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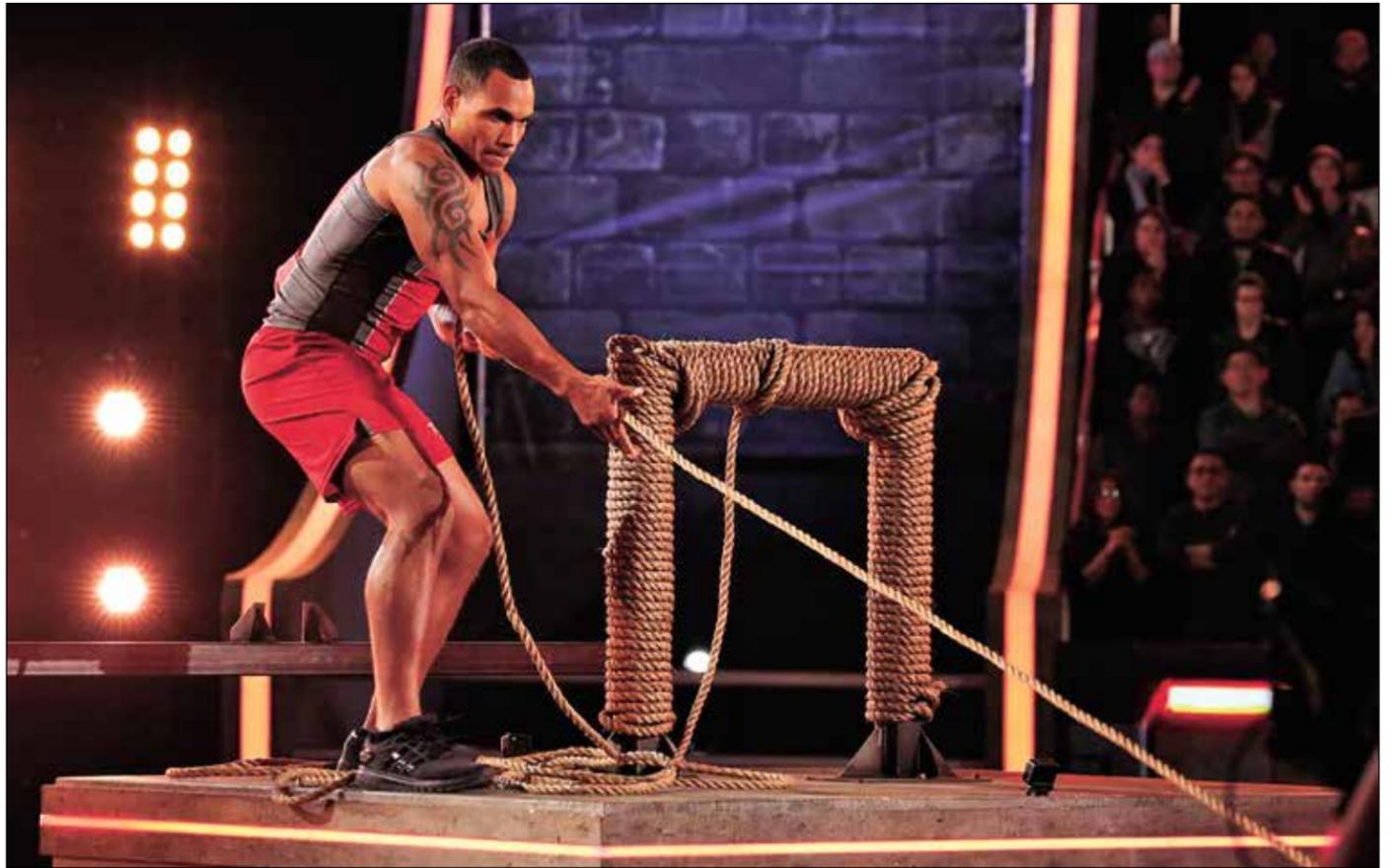


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2nd SOPS Airman competes in Titan Games



Courtesy photo by Vivian Zink/NBC

Senior Airman Kyle Lucas, 2nd Space Operations Squadron satellite systems operator, attempts to hook a railroad tie with a grapple hook during the Titan Games in Los Angeles, California, which aired on television Jan. 31, 2019. Lucas, a former Penn State football player, competed in the Titan Games as a way to compete against his brother Tyler, also a member of the Air Force.

By Halle Thornton
 50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Senior Airman Kyle Lucas, 2nd Space Operations Squadron satellite systems operator, competed in the Titan Games, a show that gives everyday people the opportunity to compete in head-to-head challenges, which aired January 31.

Lucas decided to compete in the Titan Games to compete with his brother Tyler, who is currently stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

"We're three years apart. We never really had a chance to go head to head in anything," he said. "It was for ultimate bragging rights in the family and to see who the better athlete was."

The Titan Games producers approached Lucas after he applied for another show.

"During the whole application process, they asked if I knew anyone else that would be great for the show, and so I pitched the brother rivalry idea to the show and they bought it," he said.

Lucas said when people found out he made the show, they went on the assumption it was because he is a naturally talented athlete.

"They don't see the 14 plus years I've put in working in the gym," he said. "They don't think they can achieve what I have, but you can. You have to have a goal in mind and grind every day to get where you want to be and I think people can see that and go get it themselves."

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Schriever hosts 130, MDC2 roadshow



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Rogers

Lt. Col. Derek Moore, Air Force Strategic Integration Group 130 representative, briefs Airmen about the new multi-domain command and control career field at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 30, 2018. Officers in their seven through 12th year of service are eligible to apply for a deliberate development track that specializes in integrating effects across the full spectrum of war.

By Tech. Sgt. Wes Wright
 50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The 50th Space Wing hosted a roadshow on the new 130 Multi-domain Command and Control career field Jan. 30.

Representatives from the Pentagon were on hand to inform officers in their seven through 12th year of service about the opportunity to join a deliberate development track Air Force officials are calling critical to the success of future conflicts.

"This effort is to pioneer the Air Force's multi-domain effort to maturity," said Maj. Brian Eno, 50th Operations Support Squadron director of operations. "They want to take people with experience in operational career fields and develop them for the rest of their careers in a track that makes you a multi-domain warfare officer. You specialize in integrating effects across the spectrum of war."

In his remarks during the 2018 Air Force Association's Air, Space, and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein explained the importance of multi-domain command and control in executing the nation's next fight.

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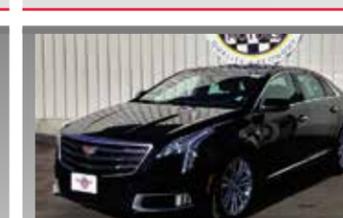
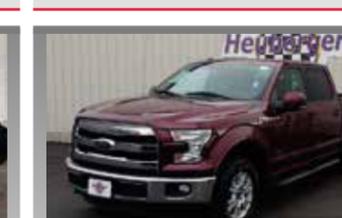
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A LEADER'S PERSPECTIVE**The Readiness Imperative**

**Commentary by
Lt. Col. Mark Bigley**

1st Space Operations Squadron commander

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — One of the most significant responsibilities a squadron commander holds is providing ready forces to meet assigned military objectives. I can attest readiness drives many of my decisions for how we organize, train and equip personnel and weapon systems in the 1st Space Operations Squadron. This singular focus is not without reason; warfighting readiness is central to our ability to gain and maintain space superiority across the spectrum of conflict. However, long gone are the days of waiting for a future conflict. We are now in a constant state of multi-domain, near real-time engagement, requiring a readiness posture unheard of in years past.

Space Mission Force and the Space Warfighting Construct helped drive this shift, but the biggest change to how we maintain readiness actually came in the form of the Ready Space-crew Program. The concept behind RSP closely resembles programs in other AF mission sets that aligns training to the performance of mission essential tasks; those things a unit must be able to do in order to achieve



Lt. Col. Mark Bigley
1st Space Operations Squadron commander

assigned military objectives. In 1st SOPS our RSP framework prioritizes resources, personnel and schedules to ensure our 130-strong unit can meet mission essential tasks across all phases of military conflict, however readiness for the missions in 1st SOPS is not achieved in a vacuum.

Across Schriever AFB, there is an incredible array of warfighting functions that operate like a single weapon system.

Our mission in 1st SOPS relies on capabilities from the network operations group, mission support group and even some of our base mission partners. We rely on the readiness of our defenders to secure people and resources, our engineers to provide agile infrastructure, our cyber wingmen to assure freedom of movement in the vast cyber domain and our personnelists to manage the force. Taken together, the combat capability of each unit allows 1st SOPS to fight from “home” — executing wartime functions from within our garrison, akin to RPA operations. This is a forward-leaning readiness posture which requires a steady, deliberate program (like RSP) to manage all of the moving parts. No matter your rank, experience level, or duty description, it is imperative every member strives to increase our collective readiness at every opportunity.

This imperative should sound familiar; the number one priority for our higher headquarters is to “improve readiness and lethality across all levels.” It’s important to reflect on how far we have come in meeting that goal over a relatively short period of time. I’ve seen the benefits within 1st SOPS and watched how the 50th Space

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Airmen celebrate friendship at First Friday



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(Above) Airman 1st Class Kalissa Vue, 50th Space Communications Squadron commander support staff, and Tech. Sgt. Katrena Williams, 21st Bioenvironmental Engineering non-commissioned officer in charge, compete in a game of corn hole at First Friday at the event center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Feb. 1, 2019. First Friday is held on the first Friday of every month, giving Schriever Airmen an opportunity to effectively build morale and strengthen resiliency.

(Right) Adelina, 2, plays corn hole during First Friday at the event center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Feb. 1, 2019. Children and adults alike are drawn to the games, music, free food, drinks and camaraderie the monthly morale event offers.



Imperative

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Wing sets the benchmark in exercises and large force employment events like Space Flag. We are on a great path!

In 2019 the pace will only increase. Our space and cyber domains are contested. Operating conditions are likely to be degraded. In this environment our best chance for success is to be disciplined

in our pursuit of readiness. As noted in a recent memo from former Secretary of Defense James Mattis, “We have no God-given right to victory ... discipline is a competitive edge we must seek and maintain each day.” Maintaining readiness across a wide range of threats and operating environments gives us the ability to enter into conflict better and more prepared than our adversary. Disciplined execution, honed through rigorous preparation, ensures we will never lose domain superiority. Whether

air, land, maritime, space or cyber ... in a multi-domain environment no single domain can fail.

These goals may sound lofty, but it's what our nation expects. Each of us have the capacity to accomplish even the most demanding mission objectives in the face of great adversity. Adhering to a formal readiness program, like RSP, is an essential duty. When we find gaps in our warfighting readiness or challenges to training, there are mechanisms to ensure we redirect resources quickly and

accurately. We are similarly charged with “whole person” readiness; this includes our Comprehensive Airman Fitness, our medical readiness, financial and personal accountability and the mental preparedness to deliver on the oath we all take upon entry into service. Taken together, every member of the “Schriever weapon system” is integral and essential to victory. I am incredibly proud to be standing with each of you, the most capable and effective space force our nation has ever seen.

Competition

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To prepare for the competition, Lucas continued to hit the gym and increase his cardio.

"I used the elevation as something to my benefit," he added. "I hit the Manitou incline to train in a little bit of a higher elevation than I'm used to, and in turn it helped my conditioning at sea level."

A former Penn State football player, Lucas treated the competition as game week.

"I thought, I've got 'X' amount of days until I fly out to LA, so I visualized what I had to do," he said. "Then I executed it in the gym and continued to tell myself I'm going to win, speaking it into existence."

Lucas explained the first few days in Los Angeles were focused on filming, interviews, working out and taking promotional pictures.

"I also got to hang out with the 64 others who made the show and we all jelled during that time," he said.

The best part about being in LA however, was seeing his brother.

"It had been almost two years since I had seen Tyler," he said. "It was awesome. He's my best friend, and to get the chance to go out there and hang out with each other and then compete at a high level with other highly talented athletes and against each other was a lot of fun."

Not only is Tyler someone Kyle looks up to, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is as well.

"Meeting 'The Rock' was awesome," he laughed. "He's been my idol since the early 90s. I grew up watching him on World Wrestling Entertainment. The best part about it was realizing he is the same down-to-Earth guy he portrays himself to be. He's a real genuine guy."

When the day of the competition finally arrived, Lucas said he was nervous, but the feeling was familiar.

"With any sort of athletic event you're going to be nervous, so I just stayed focused on what I needed to do," he said.

Lucas explained he didn't know what event he was going to be competing in until two hours before the actual competition.

"They demoed the game for me, and after that it was



Courtesy photo by Vivian Zink/NBC

Senior Airman Kyle Lucas, 2nd Space Operations Squadron satellite systems operator, and his brother Tyler, also a member of the Air Force, speak with a commentator during the Titan Games in Los Angeles, California, Jan. 31, 2019. Tyler is currently stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the competition was a way to bring the brothers together.

game mode," he said. "I thought, I have two hours until game time and I started to focus in and say, you know this is my technique, this is how I'm going to execute and just focus on what I have to accomplish."

Lucas said as an athlete, he felt confident, but when he found out the event involved throwing a grappling hook, his nerves kicked up.

"I'm not the greatest with throwing things, but I felt like I still could have managed the anchor and beat my opponent," he said.

Although Lucas did not advance to the next round, he was grateful to have been given the opportunity to compete.

"There is definitely room for improvement, and I need to learn how to throw a grappling hook," he laughed. "No matter what I did it would not hook on to the rail ties."

One thing Lucas took away from the experience was he can always work harder.

"I worked with a lot of highly talented athletes and we follow each other on social media," he said. "I see their workouts, so it pushes me to work harder not only in the gym but in my professional career and strive for greatness every day."

Lucas said he would compete on the show again if he had the chance.

"I lost in the first round but my goal was to go in and not be one and done," he said. "I have a lot to prove."

Lucas' favorite part of the Titan Games experience was being with his brother and representing the Air Force.

"It was really cool to not only represent myself but the Air Force as well," he said. "I had a lot of former and current Airmen reach out to me and let me know they're proud of how I represented the Air Force, so it was really special."

"Those are some good boys," said Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.



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Roadshow

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In this fight, Goldfein said the Air Force must master MDC2 to empower commanders to dominate the air, space, and cyber domains.

Brig. Gen. Chance Saltzman, Headquarters Air Force director of operations, is leading the effort. Saltzman oversaw the MDC2 Enterprise Capability Collaboration Team, which includes a cross-section of command and control space, cyber and air operator experts.

"As we quickly learned, multi-domain command and control got very complicated, very fast," Saltzman said. "But, at its core, we determined commanders must employ the right operational concepts for multi-domain operations. They must leverage advanced technologies to increase their lethality, accuracy, and decision speed, and their units must be manned with properly trained experts in multi-domain command and control."

Eno said the military must adapt faster than the enemy in order to create solutions at the operational level of war.

"We're asking the questions, 'how do you integrate cyber, space, and our traditional focus on air superiority to overwhelm the enemy,'" he said. "All those things have to be done with a very deliberate development in mind."

Three lines of effort make up the framework for MDC2: operational concepts, advanced technologies, and training and education.

Command and Control Operational Concepts

Operational concepts inform the way the Air Force fights, and they include everything from tactics, techniques and procedures, to command relationships, authorities and doctrine.

A team from the Air Education and Training Command is leading the effort to refine and update current operational concepts while also exploring new concepts for multi-domain operations. To help inform their efforts, a sequence of MDC2 table-top assessments, coined The Doolittle Series, are taking place.

"These war games will help us to identify the right C2 structures that will allow us to effectively prosecute multi-domain operations," Saltzman said.

MDC2 objectives will also be folded into current exercises, war games and training events with the intent to improve commanders' abilities to effectively use their resources in all domains.

Advanced Technologies

"Does it connect? Can it share?" Describing his guide, Goldfein asks these questions when describing his guidelines for how the Air Force should adapt new technology. The CSAF's vision acknowledges success will require great improvements in the current network and data architecture. Aircraft, spacecraft and cyber nodes must all be able

to seamlessly share and connect data in a way that increases a commander's ability to command and control the fight while complicating an enemy's ability to defend himself. Teams at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, and Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, are working to make this level of interconnectivity a reality.

Successful efforts at Hanscom AFB, Nellis AFB and other locations will be adopted and integrated into Air Force operations.

"This is going to be an ongoing process where we continue to learn, and the goal is that we're able to learn as fast as possible," Saltzman said.

MDC2 Training and Education

The fact that the institutional knowledge required to effectively operate MDC2 often has a short lifespan was a key finding of the MDC2 ECCT. Exposure to C2 often comes randomly to Airmen's careers through deployments or other temporary assignments. The result, the team found, was C2 was often played as a "pick-up game" where Airmen gather C2 skills and then return to their primary career fields.

"As it is now, we're very platform-specific," the director said. "I was a space operator; I was trained to operate satellites for 12-to-15 years of my career. Same with flyers — you have to have that tactical depth of knowledge in our weapon systems, so we spend a tremendous amount of time and energy training our operators to do that."

To address this, the Air Force will incorporate multi-domain operations into its military education and training courses.

"Building our capability for multi-domain operations, whether you're talking training and education, adapting advanced technologies, or creating new operational concepts, it's a big animal, but we intend to eat it one bite at a time," Saltzman said.

Eno said space officers are uniquely primed to take advantage of this new opportunity.

"Integration is already happening at Schriever," he said. "We are already doing some multi-domain integration of effects. I think what the 130 community would say is we want to take what's already happening at Schriever and other places and develop officers deliberately."

Current plans are for 130 officers to work in an Air Operations Center to effectively leverage multi-domain warfare.

At the Air Force level, the first crossflow opportunity happened in January. A board convened and selected 25 people, but officials project the fully matured career field to have in excess of 500 Airmen.

Interested officers may find more information and apply via MyPers.

"This career field will draw people who are motivated to excel," Eno said. "I think a really important distinction they should make is what they want to achieve in their career. Right now as a 13S, you can serve one assignment in an AOC and then come back to space operations. This is a deliberate change of direction. You're going to take that space experience and become something different in a new age of multi-domain warfare."

Editor's note: Maj. Justin Reynolds contributed to this article.

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Schriever kicks off Year of the Defender

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Coleman-Foster

50th Space Wing Public Affair

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Air Force has dubbed 2019 the Year of the Defender, highlighting how Security Forces Airmen contribute to the Air Force mission and support local communities.

First Lt. Robert Scholl, 50th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, appreciates the recognition for the base's defenders.

"Year of the Defender is going to emphasize the role defenders shoulder every day, working diligently to increase our lethality in defending the other war fighters and resources conducting their missions," he said.

Security Forces is the largest career field in the Air Force with more than 38,000 personnel who serve around the world policing installations, guarding assets vital to national security and ensuring the safety of the people.

At Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, the 50th SFS consists of six flights: operations, training, logistics, plans and programs, standards and evaluations and anti-terrorism.

Operations

The Security Forces Operations flight conducts and executes all of security and law enforcement requirements to ensure the installation is hardened. Operations controls all entry and exit of the installation, identification vetting, vehicle inspections, hand-carried item inspections and daily Random Anti-Terrorism Measures.

On the security side, the flight responds to all alarm activations, duress incidents and situations out of the ordinary to ensure degradation of mission capabilities are mitigated and thwarted.

In regards to law enforcement, flights conduct traffic enforcement, speed monitoring, citing traffic violations and controlling traffic flow for large events, as well as responding to all medical responses on base and incidents within base housing.

"Being a Security Forces member means being entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that all personnel and resources under our scope of responsibility are able to safely and effectively support the warfighting mission," Scholl said.

Training

The 50th Security Forces Training section is responsible for training and certifying all members assigned to the 50th SFS on



U.S. Air Force Photo by Dennis Rogers

The Air Force has dubbed 2019 as the Year of the Defender, highlighting how Security Force Airmen contribute to the Air Force mission and support the local communities. This effort highlights their contributions to the Air Force mission, while supporting the community on and off the installation.

all aspects of integrated defense.

Senior Master Sgt. Jerrold Jackson, 50th SFS superintendent of operations,

"We develop additional training courses geared toward defending installations against new adversaries and potential challenges we are subject to face such as active shooter responses and gate runners," Senior Master Sgt. Jerrold Jackson, 50th SFS superintendent of operations, said.

The training flight is also responsible for the training of Security Forces Augmentation Force, consisting of career fields and mission partners outside of Security Forces to enhance the installation's overall base defense.

The training flight's day-to-day operations consists of conducting training in various law enforcement, security and combat-re-

lated duties associated with operations at home and abroad.

Logistics

The 50th Security Forces Logistics section is responsible for the supply, budget planning and execution, combat arms training and maintenance, unit deployment management and vehicle support for the Squadron. Logistic's day-to-day-mission consists of making a continuous effort to determine what defenders need to be successful and ensuring the needs are met within current budget constraints.

Master Sgt. Jason Bateman, 50th SFS logistics and readiness flight chief, said the most rewarding part of his flight's mission

is learning the need of the unit and finding solutions to fill.

"We provide all the equipment the defenders need to accomplish the mission. Without logistics and readiness, the mission just doesn't get done," he said.

Additionally, they are responsible for managing deployment rotations of the unit and all associated training and equipment. The combat arms section inspects and maintains all the weapons systems and approximately \$1.2 million in weapons, ammunition and equipment in the base armory.

Additionally, they are responsible for conducting training for 1,400 combat arms students per year.

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AF Week



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U.S. Air Force A-10C Thunderbolt II's from the 75th Fighter Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, return from supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Jan. 25, 2019. The A-10C Thunderbolt II, which has an increased loiter time and weapons capabilities, deployed to Southwest Asia in support of ground forces.



U.S. Air Force civil engineers fly a Small Unmanned Aircraft System training course at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Jan. 25, 2019. During the first week they learned to fly the SUAS. During the second week they learned to fly the SUAS.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jonathan McElderry

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Jaylin Tripp, 5th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection apprentice, inspects a piece of equipment with a black light at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Jan. 25, 2019. The black light allows NDI Airmen to locate cracks and imperfections on B-52H Stratofortress parts and aircraft support equipment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Aspen Reid

U.S. Air Force Capt. Andrew Olson, F-35A Lightning II Demo Team commander and pilot, flies inverted during a demonstration practice, Jan. 23, 2019 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The F-35A is the Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter.



Aircraft maintenance technicians, assigned to the 180th Fighter Wing, inspect an aircraft engine at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, Jan. 25, 2019. This deployment allows the 180 FW Airmen to conduct daily training in a realistic environment. The force maintains the highest levels of proficiency and readiness for war.

in Photos



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins

...during a newly adopted Rapid Airfield Damage Assessment System 23, 2019. Throughout the first week of training, Airmen focused on the RADAS mission while using the SUAS systems.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Marc Alfonso Ganir, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion craftsman, inspects a C-17 Globemaster III engine Jan. 17, 2019, during exercise Southern Strike at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Mississippi. Southern Strike 19 is a total force, multi-service training exercise hosted by the Mississippi Air National Guard's Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport and Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center near Hattiesburg, Mississippi from Jan. 15 through Jan. 30, 2019. The exercise emphasizes air-to-air, air-to-ground and special operations forces training opportunities.



U. S. Air Force photo by Andrea Jenkins

U.S. Air Force Capt. Daniel Lagomarsino, 75th Fighter Squadron A-10C Thunderbolt II pilot, and his girlfriend, Kacey Borden, embrace during a redeployment at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, Jan. 25, 2019. The 75th FS returned from Southwest Asia after a six-month deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.



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...ing, Ohio Air National Guard, walk the flightline looking for debris ...ida, before the day's training sorties Jan. 29, 2019. The Patrick AFB realistic environments, under realistic circumstances, to ensure our worldwide deployment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas Barley

A B-2 Spirit bomber, deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is prepared for a training mission at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 17, 2019. Three B-2 bombers and more than 200 Airmen deployed here in support of U.S. Strategic Command's Bomber Task Force mission. Bomber aircraft regularly rotate through the Indo-Pacific region to integrate capabilities with key regional partners and maintain a high state of aircrew proficiency.

Lazyman Triathlon challenges participants

By 2nd Lt. Idali Beltré Acevedo
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The 17th annual Schriever Air Force Base Lazyman Triathlon begun Feb. 1.

One hundred twenty-seven Airmen have signed up to complete 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bicycle ride and 26.2 mile run, the equivalent of an Ironman Triathlon in the month of February.

Those finishing the event have the option to continue throughout July, repeating the Lazyman each month plus “add-on challenges.” Each month will get progressively harder as extra challenges add up and carry on to the next month. Here is a breakdown of each month’s additional challenges:

- March adds 26.2 miles on an elliptical.
- April will have participants completing all of March events (Lazyman Triathlon plus 26.2 miles on the elliptical) along with 2,000 floors on a stair mill.
- May adds 50,000 meters on the rower to all the events completed in April.
- June adds 23,035 feet on the Jacob’s ladder to all the events done in May.
- For the finale, July adds the completion of the Murph challenge to all the events done in June. The Murph consists of a 1 mile run, 300 body squats, 200 push-ups, 100 pull-ups and a final 1 mile run. Competitors will schedule the Murph with the gym staff only after completing the rest of the events and will be given one hour to finish it.

According to Seth Cannello, 50th Force Support Squadron fitness center director and organizer of the Lazyman Triathlon, it takes a lot of dedication and planning.

“I think what happens is a lot of people think it’s not going to be that hard because people do it in a day (The Ironman), and it catches them by surprise, so what I tell people is to have a plan throughout the week,” he said.

Maj. Harvey Gaber, Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities program manager, participated last year and finds that following an exercise regimen based on cardio and endurance training plus eating a healthy diet is key.

“I feel like I have been training for this since my fitness test in October,” he said. “I’ve been going on long bike rides when the weather is good and the elliptical to get my cardio up for the pool.”

Cannello said the Lazyman is a great way to help Airmen tackle resolutions they made in January.

“By February, everything tapers off and they are back to their regular routine again,” he said. “What I want to do is get everybody that’s burned out and start off this new thing, giving people two months of solid exercise where hopefully it will become more of a habit and they will start exercising throughout the year versus just those two months.”

Gift cards from one of the event’s sponsors will be awarded to the first Airman to complete February’s Lazyman, the Airman who completes the most Lazyman Triathlons (to include the extra challenges) and a randomly selected finisher.

Additionally, every participant will receive a T-shirt. Cannello encourages Airmen to sign up early so they can finish on time, but no later than noon Feb. 8.

Participants will track and report their activities on an honor system.

Every participant will be sent an Excel spreadsheet tracker that will help them plan and track each month’s activities. The trackers need to be emailed back to the gym staff for accountability no later than March 2 at noon.

The Tierra Vista Communities pool is not available during this month due to maintenance.

Airmen can complete the swimming portion in the aquatics center at Peterson AFB, Colorado.

For more information or to sign up for the Lazyman Triathlon, contact the fitness center at 719-567-6658.

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Milstar reaches 25-year milestone

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Coleman-Foster

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHREVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Milstar formerly known as the Military Strategic and Tactical Relay, launched February 7, 1994, has reached twenty-five years' of service.

Milstar is responsible for providing the President, Secretary of Defense and the U.S. armed forces with reliable satellite communications, ensuring minimal interception or detection.

Designed to overcome enemy jamming and nuclear effects, Milstar is a robust and reliable communication system.

Throughout the twenty-five years it has been in place, the Milstar program has seen a lot of changes.

John Rogers, military satellite communications programs site manager, said it is remarkable Milstar is still serving the warfighter.

"From a 4th Space Operations Squadron perspective, we are amazed at the longevity of this satellite," Rogers said. "Milstar had a design life of ten years, the satellite has lasted two and a half times its design life — a truly impressive accomplishment."

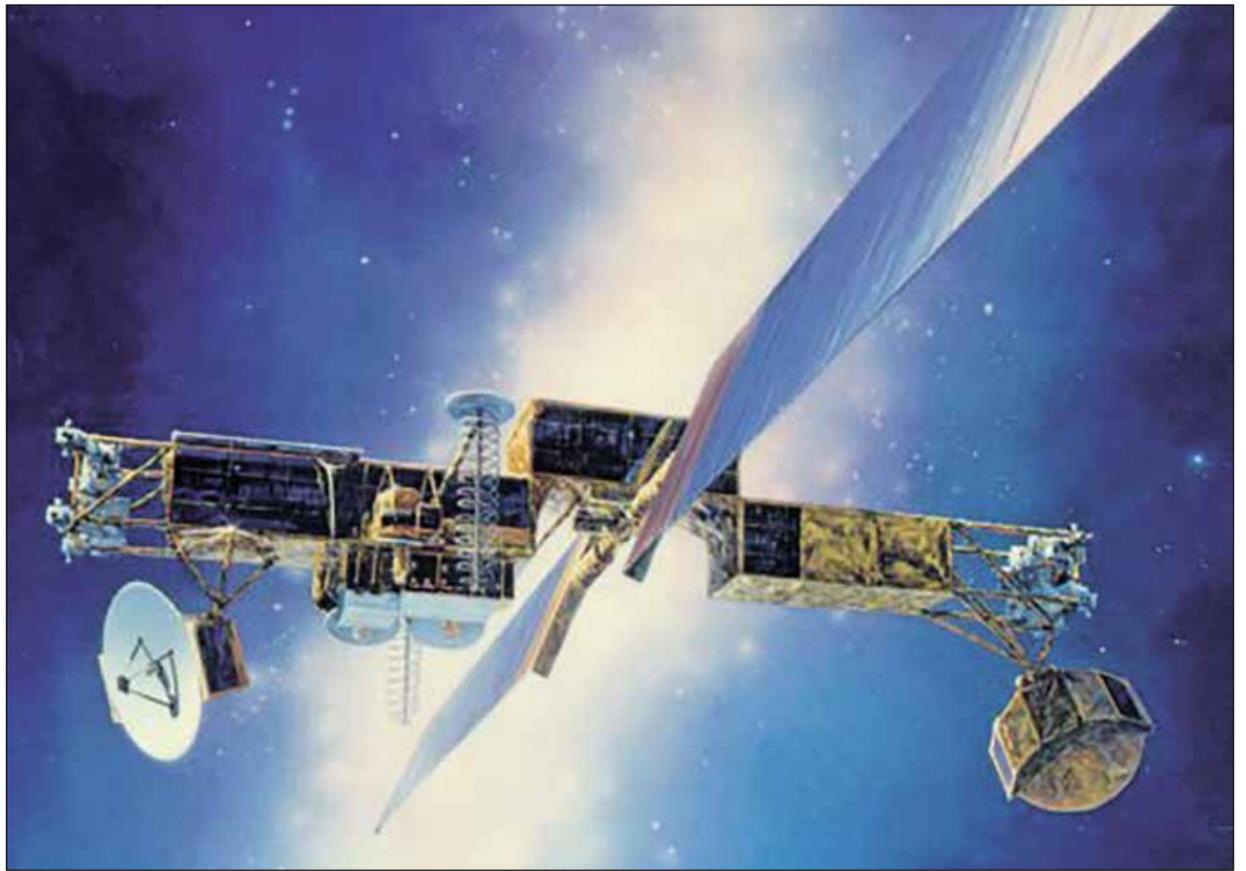
He went on to add that 4th SOPS is not only proud of the designers and builders of the satellite, but also of the men and women in 4th SOPS who have operated and sustained the satellite.

"This milestone speaks to the ingenuity and resiliency of AFSPC and the AF as a whole," said 2nd Lt. Joseph Craig, 4th SOPS wideband global satellite communications engineering officer. "The ability to extend the life of any program by over a decade shows how well-managed resources can be in AFSPC and the wider AF."

According to Rogers, the program has seen some changes in its many years.

"After the Cold War ended, the military restructured the Milstar program in 1992, removing some of the capabilities which were no longer needed and adding new capabilities that would be needed in the post-Cold War environment," he said. "Milstar Flights three, four, five and six are all Block II Milstar satellites which incorporate these changes. The follow-on program to Milstar, the Avanced Extremely High Frequency satellite program, leveraged Milstar capabilities, lessons learned and incorporated newer technology to provide the warfighters even more capabilities."

Today, the Milstar and AEHF programs work together as a single entity. Through the years, 4th SOPS has streamlined



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Milstar operations, adding automation and enhanced ground system capabilities.

In spite of this, the program has persevered thanks to the durability of the system and the diligence of the personnel who man it.

Second Lt. Andrew Sweeten, 4th SOPS orbital analyst, said Milsatcom capabilities continue to grow and strengthen. Most of the Milstar satellites have a lot of life left in them, but the AEHF is the new program to supplement Milstar.

"All Milstar vehicles have long since launched, but the successor to the program, AEHF, still has a few upcoming launches," he said. "The fourth satellite of this new family recently launched Oct. 16th, 2018. The fifth vehicle is tentatively scheduled to launch June 27th, 2019, with the sixth launching within the following year."

Milstar successfully helps executes today's operations around the world with 4th SOPS working communication satellites, Milstar is key to directly supporting the warfighter.

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Health Promotion Activities

The Health Promotion office will host several special activities during the next few weeks:

- Today 2 p.m. — Sleep class
 - Tuesday 3:30 p.m. — Healthy cooking class
 - Feb. 19 7-9 a.m. — Heart Health Fair in the fitness center
 - Feb. 19 7:15-8:30 a.m. — No Bod Pod
 - Feb. 20 Noon — Lunch and Learn on Exercise Fueling
- Call Carol Carr at 719-567-4292 to register.
Note: Bodpod walk in hours are Monday and Wednesday 3:30-4:45 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday 7:15-8:30 a.m.

ON BASE

4th Quarter Wing Awards Ceremony

The 50th Space Wing 4th quarter awards ceremony will be 3 p.m. today at the gym. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Michael Vass at 719-567-6311.

Shred Truck at Schriever

The shred truck will be outside the Restricted Area North Portal from 9 — 11 a.m. and outside of Building 210 from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Feb. 13. For more information, contact Senior Airman Bianca Alonzo at 719-567-6598.

Clinic announces closures

The Schriever Air Force Base Clinic is closed the following dates/times:

- Feb. 14 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Training Day
- Feb. 15 Noon — 4:30 p.m. Family Day
- Feb. 18 All Day Holiday
- Mar. 14 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Training Day
- Apr. 11 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Training Day

Note: Walk-in services end at 3:30 p.m. Normal clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday — Friday. For emergencies, call 911. For appointments, call 719-524-CARE.

Claims against the estate

With deepest regret to the family of Staff Sgt. Aaron M. Wilson, 4th Space Operations Squadron, if anyone has claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Wilson, please contact 1st Lt. Travis Duley, at 719-567-4614.

Legal Office Weekly Briefings

The 50th Space Wing Legal Office provides the following briefings on Fridays:

- Article 137 Re-enlistment Briefing — 8 a.m.

Deployment Briefings — 9 a.m.
For further information, call 719-567-5050.

50th SW Violence Prevention Program recruiting course trainers

The 50th Space Wing violence prevention program staff is currently recruiting volunteer course trainers for the 2019 sexual assault/suicide prevention bystander training program. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Shelby Parry at 719-567-4880.

MetroRides Vanpool provides openings

MetroRides Vanpool is a government subsidized program for all Department of Defense Civil Service employees and active duty military. There is no out of pocket expense for DoD vanpool participants, contractors may also participate. The route starts North Powers and Old Ranch Road and departs at 6:35 a.m. arriving at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, at 7:30 a.m. The vanpool departs Schriever AFB at 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Joe Colunga at 719-567-3350.

Logistics planner retraining opportunities

The Air Force Logistics Plans specialty career field is continually seeking enlisted personnel to retrain as logistics planners (2G0X1). For more information, contact Ed Smith at 719-567-3082.

KMC to provide training

The Knowledge Management Center is providing reoccurring training/classes for the Knowledge Management programs. Classes are held in Building 301, Room 119, every first Thursday of the month. Records Management is held noon — 1:30 p.m. and Freedom of Information-Privacy Act is held 1:45 — 3:15 p.m. Publications and Forms class is provided 1 — 3 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. For more information, contact 50th Space Wing Knowledge Management Center at 719-567-6001.

To enroll/register, visit <https://eis2.afspc.af.mil/sites/50sw/wsa/kmc/tn/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

OFF-BASE

2019 Father Daughter Dance seeks participants

The 2019 Father Daughter Dance will be held 6 p.m.

Feb. 13 in The Club ballroom at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. To sign up, go to <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=431556&k=0662430C7E51> or contact Juan Rodriguez 719-556-4361.

Vanpool openings for Falcon to/from Schriever

There is a Schriever Air Force Base vanpool service Monday-Friday, departing from Falcon Walmart 6:25 a.m. and conducting several drop-offs at Schriever AFB 7 a.m. Pick-up times at Schriever AFB are between 4:30 -4:45 p.m. and arrives at Falcon Walmart around 5:10 p.m. There is no out of pocket expense for Department of Defense vanpool participants. Contractors may also participate, but are not government subsidized. For more information, contact Mike Walker at 719-567-7014, Kim Elster at 719-567-3025, or Jay Carroll at 719-721-0739.

2019 AFCEA Cyberspace Symposium seeks volunteers

The 2019 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Cyberspace Symposium is seeking volunteers to assist with session running, registration and security Feb. 5 — 7 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Wanda Williams at 719-231-0082.

TAPS seeks volunteers

The Tragedy Assistance Program is seeking volunteers for the 2019 Mountain State Regional Good Grief Camp being held March 29 — 31. Register at www.taps.org/militarymentors.

Society of Military Widows holds meeting

The Society of Military Widows is open to widows of any branch of military service, regardless of the spouse's rank. The Pikes Peak Chapter 15 of the Society of Military Widows meets the last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Call 719-331-6689 or 719-260-8172 for more information.

Military Retirees Activities Office

The Military Retiree Activities Office holds monthly council meetings the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The meeting is followed by lunch at 12:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, call the Retiree Assistance Office at 719-556-7153.

Spouses are invited to events marked with 

Defender

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Standards and Evaluations

50th Security Forces Standardization and Evaluation Section manages all SFS duty positions, certifications and evaluations and provide certified, qualified and well-trained defenders for the Air Force. Additionally, they manage the squadron's inspection program and all certifications for the Security Forces Squadron members.

Tech. Sgt. Spencer Wallace, 50th SFS Standards and Evaluation flight chief, explained his flight is the gatekeeper for ensuring everyone is safe.

"Our section provides certified and qualified Security Forces members to post at assigned positions," he said. "Defenders cannot carry out their assigned daily duties without being certified by this section."

The day-to-day of standards and evaluation consists of conducting duty position certifications with flight personnel. Tasks

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50th Security Forces Squadron operations officer

include conducting practical evaluations, assessing performance-based knowledge and use-of-force scenarios.

Plans and Programs

This flight oversees management and control of both installation and restricted area access. The flight vets all personnel who need access and issue all passes and badges. Additionally, this section works with local law enforcement agencies to ensure information sharing.

Master Sgt. Todd Vidic, 50th SFS plans and programs flight chief, stressed the importance of his flight.

"Without installation access or physical security the global war fighting and national defense missions would not be successful," he said.

Finally, they oversee the maintenance, operation and certification of Schriever AFB's complete Intrusion Detection System for the RA and coordinates the Wing Commander's Integrated Defense plan, overseeing security planning and compliance of all geographically separated units.

Anti-Terrorism

The anti-terrorism flight is responsible

for protecting installations at home and abroad by identifying suspicious behavior known to be associated with terrorist activities.

The anti-terrorism flight also provides base leadership with a single focal point for all installation AT and physical security issues that can affect them.

Staff Sgt. Paul Larson, 50th SFS anti-terrorism program manager, said seeing the end product of his mission is rewarding.

"I think it's rewarding when we get to see all our hard work—all the different phases, projects and coordination come together like pieces of a puzzle," he said.

Scholl shared similar sentiments when talking about the success of the overall mission.

"Our job is to ensure the installation is able to effectively carry out the mission, but with those missions come security concerns," Scholl said. "In order to succeed, we all need to be knowledgeable of security and how each Airman plays a role in base defense."

Continue to check the Schriever AFB website for more coverage of the Year of the Defender.



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ACROSS

- 1 "Oh! Susanna" instrument
- 6 Seek divine guidance
- 10 Hoof sound
- 14 French for "love"
- 15 Bar mitzvah, e.g.
- 16 Use a peeler
- 17 Check all the boxes, theoretically
- 20 Apt name for an emcee
- 21 "You said it, brother!"
- 22 Greek fable writer
- 23 Gross, financially
- 26 Unfulfilling occupations
- 29 Money put aside, for short
- 30 Siri, to Amazon
- 31 "Aw, shucks!"
- 34 Blend together
- 38 Allow
- 39 Grateful response to a surprise party
- 42 "Eureka!"
- 43 At a ___ for words
- 45 Appear menacing
- 46 Baseball's Hank
- 48 Pat-down org.
- 50 Brand-new
- 51 Jumped over
- 56 Say hi, in slang
- 57 Environmental sci.
- 58 Small demons
- 62 Ignore the advice at the starts of 17-, 23-, 39- and 51-Across
- 65 ___ leches cake
- 66 It may hit a bull's-eye
- 67 Transported
- 68 Sleeveless garment
- 69 Most draftable
- 70 Move surreptitiously

DOWN

- 1 Soothing stuff
- 2 Mine, in Marseille
- 3 Cozy corner
- 4 Diner song player
- 5 End of UNICEF's URL
- 6 "Coming soon" ad teaser
- 7 Jockey or cowboy
- 8 Make amends
- 9 Kobe coin
- 10 Test for some IRS workers
- 11 Moment of forgetfulness
- 12 Snacks that can be dunked
- 13 Crook, in cop lingo
- 18 Clumsy fellows
- 19 Late-night great Jack
- 24 "Buy It Now" website
- 25 Little
- 26 Food court's place
- 27 Nile queen, familiarly
- 28 Billionaires' planes
- 31 Ben and Jerry, e.g.
- 32 "Four score and seven years ___ ..."
- 33 Mojito alcohol
- 35 Basset's floppy features
- 36 Slipper or sneaker
- 37 Ranch employee
- 40 Lemony Snicket's evil count
- 41 Mentally sound
- 44 Most crusty, perhaps
- 47 Account checker
- 49 Practice boxing
- 50 Not-so-cute fruit
- 51 French wine valley
- 52 Santa's little helpers
- 53 "King Lear" daughter
- 54 Pale yellow colour
- 55 Spike Lee's "She's ___ Have It"
- 56 Samsung product
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- 60 Tree known for its scent
- 61 Big first for a baby
- 63 Bachelor's last words
- 64 "SNL" network

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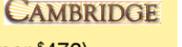


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