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ON THE COVER

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft launches for a training sortie while munitions are loaded to two A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug. 10, 2023., as part of a readiness exercise for the 167th Airlift Wing. The exercise tested the unit's ability to mobilize, operate and sustain its mission in degraded and contested environments through a variety of scenarios. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

ON THE BACK COVER

Crews from the 167th Airlift Wing and C Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Regiment conduct a joint cargo loading exercise involving a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 167th and a UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter from the 150th during a readiness exercise on the 167th Airlift Wing flight line, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug. 11, 2023. The exercise tested the unit's ability to mobilize, operate and sustain its mission in degraded and contested environments through a variety of scenarios. (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!

As the dust settles from Exercise UNICORN THUNDER, I want the wing to know just how proud I am of your efforts, creative thinking, and moxie to see the mission through to a successful completion! Chief Brawner and I saw numerous members throughout the installation as this challenging and all-encompassing simulation played-out over the four days. The common themes noted was the high energy and sense of purpose, all being performed with a determined "game face" on! I laud you all on this past week and now charge you to assist the wing in getting even better going forward.

While the exercise is still fresh on our minds, we will now start the work of preparing for our next exercise in April. The goal then being to demonstrate to AMC Inspectors how we conduct a robust and well-executed exercise scenario that prepares Team Martinsburg for whatever crisis or contingency challenges us in the future. It was brought up to this commander more than once over the past days how much it seemed like a SuperDrill. A salient observation that came from some of our newest in the wing which describes one of the goals for the exercise. It is one thing to conduct hands-on equipment training in a classroom environment, like this past June, and another thing to apply said training in a real-world scenario. The objective over these past days was to take initial equipment training and to hone it into applied knowledge while confronted with a simulated contingency environment.

Mission-essential skill in a crisis or contingency environment requires practical application and regimented practice. My desired end-state for the wing is confidence and familiarity with our specialized equipment and procedures that allows us to continue operations despite an adversary's efforts to halt them. Our exercise efforts are not just to fulfill an inspection cycle requirement but to give touchpoints across the wing so that when our people are called upon, they execute as only 167th Mountaineers can: with tremendous ability, poise, and pride!

Excellent work has culminated since last we assembled as a wing: the 167 AW was the largest C-17 lift for AIR DEFENDER 23, many members gave first-class support to the Scout Jamboree, and our Aeromedical Channel efforts completed over 150 mission sorties. Now with the Readiness Exercise in the rearview mirror, the wing will throttle back some in the short-term while continuing planning and preparations for future long-term efforts and events.

Hard to believe that my youngest will be heading back to school this week (much to my rising high school senior's chagrin) and in three short weeks, September UTA will be upon us. Fall is just around the corner seasonally, as well as the end of FY23 – keep working with your Resource Advisors and Orders Clerks to ensure all of your orders and vouchers get authorized and paid-out when duty is complete. Enjoy the coming Labor Day weekend and until the next time we assemble, be well, stay safe, and most importantly: STAY MIGHTY

--Marty

Team,

After and extended break over July you showed up in force to absolutely rock our readiness exercise: Code Name: Unicorn Thunder. A ton of work preceded the event from our planning team, IG, EM, and many others. The collective planning allowed our wing to be evaluated on our ability to mobilize our force and operate in a hostile environment. Col Timko and I made our way around the wing over the weekend to see you in action. Our observation confirmed to both of us we are a premier strategic airlift wing, ready for when our state and country calls upon us. I was most amazed at the team atmosphere and camaraderie you showed. There are always things to improve on after these types of evaluations. We will get after those areas of improvements in the coming weeks and will be ready for our AMC inspection come April 2019. Job well done!

In July, a large contingent of you traveled to Glen Jean, WV to assist our state with hosting the 2023 Boy Scout Jamboree. It is a unique event to say the least where the WVNG gets the opportunity to shine and show our professionalism and dedication on a national level. Col Timko and I take a lot of pride in sending our folks to this event every couple of years. It was one of the highlights of my summer getting around the event and seeing you in action. You rocked it! If you did not get a chance to participate this year, I highly recommend you get on the list next time. The experience is like no other in your career.

The past 6 months have been incredibly busy. I cannot thank you enough for the drive and spirit you have showed on both the national and global stage. As we take a deep breath, we of course are always looking at what is next on the horizon. Our focus will be to take a deep dive into the results of the readiness exercise and set ourselves up for strong AMC inspection next April. In the coming weeks we kick-off the 2024 167AW SNCO Force Development Cycle application period. If you are looking for professional development opportunities outside of required PME, please submit a package. It is important that you continue to develop yourself. Next drill we will present the Change of Responsibility ceremony where I will pass the Command Chief torch to CMSgt Mark Snyder as my time in this role will end. It is a unique event. I hope all of you can attend.

Late summer is approaching. If you are like me, you are trying to get in last minute vacations and focused time with family before the madness of the school year starts. Please take time and reflect on all the goodness our team has accomplished. Take time for your families, friends, and yourself.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Chief,
Chief Brawner #8

167th Airlift Wing conducts readiness exercise

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

The 167th Airlift Wing conducted a readiness exercise at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug. 9-12.

As part of the Unit Effectiveness Inspection cycle, the exercise tested the wing's ability to mobilize, operate and sustain its mission in degraded and contested environments with synchronized support from the 175th Air Wing of the Maryland National Guard, North Carolina National Guard's 5th Battalion, 113th Field Artillery, West Virginia National Guard's C. Co., 1-150th Assault Battalion, and the WVNG's 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the 130th Airlift Wing.

"Bringing in training partners from other units and branches of service enhances our interoperability capabilities," said Lt. Col. Tony Henry, 167th AW Inspector General. "And with our robust Wing Inspection Team, we were able to observe and assess the exercise from all angles which gives our commanders the ground truth so they can see where they need to focus or refocus."

Exercise participants, representing functions across the wing, were challenged to accomplish mission-essential tasks under simulated stressors and time constraints, testing their policies, plans and training.

The exercise's master scenario event list (MSEL) included more than 300 lines of injects, which drove the actions of the exercise.

Senior Master Sgt. Charlie Moore, one of the lead planners for the exercise, said the injects were developed to force the unit's Airman to think outside of the box.

"The scenario successfully stressed the importance of communication, teamwork and problem-solving," said Moore.

The wing carried out all aspects of its mission, to include deployment processing, launching transport missions and defending the base. Additionally, the wing supported Integrated Combat Turns with A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft and simulated munitions launches from High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) while simultaneously overcoming simulated network and power outages, ground and air attacks and numerous other disruptions and threats.

"This exercise offered realistic threat scenarios and it was accomplished safely," Henry said. "From the newest Airmen to the most seasoned officers and NCOs, we all learned something from this."

The wing will conduct another readiness exercise in April 2024. 🐕



167th supports National Scout Jamboree



Above: Andrea Marron and Katie Osterhout show 167th Airlift Wing patches given to them by Chief Master Sgt. Tracie Darby, 167th Mission Support Group, during a Women in Scouting event at the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree, held in Mount Hope, West Virginia, July 25, 2023. Darby was one of approximately 50 167th members, and 500 total military personnel who provided congressionally mandated support for the event including security, medical, meteorological, and aviation mission functions, while entertainment was provided by military bands and silent drill performance teams. More than 15,000 Scouts from around the United States and multiple foreign nations participated in the event hosted on the 14,000-acre Summit Bechtel Reserve located adjacent to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in Southern West Virginia. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt Sammi Brown)

Top right: U.S. Air Force Maj. Jon Alexander holds a coin he was given by Maj. Gen. Bill Crane, The Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard, during the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree.

Bottom right: West Virginia National Guardsmen stand at an overlook at Summit Bechtel Reserve during the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree, held in Mount Hope, West Virginia, in July.



167th Airmen attend Enlisted Leadership Symposium



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Alexander, former 167th Airlift Wing member and senior enlisted advisor to the director of the Air National Guard, Staff Sgt. Garrett Watcher, 167th Maintenance Group maintenance management analysis, Staff Sgt. Haylee Marshall, 167th Force Support Squadron human resource office, Master Sgt. Zane Carrell, 167th Maintenance Group quality assurance, and Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner, 167th AW Command Chief attended the 2023 Air National Guard Enlisted Leadership Symposium in Alexandria, Virginia, Aug. 2-4, 2023.

Four Airmen assigned to the 167th Airlift Wing attended the 2023 Air National Guard Enlisted Leadership Symposium in Alexandria, Virginia, Aug. 2-4.

Two hundred Airmen from across the ANG attended the event which featured panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities for the participants.

167th AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner accompanied Master Sgt. Zane Carrell, 167th Maintenance Group quality assurance, Staff Sgt. Garrett Watcher, 167th Maintenance Group maintenance management analysis, and Staff Sgt. Haylee Marshall, 167th Force Support Squadron human resource office.

Carrell, Watcher and Marshall said they appreciated the networking opportunities and would encourage other Airmen to attend the symposium. They each shared some of their biggest take-aways.

Marshall said she enjoyed listening to the panel of former Air National Guard Command

Chiefs and appreciated the discussions on cultivating a culture that embraces continuous improvement.

"One of the major takeaways from the conference was the importance of relationships within our organizations and how they should be maintained," said Watcher. He also noted the discussion on the shift to the Wing A-Staff construct which will allow units to deploy with sister services more effectively.

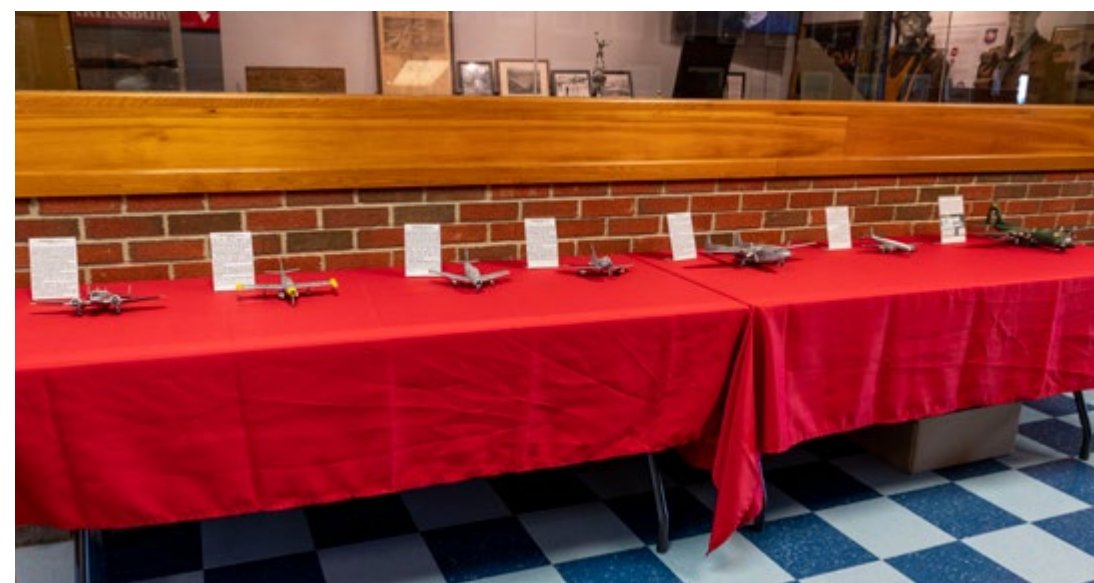
Carrell said he enjoyed "the emphasis they put on the fact that the generational change in the services is not as big of a deal as some of us make it. They made a great point about the fact that the services have gone through significant changes in the past and we were able to adapt."

One more thing that stuck with Marshall - "Giving your Airman a high five will release 10 minutes of positive endorphins in that Airman's brain. Hand out high fives like candy!" 🐾



Retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Alexander, center, talks with 167th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner and 167th AW Commander, Col. Martin Timko, in the wing conference room of the 167th AW, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug. 4, 2023. Alexander, a former member of the 167th who went on to be the second senior enlisted advisor to the director of the Air National Guard, donated his model aircraft collection to the 167th AW. The collection, built by Alexander, includes models of all the aircraft flown throughout the history of the wing.

Below: Model aircrafts constructed by retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Alexander are displayed outside of the 167th Airlift Wing Heritage Room. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)



167th Civil Engineering Squadron participates in training on reservation

Twelve members of the 167th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in an Innovative Readiness Training at Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana, July 16-29, 2023. The Airmen worked renovations on several houses on the reservation. They removed and replaced drywall, replaced windows, demolished and repoured sidewalks and driveways, ran new plumbing, painted and completed trim work at several houses. The IRT program allows engineers to practice hands-on, real world engineering training in a deployed environment. This builds readiness while also benefitting disadvantaged communities.



167th Airlift Wing softball teams bring home titles

The 167th Airlift Wing's softball team competed in the 2023 Air National Guard Softball Tournament in Wilmington, Delaware, July 26-29, 2023, and won the Men's Open Division championship and took third place in the 35+ division.

"Over June Super drill the original group of 5 players that restarted the WV ANG softball team in 2014 began talks of a 2023 run and the idea took off from there," said Master Sgt. Daniel Wean. "Over the next month the group recruited players, raised donations, designed uniforms, packed up for Delaware, and played the best tournament in 167th softball history."

Men's Open Division:

Players: Travis Sites, Daniel Wean, Josh Allen, Tyler Greenstreet, Keaton Neeb, Josh Simons, Glenn Housden, Levi Cameron, Rickey Miller, George Delinski, Robbie Bowers

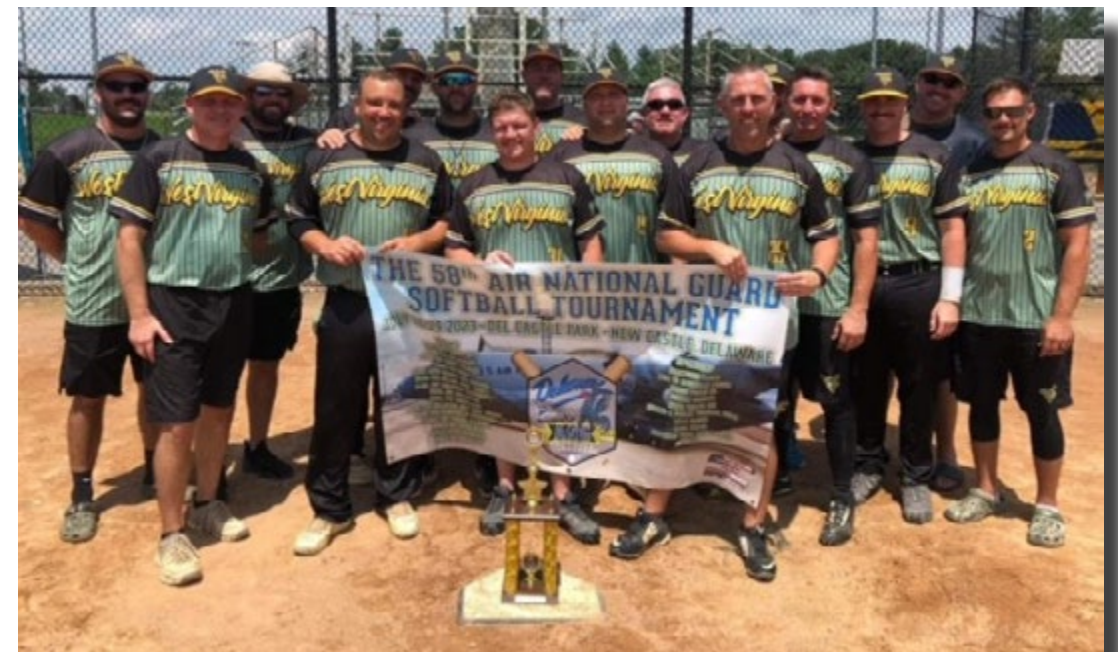
Team went 5-0 to beat Illinois, New Jersey, Tennessee, Ohio, and Arkansas outscoring teams 62-37. Elite defense paired with timely hitting and a team batting average over .600 led to a undefeated run. This is West Virginia first ever 1st place in the open division.

Men's 35+:

Players: Daniel Wean, Josh Allen, Tyler Greenstreet, Josh Simons, Glenn Housden, Levi Cameron, Robbie Bowers, Matt Wilson, Jody Miller, Todd Ramsey, Matt Ramsey, Jeremy Grove, Rodney Neely

Team went 3-2 beating Memphis, Ohio, and Arkansas and suffering both losses to eventual champions Tennessee. Hot bats won all three games early by the mercy rule to outscore teams 116-61 and finishing with a 3rd place trophy.

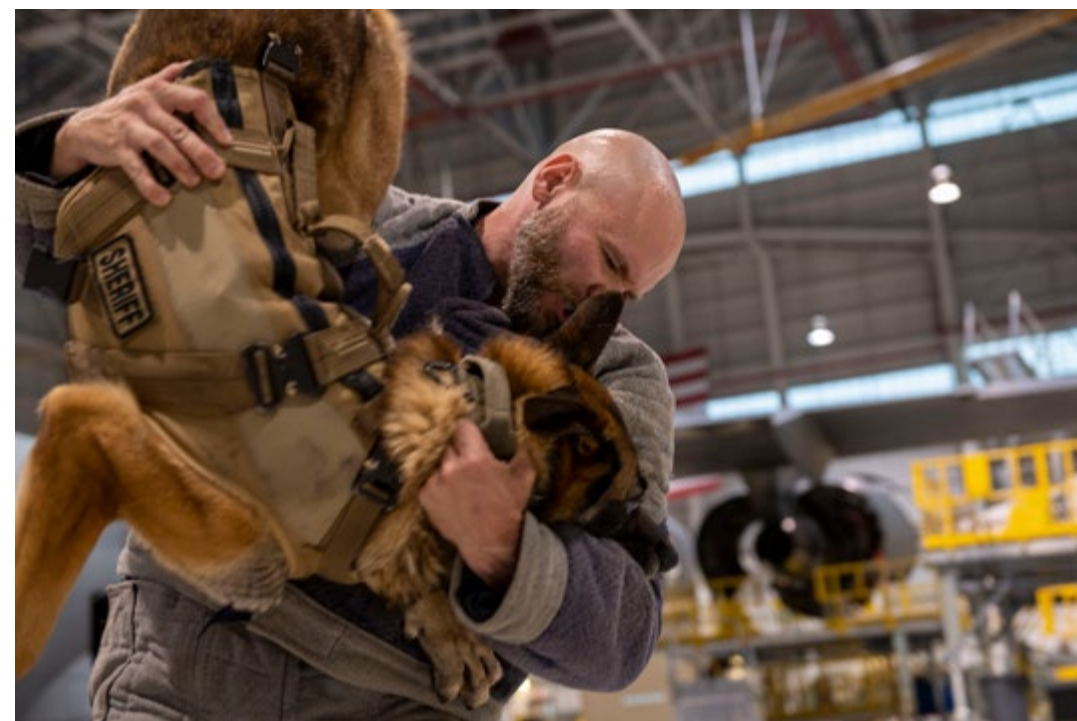
Next year's tournament will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the end of July 2023. The West Virginia group will head down to defend their title along with adding more teams for the 45+, Coed, and female divisions. If interested in playing next year, look for announcements in the monthly bulletin for meetings to assist in fundraising and practices. The annual Air National Guard Softball tournament is a great place to compete and build camaraderie with your 167th teammates and other units across the country from New York to Hawaii.



167th aircraft maintainers support maintenance verification process



Ernie Dinglas, a technical writer for Boeing, watches as U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Thompson, 167th Maintenance Group, replaces an antennae on top on a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, as part of a Time Compliance Technical Order verification process at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, July 12, 2023. The TCTO team comprised of Boeing representatives and retrofit managers from the Air Force Lifecycle Management Center's C-17 Program Office verified three TCTO's with assistance from 167th Airlift Wing aircraft maintainers, July 10-14, 2023. The C-17 TCTO's are directives, written by Boeing engineers, issued to provide instructions to aircraft maintainers for accomplishing one-time changes, modifications or inspections of equipment. The TCTO team works with maintainers to ensure the TCTO is correct before it is released to the field for implementation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)



167th Security Forces gets K-9 demo and training

Above: Chris Landers, a canine trainer for GardaWorld, works with Kuno, a security dog in training, as part of a demonstration of techniques used to train canines to subdue assailants, at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, July 14, 2023. GardaWorld and Berkeley County Sheriff's Department representatives brought working canines to the 167th Airlift Wing to provide demonstrations and training to 167th Security Forces Airmen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)



A working dog in training latches on to a bite sleeve worn by U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Joseph Charette, 167th Security Forces Squadron, at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, July 14, 2023, as part of a demonstration and training event with the 167th Security Forces, GardaWorld and Berkeley County Sheriff's Department.

Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

Staff Sgt. Braden Stutzman

Hometown:

Falling Waters, W.Va.

Job Title:

Security Forces

Staff Sgt. Braden Stutzman is a defender for the 167th Security Forces Squadron and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for July 2023.

As a defender, Stutzman's job is to protect, defend and fight. He is responsible for upholding security and providing law enforcement on the base.

"Over the past few months, Staff Sgt. Stutzman has volunteered for every opportunity that was presented, he attended the Security Forces Combat Arms Apprentice course and the Security Forces Combat Leaders Course," said Master Sgt. Shawn Green, 167th SFS alpha squad leader.

Green said Stutzman is dedicated to his squadron and the wing and seeks new training opportunities to benefit others and share knowledge with his peers.

"Staff Sgt. Stutzman has been a model NCO for others to emulate and he continues to demonstrate professionalism every day," said Green.

Hometown: Falling Waters

Job Title: Security Forces

How long have you served in the unit? 6 Years

How does your job support the 167th's mission? Or finish this sentence: My job here is important because: I am responsible for

the protection of all DOD personnel and assets at the 167th. I have taken the initiative to become a leader at the 167th.

Civilian job: State Employee at the 167th

Education: I am a high school graduate. I also graduated from James Ramsey Technical Institute for Automotive Technology. I hope to pursue a degree in Cyber Security.

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with dog, Jax and being outdoors.

Goals: First on my list would be to compete in Best Warrior, become a Raven, and if all goes well I would like to become a Ranger. Just to name a few.

I am proudest of: Completing the Combat Leaders Course.

People may be surprised to know this about me: I was very shy and tried not to draw attention to myself.

The most exciting thing I've done in the military is: Attend the Combat Leaders Course. I enjoyed learning the field craft, land navigation, and all the rucks.

One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career: Being a good follower can be just as powerful as

being a good leader.

My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing: Volunteer as much as possible, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Strive to be the person that younger airmen want model their career after.

The best thing about working with my team is: Developing life-long relationships with coworkers. With the right people, showing up to work doesn't feel like work. 🐕



Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

Senior Master Sgt. Jacki Weddle

Hometown:

Brunswick, MD

Job Title:

First Sergeant

Senior Master Sgt. Jacki Weddle is a First Sergeant for the 167th Operations Group and 167th headquarters staff. She is the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for August 2023.

As a First Sergeant, Weddle advises the operations group commanders and the wing commander on the health, morale, welfare, conduct and quality of life of Airmen to ensure mission readiness. She is a critical link between the commanders and the enlisted members.

"In her present role as a Wing First Sergeant she takes on many endeavors that have enhanced and improved the development of all Airmen in the wing," said Col. Bill Annie, 167th Airlift Wing deputy commander.

Weddle is highly involved in wing sponsored events and volunteers often to take on more responsibilities. "She has truly gone above and beyond when caring for those within her charge," Annie said. "With her passion and energy she has earned respect from all levels of leadership across the Wing. She is a true example of a professional Senior Non-Commissioned Officer."

Job Title: Headquarters/Operations Group First Sergeant

How long have you served in the unit? 23.5 year

My job here is important because: I assist the wing commander and commanders within operations group on maintaining good morale, health, welfare and help ensure discipline is executed fairly. My focus is also on our Airmen. If they need any sort of assistance, I can act as a resource provider and point them in the right direction, give guidance on their careers, counsel them in difficult times and celebrate them with awards, promotions and retirements!

Civilian job: Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Specialist here at the 167th Airlift Wing.

Education: I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Management from American Military University in 2013.

Hobbies: I love to run...and play softball when I can.

Goals: I just want to continue to support our Airmen and eventually earn the rank of CMSgt. May-



be one day I will actually complete my master's degree in psychology.

I am proudest of: my kids....and taking the chance 6 years ago and was selected as a First Sergeant after being in Services for 17 years. It was the best decision I could have made.

People may be surprised to know this about me: I had the opportunity to play softball in Italy at Aviano AB for the USAFE championships while I was TDY at RAF Mildenhall, UK in 2005.

The most exciting thing I've done in the military is: I deployed in 2021 to Al Dhafra AB, UAE as the Operations Group First Sergeant. The people I met and knowledge gained about the Air Force as a whole was so eye opening. I worked with 7 Commanders, 6 squadrons that managed 6 types of aircraft. The experiences have made me a better First Sergeant.

One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career: Anyone can earn rank, anyone can earn titles, but it takes a truly compassionate person to earn the respect and have your Airmen look up to you. When they stop coming to you with their problems, that's when you know you are doing something wrong.

My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing: Volunteer for opportunities outside your shop. Get to know others around the Wing. Don't get tunnel vision working in one area and not know what else is going on around the unit. You will only grow as an Airmen when you step outside your comfort zone and do big things!

The best thing about working with my team is: Knowing that I have a great support team behind me and knowing I can turn to them at any given time and they have my back. I can only hope they know that they can rely on me the same way. 🐾

Military and Family Readiness Program Office

Donated school supplies for 167th military kids have arrived! They were donated by our community through local Dollar Tree stores coordinated by Operation HomeFront, and sorted by Berkeley County's JRROTC program. Supplies are located in the hallway outside the Military & Family Readiness Program Office, building 120. Feel free to stop by and get some for your kids before they're gone!

KUDOS: Operation Unicorn Storm - The 167th Military & Family Readiness Program Office is hosting an educational and fun event called KUDOS: Operation Unicorn Storm for our 167th families. KUDOS = Kids Understanding Deployment Operations.

The event consists of a mock deployment processing line for our Guard kids of all ages, followed by a family fun run with activity stations, that's sponsored by our Wing's Councils and the 167th Family Readiness Group.

Overview - The event starts with a PDF military processing line for the kids. After every child processes through the line, there will be an Intel Brief explaining their "deployment" (the Family Fun Run) and the "Timkonians" that will have 10 stations along the run route. (This is where we can use the help of unit member volunteers and family members! If you can volunteer two hours of your time, we can use your help handing our water guns and sunglasses, blasting colored powder and slime, etc. Volunteers welcome!)

Whether you'd like to participate and bring your family or volunteer to help, register for the event by scanning the QR code on the attached announcement and save the date!

DATE: Saturday, 30 September 2023
TIME: 1000-1200
LOCATION: On base starting at the Wing's DFAC

Participants of the event please note:

- 1) Clothing and shoes may become stained by the dyes in the colored powder cornstarch and slime. It's recommended to wear old clothing.
- 2) You're welcome to bring your own protective eye gear/sunglasses for you and your family.
- 3) Children are welcome to bring their own water guns, as long as it's a size that won't create a safety issue for them or someone else while running the route.
- 4) The full running route is on paved surface roads of the base and is approximately a mile and a half. There is a short cut on the route for smaller runners and/or those that don't want to run through the colored powder.
- 5) Registration is required. Children not registered will not have their name on items received in the mobility processing line and possibly may not receive all items handed out on the PDF line if there's limited quantities. Registration closes 25 September 2023.

This event is open to our West Virginia National Guard kids. Service member, family member, or volunteer must have a valid ID for base entrance. Children must be accompanied by the service member or family member during the event. This is not a drop-off event.

Feel free to contact the 167 Military & Family Readiness Program Office, at ext. 5576 or 5590, if you have any questions.

167th Airlift Wing
Military & Family Readiness Programs
Offers

KUDOS

OPERATION UNICORN STORM

Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023
Time: 1000 - 1200
Location: Base Dining Facility
Open to 167AW members, employees and their families

- ★ **Military kid simulated Personnel Deployment Function line.**
- ★ **Family fun run "deployment" with CPR demo, water ball grenades, water guns, slime, and color blast stations.**

Registration Required by 25 September

Scan here to Register or Volunteer

167TH AIRLIFT WING
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Religious Affairs Airmen

by Airman 1st Class Zachary Bennett



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

My name is A1C Zak Bennett and I just completed Religious Affairs Airmen Apprentice Course in July 2023 at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Previously known as Chaplain Assistants, RAA's assist the chaplains and provide many services to the needs of our Airmen. The course was seven weeks long and incorporated crisis intervention, suicide intervention, leadership advisement, and unit engagement. As an RAA, we perform religious support and coordination for religious programs, ceremonies, worship services, funeral and/or memorial services. We are also qualified to coordinate events such as Strong Bonds; a program that helps strengthen married couples' relationships and allow them the chance to be alone and reconnect with each other, while leaving the day-to-day stresses behind for a weekend.

Keesler AFB is a large base with many places to go in the surrounding area. For those who haven't been to Keesler yet, here are some interesting places to visit:

Biloxi has a wide variety of food and entertainment to make the long days after class enjoyable and relax on the Gulf. New Orleans is an hour and thirty minutes away and has many attractions and historical locations that makes a great weekend get-away. The National World War II Museum, Bourbon Street, and Café Du Monde are only a few examples. Mobile Alabama is an hour away and you can visit the USS Alabama a South Dakota-class battleship. There are many places to go eat and explore the local area.

As Religious Affairs Airmen we serve the Airmen and their families of our wing and provides for the free exercise of religion for all airmen. Part of our mission is advising leadership on religious, spiritual, ethical, morale, and moral health of the unit. We provide non-routine counseling through crisis intervention, and we maintain 100% confidentiality. We also facilitate Airmen's religious needs through religious accommodations. Any member can speak to the chaplain and start that process. When you see anyone from the Chaplain Corps walk through your section or around base feel free to say hi.



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Antiterrorism & Force Protection - Surveillance Operations

submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms

These tips address recognizing surveillance operations and actions to take if you suspect someone is conducting surveillance operations.

DEFINITION

- Continuous or periodic act of observing a person, a place, or a thing for the purpose of gathering information.

TYPES:

- Stationary
- Enroute Or Moving
- Technical Surveillance

INDICATORS:

- Illegally or suspiciously parked vehicles (e.g., along the installation perimeter or by high risk facilities)
- Occupied parked vehicles
- Personnel in unauthorized areas
- Personnel taking photographs, sketches or observing specific operations (air traffic, vehicle traffic, construction, etc.)

ACTIONS:

- Conceal your suspicions
- Do not force a confrontation
- Stop operations being observed
 - If possible and would not alert suspects
 - If operations are critical or sensitive, immediately stop actions
- Call the authorities (remember all details and make a report)
- Attempt to keep individuals under observation until authorities arrive

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.



STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Preventative Law: COVID-19 student loan forbearance program

Congress recently passed a law that ends the COVID-19 student loan forbearance program. Student loan interest will begin to accrue on 1 September 2023, and payments will resume in October 2023. The U.S. Department of Education (DoE) should notify borrowers at least 21 days before a payment is due of their payment amount and due date. To prepare, borrowers should:

- (1) Update their contact information with their loan servicer and in their StudentAid.gov profile (<https://studentaid.gov/>);
- (2) Consider auto-debit enrollment (borrowers could save up to 0.25% on their interest rate); and
- (3) Use a Loan Simulator (<https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/>) to find a repayment plan that will meet their needs and goals.

BEWARE of scammers! With resumption of loan payments, scammers may attempt to take advantage of the situation.

Here's a few ways to spot them - scammers may:

- (1) Pressure a borrower to pay upfront fees for various services. Legitimate loan servicers offer this support for free;
- (2) Promise immediate student loan forgiveness or debt cancellation. Federal student loan forgiveness programs do not provide immediate relief;
- (3) Demand that a borrower sign a "third party authorization" or power of attorney. Borrowers should beware of anyone who attempts to prevent them from communicating directly with their loan servicer; or
- (4) Ask for the borrower's Federal Student Aid username and password. No one should ask for this information.

If a borrower falls victim to a student loan forgiveness scam, they should contact their student loan servicer immediately, and seek help from their local legal assistance office. They may need to change their passwords for their Federal Student Aid ID, student loan account, and bank account. Borrowers may also need to file a report with the appropriate agencies, including the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and their State Attorney General. And finally, borrowers should vigilantly monitor their credit report to detect any inaccuracies.

For more information on student loan debt relief scams and ways to protect against student loan scams, see Federal Student Aid <https://studentaid.gov/articles/student-loan-scams> and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/ask-cfpb/what-are-the-signs-of-a-student-loan-scam-en-2100/>.



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.

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Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

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

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Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:**

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**167th Airlift Wing
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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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



**There's no
One face**



STOP Human Trafficking

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

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

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

Recognize SIGNS

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

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

REPORT IT

Chain of Command

Local Law Enforcement

DoD Inspector General Hotline

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

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888.



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ext 5181

For more information go to:

CTIP.defense.gov/

Current as of:
16 Aug 2023

AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL (ADC)



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

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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.



ACCOLADES



Welcome

Capt. David Marks, CF
Maj. Rebecca Moran, AS
SrA Kyle Carlin, SFS
AB Kaitlyn Cullen, MDG
A1C Vincent Bocchetti, MXS
SrA Kaia Burr, FSS
A1C Sarah McClaffin, CES
Amn Aaron Farris, CPTF
AB Noah Prosser, AS
SSgt Kenneth Anderson, MOF

Welcome Back from Technical Training

A1C Luke Spielman, SFS
A1C Donald Miller, AS
A1C Jake Kremmer, AS

CDC High Scores

SrA Gregory Dash, CES
SSgt Justin Ashby, CES

Promotions

To Airman 1st Class

James DeCicco, AW
Brooklyn Zuniga, MDG

To Senior Airman

Cristyn Helmick, MDG
James Johnson, MXS
Camdyn Maloney, MDG
Kylee Premo, CPTF
Jet Savusdiphol, OSS
Ryan Yates, MXS

To Staff Sergeant

Gregory Dash, CES
Dane LaBrie, MXG
Abigail Layton, MSG
Alanna Lynch, OG
Victor Orlando, MXS
Garrett Watcher, MOF

Promotions

To Technical Sergeant

Andrew Bartley, MDG
Travis Commer, LRS
James Doane, OG
Cody Feathers, AS
Jacob Orlando, HQ
David Orr, MDG
Isaiah Redman, AS

To Master Sergeant

Mark Kelley, CF
Jonathan LaFollette, AS
Lindsey Plotner, MXG

To Chief Master Sergeant

David Martens, OG

To Major

Rodney Brown, HQ
Aaron Hansrote, CPTF
Sheena Rogers, MDG
Roderick Toms, SFS

Promotions

To Major

Lori Wyatt, MDG
Logan Moran, OG

To Lieutenant Colonel

Christopher Kerker, AS
Matthew Thomas, AS

Retirements

Lt. Col. Brad Runkles, CES
Maj. Clayton Atkinson, LRS
CMSgt Gretchen Michael, AW
MSgt Crystal Gochenour, MOF
MSgt Scott Exline, AS
TSgt Rhiannon Collins, MXG
MSgt Terence Cadigan, MXS
MSgt Charles Gray, CES

Do you know about West Virginia National Guard Family Programs Health Benefits Advisors?

If you have questions about TRICARE, Mandy Hatfield can help. Senior Master Sgt. Brad Teter tapped into this resource to help an Airman with TRICARE billing issues recently. With mounting medical bills and collection agencies calling, the Airman was struggling to make payments. Teter said he reached out to Mandy and everything changed. "She was wonderful to deal with and very knowledgeable and helpful," Teter said. "She jumped right in and started taking action. The bills are paid and without Mandy, I'm not sure where we would be right now."

Mandy Hatfield, Health Benefits Advisor, WVNG, C: 304-545-5786. O: 304-561-6607, Amanda.m.hatfield3.nfg@army.mil

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

