

Sons follow dad's path in service

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Prior-enlisted officer returns to mentor others

Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal
621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

According to Air Force Manual 36-2643, mentorship is “a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally. This relationship will help achieve mission success and motivate Airmen to achieve their career objectives.”

For Capt. Jeff Jordan, 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron training flight commander, his mentor did just that.

“My dreams were achieved because of Colonel Zippwald,” said Jordan. “I know I wouldn’t be where I am without him. I owe him everything.”

“Everything” for Jordan began in late 2006, when the former Staff Sgt. Jeff Jordan was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, as a command and control journeyman, and received orders to Travis Air Force Base, California.

His orders initially stated that he’d be a member of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, but shortly after, Jordan was given the opportunity to, instead, be a C2 specialist for the 571st Global Mobility Squadron, the predecessor of the 921st Contingency Response Squadron.

“I was excited for the opportunity, but I didn’t know what I was getting into,” said Jordan. “I loved the idea of having windows, and having the opportunity to work alongside other career fields.”

Upon arrival in 2007, he was pleasantly surprised about what he saw.

“The culture and the morale in the squadron was awesome,” said Jordan. “It was very family friendly and you could just tell that everyone genuinely



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal

U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeff Jordan, 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron training flight commander, poses with his family in front of a C-17 Globemaster III June 17 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Prior to commissioning, Jordan was a command and control journeyman assigned to the 571st Global Mobility Squadron, which predates the 621st Contingency Response Wing's reorganization in 2015.

cared.”

Shortly after he arrived at the squadron, the unit held a commander’s call and the commander talked about enlisted and officer progression, but ended the conversation by describing possible commissioning programs for enlisted Airmen.

Jordan wasted no time expressing his desires to become an officer.

“Immediately after that commander’s call, he came into my office and said ‘that’s exactly what I want to do,’” said retired Col. Scott Zippwald, who was a lieutenant colonel and the 571st GMS commander at that time. “He said ‘I

want to be the first in my family to graduate from college.”

To Jordan, this was more than just a “want.”

“It was my dream,” said Jordan. “And after that, I wanted to commission.”

Zippwald and Jordan met several times after that initial conversation to discuss how to make Jordan’s dreams come true.

“We considered a few different options, but ultimately, we decided that the (Scholarship for Outstanding Airman to ROTC) program was the best avenue to make it happen,” said Zippwald.

The SOAR scholarship required a minimum of 24 credit hours of college in order to apply.

“I had exactly 24 credit hours at that time,” said Jordan. “At that point, I knew it was still a long shot, but I was a little more hopeful.”

Zippwald and the rest of the squadron leadership worked to compile the package to submit Jordan for the scholarship.

In late 2008, Jordan departed a last-minute temporary duty assignment. While TDY, Jordan received a welcomed phone call.

“I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was December 23,” said Jordan. “Colonel Zippwald called me to tell me that I had received the scholarship. To this day, that is still one of the best phone calls I have ever received.”

After returning, Jordan began out-processing to separate from active duty, all the while he began the process of joining the ROTC program at nearby California State University, Sacramento.

Jordan finished ROTC holding the position of cadet squadron commander and was named “top gun” at field training toward the end of ROTC.

In the Spring of 2012, Jordan continued making last-minute preparations for his graduation and commissioning.

“Several months prior, I asked Colonel Zippwald if he’d be willing to commission me at my graduation,” said Jordan.

Zippwald’s reply was simple.

“Baring anything catastrophic, I would be there,” Zippwald said, who at the time was assigned to Camp Smith, Hawaii.

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‘Honk at a Grad’ parade celebrates Class of 2020



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Karla Parra

1) Andrea Ward, daughter of retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Ward, decorates a vehicle for the “honk at a grad” parade June 12 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The base's Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1320, Airman and Family Readiness Center and chaplain corps celebrated high school seniors unable to experience a graduation ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2) U.S Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Rey Rios, Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1320 senior adviser, gives a rose to Cheyenne Robinson, a Vanden High School graduate, June 12 at Travis. 3) Vanden High School Salutatorian, Justine M. Legaspi, waits for the “honk at a grad” parade to pass her house June 12 at Travis.



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Bryan Burns, 60th Operations Support Squadron contracting officer's representative, poses in front of his Piper PA-38 Tomahawk June 8, 2016, at Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, California.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name:

Airman 1st Class Sara Marinelli.

Unit:

21st Airlift Squadron.

Duty title:

C-17A loadmaster.

Hometown:

Boise, Idaho.

Time in service:

One year.

Family:

None.

What are your hobbies?

Ultimate frisbee, reading, river floats, video games.

What are your goals?

I would like to become a chief master sergeant at

20 years, beating my dad.

What is your greatest achievement?

Continuing my family's strong military lineage.

U.S. Air Force photo



Twelve U.S. Air Force F-16CM Fighting Falcons, 12 Koku-Jieitai F-35A Lightning II, two U.S. Navy EA-18G Growlers, a U.S. Navy C-12 Huron, two U.S. Air Force MC-130J Commando II and a U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon participate in an “elephant walk” June 22 at Misawa Air Base, Japan. The aircraft showcased Misawa AB’s collective readiness and ability to generate combat airpower at a moment’s notice to ensure regional stability throughout the Indo-Pacific. This was Misawa AB’s first time hosting a bilateral and joint elephant walk.

Misawa flexes with ‘elephant walk’

Capt. Lauren Linscott
35TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Members of the 35th Fighter Wing completed a readiness exercise designed to validate the wing’s ability to rapidly generate combat airpower at Misawa Air Base, June 22.

The exercise culminated in a joint and bilateral “elephant walk” formation composed of 31 aircraft, demonstrating large-scale combat airpower local to Misawa AB.

“The goal of this exercise was to execute a short notice, agile combat execution-style deployment and

generation,” said Maj. Brannan Studley, 35th Fighter Wing director of wing inspections. “We learned a lot, refined our training, and demonstrated we’re ready to fight, which is even more critical in the middle of COVID-19 operations.” This exercise and demonstration touched on all five of the Air Force core missions: Air and Space Superiority, Global Strike, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, Rapid Global Mobility, and Command and Control.

After the conclusion of the generation portion of the exercise, 12 newly-configured F-16CM Fighting

Falcons took to the runway, along with 12 Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-35A Lightning II Joint Strike Fighters, two U.S. Navy EA-18G Growlers, a USN C-12 Huron, two U.S. Air Force MC-130J Commando II aircraft from Kadena AB, a USN P-8 Poseidon, and a Koku-Jieitai CH-47 Chinook.

With the exception of the MC-130Js, the rest of the aircraft that participated are assigned to Misawa AB.

“Seeing our forces and our partners and allies taxi to the runway in one formation, as one fighting force, really brought home my last two years of command,”

said Col. Kristopher Struve, 35th Fighter Wing commander. “I’m grateful to our Navy counterparts and Koku-Jieitai allies for their continued efforts in enhancing our interoperability and continuing to improve on our collective capabilities. Misawa Air Base would not be the combat-ready force it is without them.

This demonstration took the work of many agencies and individuals across the base, and the 35th Fighter Wing is grateful to our partners for showcasing the amazing, combat-ready force available to our Indo-Pacific leaders if called upon during a crisis.”

5-year shaving waivers approved

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — In a memorandum dated June 18, Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, Air Force Surgeon General authorized five-year shaving waivers for Air and Space professionals diagnosed with Pseudofolliculitis Barbae, effective immediately.

Driven by feedback from the field, the change is intended to provide more time for skin to heal and prevent a recurrence.

The previous policy required PFB waivers to be updated annually. The change allows shaving waivers to be valid for five years from the date of initiation. The waiver remains valid regardless of the member’s deployment or new permanent change of station location.

Once diagnosed with PFB, members are instructed on proper shaving methods to prevent a recurrence. Red bumps associated with this condition can cause a secondary infection and excessive scarring. PFB is most common in men with hair that curls when cut.

The policy on the length of facial hair remains the same and cannot exceed one-quarter of an inch.

Facial hair must be grown out naturally. Any shaping or styling of facial hair is not allowed, and facial hair cannot interfere with the wear of personal protective equipment, such as a gas mask. Members must be able to perform required duties.

This new authority will be updated in Air Force Instruction 44-102, Medical Care Management; and AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, and will be standardized across the force.

Tips could halt health hazards in summer

Greg Chadwick
AIR FORCE HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Summer is a great time to be outside and enjoy the weather. Awareness of summer health hazards can help you prevent potential injuries and discomfort.

Here’s how you can protect yourself and others, and enjoy the summer fun.

- Lawn mower injuries**
- Before mowing, remove debris from the lawn such as rocks, sticks, or other potential flying object hazards.
 - Always wear protective eyewear, hearing protection, and closed toe shoes while operating the mower.
 - If the lawn slopes, mow across the slope with the walk-behind rotary mower, never up and down. With a riding lawn mower, drive up and down the slope, not across it, to avoid tipping over.
 - Do not allow children to play in the vicinity of an operating mower.
 - Never allow young children to ride with an adult on a mower.

- Food poisoning**
- Hot temperatures in the summer allow bacteria to develop faster in food with no refrigeration.
- Foods or food products with dairy, eggs, mayonnaise or meat can become hosts to the types of bacteria that can lead to food poisoning.
- To prevent food poisoning, follow the U.S. Department of

- Agriculture’s advice to:
- Clean: Wash your hands as well as the surfaces where you’ll be preparing foods.
 - Separate: Wrap raw meat securely and keep it stored away from other food items.
 - Cook: Bring along a meat thermometer. Grilling meat browns it very fast on the outside, but that doesn’t mean it’s safe on the inside. Steaks should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees, ground beef and pork to 160 degrees, and poultry to 165 degrees.
 - Chill: Keep everything refrigerated as long as possible. Store perishable picnic items in an insulated cooler packed with ice, and follow the “last in, first out” rule -- whatever you’re going to eat first should go at the top of the cooler.
 - Don’t keep any foods at room temperature longer than two hours or one hour if it’s warmer than 90 degrees.

- Sun damage**
- Sun protection is an important precaution to guard against skin cancer and reducing signs of aging.
- To help protect your skin and eyes from the damaging effects of UV rays:
- Use sunscreen. Choose a sunscreen that has sun-protection factor of at least 30.
 - Stay in the shade between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Wear sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays to reduce the risk of cataracts.
 - Apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before sun

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DOD reaffirms voting rules

Terri Moon Cronk
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS

ARLINGTON, Va. — It’s election season again, when federal, state and local political campaigns kick into high gear. Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper’s latest ethics video lays out the importance of political activity rules that Defense Department civilian employees and service members must follow.

In the 2020 DOD Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections memorandum of Feb. 11, DOD spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman summarized the rules that apply to all DOD personnel regarding involvement in political events.

“The Department of Defense has a longstanding and well-defined policy regarding political campaigns and elections to avoid the perception of DOD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any political candidate, campaign or cause,” Hoffman wrote.

“The department encourages and actively supports its personnel in their civic obligation to vote, but makes clear members of the armed forces on active duty should not engage in partisan political activities,”



U.S. Navy photo

A Sailor registers for the 2012 presidential election and submits an absentee ballot request to the command’s voting representative aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis while at sea in the Pacific Ocean, Sept. 4, 2012.

his memo read.

The Hatch Act is a federal law passed in 1939 that limits certain political activities of federal employees, according to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. It applies to DOD civilian employees. The law’s purposes are to ensure that federal programs are administered in a nonpartisan fashion, to protect federal employees from political coercion in the workplace, and to ensure that federal employees are advanced based on merit and not based on political affiliation, the OSC site added.

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ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE
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The Travis Army and Air Force Exchange return policy, extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is eligible through July 1.

The policy covers all purchases made from March 16 to July 1.

“While extensive preventive measures have been implemented at the Travis Army and Air Force Exchange to

keep the military community safe, we understand that some shoppers may not feel comfortable going to a public place at this time,” said Phonda Bishop, Exchange general manager. “Extending the return window gives military shoppers peace of mind.”

The extended return policy applies only to items purchased in brick-and-mortar Exchanges. Since items ordered online can be mailed back, there is no extended return policy for on-line orders.

Gift cards can go to troops

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U.S. Air Force courtesy graphic

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Female Fitment Program Office has awarded a contract to begin production and development for body armor designed to better protect female Airmen during combat and contingency operations. The new body armor will be specifically fitted to the female body preventing exposure to risks.

Air Force awards contract for improved Female Body Armor

Daryl Mayer

AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Female Fitment Program Office has awarded a contract to begin production and development for body armor designed to better protect female Airmen during combat and contingency operations.

Finding uniform items and gear optimized for female Airmen is an Air Force Chief of Staff initiative. The Female Fitment Program Office was created in response to identify problems and find solutions quickly. The office partnered with the Air Force Security Forces Center in San Antonio to find a “sufficient armored plate carrier system that addresses

appropriate form, fit and function while providing adequate protection for female Airmen.”

“This is a perfect example of Air Force Materiel Command getting feedback from the field and delivering the Air Force we need to the warfighter,” said Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., AFMC commander. “I’m proud of the team pulling together to do what is right for our Airmen.

They deserve gear that offers the protection they need while allowing them to complete their mission.”

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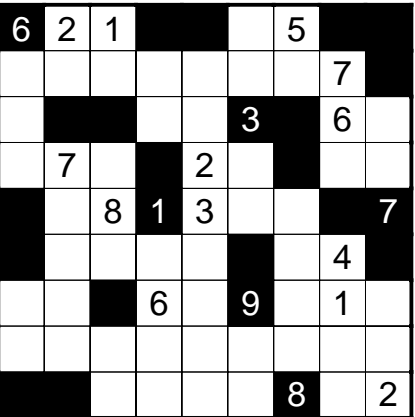
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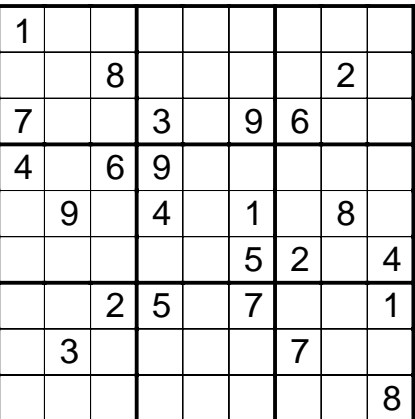
Previous solution - Tough



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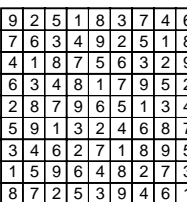
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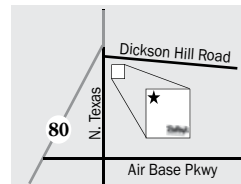
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Bass picked as Air Force’s enlisted leader

Charles Pope
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Chief Master Sgt. JoAnne S. Bass was selected June 19 to become the 19th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, becoming the first woman in history to serve as the highest ranking noncommissioned member of a U.S. military service.

In selecting Bass, incoming Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown said Bass brings skills, temperament and experience that the job requires and an outlook on leadership that meshes with his own.

“I could not be more excited to work side-by-side with Chief Bass,” Brown said.

“She has unique skills that will help us both lead the total force and live up to the high expectations of our Airmen,” he said. “She is a proven leader who has performed with distinction at every step of her accomplished career. I have no doubt that Chief Bass will provide wise counsel as we pursue and implement initiatives to develop and empower Airmen at all levels.”

Brown, who will become the 22nd Chief of Staff in August, said selecting the correct candidate to serve as chief master sergeant was one of his most critical decisions in advance of his becoming Chief. The search to replace outgoing Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright was both broad

and rigorous.

Bass emerged as the consensus choice from a group of more than a dozen finalists from across the Air Force’s global operation, officials said. The finalists were selected based on breadth of experience, recommendations from senior commanders and performance across each candidate’s Air Force career.

“I’m honored and humbled to be selected as the 19th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and follow in the footsteps of some of the best leaders our Air Force has ever known,” Bass said. “The history of the moment isn’t lost on me; I’m just ready to get after it. And I’m extremely grateful for and proud of my family and friends who helped me along the way.”

When asked about the job and her partnership with Brown, Bass acknowledged that strong “chemistry” is important and the standard was set by Wright and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein.

Brown, she said, is “the kind of leader we’ve all wanted to work with. I’m excited for the opportunity to serve as his chief and his wingman. Together, we will do everything we can to ensure that every Airman and their families are taken care of and feel like they are a part of our Air Force family.”

She added, “CMSAF Wright and

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Like father, like sons: Airmen follow dad’s path in service

1) Bryan Burns, right, 60th Operations Support Squadron contracting officer’s representative, and Roxann Lynch-Burns, his spouse, hold pictures of their sons Feb. 6, 2017, at their home in Vacaville, California. With both of their sons serving the U.S. Air Force, Bryan and Roxann improvised a family photo. Bryan and his family cherish Father’s Day because they make sure to plan ahead so they can spend it together every year.

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Airman 1st Class Cameron Otte
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Working on a C-5 Galaxy mission out of state, he is told his wife is in labor. Upon hearing this, he excitedly gets ready and hops on the next flight back home.

He’s hoping the flight from McChord AFB, Washington, will arrive at Travis AFB in time to witness his first son enter the world.

This is how Bryan Burns, a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant, who is now a 60th Operations Support Squadron contracting officer’s representative, described what it took for him to be present for his child’s birth.

“I’m originally from Chicago, and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1982,” said Bryan. “I served as a flight engineer for 25 years at Travis AFB and Scott AFB, Illinois. I became a father about four years into my first enlistment.”

When Bryan arrived at the delivery room he said there were only moments to spare before his son was born.

“Friends and relatives were waiting at every door and hallway to direct me to the room where my wife was,” Bryan said. “When I finally arrived at the right location I saw the very top of my son’s head. The nurse threw scrubs at me and said, ‘You have 60 seconds to get them on and follow us to delivery.’”

Three minutes later Bryan and Roxann Lynch-Burns, his wife, welcomed their son Mathew into the world. He was born at 9 p.m. after six hours of labor and weighed 9 pounds.

“The moment my son was born was quite surreal, but made even more so by the whirlwind of events from the day,” said Bryan. “Teams of people worked so hard so I could be present for one exceptional moment; it was quite overwhelming. No matter what magnificent things may occur in the years I have left, the birth of my two sons will always be my absolute greatest accomplishments.”

Bryan, who became a father of two in 1987, is the second generation in his family to join the armed forces but that’s not where the military lineage ends.

Bryan’s first son Mathew, served as a 9th Air Refueling Squadron flight engineer after joining the Air Force in 2008. He separated from the service in 2016 as a staff sergeant.

Bryan’s second son, Josh, 79th ARS pilot, joined the Air Force in 2007 as a

6th ARS boom operator and separated from the service in 2015. He returned to the service in April 2019 and is currently serving as a second lieutenant.

“I always hoped my boys would find their way into something they enjoyed as much as I loved the Air Force, but I also wanted their career choices to be their own,” said Bryan. “When they were small, I never imagined that the three of us would someday be members of the 60th Operations Group, serving in the same uniform at the same time.”

Bryan said he sees so much of himself in his sons, and couldn’t be more proud.

“Attending my sons’ graduation ceremonies were two of the proudest moments of my life,” said Bryan. “Watching them get started on a path I enjoyed so much was almost like getting a second chance to do it all over again. Seeing them in uniform for the first time was something I’ll never forget.”

Josh was interested in joining the military since he was a child.

“Growing up I always wanted to be in the military,” said Josh. “Both my grandfathers served, as did my father. As a kid, I spent a lot of time around my dad’s squadrons and loved the dynamic that is unique to the crews on aircraft. I joined the Air Force out of high school as a KC-10 boom operator. I was assigned to the KC-10 at Travis. I am currently completing pilot training and plan to return to Travis AFB.”

Josh said his father had a profound impact on him, and recalled a distinct memory from his childhood.

“In the mid-2000s, my dad came back from his last deployment,” he said. “We went out to the jet to welcome him and the others home. I remember being so proud seeing my dad walk down from the jet in his desert flight suit with all the other men and women coming home. That was among many moments in my life that I realized how awesome my dad is.”

Josh added his pride and love for his dad and said, “He absolutely is the greatest man I have ever known and like most sons, as a kid, I wanted to be just like him.”

The feeling of pride is mutual for Bryan. He said, being a military father of two children is special.

“I’m very proud of both my sons for serving in the same Air Force that I grew to love so much,” he said. “I like to take a few minutes to reflect on my two greatest gifts every Father’s Day.”



2) Then U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Mathew Burns, left, 9th Air Refueling Squadron flight engineer, Josh Burns, middle, 6th ARS boom operator, and Bryan Burns, 60th Operations Support Squadron contracting officer’s representative, pose together Feb. 7, 2008, at Vacaville, California. Bryan and his family cherish Father’s Day because they spend it together every year. 3) Bryan Burns teaches Josh how to fly in a Piper PA-38 Tomahawk Jan. 14, 2019, over Vacaville. 4) Josh poses with his son, Austin, Feb. 3 at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.



U.S. Air Force photo/Vicki Stein

The Air Force Security Forces Center, in partnership with the Air Force Small Arms Program Office, has begun fielding the new M18 Modular Handgun System to Security Forces units.

Handgun

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The purchase includes test ammunition as well as engineering services.

“The Air Force bought the M9s back in the 1980s, and the design has not really changed since then,” said Merrill Adkison, Small Arms Program Office senior logistics manager.

“M9s are larger, heavier, all-metal pistols; whereas M18s

are lighter polymer pistols with a more consistent trigger pull and adjustable grips for large and small hands.”

Adkison added that providing a modern handgun to Airmen was important in part due to the increasing difficulty of replacing and sustaining older technology in M9s.

In response to issues with the age and sustainment of M9s, the Air Force Security Forces Center developed the Capability Production Document for

the Modular Handgun System that the Army later adopted, resulting in procurement of the M17 and M18 Modular Handgun System.

The new M18 costs the Air Force about one-third of what it would cost to buy an M9 today.

“It is important for the U.S. Air Force to move forward with improvement and replacement of weapon systems to keep pace with potential adversaries and field the best technology and equipment available for our

warfighters,” said Brian Lautzenheiser, lead program manager in the office. “The USAF Small Arms Program Office has worked with the Army to get these new weapons on contract and in the hands of the warfighters. We are a small team with a lot going on as we work to procure and sustain all small arms from pistols to .50 caliber ground-mounted machine guns.”

The program office anticipates that M18 delivery will be complete by August 2022.

Armor

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dangerous environments. The new body armor will be specifically fitted to the female body preventing exposure to risks.

“Our female Airmen had gaps due to poor fitment issues,” said Maj. Saily Rodriguez, Female Fitment Program manager. “The new gear fits properly which improves protection and offers better

comfort for gear that has to be worn in difficult environments and conditions.”

The program office conducted an evaluation that included laboratory and field assessments. The contract was awarded to TSSi of Harrisonburg, Virginia for the Aspetto “Mach V” system that was deemed the best solution in terms of price, effectiveness and fitment.

The first product deliveries are expected in Fall 2020.



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Bass

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Team 18 have set a pretty high bar, but I know that Team 19 will rise to the occasion.

"My job will be to help set the stage for individual and team development, so our brothers and sisters are healthy, engaged and ready for the fight!" Bass said.

Wright endorsed the choice as well.

"I've known Jo for many years and watched closely as she's guided Team 18 and led her own teams to great success," he said. "This is a historic moment for our Air Force and she is a phenomenal leader who'll bring new ideas and her own style to the position. She'll do great things for our Airmen and she'll blaze her own trail as our CMSAF."

Bass is clearly prepared for the new assignment.

She currently serves the command chief master sergeant, Second Air Force, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. In her current assignment, Bass is the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the commander on all

matters relating to the professional development, proper utilization, and the readiness of the enlisted corps.

The command consists of four training wings, 18 groups with 76 operating locations worldwide, in support of 13,000 enlisted, officers, civilians, contractors and 36,000 basic military trainees per year.

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She began her career in 1993 with a posting at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, and has served at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, as the command chief master sergeant for the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, and at the Pentagon as chief, Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education.

Her service awards include

"Distinguished Graduate" from the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy in 2009 and the 2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award for the 86th Operations Group.

By coincidence, Bass also shares two notable similarities with her soon-to-be partner, Brown. Both come from Army families. Bass lived in several overseas and stateside locations, prior to entering the Air Force. Brown's father is a retired Army colonel.

Brown is the first African American in history to be confirmed as a chief of staff for any branch of the U.S. military. Bass will be the first woman to serve as the senior enlisted leader for a military service.

When Brown and Bass move to their new assignments, they will confront an Air Force in transition. The force is moving from a heavy focus on combatting terrorism to one that must be prepared to confront China, Russia and other peer adversaries. Each will be called on to continue the Air Force's efforts to improve resiliency across the force and reduce suicides.

They also will be responsible for addressing racial disparity



U.S. Air Force photo

Chief Master Sgt. JoAnne S. Bass was selected June 19 to become the 19th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, becoming the first woman in history to serve as the highest ranking noncommissioned member of a U.S. military service.

in the Air Force.

Across all those issues and others, Bass, as chief master sergeant of the Air Force, will provide direction for the enlisted force and will represent their interests.

Like previous CMSAFs, she will be the public face of Air Force enlisted personnel and

those in all levels of government. As noted by Brown, she will be a personal adviser to the chief of staff and Department of the Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett on issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale and proper utilization and progress of more than 410,000 enlisted members.

Gift cards

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"An Exchange gift card is an affordable way to recognize our nation's service members, retirees and veterans," said Phonda Bishop, Exchange general manager. "As the Fourth of July holiday reminds us of our nation's fight for independence, it's good to remember that warfighters are still fighting for our nation's guiding principles."

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Voting

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reserve components not on active duty, and retired members, are prohibited from wearing military uniforms at political campaign or election events.

As the secretary said in his ethics video, both active-duty service members and civilian employees must understand federal rules and DOD policies pertaining to political activities. Service members and employees should direct any questions to their supervisors or their supporting legal office, said a senior official in DOD's Standards of Conduct Office.

For more in-depth information concerning political activities, check out DOD Directive 1344.10 for service members and the U.S. Office of Special

Counsel website for civilian employees.

In his ethics video, and in previous ethics messages to the department, Esper emphasized the importance of leaders regularly training their subordinates in the importance of maintaining ethical standards.

“Maintaining the hard-earned trust and confidence of the American people requires us to avoid any action that could imply endorsement of a political party, political candidate or campaign by any element of the department,” he said.

“As the secretary has stated, we must continuously train and prepare so that we are ready to do what is right when ethical dilemmas arise,” said Scott Thompson, director of DOD's Standards of Conduct Office. “Training is not a one-time event. The secretary expects department leaders to be

personally involved in training their organizations, and to talk about examples of ethical decision-making, good and bad. In addition to annual ethics training, leaders should routinely make conversations about ethics a natural part of meetings and engagements with personnel.”

As leaders, teammates and colleagues, all must inspire one another by setting the right example of ethical conduct, Thompson emphasized.

“Shortly after taking office, Secretary Esper reminded DOD personnel that each of us takes a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution. The department's mission imparts a special responsibility on each of us to serve with the utmost integrity and be vigilant in protecting the duties and confidences with which we have been entrusted.”

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Tips

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exposure, and reapply every two hours while outdoors.

- Wear clothing to protect exposed skin and a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck.

Insect bites

Mosquito bites can be annoying, but they can also cause serious viral diseases, such as West Nile, Zika, Chikungunya and Dengue. To protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Mosquito-proof your home by using screens on windows and doors. Repair or replace all torn screens in your home. Close windows and doors, then use air conditioning when available.
- Drain water where mosquitoes grow. Mosquitoes can grow in containers that hold water for more than a week such as pop cans, buckets, bottles and discarded tires. Fill holes that hold water with gravel or dirt.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks to create a barrier between you and mosquitoes.

- Apply insect repellent on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Use Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Heat illness and dehydration

Anyone exposed to high temperatures for a sustained period of time is at risk for heat-related illness and dehydration. Prevention is the best way

to avoid heat-related illness. When it is hot outside, remember to:

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Staying hydrated will help your body sweat and maintain a normal body temperature.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing. Wearing excess clothing or clothing that fits tightly won't allow your body to cool properly.
- Take it easy during the hottest part of the day.

Poison ivy

Contains the plant oil urushiol, which can cause severe skin rash when any part of the leaves, stem or root is touched. Learn how to identify poison ivy in order to avoid exposure.

- The old saying “Leaves of three, let it be” is a reminder of the consistent leaf characteristic of this plant.
- One leaf centered on longer stalk, and two leaves to each side attached to the stalk.
- Each leaf has three glossy leaflets, with smooth or toothed edges.

- Wash garden tools and gloves regularly. It is possible to pick up the rash from plant oil that may have stuck to clothing, pets, and other items that have come in contact with poison ivy.

For more information on summer health hazards, visit USAFwellness.com or contact your local Civilian Health Promotion Services team. Comprehensive information on summer health hazards can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.



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1) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Green, middle, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-5M Super Galaxy crew chief, demonstrates how to operate a C-17 Globemaster III simulation to Col. Jeffrey Nelson, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, 60th AMW command chief, during Leadership Rounds June 12 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The Leadership Rounds program provides 60th AMW leadership an opportunity to interact with Airmen to get a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis AFB. 2) Nelson gives a coin to Staff Sgt. Zachary Morris, 60th MXG maintenance instructor, during Leadership Rounds June 12 at Travis. 3) Nelson looks at 3D printing information for a face shield during Leadership Rounds June 12 at Travis.



Leadership visits maintenance ops to look ...

CLOSER

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Mentor

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“I know he thanks me for his successes, but the fact of the matter is, I simply shined a light on the path,” said Zippwald. “He’s the one who put in the work to walk down the path.”

After commissioning, Jordan attended pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and in the end, he was assigned the aircraft that he was hoping for, the airframe that the Contingency Response Wing is intimately familiar with: the C-17 Globemaster III.

“I remember watching a C-17 perform a dirt landing during one of our CRW exercises,” said Jordan. “At the time, I looked over at Colonel Zippwald and said ‘that’s what I want to do.’ Honestly, before that I never even thought about it, but at that moment, it seemed like something cool and impactful.”

Jordan graduated from pilot training and in February 2015, he joined the 16th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina.

After a few years at JB Charleston, the Jordan family looked for their next adventure.

“At that time, my wife and I had four young kids, so we want a good place for all of us,” said Jordan.

Then the opportunity presented itself.



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U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeff Jordan, 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron training flight commander, holds his youngest son, Jeffrey, in the pilot’s seat of a C-17 Globemaster III June 17 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Jordan is a father of four children ranging in age from 4 to 10 years old.

“I heard that there was a possibility that I could rejoin the CRW, and I jumped on it!” said Jordan.

Jordan and his family arrived back at Travis in September 2019, but this time as a member of the 321st AMOS, nicknamed the “Masterminds.”

“The previous squadron commander, (Lt. Col. John) Berger, and now (Lt.

Col. Jesse) Miller do such a good job making sure we’re taken care of,” said Jordan. “Not just the Airmen, but also their families, and to me, that’s the difference. My motivation is my family, and being around people who really care matters to me.”

Since returning to the CRW, Jordan’s goals have evolved from personal and

professional growth to helping others achieve theirs.

“My goal now is to mentor others the same way I was mentored,” said Jordan.

To date, he has assisted seven enlisted Airmen to reach their goals of commissioning, Jordan said.

“I just want to help Airmen see their bigger purpose and help them reach their max potential,” said Jordan.

Jordan has also offered and provided several financial competency classes to hundreds of members of Team Travis. He teams with his wife for marriage mentorship courses for young couples, and more recently has been actively involved in facilitating squadron-level conversations about race and the challenges of being a black man, not only in the military but in America.

“I’m so proud of our Air Force for having these discussions,” he said. “It’s so important to continue having these uncomfortable conversations so we can continue to grow and bridge the divides.”

Jordan currently has 16 years of service and intends to continue his new goal of helping Airmen until he reaches his retirement.

“The Air Force has plenty of areas where it can improve,” said Jordan. “But now, I want to make the Air Force an even better organization than it was when I joined.”



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