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### ON THE COVER

*Airmen with the 167th Airlift Wing and Soldiers with the 1528th Forward Support Company, Special Operations (Airborne), West Virginia National Guard inspect tie-down chains inside of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a cargo loading training exercise at Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base, Martinsburg, West Virginia, July 29, 2021. This training exercise demonstrated interoperability of the joint force and capability to rapidly deploy troops and cargo in a joint mission environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon)*

### ON THE BACK COVER

*Loadmasters with the 167th Operations Group lower the ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft before beginning a cargo loading exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 14, 2021. Loadmasters are responsible for properly loading, securing and escorting cargo and passengers before, during and after the flight. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon)*



167AW WING COMMANDER  
**Col. Martin Timko**

## Vision

The Premier Airlift Wing  
Mission Ready, Committed to Airmen and Community,  
and Dedicated to Continuous Improvement



167AW WING COMMAND CHIEF  
**Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner**

Mighty Airlift Wing!

Amidst the whirlwind of activity that is a UTA with an AMC Capstone Inspection, the reality of life struck home on Friday. We as a wing are saddened by the news of Lt Col Barry Rowekamp's passing sometime in his sleep at his residence. Barry dual-hatted as both Chief of Aerospace Medicine and WV Deputy State Air Surgeon while ultimately being a dependable and friendly advocate who cared deeply for his Martinsburg Family. This commander will miss his advice, banter, and guidance, always offered with a grin on his face. In coordination with both his sister Beth and brother Bill, the wing will honor his service and memory at a base ceremony next Thursday, 19 August. We are working to have a link to the service for those who cannot attend as well – the Public Affairs office will push the link when available.

Another occurrence that happened just prior to August UTA was with a familiar face participating in a Change of Command. Our own Brig Gen David Cochran assumed command of the West Virginia Air National Guard from Brig Gen Ray Shepard. Excited in his new duties, he looks to further integrate both airlift wings along with our fellow WVNG members with an eye to future capabilities. I look forward to working again with Brig Gen Cochran in further developing the best wings in the ANG – expect to see him visiting during September UTA.

What a difference a couple of months make: back in June, cases and community spread of COVID-19 were all trending down as localities implemented less restrictions on daily activities. Clearly the Delta variant of the virus has upset that reality while this more-contagious strain has reversed the good trends and has caused a spike in cases both in our communities and even on base. This worrisome trend has caused us to implement Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO and require face coverings while indoors and not by yourself. As stated before, COVID-19 remains a threat and is now having SECDEF work towards implementing mandatory vaccines for military personnel going forward. More information to follow on this effort but I would not be surprised to realize a vaccine effort for wing members by October UTA (if not sooner).

August UTA did bring the reality of the AMC IG Capstone inspection with about fifty or so inspectors out and about the wing, working with our members on inspection criteria. As of writing, it is still too early to have the results of our wing inspection but I will express my appreciation to all of the 167th who engaged with the AMC Team with courtesy and professionalism. I asked Team Martinsburg to put their best foot forward for the inspectors and that is just what you all did! Expect more specifics on how we did as a wing going forward into September UTA.

The realities of school are now coming to our families and homes: my youngest just started back to high school this week. The final report of our wing inspection will provide focus and items to accomplish as we head into the fall. Keep checking on your fellow airmen currently deployed and be ready in a month to tackle September UTA. It has been long hours and much work to execute both a UTA in conjunction with an AMC inspection but our Mountaineer Pride showed forth despite the extra workload. Keep smiling, stay healthy, be safe, and until I see you all for September UTA: STAY MIGHTY!

--Marty

Team,

My heart goes out to the family and friends of Lt. Col Rowekamp. I know he was a close friend to many of you. He was one of us. A dedicated and proud WV Guardsman. His presence across base will be greatly missed and our memories of him will be with us forever.

Laser focused is how I would define ourselves over the past week. It was UEL inspection time. We were given the opportunity to show the AMC inspectors what we do and how we measure up. I know there were moments of stress and anxiety, but you worked through it and stayed the course. Although we wait for our final grade, I know our visitors left here having witnessed what Col. Timko and I see every day. Our Mountaineer Pride! It shined bright over this past week. It takes a lot of coordination and effort for an inspection of this level. I thank each of you for your role, big or small, and your dedication and hard work. I feel good about how it went, and I look forward to the final report.

This is the time of year we begin to plan for next year's personal development opportunities. I ask that each of you take inventory of your career and if you haven't done so yet review with your supervisor what you would like to accomplish in the coming fiscal year. Most of you have some level of PME that needs to be accomplished. Get to it! If PME is complete, please look for other developmental opportunities. There are lots of seminars and courses within your reach. Please make every effort to complete at least one every year. It will make the difference at some point in your career.

With Covid-19 cases rising again in many of our communities we must once again take precautions to limit ourselves to exposure. Please make every effort to protect yourself both on and off base. When on base please make sure you have your mask on when indoors unless in a room by yourself. We must stay diligent in this fight.

Please continue to keep our deployers at the forefront of our thoughts and let's make sure we are communicating with and taking care of their families. We look forward to their return.

Cooler months will be here before you know it. Unit then I hope you are taking advantage of this warm summer weather and can spend some time with family and friends. Stay safe. I look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Your Chief,  
Chief Brawner



*In memory of  
Lt. Col. Barry Rowekamp,  
our Doc, our Wingman, our Friend,  
1955-2021.*



# 167th Airlift Wing undergoes inspection capstone

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

The 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, W.Va., hosted about 50 inspectors and augmentees from the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command Inspector General Office, Aug 5-12, for a Unit Effectiveness Inspection Capstone event.

As part of the Air Force Inspection System (AFIS), the capstone is just one part of an on-going evaluation cycle that emphasizes critical self-assessment and continuous improvement.

Throughout the five-year inspection cycle, the 167th AW's Inspector General team guides the wing through the Commander's Inspection Program (CCIP), an "in-house" evaluation of wing's resource management, leadership, process improvement efforts, and the ability to execute the mission.

The AMC IG team then comes in to assess the wing's CCIP. As Col. Ryan Theiss, the AMC/IG team lead, explained during the capstone in-brief, the inspectors were at the 167th to evaluate, innovate and educate.

"We're looking for undetected non-compliance," he said. "We're going to cross talk, there's

going to be a lot of communication going on, we call it white-hatting, teaching and learning, and that goes both ways."

The AMC/IG inspectors spent three days inspecting, working directly with the Airmen throughout the wing. The remaining days were spent on administration and drafting the inspection report.

The final report, which may more than a month to finalize, will include an evaluation of the wing's CCIP accuracy, adequacy and relevance and will provide an evaluation of the four major graded areas- managing resources, leading people, improving the unit and executing the mission. Also, the report will provide an understanding of the areas of greatest risk from undetected non-compliance for the wing.

"We're looking forward to receiving the final results of this capstone to not only to validate what is working well for us here at the wing but also to see where we are falling short and make the necessary improvements for the future," said Col. Marty Timko, 167th AW commander. 🐾



**U.S. Air Force Col. Hui Ling Li and Kimberly Schmidt, both medical inspectors with the Air Force Inspection Agency, review 167th Medical Group programs with Capt. Mathew Wine, 167th MDG wing health administrator, during a Unit Effectiveness Inspection capstone event at Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug., 8, 2021. Approximately 50 inspectors for the Air Mobility Command Inspector General visited the wing for the inspection event. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)**



**U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Aguirre Alger Guan, an Air Mobility Command inspector, discusses a master training plan with Senior Airman Lauren Leonard, a unit training manager with the 167th Force Support Squadron, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug., 8, 2021, as part of a Unit Effectiveness Inspection Capstone event. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)**



**U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Conner, standing, an inspector for the Air Mobility Command, reviews a maintenance program with Master Sgt. Charles Hess, a quality assurance inspector with the 167th Airlift Wing, as part of a Unit Effectiveness Inspection Capstone event, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug., 8, 2021. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)**



# West Virginia Air National Guard hosts Sentry Storm 2021

by Senior Airman Edward Michon

The West Virginia Air National Guard hosted a week-long joint training exercise, known as Sentry Storm 2021, across various locations, July 19-23, 2021.

The exercise was conducted at Yeager Field, Camp Branch in Logan County, Shepherd Field in Martinsburg, W.Va., and in the skies over West Virginia, involving approximately 500 total personnel from Air National Guard, Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, U.S. Navy and Civil Air Patrol from 16 units in eight states.

According to Maj. David Groom, director of Sentry Storm 2021, West Virginia offers the ideal location for this type of training due to its unique topography and multitude of airfields.

"West Virginia is very unique in that we are able to have all the different venues and the sights nearby that we're able to make things work logistically and just have it be successful," said Groom.

This year's Sentry Storm exercise focused on Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concepts to rapidly deploy, disperse and maneuver combat capability throughout a simulated theater to seize air superiority, execute command and control, and deliver decisive combat effects, allowing participants to hone skills needed to prevail over near-peer competitors.

Training events included dirt landing zone operations, airdrops, sling load operations, aeromedical evacuation, and forward operating base ground training.

"It's a really good opportunity to rehearse just like we would go fight," said Brig. Gen. William Crane, West Virginia adjutant general.

Crane added that the exercise also allows for better interagency and joint service communication, stating that each branch has their own unique protocols and jargon.

"The biggest preparation here is learning to communicate with each other," said Crane. "Learning to talk to each other, how we talk to each other and learning to work together under one exercise is what's really important here."

In all, 21 aircraft, including C-130's, C-17 Globemaster's, MH-60 Seahawk helicopters, A-10 Warthog's, a Cessna 172 Skyhawk and a UH-1N Huey helicopter were employed for the training. More than 150 sorties were conducted during the event.

Exercises like these demonstrate the capabilities of the West Virginia Air National Guard and joint partners to react against adversaries and deliver effective responses in a combat environment.



**Senior Master Sgt. Charlie Moore, a loadmaster with the 167th Airlift Wing communicates with 1st Lt. Trevor Whittington, a pilot with the 167th Airlift Wing, during a simulated medical evacuation mission on a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, during Sentry Storm 2021, Charleston, West Virginia, July 22, 2021. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)**



**A U.S. Army High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) vehicle with B Battery, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery Regiment, Kentucky National Guard, is directed out of a 167th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster aircraft at Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base, Martinsburg, West Virginia, July 20, 2021, as part of Sentry Storm 2021. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle).**



# 167th hosts 123rd Airmen for pre-deployment training

by Senior Airman Edward Michon

The 167th Airlift Wing hosted seven air transportation specialists from the 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky National Guard, for a pre-deployment training, Jul. 9-16.

The training consisted of planning and palletizing cargo, multiple cargo loading exercises and joint inspection scenarios, all parts of the complete cargo transportation process the Airmen will experience in a deployed environment.

These Airmen from the 123rd specialize in loading and transporting cargo on C-130H aircraft, but this opportunity allowed them to become more familiar with the 167th's C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, an aircraft they will see often on their upcoming deployment.

"They were able to set us up with some really good scenarios," said Master Sgt. Kevin Freese,

non-commissioned officer in charge of load planning at the 123rd. "The effort and the work they put into making this happen is phenomenal."

This was the first time the 167th has hosted an air transportation training for another unit.

According to Tech. Sgt. Charles Higgins, an air transportation specialist with the 167th, this training serves a model for future trainings and allows the small air terminal's training program to grow.

"One thing we do well here is training," said Higgins. "And we were able to offer that to the 123rd." 🐕



Above left: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryan Springer, an aerial transportation specialist with the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia National Guard and Tech Sgt. Patrick Hodges, an aerial transportation specialist with the 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky National Guard, secure a forklift with a tie-down chain inside of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a cargo loading exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 14, 2021. Above right: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Alec Moser, an aerial transportation specialist with the 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky National Guard, uses a forklift to load contained cargo into a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a cargo loading exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 14, 2021. Aerial transportation specialists and loadmasters from the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia National Guard and 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky National Guard, load contained cargo onto a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a cargo loading exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 14, 2021. The 167th hosted members from the 123rd for a small air terminal training in preparation for their upcoming deployment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon).



# Local volunteering opportunities within the Total Force

by Armando Tirado Jr, Capt, CAP, Martinsburg Composite Squadron, [armando.tirado@wvwcg.cap.gov](mailto:armando.tirado@wvwcg.cap.gov)



Volunteering is in our nature. As a former member of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, I know that it is in our DNA to help others, to give of our time in community service. According to Americorps.gov 25.5% of West Virginia residents claim to "do something positive for the neighborhood", and 25.3% of residents participate in local groups or organizations. West Virginia also ranks 9th nationwide with a 29.8% veteran volunteer rate (not too shabby). So, if you are looking for a way to do some volunteer work for your community, there is a non-profit organization here in Martinsburg that falls within the Air Force's Total Force Concept, Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

If you have never heard about CAP before, I understand. When I joined in 2008, I had been in the ANG for almost 10 years, and I had never heard of CAP and what they did. But it turns out that CAP has been around since 1941. Since then, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground. In addition to emergency services, CAP promotes aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helps shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

The Martinsburg Composite Squadron trains to perform most of these missions in service of our community and CAP's West Virginia Wing. And just like a USAF squadron, we have many positions to fill. A composite squadron not only has emergency services resources, but cadets to mentor as well.

As far as ops goes, CAP not only needs aircrew members, but also ground team members to aid in the rescue of survivors or to assess damage after a disaster. CAP needs communications personnel to operate radios when there is limited or no telephone support. Admin staff, finance, logistics and supply personnel are needed to document missions and get personnel critical supplies and equipment in the field that they need to conduct these missions.

We also need adults to support the cadet program. The cadet program provides young adults between the ages of 12 to 21 a well-rounded program of leadership, aerospace education, physical fitness, and moral and ethical decision making.

In summary, we need you and your vast experience! This may be an opportunity for your you to beef up your resume with some volunteer experience. Or it may be a chance to put your military experience to our service, maybe even a chance to learn a new skill. For sure this may be a great opportunity to give back to the local community, within a familiar structure you know and understand. That is what brought me to CAP. Shoot me an email and we can talk about it some more.

The Martinsburg Composite Squadron meets on Tuesdays from 1900-2100 at our hangar across the parking lot from the main civilian terminal (243 Aviation Way).



# Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

**Master Sgt. Breanne Spessard**

Hometown:

**Hedgesville, W.Va.**

Job Title:

**Aviation Resource Management**

Master Sgt. Breanne Spessard is an aviation resource manager for the 167th Airlift Squadron and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for July 2021.

As an aviation resource manager, Spessard is responsible for maintaining flight records to validate aircrew safety requirements.

"Bre is an extremely dedicated member of the Airlift Squadron. She works tirelessly maintaining aircrew records, runs the fitness program for the Ops Group, and was hand selected to be an additional duty First Sergeant," said Lt. Col. George Fay, 167th Airlift Squadron operations officer. "Bre is the kind of person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone and a great role model for our younger members in the wing."

**Hometown:** Hedgesville

**Job Title:** Aviation Resource Management

**How long have you served in the unit:** 11 Years

**My job here is important because:** it plays a considerable role in mission readiness. We maintain aircrew currency for mission safety, ensuring that aircrew members are ready to go whenever needed and help the mission run smoothly.

**Civilian job:** AGR at the 167th Airlift Wing

**Education:** High school diploma and some college credits

**Hobbies:** When I'm not at work, I spend most of my time with my family. If I'm not with family, I am helping out with my church. I attend Grace church on Novak Drive, where I am on the hospitality team and involved in student ministry.

**Goals:** Future goals of mine are to promote to SMSgt and CMSgt one day.

**I am proudest of:** how far I have come since joining the unit. I am not the same person I was, and the growth that I have made and the things I've accomplished made me who I am today.

**People may be surprised to know this about me:** I have completed three half marathons.

**The most exciting thing I've done in the military is:** was being part of the Rota, Spain Contingency Operations with our C5 aircraft.

**Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career:** I've learned that one of the most valuable lessons is to not take things for granted. We are quick to take things for granted, but there are so many blessings and great opportunities. Don't let the day-to-day hustle make you forget the good things you have.

**My advice to the newest Airmen in the wing:** get your TSP set up for retirement. It will benefit you in the long run, and you will be happy you did it. Another thing would be to be mindful of your decisions here at the 167th and in your civilian life. We are here to work as a team to meet a common goal and keep the mission moving. Be mindful and wise about the decisions you make because they impact you and impact the rest of your team. Get involved in your section and the wing! If you can, take opportunities that are offered to you.

**The best thing about working with my team is:** that we are like family. I am very grateful to be part of Operations; I know if I need anything work or personal, I have people there to support me. The lifelong friendships I've made have been one of the best parts of being here at the 167th. I couldn't ask for a better team. 🐾





# Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

**Airman 1st Class Ian Hose**

Hometown:

**Clear Spring, Md**

Job Title:

**Aircraft Fuel Systems**



Airman 1st Class Ian Hose is an aircraft fuel systems specialist for the 167th Maintenance Squadron and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for August 2021.

As an aircraft fuel systems specialist, Hose is responsible for inspecting, repairing and testing aircraft hydraulic and in-flight refueling systems. His comprehensive checks ensure that the complex fuel systems won't malfunction during flight.

"His attitude is always excellent and he always jumps right in to whatever task is going on and is always trying to learn whenever he is doing something," said Master Sgt. Christopher Orr, 167th Fuel Shop supervisor.

Orr described Hose as a professional Airman and said he volunteered for COVID-19 response duty and also volunteers with high school athletics.

**Hometown:** Clear Spring, Maryland

**Job Title:** Aircraft Fuel Systems

**How long have you served in the unit:** I enlisted in October of 2018

**My job here is important because:** without a properly operating fuel cell the plane cannot fly.

**Civilian job:** HVAC technician

**Education:** Some college. Working on HVAC licensing.

**Hobbies:** Exercising and hanging out with my friends outside of work.

**One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career:** Always be willing to try new things and listen to the advice of the people around you.

**My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing:** Pay attention while in student flight. As well as volunteer for orders as often as you can to meet new people.

**The best thing about working with my team is:** How willing the people around me are to teach me new things and willing to answer all of my questions. 🐾





A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft from Pittsburgh's 171st Air Refueling Wing flies ahead of a 167th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a refueling training mission, June 13, 2021. Aerial refueling extends the range or time an aircraft can remain airborne. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Stacy Gault)



## 167th conducts helicopter training with 1st Helicopter Squadron



Above: Airmen with the 167th Operations Group and helicopter maintainers with Amentum maintain the tail position tail of a UH-1N Huey helicopter from the 1st Helicopter Squadron while offloading it from a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with the 167th Airlift Wing during a helicopter loading training on the flight line at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, July 21, 2021. The training improved the efficiency and effectiveness of loading and transporting these types of helicopters.

Below: Airmen with the 167th Operations Group and helicopter maintainers with Amentum check tie-down points after loading UH-1N Huey helicopter from the 1st Helicopter Squadron onto a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with the 167th Airlift Wing during a helicopter loading training on the flight line at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, July 21, 2021. The training improved the efficiency and effectiveness of loading and transporting these types of helicopters. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Airman Edward Michon)



## 167th Maintainers repair C-17 aileron



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Barrow and Tech. Sgt. Anthony Scolaro, maintainers with the 167th Maintenance Group, balance an aileron during an aileron repair project at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 1, 2021. The aileron is a hinged flight control surface on each of the aircraft's wings responsible for rolling movements, normally resulting in a change of flight path. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon).



The hinge end of an aileron awaits repair during an aileron repair project at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 1, 2021. The aileron is a hinged flight control surface on each of the aircraft's wings responsible for rolling movements, normally resulting in a change of flight path. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon).



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Barrow, a maintainer with the 167th Maintenance Group, balances an aileron from a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during an aileron repair project at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jul. 1, 2021. The aileron is a hinged flight control surface on each of the aircraft's wings responsible for rolling movements, normally resulting in a change of flight path. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Edward Michon).



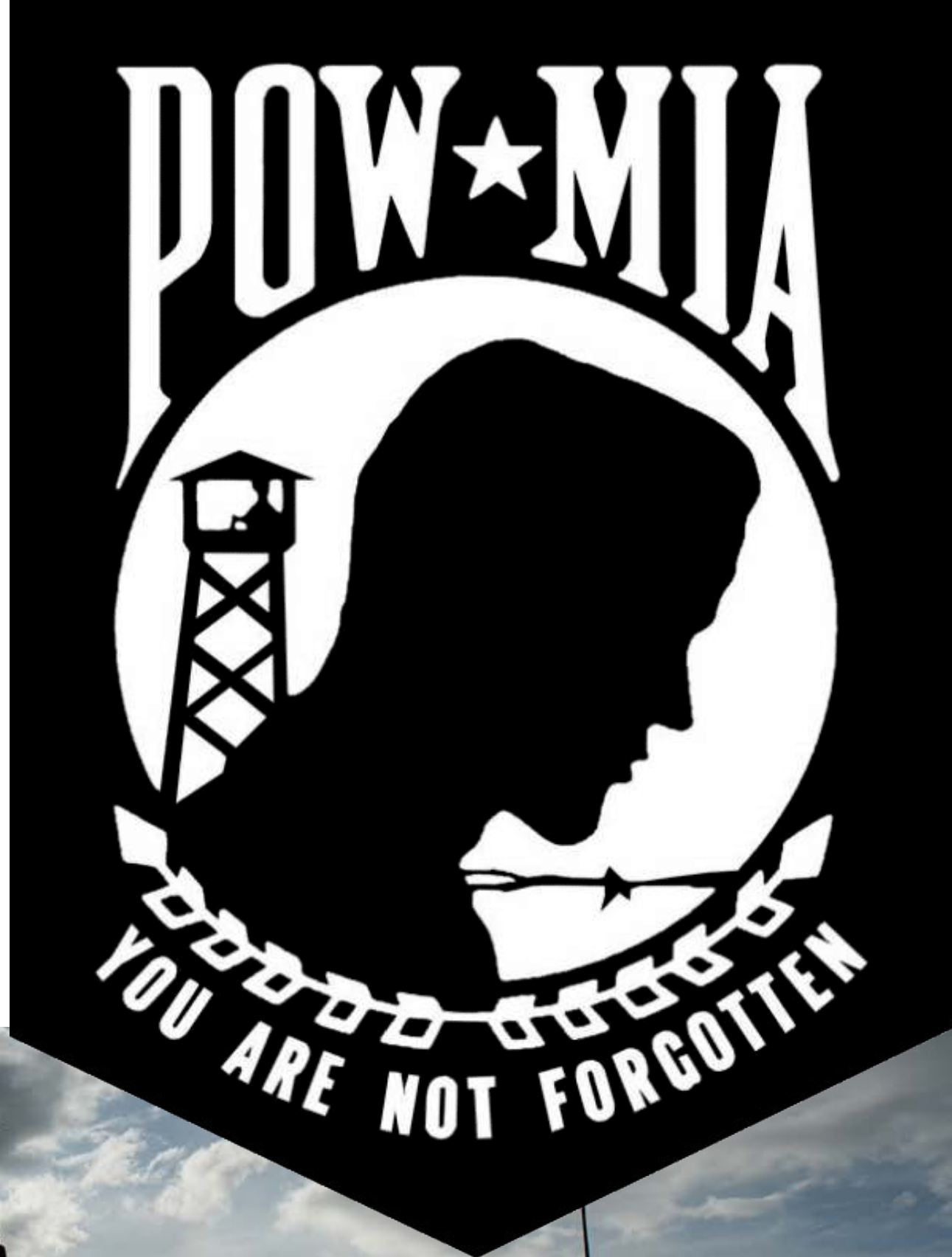
Coming this fall to the 167th Airlift Wing

# **POW/MIA** **12 hr** **Remembrance** **Run/Walk**

Start forming your six-Airmen  
teams now!

Your team can sign up for one or  
multiple 15-minute blocks

Contact CMSgt Jason Meacham for details





## COVID-19 INFORMATION from the 167th PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK - notify your supervisor and stay home.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS FEELING SICK - notify your supervisor and stay home.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS IN ACTIVE QUARANTINE - notify your supervisor and stay home (this includes fully vaccinated personnel).

### **WHEN TO QUARANTINE/ISOLATE (STAY HOME AND NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISION – DO NOT COME TO WORK IF YOU MEET THE BELOW CRITERIA):**

- If you are symptomatic (experiencing ANY symptoms) [ISOLATION]
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, or is suspected of having COVID-19
- Close contact means: You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total (cumulative, not just at one point in time) of 10 minutes or more, You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19, You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them), You shared eating or drinking utensils, They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

### **COVID-19 TESTING RECOMMENDATION:**

- We do NOT recommend COVID-19 testing UNLESS you become symptomatic because:
- If you have recently traveled or have been exposed to a COVID positive, even with a negative COVID test and feeling healthy, a 14 day quarantine is still required
- The test result can easily be inaccurate due to the incubation period of 2-14 days (symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 14 days after your exposure)

### **CONTACT TRACING FROM A POSITIVE COVID EXPOSURE:**

- An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19
- When tracing direct contacts of COVID positive, look back 2 days from when symptoms begin OR if asymptomatic, a positive COVID-19 test – ALL direct contacts should be immediately quarantined upon notification of exposure

### **With the above information provided, a few reminders:**

- Social distancing (remaining 6ft from you and any person) is KEY to mitigating COVID-19
- Face coverings are MANDATED by the DoD when inside on any DOD installation
- Wear at all times indoor
- Does not apply if you are actively consuming food/drink or in a CLOSED room by yourself
- Continue to wash your hands often, and do not touch your face

All the above information and much more can also be found on the 167th Public Health Sharepoint at: <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/167PublicHealth/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>

You can reach the public health office at x5107



## For Our Service Members And Their Families

### Airman & Family Readiness Program Office

\* Upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive – Friday 10 September, 0900-1500, Building 119. Open to all 167th Service Members.

\* Service Members - If you are retiring from the military in the next 2 years, MEB, or separating military and have an Active Duty tour in your past of at least 180 consecutive days, stop in to the Airman & Family Program Office and ask about the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). It's time to start your post-military planning and get familiar with the resources available to you. The Airman & Family Program Office is in building 120, room G37.

\* Service Members - Need a new resume? Are you looking for a career change? Contact the Airman & Family Program Office, 304-616-5590, and schedule an appointment for Federal career coaching and resume review. Airman & Family Program employment services are also available to your spouse, significant other, high school graduate, college student child.

### Personal Financial Counselor

\* The Personal Financial Counselor (PFC), Mr. Jerry Zeigler, is available to meet with service members and spouses for in-person financial sessions on all financial matters by appointment. He can be reached at 304-543-6452 or email [PFC2.WV.NG@zeiders.com](mailto:PFC2.WV.NG@zeiders.com) to set an appointment.

### 167th Family Readiness Group (FRG)

\* School Supplies Available for 167th Military Children – Our community donated school supplies to our military children through an Operation Homefront program at the local area Dollar Tree stores. The supplies are located in the Airman & Family Program Office, Headquarters building #120, Room G37, and are available to be picked up by our military members and their family. Limited supplies available.

\* HELP WANTED - If you're wanting to become more involved in the Wing's events and volunteer program, contact the 167th Family Readiness Group, at email [167awfrg@gmail.com](mailto:167awfrg@gmail.com), to let them know what you'd like to help with. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming wing family events.



The Family Programs Office is located in Bldg. 120, lower level. For more information contact Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager Sherry Lewis at 304-616-5590 or 1-866-986-4325



# JOB FAIR

**167th Airlift Wing**  
Air National Guard  
222 Sabre Jet Blvd  
Martinsburg, WV  
**DFAC**  
**Aug 16-17**  
**10am to 2pm**

## Job Seekers

- \* The Job Fair is open to the 167th Air National Guard Wing and their family members. Proper ID required for gate entrance.
- \* Attendees should have multiple copies of their resume on hand and be prepared for the possibility of an on-the-spot-interview.

## Employers

- \* Open to all employers with proper registration through: [jessica.andersen.1@us.af.mil](mailto:jessica.andersen.1@us.af.mil)
- \* Upon registering, one table and two chairs provided during event. Please inform of additional needs. i.e. electricity, chairs.
- \* Early arrival for booth set up highly encouraged.



for more information please contact  
Jessica Andersen  
(304) 561-6003  
[jessica.andersen.1@us.af.mil](mailto:jessica.andersen.1@us.af.mil)



## Antiterrorism & Force Protection- Travel Security

*submitted by Lt. Col. Tim Rice, Wing Antiterrorism Officer*

These Antiterrorism/Force Protection tips address travel security. One time when complacency can get us in trouble is when we travel. Here are a few tips that will increase your security the next time you go TDY, leave, or PCS to an OCONUS location.

- Avoid using military style bags such as A-3, B-4 or duffel bags, unless traveling Military Air.
- Remove all military logos, patches and stickers from your luggage.
- Ensure your luggage tag doesn't show your rank or military address.
- Travel in conservative civilian clothing when using commercial transportation or when traveling military airlift if you are connecting with a flight at a commercial terminal in a high risk area.
- Don't wear distinct military items such as organizational shirts, caps or issued shoes or glasses.
- Wear a long sleeved shirt if you have a visible U.S. affiliated tattoo.
- Remember to be aware of your surroundings, be suspicious and don't become the target.
- Do not use rank or duty title when registering in a hotel (if possible)
- If staying in same hotel for extended period of time, try to change rooms
- Try to get a room on the 2nd to 6th floors
- Ensure room is locked and valuables are secured (e.g., safe, take them with you)

These tips and other important information are located in the CJCS Guide 5260, Service Member's Personal Protection Guide: A Self-Help Handbook to Combating Terrorism, which can be found on the base intranet.

REMEMBER: Antiterrorism and Force Protection is EVERYONE'S job.  
The 167th Airlift Wing Antiterrorism Officer is Lt. Col. Tim Rice, 242-5084.



# THE FUTURE IS ALL OF US

EQUALITY IS A HUMAN RIGHT



AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>  
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Women's Equality Day celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees all American women the right to vote. The Amendment changed Federal law and the face of the American electorate forever.

It is important to note that the drive to win the vote was a broad and diverse effort. There was a strong suffrage movement in many Black communities, but Black women, particularly in the South, were barred from voting for decades after 1920. It wasn't until passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, that their rights were finally upheld.

Additionally, the voting rights of Native American women were not recognized until 1924. For Chinese American women, it was 1943, and for Japanese and other Asian American women it was 1952. And for Hawaiian women, it wasn't until 1959 when Hawaii became a state.

Women's Equality Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the many benefits of true equality and the role of women in our public life.

Women in public service and government have long served this nation by working to clear barriers, enforce laws, implement new ideas, and change people's attitudes.

It is a day that calls us to action—to renew our commitment to the principles of equity and equal opportunity that define who we are as Americans.

Today we are reminded we all have the opportunity—and the responsibility—to create a society that gives both men and women equal voice. A century after ratification, it is clear that though the Nineteenth Amendment did not perfect American democracy, it advanced gender equality in important ways.





## COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



**There's no  
One face**



### **STOP** Human Trafficking

Force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to provide labor, services, or commercial sex.

Victims come from all backgrounds and can be women, men, and children.

Any minor (under 18 years of age) involved in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.

### Recognize **SIGNS**

Physical/Environmental Indicators include signs of abuse, no identification, confined to worksite.

Psychological/Behavioral Indicators include submissive, anxious, lack of free will.

### **REPORT IT**

Chain of Command

Local Law Enforcement

DoD Inspector General Hotline

1-800-424-9098 or visit <http://www.dodig.mil/hotline>

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888.



167<sup>TH</sup> AW POC:  
MSgt Michael Seavolt  
CTIP Program Coordinator  
ext 5759

For more information go to:  
[CTIP.defense.gov/](http://CTIP.defense.gov/)

## Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

**Have questions? Need Help?  
We're here for you!**

**West Virginia National Guard  
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:**

Jenny Colagrosso

Office: 304-561-6681; DSN: 623-6681

24 hour Blackberry: 304-541-0573

[jenny.r.colagrosso.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jenny.r.colagrosso.civ@mail.mil)

**167th Airlift Wing**

**Volunteer Victim Advocate:**

Emily Beightol-Deyerle

Office: 304-616-5251; DSN: 242-5251; Cell: (304) 839-9157

[emily.beightol\\_deyerle.2@us.af.mil](mailto:emily.beightol_deyerle.2@us.af.mil)

**24/7 Sexual Assault Support for DoD Community**

**DoD Safe Helpline:**

Call: 877-995-5247

Texting: (\*55-247);

Texting outside the US: (202-470-5546)

Online Resources: [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)

Online Chat: [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)





# ACCOLADES



## **Welcome**

SSgt Erica Francis, MDG  
SSgt Alexis Rodriguez, MDG  
A1C Trevor Albanese, MXS  
A1C Ronald Crigger, MXS  
A1C Stephen Mier, MDG  
SrA Eric Lester, CES  
A1C Jessica Heffern, FSS  
SSgt Joshua Paugh, MXS  
SrA John Cunningham, LRS  
TSgt Kalvan Palmer, Sr., FSS  
AB Gavin Miller, MXS  
SSgt Kraig Chandler, LRS  
SSgt Ryan Daniels, SFS  
Maj Casey Boley, AS  
A1C Emilie Webb, MDG  
A1C Quinn Melton, MXS  
AB Evangeline Velker, MXS  
Capt Logan Moran, AS  
SSgt Breanna Scothorn, SFS  
SrA David Walter, SFS  
SSgt Marc Walter, SFS  
1Lt Timothy Ogburn, AS  
SSgt Daniels Lewis, CES  
Maj Allison Hartsfield, FSS  
SSgt Tanner Croxton, AS  
SSgt Cameron Summey, CES  
AB Brooklin Zuniga, MDG  
A1C Nicholas Vicedello, AMXS  
A1C John King, AMXS  
A1C Ellis Shanholtz, AS  
AB Zackary Sayre, LRS

## **Basic Training Honor Graduate**

Amn Ryan Yates

## **Welcome Back from Technical Training**

AB Derek Kunkleman, LRS  
A1C Travis Croson, LRS  
A1C Kolton Foltz, AS  
AB Connor Albright, LRS  
Hunter Rose, MXG  
A1C Cole Morris, OSS  
A1C Kaden Burnett, MSG  
Amn Steven Heaton, CES  
A1C Morgan Domenico, AMXS  
A1C Richard Adams, MXG  
A1C Alayna Jones, MDG  
A1C Zachary Bennett, AS  
Amn Brooke Miller, OG  
A1C Nathaniel Dyson, MXS  
AB Wyatt Hensell, LRS  
SSgt Schuyler Allen, LRS  
SSgt Michael Berry, MXG  
SSgt Daniel Bishop, MXG  
A1C Benjamin Kelsey, AS  
A1C Kohl Holderbaum, MXG  
A1C Nathaniel Catrow, AS  
SrA Ian Hose, MXG  
A1C Dylan Ramsey, SFS

## **Promotions**

### **To Airman**

Brooke Miller, OG  
Steven Heaton, CES  
Thomas Talkington, LRS

### **To Airman First Class**

Abigail Layton, MSG  
Cameron Bragg, STU FLT  
Dustin Harris, STU FLT  
Darby Harris, SFS  
Gavin Miller, STU FLT

## **Promotions**

### **To Senior Airman**

Andrew Calo, LRS  
Colton Albright, MXG  
Hope Forsyth, LRS  
Kyle Rodriguez, MDG  
Jordan Delinski, LRS  
Pujaba Chudasama, MXG  
Haylee Marshall, FSS  
Samuel Marshall, LRS  
Ian Hose, MXG  
Trevor Campbell, AS  
Charles Adams, AS

### **To Staff Sergeant**

Cody Kunkleman, SFS  
Jason Mayles, SFS  
George Delinski, MXG  
Kevin Branyan, AS  
Trevis Ludwig, MXG  
Cory Michael, MXG  
Katrina Sechler, FSS  
Elijah, Wilson, MXG  
Taylor Beasley, MDG  
Cody Kief, CEF  
Nicholas Buonocore, AS  
Kole Kernan, CES  
Abigail Michael, AS  
Jason Mitchell, CES  
Anthony Jacoby, AS

### **To Technical Sergeant**

Brandon Cordell, MXG  
Ashton Staubs, CPTF  
Lindsey Plotner, MSG  
Cody Riffle, AW  
Sammy Santos, MSG  
Philip Wingerd, LRS  
Geoffrey Harris, SFS  
Rachel Spates, MXG  
Brett Richards, CF  
Zachary Pollard, CES  
Joseph Caviness, MXG  
Dylan Helmick, MXG  
Phil Lettal, MXG

## **Promotions**

### **To Master Sergeant**

Geoff Blankenship, AW  
Steven Rau, AW  
Travis Sites, MDG  
William Henderson, LRS

### **To Major**

Stacy Gault, AW  
Jamie McDavid, AW

### **To Lieutenant Colonel**

Joshua Greespan, AS  
Terrence Etuk, MDG

## **Retirements**

TSgt James Turner, AW  
CMSgt Charles Wachter, CES  
CMSgt Kerry Anderson, LRS  
Capt Michael Hohman, OSS  
Lt. Col. Samantha McDonald, MDG



