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ON THE COVER

U.S. Air Force Airmen with the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia National Guard, disembark a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Wunstorf Air Base Airport, Germany, May 30, 2023 to begin Exercise Air Defender 2023. Exercise Air Defender integrates both U.S. and allied air-power to defend shared values, while leveraging and strengthening vital partnerships to deter aggression around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)

ON THE BACK COVER

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia National Guard receives maintenance and refueling on the flight line at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Scotland, May 30, 2023, after transporting cargo and personnel as part of exercise Air Defender 2023. Exercise Air Defender integrates both U.S. and allied air-power to defend shared values, while leveraging and strengthening vital partnerships to deter aggression around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. 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!

SUPERDRILL 2023!!! Building Managers, CBRNE, CC All-Call, Commander Inspection Management Board, Competitors Challenge, Council Meetings, CWDE Sizing, five (5) Exercise AIR DEFENDER '23 Chalks launched/recovered + one (1) participating exercise tail/crew/support teams, Fitness Assessments, Four Lenses, HRE, Immunizations, Integrated Mission Sorties x 2, Intel/Tactics, M18 Qualification, Par Team, Peruvian/USSOUTHCOM SPP Future Engagements Conference hosted and culminated with a Signing Ceremony, PHAs, PHQs, PTLs, Red Cross Blood Drive, SAPR, Security Awareness, TACC AE Channel Mission, TCCC, Wing Volleyball Tournament, and Water Survival.

Tired? Worn-out on Sunday? I would think so based on the tremendous efforts across the wing to buckle-down and get as "green" as you possibly could for readiness training. Awesome efforts accomplished as well as some competition, comradery, and fun amongst the wing and the individual sections/flights/squadrons over the days. I want us all to be proud of our efforts to tackle readiness and prep for the August Exercise, all while knocking it out of the park with our engagements and task accomplishment!

Speaking of accomplishments, I was delighted to formally present the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award to the 167th Airlift Wing. While wing members might have received this award in the past as a member of a deployed provisional wing, this was the first time it was awarded to the 167AW since the award's inception in 2004. From the description, a unit must display outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. I could not summarize the men and women of the wing any better as they perform their duties, missions, and tasks in such an extraordinary way, each and every day!

We have arrived at the halfway point of what has been a busy (putting it mildly) year. There is work to be done still with AIR DEFENDER 23 Exfil in two weeks and the National Scout Jamboree support in July, all while the AE Channel mission support continues. As the mercury rises and the days get longer, carve out some time from now through July to spend some downtime with family and friends. Ensure that you have a plan to stay safe with all of the summertime activities and opportunities. While the wing continues to run white-hot in its ops tempo, taking time for yourself when able is key for the work-life balance and keeping personal batteries charged-up.

While there are still preparations ongoing when it comes to the August Readiness Exercise, the work by the wing over SuperDrill put us in a nice position for that event. Show-up in August, (on Wednesday the 9th to be exact), ready to execute upon the first exercise injects occurring at 0701 (and the subsequent many more to follow). I need your creativity, doggedness, and tenacity in August to get us all in the wing to ENDEX with a challenging, relevant, and learning-filled exercise in the books. Until the next time that I see you, be well, stay safe, and most importantly: STAY MIGHTY

--Marty

Team,

Wow! To say this past weekend was a busy one is an understatement. Not only did we accomplish an amazing amount of training in the four days of super drill, but we also had the opportunity to host our Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Brigadier General David Cochran, and his leadership team along with our state partners from the Peruvian Air Force. It was an historic event to say the least. Our relationships with them will continue to grow and mature. Thank you for showing all our guests our 167AW pride and hospitality. I sure hope you felt a sense of accomplishment as you drove home Sunday afternoon. I know I did.

We have had a full year of activities with more to come throughout the rest of the fiscal year. Next month some of you will head to Glen Jean, WV and assist the state in hosting the 2023 Boy Scout Jamboree. Then in August we will come back together for our readiness exercise. I have no doubt we will embrace both events and knock it out of the park.

I had the opportunity to attend all our enlisted council meetings this weekend. From the Rising 6/Top 3 joint council to the 1st Sgt council to the Chief's council the high energy and the hunger for knowledge and development energizes me. 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. If you are not an active member of your council, please check it out as soon as you can.

Congratulations to Chief Gretchen Michael on her retirement after 24 years of military service to the 167th AW and our country. She has touched many of our careers in her time here. We are lucky to have served with her and as a Title 5 employee we will continue to lean on her broad wealth of knowledge and leadership.

School is out and well-deserved vacation time is upon us. Over Memorial Day weekend we kicked off the official US Air Force "101 Days of Summer". During this time, we ask that you take additional safety precautions as you participate in outdoor activities that tend to come with a little more risk of danger. I hope you can enjoy time with family and friends. Please be safe!

June super drill is one of my favorite drill weekends as we train hard for several days and finally take a break from our work and unwind with food, beverage, and games. Sunday was fun! It was great to see all the camaraderie and spirit. Congratulations to the Headquarters team for taking first place in the volleyball tournament!

I look forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy your summer!

Your Chief,
Chief Brawner #8



167th Airlift Wing supports exercise Air Defender 2023

The 167th Airlift Wing transported various pieces of maintenance equipment as well as 37 Airmen from the 167th and 20 Airmen from the 105th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard, made up of maintenance support and command and control personnel in support of exercise Air Defender, a German-led, live-fly exercise involving 24 NATO nations and 220 aircraft, demonstrating agile and swift response of NATO air power. Exercise Air Defender integrates both U.S. and allied air-power to defend shared values, while leveraging and strengthening vital partnerships to deter aggression around the world. The 167th Airlift Wing was responsible for several missions involving the rapid transport of cargo and personnel in the preliminary stages of the exercise to set up initial infrastructure for AD23, signifying the 167th's cohesion and solidarity on a world-scale, as well as the impact the 167th will have during such a large exercise. The 167th will continue to provide equipment and personnel transport for the exercise. Additionally, one aircraft will be participating in the exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



Staff Talks result in trilateral agreement between 12th Air Force, West Virginia National Guard, and Peru

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

A trilateral cooperation agreement was signed during a ceremony hosted by the 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia National Guard, in Martinsburg, W.Va., June 9th.

The agreement was the culmination of three days of staff discussions between the 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), the West Virginia Air National Guard, and the Peruvian Air Force.

The 12th Air Force serves as the Air Force component to the U.S. Southern Command, and conducts security cooperation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The West Virginia Air National Guard has a long-standing partnership with Peruvian forces through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program.

Lt. Gen. Carlos Chavez, the Peruvian Air Force Chief of Staff, emphasized the significance of the West Virginia partnership during the ceremony, stating, "It's been a real pleasure for the Peruvian Air Force to be here this week working together, in order to succeed, in order to grow, and improve our capabilities together."

An estimated 40 representatives from the three named entities planned nearly 60 future engagements of cooperation to include air operations and maintenance, humanitarian aid and disaster relief, non-commissioned officer development, women in peacekeeping and security initiatives, and space and communications operations.

Dave Delmonaco, representing the 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), noted that the youngest of Airmen can influence activities and engagements of the State Partnership Program.

"The beauty is that anyone in this audience could have that next idea that's going to bring us together for an engagement that's going to work at the strategic level, and is going to elevate what we do that affects both Peru and the United States Air Force," Delmonaco stated during the ceremony.

In addition to participating in staff discussions, members of the Peruvian Air Force were given orientation flights on a West Virginia National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, and a C-17 Globemaster aircraft. The trip culminated in meetings with officials at the Pentagon.

Brig. Gen. David Cochran, West Virginia National Guard Assistant Adjutant General and commander of the West Virginia Air National Guard, said the state is proud to have Peru as a longstanding partner and praised the growth of the relationship between the West Virginia National Guard and Peru.

"It's not just a state partnership. It's multi-agency. It's a whole-of-government partnership that we help facilitate with our West Virginia National Guard resources and our military cooperation with Peru," Cochran said.

The West Virginia National Guard and Peru have been partnered through the State Partnership Program since 1996. In fiscal year 2022, alone, the WVNG and Peru have completed 31 engagements together. Most recently, the WVNG participated in the Peru-hosted international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise Cooperacion IX. 🐕



Representatives from the 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), the West Virginia Air National Guard, and the Peruvian Air Force gather on a C-17 Globemaster aircraft ramp after a ceremony to mark the signing of a cooperation agreement between the three entities, at the 167th Airlift Wing, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2023. The group spent three days at the 167th Airlift Wing prior to the ceremony finalizing a plan for 60 future engagements. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. David Cochran, West Virginia National Guard Assistant Adjutant General and commander of the West Virginia Air National Guard, David Delmonaco, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) representative, and Lt. Gen. Carlos Chavez, the Peruvian Air Force Chief of Staff, sign an agreement of future engagements during a trilateral cooperation agreement signing ceremony in a hangar at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2023. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



Lt. Gen. Carlos Chavez, the Peruvian Air Force Chief of Staff, second from left, asks a question about the capabilities of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 6, 2023. Chavez, along with other Peruvian Air Force, West Virginia Air National Guard and 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) representatives met at Shepherd Field to discuss future engagements between the three entities and sign an agreement of cooperation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

West Virginia National Guardsmen participate in Women's Intelligence Seminar in Qatar

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

Three West Virginia National Guardsmen participated in the Women in Strategic Intelligence Seminar in Doha, Qatar, May 14-18.

Maj. Taylor Belfield and Tech. Sgt. Victoria Bagley, both assigned to the 167th Operations Support Squadron, and 1st Lt. Abbey Welborn, 111th Engineer Brigade, joined servicemembers and civilians from the Qatar Armed Forces, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Army Central and U.S. Air Forces Central for the event. The three women also presented information in their respective areas of expertise as part of the seminar.

Supporting the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Women, Peace, and Security Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan, the seminar aimed to bolster understanding of how strategy drives intelligence gathering, analysis, product development and decision making.

Additionally, the seminar provided an opportunity to build relationships between the West Virginia National Guard and the Qatari Armed Forces, who are partnered through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program.

The first day of the seminar focused on topics specific to women in, and working in support of, the military. The following three days' discussions centered on intelligence topics, and a practical exercise was conducted on the final day.

"The experience of meeting these ladies who are trailblazers in their country, they're very impressive women, it was the best all-around [temporary duty assignment]," Belfield said of engaging with the nearly 30 Qatari women who support the Ministry of Defense as civilian intelligence analysts.

The biggest takeaway for Bagley was the common ground they found with their Qatari counterparts as discussions bounced between personal and professional topics.

"We think we are so different based on culture, but there are so many similarities, especially when you're focusing on gender. As soon as kids or family is mentioned, everyone wants to share their personal experiences," Bagley said.

Bagley also noted the support the Qatari women have from their male coworkers who recognize their value and see the unique perspective they bring to intelligence analysis.

"Qatar is forward leaning in the Middle East when it comes to women and the workplace, and I think there's so much value in having them as a state partner," Belfield said.

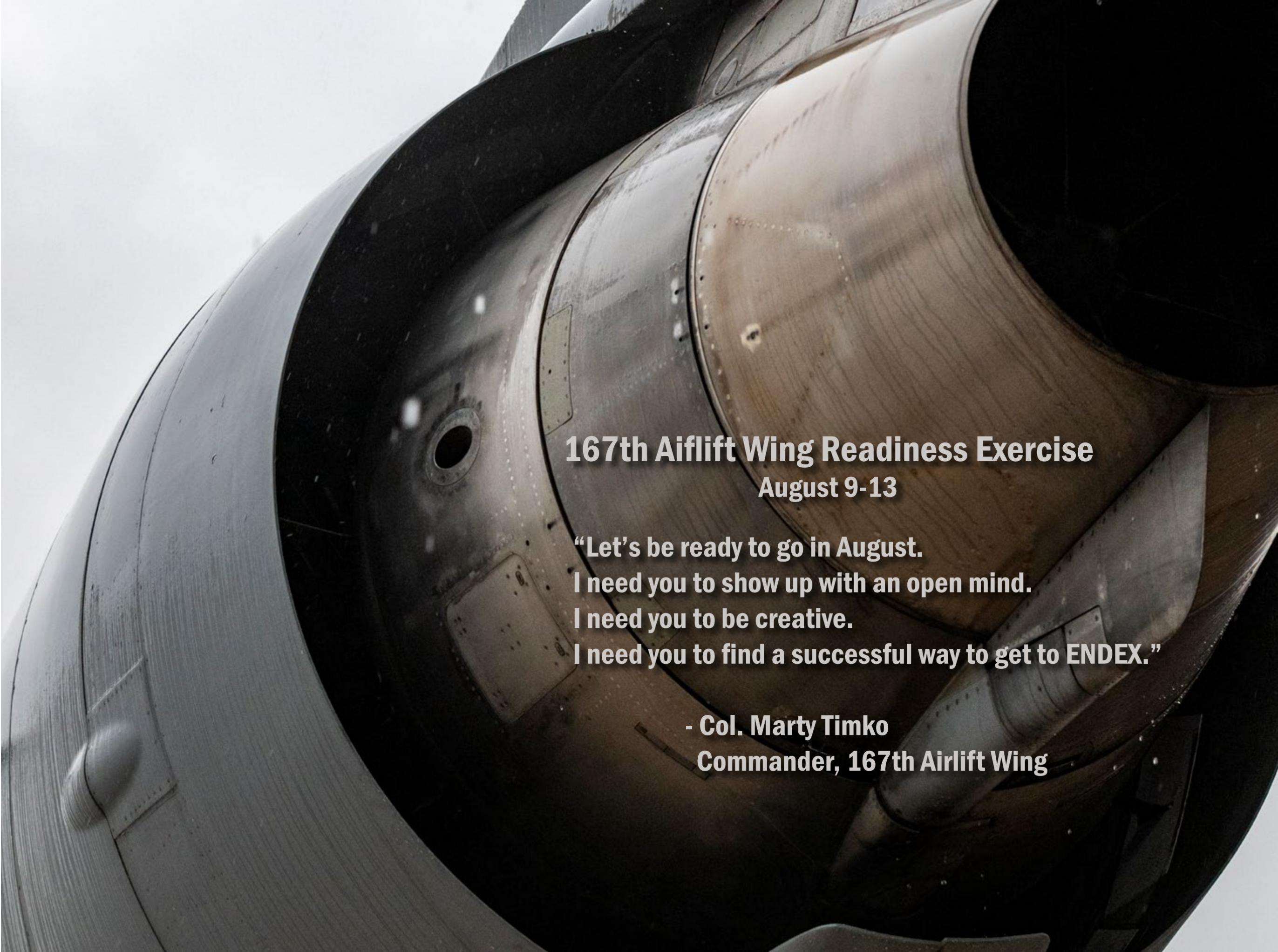
The West Virginia National Guard and Qatar have been partnered since 2018 through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program, and notably supported Qatari military partners in preparation for, and execution of, the FIFA World Cup in 2022. Most recently, West Virginia National Guard and Qatari military leaders met in Doha for a State Partnership Program engagement, March 2023. 🐾



Above: West Virginia National Guardsmen Tech. Sgt. Victoria Bagley, Maj. Taylor Belfield, left, and 1st Lt. Abbey Welborn fourth from right, participated in the Women in Strategic Intelligence Seminar in Doha, Qatar, May 14-18.

Below: Maj. Gen. Dustin (Dusty) A. Shultz, Director of Strategic Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, addresses participants of the Women in Strategic Intelligence Seminar at the Directorate of Military Intelligence.



A close-up, low-angle shot of a large aircraft engine intake, showing the metallic, riveted structure and the circular opening. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

167th Airlift Wing Readiness Exercise
August 9-13

**“Let’s be ready to go in August.
I need you to show up with an open mind.
I need you to be creative.
I need you to find a successful way to get to ENDEX.”**

**- Col. Marty Timko
Commander, 167th Airlift Wing**

167th's extended June drill packed with training

by Airmen James DeCicco

The 167th Airlift Wing performed a four-day, extended Unit Training Assembly, at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 8 - 11, 2023.

The extended UTA, also referred to "super drill," combined June and July UTA's to focus on unit readiness.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Environmental training; Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training; Hazardous Materials training; and Operations Security training were some of the trainings offered in addition to extended time to complete individual medical requirements, physical fitness assessments and other readiness requirements.

Senior Master Sgt. Jacki Weddle, the first sergeant for the 167th Operations Group and wing staff, coordinated with the wing's Unit Training Managers to create a master schedule for the event. Weddle explained that trainings were scheduled to be accessible for Airmen to maximize the amount of training that could be accomplished while also allowing time for Airmen to focus on other requirements.

In addition to annually recurring training requirements, career field specific training took place. Airmen from the 167th Medical Group participated in public health and nursing services training. The logistics readiness squadron held cargo processing and forklift training. The security forces squadron held classes on less than lethal training and security operations and integrated defense training. The services function of the force support squadron conducted a search and recovery exercise, and the operations group held water survival and small arms training.

The extended drill period culminated with Col. Martin Timko, 167th Airlift Wing commander, presenting the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award to the wing during a commander's call. The MUA is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in direct support of combat operations.

Additionally, many Airmen participated in recreational activities, such as the Competitor's Challenge, a team-based, recreational physical training challenge composed of a humvee push, litter carry, grenade toss, tire flip, four-man carry, plank walk and ruck sack carry. Squadrons also hosted picnics, and organized volleyball teams for a base-wide volleyball tournament.

June's extended drill enhanced long-term readiness for the wing but also prepared Airmen for the next unit training assembly, a five-day readiness exercise, in August.

"I think the wing did an amazing job getting our members as 'green' as possible," Timko said, referring to meeting training goals and readiness benchmarks. "With what I saw over these last four days, the wing did a great job." 🐾



Meritorious Unit Award presented to 167th



U.S. Air Force Col. Martin Timko, 167th Airlift Wing commander, addresses the wing during a commander's call to conclude the official business of the unit's training assembly, June 11, 2023. During the meeting, Timko announced that the wing received the Meritorious Unit Award; awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct from March 2020 to December 2021. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

Chief Michael retires with 24 years of service



U.S. Air Force Colonel Martin Timko, 167th Airlift Wing commander, presents Chief Master Sgt. Gretchen Michael, who has served the Wing in various capacities throughout her career, with her certificate of retirement, at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2023. Michael served as superintendent of the Force Support Squadron and most recently filled the Wing Executive Officer role prior to her retirement. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)

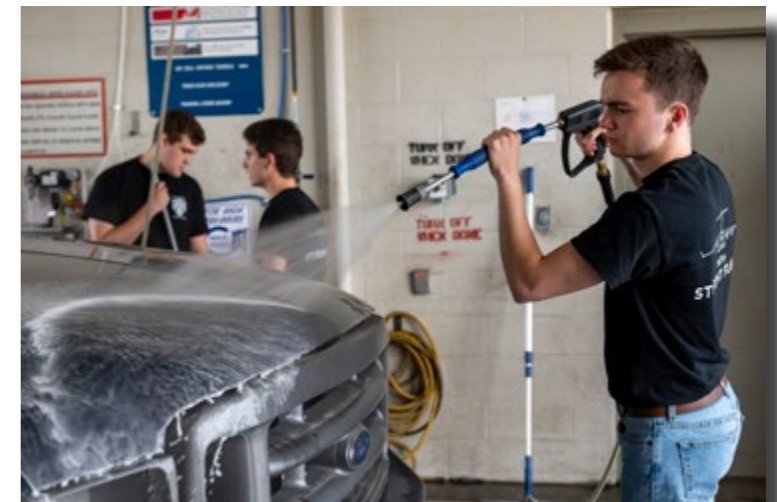
Airmen compete in 167th's Competitor's Challenge

167th Airlift Wing Airmen compete in the Competitor's Challenge, a timed physical training event at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 10, 2023. Teams of four Airmen ran a mile and a half while completing a number of obstacles during the event. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman James DeCicco)



167th Student Flight members wash base vehicles

Trainees with the 167th Student Flight wash and wax base vehicles at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 8, 2023. The trainees washed the vehicles to assist 167th Vehicle Maintenance Flight during the Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman James DeCicco)



Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

Senior Airman Steven Heaton

Hometown:

Poway, California

Job Title:

Emergency Management Craftsman

Senior Airman Steven Heaton is an emergency management specialist for the 167th Civil Engineering Squadron and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for the 167th Airlift Wing.

As an emergency management craftsman, Heaton is responsible for response and recovery operations for any natural or man-made disaster. He develops emergency response plans and ensures wing members are trained to meet mission needs and to minimize casualties and damage in the event of a disaster situation.

"Senior Airman Steven Heaton is a high achieving and steadfast Airman. He works hard every day completing high level tasks that not only impact him and his shop but also the Wing preparing for current and future operations," said Master Sgt. Ryan Hodges, 167th Emergency Management Flight superintendent. "Heaton delivers excellent and positive products ensuring operations progress and exceed all requirements. Senior Airman Heaton is a proud member of our unit and he has positivity for everyone he encounters and every project he completes."

Hometown: Poway, California

Job Title: Emergency Management Craftsman

How long have you served in the unit? It will be three years this July

How does your job support the 167th's mission? Emergency Management (EM) is a Wing program that is involved in many aspects of readiness for the 167th. Most members know us as the flight that handles the CBRN Defense course, but our role goes way beyond that. EM is responsible for emergency response, command and control training (Disaster Response Force), war/disaster exercises,

CWDE sizing, regional emergency coordination, shelter-in-place programs, and the Installation's Emergency Management Plan 10-2 document, to name a few.

Civilian job: I've had the privilege of serving the 167th in a temp tech capacity for the last year and half. Prior to my time here, I was a business owner, project manager in the automotive industry, and an instructor for extracurricular leadership & communication programs for high school students.

Education: I am four classes away from accomplishing my bachelor's in Disaster and Emergency Management and plan on attaining a master's degree in the same field. Joining the military and pursuing my degree happened later in life, but I'm grateful for all the benefits offered through the Air Force, our State, and the 167th in marking this goal off my bucket list.

Hobbies: Anytime I can be outside doing something active, it's a good day. Usually it is hiking, running, fishing, and playing tag with my kids.

Goals: Ideally, I'd continue to grow my skillset and serve the Wing in EM. I've also considered pursuing an officer role, after attaining my degree.

I am proudest of: the opportunity to represent our Wing and the EM flight every day. I get a sense of pride knowing that I am part of a larger mission and it is the collaboration of our members that makes us strong.

People may be surprised to know this about me: Since the age of



fifteen, I've performed improvisation comedy. At one time it was a career, but now it's just fun thing I do when I'm not working. So, unlike stand-up, there is no script or rehearsed bits. It's just your fellow performers, an audience, and their suggestions. Through improv, I've met lifelong friends, toured the country, and had the opportunity to audition for Second City Chicago. With the stress and chaos of an unscripted show, I guess Emergency Management was the next logical step, right?

The most exciting thing I've done in the military is: As part of the EM tech school in Ft. Leonard, Missouri I was able to participate in MOPP 4 training while being surrounded by VX and Sarin gas.

One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career: "Be the thermostat not the thermometer". Anyone can tell you the current situation. Leaders have the same information but make adjustments and work with others to make it better. You have the ability to positively impact your situation every day.

My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing: Each UTA, try to remind yourself "why" you joined. Take advantage of the opportunities around you in order to grow. Understand the obstacles you face but ask questions, be involved, and work toward solutions.

The best thing about working with my team is: The EM flight recognizes the role we serve, is dedicated toward improvement, and desires to benefit the Wing's readiness. I really value the work ethic and the diverse skill set of our flight. 🐾

FUNCTION FOCUS

AEROSPACE MEDICAL SERVICE

Aerospace Medical Service specialists at the 167th Medical Group participated in several training courses during the unit's training assembly, June 8-11. These Airmen are trained to perform a wide array of technical nursing duties involving the care and treatment of patients, including operating and maintaining medical equipment, administering immunizations, and supporting medical, dental and emergency treatment at deployed locations and remote sites. They can perform aeromedical evacuations ground and flight duties.



The Double Cure

by Chaplain (Capt.) James Moser



**Chaplain (Capt.)
James Moser**

There are certain old hymns that have been sung down through the years that are now recognized “standards,” known literally worldwide. These songs include ones like Horatio Spafford’s It is Well With My Soul, or John Sammis’ Trust and Obey, and of course, slave trader turned preacher, John Newton’s Amazing Grace. Another in this same status would doubtless be the old hymn Rock of Ages, written by English cleric, Augustus Montague Toplady (Yes, they had some great names back then.)

The lyrics of Toplady’s most famous song begins, “Rock of Ages, cliff for me, let me hide myself in thee...” As legend has it, the writer was supposedly walking in the countryside of Burrington Combe, in England, when a violent storm with pounding rains suddenly came up, and he stumbled upon a large rocky overhang slant in which he sheltered from the downpour, thus triggering the title and subsequent song. Whether or not this is exactly what happened is unimportant. The analogy the old hymn conveys is simple and strong. God is the mighty rock behind which we can hide in troubling times, even those which may suddenly arise. Admittedly as much as I like this line, there is another in the song which I love given the added reassurance it offers. This one states: “Be of sin the double cure: save from wrath and make me pure.” In

short, it is a reminder that the gift of salvation God offers is not only freedom from our sin or wrongdoings, but also freedom from the guilt and shame associated with such – in other words, a double cure.

As a bit of a perfectionist, this truly resonates with me. I am very much the type who, if I played 9 holes of miniature golf and got a miraculous hole-in-one on 8 out of 9 holes, I’d be bothered I didn’t get 9 out of 9. We are indeed our own worst critics. Thinking on this verse from the song and scripture from the Bible can, however, be a “wonder drug” for our suffering souls. The author of the New Testament book of Hebrews reminds us, in verse 11:35 for example, that if we ask for forgiveness even the Lord, who sees and knows all, “declares” that “yours sins and lawless acts, I will remember no more!” Likewise, Psalm 103:12 paints the wonderful picture of how God has the power to remove our “transgressions” from us “as far as east is from west.”

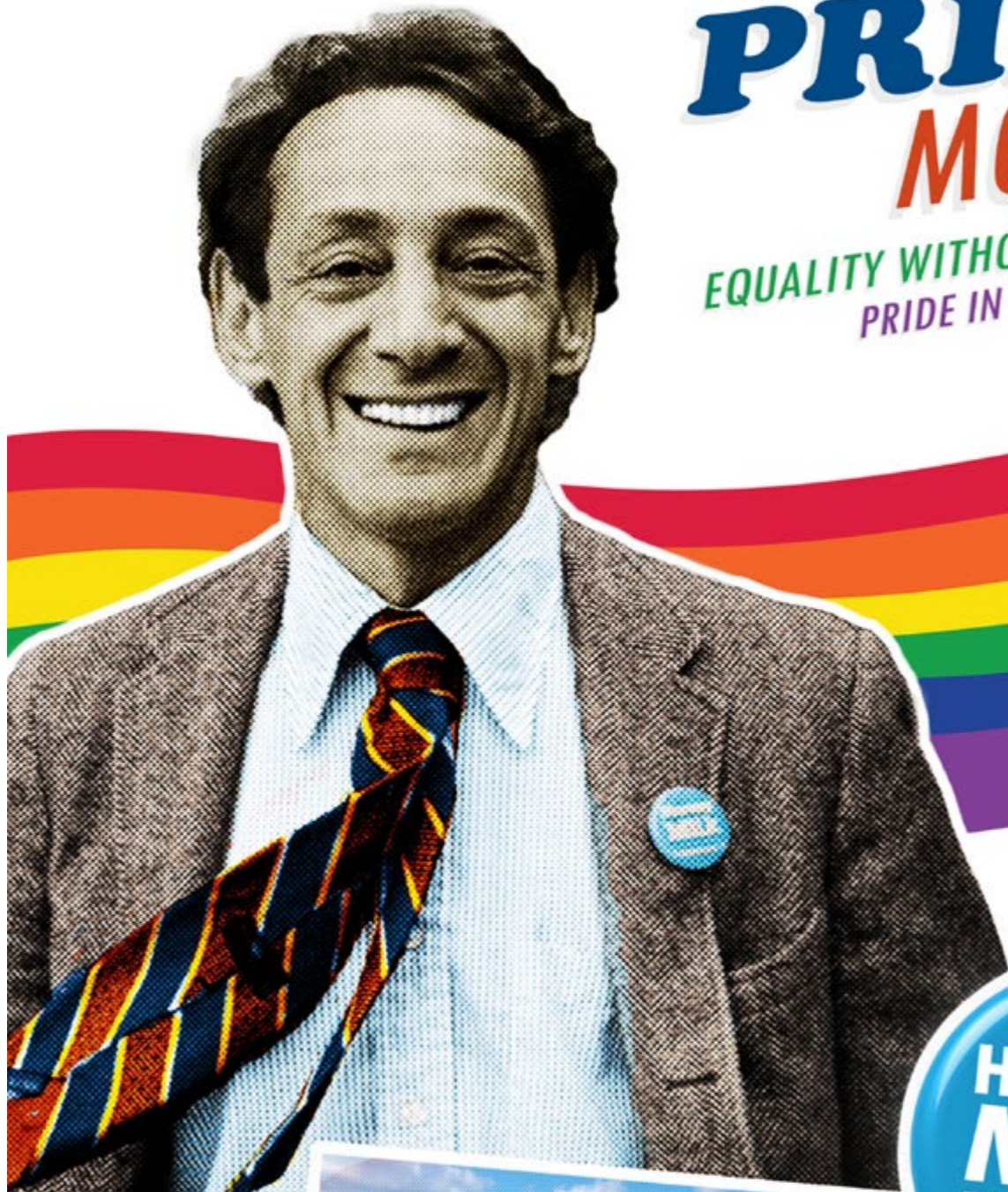
I know this, and you may too, but it certainly never (ever) hurts to be reminded of it. Related to this, it is a nice reminder too, that we can share with others specifically through our actions. For instance, if someone wrongs you, and later apologizes, you could think of that as the first cure. If, however, they still feel uneasy or any guilt or shame after the fact, reassure them that too, they need not, and thus you have the double cure. Augustus Toplady’s words are truly powerful in song as well as in life, so remember the power of God’s help and healing, times two.

GLORIFYING GOD
SERVING AIRMEN
PURSUING EXCELLENCE



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

EQUALITY WITHOUT EXCEPTION:
PRIDE IN ALL WHO SERVE



U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Tiffani Haynes and Capt. Rodney Brown tie-dye a t-shirt in honor of Pride Month at the 167th Airlift Wing, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 9, 2023. The 167th Airlift Wing Heritage and Diversity Council hosted the event. The 167 Airlift Wing Heritage and Diversity Council is dedicated to promoting the heritage and culture of Wing members and the broader community in an organic, grassroots effort to support inclusion and diversity at the 167th Airlift Wing. All members of the 167AW population are invited to join regardless of gender identity, cultural background, religious affiliation, or military status. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

Antiterrorism & Force Protection - Travel Security

submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms

These 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, take 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) 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.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN MOPP 4?

****Limiting Factors may dictate the use of Helmet, Kevlar vest, Canteen, M50 mask, Web Belt, and other items.**

Hair will be loose, tucked under collar and free of barrettes or bobby pins. Hair ties permitted two inches below neck.

Name tapes should be written legibly in the following order: USAF/Rank/First and Last name. Name should be display on the front and back of the helmet (if applicable) and on the front of the vest or Ground Crew Ensemble

White glove inserts and black chemical overgloves are to be worn under the jacket's sleeve. The jacket's sleeve need to be tightly secured using the hook and pile fasteners.

The retention cord is to be worn (if not damaged) and connects the jacket to the trousers. The cord is pulled between the legs and held in place by the buttoned receiver with the jacket drawstrings tied.

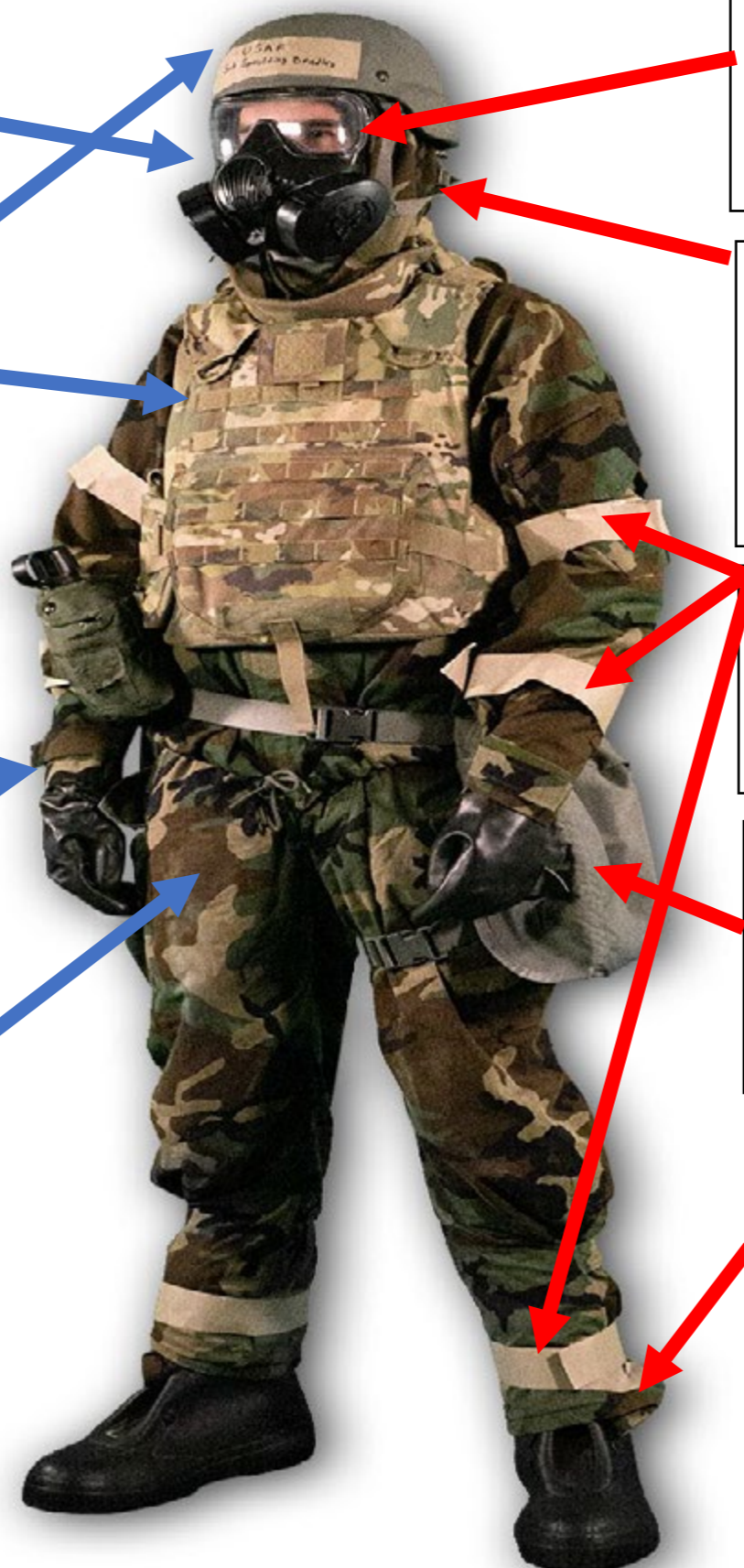
M50 mask must be sealed to the face of the wearer with straps tightened. Only clear visors are permitted. If needed, eye glass inserts should be worn by the user.

The hood should be pulled tight AROUND the M50's lens. Barrel locks under the chin should be fastened. The jacket should be zipped and hook and pile fastener needs to be secured up to the mask with no gaps or bunching.

M9 or SIM M9 will be worn on the wrists, biceps, and shin area of the Ground Crew Ensemble. There is to be no writing on the M9 tape, as it could create a false reading.

The Mask Carrier is to be worn on the left hip with the hook and pile opening facing forward. Both buckles (waist and thigh) should be connected, and the carrier should be closed.

The Trousers will cover the overboots and be secured using both hook and pile fasteners. Verify all pockets on the trousers have been closed, to limit liquid contamination.



STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE



167th LEGAL TEAM

The 167th Legal Office provides professional legal advice and counsel to command and staff agencies.

We also provide on-target and on-time legal advice and assistance to military members, retirees and their family members. Legal assistance is provided in a wide range of areas including:

- Family Law
- Will & Living Wills
- Landlord-Tenant Issues
- USERRA Rights.

The contents of your legal assistance appointment are attorney-client privileged.

All staff members are Drill Status Guardsmen (DSGs) and have limited availability to provide legal assistance outside of the UTA weekends.



Need to create a will or power of attorney? Access the worksheet here.



If you are under investigation for military misconduct or subject to adverse military administrative action, please contact the Area Defense Counsel for legal advice.

Headquarters (Bldg. 120) Rm 114
Phone: 304-616-5336; DSN: 242-5336
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AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL (ADC)



Capt Bradley Dunkle
Area Defense Counsel for all
members of the WVANG

AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL (ADC) CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Area Defense Counsel

Office: Bradley.dunkle1@us.af.mil (UTA)

OFF UTA: 304-412-3456 (cell)
bdunkle@dunklewv.com

If you are needing representation concerning investigation for military misconduct, actions of counseling, or administrative discharge; you may contact your Area Defense Counsel (ADC). Your ADC has offices located at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, WV and at the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, West Virginia

The ADC provides members of the West Virginia Air National Guard with legal representation when facing potential adverse or administrative actions. Your ADC is an experienced Judge Advocate located outside of your local chain of command, which prevents any appearance of, or possible command influence or conflicts of interest. This allows airmen of the WVANG to receive completely confidential representation and assistance.

You may need to contact your ADC if you are facing any action against you such as:

- WV Non-Judicial Punishment
- Administrative discharge and Demotion actions
- Denial of Reenlistment
- Referral EPRs/OPRs
- Suspect Rights Advisements
- LOCs, LOAs, and LORs
- UIF entries and control rosters
- Any other adverse actions in which counsel for an individual is required or authorized

The ADC is not able to assist in certain areas such as personal civil legal matters and congressional complaints. However, if you have any questions as to the availability of our services, please call to make an appointment.

The Area Defense Counsel is available for WVANG members only. Sister services must contact the nearest servicing base for representation.

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

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

Lindsey Hash
Office: 304-616-5991; DSN: 242-5991; Cell: 304-839-9157
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**167th Airlift Wing
Volunteer Victim Advocate:**

Emily Beightol-Deyerle
Office: 304-616-5251; DSN: 242-5251; Cell: 304-268-3706
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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





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 to 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

167th AW Right Start NCO

Open: 3 Jun 2023

Close: 3 Jul 2023

The 167th Airlift Wing is searching for a high caliber non-commissioned officer who aspires an active role in the leadership and development of Student Flight. This opportunity is a temporary 2-year appointment with a projected start of August 2023. All applicants must have approval from their Squadron Commander. First Sergeants will review applications prior to submission to the Wing Command Chief.

Job Outline:

- Integrate Student Flight into the Wing's mission and operations
- Track student progress through curriculum, schedules, and training
- Prepare students for Basic Military Training (BMT)
- Ensure members are able to meet Air Force fitness standards through physical training and mock assessments
- Instruct, coach, and model the fundamental values outlined in the Wing Strategic Plan

Qualifications:

- Open to Staff Sergeants (7 skill level qualified) and Technical Sergeants only
- Applicants must be professional in appearance and conduct
- Current passing PT assessment is required
- Position is open to AGR, Drill Status Guardsman, and Technicians

Applicants must submit the following mandatory documents in one PDF scan:

- ▶ Memorandum of intent (why the applicant wants the position)
- ▶ Memorandum of endorsement from the applicant's immediate supervisor and Commander (Member will maintain position on the manning document and return after 2 years to the same position)
- ▶ Military Resume (optional civilian resume)
- ▶ vMPF Report on Individual Person (RIP)
- ▶ Current fitness score sheet with 5 year history

If you have questions, please contact CMSgt Troy Brawner by email at troy.brawner@us.af.mil or by phone at (301) 573-7885.

Please submit all applications to TSgt Tiffani Haynes at tiffani.haynes@us.af.mil.

Applicants will be contacted for interview dates/times.



ACCOLADES



Welcome

MSgt Eric Duckwall, MDG
A1C Brandon Michael, OSS
Amn Khyree Morris, HQ

Welcome Back from Technical Training

AB Kendal Bittner, LRS
A1C Ashley Harner, SFS
A1C Jonathan Morrow, CF

CDC High Scores

MSgt William Henderson, LRS

Promotions

To Airman 1st Class

Cole Mathess, CES
Brandon Ritchie, CF

To Senior Airman

Dustin Strait, MDG
Conner Waters, FSS
Connor Albright, LRS
Charlize Wagner, FSS

To Staff Sergeant

Mitchell Beddow, LRS
Matthew Hawk, AS
Charles Adams, AS

Promotions

To Staff Sergeant

Emma Van Horn, CF
Devin Brown, AS

To Technical Sergeant

Katrina Sechler, FSS
Kelby Ramsey, CF
Tristan Rowland, AS
Daniel Coffman, CES
Thomas Sherfey, MXS
Gilbert Sandoval, LRS
Andrew Knotts, MXS
Jonathan Wall, CF

Promotions

To Master Sergeant

Phinneas Jackson, CF
Kayla Hoffmaster, FSS
Kirby Anderson, AS
Mark Darlington, AS
Andrew Mitchell, AS
Matthew Stemper, CF

Retirements

SMSgt Devin Paskewich, MOF
John Anacker, AS
Darryl LeMaster, AMXS

Base Services To Be Modified During August Readiness Exercise

Please note the following schedule changes for the duration of the Readiness Exercise, Thursday 10 August through Sunday 13 August.

- Medical Appointments will be offered on Thursday only.
- Force Support Squadron Customer Support Services will be offered to current unit members only.
- The Base Gym will be open for current unit members only.
- The Base Shoppette will be open for current unit members only with the following modified hours of operation.
 - Wed & Thurs: 0900 – 1500 (normal hours)
 - Fri & Sat: 0800 – 1600 (extended hours)
 - Sun: 0900 – 1300 (shorter hours)

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

From AFI 35-101, Public Affairs Operations

7.7.3. Imagery taken by Department of the Air Force personnel using personal cameras and equipment for non-official purposes will be considered personal imagery as long as it is not related to missions, operations, exercises, and training (hereinafter "mission-related VI"). (T-1).

7.7.3.1. Department of the Air Force personnel who capture mission-related VI on personally owned devices must comply with the provisions of paragraphs 7.8 and paragraph 7.18 of this instruction. (T-1). Department of the Air Force personnel should contact their local PA office for release procedures.

7.7.3.2. Mission-related VI captured on personally owned devices may be determined to be official DoD VI and a work of the U.S. government if the employee or military member used their official position or duties to obtain it (such as gaining access to military operations). (T-1)

