

SOUTHERN FLYER

You will start seeing an updated mission and vision statement being spoken throughout the wing. It's the result of a long review of national strategic policy and how we fit into what our nation needs. Why does it matter to each of you? What we do is pretty complex, but these words distill what we do and who we are down to the essential core of our identity. If you are a member of this wing, this is what we are about.

Our mission is to "Provide combat capability anywhere...anytime."

There's a lot in those five words. Start with providing combat capability. No matter what your job is, we each work to enable the Armed Forces of the United States to execute active combat operations supporting the vital interests of our nation. Like any chain, our ability to keep our nation strong and free is only as strong as the weakest link. Whatever you do, you strengthen the link that keeps your friends, loved ones and whole community free to pursue their dreams.

We go anywhere. We aren't a force of convenience that chooses if the location of the conflict suits us. We have a mission to do, and we accept the call, no matter how harsh the land, unfriendly the people or distance from those we love. We have made a pledge to serve our nation wherever that duty takes us.

We go anytime. We understand we are vital to the Air Force plan as a whole. We know we need to keep ourselves trained, fit and ready to deploy whenever the call comes. Conflict in the world has evolved to be rapidly developing. It erupts places without long warning times. The natural disaster relief missions we support are completely unpredictable. We are unique within the reserve component of the armed forces – we aren't expected to come together and be ready in months. We are ready now. We are the air component and we are the first to be called.

It means a lot to be a part of this team. We demand a lot of ourselves and we set ourselves apart from others because we know how critical we are to the most sacred duty our government has to the people of our nation. Our mission statement is five simple words, but it speaks volumes about who you are.

Proud to be with you.



**908th Airlift Wing Commander
Col. Kenneth J. Ostrat**

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Key Events on the Horizon

50 METER TARGETS - JULY UTA

CCAF Graduation - Saturday, July 8 at 1430

357th's 75th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, July 8 at 1830

Quarterly Awards Board - Sunday, July 9 at 1300

Fit to Fight Testing - Sunday, July 9 at 0530

100 METER TARGETS - BETWEEN JULY & AUG UTA

NCO Development Course - Mon to Fri, 10-14 July

FOCUS Group Returns - Tue to Thr, 11-13 July

Romania Trip - Fri to Fri, 14-28 July

Mission Partner Lunch - Friday, July 21 at 1100

Senior Master Sgt. Eval COD - Monday, July 31 at 0800

Alumni Breakfast - Tuesday, Aug 1 at 0830

200 METER TARGETS - AUG UTA TO SEPT UTA

Fit to Fight Testing - Sunday, Aug 6 at 0530

1st Sgt & DACB Packages Due - Sunday, Aug 6 at 1600 COB

22nd AF Conference - Tue to Fri, 8-11 Aug

Mission Partner Lunch - Friday, Aug 18 at 1100

Labor Day - Monday, Sept 4

Alumni Breakfast - Tuesday, Sept 5 at 0830