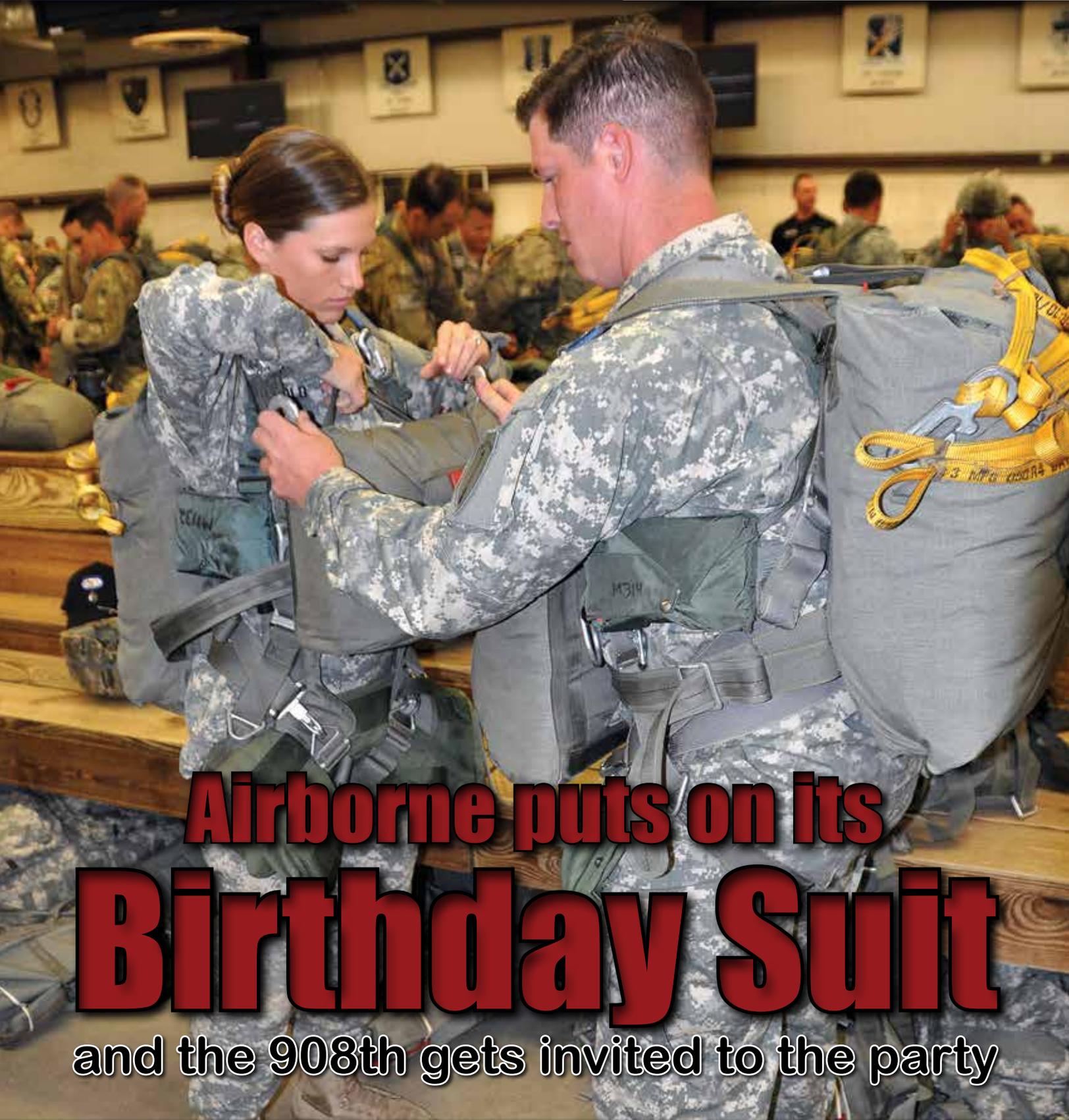


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# Campaign time is upon us

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the program within the federal government which allows those employees who wish to give to charitable organizations to do so. This year's campaign will run from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15.

Prior to the 1950s, fundraising for federal employees was not controlled in any way. There was no one entity that coordinated and took control of workplace fundraising. This was wasteful and led to worker dissatisfaction. Imagine being asked to contribute to some organization or another every couple of weeks; this was frustrating and caused a host of problems. So in 1956, President Eisenhower started the process to change the giving and fundraising process to one more developed and streamlined.

Fund Raising Bulletins No. 1 and No. 2 were issued, identifying charitable organizations and designating the times of the year during which their solicitations could occur. President Kennedy established the Combined Federal Campaign by

Executive Order and, in 1964 the first of what we now know as the CFC was conducted. The result was an overwhelming success and met with a highly favorable response from federal employees. In 1971, President Nixon announced that the CFC would be the uniform fundraising method for the federal service.



MAJ. ROBERT MCNULTY  
908th AW CFC Coordinator

So what does all this mean? President Kennedy once asked Americans, "ask not

what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." The CFC is a way to give back and do something for your country, for your community and for your neighbors. Over the course of your life, you may encounter situations where you may need assistance. If you've never been in such a situation, consider yourself blessed but at some point it might be you or someone you love. It could range from minor and relatively insignificant or it could be life changing.

If you happen to encounter something like this, there are many organizations out there that are

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## A MOMENT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

CH. (LT. COL.) WILLIAM HOGGATT

Last month, my daughter began the 10th Grade. Due to our military moves, she has attended schools in four states and one foreign country. Even after all that, she loves going to school. She enjoys the social interactions, the after-school activities, and even the academic portion.

However, she has one complaint about her high school. They make her wear a uniform.

Now since most of you reading this article may already be wearing an Air Force uniform (or you'll soon be wearing one at the September UTA), my daughter's complaint may seem a bit peculiar to you. After all, like me, you're honored to wear the Air Force uniform.

I especially love it because I wear the occupational badge of a chaplain. In my case it's a cross, but it might also be a tablet, a crescent, or an eight-spoked wheel for chaplains of other faith groups. These badges have been symbols of faith for numerous Airmen deployed and at home in times of chaos or despair. I believe that these symbols of faith are also reminders of the diversity of faiths that comprise the men and women of the 908th Airlift Wing.

My uniform reminds me "I am an American Airman. Guardian of Freedom and Justice, My Nation's Sword and Shield, its Sentry and Avenger." My Chaplain Badge reminds me I am here to provide pastoral, religious, spiritual, and emotional support to the Airmen of the 908 Airlift Wing.

How can your Chaplain Team help you today?

## CONGRATULATIONS, STAFF SGT. DAVIS!



Staff Sgt. Kresston Davis of the 908th Security Forces Squadron was recently selected as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Davis will be recognized at a special awards presentation in Washington, D.C. in September.



# eFinance for Dummies

... or, How do I create a travel voucher without the feeling of being lost?

By Staff Sgt. Justin Lozada  
908th FM

### ◆ Logging In

Log into the AF portal and type in "eFinance" into the entry field in the top right corner of the screen. Select "eFinance Workspace."

### ◆ Put eFinance into Compatibility View Mode

Hit the "Alt" key and select tools. Select compatibility view and add "af.mil" to the box below. Click the close button. Your screen will refresh and then you will be able to go enter eFinance. Follow Step 2 only if you get this message.

### ◆ Log In

Click "agree" and then click "continue"

### ◆ Choose eFinance

Select eFinance (for TDY), do not select PIPS (only for active-duty PCS).

### ◆ Select Member

Choose "Member," not FSO. (Only used by the Finance Office.)

### ◆ Update Your Personal Information

### ◆ Select New Request

### ◆ Let the System Know You



### COVER PHOTO:

A pair of paratroopers undergo one in a series of intensive pre-jump equipment checks prior to the U.S. Army Airborne Basic School's 75th Anniversary.



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# CHARTING A NEW COURSE

After almost eight years, operations boss is moving on

By Gene H. Hughes  
908th AW Public Affairs

When he stepped from the C-130 onto the Maxwell flightline for the last time as the 908th Operations Group Commander on Aug. 4, Colonel Edward Jennings was hit by two things.

The first was the thought that he wouldn't be flying as part of an aircrew for awhile. The second was a large column of water.

Jennings, who has been with the 908th Airlift Wing since October 2007, recently departed for Robins Air Force Base, where he'll be the Force Generation Center Operations Division Chief.

He will oversee current operations for all Air Force Reserve Command aircraft, interact with Air Mobility Command when they need crews or planes, and oversee transportation for AFRC members



deploying to various locations.

"I'll have the opportunity to broaden my scope beyond the C-130, which I have been flying for my whole career," he said. "In this position, I'll be involved with other airframes such as the C-5, C-17, KC-10 and KC-135, to name a few."

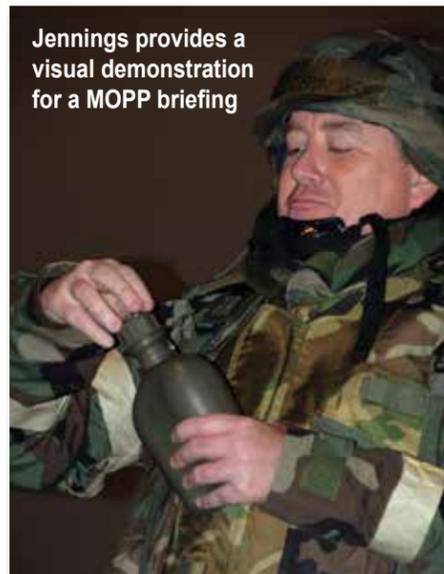
"During my time here I have been able to interact with many offices at AFRC, so it'll help me in my new job to know the functions of the various divisions at AFRC," he said. "The Force Generation Center is still relatively new, so my hope is to help it grow and ensure my office meets the needs of all the flying wings we serve."

Jennings' journey to Robins began in high school with the inspiration of his JROTC instructor. He was offered the opportunity to become a navigator during his Freshman year in college while in ROTC. He immediately accepted.

"Until that point, I had not imagined myself becoming a flyer in the Air Force," he said.

He served on active duty from 1986 to 1992 at Pope AFB, N.C. before joining the Reserves. His duty stations prior to the 908th have included O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Ill.; Youngstown/Warren Regional Airport ARS, Ohio; and Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Penn.

In his career, Jennings has deployed for Operations Desert Shield



Jennings provides a visual demonstration for a MOPP briefing

and Desert Storm, and multiple times to Germany in support of humanitarian operations in Bosnia (including a forward deployment to Rwanda in 2004 to support African Union operations in Sudan). He's also been to Panama for Coronet Oak on several occasions.

Although he did not get the opportunity to deploy while assigned to the 908th, he did serve as exercise wing commander for Operation Global Medic 2011, a joint Army-Air Force training exercise in which personnel secure patients on the battle field, triage them, and transport them by airplane to a military hospital.

"I learned a lot about the interaction between the Army and Air Force Aeromedical units when they are in a deployed location, and their meth-

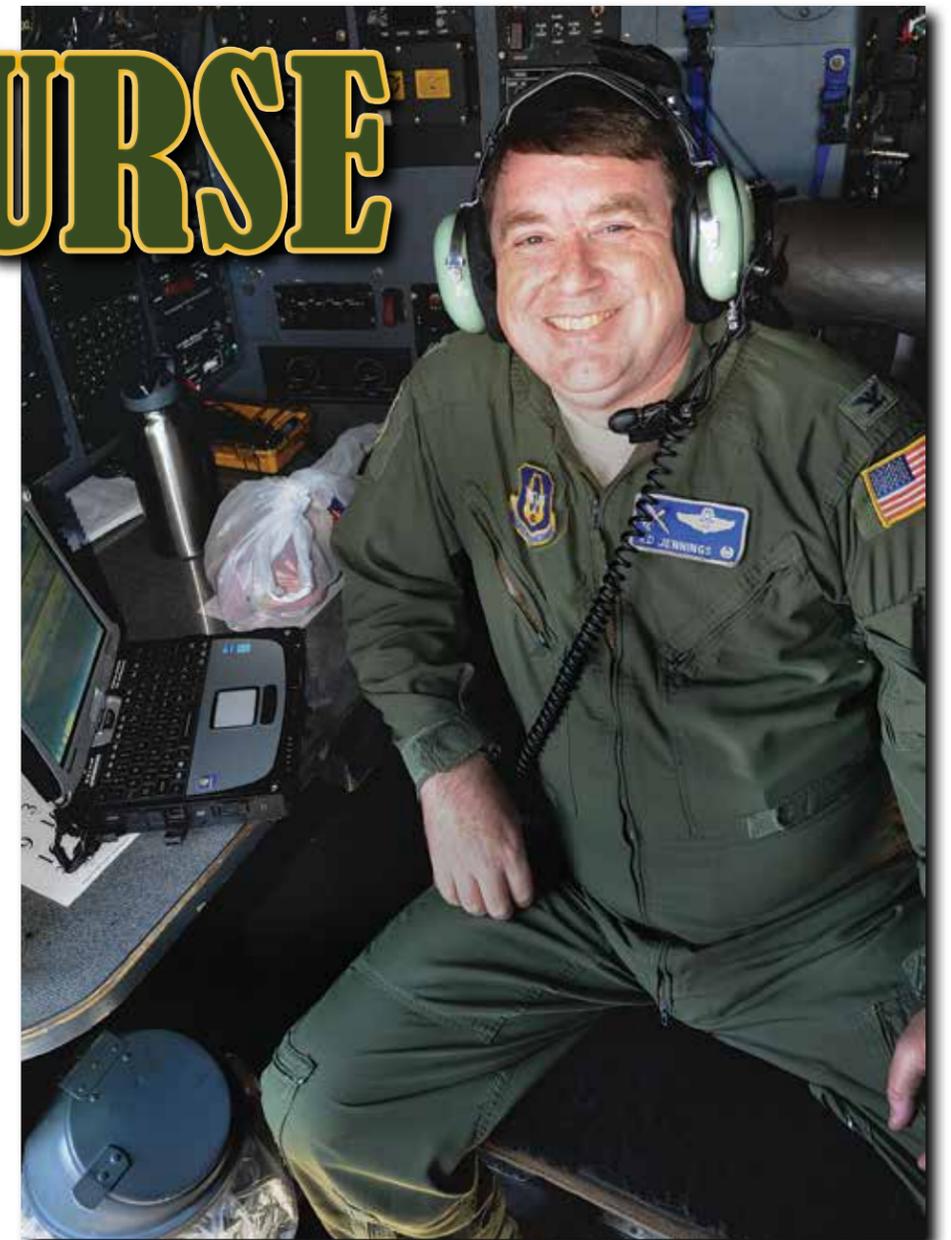
ods for preparing and transporting patients for movement from the field to higher levels of care."

Since joining the 908th, Jennings has seen several changes over the past seven years. He said the best part has been watching 908th Airmen accomplishing the mission.

"They've always performed with excellence and given exemplary support to our users," he said. "I was proud to receive e-mails that were sent to the wing commander praising our crews' performance and professionalism while deployed. Also, our members' response when asked to provide support for natural disasters stands out to me. Whether it was the AES for hurricane relief, or aircrews volunteering to fly missions to Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, they've always been willing to volunteer to help others in need."

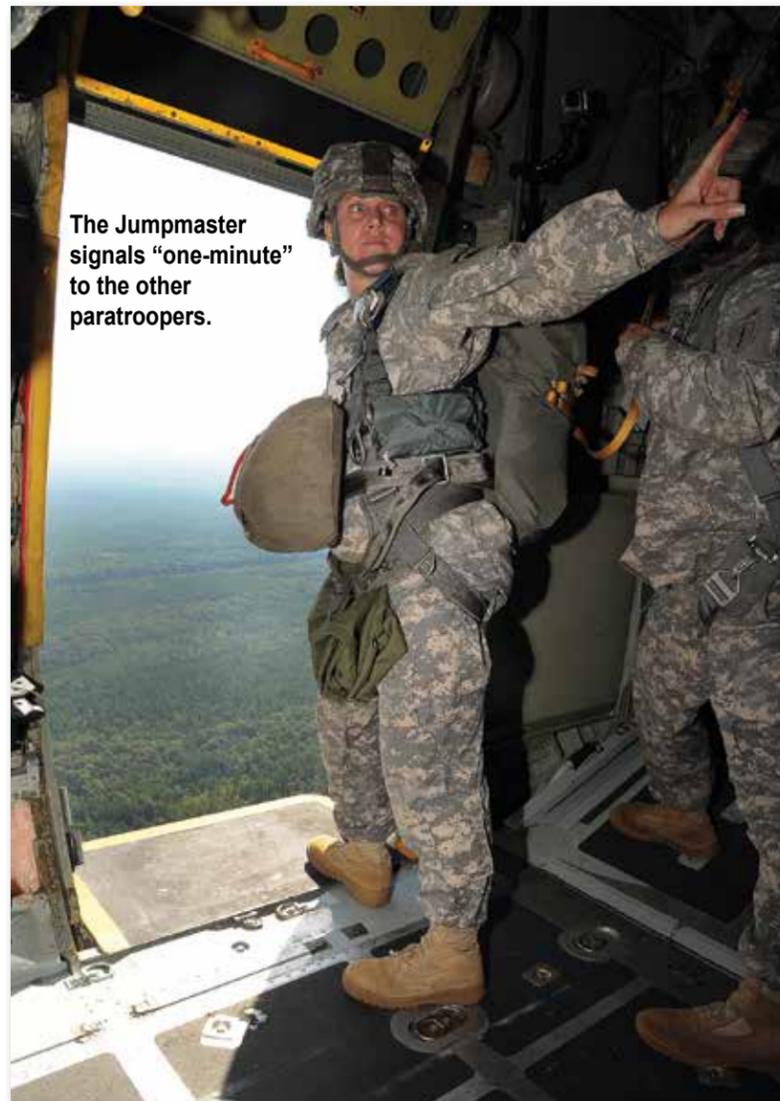
His new position is a non-flying one, meaning that almost three straight decades of flying as a C-130 navigator have come to a close. While he said he'll miss flying with his aircrews, he's been privileged to be a member and a commander in the 908th Airlift Wing.

"The Airmen in this unit have always done great things, performing at a high level even when faced with a potential unit closure, lack of funds or government shutdowns," he said. "Thank you for your support for the last seven-plus years, and I know I will continue to hear great things about the 908th."



From 2010: Colonel Jennings, left, and then-908th Commander Col. Brett Clark, far right, pose with Airmen just returned from earthquake relief operations in Haiti.

# Alabama airlifters assist Airborne Anniversary



The Jumpmaster signals "one-minute" to the other paratroopers.

## 908th Reservists receive special Army birthday party invitation

By Gene H. Hughes  
908th AW Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. — The 908th Airlift Wing recently received an invitation to take part in the 75th Anniversary of the very first air drop of American paratroopers here.

"What an honor to not only participate, but to be specifically requested to do so by Fort Benning," said Capt. Brian Powell, aircraft commander for the 908th C-130. "To be a part of such an important milestone in Army history was a distinct milestone in my career, not to mention the incredible experience it was to not only share the same airspace as a C-47, but to drop on the same airfield only a few minutes behind."

"It was certainly a rare experience and one that our whole crew was honored to be a part of, and now Maxwell is forever etched into the Army history books."

On Aug. 16, 1940, 10 members of the Army's Airborne Test Platoon, led by 1st Lt. William T. Ryder, made the first official parachute jump from a Douglas B-18.

An audience of roughly 500 people watched as three generations of aircraft dropped paratroopers onto Lawson Army Airfield, temporarily renamed King Drop Zone in honor of Pvt. William N. "Red" King, the first enlisted man to jump.

King was originally the second soldier in line, but, when jump time came, the first man froze, even though he had refused several monetary offers for his place. King's place in airborne history was assured.

The commemoration began with The Liberty Jump



Paratroopers jump from the 908th's C-130, left, and a 315th C-17.



Liberty Jump Team members board the C-47.



Team, an organization of re-enactors dressed and equipped as World War II-era paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne, jumping from a vintage C-47 Skytrain. Team members, who range in age from 20s to 70s, are active-duty, Reserve and Guard members with peacetime or combat experience. Their resumes include service in Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, Iraq or Afghanistan.

Following this nod to the past, the event offered several looks at the present. Members of the U.S. Army Pathfinder School jumped from two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from Benning's Ranger Flight Company. The Pathfinder mission is to jump and establish drop/landing zones for airborne/air assault operations.

Once the Pathfinders touched



An instructor checks a jumper's gear.



Jumpers board the 908th C-130.

Airborne folks know they can count on us to meet their requirements."

"Every time we see the 908th here, we're excited because of the level of support and professionalism they bring," Brown said. "It's second to none. We requested them, not only for this event, but for other operations as well. They've always come through for us, and we're always glad to have them."

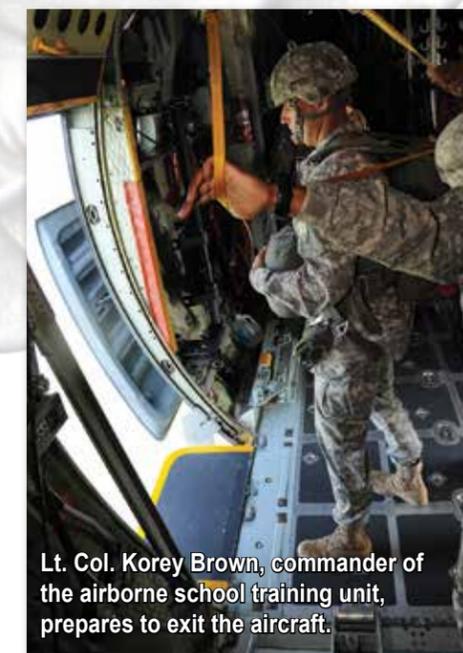
"Unfortunately, the 75th Anniversary only happens once," Brown told the participants after the jumps. "Otherwise, we'd be trying to set it up again for next week. Thank you for being here. This is a pretty huge deal. You're a part of history."

down, they set up communications with the event's final aircraft, represented by two C-17 Globemaster IIIs of the 315th Airlift Wing from Charleston, and the 908th's C-130 Hercules.

The 908th's participation was requested by Lt. Col. Korey Brown, commander of the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which executes the school's training mission.

The school has been turning to the wing to help fulfill its mission -- training Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines for initial airdrop qualification -- for several years. It's a relationship which benefits both organizations. The school produces highly trained airborne troops for the nation's defense, while the wing receives valuable paratroop drop experience for its aircrews.

"Our relationship with the school is a testament to the talent and exceptional capability the 908th brings to the force," said Powell, who has supported airborne training missions over the past five years. "The Basic



Lt. Col. Korey Brown, commander of the airborne school training unit, prepares to exit the aircraft.

## MAINTAINING THE STANDARD



Deployed maintainers proudly represent Alabama and the 908th Airlift Wing. These Reservists are providing instruction to members of allied forces.

## YELLOW RIBBON EASES MILITARY FAMILIES' DEPLOYMENT ISSUES

By Technical Sgt. Billy Kidd  
908th AW Yellow Ribbon Rep

The Yellow Ribbon program is designed to help our deploying Reservists and their families prepare for departure and, once it's over, to help them make the transition back to normal, everyday living.



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The Yellow Ribbon is divided into two geographic groups, East and West. Events are held at resort hotels throughout the country, and airfare (or miles) and lodging are paid for/reimbursed. They are also usually located near child-friendly areas, which makes spending time together easy for families.

If you live in the east, but want to

go to a west event, a waiver may be granted if approved in advance.

During the weekend event, there will be three 55-minute sessions for deployers and family on Saturday and two on Sunday. There will also be a variety of stations representing Finance, Personnel and Education, and other family-oriented programs.

Along with deployers from other units and their families, commanding officers, command chiefs and other VIPs will be attending.

Deployers and their families are allowed to go to one pre-departure event within 120 days of the deployment. When going to a post-deployment event, they are allowed to attend two events within 180 days of the return.

An approved family member



is defined as a spouse, children (in DEERS), parents, grandparents and blood siblings. If the family is unable to accompany the member, then one designated individual is allowed.

The deployment must be at least 90 days.

So if you are deploying, consider Yellow Ribbon so you and your family are prepared for a smooth departure and return.

## Support program offers variety of services

Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, National Guard, and reserve members, and their families.

Information includes, but is not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood services. It is a virtual

extension to installation services.

Deployments can be challenging for any service member or military family. We want to make managing those separations easier and help you find ways to make your reunions happy and successful ones.

Use these resources, tools, and articles throughout your deployment to make every step, from pre-deployment prepar-

ations, to settling back into family routines post-deployment, smoother for you and your family.

### Military OneSource: Non-Medical Counseling

Do you want to speak to someone about managing change? Do you need some advice on dealing with reintegration concerns? Do you want to speak to someone about your relationships?

Military OneSource offers a variety of choices when eligible military members and their families feel a need for counseling — at no cost.

#### Highlights

Non-medical counseling addresses issues requiring short-term attention, including everyday stressors, deployment and reintegration concerns, parenting, grief and loss, and marital issues.

Call center and online support is available 24/7 from master's level triage consultants, providing eligible users with appropriate referrals to providers.

Increased flexibility in options can help meet your needs through online, telephonic or face-to-face non-medical counseling sessions.

Non-medical counseling sessions are provided by independently licensed counselors for up to 12 sessions per issue, per eligible service and family member.

Eligibility includes all active duty service and family members including same-sex domestic partners of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, and National Guard and reserve members (regardless of activation status) including members of the Coast Guard Reserve activated as part of the Department of the Navy under Title 10 authority. Except as noted here, Coast Guard personnel, spouses and dependent children are not eli-



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gible for the Military OneSource program.

Non-medical counseling is not intended to address issues such as active suicidal or homicidal thoughts, Family Advocacy Program cases, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, or mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety. Non-medical counseling is also not suitable for those who are being prescribed psychoactive medication, who are currently receiving therapy with another practitioner or for fitness-for-duty evaluations or court-ordered counseling.

If an issue is outside the non-medical counseling scope, the triage consultant will offer assistance to the caller by locating and contacting appropriate support.

## SOUTHERN FLYER CAPTION CONTEST



Airmen, alums and friends of the 908th AW, what does this photo say to you? If you think you can devise a clever caption, send your submission to the Public Affairs Office at [908aw.pa2@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:908aw.pa2@maxwell.af.mil)  
The winner will be published in next month's issue

### New to the 908th

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| Maj. Sounthavone Thiphavong, SFS | Staff. Sgt. Daniel Westerfield, LRS |
| Maj. Robert McNulty, MXG         | Staff Sgt. James Swingle, 25 APS    |
| Capt. Patrick Mills, MXG         | Staff Sgt. Brandon Wilson, AMXS     |
| Ist Lt. Steven Dawsey, AES       | Staff Sgt. Harold Williams, CES     |
| Ist Lt. Jared Short, AES         | Airman Basic Charles Stewart, AMXS  |
| Ist Lt. Shavonne Smith, AES      | Airman Basic Aysatis Harris, MXS    |

### Preparing to Disembark

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| Lt. Col. Kevin Greeley, OSS          | Master Sgt. Jeffery Speigner, CES   |
| Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Hill, ASTS        | Tech. Sgt. Michael Epps, OSS        |
| Senior Master Sgt. Jamie Womack, MXS | Tech. Sgt. Rafael Sarmiento, 25 APS |
| Master Sgt. Dennis Ellis, CES        | Staff Sgt. Anthony Simpson, FSS     |
| Master Sgt. David Greer, 25 APS      |                                     |



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Ivan D. Shipp  
Ashley R. Turnage  
Larry D. Williams

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Nicholas A. Johnson  
Jordan C. Snow  
Christian R. Tyler  
Darrick D. Walker  
Elicia L. Walker

#### Airman First Class



Jeremy S. Slaughter  
Windy Zetrenne

#### Airman



Khietre C. Bean  
Jonnesha C. Sears

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### Want to Create a Final Settlement Voucher

Under "I want to update my travel pay", select "creating a final travel settlement, partial settlement, accrual, or will-commute mileage voucher."

#### ◆ Define Your Goal

Under the Travel Voucher section, select what you are trying to accomplish; a final voucher or a partial voucher (travel performed more than 30 days).

#### ◆ Don't Lie or Falsify Travel

There are severe criminal and civil penalties for knowingly submitting a false claim.

#### ◆ File the Voucher

Enter your primary travel order number (Block 32 of your AF 938 or block 22 of your 1610), then any subsequent order numbers. Also, make sure you select Reservist and check duration of travel.

#### ◆ GTC Split Disbursement

How much do you want to go to your GTC? Do you need to change direct deposit info?

#### ◆ Advances?

Did you receive any advances? If you have a GTC, you should not have received any advances. Advances are subtracted from the final settlement amount.

#### ◆ Fill Out Your Itinerary

- Make sure to put a full address for your departure location.
- Read your orders to check for IDT days. You must account for these days as a separate entry on the itinerary.

For example, you perform your duty at Maxwell, but you have IDT days at Maxwell. Create a separate line for IDT days and annotate appropriately (i.e., "Maxwell AFB IDT days 5-6 Sept." or something to that effect).

- Select your reason for stop. Choose from the stop sign icon. Choose your mode of transportation. Choose from the car icon.
- Fill in your stops.
- Answer all of the necessary questions the system is asking you. Fill out your lodging cost and any applicable taxes.
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Thank you.

#### 908th CFC POCs

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| <b>Wing/MXG:</b> Maj. Rob McNulty          | Harold Whited                             |
| <b>OG:</b> 1st Lt. Jason Towery            | <b>ASTS:</b> SrA Latangerick Crowley      |
| <b>MSG:</b> Capt. Ryan Hardeman and CMSgt. | <b>Wing Staff:</b> Ms. Angie Rankins-West |

#### Important Dates

Sept. 1 – Dec. 15: Combined Federal Campaign  
Sept. 22: CFC Kickoff, Maxwell Club, 9 a.m.

#### ◆ Approval Authority

Fill out your supervisor and approving authority by providing your supervisor's and approving official's email address.

#### ◆ Upload Supporting Documentation

Provide the receipts for claimed expenses (except for food). Must provide receipts for any item \$75 and above. Lodging receipt must be provided no matter the cost. Fill out a missing receipt form if you need to fill one out for an expense.

#### ◆ Submit Your Voucher

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