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### ON THE COVER

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft launches from Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jan. 7, 2023. The aircraft was conducting a local training sortie to maintain aircrew proficiencies. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

### ON THE BACK COVER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. David Moubray, an aircraft maintainer assigned to the 167th Maintenance Group, acquires material from a toolbox at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jan. 08, 2023. Moubray gathered the materials to allow him to install sealant into an aircraft engine. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman James DeCicco)

# COMMAND COMMENTS



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



167AW ACTING WING COMMANDER  
**Col. Christopher Sigler**

## 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,

Great job 167th in properly hosting General Crane, CSM Jones, General Cochran, Chief Ives, General Cadle, and several other distinguished visitors over January UTA. Their visit had a full agenda, but you pulled it off successfully. Thanks to the drivers, First Sergeants, Comm Flight, Services and everyone else that worked to provide 167th hospitality. Congratulations to Mr. Jason Paul, SrA Jordan Delinski, SSgt Ian Miller, SSgt Jessie Trejo, TSgt Michael Thompson, TSgt William Trainor, and Maj Kyle Wagner for receiving coins from General Crane for outstanding achievement. This list of seven names is a great example of how experts with different skillsets are required to form our world-class airlift wing. General Crane also recognized Col Timko with a coin for his outstanding performance during his tour as a Senior Liaison Officer supporting the World Cup with our allies and state partners in Qatar. Col Timko will be returning from some well-deserved leave on January 23rd.

General Crane and his staff also had the opportunity to attend our three Colonel promotion ceremonies while General Cochran served as the presiding official. Congratulations to Col Chris Croson, WVANG/A1, Col James Freid-Studlo, WVANG/A3, and Col Corey Gause, MSG/CC. By the way, if you are not familiar with A1 and A3 positions, it is about time to look them up. The Air National Guard plans to transition to the A-Staff construct as early as Oct 2023 and will begin using acronyms like A1 to represent Manpower and Personnel and A3 to represent Operations. The ANG transition to the A-Staff construct is intended to better prepare for the new Air Force Force Generation Command and Control (AFFORGEN C2) taskings. AFFORGEN C2 is something the 167th will be looking at closely since we have been selected to serve as a Lead Unit in the future.

2023 is off to a great start for the 167th and I know it will only get better. We have a busy year with several training opportunities planned such as Agile Rage in Puerto Rico, Cooperacion IX in Peru, German Air Defender, the National Scout Jamboree, and even our own Large Readiness Exercise. All wing members will have the opportunity to hone their skills. We will challenge and critique ourselves and come out of this year even more ready to execute our worldwide mission.

Starting a new year is also my personnel reminder to renew my National Guard Association of West Virginia (NGAWV) and National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) memberships. You can find more information about these associations and what they do for Guardsmen at <https://www.ngawv.org>

It has been an honor to serve as your acting commander in Col Timko's absence. Thanks for your support.

Respectfully,  
Sig

Team,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a chance over the holiday break to get some rest and spend some time with family and friends. I hope you had some time to reflect on all that you have accomplished over the past year. It was a busy one for sure.

We kicked off 2023 with hosting a UTA visit from our WVNG Leadership. We welcomed both MG Crane and CSM Jones who, along with the WV JFHQ Staff, recognized some of our high performing airmen, attended some promotions, and toured the base to see some of the important projects we have in the works. There is no doubt in my mind they left with having great trust in and admiration for the airmen of the 167th AW.

Our schedule for 2023 looks to be even more full than last year. Some of our large activities include SPP Partner exercises, super drill, Boy Scout Jamboree, and a readiness exercise. Not to mention many other initiatives throughout the year. So, I hope you're ready for some serious training and a whole lot of excitement. Let's jump into this year with both feet!

Congratulations to our 167th AW OAY recipients for 2023! The selectees are SrA Dallis Myers (Airman Category), SSgt Jessie Trejo (NCO Category), SMSgt Jeffrey DeMille (SNCO Category), and MSgt Ashleigh Palmer (1st Sgt Category). They've proven themselves by going above and beyond in their jobs, self-improvement, and involvement within their communities. In a few weeks they will move on to compete at the state level. An OAY ceremony is being planned where we will officially recognize their accomplishments. Best wishes and good luck to all of them!

As you look to the year ahead, please take some time to take inventory of your career and personal goals. We have a plethora of opportunities this year for you to get involved in. I ask that you step outside of your comfort zone and take on those tough challenges. You will be surprised what you're made of and what you can accomplish. You'll be glad you did.

Congratulations to our newly promoted O-6's.... Col James Freidstudlo, Col Christopher Croson, and Col Corey Gause. We look forward to your continued leadership.

I look forward to serving and working with all of you during the year ahead. Let's make it a great one!

Your Chief,  
Chief Brawner #8

# Three West Virginia Air National Guardsmen promoted to colonel

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

The 167th Airlift Wing hosted three ceremonies to recognize one current and two former unit members upon their promotion to the rank of colonel.

Brigadier General David Cochran, West Virginia National Guard Assistant Adjutant General-Air, was the presiding official for all three ceremonies.

On Jan. 6, Col. James Freid-Studlo, director of operations for the West Virginia Air National Guard, was recognized for his promotion. Freid-Studlo previously served as a pilot, director of inspections and as the operations support squadron commander for the 167th before taking on his current role at the West Virginia Air National Guard headquarters.

"Only the finest of officers attain the rank of colonel," Cochran said during the ceremony, adding, "We have a great example of a citizen Airman here."

A promotion ceremony for Col. Christopher Croson, director of personnel and manpower for the West Virginia Air National Guard, was held Jan. 7. Croson also served at the 167th prior to moving into his headquarters role. After enlisting into the 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Croson commissioned and went on to serve as the 167th Maintenance Squadron commander and the deputy commander of the 167th Maintenance Group before stepping up to the state headquarters position.

During Croson's promotion ceremony, Cochran said he expects Croson to take on more

responsibility within the WVANG and beyond the A1 directorate.

"He's going to continue to take care of Airman and make sure we're doing things the right way within our organization," Cochran said.

Col. Corey Gause was also recognized for his promotion on Jan. 7. Gause is the commander of the 167th Mission Support Group, a role he took on in September. His previous assignments include deputy United States Property and Fiscal Officer- Air and director of Plans and Programs for the West Virginia Air National Guard.

During the ceremony Cochran thanked Gause for accepting the challenge of commanding the mission support group.

"The mission support group touches every aspect of this base," Cochran said. "It takes a whole team of support to keep this operation moving. We know you're up for the challenge."

Maj. General William Crane, The Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard, Command Sergeant Major James Jones, Senior Enlisted Advisor, West Virginia National Guard, Brig. Gen. Michael Cadle, Chief of Staff, West Virginia Air National Guard and Command Chief Master Sgt. Brandon Ives, West Virginia Air National Guard, attended the ceremonies and met with other Airmen during the January unit training assembly. 🐾



**Col. James Freid-Studlo, West Virginia Air National Guard director of operations, addresses the audience at his promotion ceremony at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jan. 6, 2023. Prior to his current position, Freid-Studlo served as the 167th Operations Support Squadron commander. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)**



**U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Croson, director of personnel and manpower for the West Virginia Air National Guard salutes U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. David Cochran the Vice Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard after being promoted to Colonel at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia on Jan. 7th. Prior to his current assignment he served as the 167th Maintenance Group deputy commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)**



**U.S. Air Force Col. Corey Gause, commander of the 167th Mission Support Group stands surrounded by his family as they pin his colonel rank on Jan. 7th at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The colonel in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Space Force, is the most senior field-grade military officer rank, just before the general officer ranks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)**

# 167th Operations Group pilot completes Weapons Instructor Course

by Airman James DeCicco

A pilot with the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, recently completed the intensive Weapons Instructor Course at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Kyle Wagner, a pilot assigned to the 167th Operations Group, is the first wing member to apply for and complete the WIC, which trains students in air, space and cyber weapons superiority. Wagner's training consisted of six months of time constrained mission planning, flying and analysis.

"It was more intense than what I was expecting," explained Wagner. "There are too many tasks to complete, briefings to prepare or missions to plan for and not enough time. This is intentional, and the purpose is to make you comfortable operating in a stressful environment."

The final phase of the course is comprised of group training with students from each of the major weapons systems at the USAFWS. The purpose of this combined training is to integrate with other weapons systems during mission planning and execution to learn their capabilities.

"The main benefit to the base as a whole is having a tactics integration expert with close ties to multiple intelligence and tactics personnel across the Air Force and, in some cases, outside the Air Force," explained Lt. Col. Randall Wright, 167th Airlift Squadron Commander. "These ties, along with an enlisted and pilot Air National Guard background, will likely provide effective, efficient and focused training and exercises geared toward the latest Air Force tactics, techniques and procedures."

In order to be selected for the course, pilots must be among the top instructor pilots in their squadrons, be qualified and proficient at performing airdrops, and be recommended to attend by their wing commander. Wagner competed with other qualified C-17 Globemaster III aircraft pilots from across the Air Force for a spot in the class, which had a maximum capacity of six members. He eventually secured his spot in the class with three other pilots.

"Our squadron has never had a C-17 Weapons Officer," said Wagner. "I wanted to attend the course not only to fulfill that role, but also to be able to teach and train our crews in honing their tactical knowledge and flying skills."

Wagner stated that he plans to use his experience to help mentor other 167th pilots and loadmasters, and help them prepare for future conflicts. Part of his job as a WO is to help prepare others to take on the same training he did and to eventually replace him as a WO, he stated.

"Maj. Wagner's drive and professionalism as an aviator and officer made him a top choice for this demanding course," said Wright. "I am very proud of his willingness and extraordinary performance in completing the course. Maj. Wagner was awarded the C-17 Academic Award and the C-17 Outstanding Graduate Award." 🐾



**U.S. Air Force Maj. Kyle Wagner, a pilot assigned to the 167th Operations Group, poses for a photo in front of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jan. 08, 2023. Wagner recently graduated the U.S. Air Force Weapons School Weapons Instructor Course, becoming the first C-17 Weapons Officer at the 167th. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman James DeCicco)**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 167th Airlift Wing Outstanding Airmen of the Year

**Airman**



**Senior Airman Dallis Myers**  
167th MDG

**Non-commissioned Officer**



**Staff Sgt. Jessie Trejo**  
167th SFS

**Senior Non-commissioned Officer**



**Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey DeMille**  
167th OSS

**First Sergeant**



**Master Sgt. Ashleigh Palmer**  
167th MXS





## WNVG TAG coins 167th outstanding performers

*U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Crane, The Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard coined 167th Airlift Wing personnel for outstanding performance, Jan. 7, 2022. Top left: Jason Paul, 167th Civil Engineering Squadron, top middle: Staff Sgt. Jordan Delinski, 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, op right: Staff Sgt. Ian Miller, 167th Medical Group, middle row left: Staff Sgt. Jess Trejo, 167th Security Forces Squadron, middle row middle: Tech. Sgt. Michael Thompson, 167th Maintenance Squadron, middle row right: Tech. Sgt. William Trainor, 167th Operations Group, left: photo center Maj. Kyle Wagner. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)*



**Above:** U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Crane, The Adjutant General for the West Virginia National Guard presents the Legion of Merit to U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Michael Cadle, Joint Staff Director of the West Virginia National Guard, for his accomplishments as vice commander of the 130th Airlift Wing on Jan 7th at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia. General Cadle designed an outstanding strategy for maturing officers and enlisted leadership competencies while enhancing talent management throughout the Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)



**U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Crane, The Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard, pointing, discusses recently completed airfield lighting upgrades at Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport, Martinsburg, West Virginia, with airport officials, Nicolas Diehl and William Walkup and other members of the WVNG, Jan. 7, 2023. The 167th Airlift Wing of the WVNG, a tenant at EWVRA, partnered with the airport to receive approvals and funding needed for the upgrades which included lighting for an assault landing zone. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)**

**Left:** U.S. Army Major General William Crane, The Adjutant General for the West Virginia National Guard coins U.S. Air Force Col. Martin Timko, Commander of the 167th Airlift Wing for his service as the U.S. Senior National Representative to the Qatari Ministry of Defense for the World Cup on Jan 7th at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The WVNG has been partnered with the State of Qatar since May 2018 through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program (SPP). (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steven Sechler)



*U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Bennett Norton, Staff Sgt. Jordan Delinski and Staff Sgt. Levi Morris pose for a group photo with trophies in the Logistics Readiness Squadron warehouse at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Jan. 08, 2023. Norton, Delinski and Morris were selected as Airmen of the Year for LRS due to their outstanding performance last year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman James DeCicco)*

# Ops Adopts program spreads holiday cheer to local children



"I want to thank you very much for what you and your colleagues did for our students this Christmas. Every package was picked up or delivered just in time for the beginning of winter break. It was heart-warming for all of us to know that several of our students would definitely have gifts to open on Christmas morning. Thank you again!"

We have two boys that have been living with an aunt and uncle because their parents are living in another country in a trailer/camper with no electricity or water. There is another family with a single mother who does work but has recently had to take off some unpaid time due to medical issues and has another surgery scheduled in the near future. One family is living in a camper on the property of family members. One rather large family is living in a "tiny house" in the backyard of family members. Dad does work but they still struggle.  
Thanks so much for all you do for our families.

**167th Operations Group personnel stand with delivery trucks full of donated Christmas gifts for 143 children of 55 families from 7 local schools, as part of the annual Ops Adopts program. 167th OG personnel coordinate with teachers and guidance counselors to identify families in need and members from around the Wing donate gifts in support of the program. The gifts are delivered to the schools wrapped and tagged.**

Merry Christmas! I have a third grader who has been missing a lot of days and it had been very difficult getting her mother to return our calls. When I finally reached her, she apologized and said she (mother) has not been feeling well. Since her daughter was one of the weekly food bag recipients, I asked her if they needed assistance for Christmas. She was relieved and appreciative of the offer since her health issues and related expenses have prevented her from getting gifts for her kids. When she came to pick up the gifts she did not look well. It was then she told me she had stage 4 liver cancer, and this would probably be the last Christmas she gets to spend with her kids. She was very appreciative of the gifts. I think your unit's generosity certainly made a difference to this family.

Thank you so much for helping a family with a single mom of three children. They lost their father about two years ago and being able to help support this mother and their family has been truly amazing! The mom finds herself working six sometimes seven days a week to stay afloat. This mother was very appreciated with the extra help this year for her family and children."

One of our students is currently living with their grandma because their mother has been in and out of jail and the student has never met their father. This student was not looking forward to the Christmas time because their holidays look much different than their peers. Being able to help provide something to this student that was able to uplift them during a time that is normally difficult is such a blessing. You were able to help that student turn a dark time into something that was filled with love and happiness. We would not have been able to do it without your help. We thank you so much for providing for our students and supporting the students that really need and benefit from the help.

# Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

**Master Sgt. Samantha Kesecker**

Hometown:

**Winchester, Va.**

Job Title:

**Cyber Surety Craftsman**

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Samantha Kesecker is a cyber surety craftsman for the 167th Operations Group and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for January 2023.

As a cyber surety craftsman, Kesecker ensures communications security, specifically for aircrew equipment and provides information technology support to the 167th OG. She manages classified materials and provides training to aircrew on the proper use of that information onboard the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Additionally, she conducts cybersecurity risk management framework assessments, ensures enterprise cybersecurity policies fully support all legal and regulatory requirements and ensures cybersecurity policies are applied in new and existing information security resources.

"Master Sgt. Sam Kesecker's drive, work ethic, and ability to handle challenging situations with ease, are what set her apart," said Lt. Col James Holsinger, 167th Operations Support Squadron commander. "While her day-to-day cyber defense operations duties are to serve as a communications professional, she also manages readiness reporting for the unit, oversees the Electronic Flight Bag Program for the operations group, and frequently provides IT-related support. Her ability to juggle her many AFSC-specific duties on top of her additional duties is beyond commendable, especially as she is a single Airman shop during the normal work week."

**Hometown:** Winchester, VA

**Job Title:** Cyber Surety Craftsman

**How long have you served in the unit?** About 16 years. I started in Aircraft Maintenance and in 2015 I was fortunate to have the opportunity to cross train into a newly formed, temporary Cyber Surety position in the Operations Support Squadron. I left for a year to work at Hill AFB, UT as a flight line Crew Chief on F-35s but

returned to the 167th to continue in the full-time Cyber Surety position to rebuild our Communications Security program and provide IT assistance in the Operations Group.

**How does your job support the 167th's mission?** I support the mission by providing aircrews with secure communications capabilities required for mission accomplished in our Areas of Responsibility. I also manage the AMC account for the Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) which expedites publication and checklist access for the aircrew members, and I provide overall IT support throughout the Operations Group.

**Civilian job:** N/A – AGR

**Education:** A.S. Information Technology, A.S. Aircraft Maintenance Technology, IT Certifications: CompTIA Network+, CompTIA A+, CompTIA Security+, EC Council Certified Incident Handler, ISC2 Systems Security Certified Practitioner, and ISC2 Certified Cloud Security Professional.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, baking, home projects/DIY home upgrades, and archery. Exercise is also an important aspect of my everyday life. I have been fortunate enough to incorporate this in my work environment by participating in and guiding CrossFit style workouts within the Operations Group. To overcome the loss of one of our members, we started working out together to help us process our loss and strengthen our core support system, and we continue to come together as a group to this day.

**Goals:** In the short term, my goal is to finish the last four classes required to receive my B.S. in Cyber Security & information Assurance. Past that, I would like to progress as much as possible in my military career and participate more in overseas missions/exercises.

**I am proudest of:** The hard work I have put in to continuing edu-



cation and earning certifications to enhance my career/life and doing my best to help everyone who asks.

**People may be surprised to know this about me:** I enjoy learning how to fix things and how to accomplish home projects myself because I want to be more self-sufficient in certain areas. The next big project is to build kitchen cabinets. I'm thankful for everyone who has taught me over the years; I still have a lot to learn.

**One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career:** Having patience with people and processes really goes a long way.

**My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing:** Listen more than you speak.

**The best thing about working with my team is:** Everyone I work closely with really cares and are genuinely fun to be around. We have a great group of people who work out together in the morning and doing that with them is something I always look forward to, even when I know the workout is going to be rough. 🐕



## VA BENEFITS & SERVICES BRIEFING

Guest: Bobby McQuaid, Veterans Benefits Advisor

**Thursday, 16 February 2023**

**0830-1530**

**Base Auditorium**

- ◆ **Open to ALL 167th Military members planning on retiring within the next two years—** Get to know your resources, benefits, and entitlements.
- ◆ **Open to ALL 167th deployers Title 10, 180+ days — Meets TAP requirement—** This is a rare opportunity to receive an in-person briefing versus completing the required online course.
- ◆ **Open to WV National Guard Retirees**
- ◆ **Limited seating—** Seats are first come, first serve. Spouses may attend.
- ◆ **One hour lunch break included in time.** Lunch on your own.
- ◆ **Participants receive a VA Benefits & Services Guide.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 5 Feb 2023**

**for seating and for sufficient class materials**

**Call 304-616-5590 or email [sherry.lewis.1@us.af.mil](mailto:sherry.lewis.1@us.af.mil) to register.**



### **Introducing the Military Spouse Career Accelerator Pilot**

Jump-start your career in the industry best suited to your skillset.

Military spouses of currently serving members of the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Space Force, to include active, reserve and National Guard components, are invited to apply to the new Military Spouse Career Accelerator Pilot, a multi-year program that provides spouses with paid 12-week fellowships at employers across various industries and locations.

Host employers provide fellows with hands-on professional training and mentoring in the civilian workplace. Those who excel in the program and are a fit with their host company may be invited to join the employer as a direct hire.

Visit the Military OneSource site for the rest of this announcement and application information.

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/military-spouse-career-accelerator-pilot>



# CAMP CONLEY 2023



Early Registration

**\$100**

- If you register between Dec. 1 thru March 1, 2023.
- \$125.00 after March 1 thru May 1.
- No applications will be accepted after May 1, 2023

Who can attend?

**WVNG  
Military  
Dependents  
Ages 9-14**

**When**  
June 25-30, 2023

**Where**  
Camp Dawson,  
Kingwood, WV



**WHAT WILL I DO AT CAMP?**  
SWIMMING, REPEL TOWER,  
FIRING RANGE, SPORTING  
EVENTS, ARCHERY, ARTS &  
CRAFTS, TEAM BUILDING, ROCK  
WALL, DRUG AWARENESS  
ACTIVITIES, BARRACK LIFE, &  
MUCH MORE

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# YOUTH LEADERS CAMP



**JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 2023**  
**CAMP DAWSON, KINGWOOD, WV**

- EARLY REGISTRATION FEE \$150.00 Dec. 1 - March 1, 2023  
\$175.00 after March 1 - May 1, 2023 (Limited Scholarships)
- NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2023

Youth Leaders Camp is designed for participants entering all classes of high school for School Year 2022 who have a desire to be a leader in their community and school. YLC is physically demanding and mentally challenging to enable Youth Leaders to build confidence, team building skills, integrity, and learn how to motivate and influence others.

During the week-long camp Youth Leaders will participate in the following activities:

**Rappelling, Water Survival, Physical Training, Drill and Ceremony, Swimming, Pizza Party/Dance, Rock Wall Climbing, Weapons Firing, Ethics Class, Military Customs, Guest Speaker, Military Display, Organized Athletics, Leadership Opportunities, First Aid Training, Obstacle Course, Karaoke, & Graduation**

Transportation will be provided to and from several pickup sites throughout the state.

For more information or application please contact us:

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## Antiterrorism & Force Protection - Suspicious Packages

*submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms*

These tips address suspicious packages/mail.

Delivering an explosive or incendiary device through the mail is an anonymous and relatively risk-free way for a terrorist to hit a target. Fortunately, we can counteract this threat by identifying suspicious packages or envelopes and then safely dealing with them. What makes a package suspicious?

- An unusual or unknown point of origin.
- No return address.
- Return address doesn't match postmark.
- Incorrect spelling on package label.
- An excessive amount of postage.
- An abnormal or unusual size.
- An uneven balance or shape.
- Oily stains on the package.
- Wires or strings protruding from the package.
- Peculiar odor.

Of course any of these identifiers could just mean a relative, friend, or fellow Air Force member didn't do a good job of packaging a gift or part, but just the same you should be a little extra cautious. Usually after further investigation and examination of the exterior of the package or envelope there is enough evidence to indicate a package is safe to open. However, if you are still not certain of a package's safety after an examination of it, don't open it. Notify the Security Forces Desk at 5300. They will advise you on what to do and notify the personnel who need to deal with the situation.

If you think something is suspicious, then it is suspicious!

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.





# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Include disaster preparedness in your goals for 2023!



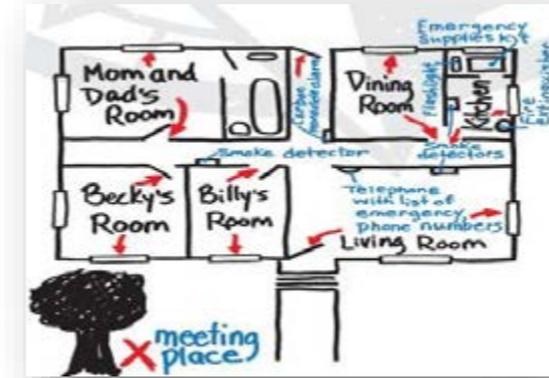
**Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan.**

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan?
- Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?



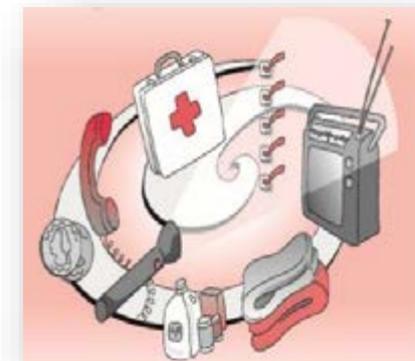
**Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.**

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like operating medical equipment.



**Step 3: Create a Family Emergency Plan**

- Find out what disasters are most likely to happen in your area and the history of their occurrence.
- Stay informed of any specific instructions or information you may need to know regarding these specific disasters.
- Create a comprehensive plan as a family for communicating if you are separated during an emergency.
- As a family, discuss where you will go in the event of an emergency.



**Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household**

- Set up practice evacuations or shelter-in-place drills at least twice a year for your family to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency.
- Update your plan according to any issues that arise.
- Keep your emergency kit up to date, replacing water and perishables periodically. Make sure everyone knows where it is and to take it when sheltering or evacuating.
- Check your smoke alarms regularly.

“We hope for the best but prepare for the worst.”

# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

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

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**24/7 Sexual Assault Support for DoD Community  
DoD Safe Helpline:**

Call: 877-995-5247  
Texting: (\*55-247);  
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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)**



# ACCOLADES



## **BMT Honor Grad**

Cyrus Rodriguez, MX

## **Welcome Back from Technical Training**

A1C Michael Ferreira, SFS  
A1C Aaron Pierson, SFS  
A1C Ivan Rios Rosado, FSS  
AB Benjamin Jensen, LRS

## **CDC High Scores**

SrA Tyler Shewbridge, MDG  
SSgt Ryan Runk, CES

## **Welcome**

AB Tyler Barney, LRS  
AB Sophia Skoda, LRS  
SrA Brian Pittman, LRS  
SSgt Joseph Shaffer, LRS  
AB Heath Burdiss, MDG  
SMSgt Daniel Ritenour, MXG

## **Promotions**

### **To Senior Airman**

Spencer Hamilton, AS  
Colton Foltz, AS  
Thomas Talkington, LRS

## **Promotions**

### **To Staff Sergeant**

Madison McGrew, MDG  
Thomas Cook, AMXS  
Jordan Delinski, LRS  
John Cunningham, LRS  
Constance Phillips, LRS

### **To Technical Sergeant**

Daniel Lewis, CES  
Alex Barb, AS  
Tyler Baker, MXS

### **To Senior Master Sergeant**

Brian Talkington, LRS

## **Promotions**

### **To First Lieutenant**

Connor Cooney, OG  
Samuel Price, OG

### **To Major**

Zachary Rohlfing, AS  
Taylor Belfield, OSS

## **Retirements**

SMSgt John Ratcliffe, OG  
Capt Travis Massey, LRS  
SMSgt Ryan Boehm, OSS  
MSgt Michael Weisenmiller, AMXS

## **Retirees Association**

The 167th Retirees Association is an "All Ranks, All Services" organization which meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1900 hrs in the Base Auditorium, Building 120. Retirees are welcome to drop in or contact us at [wv167RA@gmail.com](mailto:wv167RA@gmail.com)

## **Vanpool to ANGRC Seeking Riders**

Services: Western MD, West Virginia, PA  
Start Point/Time: MD Rt. 66 Park and Ride, Hagerstown, MD (I-70, Exit 35) 0430  
En Route pick up points: Urbana/ Frederick MD  
Arrives ANGRC: 0600  
Leaves ANGRC 1445  
POC: Roger Fuller, DSN 612-9099, [roger.d.fuller.1@us.af.mil](mailto:roger.d.fuller.1@us.af.mil)



- Cake Walk
- Crafts
- Button Maker
- Egg Hunts (Ages 0-4 & 5-12)
- Easter Bunny
- Refreshments
- DJ Music

### PLEASE Help with the fun!

We are in need of cookies, cupcakes and cakes for our cake walk. Volunteers are always welcome to join the Family Readiness Group. Please contact Ron Glazer (301-992-4803) or send an e-mail to [167AWFRG@gmail.com](mailto:167AWFRG@gmail.com).





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