. The Key Spouse Organization wanted to reach out and establish a connection to the deployed members' family early in the deployment to reassure them that the Key Spouses and the 908th Airlift Wing are eager to help and support them in the upcoming months while our members are away. The Key Spouse program provides a resources of support for 908th members and their families. If you are interested in joining the Key Spouse organization, please contact Stephany Condit (stephcondit@comcast.net), Amy Brooks (amybrooks@gvtc.com) or Chief Martha Roy (Martha.roy@us.af.mil)



The teams representing the Maintenance Group, left, and the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron celebrate coming in first and second place respectively during the kickball tournament held September 10.



The 908th Air Wing 56'ers Organization would like to say thanks to squadrons who participated in our second Annual Kickball Tournament. Congratulations to the team from the Maintenance Group for being the 2016 Kickball Champions. Beware you are now the target, so be ready to defend that trophy!

New to the 908th

Maj. Matthew Hyton, AW

Maj. Laura Klepper, 357 AS

Capt. Kelly Miller, AES

2nd Lt. Marsena Walker, 25 APS

Master Sgt. Victor Senegar, AMXS

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hall, MXS

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Jones, LRS

Senior Airman Shirley Lednicki, 25 APS

Airman 1st Class Amber Burhans, AMXS

Airman 1st Class Candice Hubbard, ASTS

Airman Aizaiah May, CES

Airman Basic Jeremy Donaldson, CES

Airman Basic Jacolby Fitts, LRS

Airman Basic Jalen Judkins, FSS

Airman Basic Tykea Watkins, ASTS

BRIEFS

National Veteran's Day Birmingham

Each year Birmingham holds one of the largest Veteran's Day observances in the country. The parade is something everyone should see at least once, with more than 100 units/groups participating with bands, marching units, floats etc.

One of the events held is a formal dinner held the night before on November 10th. Roughly 1,000-1,200 people attend the dinner at the Birmingham Convention Center. A table has been reserved for 8 people to attend. Additional tables/seats may be available. Tickets are \$35 each. Dress is either Mess Dress or the Semi-formal uniform.

If you would like to attend the dinner please contact Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb, 953-6804 as soon as possible, but not later than COB October 2.

Montgomery holds Veteran's Day Parade

The Annual Montgomery River Region Veterans Day Parade will take place on November 11 beginning at 11 a.m. in front of the State Capitol and continues down Dexter Avenue to the Court Square Fountain. Following the parade, the Capitol Sounds Band will perform a Veterans Day Concert inside the City Hall Auditorium beginning at 12 noon - Rain or Shine. For more information, call 334-625-2100



On 9-11, the 908th Civil Engineer Squadron held an open ranks inspection and then posed for a unit photo.

Gaining Altitude



Barie L. Hamilton
James C. Taylor
Valencia L. Vega



Melanie J. Allor
Robert R. Champion
Ivan E. Fernandez
Marcus A. Holden
Antonio V. King
Carl Ross
Tiffany A. Storay



Joshua T. Anthony
Jade L. Bevan
Chastity T. Vaughn
Jared D. Viinson
Brian D. West
Joshua K. Williams



Joshua A. Colin
Kerrie E. Nedervelt



Azaiah D. May
Lamark D. Wells



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UTA Lodging

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least **48 hours** prior to your arrival.
- * Maxwell Toll-Free **1 (800) 673-9356**
Direct **(334) 953-8557/8558**
- * Input your unit authorization code
(Given by unit's First Sergeant)
- * Dial **953-8557 or 953-8558**
- * Upon request, input USER ID
- * Upon request, input PIN number, then "#." PIN is assigned during Newcomers. **If not known, contact 908th Services.**
- * Make, change, cancel, check reservation
Reservation: input arrival date followed by departure date, then type [ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA). UTA is IDT.]
> ADT only? Call Lodging: **(334) 953-6133**
- * If a scheduled UTA weekend, system will tell you where you will be staying

Questions?

Contact Tech. Sgt. Cedrea Young
(334) 953-1690, option 1
Emer cell: (254) 258-1884
DSN: 493-7332 cedrea.young@us.af.mil

Checkout time:

No time to go to the front desk, or phone charge? Drop the keys in the drop box in Bldg 682 (Main Lodging) for your convenience.
DO NOT USE this box if you have charges on your bill.

In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is prohibited in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

UTAs FY17

Oct. 1-2	April 1-2
Nov. 5-6	May 6-7
Dec. 3-4	June 3-4
Jan. 7-8	July 8-9
Feb. 11-12	Aug. 5-6
March 4-5	Sept. 9-10

908TH UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

October

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, September 30, 2016			
1500	TBD	Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 803/42ABW Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Prattville
Saturday, October 1, 2016			
0530	TBD	Fit to Fight Testing Session One	HAWC
0730	0800	** Sign In **	Orderly Room
0730	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session Two	HAWC
0800	1030	Newcomer's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0800	1100	Lab work/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab
0800	1530	Physicals	Bldg 760/Floor 1
0830	1530	Immunizations	Bldg 760/Floor 1
0900	0930	SAPM Training	Bldg 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1000	UDM Meeting	Bldg 848/CF Classroom
0900	1000	Fitness for duty (DD 689 & Fitness Letter)	Bldg 760/Floor 1
0900	1000	First Duty Station Briefing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0930	1030	HRDC Meeting	Bldg 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Outprocessing	Bldg 1056/Rm 111/DPMSA
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg 903/FSDE
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (DD 689 & Fitness Letter)	Bldg 760/Floor 1
1700	1730	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, October 2, 2016			
0530	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session One	HAWC
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	TBD	Fit To Fight Testing Session Two	HAWC
1230	1300	SORTS/DRRS/ART Briefing	Bldg 1055/908 CAT
1300	1400	3S2 Training/Wing Training	Bldg 903
1300	1500	3D Comm Element Training	Bldg 848
1300	1400	3D0X1 Knowledge Operation Training	Bldg 1056
1600	-	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Trg FLT	Sat 0730-1700	Bldg 1056/Rm 101
MPS Customer Svc	Sat 1300-1700 / Sun 0700-1300 M-F 0900-1600 (Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)	Bldg 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	MTTHF 0800-1600 / Wed 0800-1200 Sat 0900-1600 / Sun 1230-1500	Bldg 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty	Sat 0900-1000 ** Bring DD Form 689 **	Bldg 760 2nd Floor/ 3-5714
Medical Records	Sat 0800-1500 / Closed Sun	Bldg 760 2nd Floor/ 3-5714
Individual Equipment		Bldg 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat 0900-1500	Bldg 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badge	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Geneva Conv Cards	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Breakfast: 0600-0800 Brunch: 1030-1300 Dinner: 1600-1800	Bldg 668/3-5127
Lodging Office		Bldg 682 /240-5600
Photo Lab	M-F 0730-1630 / Sun 1300-1500	Bldg 926/3-7981
Comm Help Desk	Sat 0800-1600 / Sun 1300-1500	



Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System

Are you able to honestly answer the following questions?

If there were a natural disaster in your local area, would you know how to report your status to your unit?

Have you ever check to see if your contact information (i.e. address, phone number) is correct?

Does the acronym AFPAAS sound familiar?

Have you ever accessed AFPAAS?

If you answered "no" to any of the above questions, you're probably are not alone. The Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (AFPAAS) is the method the Air Force uses to standardize accounting, assessing, managing, and monitoring the recovery process of airmen and their families affected and/or displaced by a natural or man-made disaster.

The AFPAAS provides valuable information to all levels of the Air Force chain of command, allowing commanders to make strategic decisions which facilitate a return to stability. Using AFPAAS also helps speed up the process to help affected family members in need of assistance. AFPAAS also helps commanders identify and verify assistance or aid eligibility and entitlements for affected personnel and their families prior to or immediately following a disaster.

How does it work? Logging into AFPAAS will allow you and your family members to submit vital accountability information into a secure website using a computer. Military personnel and family members can go to <https://afpaas.af.mil> to: update current account status, update contact/location information, add/remove family members, and update family members' contact/location information. What if you do not have access to the internet? If you are displaced from your home (or office) and do not have access to a computer/internet access, you can 1) contact someone who does and ask them to use AFPAAS on your behalf, 2) request assistance from local authorities and relief agencies, 3) call your unit's Commander's Representative (COR), 4) or call the Air Force Personnel Readiness Cell at 1-800-435-9941 to

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report individual and family member status if affected by a disaster.

My task for you: Log into and become familiar with the above website. Verify your information and make any necessary changes (make sure you save any changes).

So when contacted via AtHoc or telephone recall from your unit regarding an AFPAAS event--exercise or real-world--please respond immediately. Your reply is critical in replying to HQ Air Force regarding your status.



Santa Claus will once again be visiting the 908th on Saturday, December 3. Plan now to bring your children, grandchildren out to see Santa arrive and bring the jolly old elf their wish list. Children, young and not so young should gather in the 357th Airlift Squadron Briefing room by 10 a.m. that morning.