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Anniversary of Normandy AirDrops



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Doing More with Less

We are entering a challenging time for our readiness. We as a force have to radically adapt to the emerging threats in both the east and the west, while we continue to be a dominant presence in the CENTCOM AOR as we have been for decades. For us in AFRC, that challenge is made harder by the lack of funding we need.

Several factors have taken the money we would normally expect to use for the rest of the year and diverted it to higher priority needs. The natural disasters at both Tyndall and Offutt have cost the Air Force billions of dollars. We received fewer dollars from congress of the type we use to fund orders for training and support both here at home station and on TDYs.

Our local budgets have been strained by the cost of seasoning training, full time support we need to cover gaps in our full time manning to support mission execution and travel costs that have far exceeded what we planned.

The money we use for our UTAs TPs, centrally funded schools and Annual Tour are safe – that has been protected and we will be able to fully execute it. There is an important note for the school tours – we still have to pay for many of the travel expenses, so you can expect to discuss the associated travel costs with your supervisor.

We have to make hard decisions to get us through this year. Everything we do has to be done with the focus on training for readiness. We can't afford to spend RPA money (the money we use to pay for locally generated active duty orders) for any activity either TDY or locally on anything not directly related to our core wartime readiness training. We just don't have enough



COL. KENNETH OSTRAT
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

this year. If we can use other pay statuses, we need to.

Per guidance from 22 AF/CC, your group commanders have to approve any RPA orders starting on or after 15 May. They will be looking at the purpose of the order and the money they have left in their budgets.

Your training and progression is important to me – this wing succeeds on the success of you and your fellow Airmen. We may have to delay some things until next fiscal year, but we have always been resilient and adaptive when it comes to overcoming problems to get after the mission. We will get through this - I am always happiest when we are solving the hard problems. That's when you step up and shine. Fight's on- let's go figure out how we are going to get after this.



COVER PHOTO:

A C-130 Hercules belonging to the 908th Airlift Wing receives a new paint scheme as it prepares to participate in activities honoring the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Air Drops.



“Provide Combat
Capability Anywhere...
Anytime”

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Air Force Simplifies Promotion Recommendation Forms for Officers

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force announced May 8, 2019 it will make adjustments to the way the Air Force Form 709, Promotion Recommendation Form, will be filled out and used for Total Force officer promotion boards beginning in September 2019.

The new policy will reduce the promotion recommendation narrative from nine lines to two and provide guidance for stratification and comments.

“Centralized boards have the critical task of selecting the next generation of leaders,” said Shon Manasco, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs. “To assist in that effort, senior raters need a simple and effective mechanism to communicate their observations about an officer’s potential. These enhancements to the PRF and new stratification guidance allow us to better achieve that goal.”

Endorsements for promotion are based upon an officer’s demonstrated character and competence as detailed in the secretary of the Air Force’s Memorandum of Instruction for promotion boards. Comments or recom-

mendations for items that are decided through other processes (e.g. developmental education, jobs, assignments, etc.), will no longer be authorized on the PRF.

“This is about building the officer bench we need to fight and win as we accomplish our missions in support of the National Defense Strategy. Over time the PRF has become a summary of an officer’s record with significant focus on style and format,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. “This adjustment restores the PRF to its original intent of providing a way for senior raters to communicate an officer’s potential to serve in the next higher grade directly with promotion boards and is another key step in our officer talent management transformation.”

Additionally, senior raters will follow new guidance regarding stratification on the PRF. The guidance allows the promotion board to receive pertinent information that directly speaks to an officer’s promotion potential.

For more information, log into MyPers or contact the Air Force Personnel Center.

HQ ARPC Streamlines Retirement Application Process

Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center released a web-based application April 29 enabling retired Guard and Reserve Airmen to more easily apply for retirement pay and benefits.

Retirees approaching age 60, or those that qualify for a reduced retired pay age, or RRPA, will no longer need to mail their DD Form 2656 and ARPC Form 83 for their retirement pay and benefits.

Applicants using the web-based application will be guided through the process, allowing them to only input relevant information, and reducing the number of incomplete or inaccurate applications submitted to headquarters ARPC.

HQ ARPC also released a how-to video to help retirees better understand the new process. Retirees who are unable to access the video can also see the step by step process at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil



TIMELINE

2019

1 APR

Expansion of in-store AAFES sales locations continues

2020

1 JUN

Coyote brown boots mandatory
 Coyote brown T-Shirt mandatory
 U.S. Flag spice brown color criteria mandatory
 Spice brown officer rank mandatory
 DLA green socks/coyote brown socks mandatory

2021

1 APR

OCP Utility Uniform mandatory
 All AF patches must be converted to the spice brown color criteria

BENEFITS

- The OCP works in all climates and across the spectrum of missions we perform
- Over 100,000 Airmen have been issued and/or are already wearing OCPs. This includes AFCENT, AFSOC and our AFGSC Defenders
- The OCP will bring back Air Force heraldry with unit patches
- The OCP celebrates our joint warfighting excellence and close ties with the Army



Patrol caps will be worn with nametapes embroidered with **spice brown** thread and placed on the back using Velcro or sewn on. **Officer rank** will be sewn on the front of the hat and centered 1/2 inch above the visor.

T-shirt will be **coyote brown** effective 1 June 2020.



Name and USAF tapes and **occupational badges** will be embroidered using **spice brown** thread.



Right Sleeve
 (max. 2 Velcro patches)

The U.S. Flag and unit patches are **mandatory** upon effective dates (see timeline). **Non-unit entity patches** (e.g. Directorates/AF Elements) are **authorized/optional**. All will be embroidered using the **spice brown** color criteria.



Left Sleeve
 (max 2 Velcro patches)

HHQ patches are **mandatory** and should be **centered** in the **middle of the left sleeve**.
 Exception: **Awarded Joint qualification tabs** (subdued cloth) **may be worn** above the HHQ patch as a **third patch** (e.g. Army Ranger, Sapper, Air Commando, SERE, etc.).

School graduate patches (e.g. WIC, SAAS) are **optional**.

Graduated commanders may affix the **insignia** above the HHQ patch on the left sleeve.

When authorized, **duty identifier tabs** (e.g. Air Advisor, EOD) **may be worn**. List of approved duty identifier tabs is listed in AFGM to AFI 36-2903.

Authorized list of embroidered spice brown color criteria left sleeve patches are listed in the AFGM to AFI 36-2903.

(Current as of: April 18, 2019)



Boots will be **coyote brown** effective 1 June 2020.

AIR FORCE OCP UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Further official wear guidance will be available soon in AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance

Air Force Senior Leaders Update OCP Uniform Guidance

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force announced April 23 new rules on Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms that aim to better fit the needs of Airmen and the jobs they do while also holding fast to tradition.

The changes highlighted include authorization of the two-piece Flight Duty Uniform in garrison and updated patch guidance for the OCP uniform.

“During the initial rollout of the OCP, we originally matched our sister services regarding patch configurations as we sought to emphasize our role as a joint war-fighting force,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

“In response to overwhelming feedback received from Airmen, we will make an easy ‘sleeve swap’ of the patch configuration to further elevate our focus on honoring the heritage of squadrons as the war-fighting units of the world’s greatest Air Force. We will now place the squadron patch on the right sleeve along with the U.S. flag and move the higher headquarters patch to the left sleeve of the OCP.”

Additionally, to provide commanders with expanded uniform options to fit myriad missions, on April 15, the two-piece flight suit, otherwise known as the 2PFDU, will be authorized to be worn in both garrison and deployed locations. The 2PFDU continues an effort to

provide Airmen with improved form, fit and function to perform their duties in any environment.

The traditional flight duty uniform will also continue to be an option. Squadron commanders will now have the flexibility to make combat uniform decisions based on what is best for their Airmen to meet mission requirements.

“The new unit patch configuration of the OCP and 2PFDU also aligns with the traditional FDU, elevating the significance of squadron focus and identity, which supports CSAF’s intent to revitalize squadrons,” said Lt. Gen. Mark D. Kelly, Headquarters Air Force deputy chief of staff for Air Force operations.

In May 2018, Air Force leaders decided to transition to the OCP following feedback from Airmen that it is the best, battle-tested utility uniform available. It will also eliminate the need to maintain two separate uniforms – one for in-garrison and one for deployments.

The service expects to fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021.

For more information, Airmen should view Air Force Guidance Memorandum 2019-01 and check Air Force Instruction 36-2903 for updates, which are available on the public website of the Air Force’s Personnel Center at <https://www.afpc.af.mil/Career-Management/Dress-and-Appearance/>.

QUICK FACTS: HEAD-TO-TOE REVIEW

Airmen are authorized to wear previously-owned, serviceable OCPs, including the Operation Enduring Freedom-Camouflage Pattern commonly referred to as the Multi-cam.

Airmen will wear a basic configuration consisting of name and USAF tapes, U.S. Flag and rank:

- The subdued black and green cloth flag is authorized for wear until June 1, 2020, then the spice brown US flag will be the only accepted version. Infrared US flags are not authorized
- The USAF name tape, blouse name tape and rank must be either Velcro or sewn--they must all be affixed in the same manner
- Independently, the patrol cap name tape and occupational badge may be either sewn or Velcro and do not have to match the rest of the blouse or each other in that manner

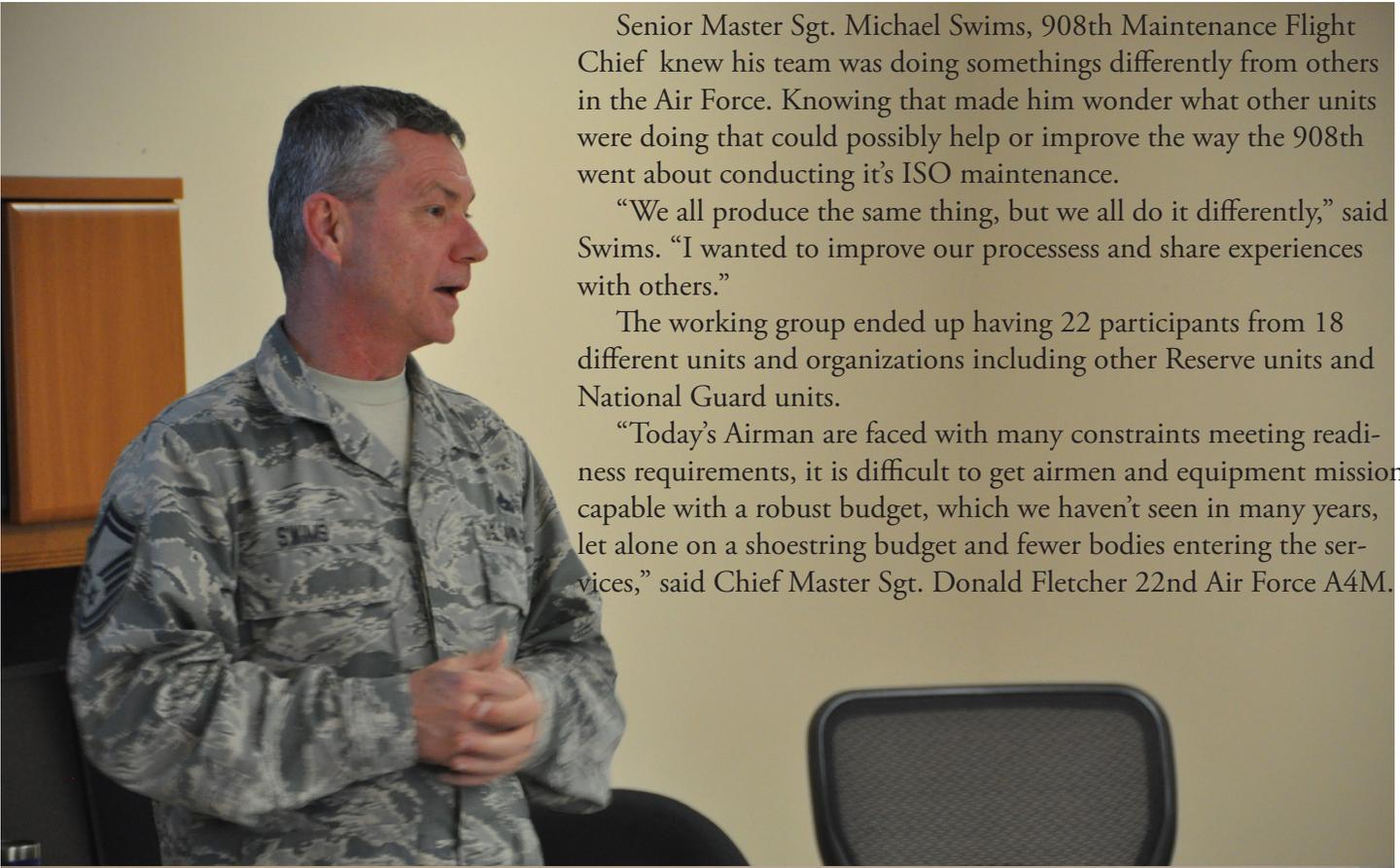
Higher headquarters and unit patches will be mandatory on April 1, 2021, or when color conversion to spice brown is completed, whichever is soonest. Until then, current subdued versions of HHQ and/or unit patches may be worn. Colored patches are not authorized with one exception: combat patches earned by prior-service Soldiers can be worn in their current color configuration and will not be converted to the spice brown color criteria.

Occupational badges will be worn 1/2-inch above the US Air Force name tape, including those previously worn on the pocket.

Authorized duty identifier tabs are listed in Table 5.3.

Airmen may wear other services’ qualification badges, if earned and awarded, i.e.: Ranger tab, SERE, etc. Award criteria for other services’ qualification badges will be in accordance with the awarding service’s directives.

908th Hosts ISO Working



Senior Master Sgt. Michael Swims, 908th Maintenance Flight Chief knew his team was doing somethings differently from others in the Air Force. Knowing that made him wonder what other units were doing that could possibly help or improve the way the 908th went about conducting it's ISO maintenance.

"We all produce the same thing, but we all do it differently," said Swims. "I wanted to improve our processes and share experiences with others."

The working group ended up having 22 participants from 18 different units and organizations including other Reserve units and National Guard units.

"Today's Airman are faced with many constraints meeting readiness requirements, it is difficult to get airmen and equipment mission capable with a robust budget, which we haven't seen in many years, let alone on a shoestring budget and fewer bodies entering the services," said Chief Master Sgt. Donald Fletcher 22nd Air Force A4M.

"The one thing we can't fix overnight is experience, so the more we can glean from other experienced folks out in the units, both Guard and Reserves, trying to meet the same objective, the better. This last workshop brought out both, great ideas and taskers that need to be addressed giving us time to avoid last minute workarounds.

Thanks again to SMSgt Swims for initiating the process and the hospitality of their maintenance complex, I think there was an equal added benefit of the show and tell alone that the other units took back home with them."



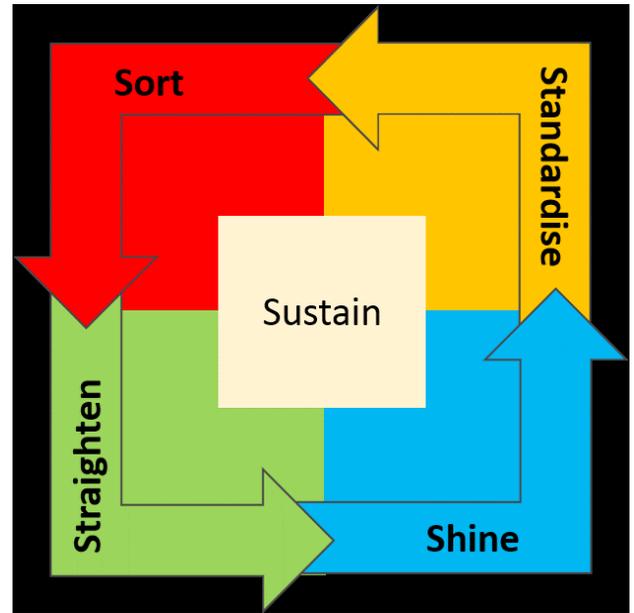


CPI Methods Everyone Can Use

By Timothy Welch
908th Airlift Wing Process Manager

Over the next several months, we plan on beginning a number of exciting Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) events to improve processes effecting every Airman in the wing. I am excited by the potential to directly impact the way a large number of us receive services in key areas. However; to be useful and beneficial to the wing, a project does not have to impact the entire population. An event or project can be just for you and your section. Here are a couple of tools that can help. The 5S method gives us a way to work in a daily activities and develop

productive habits that improve our work and safety. This tool helps us target clutter and waste, increase efficiency, and sustain a culture of lean operations. The 5 S's stand for sort, straighten, shine, standardize and sustain. The other method to focus on is the Practical Problem Solving Method. This training cultivates a standard, innovative, critical thinking culture to improve the way we work. Solving day-to-day work area problems, regardless of organizational level, goes to the heart of CPI efforts. This problem-solving method serves as the framework for the application of all CPI approaches, methodologies, tools, and techniques available to the practi-



tioner. It is the basis for all we do in CPI. Become familiar with them and use them to improve your unit. All of our units have personnel trained in CPI assigned. If you cannot find someone to help you, give me a call at 953-5570 or email me at timothy.welch.9@us.af.mil

Changing the Future, One Idea at a Time

By Timothy Welch
908th Airlift Wing Process Manager

About 40 years ago, I joined the US military. Life was different then. I was told what to do, how to do it and when to do it. Questions were not allowed and no one cared about my opinions, thoughts or ideas. None of that mattered to leadership or supervision. It was their way or the highway. Making a suggestion was usually met with anger and a lot of yelling. As the "boots", we use to sit back and think about how we would do things differently if we could and we waited for our time to effect change, to make a difference. MY OH MY, HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. Now, here in the 908 AW and in the Air Force as a whole, leadership has a different view. We want to know what you think, we want to know your ideas and more importantly we want you to be a part of making those ideas a reality.

Never before in our history has the individual had such a great opportunity to change the service and how we do things. The normal way of doing things, fraught

with countless delays, non-value added steps, that we do "just because" are changing daily because of innovations and recommendation by airmen just like YOU! Individual Airman and groups of Airmen are challenging the old and issuing in the new. Our society as a whole has moved to more efficient and cost-effective ways of doing things. We want to harness your ingenuity, your skills, and your knowledge to improve how we do things as well.

Bring us your ideas on improvements, process changes, that you feel would be beneficial and especially your innovations on how we might be able to do things differently. No idea is too out there, nothing off the table. Every idea will be considered. Doesn't matter if it's a simple change in processes, a whole new way of doing something or something in between, we want to hear from you, the Airman doing the job.

To get the process started, shoot me an email at timothy.welch.9@us.af.mil

Non-Extended Active Duty Airmen Commissioning Program

By Col Craig W. Drescher

908th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

The 908th Airlift Wing's top priorities are enhancing combat capability and developing our Airmen. One way to help develop Airmen is through the Non-Extended Active Duty Airmen Commissioning Program (formerly the Deserving Airmen Commissioning Program). The wing has identified Traditional Reserve officer positions in AMXS, MXS, ASTS (Nurse) LRS, SFS, OSS (Intel) and AS (CSO) that can be filled with deserving Airmen. The wing will conduct a selection board on Saturday, of the October 2019 UTA for Airmen that would like to apply for a commission. (Please note, it is highly unlikely that an enlisted member would become an officer within the same squadron but would serve in another squadron within the 908 AW)

The application process is thorough; everything from college transcripts to AFOQT scores to EPRs, and much, much more will be submitted to the wing POC, Senior Master Sgt. James Harstad, by COB 08 September 2019.

Make an appointment with Senior Master Sgt. Harstad to obtain the pre-screen checklist and verify basic eligibility requirements or check the myPers website at https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/14263/kw/deserving%20airmen/p/18/p/18. Invitations to interview during the October UTA will be issued after a complete application package has been received and reviewed. A professional commissioning interview will be conducted in the Service Dress Uniform with a five member panel consisting of Lt Cols and Cols from across the wing. There are plans to have another selection board in March, or sooner if requirements dictate.



908th News Briefs

ONGOING

Wing App for Mobile Devices

The 908th has an app for your mobile devices. It works with both Android and Apple devices including everything from cellular phones to tablets. The app has tons of great information, including a phone book/directory, news section, weather updates, references, a suggestions section, a PFT calculator, and even allows for push button notifications to stay up to date on any info released by the wing. Do yourself a favor and download the App today! Look for "908th Airlift Wing" where ever you get your applications from.

Facility Improvements

Change is coming, so be aware. Construction will be taking place in just about every facility that the 908th owns or occupies over the next year so be mindful of limited parking spaces, which in turn might alter your work/travel hours in order to accomplish the mission.

Recruiters New Program

The Get1Now program is designed to make it easy for our Reservists to refer an individual to get information about the Air Force Reserve. The best lead source that we have are the leads that our Citizen Airman generate from their peers. The G1N is easy to use, simply log on to <https://get1now.us/> or download the App to your cell phone, (after registering input the referral's information). At that time, that information will be processed and routed to the local recruiter that covers the area that the referral lives in. Reservists will be eligible for an award upon submission of a lead that meets basic AFRC qualification requirements upon processing by AFRC recruiters or advisors (Awards can be found on the website). All actively participating Air Force Reservists and Air Force Reserve civilian employees are eligible to participate. This is a great opportunity for our Reservists to Share Your Adventure!

New to the 908th

Gaining Altitude



Capt. Addrian Grant, FSS
 2nd Lt. Christopher Bennett, AES
 2nd Lt. James Kersey, 357 AS
 2nd Lt. Kristian Taylor, AES
 Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Talbert, MXG
 Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Wagner, SFS
 Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wells, MXS
 Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Lewis, 25 APS
 Staff Sgt. Charles Lopez, LRS
 Staff Sgt. Trey Riley, MXS
 Staff Sgt. Adam Sloan, MXS
 Staff Sgt. Jacob Williams, SFS
 Senior Airman Adam Ebner, MXS
 Senior Airman Rahkendrick Stanley, ASTS
 Senior Airman Conner Vaught, CES
 Senior Airman Brennan Wilken, MXS
 Senior Airman Krishna Wilson, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Anesu Banda, LRS
 Airman 1st Class Patrick Banks, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Jayvionne Beaver, AES
 Airman 1st Class William Brown, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Alexander Dorrego, AMXS

Airman 1st Class Marias Lee, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Cristyan Medrano, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Christian Norwood, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Gregory Ocampo, SFS
 Airman 1st Class Rashalyn Smith, AMXS
 Airman 1st Class Samuel Smith, MXS
 Airman 1st Class Aaron Thoms, 357 AS
 Airman 1st Class Cassie Waldrop, CES
 Airman 1st Class Chantelle Williams, 25 APS
 Airman 1st Class Ariyonna Willis, MXG
 Airman Augusta Thomas, LRS
 Airman Basic Andrew Burnett, 25 APS
 Airman Basic Arika Carter, LRS
 Airman Basic Kenya Frye, LRS
 Airman Basic Jeffrey Harris, MXS
 Airman Basic Davontia Johnson, SFS
 Airman Basic Romerro Reid, SFS
 Airman Basic Romany Smith, FSS
 Airman Basic Isaiah Walker, LRS
 Airman Basic Andrew Wright, AMXS
 Airman Basic Devonte Wright, AMXS

Wade Messick
 Jacquetta Miles
 Trevian Moss
 Kelvin Wiggins
 Shelby Anderson
 Corey Covington
 Taneria Daniels
 Princess Fails
 Blayze Franklin
 Anna Goss
 Dajeana Heymann
 Melissa Jenkins
 John Johnson
 Dylan Jones
 Trevon Keahy
 Jedidiah Mallory
 Anthony Marks
 Jordan Mayo
 Gregory Ocampo
 Alexis Sims
 Rashalyn Smith
 Daejah Stone
 Felecia Thomas
 Tykea Watkins

Treashear Britt
 Rodney Hicks
 Kenneth Jackson
 Jamal Jones
 Patrick Mccants
 Tiffany Moore
 Romerro Reid
 Yasmir Reynolds
 Ryan Rosser
 Christopher Rowland
 Naricas Smith
 Augusta Thomas
 Yesenia Vasquezayanz

Kenya Frye
 Bonnie Hardy
 Jeffrey Harris
 Lacy Jackson
 Nicolas Maschas
 Christian Pettus
 Michael Schriver
 Isaiah Walker
 Devonte Wright

GAINING ALTITUDE

Christopher Barbour
 Tony Donofrio
 Kendall Williams



Michael Beyer
 Timothy Hill

Calli Atwell
 Gabrielle Bates
 Charla Colbert
 Austin Fordumfuhrer
 Amber Howard
 Ariel King
 Rian Lewis
 Anthony Mcgill
 Siedrick Orozco
 Bernard Whitney



Octavius Ausbon
 Jude Castanos
 Carl Cooper
 Jeremiah Gafford
 Lloydstone Jacobs
 Giovanni Lewis
 Trayunne Lucas
 Kandace Moore
 Tiffany Story

Steven Barker
 Justin Brown
 Louis Fields



Danile Bartlett
 Kirsten Czerpak
 Macey Hair

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 your Squadron Lodging Rep.**
- * 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 Master 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 FY19

Oct. 13-14	April 6-7
Nov. 3-4	May 4-5
Dec. 1-2	June 1-2
Jan. 10-13	July No UTA
Feb. 2-3	Aug. 3-4
March 2-3	Sept. 7-8

908TH UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

May

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, May 17, 2019			
1500	TBD	Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 1050/357th Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Prattville
Saturday, May 18, 2019			
0600	1000	Fit To Fight Testing	HAWC
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0800	1100	Lab work/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab
0800	1530	Physicals	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0830	1530	Immunizations	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1100	Newcomer's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0900	0930	SAPM Training	Bldg 1056/CC Conf
0900	1000	UDM Meeting	Bldg 848/ CF Classrm
0900	1000	Fitness for Duty (DD 689)	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1000	First Duty Station Briefing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg 903/FSDE
1600	1630	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, May 19, 2019			
0700	0730	Sign In	Orderly Room
1230	1300	Readiness Reporting/DRRS/ART Briefing	Bldg 1055/908 CAT
1400	1600	AFSC SPECIFIC TRAINING	Designated Workcenter
1600	-	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Trg Flt	Sat 0700-1600	Bldg 1056/Rm 101
MPS Customer Svc	Sat 1300-1600 Sun 0700-1300 M-F 0900-1600 (Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)	Bldg 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	MTTFH 0800-1600 / Wed 0800-1200 Sat 0900-1500 Sun 1200-1500	Bldg 1056/3-6722
Medical Records	Sat 0800-1500	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 Lunch: 1100-1300 Dinner: 1600-1830	Bldg 668/3-6450
Lodging Office		Bldg 682 /240-5600
Photo Lab	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 926/3-7981
Comm Help Desk		Bldg 848/3-9703

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS INFO

Greetings Airman, Civilians and Family Members, My name is Tyesha Stiff (Ty is fine) and as the new director of Airman & Family Readiness I am looking forward to working with ALL of you to provided resources, support or just be a listening ear on matters and concerns you may have in the Family Readiness arena. I am prior Army & Dept of Army Civilian with a Human Resource background from 2000-2012. Then I started in the Family Readiness arena in 2012 as a Soldier and Family Assistance Program Manager before transferring over to the Air Force in 2015 as a Community Readiness Specialist at Barksdale AFB and then a Transition Specialist here at Maxwell AFB. I have a pleather of experience and knowledge working with Service members and Families and look forward to adding more wonderful experiences as I work with the Reserve Component. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or MSgt Stephens to assist you in continuing being Ready and Resilient Airman, Family Members and DoD Civilians.

The Key Spouse Program is an official unit/family program designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of Air Force community.

It is a commander's program that promotes partnerships with unit leadership, volunteer Key Spouses appointed by the commander, families, the Airman & Family Readiness Center and other community and helping agencies. The program has been standardized across the Air Force to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families across the deployment cycle.

Loved One Deployed or Preparing to?

Operation: Military Childcare Aware offers reduced-fee child care. Call 800-424-2246 or visit

www.childcareaware.org for more information.

YMCA membership: In partnership with the Department of Defense, The Armed Services YMCA is proud to offer 6-month gym memberships at participating YMCA

facilities nationwide. Call your local YMCA or visit

<https://www.asymca.org/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative> for more information.

Our Military Kids Grant: For children of Reservists deployed overseas 120 days or more receive a \$500 (max) grant per child. This can be used for youth sports, fine arts, or

tutoring for ages 5-12th grade. Apply at www.ourmilitarykids.org

Some other resources available include: Car Care, Yellow Ribbon, Give Parents a Break, Hearts Apart Dinner, Free on-line tutoring, and more. For more info call the 908th Airman and Family Readiness Center at 866-351-8788 or 334-953-9018.

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in most units that have a first sergeant serve as an ongoing community connection at all times and especially across the deployment cycle provide a volunteer opportunity for spouses interested in giving back to their communities

Why is the Key Spouse Program Important?

- Promotes individual, family, and unit readiness
- Establishes continuous contact with spouses/families
- Encourages peer-to-peer Wingman support
- Links to leadership
- Provides an informal sounding board
- Strengthens leadership's support team
- Contact Airman & Family Readiness to find your

Key Spouse and more information

All of Maxwell Air Force Base is standing by to support our Reserve Families too!