



# 908TH CONTINUES MISSION IN MIDST OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# Our Priorities: You and the Mission

I want to share with you what we know as we help our country respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Many in the wing have been working around the clock the last couple of months ensuring the wing is positioned to respond to any task. For those of you that haven't had the benefit of participating in our dozens of working group meetings, I'd like to share with you our priorities during this time.

Our first priority is you. The health and wellbeing of our members and their families have been in the forefront of every decision we've made. At first, we didn't know enough about the risks we were all being exposed to so we were cautious about any type of military status that took you out of your homes and away from your families. Consequently, many TDYs were cancelled or modified and we did not hold a traditional UTA in April. Slowly, we are increasing our required training and travel.

The second priority was to preserve our mission capability as much as possible. To accomplish this, the units have developed ways to ensure social distancing while executing as much training and mission as possible. This is no easy task and everyday things change so we are continuously reassessing the situation and modifying our techniques and approaches.

Through all of this, effective communication up and down the chain of command is vital. Realizing many of

you don't have access to your military e-mail, we have transmitted information through the 908th App, 908th web page and 908th Facebook page. Chief and I held a Facebook live Question & Answer session on April 20th; your feedback says we should have another one so we will do that again soon.

Be a good wingman and stay in contact with the Airmen in your section. Check on each other to make sure everyone is doing ok, all of our helping agencies are standing by to provide assistance where needed. Also, staying in contact with each other is a good way to receive the latest information available.

Stay strong and stay SAFE. We look forward to seeing you all again in person real soon. Until then, Aim High 908th Airlift Wing!



COL. CRAIG DRESCHER  
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing



# Flexibility, Innovation Keys to Success

How many times have we heard the comment "Flexibility is the key to Airpower?" I once had a First Sergeant that would begin and end every formation with that statement. When I heard him say those words, my first thoughts were that he is just towing the company line and being politically correct in his approach. I later learned the value in what he was telling us. Sitting here today, we find ourselves in a unique situation where flexibility is more important than ever.

If the past couple of months has shown us anything, it has shown us that we have to be more flexible in what we can do, are doing, and will be doing in order to ensure mission success. The COVID-19 situation has challenged us in ways that we wouldn't have thought of a few months ago. We are now having to think "outside the box" to complete our mission. You, the Airmen of the 908th Airlift Wing have brought to us the bold and innovative ideas needed to complete your jobs through video conferencing, teleworking,

and attending a virtual UTA. However, don't let the ideas stop there! Allow yourself to be challenged every day so that you are forced to be more flexible than the day before. As I mentioned in the last edition of the Southern Flyer, live in the uncomfortable and vulnerable areas. That's where growth and resiliency reside. If you do that, you will be ready when faced with challenges like we are facing today.

We aren't out of the woods yet and we will face other challenges in the future. With that being said, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to service, and your willingness to be flexible in order to guarantee mission success. I am proud to serve alongside of you and know that as long as you are stand-



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*"The 908th is made up of service members who are Capable, Innovative Citizen Airmen ... Ready Today, Leading Tomorrow that Provide Combat Capability Anytime...Anywhere."*

# Green Belt Academics Provides eLearning Opportunities, Great for Those Teleworking

by Tim Welch  
908th Airlift Wing CPI

In my brief time here with the 908 AW, a number of you have expressed an interest in learning. Learning more about the Air Force, more about our wing and more about how we can do things smarter, better and more cost effective. There is no shortage of innovative thinkers here at the 908 AW. The future is coming quickly and we are meeting it head on.

But to succeed in the future, we need the tools to make us more able to adapt and overcome the future. Many of those tools can be found in our Continuous Process Improvement and Innovation platforms. The way forward is for as many of our members as possible to embrace and

learn about those platforms and start their own journey to becoming Green Belts. Many of you have expressed

an interest in attending a Green Belt training session. This is why it is exciting that we have Green Belt Academic eLearning available to us.

Green Belt Academic eLearning is ideal for developing more green belts within our organization, and to further growing current green belt and black belt knowledge.

For current CPI practitioners it offers a great opportunity to continue developing their knowledge by utilizing the independent completion class. Independent completion gives practitioners access to over 70 hours of training to further develop their skills as needed and at their pace.

For future practitioners the Green Belt class is conducted over a nine week period or can be accelerated and completed in one week or less.

Once enrolled in Green Belt training, students can get started the same day and can finish completely on their own or proceed at the pace set out in the class schedule. The class schedule starts with a kickoff virtual class on the class start date, although you can start upon

enrollment. Then a group of modules are completed over the next three weeks followed by virtual checkpoint 1. Then another group of modules are completed over the next three weeks followed by virtual checkpoint 2. Then the last group of modules are completed over the next three weeks followed by virtual checkpoint 3 and a final exam.

NOTE: Checkpoints can be attended live or after the checkpoint via the recorded link posted in the students' portal. For students wanting to complete this training quickly, they can get started today and if they work at an accelerated pace can watch prerecorded checkpoints

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AFNET (works great from your phone, tablet, or personal/government computer). Which makes it perfect for the current telework environment we find ourselves using these days.

There is even a transcript feature; once enrolled students can keep track of the time spent in the modules and can report the time to complete the training while teleworking.

The DoD goal is for 5% of our full-time population to be Green Belt trained. Additionally, Maj Gen Healy, the 22 AF/CC, highlighted insufficient CPI practitioners as a barrier to success in reforming AFRC into a highly effective/efficient organization.

By starting and continuing your training and developing your critical thinking and problem solving skills, you will become more effective and productive; your team and organization will transform from good to great...we've got nothing to lose and everything to win!

A direct link to the CPI Portal is below:  
<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10944/cpi/sitepages/home.aspx>



COVER PHOTO:

Loadmaster with the 357th Airlift Squadron, Senior Airman Wyatt Slayton, looks out the window of a C-130 Hercules March 9, 2020, flying above Maxwell AFB. Mckenzie and the rest of the C-130's crew were flying in support of the first part of the wing's two day training exercise that took place after the March Unit Training Assembly. The second part will look to be completed at a later date. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)

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## AFRC Command Team Visits Alabama's only Reserve Wing

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA – Lieutenant Gen. Richard Scobee, Air Force Reserve Command commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White, AFRC command chief master sergeant, spent the March unit training assembly getting to know Reserve Citizen Airmen from Alabama's only Reserve wing.

During their visit to the 908th Airlift Wing March 8, Scobee and White met with small groups of Airmen throughout the day to facilitate a more intimate, open conversational feel and enhance the dialect between the command's senior leaders and members of the wing.

"We want to be able to speak directly to you and have you get information straight from us," Scobee explained.

The day started with Col. Craig Drescher, 908th AW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Cornett, 908th AW command chief, briefing Scobee and White on current wing business, some key successes and potential trouble areas.

Afterwards, the leadership team headed for small group discussions, first with members of the 908th Maintenance Group where Scobee discussed his three needs for the unit.

"I need you to continue to perform at a high caliber, I need you to always be ready to deploy and I need to get information to you," Scobee said.

Next up was a small group discussion with members of the 908th Operations Group, where Scobee highlighted families and deployments.

"Your family is your No. 1 priority, and I will do anything I can to help you take care of your family," Scobee said. "We have to make sure all of our families are taken care of so that we can do our jobs, which is to produce combat power for the United States of America."

During lunch with the 908th's annual award winners, the general relayed stories from his Air Force career, outlined command priorities and gave advice based on his personal experiences.

The command team also sat in on a 908th readi-



Lieutenant Gen. Richard Scobee, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, talks with members of the 908th Mission Support Group and Aeromedical Staging Squadron, March 8, 2020 at the 908th Civil Engineering Squadron classroom, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The AFRC command team visited with small groups of Airmen multiple times over the day in order to facilitate a more intimate, open conversational feel to enhance the dialect between the senior leadership and members of the wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)

ness briefing and followed that up with a group discussion with members from the 908th's Mission Support Group and Aeromedical Staging Squadron, where diversity and inclusion were highlighted topics.

"I like our diversity and inclusion program because I think it makes the Air Force Reserve a better place for our members to serve," the general said. "When we empower others to be successful, it allows us to retain incredible talent."

White echoed Scobee's comments by adding he is very proud of the command's continuing diversity and inclusion efforts.

"They are a top priority for me," said White. "We listen to people who bring value to the organization.

We want and have people in charge who take care of all our valued Airmen. It's proven that valued Airmen are more successful."

"It was great to spend time with Lt. Gen. Scobee and Chief White," said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Sharman, first sergeant of the 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who was at both a small group discussion and lunch with the command team. "They had good personal perspectives to share with the group and those attending were invested in the future of the Reserve."

### Top Right Photo

From left, Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, and Col. Craig Drescher, commander of the 908th Airlift Wing, walk together March 8, 2020, at the 908th Airlift Wing Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)



### Bottom photo

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White Jr., command chief of Air Force Reserve Command, meets with members of the 908th Airlift Wing staff March 8, 2020, at the 908th Headquarters conference room, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)



# Tools for Life: Coping in Times of Stress

by Amy Kemp-Wellmeier  
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The Covid-19 pandemic produced conditions that were unthinkable for most of us. This new reality had us reconsidering how we interact with the world. Our basic needs and relationships were brought to the forefront, along with feelings of anxiety and depression. Stress of the unknown and feeling of frustration can create feelings of “helplessness” that produce states of anxiety and/or depression. The key is in keeping the balance in our Mind, Body, and Spirit. By focusing on what we can control and taking a proactive stance, we can reduce the negative effects of stress and use it for our gain.

## MIND

### *Identify what is Stressful to YOU*

Stress can be caused by more than just the demands of work, relationships, or health issues. A truth is that many of the sources of stress lie within our own thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. It is important to look inward when attempting to deal with feelings of anxiety and depression. By using a mindful process we can often find ways to deal with issues effectively. To do this we must understand that all we can fully control is our own mind. To attempt to do otherwise is often a futile attempt. Instead of trying to control what you can't and adding more stress to your life, focus on controlling how you react and feel. Writing down stressful situations in a journal can help you identify patterns as to what's causing you anxiety and/or depression. Often we will blame others for our emotions, not realizing how our thinking is effecting us. Take your true power back by focusing on controlling your own thoughts to restore a sense of wellbeing.

### *When Possible Avoid the Stress Making Situations*

Once you've identified the things that cause you stress, you can work to avoid them. That's not to say you should avoid dealing with situations that need to be resolved. Running away completely will not help, but taking a break can. Sometimes you just need some space away from the stressor, whether it's physical or mental space. Allow yourself to do something else first and then

return to it. Things may have calmed down later on, or you'll simply have had the chance to gain a different perspective on it.

### *Keeping a “Can Do Attitude”*

One of the best ways to control how you react and feel is by keeping a focus on a positive attitude. Looking for the upsides of situations and keeping your thoughts positive are great ways to reduce stress and tension. Smiling and laughing can directly help reduce stress, so create opportunities to smile and laugh more, perhaps by catching up with friends or watching comedies. Likewise, keeping a gratitude journal and focusing on the good in your life.

### *Manage Your Time*

Feeling overwhelmed by demands can escalate feelings of stress and depression. One of the biggest causes of stress is time management issues. It can make it harder for you to assess situations with a different perspective and to stay healthy and well-rested, creating more stress. Attempt to manage the stress in your life by prioritizing what you need to do, and delegating when appropriate. You can also be more effective by breaking down large projects into smaller steps. This will make them more manageable and can help you stay encouraged by mentally noting what you've accomplished, rather than what you didn't get to on your to-do list. If you already feel overwhelmed saying “no” to additional obligations. You are allowed to be human and will do a better job in conquering your stress if you are realistic in what you can accomplish.

## BODY

### *Healthy Diet, Exercise and Quality Sleep*

Healthy eating supplies our bodies with positive nutrients that is vital for our resiliency during stressful times. Food not only keeps our energy stable, but the nutrients we consume directly effects how our minds process events through the chemical and neurotransmitters produced in the brain. The use of alcohol, nicotine, drugs, or even binge-eating can seem to be easy ways to de-stress, but they can aggravate your symptoms in the long run. Research shows that alcohol, drugs, caffeine, nicotine, and sugar cause energy crashes that can make

you more agitated and stressed, and often lead to addiction issues.

Exercise helps with stress management in the long-run as well as in a moment of stress. Even a quick workout can immediately trigger positive feelings by producing endorphins and feelings of accomplishment. The type of exercise is up to you. Even a quick walk around your neighborhood will do. The goal is to keep your body moving at least once a day.

Just as little children often get “cranky” when they miss their naps, we adults do much the same. Getting quality sleep can be challenging when we are under stress. Some ideas to help you get some sleep include the use of guided visualizations, soothing music or sounds, meditation, yoga, and deep breathing to relax. Some find that making a list of concerns or “to do lists” before bed often helps to anchor the things they ruminate about when lying in bed to paper, and frees the mind to get some well needed quality rest. Additionally, having a regular good sleep hygiene routine is important in getting restorative sleep.

## SPIRIT

### *Stay Connected*

Human interaction is essential to all people. Having a conversation with someone you trust is a natural stress reliever. Reach out to your friends and family to catch up and get some bonding time either in person, by phone, or through the use of social media. You may also find it useful to talk with a physician or professional therapist. Healthcare professionals can help you find healthier ways to cope with your stress, help you find solutions, and add perspective. Here at the 908th Airlift Wing I am here to provide confidential counseling to service members and their families. You can contact me at 334.953.5980, or feel free to stop by my office in HQ on the second floor by Finance.

### *Keeping the Faith*

Keeping connection and routines with our spiritual beliefs and practices provides us with the ability to find meaning and purpose for

the events in our lives. For some it is found in religious traditions, for others in nature or things in the world of ideas. Whatever it is that you find your solace in, remember to put time and effort in developing a regular practice. It is through the practice of these beliefs that we develop hope and the energy to face the challenging times of our lives, and find a greater enjoyment of our blessings.

If we face our frustrations in life as an opportunity for understanding and growth, we can strengthen our resiliency for the challenges that life will throw at us in the future. And they will come. It's just the way of life. But by mindfully using tools for coping with stress we can create a life that we can be proud of and enjoy the process, knowing we are better for the growth it can produce in us if we let it.

**STAY STRONG, STAY RESILIENT**  
DEVELOP YOUR COVID-19 RESILIENCY  
Calm the chaos: You are safe at home NOT stuck at home!

**Social Distancing while Staying Connected**

- Establish a daily routine & set achievable goals
- Digitally connect with family & friends
- Establish ways to be involved with your family
- Invest in mental, physical, social, & spiritual fitness
- Limit media exposure

Remember, your resources are still available

- MILITARY ONE SOURCE** ..... 1-800-342-9647 or <https://militaryonesource.mil>
- American Red Cross** ..... American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337
- Military CrisisLine** ..... 1-800-273-8255
- Military CrisisLine** ..... 1-866-580-9078
- AFRC** ..... Find your nearest at <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil>
- CHAPLAINS** ..... Contact your local chapel for virtual service schedules or counseling
- Military Chaplains** ..... Contact your local AFRC for contact information
- Air Force Aid Society** <https://afas.org>

Check out <https://www.af.mil/News/Coronavirus-Disease-2019/> for more information and strategies

# 908TH AIRLIFT WING'S UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP WITH DOD'S ONLY AIRBORNE SCHOOL

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The fog was starting to dissipate on Maxwell's flightline as the crew walked along the painted yellow line to the C-130 Hercules. Their shoulders weighed down by equipment that was readied for the long journey ahead. On March 11, 2020, the pilots, flight engineers, loadmasters and a navigator of the 908th Airlift Wing's 357th Airlift Squadron were ready to take off for Lawson Army Airfield, Fort Benning, Georgia.

The 357th crew was tasked with providing an aircraft for the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. This mission was in support of the Static Line Symposium, which consisted of students and jumpmasters of the Basic Airborne Course as well as leadership from all around the airborne community.

The mission of the 1st Batt., 507th PIR, is to train paratroopers in order to provide the Department of Defense with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines

so that they can conduct airborne operations anywhere DoD-wide. In doing this, they are able to forge the paratrooper spirit in the junior leadership of the DoD and provide a world-class quality of life for all service members, civilians and their families.

Before any of them can jump they need to be able to fly, and the Air Force is always there with the wings. But no one on the 357th crew knew more about the paratrooper side of things other than former Army National Guard paratrooper, Tech. Sgt. Eric McKenzie, 357th AS loadmaster.

"Being a loadmaster now is awesome for me because I'm able to see the other side of the job," said McKenzie. Having someone on the 357th's team that has lived both sides of the jump is beneficial to all parties' better understanding of the impact of the mission at hand.

Being able to see the paratroopers successfully deploy their parachutes and land from the view of the flight deck window reminds 1st Lt. James Kersey, 357th AS navigator, that he is supporting something much bigger than himself, he said.

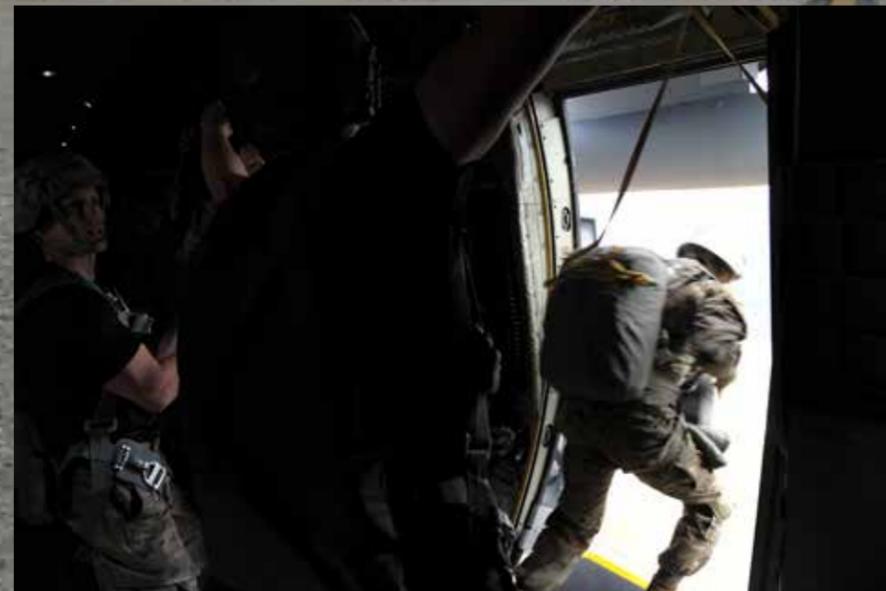
"The training that we helped provide was beneficial to our armed forces overall," said Kersey. "One day, those trainees will become jumpmasters and they'll be in charge of their own squadrons or in a combat environment."

All of these first-hand experiences demonstrate that it takes many individuals to come together in order for just one of these operations to happen. This is why members of the 357th were in contact with Sgt. 1st Class Jason Schultz, jump branch master trainer of the 1st Battalion, 507th PIR, ARTB.

"We greatly appreciate the unit coming and helping so that we would be able to complete the operation," said Schultz.

Understanding how it takes multiple teams across various branches in order to succeed in just one mission shows just how much effort goes into making sure that service members are fully trained and ready for anything at a moment's notice.

"The mission was a great success," said McKenzie. "I can't wait to get back in the air!"



# 908th Key Spouse Program, What is it? How do I become one?

by Tina Harstad  
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The Key Spouse Program is an official Air Force unit family readiness program designed to enhance mission readiness and resilience and establish a sense of community. The mission of the Key Spouse Program (KSP) is to provide information and resources to military spouses, and supporting families in successfully navigating throughout the military life cycle.

All Key Spouses are appointed by the Unit Commander and serve as an "official" unit representative. They are advocates for their unit families and serve as the focal point for communicating important unit & wing information and information on community resources to unit spouses/families. Key Spouses are knowledgeable about resources both in the local area, and throughout the U.S. Many of the resources in their vast

network, both military and civilian, have branches, offices, or chapters of their organizations, nationwide. No matter where you live, Key Spouses should be able to assist you in finding the help you need!

Despite the name, you don't have to be a spouse to be a "Key Spouse!" For example, a parent, adult sibling, or an adult child, may be a Key Spouse. Whoever the main source of support is in an airman's family, that's who they support, and that's who they are!

To Become a Key Spouse you must go through an Initial Training course. The initial training is around 6 hours. Child care can be arranged for you while you attend this initial training. In some circumstances, where a person doesn't live locally and cannot attend the in person training, it's available virtually. There's also ongoing continuing education that should be attended

quarterly, and a yearly Suicide Prevention & Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness training that all Key Spouses are required to attend.

If you're interested in becoming a Key Spouse, let the unit Commander know! After discussing, if the commander wants to appoint you, both of you will need to sign an appointment letter which then gets sent to Airman & Family Readiness. Airman & Family Readiness will contact you to coordinate scheduling your initial training through the Active Duty (42nd) Airman & Family Readiness on Maxwell AFB.

To connect with the Key Spouses you can check out on our Closed FB Group "908 AW Key Spouses." Closed Group means anyone can search for the group, but only members can see who's in it or what's posted there. It's a great source of information on resources, and a good forum to ask questions!



## COVID-19 has been challenging time for us all. FORTUNATELY, THERE IS SOME COVID-19 RELIEF!

### *Financial Resources*

<https://finred.usalearning.gov/News/COVID19-Resources>

[www.dol.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dol.gov/coronavirus)

[www.penfedfoundation.org](http://www.penfedfoundation.org)

United Way 1-866-211-9966

RedCross 1-800-766-8680 or 1-877-272-7337

On Title 10 orders and need financial assistance? Contact the 42nd A&FRC at 334-953-2353.

Personal Financial Counselor: Ms. Tonya Kimball (334) 618-6991 or PFC.Maxwell.USAF@Zeiders.com. Virtual appointments are available.

### *Mental, Emotional, and Physical Support*

Military OneSource available 24/7/365 for personalized support. Call us at 1-800-342-9647 or live chat (<https://livechat.militaryonesourceconnect.org/chat>) through our website.

Military Family Life Counselors:

Mr. Craig Bynum, MaxwellAdultMFLC-02@SRIMFLCTeam.com, or

Ms. LaJessie Williams, MaxwellAdultMFLC-03@SRIMFLCTeam.com or 334-559-0702 and 334-744-0418

DPH: Ms. Amy Kemp 334-782-9809

Domestic Violence Crisis Line is (334) 310-2597 or call 911.

Stay current on information and resources through 908th Airman and Family Readiness FaceBook page, 908 AW Key Spouses FaceBook group, and the 908th Airlift Wing AFRC FaceBook page.



# MILITARY ONE SOURCE



### AFRC YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

The purpose of the Yellow Ribbon Program Event is to inform, educate, assist and honor the Airmen and their families.

#### What You Should Know:

- Not all reservists that deploy are qualified to participate in a YR event.
- Airmen qualify if they will be, or have been, called to active duty in support of a contingency for 75 days or more during a 12-month period, CONUS/OCONUS
- There are three different types of YRP events:
  - Pre-Deployment, 2-day event away from home station
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Post-Deployment, 2-day event away from home station
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Post-Deployment, 2-day event away from home station
- DEERS Eligible family members will be allowed to attend these events
- Single members will be allowed to take a Designated Individual, Parent, or Grandparent. Contact me for more specifics.
- JTR Reimbursement for member plus two guests (Contact me for more specifics)
- Approved childcare is provided for 0-12 year olds (Registration is required) 13-17 year olds participate in Teen Workshops

#### What To Expect At The Event:

- Keynote speakers and various break-out sessions to attend with spouse/guest
- Purposefully designed agenda to meet specific deployment needs (pre/post)
- Resource information tables from a variety of supporters (VA,ESGR/GI Bill, etc)
- Private counseling rooms for 'per request' sessions to speak to a Chaplain /JAG
- On-site meals provided for airmen & families free of charge (4 meals total)

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# New to the 908th

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| Lt. Col. Danielle Poyant, CES            | Airman 1st Class Kiwane Pinard, AMXS |
| Maj. Lori Bartz, LRS                     | Airman 1st Class Hayley Spears, MXS  |
| Maj. Justin McCullough, 357 AS           | Airman 1st Class Evynn Wilson, MXS   |
| 1st Lt. Angela Burton, AES               | Airman Kristopher Amos, CES          |
| Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Rapelje, MSG  | Airman Basic Jared Anderson, CES     |
| Senior Master Sgt. Wesley Meyer, LRS     | Airman Basic Keundra Cox, CES        |
| Master Sgt. Chametaya Harrison, FSS      | Airman Basic Dru Hitt, AMXS          |
| Senior Airman Jesse Ellis, CES           | Airman Basic Adrian Lavant, CES      |
| Senior Airman Miranda Wiley, AES         | Airman Basic Cane Myers, MXS         |
| Senior Airman Christopher Williams, AMXS | Airman Basic Ladarren Rivers, MXS    |
| Airman 1st Class Tiffany Moore, LRS      |                                      |

## GAINING ALTITUDE

Officers have been selected for promotion, with actual promotions at a later date.



Darris Edge



Alex Bruce

- Elizabeth Cantey  
Edward Capell  
Lauren Drumheller  
Corey Reaves  
David Smith  
Drew Tatum



- Christopher Adams  
Tyler Aldridge  
Sannu Cummings Brooks  
Jeffery Davis  
Jennifer Freeman  
Andrew Jeter  
Derrick Mickle



- Samaletta Collins  
Martin Cowan  
David Gorham  
Matthew Lee  
Charles Ross

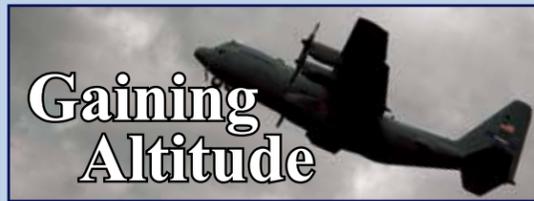


- Asia Douglas  
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Karly Lockie  
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# UTA Lodging

- \* 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 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](mailto: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 FY20

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|------------|-------------|
| Oct. 5-6   | April 4-5   |
| Nov. 2-3   | May 16-17   |
| Dec. 7-8   | June 6-7    |
| Jan. 11-12 | July 11-12  |
| Feb. 1-2   | Aug. 1-2    |
| March 7-8  | Sept. 12-13 |

## 908th UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

# May

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
<b>Friday, May 15, 2020</b>			
1500	TBD	Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 1050/357th Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Bldg 845/AMXS Conf Rm
<b>Saturday, May 16, 2020</b>			
0600	1000	Fit To Fight Testing	HAWC
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	1530	Clothing Issue	Bldg 1154/Rm 131
0730	0815	Mask Issue for Weapons Qual	Bldg 1154
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
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2020</b>			
0700	0730	Sign In	Orderly Room
0700	1100	CBRNE	Bldg 1154/Room 119
1200	1600	CBRNE	Bldg 1154/Room 119
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 <i>(Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)</i>	Bldg 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	MTTHF 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

908th Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Craig Peterson hands the 908th Civil Engineer Squadron guidon to incoming squadron commander, Lt. Col. Danielle Poyant as outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Blaine Benson looks on during a change of command ceremony February 2, 2020 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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