



## 908TH HOSTS AFRC & AETC COMMAND TEAMS



# Every Airman Plays a Role in Improvement

Chief and I would like to add another round of congratulations to our Outstanding Airmen of the Year nominees and winners. All of the wing performed very, very well in 2020 during very difficult circumstances; those who distinguished themselves as award nominees were truly exceptional. You should be very proud of yourselves, your wing is certainly very proud of you. I'd also like to thank the First Sergeants Council for putting on another great banquet and the Public Affairs Office for putting together a great video. Once again, First Sergeants leading the wing from the front! I can't wait for an in person banquet next year.

All of our nominees are great examples of airmen who have decided to put in the work in order to improve and excel. Like any training NCO would do, they analyzed or assessed their current skill level and then charted out a plan for what needed to be accomplished to earn the next level. In the same way, aircrew planning a mission will analyze the training requirements, develop a plan to accomplish the training, brief the plan, execute the plan, debrief all the learning points which turn into training objectives for the next evolution. The folks that work in our IGI shop or those of you that are WITs or SAPMs will recognize this as the continual self-generating cycle of the Commander's Inspection Program in our Air Force Inspection System. The key is to start with an honest assessment of the situation, only then can you make your future training plan.

One of the topics I spend much of my time on is

thinking about how I can help the wing improve. Whether it's generating combat capability or developing our airman, we should always be striving to improve and become more efficient. One way we assess ourselves as a wing is through our regular Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Surveys (DEOCS). We will be starting a new survey very soon, the most important part is that all of you participate. Like any survey, the more responses you have the greater the chance you accurately understand the situation.

Just like making your training plan above we need to know what we are doing well and identify where we can improve. The more people that respond with good, bad or indifferent comments the more accurate our summary report will be. I can tell you from experience, many airmen who think things are going well will not participate in the survey or won't leave comments. We need EVERYONE to participate even if it's just to comment that things are going well. Let's set a goal for you and your wingmen around you to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Help us get better, together as a wing, by responding to the 908th Airlift Wing 2021 Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey. The better we get as a wing, the better we can focus on our priorities of delivering combat capability and developing our airmen. This year, more than ever, we all need to be laser focused on preparing our airmen for their deployments, don't ever lose sight of that.



COL. CRAIG DRESCHER  
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing



# 2021 is a Marathon, not a Sprint

This year has gotten off to a great start! We have continued to get after the mission and take care of our members during the worst pandemic to hit the country in several decades. We have continued to develop ourselves and our teammates with professional military education classes and other developmental opportunities while meeting the expectations of our mission.

In addition, the wing received a visit from the Air Force Reserve Command commander, Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee and command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White, along with the First Sergeant Functional Area Manager, Chief Master Sgt. Travon Dennis. At the same time, we were visited by Air Education and Training Command commander Lt. Gen. Brad Webb and his command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Erik Thompson. While here, Scobee and White had the opportunity to visit with Airmen of the 908th Airlift Wing and recognize a few more of our outstanding performers other than our annual award winners.

During the same time we were able to celebrate the winners of our wing at the first ever virtual Annual Awards Banquet. These Airmen exemplify our core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. They were recognized as the best of the best by their peers during the ceremony.

With all that being said, we still have a lot of work ahead in 2021. We are preparing a portion of our members to conduct the largest deployment in the wing's history...in a COVID rich environment. This isn't an easy task. So far you have risen to the task, met and exceeded the

expectations laid out before you.

We also have several boards that will be meeting in the next few months. The various developmental team boards, Command Chief Master Sergeant Screening Board, and the Stripes for Exceptional Performers II (STEP II) board will be meeting at various times from April to June. These boards are a tool to help vector members toward additional schools and opportunities to serve at levels of higher responsibility. These boards shouldn't be taken lightly. They have been proven to be career changers for many members. Ensure that you are taking care of our teammates and assisting them with being considered for these opportunities.

Remember, this is the third month of the year. As we move throughout the rest of the year, continue to push and support each other to complete the task at hand. It isn't going to be easy at all! In fact, it will be the hardest tasks that some of you complete in your entire career. When we safely bring all our deployers home later this year, we will at that time, take a pause and rest for a moment.



CMSGT. TRACY CORNETT  
Command Chief, 908th Airlift Wing

In closing, I cannot thank you enough for doing what you do every single day. Your commitment to the mission and the Air Force Core Values is what makes us the best of the best. Keep it in this perspective, we have a marathon to run from now until the end of the year. We are only on our first mile and have to stay motivated to continue the other 25 miles to finish strong. As always, it's an honor to serve with each and every one of you.

"Readiness in Strength"



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## Air Force to allow longer braids, ponytails, bangs for women

*By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*

As an outcome of the 101st Air Force uniform board, Air Force women will be able to wear their hair in up to two braids or a single ponytail with bulk not exceeding the width of the head and length not extending below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. In addition, women's bangs may now touch their eyebrows, but not cover their eyes.

These new changes will be effective upon publication of the new standards in Air Force Instruction 36-2903 in February.

"As I outlined in Action Order A: Airmen, this decision is a commitment to supporting the Airmen We Need and sustaining the culture and environment of excellence that will continue to make the Air Force an attractive career choice for Airmen and families," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. "I'm thankful for the feedback and research conducted from a number of women leaders, the Women's Initiative Team, the Air Force uniform board, and our joint teammates."

The Air Force uniform board convened virtually in November 2020 to discuss ideas sourced from Airmen across the Air Force who participated in a dress and appearance crowdsourcing campaign. Participants on the board included 19 diverse Airmen of various ranks from across the major commands and headquarters directorates.

The board reviewed all ideas including a recommendation from the Air Force's Women's Initiative Team. Thousands of women across the Air Force provided feedback to the Women's Initiative Team, stating constraints to hair grooming standards resulted in damage to hair, migraines and in some cases, hair loss. The detailed work done by the Women's Initiative Team to research and support the recommendation was greatly appreciated by the uniform board.

"In addition to the health concerns we have for our Airmen, not all women have the same hair type, and our hair standards should reflect our diverse force," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. "I am pleased we could make this important change for our women service members."

In addition to addressing issues associated with personal health and hair loss, adjusting female hair standards supports ongoing efforts to address diversity and inclusion in the ranks. Earlier this year and in her role leading the Defense Department's Diversity Board, then-Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett played a prominent role in supporting these types of adjustments to ensure a more inclusive culture in the services.

The Air Force chief of staff approved the policy after considering feedback from the force, the uniform board recommendation, and the professional image and standards of the Air Force and U.S. military.

"We remain committed to removing barriers to service," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "In an all-volunteer force, we want fully qualified volunteers who are representative of the nation to see us as a great opportunity to maximize their talent and serve."

Members must adhere to current occupational safety, fire and health guidance, and mishap prevention procedures emphasizing when and how to mitigate the potential for injury from hair of varying lengths around machinery, equipment, power transmission apparatus or moving parts. Airmen are encouraged to reach out to their safety office for assistance in analyzing any potential hazards, as applicable.

Another idea considered by the board related to beard wear for men. Unlike with women's hair standards, there are no known health or hair loss issues associated with current male grooming standard compliance. As such, the Air Force plans to continue under the current male grooming standards without adjustments. Beards are currently permitted in conjunction with medical exceptions such as shaving waivers or for approved religious accommodations.

At this time, Guardians will adhere to the female grooming standards of the Air Force. Eventually, the U.S. Space Force will develop its own policy.

Numerous other ideas from the board are still under consideration for implementation and will be released in the future. For more information, consult AFI 36-2903 Dress and Appearance.

## COVER PHOTO:

Lieutenant Gen. Richard Scobee, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, addresses members of the 908th Airlift Wing at Polifka Auditorium, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Feb. 6, 2021. The command team from AFRC and the Air Education and Training Command had a combined visit to the 908th Airlift Wing; Alabama's only reserve wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)





# 908th Airlift Wing Announces Annual Award Winners via Video

by Maj. John T. Stamm

908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Every year, the 908th Airlift Wing hosts an annual awards banquet where members, civilian and Reserve Citizen Airmen alike, gather for food, fun, and to celebrate the wing's highest achievers. This year the banquet was cancelled to maintain social-distancing and help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The wing leadership felt nominees and winners deserved to hear their names announced so, in lieu of a banquet, revealed this year's recipients through a pre-recorded video.

"The health and welfare of our Airmen is most important to us," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Tracy D. Cornett. "We also couldn't let our members go unrecognized for their outstanding contributions to the wing's success, so we opted for a virtual platform."

908th AW group and squadron commanders from across the wing took turns announcing the categories and nominees. After some words of inspiration from guest speaker retired Air Force Maj. Gen. John P. Stokes, 908th Airlift Wing commander Col. Craig W. Drescher,

vice commander Casey J. Burrell, and Cornett then announced the individual winners.

Winners for 2020: Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Shelby S. Thurman, photojournalist; Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year – Staff Sgt. Janie E. Murray, flight engineer; Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year – Master Sgt. Christopher T. Hines, logistics plans; First Sergeant of the Year – Master Sgt. Rebecca R. Harrison; Company Grade Officer of the Year – Capt. Natalie A. Marshall, instructor pilot/flight commander; Civilian of the Year Category II – Mr. Justin C. Nettles, standards & evaluations; Civilian of the Year Category III – Ms. Cassie L. Price, flight operations nurse.

"We have 1,200 incredible Airmen serving and supporting our country at the 908th," Drescher said. "These nominees and winners represent the top one percent of our team."

The video, produced by 908 AW Public Affairs, is viewable on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/908AW](https://facebook.com/908AW)







# 2 MAJCOM COMMAND TEAMS + 908TH AIRLIFT WING = ONE GREAT MORNING AT MAXWELL



by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman  
*908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

The commander of Air Force Reserve Command, Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee and Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White, AFRC command chief master sergeant, joined the Air Education and Training Command leadership team, Lt. Gen. Brad Webb and Chief Master Sgt. Erik Thompson, for a combined visit to the 908th Airlift Wing here Feb. 6.

First on the itinerary was an office meeting with 908th leaders featuring the wing commander, Col. Craig Drescher, and the wing command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Cornett.

“What these key players discussed today laid the foundation for how we move forward with the possible re-missioning,” said Cornett. “All parties are equally invested and understand that we’re going for the

same goal. This meeting was mile one of this marathon.” In November, the secretary of the Air Force announced the 908th AW and Maxwell AFB as the preferred choice for the MH-139 Greywolf helicopter and the training mission.

Next up was a town hall style meeting with 200 members of the wing at Polifka Auditorium. Normally, Polifka could seat all 1,200 members of the 908th AW, but organizers limited attendance in order to ensure the proper social distancing of more than six feet between individuals.

“The health and wellbeing of Airmen as we fight against COVID-19 is a top priority,” said Capt. Todrick Burks, the project officer for the visit. “I think that leadership has done an outstanding job of ensuring that everyone is healthy and safe while we continue to do the mission and events like this.”

Before leadership addressed the crowd about important issues, they presented AFRC coins to outstanding individuals they felt deserved recognition. Scobee coined Capt. Todrick Burks, 908th Maintenance Squadron operations officer; Capt. David Smith, 908th Operations Support Squadron intelligence officer; Tech. Sgt. Tiana Lee, 908th Force Support Squadron personalist;

Staff Sgt. Alexander Turner, 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron dental assistant; and Senior Airman Yesenia Vasquez-Yanes, 908th MXS C-130 Hercules crew chief.

The town hall covered everything from the MH-139 Greywolf helicopter mission to AETC plans for as-

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## Tools for Life: Coping with Change

By Amy Kemp-Wellmeier  
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At one point or another, we have all had to adjust to changes occurring in our lives. Some changes are planned and others may be unexpected. Periods of transitions are frequently times of high stress and can be overwhelming. People often describe experiencing high anxiety, stress, feelings of sadness and loss, and difficulty letting go when going through changes in their lives. Such changes may include moving, changing jobs, graduating and joining the work force, having a child, sudden illness, death of a loved one, ending a relationship, or entering retirement, for example. Life transitions often come with a lot of uncertainty and unease, even if it is a positive, exciting, and planned change. The process of growth, be it emotional, professional, relational, or developmental, is a necessary process of letting go in order to evolve. Learning to cope with periods of transition can help to minimize stress, to grow emotionally, and to develop self-efficacy and trust in our abilities to thrive. Here are some ideas to help you flourish as you navigate transitions in your life:

**Acceptance of the change:** Whether it was something we have been looking forward to or something unexpected, if we resist the change then it will lead to increased distress, anxiety, overwhelm, and feelings of loss of control. However, if we can accept what is unfolding, then we can let go of what once was and lean into the opportunities that come with the unknown.

**Creating space for reflection:** Finding time to allow ourselves to reflect and emotionally process the transition can help us to understand what we are thinking, feeling, and possibly fearing. This can be done in several ways – journaling, mindfulness practice, talking to a trusted friend/family member, or seeking support from a therapist.

**Focusing on the now:** By bringing our awareness to moment to moment experiences, it allows us to shift our focus from what is out of our control to what is within our control in any given moment. This creates the opportunity to shift our attention to a more positive outlook rather than drowning in the negative thinking. Focusing our energy

on what we can realistically do in a day rather than all that we still have to do to manage the upcoming changes can help to minimize unease and the feeling of chaos.

**Engaging in regular self-care:** It may seem like the worst time to interrupt our busy schedules when so much change is happening. However, ensuring that we allow ourselves the time to engage in self-care and time to relax during difficult times is proven to help combat stress, anxiety, negative thinking, and low mood. It helps to recharge our minds and bodies, which then allows us to be more positive and effective in handling the transition period that we are in. Self-care strategies include healthy eating habits, regular exercise, maintaining sleep hygiene, taking long baths, spending quality time with friends or loved ones, opportunities to play, getting a massage, or meditation to name a few.

**Finding new meaning:** For many of us, struggling with an unplanned life change can create feelings of loss/grief, anger, and a general sense of mistrust in what we once “knew for sure”. However, if we can engage in a process of attaching new meaning to a given situation, it allows us to cultivate trust in ourselves again and in the unknown. Some ways to help in finding meaning through difficult or painful times is to surround ourselves with loved ones, appreciating the positive relationships that we have in our lives, thinking about our goals and ambitions, and reflecting on how we view our lives being different given the changes. We can also reflect upon our values and how we might navigate this transition in a way that remains true to these values. These strategies can help to transform an overwhelming change into an empowering growth experience.



## Promoting Positive Human Relations in the 908th Airlift Wing

By Master Sgt. Toni Page  
908th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity Advisor

The purpose of the AF Equal Opportunity (EO) Program is to prohibit and eradicate all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and reprisal, and to foster a positive human relations climate, which promotes the full realization of equality of opportunity to all. EO seeks to make all efforts to eliminate unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment against military personnel, family members and retirees based on **race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation and sexual preference**. But this mission is not strictly for EO! It is the responsibility of all Airmen to work to foster a positive human relations climate so that each member of the 908th AW has the opportunity to serve and thrive. How can the Airmen of the 908th AW foster a positive human relations climate? We must commit to championing the Air Force Core Values, maintain mission focus and emphasize effective communication within our work centers.

Upon entry into the United States Air Force, each Airmen pledges to uphold the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. “*INTEGRITY FIRST*” requires that Airmen serve with strong moral conviction and do the right thing even when no one is watching. “*SERVICE BEFORE SELF*” signifies that an Airman’s professional duties take priority over their personal desires. “*EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE*

*DO*” means that Airmen continuously seek opportunities to improve self and service performance. Our Core Values are a common bond that unifies us all. Unity within our ranks positively impacts the human relations climate of the 908th AW.

Airman must have a clear understanding of their mission and maintain mission focus. The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace. The mission of the 908th Airlift Wing is to recruit, organize and train Air Force reservists to provide unrivaled theater airlift and flexible combat support across the spectrum of military operations. Focusing our efforts on accomplishing these missions leads to teamwork. When we work together as a team for a common goal, morale increases and improves the 908th AW human relations climate.

The Airman of the 908th AW must utilize effective communication. Communication is the process of sharing ideas, information, and messages with others; effective communication is the ability to communicate accurately and efficiently. In simple words, it is nothing but the presentation of views by the sender in a way best understood by the receiver. Effectively communicating your intent and ideas so that others understand your message and act on it is one of the pri-

mary qualities of leadership. That’s right! Effective communication lends to Airmen leadership development! The Air Force Handbook (<https://www.e-publishing.af.mil/Portals/1/Documents/AFH1.pdf>) is an excellent source for increased understanding of effective communication. Effective communication between Airmen is vital to promoting the full realization of equality of opportunity to all.

Every Airmen is charged to make the effort to eradicate all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and reprisal, and to foster a positive human relations climate, which promotes the full realization of equality of opportunity to all. We have a responsibility to eliminate unfair treatment and enact positive change to ensure equality for all Airmen. We must continue our efforts to foster a positive human relations climate within the 908th AW by upholding the Air Force Core Values, maintaining mission focus and emphasizing effective communication within our work centers. Contact Master Sgt. Toni Page, 908th AW/EO at [toni.page.1@us.af.mil](mailto:toni.page.1@us.af.mil) or DSN: 493-3064/Comm: 334-953-3064 with any questions you have regarding Equal Opportunity.





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sisting local public schools in their efforts to improve. Additionally, Lt. Gen. Scobee and Lt. Gen. Webb, who was accompanied by his Reserve advisor, Maj. Gen. Bret Larson, made it clear they are in lock step and unified for their support of the 908th, the great Airmen that carry out the mission and they will do whatever it takes for Maxwell to be successful.

"I recognize and appreciate the value the men and women of the 908th Airlift Wing bring to the Air Force," Scobee said. "Should Maxwell Air Force Base be selected as the location for the MH-139 helicopter formal training unit, we will support the needs of 908th Airmen and their families by exploring every available

option for them to be part of the new mission or help explore new opportunities in existing Reserve units within the region."

The generals also constantly reiterated that they cared about the Airmen and that they and their families came first on their list of priorities.

"This training mission is incredibly important for the Air Force and our nation, and we are going to take care of the Airmen and the mission as we make this transition," said Webb. "There are a lot of details to be worked out, but when you have a partnership like this, the only possible outcome is success."

Drescher called the visit extremely valuable for both commands and the wing, stating, "This was a great opportunity for the AFRC and AETC command teams to come together, in-person, to see for themselves the great Airmen of the 908th Airlift Wing."



**PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF, A UTA (EVERY SUNDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every Sunday (A UTA) 0800–0830. Pre-Deployment brief is required prior to deploying.

**DEPLOYMENT FINANCIAL BRIEF, A UTA (EVERY SUNDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every Sunday (A UTA) 0830–0900. Deployment financial brief is required prior to deploying. This brief can also be completed through ADLS.

**DEPLOYMENT/ACTIVE DUTY RESOURCES, A UTA (EVERY SATURDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every Saturday (A UTA) 1000–1030. Deployment/Active Duty resources are available to members on orders > 30 days and their families.

**PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING, A UTA (EVERY SATURDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every Saturday (A UTA) 1300–1400. Pre-Separation counseling is required for TAP compliance.

**FIRST DUTY STATION, (EVERY MONDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every Monday 0900–1100. Touchpoint financial briefing required within 120 days (RC) of arrival at first duty station.

**OUT-PROCESSING FINANCIAL BRIEF, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every weekday and A UTA by appointment. Touchpoint financial briefing required prior to out-processing (E4/O3 and below).

**FINANCIAL FRIDAY, (EVERY FRIDAY, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this brief every Friday. Schedule required trainings (Marriage, Divorce, Continuation Pay, First Child, Moving Out, Retirement, Promotion, FDS, Deployment, TAP), optional training (Car Buying, Home Buying, Paying for College, Paying Off Student Loans, Disaster Prep), or custom topics (Investing, Budgeting, Debt Liquidation, TSP, Credit Reports & Scores, etc.).

**TEN STEPS TO A FEDERAL RESUME/JOB, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This class will assist you in creating a federal resume and navigating USAJOBS.Gov.

**CIVILIAN BASIC RESUME, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This class

will assist you in translating military to civilian careers and creating a civilian resume.

**KEY SPOUSE (INITIAL/ANNUAL) TRAINING, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This training is required before becoming a Key Spouse and annually while in a Key Spouse position.

**TRUE COLORS, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This class will assist you in identifying your true color and how to effectively communicate with other colors.

**START EARLY (CHILDREN), (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This class will assist children in understanding money in a fun way using coloring books/crayons and a small piggy bank.

**EDUCATING/SUPPORTING CHILDREN, (BY APPT, VIRTUAL OFFERED):** 908th A&FRC will offer this class every weekday and A UTA by appointment. This class will assist children in better understanding the deployment stages, (Pre, During, and Post) and emotions in a fun way using coloring books/crayons, books, bears, and/or a calendar.

**ALL CLASSES/BRIEFINGS MAY BE SCHEDULED ANY DAY BY APPOINTMENT**

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Leyvonne Griffin  
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Jason Jackson  
Marcus Johnson  
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Edward Melendez  
Quincy Miller  
Shante Powell  
Chance Webster



Brittany Brown  
Joshua Mahone  
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Alexandria Moton

# Gaining Altitude



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Ronnie Pearson  
Camden Porter  
Destinee Ritter  
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Tiffenay Dunbar  
Dylan Earnest  
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Jayln Mozee  
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\* If a scheduled UTA weekend, system will tell you where you will be staying  
Questions?  
Contact Master Sgt. Cedrea Young  
(334) 953-1690, option 1  
Emer cell: (254) 258-1884  
DSN: 493-7332 cedrea.young@us.af.mil

**Checkout time:**  
No time to go to the front desk, or phone charge? Drop the keys in the drop box in Bldg 682 (Main Lodging) for your convenience.  
DO NOT USE this box if you have charges on your bill.

In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is prohibited in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

### UTAs FY21

Oct. 3-4 (17-18)	April 10-11 (17-18)
Nov. 7-8 (21-22)	May 1-2 (15-16)
Dec. 5-6 (19-20)	June 5-6 (26-27)
Jan. 9-10 (23-24)	July 10-11 (24-25)
Feb. 6-7 (20-21)	Aug. 7-8 (21-22)
March 6-7 (20-21)	Sept. 11-12 (18-19)

Parentheses indicate  
Bravo UTA

## 908TH UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY March

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, March 5, 2021			
1500	TBD	Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 1050/357th Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Bldg 845/AMXS Conf Rm
Saturday, March 6, 2021			
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
Sunday, March 7, 2021			
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 (Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)	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



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Airmen from the 908th Airlift Wing walk the flightline for a Foreign Object and Debris (FOD) walk the morning of Jan. 24, 2021, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. It is necessary for FOD walks to be performed so that any loose metal objects, rocks or other materials can be recovered so as to not harm any of the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman)

