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### ON THE COVER

*An Mi-17 helicopter is loaded onto a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, May 20, 2022. The C-17, operated by the 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia National Guard, transported the helicopter from Davis-Monthan to Sliac Airport in Slovakia. The Mi-17 is one of 16 helicopters and numerous other weapons systems the United States has committed to the Ukrainian military. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Chief Master Sgt. Mark Snyder)*

*Loadmasters and air transportation specialists with the 167th Airlift Wing, load a hydraulic test stand onto a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a simulated hazardous chemical environment training at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 10, 2022. This training included maintainers, loadmasters, pilots and other personnel to simulate the process of preparing, loading and flying the aircraft while in a contaminated environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)*

# COMMAND COMMENTS



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**Col. Martin Timko**



167AW ACTING WING COMMANDER  
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## 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**

167th,

It was awesome to see the wing together during Sunday of June super drill for the updated wing photo. The wing photo seemed symbolic to me as the wing was finally able to unify after two demanding years of COVID limitations and the Reserve Component Period (RCP) deployment cycles. Super drill was a busy four days but from my perspective it looked like a success. I participated in and observed lots of training being accomplished. The super drill training data will be in soon and I'm looking forward to reviewing the results. Wing participation in the well-deserved morale events Sunday afternoon was also impressive. The sportsmanship as different sections across the base competed was top-notch.

Forming up for the wing photo also showed just how complex a wing can be. Most that participated in the photo would agree that just forming up into a taller-taped rectangle was not a simple task. That should put things into perspective as to how much work is required to mobilize a large number of wing members. Clearly such an undertaking would only be successful with subject matter experts throughout the base communicating and working together. Many wing members will have more opportunities to interact with different sections as we continue with more emergency management and readiness exercises. In order to be successful we must work together as one cohesive wing.

Since there is not a drill weekend in July, I hope that everyone can take advantage of that extra weekend with their family and friends. You all deserve a break. Please be safe as you enjoy your summer activities so we can all meet again in August.

Respectfully,

Sig

Team,

Wow, what a weekend! I want to thank each of you for your energy and commitment. The spirit of the 167th AW was in full force over the 4 days of super drill. I was in awe as I witnessed the comradery and compassion shown during the weekend. Your focus was on point. It reminded me why so many of us have cherished this wing for so long. From the all of training to the Wing picture on the ramp and finally the morale event at the end of drill you all hit it out of the park. The 167th AW continues to be a special place.

I was able to attend all our enlisted council meetings this weekend. I'm excited to see the high energy and flurry of activity. Please take every opportunity to get involved with your council. They are your collective voice to leadership and can be the drivers of positive change on numerous subjects affecting our members. Are you a member of your council?

Congratulations to Chief Mike Gregory on his 35 years of military service to the 167th AW and our country. Luckily for us he will still be around as a Title 5 employee. Just no more drill weekends for him.

School is out and summer activities have begun. I hope you and your families get some well-deserved time off this summer with vacations and get-a-ways full of making memories. Of course, with summer activities comes a certain level of risk. Please be careful no matter what your vacation consists of. Always have a plan if you are going to drink. And always have someone with you if you are going swimming. I want to see each of your smiling faces and recharged batteries back here in August.

I know we are experiencing some difficult economic times. It is affecting all of us on different levels. Please know that we have resources right here on base and within the state that can assist you and your families. Please don't carry the burden alone. Our Family Readiness Office, Chaplain's Office, and your chain of command is available and ready to support you in however they can. You can even start with me if you'd like at (301) 573-7885. I ask that you check on each other often. Sometimes a simple phone call is all that is needed.

Finally, it's been a long time since a large group of us were together having fun like we were Sunday afternoon at the volleyball court and the many corn hole games by the pavilion. It was awesome to see that family atmosphere. And who knew we had so much volleyball talent on base? Congratulations go out to LRS for winning it all!

Enjoy your summer and I'll see you in August!

Your Chief,  
Chief Brawner

# 167th Airlift Wing supports large-scale multi-national exercises in Europe

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

167th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft crew, maintainers and air transportation specialists supported large-scale multi-national exercises Swift Response and DEFENDER-Europe 22 held in locations throughout Europe in May.

Swift Response and DEFENDER-Europe 22 are annual exercises aimed at building preparedness and interoperability between U.S. and NATO allies and partners.

The 167th provided rapid global mobility of 518 personnel and 383 tons of cargo for the Maryland's 175th Wing and for the Colorado Army National Guard, flying a total of 40 sorties across the Baltic and Balkan regions.

As part DEFENDER-Europe 22, the 167th's C-17 transported a HIMARS, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, to Denmark to perform a rapid infiltration exercise. With aircraft engines running, the HIMARS was off-loaded, simulated a fire strike and then reloaded to the C-17 for a quick departure.

The 167th also supported the 104th Fighter Squadron of the 175th Wing, transporting equipment and Airmen tasked to arm and refuel the unit's A-10C Thunderbolt II attack planes as they exercised their Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concepts.

"Our main role there was to support the A-10's, so we bounced around from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, North Macedonia," said Capt. Trebor Taylor, 167th Airlift Squadron C-17 aircraft pilot. "With ACE in mind, we'd go to a location, they'd do a mission out of there and then we'd pack them up and move to the next location to keep the rotation flowing."

As part of an Integrated Combat Turn event, the C-17 crew flew five legs in one day, with engine-running operations at each location to support the A-10 mission.

"We started an hour late due to issues outside of our control but we ended an hour early and met the specified times at each location, which is critical to the A-10's mission. The [loadmasters] really knocked it out of the park that day," said Taylor.

With the exception of two minor setbacks, the crew executed their flights for the exercise with perfect timing, according to Taylor. That's in spite of flying into unfamiliar airfields, some with limited ground support or limited parking space.

"That's an important takeaway from this exercise. We supported the A-10's but now we also understand the constraints of some of these airfields for the next time we use them," Taylor said. 🐎



U.S. Army Soldiers, assigned to Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Artillery Brigade; and U.S. Air Force Airmen, assigned to 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia, Air National Guard, unload and employ a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV, or Humvee) and a M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System during a HIMARS Rapid Infiltration exercise as part of DEFENDER-Europe 22 at Bornholm, Denmark, May 24, 2022. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Angelo Mejia, 5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



U.S. Air Force Capt. Jill Sanning was among three pilots who flew a C-17 military transport jet to Kuressaare Airport on Saaremaa island in Estonia on Monday, May 22, 2022, from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. The unit is taking part in Defender-Europe 22, a large-scale U.S. Army-led multinational exercise involving Guard members from Colorado and six states. Monday, May 22, 2022. (Hart Van Denburg/CPR News)



A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft assigned to the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard, arrives at Amari Air Base, carrying cargo and passengers supporting the Defender 22 exercise, May 16, 2022, in Harjumaa, Estonia. DEFENDER-Europe 22 is a multinational training exercise designed to demonstrate USAREUR-AF's ability to aggregate US-based combat power quickly in Eastern Europe across multiple theaters in support of NATO and the National Defense Strategy as well as to leverage host nation's capabilities to increase USAREUR-AF's operational reach. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Enjoli Saunders)

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Summer Willson, a supply technician with 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, secures a webbing strap during a pallet training event at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2022. Building pallets like these are essential to quickly and safely load and unload U.S. Air Force cargo aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Patrick O'Brian, a maintainer with the 167th Maintenance Group, props open a panel on the side of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft while conducting pre-flight checks during a simulated chemical environment training at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 10, 2022. This training included maintainers, loadmasters, pilots and other personnel to simulate the process of preparing, loading and flying the aircraft while in a hazardous chemical environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Shuck, fuel system specialist with the 167th Maintenance Group, gets his lunch at a single pallet expeditionary kitchen (SPEK) during June's regularly scheduled drill training event at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2022. A SPEK designed to be used in a deployed environment but was set up and used for training purposes during a unit training assembly. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)



## Extended drill brings 167th Airlift Wing together for four days of training

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

The 167th Airlift Wing combined June and July drill weekends into an extended, four-day unit training assembly, June 9-12, at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Referred to as "super drill", the extended Unit Training Assembly (UTA) allowed Airmen more time to focus on job-specific training and readiness requirements.

Chief Master Sgt. Jody Miller, 167th Deployment and Distribution Flight chief, was tapped to organize the extended UTA schedule. He worked closely with the wing's Unit Training Managers (UTM) to ensure training spaces and class availability were coordinated to meet the wing's needs.

Job-specific training was scheduled the first two days and then the focus turned to big-ticket items like Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training, Tactical Combat Casualty Care and weapons qualifications, Miller explained.

"I saw a lot of training get accomplished here over super drill," Miller said. "I saw safety training to explosive handling, forklift training to water survival, communications training to healthcare. I saw a mini exercise conducted from the planning stage, through the logistics planning stage into the traffic management office and then air transportation, out to the operations phase and then loading onto an aircraft."

The 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron processed one part of the Mobility Readiness Spares Package as part of its AFSC-specific training. MRSP kits are used to support aircraft downrange.

"We palletized everything here and took it to the small air terminal and got to see how they prepared it for deployment and then released it to the loadmasters for loading onto the plane," said Senior Airman Summer Wilson. "It was good for us to see that process from the beginning which starts with us in LRS to the loading onto the plane for shipping."


Aircraft maintainers and aircrew utilized the extra training time to don their Mission Oriented Personal Protective (MOPP) gear and practice performing their duties in a simulated contaminated environment.

"The training brought to light issues that you wouldn't see without putting on the gear," said Senior Airman William Gossard, a crew chief for the 167th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "We started sweating immediately, the fatigue kicked in and then the struggles with the carbon mitts on top of two layers of gloves makes it challenging going through our normal tasks."

Services specialists with the 167th Force Support Squadron set up a Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen (SPEK) outside of the dining facility and served lunch to 167th Airmen similar to how food would be prepared and served in a contingency environment.

"Setting up the tent and making the food was good practice," said services specialist, Airman Skylar Bingaman. "Super drill is beneficial because it gives us perspective on other people's jobs and they can see what we do."

The extended UTA concluded with a wing photo on the flight line in the morning then squadron picnics and fitness and morale activities in the afternoon.

"Super drill was successfully planned and executed. There is always room to be better, but the important thing is that we came together as a team and ended as a team," said Miller. 

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Joseph Gallman, a cyber security specialist with the 167th Communications Squadron, disassembles a satellite component during a joint incident site communications capability (JISCC) training event at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2022. The JISCC system allows communication between civilian and military partners in environments where communication assets are not available. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Captain Alex Kenney, a pilot with the 167th Airlift Squadron, boards a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a simulated chemical environment training at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 10, 2022. This training included maintainers, loadmasters, pilots and other personnel to simulate the process of preparing, loading and flying the aircraft while in a hazardous chemical environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)

Defenders with the 167th Security Forces Squadron aim their tasers as part of a mock taser deployment training during June's unit training assembly at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 10, 2022. Trainings like these allow security forces personnel to become more familiar with their weapon platforms and practice using non-lethal force. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



From left to right, U.S. Air Force Capt. Timothy Loughran, 167th installation deployment officer and Senior Master Sgt. Chad Dorsey, 167th logistics plans and integration superintendent, inspect Master Sgt. Josh Clark, during an open ranks inspection of the deployment and distribution flight at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 11, 2022. During an open ranks uniform inspection, the service member's uniform is meticulously examined to ensure adherence to uniform standards. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)

Firefighters with the 167th Airlift Wing carry a simulated patient on a stretcher for medical care after rescuing the victim from a vehicle accident during a vehicle extrication exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 11, 2022. The training exercise involved the response and rescue of a trapped victim in a vehicle accident. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Shad Jenkins, a ground transportation specialist with the 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, instructs Senior Airman Haley Curry, traffic management specialist, as she drives a 10,000 pound forklift during a forklift certification event at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2022. Airmen with the 167th LRS conduct forklift training such as this annually to ensure all their guardsmen are able to perform common heavy lifting tasks essential to the mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)





## CE completes shooting range upgrades

The 167th Civil Engineering Squadron completed repairs and upgrades to the 167th Airlift Wing's shooting range in May. The CE team regraded the berm, set more than 4,000 square feet of sod, and repaired and replaced 80 feet of baffles saving approximately \$60,000 and three to six months of lost training time.

# Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

**Airman 1st Class Darby Harris**

Hometown:

**Berkeley Springs, W.Va.**

Job Title:

**Security Forces Journeyman**



Airman 1st Class Darby Harris is a security forces journeyman for the 167th Security Forces Squadron and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for June 2022.

Security Forces personnel are the Air Force's first line of defense. As part of this team, Harris is responsible for maintaining the rule of law on base and securing its perimeter.

"Airman 1st Class Darby Harris has been a hard charger since the day she enlisted into our wing," said Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Schildt, 167th Security Forces manager. "She had a few setbacks during basic military training (BMT) which required her to return and work with the force support squadron until she could return and complete BMT and tech school. She has maintained a positive can-do attitude every step of the way."

Harris quickly attained emergency control center certification

and recently competed in the grueling three-day Best Warrior Competition. She volunteered to support an airshow at Travis Air Force Base where she assisted in processing over 75,000 visitors.

"This is just a snapshot of what she has completed with her limited time as a defender. I am excited to see what she will undoubtedly bring to the unit and the wing as her career progresses," said Schildt.

**Hometown:** Berkeley Springs, WV

**Job Title:** Security Forces Journeyman

**How long have you served in the unit?** 3 years

**My job here is important because:** Security Forces protects and defends assets and personnel at the 167th on a day to day basis.

**Civilian job:** West Virginia Military Authority

**Education:** Berkeley Springs High School

**Hobbies: Some of my hobbies are:** reading, writing, photography, traveling, and learning new things.

**Goals:** My goals in the military are to obtain all of my post certifications, advance in rank, attend trainings and schools, and train new Airmen in Security Forces.

**I am proudest of:** graduating BMT and Tech school and earning my post certifications.

**People may be surprised to know this about me:** I have written a few short stories.

**The most exciting thing I've done in the military is:** go on TDYs.

**One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career:** Always persevere.

**My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing:** Know your job, do your job, and be a professional in your job.

**The best thing about working with my team is:** Working with a great group of people. 🐾



## For Our Service Members And Their Families

### Airman & Family Programs Office

It's that time of year where the emails and phone calls start rolling in from many who are planning family vacations or weekend getaways. The Airman & Family Readiness Office does not have discount coupons for theme parks and such, however, I can tell you about some great resources that can save you money.

1) Leisure Travel Services located on Active Duty bases. Our closest AD base from our base is Ft Detrick. They have discounted tickets to many theme parks and attractions as well as information on discounted tours, hotels, etc. Visit their website at <https://detrick.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-services> to view what they offer, their contact information, and hours of operation. If you live outside of our area, contact the Leisure Travel Services office on the AD base nearest you.

2) Best Kept Secrets - Joint Service Campgrounds and Facilities. This 81 page guide is found on Military OneSource's website at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/recreation-travel-shopping/recreation/best-kept-secrets/>. You can download it for free. It's full of information on joint services campground and lodging facilities across the nation. If you're a military family visiting Busch Gardens, take advantage of Busch Gardens Military tickets program, (<https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/tickets/military/active-duty/>), and consider renting a cottage at Cheatham Annex to save some money on lodging!

Contact the recreation sites for details and availability before planning your trip.

Have a safe and happy family vacation this year without emptying your savings account!



*The Airman and 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*

## Wing Care Team serves 167th AW Airmen

by Airman 1st Class Zachary Bennett, Chaplain Assistant



**Airman 1st Class  
Zachary Bennett,  
Chaplain Assistant**

September UTA will be our Wing Resiliency Stand-down day. All Airman should know their resiliency resource personnel. One such group available for you is the 167th Wing Care Team. This team is comprised of Airman and Family Readiness Programs (AFRP), Chaplain Corps (HC), Director of Psychological Health (DPH), and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). The Air Force has established these offices to provide ongoing resiliency support and aide to Airmen in daily life and crisis situations.

Sherry Lewis is the Wing AFRP manager. This office covers the full spectrum of an Airman's career, providing resources and programs to educate service members and their families. You will find support from the time you are a newcomer throughout military family life, pre and post deployment, retirement, and a host of other life topics from finances to relationships. The office is stocked with tools and information for you to use.

Chaplains and Religious Affairs Airman (RAA) care for the spiritual needs and ensure the First Amendment religious rights for Airmen and their families. They provide chapel services, religious resources, prayer, bible studies, and Strong Bonds relationship events. Members and their fami-

lies have full confidentiality when speaking with Chaplains and RAA's discussing religion or matters of conscience.

The DPH, Cristina Firescu-Williams, assists service members with their mental fitness. She works on understanding the needs of the Airman, evaluating their mental health status and providing them with the assistance needed. She can make recommendations and consultations for outside help. The role of a DPH is partly to listen to people and problem solve without providing therapy.

Our SARC, Lindsey Hash helps to focus the Wing on sexual assault awareness, prevention, and support for victims. If you or someone you know has experienced an assault, she can provide the correct information on reporting options (restricted and unrestricted). She will provide ongoing support and resources to individuals who may have gone through such a traumatic experience. Reach out if you have questions

The Wing Care Team is currently located throughout building 120. They are here to assist and get you the help you need. Even though each office brings different types of guidance and possibilities, they each have the same goal in mind, Airmen care. If you see the SARC, Chaplain, AFRP manager, or DHP, don't be afraid to say hi and chat, we are here for Airmen.

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SERVING AIRMEN  
PURSUING EXCELLENCE



## CBD is not allowed for military members

This is a friendly reminder that the use of CBD (cannabidiol) or Hemp is not an excuse for a positive result on a drug test.

CBD and Hemp are readily available in many forms on the economy but they are not allowed for use by military members. Here are some of the new products on the market that contain CBD or Hemp. Please do not use them. It is not worth your career.



PepsiCo's Rockstar Energy is infused with hemp seed oil as well as B vitamins, spearmint and lemon balm. The beverage has just 80 milligrams of caffeine, much less than most other drinks in the Rockstar Energy lineup.

The new cigarette alternative, TAAT, claims to be nicotine and tobacco free however, it contains 30mg of CBD and .2% THC.

These cigarettes are being given out as free samples at gas stations when you purchase a regular pack of cigarettes. They are advertised to look, smell, and taste like tradi-

tional tobacco cigarettes. DO NOT smoke these as they can cause you to test positive on a urinalysis.

When trying new products or purchasing anything, please READ THE INGREDIENTS. These products can trick you in many ways, but they must list that CBD and or THC is in their product. Most of the time there will be something on the front saying it has either CBD or THC but

sometimes you must be thorough. CBD and THC are not FDA regulated meaning the amount of the product listed may not be completely true; there may be more than what is listed.



## Health Supplements: Are They Okay to Take?

Ever wonder if the health and or diet supplements that you are thinking about taking are on the restricted list. Will they cause you to have a positive urinalysis test result? How can you find out? There are a couple of ways to check them out.

The first one is to utilize the Operation Safety Supplement Website:

<https://www.opss.org/dietary-supplement-ingredients>

Keep in mind that the website is not all-inclusive but it is a great place to start.

The second way to find out is to simply ask the friendly folks at the 167th Medical Group.

Always ask the questions prior to starting a supplemental regime. It is better to ask first than to get a positive result.

*If you have questions about this information please contact the 167th Wing Drug Demand Reduction Program Manager, Donnie Pruett, at 304-616-5112.*

## Antiterrorism & Force Protection - General Safety

*submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms*

These antiterrorism tips are general safety tips that can protect you from both criminals and terrorists.

### AT ALL TIMES:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Report anything you feel is suspicious (report to the local police agency).

### IF YOU ARE OUT OF THE AREA FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

### IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

- Turn on inside lights and a radio so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Ensure outside lights are turned on if you expect to return after dark.

### IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR, BEWARE:

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers with delivery gifts.
- It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved.
- Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give.

REMEMBER: Antiterrorism and Force Protection is EVERYONE'S job.

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 Capt. Roderick Toms, 242-5084.



# HERITAGE AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

## JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

### PRIDE MONTH:

Celebrating and recognizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) civilian employees and Service members across the DoD. Pride Month is observed in June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 in New York City, which became the catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world.

### JUNETEENTH:

Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States. Though slavery was officially ended Jan 1, 1863, many rural areas across the country were slow to receive the news. On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to deliver the news. The day became the unofficial independence day of African Americans and was formally recognized as a Federal holiday in June 2021.

### WEST VIRGINIA DAY:

West Virginia was granted statehood on June 20, 1863; June 20th was informally celebrated as West Virginia Day until being formally recognized as a state holiday in 1927.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Equality Day:** 26 August

**Breastfeeding Awareness Month (August):** Lactation Supplies Drive — the HDC is accepting donations for the base lactation rooms—nursing pads, small bottled water, travel sized nursing creams/lotions, snacks, sterilizing bags.

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** 15 September—15 October



*The Heritage and Diversity Council (HDC) is devoted to sharing the history, culture and diversity of the Airmen of the 167th AW in order to promote a community of acceptance and inclusion at the Wing. The HDC meets every UTA Sunday at 0900 in the Wing Conference Room and is open to all members of the 167th.*

# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

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

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

Jenny Colagrosso  
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**167th Airlift Wing  
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:**

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**167th Airlift Wing  
Volunteer Victim Advocate:**

Emily Beightol-Deyerle  
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**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)





# Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office

## U.S. Department of Defense

### *What is Trafficking in Persons (TIP)?*

The **use of force, fraud, or coercion** to compel a person to provide labor, services, or commercial sex. Any minor (under 18 years of age) involved in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking (no force, fraud or coercion need be proved). TIP is the recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for the purpose of exploitation. In sex trafficking, it also includes soliciting and patronizing.

*Common Types of TIP: Labor Trafficking, Sex Trafficking, Child Soldiering, Domestic Servitude, Debt Bondage/Peonage, Involuntary Servitude*

### **Who is at risk?**

#### **Victims can be of any:**

- Race
- Gender
- Nationality
- Social status
- Economic status
- Immigration status

#### **Vulnerable populations:**

- Undocumented migrants
- Runaway and homeless youth
- Women and children with limited resources
- Oppressed social or cultural groups
- People displaced by natural disaster or civil conflict
- Victims of prior sexual or physical abuse

### **What are some indicators of TIP?\***

#### **Physical/Environmental indicators. Victims may:**

- Have signs of physical abuse (bruises, cuts, burns, broken bones)
- Not possess identification papers
- Live at or be confined to their worksite
- Be escorted or closely monitored at all times
- Be in debt bondage to employer
- Suffer medical conditions such as serious communicable diseases, injuries from violence or hazardous work conditions, malnutrition, dehydration

#### **Psychological/Behavioral indicators. Victims may be:**

- Fearful
- Submissive
- Anxious
- Nervous
- Depressed
- Dependent on others
- Emotionally abused
- Lacking ability to move freely

\*Indicators listed are not absolute signs of TIP, but when presenting with several are a sign of TIP.

### **How to respond if TIP is suspected:**

If you suspect a TIP situation, do not get directly involved. **Report the situation to the appropriate authority immediately:**

Chain of Command

DoD Inspector General Hotline

**1-800-424-9098, or visit**

**<http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/>**

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

**1-888-373-7888**

Local Law Enforcement

**Report and avoid** any establishments or persons that you believe may be involved in TIP.

**Never act alone**, you may want to help, but trafficking situations are dangerous.

**[www.ctip.defense.gov](http://www.ctip.defense.gov)**

# ARE YOU READY?

## Summer Storms



### What is a Thunderstorm?

A thunderstorm is formed by a combination of moisture, rapidly rising warm air, and a force capable of lifting the warm air. Typically these forces are warm or cold fronts, sea breeze, or air forced over mountains.



Thunderstorms can be identified by their characteristic flat tops and overall anvil shapes.

### Watch VS Warning

**Watch** = Severe storms are possible in and near the watch area. Stay informed and be ready to act if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued.

**Warning** = Severe storms have been reported witnesses or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate danger to life and property.

### What is a Tornado

A tornado is a violent windstorm characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud. It is spawned by a thunderstorm (or sometimes a hurricane).

As you may remember, our last local tornado was in May of 2021. The EF-1 touched down in Ranson and produced moderate damage with top wind speeds of 90 mph.

### What should I do during a tornado warning?

#### INSIDE

-Go at once to a windowless, interior room, storm cellar, basement, or the lowest level of the building.

-Get under and hold onto a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench, heavy table, or desk, and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

#### OUTSIDE

- If shelter is not available or if there is no time to get indoors, lay down in a ditch or low-lying area and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

Rating	Wind Speed	Damage
EFO	65-85mph	minor roof, branches
EF1	86-110	broken windows
EF2	111-135	roofs off, large trees
EF3	136-165	homes damaged
EF4	166-200	homes leveled
EF5	200+	incredible damage

**TORNADO RATING**  
Enhanced Fujita Scale



## **The West Virginia National Guard Adjutant General's Mission, Vision and Priorities 2022**

**MISSION:** Provide ready, relevant and capable forces in support of the state and nation while creating opportunities for service members, civilian employees and families to live and thrive in West Virginia.

**VISION:** One Guard, a vital capability and resource to the State of West Virginia; an indispensable, relevant part of America's total force.

### **PRIORITIES:**

- **One Guard Support – People First**
- **Ready Forces - Manned, Equipped and Trained**
- **Partnerships – Extending our reach inside & outside WV**

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Incorporate inclusion and diversity in all we do
- Enable leader development and growth through a rewards system focused on developmental assignments and professional education
- Support economic development in West Virginia
- Future focus to ensure relevant force structure that looks toward emerging opportunities
- Work to achieve resilient infrastructure
- Seek training opportunities and venues for joint, national level missions

### **West Virginia Values**

Tradition, Family and Home  
Self-Reliance and Individualism  
Humor and Modesty  
Neighborliness and Hospitality  
Solidarity and Patriotism  
Independence and Spirituality

### **Army Values**

Loyalty  
Duty  
Respect  
Selfless Service  
Honor  
Integrity  
Personal Courage

### **Air Force Values**

Integrity First  
Service Before Self  
Excellence in All We Do



# ACCOLADES



## Welcome

A1C Jonathan Morrow, CF  
A1C Kamden Shauf, SFS  
AB Hunter Porter, FSS  
AB Jakob Crans, MXS  
TSgt Sarah Satterfield, MSG

## Welcome Back from Technical Training

AB Quinn Melton, MXS  
A1C Jessica Heffern, SFS  
AB Patrick O'Brien, MXS  
A1C John King, MXS  
A1C Carter Dyson, MXS  
A1C Zackery Sayre, LRS

## CDC High Scores

SSgt Danielle Trucks, MDG  
SSgt Mitchell Alerding, CES  
SrA Eric Lester, CES

## Promotions

**To Airman First Class**  
Jacob Pence, LRS

## To Senior Airman

Eryka McGuire, FSS  
Abigail Layton, MSG  
Nathaniel Dyson, LRS  
Brock Ferracci, CF

## Promotions

**To Staff Sergeant**  
Stephen Minter, MXS  
David Speaker, CF

## To Technical Sergeant

Levi Morris, LRS

## To Master Sergeant

Marissa Abe, CF

## To Chief Master Sergeant

Michael Darby, MXS

## Retirements

SMSgt Donna Sliger, CPTF  
SMSgt Warren Simpson, LRS  
CMSgt Robert Gregory, MXG

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