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ON THE COVER

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with the 167th Airlift Wing receives pre-flight maintenance during rainy conditions at October's unit training assembly at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. This critical maintenance was conducted before a newcomers orientation flight, which gives new airmen at the wing the opportunity to fly and become familiar with the wing's aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)

ON THE BACK COVER

Members from the 167th Airlift Wing student flight and new unit members board a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft as part of an orientation flight at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. The purpose of this flight is to give new airmen at the wing the opportunity to fly and become familiar with the wing's aircraft. (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!

Awed by the show of support by our members in a packed DFAC and the presence of our State Leadership, I could not have been more pleased at the send-off we provided Chief Brawner! Setting the bar a bit higher during his tenure as the 167th Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Brawner gave a heartfelt and inspiring speech as he expressed his profound love for the men and women that comprise our wing. While Troy will be deeply missed going forward, he will not be a stranger, promising to check-in on us from time to time. I know that this wing commander (along with our newly minted command chief) will strive to honor Chief Brawner's legacy in raising the wing ever higher while continually advocating for our people.

Speaking of new command chiefs, Chief Snyder and I traveled to Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, NJ earlier in the week to attend the Fall session of the Total Force Air Mobility Command PHOENIX Rally. Joined by our Active Duty, Reserve, and fellow Guard wing commanders and command chiefs, the conference was hosted by the AMC/CC, Gen Minihan. Post Exercises AIR DEFENDER '23 and MOBILITY GUARDIAN '23, AMC/CC gave the mobility community guidance and intent going forward as we all strive to be ready to answer the nation's call, while honing our skillsets and abilities for the next crisis response. While change continues to be the order of the day from our senior leaders in how we are postured as an Air Force, it is still based on the mission magic performed each day by Airmen! We will take this change in stride as we continue to serve the state and nation while staying focused on the mission at hand and the drive to be premier in all we do. I know that Team Martinsburg is up for the challenges ahead!

While the rainy weather for Saturday was out of the normal from the usual glorious weather for a UTA, it reminded us that seasonal change is upon us. Due to the uncooperative weather, we have postponed the annual POW/MIA honor run event until Saturday of November UTA. Fitting, since it moves to the same month when we honor our military veterans – be sure to get your groups signed-up for a time slot in coordination with Chiefs DeCicco and Meacham!

Fall has definitely arrived, both in temperatures and the changing colors of the foliage. The ghosts and goblins will be out in force soon for Halloween as well. With our later UTA for the month of October, the reality is that November UTA is just three weeks away. Until that quickly approaching time of our next assembly, be well, stay safe, and most importantly: STAY MIGHTY

--Marty

Team,

I want to express my deepest gratitude and bid you all a heartfelt farewell. My ceremony last Saturday afternoon left me full of gratitude and pride. It was an emotional day to say the least. I can't thank you enough for such an amazing sendoff. I will never forget it.

It has been an incredible honor to serve as your Command Chief, to be part of this remarkable team, and to witness the dedication, commitment, and unwavering Mountaineer Pride Worldwide spirit of each and every one of you. This has been quite a journey. The challenges we've faced, and the triumphs we've celebrated have shaped my career in ways I could never have imagined.

Throughout the years, I have seen the true strength of this wing, not only in the missions we've accomplished, but in the bonds we've forged. The camaraderie, professionalism, and sense of duty that permeate our ranks are what make us exceptional.

Though I may be saying goodbye, my faith in the potential of this wing remains unshaken. I am confident that you will continue to excel and rise to the challenges that lie ahead.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member of this wing. Your dedication and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of our success. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you. I look forward to the next chapter in my life, but I will always cherish the memories and experiences from being part of THE 167th Airlift Wing.

Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your friendship. Farewell, and may our paths cross again in the future. God bless each of you.

Sincerely your friend,

Chief Brawner #8

Airmen recognized for Afghanistan evacuation

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

Twenty-seven Airmen assigned to the 167th Operations Group were recognized for their actions while supporting Operation Allies Refuge (OAR), the August 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan, during a ceremony at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023.

More than 120,000 Afghan citizens, allied partners and U.S. citizens, were evacuated from Hamid Karzai International Airport during the operation, the largest noncombatant air evacuation in U.S. history.

"These aircrew members volunteered to take short notice missions, many taking leave from their civilian jobs, and were faced with some of the most challenging missions of their lives," said Col. Christopher Sigler, 167th Operations Group commander.

Thirteen Airmen made up two crews that were presented with Air Medals with C devices which denote combat conditions, and Afghanistan Campaign Medals. The Air Medal is presented for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flight.

Aircraft commander Lt. Col. Alex Hanna led one of the first OAR missions into Kabul. He and his crew were tasked with delivering 250 Marines as part of a security contingent to the unsecured airfield. With a vehicle on the runway, they aborted their first attempt to land, performed a go-around amid hostile fire and landed on their second attempt as crowds overran the airfield. After the Marines exited the aircraft Hanna his crew loaded and evacuated 289 people and passed on valuable information regarding the airfield environment to other inbound aircrews.

Aircraft commander Maj. Samuel Harrison and his crew made three trips into the chaotic

Kabul airport. Under hostile fire, his crew delivered food and water and airlifted more than 1,100 people to safety, caring for pregnant, sick and elderly passengers along the way. Harrison conducted an unscheduled nighttime aerial refueling during one mission enroute from Kabul to Qatar, ensuring they could remain airborne with their heavy load while waiting hours for clearance to land.

Additionally, 14 other Airmen on two other aircrews were presented with Air and Space Commendation Medals during the ceremony. These crews conducted numerous aeromedical evacuation missions, transporting more than 450 evacuees to various safe locations.

"The selfless service and heroic actions of these aircrew members deeply impacted the lives of the evacuees they were able to airlift to safety," said Sigler.

Air Medal recipients included Lt. Col. Alexander Hanna, Maj. Patrick Barnes, Capt. Taylor Loving, Capt. Donald Tipton, Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Windle, Master Sgt. Gregory Barham, Senior Airman Courtney Shambaugh, Senior Airman Samuel Bartolomeo, Maj. Sam Harrison, Maj. Cabell Doyle, Capt. Kyle Koppenhaver, Tech. Sgt. Tim Larsen and Staff Sgt. Tristan Rowland.

Air and Space Commendation Medal recipients included Capt. Gavin Miller, Maj. Will Giles, Capt. Pete Evans, Capt. Trevor Whittington, Chief Master Sgt. Dave Martens, Staff Sgt. Charles Adams, Airman 1st Class Nate Catrow, Maj. Kyle Wagner, Maj. Casey Boley, Maj. David Groom, Master Sgt. Jon LaFollette, Tech. Sgt. James Doane, Tech. Sgt. Isaiah Redman and Senior Airman Ben Kelsey.



Aircrew assigned to the 167th Operations Group were recognized for their support of Operation Allies Refuge during a ceremony at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. Air Medal with C device recipients included, in the back row, Senior Airman Samuel Bartolomeo, Senior Airman Courtney Shambaugh, Capt. Taylor Loving, Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Windle, Lt. Col. Alexander Hanna, Maj. Cabell Doyle, Tech. Sgt. Tim Larsen, Staff Sgt. Tristan Rowland, Capt. Donald Tipton, Maj. Patrick Barnes and Master Sgt. Gregory Barham. Air and Space Commendation Medal recipients included, in the front row, Maj. Casey Boley, Master Sgt. Jon LaFollette, Maj. Kyle Wagner, Senior Airman Ben Kelsey, Tech. Sgt. Isaiah Redman, Maj. David Groom, Chief Master Sgt. Dave Martens, Staff Sgt. Charles Adams, Airman 1st Class Nate Catrow, Capt. Trevor Whittington, Maj. Will Giles, Tech. Sgt. James Doane. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

Command Chief honored during retirement ceremony

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

A retirement ceremony was held at the 167th Airlift Wing to honor the career of the wing's eighth command chief master sergeant, Oct. 14, 2023.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner served as the 167th's senior enlisted leader (SEL) for the last four years of his 34-year career.

As noted during the ceremony by Brig. Gen. David Cochran, West Virginia National Guard Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Brawner carried out the multitude of SEL responsibilities as a Drill Status Guardsmen (DSG).

"He was the first DSG to take the position of command chief and you would never have known [that he was a DSG]," Cochran said.

Brawner was presented with the Legion of Merit during the ceremony. The citation for the award reads, in part, "Excelling in his commitment to Airmen, and throughout his tenure, he was deeply involved with force development selections for national opportunities, and a vital voice in the West Virginia Air National Guard's force management decisions."

Brawner started his military career in the 167th Aerial Port Squadron where he served in

various capacities throughout his tenure there and deployed numerous times in support of Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

In 2016 he moved into the role of superintendent for the 167th Mission Support Group and in 2019 he was selected as the wing's command chief.

Col. Martin Timko, 167th Airlift Wing commander, said family, energy and unity are three concepts that characterize Brawner.

"This is a direct reflection of your upbringing, your values, and what is most important in fulfilling the calling of military service to this nation, commitment and duty to the people that comprise it," Timko said. "And the strongest core of the people is the family unit."

Brawner said his retirement marks a time of transition, reflection and gratitude, and his family's support has been his anchor.

Brawner closed his remarks with two pieces of advice, "step out of your comfort zone as often as you can and enjoy the ride." 🐾



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner, former 167th Airlift Wing command chief (retired), is presented his certificate of retirement by Col. Martin Timko, commander, 167th Airlift Wing, during Brawner's retirement ceremony at the 167th base dining facility, Oct. 14, 2023. Brawner served in the military for 34 years, the last four of which as the 167th command chief. Brawner was the eighth command chief for the 167th and the first drill-status guardsman to ever fill the role. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force by Col. Martin Timko, commander, 167th Airlift Wing, hands a shadowbox to Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner, former 167th Airlift Wing command chief (retired), during Brawner's retirement ceremony at the 167th base dining facility, Oct. 14, 2023. Brawner served in the military for 34 years, the last four of which as the 167th command chief. Brawner was the eighth command chief for the 167th and the first drill-status guardsman to ever fill the role. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Troy Brawner, former 167th Airlift Wing command chief (retired), addresses the audience during his retirement ceremony at the 167th base dining facility, Oct. 14, 2023. Brawner served in the military for 34 years, the last four of which as the 167th command chief. Brawner was the eighth command chief for the 167th and the first drill-status guardsman to ever fill the role. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Michon)



Orientation flight offered to wing's newest members

Top left: New unit members are briefed on in-flight safety and emergency procedures in a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft before an orientation flight at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. The purpose of this flight is to give new airmen at the wing the opportunity to fly and become familiar with the wing's aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airmen Steven Sechler)

Top right: Pilots with the 167th Airlift Wing show new unit members flight information during an orientation flight at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. The purpose of this flight is to give new airmen at the wing the opportunity to fly and become familiar with the wing's aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airmen Steven Sechler)

A member of the 167th Airlift Wing student flight looks out of a window in a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during an orientation flight over the skies of West Virginia, Oct. 14, 2023. The purpose of this flight is to give new airmen at the wing the opportunity to fly and become familiar with the wing's aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt Joshua Kozak)





A 167th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft flies near Mt. Whitney, part of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in early October 2023. (Photo courtesy of retired U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Warner)

167th Maintenance Group holds awards ceremony



Above: The 167th Maintenance Group stands in formation prior to an awards ceremony in an aircraft hangar at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 15, 2023. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

Top right: Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Daryll LeMaster is presented with the Air and Space Commendation Medal for his support as a flying crew chief during Operation Allies Refuge, during a 167th Maintenance Group awards ceremony at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Oct. 15, 2023. Master Sgt. David Rinard and Staff Sgt. Brandon Trucks also received commendation medals for their support of OAR as flying crew chiefs.

Bottom right: U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Breitenbach salutes Col. Michael Sherman, 167th Maintenance Group commander, upon receiving the Air and Space Force Commendation Medal during a 167th MG awards ceremony, for his support as a flying crew chief during Operation Allies Welcome, October 15, 2023. Staff Sgt. Dane LaBrie, left, was also presented with a commendation medal.



Airman SPOTLIGHT

Name:

Zachary Ball

Hometown:

Winchester, Va.

Job Title:

Munitions Flight Superintendent

Senior Master Sgt. Zachary Ball is the 167th Munitions Flight Superintendent and the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for October 2023.

As the munitions flight superintendent, Ball leads a team of Airmen who manage aspects of non-nuclear munitions processes at the wing. They store, assemble, account for and transport weapons systems to complete ensure missions can be completed around the world.

"Senior Master Sgt. Ball has been incredibly active this year across the wing," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Vosburgh, 167th Maintenance Group Equipment Maintenance Superintendent. "He is always looking for ways to be involved and to make the wing the best that we can be."

Over the last year, Ball was involved in planning for the National Scout Jamboree, he created a Combat Munitions Training plan that was adopted by the Air National Guard's C-17 community, he completed Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase II training, he completed training to be a wing mentor, and he actively participates in the wing Multi-Capable Airman working group, the Wing Control Grade working group, the Wing Vulnerability Assessment team, and the Maintenance Group Awards and Decoration committee.

Hometown: Winchester, Virginia

Job Title: Munitions Flight Superintendent

How long have you served in the unit? 15 years at the 167th, 23 years combined with an enlistment in the Regular Air Force.

My job here is important because: I oversee all as-

pects of the munitions stockpile for the Wing. I also direct all actions that involve munitions operations, while maintaining the safety and accountability of the stockpile and Munitions personnel.

Civilian job: I am an Active Guard Reserve member of the 167th Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Flight.

Education: Associate in applied science, Munitions Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of Arts, Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University.

Hobbies: Bass guitar, ukulele, woodworking, and playing soccer with my three children.

Goals: My military goal is to reach the rank of Chief Master Sergeant and retire before I am 50 years old, I am 43 now so I have some time to get there. My civilian goal is, when I retire to be a stay-at-home dad and take full advantage of that time with my family.

I am proudest of: My experiences that I have had while deployed or TDY. These have given me a broader view of the military and allowed me to connect with people from other Units. This has helped me learn different ways to do my job

and to bring those lessons back to the 167th.

People may be surprised to know this about me: I am a very average home cook.

The most exciting thing I've done in the military is: The most exciting thing I have done in the military was when I deployed to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in 2011. It was exciting to build munitions that were loaded onto aircraft and then see those aircraft come back empty. It was exciting to be part of that mission.

One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career: Be open to suggestions and other people's opinions. You will learn a lot by listening to what other people have to say. Also, learn from your mistakes, we all make them. How you react and move on says a lot about your character.

My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing: Pay attention to what is going on around you. There are plenty of opportunities to do very fulfilling things outside of your career path if you pay attention to what is going on around you.

The best thing about working with my team is: Seeing the Airmen in my Flight develop into successful members of the unit and thrive in their daily lives, both militarily and as civilians.



October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a global effort to help everyone stay safe and protected when using technology whenever and however you connect. The Wing Cybersecurity Office is proud to champion this online safety and education initiative this October. It is important to practice cybersecurity both when operating on official DoD systems but as well as at home on your personal devices and networks. We are promoting these key behaviors to encourage every employee to take control of their online lives. There are all kinds of ways to stay safe and secure online but even

just practicing these cybersecurity basics can make a huge difference:

1. Use Strong Passwords and a Password Manager
2. Turn on Multifactor Authentication
3. Recognize and Report Phishing
4. Update Your Software

Below is a guide on some actions you can take if you or a family member has an account that is hacked. Please feel free to share with family and friends, and if you have any questions regarding this or any other cybersecurity topic, reach out to

your Wing Cybersecurity Office here at the 167th at extension 5414, or send Master Sgt. Jacob Kent or Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Wall an email or Teams Chat.

The cybersecurity and digital privacy of our Airmen is important. Cybersecurity Awareness Month is co-managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and National Cybersecurity Alliance. For more information about ways to keep you and your family safe online visit <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month> and <https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/>

Hacked Accounts: What to Do Right Now

If you think your social media or email account has been hacked, wrestle it away from the bad guys by acting fast.

Hackers use a bunch of different tactics to try to compromise people's email, banking, social media, device, and other online accounts. Sometimes they do this to spam your friends with coupons, but other times they want to steal your money or identity. By alerting authorities and following a few steps, you can often retake control of your hacked account.

However, fast action is crucial. If you suspect that your digital account has been hacked, do something about it as soon as you can. Here's what you need to know right now!

How does an account get hacked?

Security breaches happen in many ways – sometimes you might click on a bad link, or the company in charge of the account could be attacked. This is why cybersecurity is so important to us all, and why we at the National Cybersecurity Alliance are so hyped up about it!

Commonly, an account is hacked through phishing. This is when cybercriminals use misleading emails, social media posts, phone calls, texts, or DMs that lure you to click on a bad link or download a malicious attachment. If you take the bait, the hackers can get access to your device or account.

Another common way your account could be hacked is if there is a data breach that reveals your username and password. The company controlling the account in question could be hacked, for example. If you reuse passwords, if any platform you use is compromised then cybercriminals might know your password for many accounts. This is why you should have a unique password for each account and change your password ASAP if you find out a platform you use has had a breach.

Signs your account has been hacked

Does something seem off about one or more of your online accounts? Know the common symptoms of a hacked account.

1. Your social media profile publishes posts that you didn't create. Ditto for direct messages – hackers might use your account to send phishing DMs or posts to your followers. Often these posts encourage your friends to click on a link, download an app, or buy something through an online store.

2. Friends and followers tell you that they received emails from your email address that you never sent, or DMs through social media that you never authored.

3. A company tells you that your information was lost via a data breach. In many places around the world, companies are required by law to tell you if they lost your data in a breach or cyberattack.

What are 4 things to do when your account is hacked?

If you think an account is hacked, snap into action, and take a few quick steps to staunch the damage. You have the power to give cybercriminals the boot!



1. Change the account's password. This will likely lock out the hacker. Unfortunately, it can also work the other way around: the hacker might change the password and lock you out. In this case, try using the "forgot my password" function to reset it. If that doesn't work, contact the platform ASAP. If you used the same password for other accounts, you should change all of them, and start using unique passwords for every account. Use a password manager to generate and store all your passwords.

2. Notify your contacts that your account was hacked. Let them know they may receive spam messages that look like you sent them. Tell your contacts they shouldn't open these messages or click on any links contained in them. When the situation is cleared up, let everyone know that your accounts are secure again.

3. Make sure your security software is up to date. Scan your system for malware, especially if you suspect your computer might be infected with a virus. Antivirus software will scan your device to check for any security issues.

4. Contact people who can help you. If you suspect someone has stolen money, this might mean calling the police and your bank. If a work account was breached, let your IT department know. If a social media or email account was hacked, alert the platform, and seek their help. If you think someone has stolen your identity, it is worth contacting the FTC. Let trusted friends and family know what you are going through so they can on the lookout for weird messages or posts from your account.

How to protect your accounts from hacks

As with most things in life, an ounce of cybersecurity prevention is worth a pound of cure. Follow our "Core 4" to show hackers you mean business.

1. Use long, complex, and unique passwords. Every password should be at least 12 characters long and include letters, numbers, and symbols (like % or \$). Ideally, your passwords should be random strings of characters, not recognizable words. Very importantly, each account should be protected by its own unique password. To create and store all these passwords, use a password manager!

2. Switch on multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication (MFA), sometimes called 2-factor authentication, adds a whole other level of security beyond your password. MFA will use biometrics, security keys, text messages, or an app to make sure you are you, even if a hacker gets access to your password. Enable MFA for any account that allows it!

3. Think before you click. Learn how to identify phishing messages, which will often try to inspire panic or urgency. Take a few seconds to read through the message and who sent it. With a little knowledge, you can spot most phishing attempts within moments.

4. Turn on automatic updates. The best way to get the latest, strongest security is to install software updates as soon as they are available – and the best way to know when they are available is to turn on automatic updates! Set it, forget it, and you won't regret it!








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:

October – January
Faith Christian Academy
Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:30

February – May
Hedgesville Middle School
Thursdays, 14:30 – 16:00

Questions? Interested in Learning More?
Contact Ashley Spies: 304.616.5501
ashley.spies.1@us.af.mil

Application on SharePoint




Family **In honor of Red Ribbon Week:** STEM Night

Wednesday October 25th 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Emivest Aerospace Hangar: 751 Novak Drive, Martinsburg, WV

COME HUNGRY

Food Trucks Onsite

Boss Jr BBQ
Taste of Greece
Creative Pizza LLC
Donut Dive
InstaRoll (Hand-Rolled Ice Cream)
Kona Ice
Travlin' Toms Coffee



Questions



304.676.7473



Participating Vendors

The Martinsburg Initiative
4-H STEM Club
Amtek Company
Berkeley County Sheriff's Dept
Blue Ridge CTC
Civil Air Patrol
FunTastic Games
Hagerstown Discovery Station
Thermo Fisher Scientific
James Rumsey Aerospace Dept
Loco Joes Hobby Shop
Lowe's
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
Shepherd University
US Dept of Agriculture
WV ARNG Rock Wall
Tri-State Astronomers
SMart Exotics
WV SPOT
167th Airlift Wing

PLUS MANY MORE...



**Saturday, 28 October,
1-3 PM
167th 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

FAMILY DAY



Mark your calendar!

Sunday, 3 December 2023

1200-1400

Hangar 308

Antiterrorism & Force Protection - General Safety

submitted by Capt. Roderick Toms

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

AT ALL TIMES:

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

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

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

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

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

IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR, BEWARE:

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

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



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
167HQ.JA.Legal@us.af.mil

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

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OFF UTA: 304-412-3456 (cell)
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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.



COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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.



167th AW POC'S

Primary- MSgt Michael Savolt

ext 5062

Alternate- Capt Heather Carviness

ext 5181

For more information go to:

CTIP.defense.gov/

Current as of:
16 Aug 2023



Domestic Violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, or financial abuse. Domestic Violence is a pervasive, life threatening crime that affects million of individuals across the United States regardless of age, economic status, race, religion or education.

There is help near you!

Berkeley County:

236 West Martin Street, Martinsburg. WV 25401

304-263-8522

Jefferson County:

113 East Third Avenue, Ranson, WV 25438

304-725-7080

Morgan County:

131 Congress Street. Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-1078

EPEC is the only licensed domestic violence services provider in the Eastern Panhandle.

Trained domestic violence advocates are available 24/7 to take your call.

Free, Confidential hotline:

304-263-8292

All services are free and confidential. They are available to you regardless of race, age, economic status, religion, or sexual orientation.

All are welcome here.



ACCOLADES



Welcome

AB Michael Beutler, AS
AB Blace Myers, MXS
A1C Roger Foshee, AMXS
A1C Christian Rice, LRS
TSgt Dequan Vann, AS

Welcome Back from Technical Training

AB Heath Burdiss, MDG
AB Hunter Link, CF

CDC High Scores

SrA Brooke Miller, OG
AB Colton Hutton, FSS
SSgt Jack Fleagle, CES
SSgt Duane Oden, FSS

Promotions

To Senior Airman
Dillon Hott, MXG
Natalie Rowe, OSS

To Staff Sergeant
Stephen Hartman, LRS
Devren Musser, MXS
Gabriel Woods, LRS

To Technical Sergeant
Steven Spitzer, LRS
Jordyn Zilian, LRS

To Master Sergeant
Daniel Malamas, AMXS
Michael Price, SFS

Promotions

To Chief Master Sergeant
Christopher Thomas, CF

To First Lieutenant
Abel Guajardo, LRS
Alvin Knight, AW
Rachel Spates, MXS
Jordan Willis, AS

To Captain
Jaysa Cecil, MDG

Retirements

MSgt Thomas Mucher, CES
CMSgt Todd Ramsey, LRS
MSgt Stephen Kostka, MXS

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 ww167RA@gmail.com

Remember the crew of Decoy 81



Thirty-one years ago, on October 7, 1992, a C-130 aircraft departed from Shepherd Field and never returned. Tragically, the aircraft crashed, taking the lives of all six crew on board, forever changing the lives of many.

We honor the memory of the six brave men who lost their lives, we extend our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them.

Rest in peace, Lt. Col. John Steinberger, Captain Dallas Adams, Master Sgt. George Griffith, Tech. Sgt. James Hinchman, Tech. Sgt. John Funkhouser and Staff Sgt. Frederic Jones.

