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### ON THE COVER

*A vehicle and equipment trailer belonging to the Maryland National Guard's 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction – Civil Support Team are maneuvered into position to be loaded on a C-17 Globemaster aircraft at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Sept. 7, 2023. The 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Air Transportation Function joint inspected and validated load plans for the CST equipment on C-17 Globemaster aircraft, Sept. 6, 2023, and the equipment was test-loaded on a C-17, Sept. 7, 2023, as part of a deployment readiness exercise for the CST.. (U.S. Air National Guard video by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)*

### ON THE BACK COVER

*The 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Air Transportation Function and the Maryland National Guard's 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction – Civil Support Team conduct a joint inspection of the 32nd CST's equipment as part of the CST's deployment readiness exercise, Sept. 6, 2023, at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Air Transportation Function joint inspected and validated load plans for the CST equipment on C-17 Globemaster aircraft, Sept. 6, 2023, and the equipment was test-loaded on a C-17, Sept. 7, 2023. (U.S. Air National Guard video by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)*





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. Mark Snyder**

Mighty Airlift Wing!

One consistent aspect of the military is the concept of change. A living, vibrant organization such as the 167th Airlift Wing will undergo continual transformation, albeit in weapon platforms, mission sets, or the personnel that embodies the unit. After four and a half years, the time has come for Chief Troy Brawner to step down from his duties and responsibilities as your Wing Command Chief and Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEL). Stepping in to answer duty's call is Chief Mark Snyder, who participated with Chief Brawner in a small but energetic ceremony on Saturday Morning as Wing SEL #8 Brawner made way for #9 Snyder in assuming responsibilities. Both Chiefs will spend the rest of the month conducting overlap to ensure a smooth transition and we will proudly celebrate Chief Brawner's retirement on Saturday afternoon of October UTA.

From the hustle and bustle of last month's Readiness Exercise, it was nice to have a more even, less hectic pace for September UTA. While missions were still being executed at a healthy clip, based on the relatively barren ramp, personnel had time to get some requirements accomplished as we bring FY23 to a close. Please continue to work with your unit supervision to ensure all orders and vouchers are processed as we execute every available resource and ensure payment for duty performed in a timely manner.

If you are looking for a rewarding way to contribute some of your time and impact the local community in a positive way, I have opportunities for you! Over the next weeks, we will be hosting base tours to various local schools, our stellar Starbase Team is looking for mentors for after-school STEM learning, and the kid-focused KUDOS event is set for the end of the month. Information and details in this call for volunteers has been messaged to your respective Inboxes. One of the characteristics of our One Guard Family is our ties to the surrounding community, especially when interacting while wearing the uniform. Consider these opportunities – your involvement could sway the potential next generation of 167th Mountaineers of the future!

One takeaway I do want to emphasize from this past weekend is awareness that a viral pandemic is still amongst us. As much as we would all like to ignore this stubborn, mutating virus, it unfortunately is not ignoring us. Our own Assistant Adjutant General – Air, visiting Martinsburg for this UTA, had to cut his weekend short due to testing positive. A stark reminder to stay aware, practice good personnel hygiene, and above all, if you are feeling ill, communicate to your supervision and take prudent steps to avoid spreading the viral "love" to fellow members.

It is looking like Mother Nature is clinging-on to summer until the last possible day. With fall just two weeks away on the calendar, I like most of you, am looking forward to some more seasonable weather. Before we know it, October UTA will be upon us as we drive forward into the last quarter of CY23. Until that next time we assemble, be well, stay safe, and most importantly: STAY MIGHTY

--Marty

Team,

First and foremost, I want to take a minute to say how honored I am to be able to continue to serve with all of you as your Command Chief. As I said in my Change of Responsibility speech, I know firsthand the high caliber of officers and enlisted we have across this Wing and I promise not to take this responsibility lightly. I am committed to working alongside you and be transparent in all I do. For those of you who were off or unable to make the ceremony, just a little bit about myself. I'm from the Operations Group and have been a loadmaster for many years. I started out in the Aerial Port as a loadmaster and then served in the Ops group in several positions. As I make the transition to Headquarters, I'm looking forward to hearing what you have to say and how we can make things better for you. Feel free stop by and chat or send me and email if you have any questions or concerns that I can help with!

As we move into the fall and into the holiday season let's keep an eye on each other. The Holidays can bring a host of different emotions for all of us. With the increased operations tempo, pending exercises, and other Wing requirements it will be important that we take care of each other to ensure a safe and productive few months. As we implement the multi-capable airman (MCA) and agile combat employment (ACE) concepts, it's going to be imperative that we all dive deep into our primary AFSC's and get grounded there before we are asked to step outside and learn something new. The way we operate is changing quickly and it is going to take a team concept to complete our mission.

October will be Chief Brawner's last month with us as he moves into retirement. If you see him out and about, please wish him well. He is a testament to what a DSG can achieve. He has served this unit well from his time in the Aerial Port to the culmination of his career as the Wing Command Chief. Over the past four years he has taken our enlisted members to the next level and continued the tradition of excellence that we have at the 167th. We can't thank you enough for what you've done Chief Brawner!

Until next month, keep up the outstanding work and I look forward to working with all of you. Always remember to #feartheunicorn!

-Chief Snyder

# Change of responsibility ceremony marks transition to ninth senior enlisted leader for 167th

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

The 167th Airlift Wing held an change of responsibility ceremony, here, Sept. 10, to recognize the wing's new command chief master sergeant.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Snyder is the 167th's ninth senior enlisted leader, taking over the role from Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner who has been the wing command chief for four and a half years.

As command chief, Snyder will be the principal advisor to the wing commander on matters of health, welfare and morale, professional development, and the effective utilization of the enlisted force of the wing.

Col. Martin Timko, 167th AW commander, said he utilizes his senior leader as an advocate, an advisor, and an amplifier.

"I need an advocate for the enlisted force and for the wing," Timko said. "I see Mark as friend, as a peer, as a sounding board, helping me with the execution of the mission of the 167th Airlift Wing."

Brawner said he is "delighted to pass the torch to Chief Mark Snyder. He is a dedicated and capable individual who brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to this position."

Snyder, a longtime loadmaster, was previously the 167th Operations Group Senior Enlisted Leader. With 33 years of service, he has been the loadmaster section training Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge, scheduler, chief of standards and evaluations, assistant NCOIC, and loadmaster section superintendent. He has deployed in support of numerous operations and performed the first C-5 aircraft Line Operations Safety Audit. He has amassed 9,000 flying hours on C-130, C-5 and C-17 aircraft.

"Rest assured, I'll be an approachable, transparent leader. I'll strive for good communication and good listening," Snyder said. "I'll be open to change when change is necessary, and the words 'because I said so' will never come out of my mouth. It will never just be my way; it will always be our way in moving the wing forward."

Brawner will be retiring next month with more than 34 years of military service. 🐕



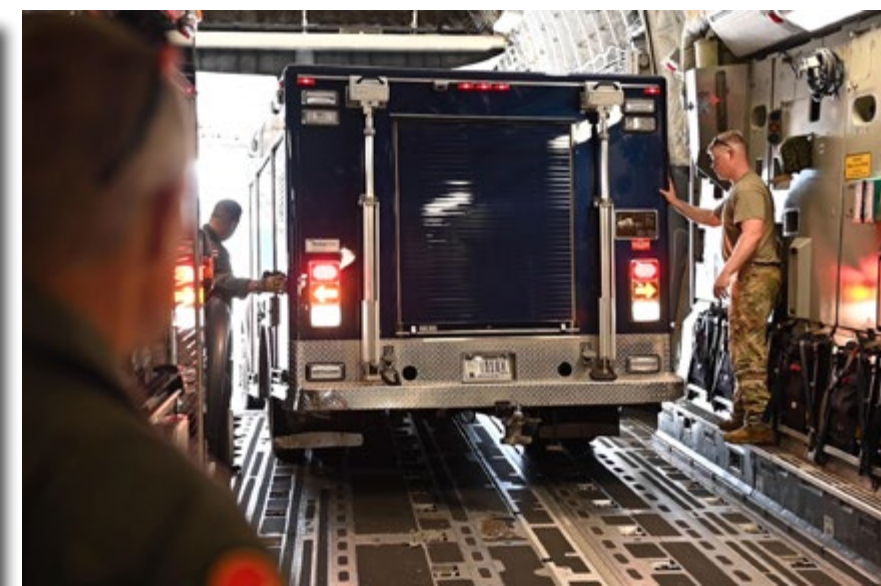


## 167th supports West Virginia's Greatest Airshow, Airmen meet governor

A 167th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster and a 130th Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules were on static display at West Virginia's Greatest Airshow at Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, W.Va., Aug. 26 and 27, 2023. West Virginia Governor Jim Justice visited with 167th Airlift Wing Airmen prior to attending the opening ceremonies for the airshow on Aug. 26. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)







## 167th Air Transportation Function supports 32nd Civil Support Team's readiness exercise

As part of a deployment readiness exercise, the Maryland National Guard's 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction – Civil Support Team moved 16 pieces of equipment to the 167th Airlift Wing, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Sept. 5, 2023, for joint and hazardous material inspections, load planning and load testing. The 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Air Transportation Function joint inspected and validated load plans for the CST equipment on C-17 Globemaster aircraft, Sept. 6, 2023, and the equipment was test-loaded on a C-17, Sept. 7, 2023. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)



## 167th Airlift Wing's Fire Department conducts annual live fire training



Firefighters from the 167th Airlift Wing fire department respond to a simulated aircraft crash to fulfill their annual Federal Aviation Administration Part 139 Live Fire Training, at Martinsburg, West Virginia, Sept 9, 2023. The simulator enables firefighters to practice extinguishing multiple levels of fire safely in a controlled environment. The mobile aircraft fire training simulator is provided by the West Virginia University State Fire Academy. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Kozak and Tech Sgt. Timothy Sencindiver)



## Local students participate in base tour

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Nasuti, a loadmaster for the 167th Airlift Squadron, fields questions from Warm Springs Middle School eight graders about the C-17 Globemaster aircraft they are touring as part of a visit to the 167th Airlift Wing, Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Sept. 13, 2023. Approximately 130 students from the Morgan County, W.Va., school visited the 167th on Sept. 13 and 14. Base tours offer insight into the mission and operations at the wing, and helps tour participants understand the unit's role in national defense. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)





## Mountaineer ChallNGe Academy - South visits 167th Airlift Wing

*Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy – South cadets visited the 167th Airlift Wing for an orientation flight on a C-17 Globemaster and a tour of the base at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Aug. 31, 2023. Nearly 70 cadets participated in the event which also included a recognition ceremony in front of a C-17 and some time to meet with Airmen in various career fields at the 167th. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)*





# Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

**Spencer Hamilton**

Hometown:

**Harpers Ferry, W.Va.**

Job Title:

**Loadmaster**

Senior Airman Spencer Hamilton is a loadmaster for the 167th Airlift Squadron and he is the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for September 2023.

As a loadmaster, Hamilton is responsible for proper loading, securing, and escorting cargo and passengers on the wing's C-17 Globemaster aircraft. He conducts pre-flight inspections, calculates proper weight distribution and supervises the loading and unloading of cargo.

Hamilton's supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. Nate Smith, says Hamilton has exceptional leadership qualities and regularly volunteers for duties.

"He consistently sets the standard for his peers, demonstrating a positive, proactive, and dedicated approach to his responsibilities," said Smith. "Additionally, Senior Airman Hamilton's ability to maintain a high level of aircraft knowledge further distinguishes him. His knowledge is a vital asset that not only contributes to his personal growth but also significantly enhances the overall performance of the operations group."

**Hometown:** Harpers Ferry, WV

**Job Title:** Aircraft Loadmaster

**How long have you served in the unit?:** I have served in the unit for 3 ½ years

**My job here is important because:** As a loadmaster, we are in charge of safely on and offloading cargo from the aircraft. While loading, we are in charge of accepting cargo or people for airlift and make sure that proper restraint is available for each piece of cargo. Along with that, we are responsible for flying cargo and people across the world, while maintaining safety throughout. We must stay current and qualified with our flying and ground training, so we are able to answer the call at any

time.

**Civilian job:** Delivery Technician for Jefferson Pharmacy. I deliver prescriptions and various pieces of medical equipment, as my part-time job while I am still in college.

**Education:** I graduated from Jefferson High School, and I am currently a senior at Shepherd University studying Business Administration.

**Hobbies:** Golfing, Fishing, Skiing, Exercising, and Flying

**Goals:** My goal is to see and experience as much of the world as possible, whether that be with the military or on the civilian side. It is one of the perks of being a loadmaster, and it has created a passion for seeing new places.

**I am proudest of:** My proudest moment was an aeromedical mission I did in 2021. Being able to bring wounded individuals back from austere locations was a very rewarding feeling. Along with that, it is very rewarding to move troops back who have been deployed, as you know they finally get to come home.

People may be surprised to know this about me: I got my private pilot's license back in July.



**The most exciting thing I've done in the military is:** The most exciting thing for me is all of the trips and countries I have been to. I love going to these different countries and getting to see a small glimpse into their culture, while also eating the great food there. I had never left the country prior to enlisting, and now I have been to 10 different countries and 4 different continents during my travels.

**One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career:** Just to be grateful for the position you are in. Traveling to different locations puts in perspective that there are a lot worse places and situations that you could be in.

**My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing:** As cliché as it sounds, just work hard and have a good demeanor and everything else will take care of itself. Working hard and having a great mindset will allow you to be successful and enjoy doing your job.

**The best thing about working with my team is:** The best thing about working with my team is the camaraderie that is built on and off the airplane. Getting to know everyone through travel and work has been the best part so far. 🐾



# PERSONAL FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

## I'm here to support your financial readiness and preparedness

by Steven Schleupner, AFC, 167th Airlift Wing Personal Financial Counselor



**Steven Schleupner,**  
**CFP® ChFC®**  
**Personal Financial**  
**Counselor III**

From high school graduation through the latest years of retirement, our financial lives grow more complex as they move through family and career transition stages. Preparing for the inherent challenges of both expected and unexpected life events seems like a momentous task. Couple this with the ever-increasing cost to support your family's needs, financial stress commonly comes front and center in our lives. In response, the DoD has made financial readiness and preparedness a core focus. It recognizes the ranging impacts financial stress have on service members' ability to fully prepare for and fulfill their missions.

Speaking from my 20-years' experience as a Financial Planner in the civilian world, I can attest to financial stress being a key stressor there as well. Not only are we tasked at understanding complex financial products and options, but the trend also the past few decades has been one where more responsibility for things like healthcare and retirement income fall directly on our shoulders. This is why financial knowledge and stewardship have shifted to paramount life skills and why the cost to obtain professional financial advice has risen drastically.

In response to its commitment to servicemembers and their family, the DoD is investing heavily in Personal Financial Counselors (PFCs) to provide direct and confidential financial counsel and education at no cost to you. You can learn more about the scope of the program at [www.FINRED.usalearning.gov](http://www.FINRED.usalearning.gov).

My name is Steve Schleupner and I'm the 167th Wing's full-time dedicated PFC. I'm here to support your financial readiness and preparedness. Located in Head Quarters in Equal Opportunity, I'm on base Monday through Friday, as well as UTA Weekends. You can use the QR code to schedule a time to meet face-to-face or online during the posted office hours.

Whether you have a simple question, are preparing for a major purchase, are facing a family transition, or just want to boost your financial knowledge, I am excited to bring my expertise forward to serve you.

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Use this QR code to schedule a meeting with me.





## Taking care of your mental health

by Cristina Firescu-Williams, LCSW-C



**Cristina Firescu-Williams, LCSW-C**  
**Director of Psychological Health**

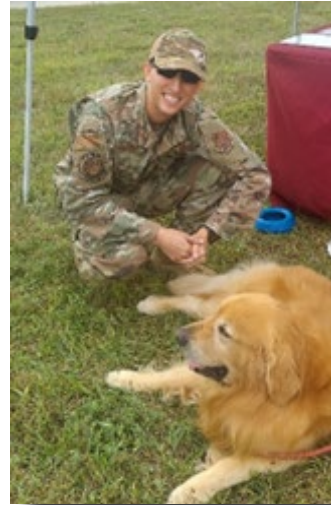
September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Here on base, we had a few things to offer to encourage self help and taking care of your mental health. Thin Line Service Dogs were here with Chief, Moose and Billy and made their rounds to shops to show their love and support of our service members. The dogs are always a big hit with everyone.

A representative from the VA Suicide Prevention Program was set up in the DFAC on Sunday. She had some fun freebies as well as gun locks for anyone that may have needed them. There was information on lethal means training and bags for proper disposal of unused or unwanted medications. Some bags for medication disposal can be found in the DPH office for anyone that may need them.

Due to the light footprint for September UTA, the FREE Limitless Athlete Recovery consultations had to be cancelled. In the coming months we plan to continue offering workshops focused on dealing with different types of pain or ways to strengthen your body and avoid injury. Past workshops have been received positively and it's beneficial whether you are an athlete or not.

Lastly, several classes for Suicide Prevention Training were offered and will continue to be offered during the week and on UTA for the remainder of the year. To wrap it up, September may be designated as Suicide Prevention Awareness month, but we should always take care of our mental health in a positive and healthy way. Reach out if you need support!

Cristina Firescu-Williams, LCSW-C  
Director of Psychological Health  
304-616-5939












# VOLUNTEER - COACH - INSPIRE

## BECOME A MENTOR!

### Program Mission:

STARBASE Advanced is an after school program aimed at further sparking students' interest in STEM related subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math).

### What's Involved in Being a Mentor...

STARBASE mentors help guide local middle school students through hands-on science experiments and exciting engineering design challenges.

### Opportunities to Get Involved

#### 2023-2024 Clubs Offered:

<b>October – January</b> <b>Faith Christian Academy</b> Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:30	<b>February – May</b> <b>Hedgesville Middle School</b> Thursdays, 14:30 – 16:00
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**Questions? Interested in Learning More?**

**Contact Ashley Spies:** 304.616.5501  
ashley.spies.1@us.af.mil

**Application on SharePoint**

## 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







**Saturday, 28 October,  
1-3 PM  
167<sup>th</sup> AW, Bldg. 119**

**FAMILY READINESS GROUP PRESENTS THE...**

# **HALLOWEEN**

**BASH**



**Games  
Crafts  
Cake Walk  
Trunk or Treat  
Piñatas!  
Hay Ride**



**Cake & Candy Donations  
Appreciated by 27 Oct.  
Drop off at Sherry Lewis' Office  
@Airman & Family Programs**

Contact is Ron Glazer at 167awfrg@gmail.com or 301-992-4803



**VEHICLES NEEDED**



**Sat., 28 Oct,  
1-3 PM**

**FRG Halloween Bash**

- Decorate to impress and be named the best trunk
- Share treats with our military kids
- Any vehicle can be used
- Families vote on best trunk
- Special prize to top winner

Park your trunk on base in front of bldg. 119.

Contact is Ron Glazer. 167awfrg@gmail.com/301-992-4803



## Antiterrorism & Force Protection - Suspicious Packages

*submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms*

These tips deal with 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.

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.





# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

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

**West Virginia National Guard  
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**24/7 Sexual Assault Support for DoD Community  
DoD Safe Helpline:**

Call: 877-995-5247  
Texting: (\*55-247);  
Texting outside the US: (202-470-5546)  
Online Resources: [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)





## 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

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[bdunkle@dunkleww.com](mailto:bdunkle@dunkleww.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 167<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, WV and at the 130<sup>th</sup> 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

A1C Evan Carrillo, AMXS  
AB Camden Fleagle, LRS  
SrA Russell Herman, SFS  
TSgt Joshua Kozak, AW  
AB Ty Messick, AS  
SSgt Paul Taylor, OSS  
AB Jade Thompson, FSS

## Welcome Back from Technical Training

AB Colton Hutton, FSS  
A1C Benjamin Strickland, MXG

## Promotions

**To Senior Airman**  
Malachi Cloud, AMXS

**To Staff Sergeant**  
James Elliott, MXS

## To Technical Sergeant

Timothy Abrell, LRS  
Timothy Cathey, SFS  
Anthony Jacoby, AS  
Bradley Knotts, SFS  
Jason Mayles, MDG  
Whitney Potts, MDG  
James Smith, MDG

## Promotions

**To Senior Master Sergeant**  
Bennett Norton, LRS

**To Captain**  
Timothy Ogburn, AS

## To Lieutenant Colonel

Lori Wyatt, MDG  
Ryan Healy, AS

## Retirements

TSgt Preston Bowers, MXS  
SrA Matthew Fiorvanti, LRS  
Lt Col Emily Marks, OSS  
TSgt Brian Patton, AMXS



## 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



## Significance of the 167th Airlift Wing Emblem Elements

**Blue Background:** Representing the sky, the primary theater of the Air Force operations

**Stars:** A symbol of the heavens

**Unicorn:** Representing the swiftness and strength of our nations air power. As with the fabled unicorn, normally peaceful, but, when provoked, will fight desperately to defend right and freedom

**Lightning Bolt:** Representative of the unit's aggressiveness and speed in accomplishing assigned mission

**Globe:** Representative of the unit's global airlift mission capability

**Golden yellow utilized in the border and other elements:** Symbol of the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel

## 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)



