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ON THE COVER

Loadmasters with the 167th Operations Group marshal a unified command suite (UCS) vehicle from the 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST), Ft. Meade, Maryland, out of a 167th C-17 Globemaster III aircraft as part of an exercise at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Feb. 22, 2025. The exercise is a yearly requirement for the WMD-CST, simulating rapid deployment of the necessary cargo needed to respond to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high yield explosive (CBRNE) event or threat. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon)

ON THE BACK COVER

The 167th Maintenance Group stands in formation for a group photo before a commander's call in a hangar at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, March 2, 2025. Aircraft maintainers are responsible for inspecting, repairing, and maintaining aircraft systems and structures to ensure operational readiness. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon)

COMMAND COMMENTS





167AW WING COMMANDER Col. Christopher Sigler

Vision

The Premier Airlift Wing Mission Ready, Committed to Airmen and Community, and Dedicated to Continuous Improvement



167AW WING COMMAND CHIEF Command Chief Master Sgt. Mark Snyder

Team 167th.

I have to begin by expressing the depth of pride I feel for the men and women in the 167th. Over the past month, I've witnessed three incredible acts of service that truly embody the spirit of "service before self." In the first example, several of you rallied and showed support for one of our members that is battling cancer. Also, when one of our members experienced a total loss from a house fire over drill weekend, you didn't hesitate to extend a helping hand. And when floods ravaged southern West Virginia, 167th volunteers answered the call, providing critical support to the citizens of McDowell County. On short notice, they selflessly distributed vital supplies to those stranded and tirelessly cleared debris to aid in the recovery. The flood duty mission is currently ongoing, so please let your supervisors know if you are interested in volunteering for state active duty. I have always felt that National Guard service is especially unique since we have the opportunity to serve the triad of our community, our state, and our nation. Knowing the caliber of individuals within the 167th, I have no doubt we will continue to answer the call, whatever challenges lie ahead.

Over the past month, we have also seen lots of changes from Presidential Executive Orders flowing to the Department of Defense. The common theme of the executive orders is a focus on accountability and efficiency. Fortunately for the National Guard, accountability and efficiency are some of our hallmark traits, dating back to our Minuteman heritage. I realize that change also often brings a small dose of stress, but hopefully you can find some comfort in the stability of your National Guard service. Remember, the National Guard has been around for 388 years. Regardless of changes, we will all continue to focus on our people and our mission.

Speaking of change, the new Adjutant General, General Seward, has already booked a visit to the 167th for April UTA. General Seward has a busy schedule, but his current agenda has him visiting us on Saturday, 5 April. He plans to address the entire wing during his visit. I'm looking forward to showcasing the wing and providing some 167th hospitality.

Respectfully,

Sig

Team 167.

Happy March! This UTA was a whirlwind with Col Randy Wright's assuming command of the operations group and his promotion ceremony to colonel. We also had retirements and some training. The Force Support Squadron said goodbye to MSgt Robert Estes and MSgt Don Thomas. Both will be missed, but congratulations and best of luck on all your future endeavors! The 167th now has its first ever Sniper! SSgt Ethan Wilson from the Security Forces Squadron completed the rigorous Army Sniper School at Fort Benning, GA. This is quite an accomplishment, and SSgt Wilson deserves high accolades.

The 167th is once again showing how we care about our fellow West Virginians and how we get after it in times of need. A request was sent out for members to support flood relief in southern West Virginia. Several members answered the call and are doing great work in McDowell County. There is a story of an elderly lady who was stranded and missed several dialysis appointments. Our team was able to clear her road access and ensured she made it to her next appointment. This is just one story of many that highlight our members commitment to this state. There are more opportunities to volunteer if you have the ability to do so. As Gandhi once said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." A huge thanks to all who have volunteered, your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

As many of you know the Air Force has pushed a Standards and Readiness Review (SRR) and the Air National Guard is going to participate. What this means for us is we will do a quarterly review of all members to ensure that everyone is abiding by the dress and appearance regulation. It's pretty simple, wear the approved patches, get your hair cut, and make sure your uniform is serviceable. It's just things we should be doing on a daily basis being in the military. Each Group will handle this process and pass the completion information to the Wing. It will be tracked at the NGB level so we will want to ensure that we meet compliance. There is a lot of executive orders coming from President Trump and SECDEF Pete Hegseth so there will be a lot more to follow!

I can't thank you all enough for the amazing work you're doing not only here in West Virgina, but across the globe. We have our next round of deployers leaving for XAB in the near future. I know they will go execute our DOD mission and come back with a lot of great stories. Make sure no matter where you land they know to always #FearTheUnicorn!

#WeAreMartinsburg

~Chief

Wright assumes command of the 167th Operations Group

by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon

An assumption of command ceremony for the 167th Operations Group during was held at the 167th Airlift Wing base dining facility during March's unit training assembly, March 1, 2025.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Randy Wright was promoted to the rank of Colonel before assuming command of the 167th Operations Group.

Col. Christopher Sigler, 167th Airlift Wing commander and previous Operations Group commander, passed the guidon to Wright, symbolizing the transition of responsibility.

"Randy has taken on a lot of key projects and challenging ones too," said Col. Sigler while addressing the audience. "He produced great results on those projects and that's why he's here."

Wright was the operations group deputy commander before assuming his new role as the 167th Operations Group commander. He began his military career in aerial port before becoming a pilot and has served in multiple roles within the operations group.

During his speech, Wright addressed some of the challenges and changes the wing has faced in the past few years.

"These changes seem daunting at first," Wright explained. "But I hope to influence everyone here to remembering the keys to achieving our goals, vision and purpose: leading with a positive attitude, improving communication, and embracing change."

Wright went on to elaborate on how he plans to implement these concepts to deal with and succeed in the midst of recent changes in deployment schedules and foundational Air Force structure before closing his speech.

"I am honored and blessed to have your confidence and trust to lead this premiere group of military professionals," said Wright. "Let's keep the bar high, just out of reach, and fear the unicorn."



U.S. Air Force Col. Randy Wright, 167th Operations Group commander, is pinned the rank of colonel by his son and wife at his promotion and assumption of command ceremony at the 167th Airliff Wing base dining facility, March 1, 2025. Wright was the operations group deputy commander before assuming his new role as the 167th Operations Group commander. He began his military career in aerial port before becoming a pilot and has served in multiple roles within the operations group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon)



U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Sigler, 167th Airlift Wing commander, returns a salute to Col. Randy Wright, 167th Operations Group commander, during the 167th Operations Group assumption of command ceremony at the 167th Airlift Wing base dining facility, March 1, 2025. Wright was the operations group deputy commander before assuming his new role as the 167th Operations Group commander. He began his military career in aerial port before becoming a pilot and has served in multiple roles within the operations group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Kozak)



U.S. Air Force Col. Randy Wright, 167th Operations Group commander, addresses the audience during the 167th Operations Group assumption of command ceremony at the 167th Airlift Wing base dining facility, March 1, 2025. Wright was the operations group deputy commander before assuming his new role as the 167th Operations Group commander. He began his military career in aerial port before becoming a pilot and has served in multiple roles within the operations group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon)

167th AW defender completes U.S. Army sniper course

by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

A 167th Airlift Wing defender completed the U.S. Army Sniper Course at Fort Moore, Ga, Feb. 24, 2025, making history as the first member of the 167th Security Forces Squadron to graduate the rigorous program.

Staff Sgt. Ethan Wilson, a combat arms instructor for the 167th SFS, earned a seat in the course that primarily trains Soldiers in infantry, cavalry scout, ranger, or special forces positions.

Master Sgt. Cody McCarthy, the training manager for the 167th SFS, said Wilson is a high performer and knew he would be a good fit for the course due to his physical fitness and personal drive.

"This course serves as a force multiplier, training him to deliver precise, long-range fire, and gather battlefield intelligence," McCarthy said. "He will bring a wealth of knowledge regarding advanced marksmanship skills back to the 167th SFS, allowing us to pass these skills on to junior Airmen."

During the course, Wilson learned and was evaluated on range estimation, target detection, basic marksmanship, rapid target engagement, shooting in urban environments, moving targets, and field craft skills and camouflage techniques.

"I plan to use the marksmanship skills that I learned to improve other Airman's shooting fundamentals at the range," Wilson said. "I also plan to utilize my knowledge of field craft skills, ballistics, intelligence gathering, and mission planning to enhance training within the 167th Security Forces Squadron to increase effectiveness of air base defense."

In addition to the sniper course, Wilson previously completed specialized training in cold weather operations, combat leader skills, combat arms and Phoenix Raven training which certifies him to provide aircraft security in high-threat areas around the world.

"Staff Sgt. Wilson continues to expand on the scope of what it means to be a modern Defender in today's Air Force, where our career field focus is shifting from law enforcement to a more air base ground defense centric mission," said Capt. Benjamin Smith, 167th Security Forces Squadron commander. "The new skillsets that Staff Sgt. Wilson earned at the Army sniper course will enhance our squadron capabilities and help prepare our squadron, as well as the rest of base populace, to be better equipped for any future conflicts."

Top right photo: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ethan Wilson stands in front of the U.S. Army Sniper School sign after graduating from the sniper course at Fort Moore, Georgia, Feb. 24, 2025. Wilson is the first member of the 167th Security Forces Squadron to graduate from the course. (Courtesy photo)

Bottom right photo: U.S. Air Force Capt. Ben Smith, 167th Security Forces Squadron commander, stands with Staff Sgt. Ethan Wilson, 167th Security Forces combat arms instructor, as he displays his diploma from the U.S. Army Sniper Course at Fort Moore, Ga., Feb 24, 2025. (Courtesy photo)





167th Airlift Squadron supports 32nd WMD-CST rapid deployment training



The 167th Airlift Squadron supported the 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team's annual rapid deployment exercise, transporting cargo from Ft. Meade, Maryland, to Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Feb. 22, 2025. Two 167th C-17 Globemaster III aircraft transported and off-loaded the 32nd WMD-CST's equipment needed to respond to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high yield explosive (CBRNE) event or threat as part of the exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Michon)



Name:

Master Sgt. David Rinard

Hometown:

Capon Bridge, W.Va.

Job Title:

Crew Chief

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. David Rinard is a crew chief for the 167th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and he is the 167th Airlift Wing Airman Spotlight for March 2025.

As a crew chief, Rinard is responsible for ensuring the wing's C-17 Globemaster aircraft are airworthy and ready for flight. He oversees the daily maintenance and flight requirements. He troubleshoots, repairs, inspects the aircraft and coordinates with maintenance specialists.

"Master Sergeant David Rinard is an exceptional dedicated crew chief on C-17 94-069 and a hard charging flying crew chief that sets the standard for excellence, said Master Sgt. Daniel Wean, a 167th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight chief. "His dedication, technical expertise, and leadership always ensure mission readiness."

Master Sgt. Rinard was instrumental to the success of the 167th's mission generation force element deployment last summer where the unit flew 421 sorties, accumulated 783.1 flying hours, and transported 12.675 million pounds of cargo.



Hometown: Great Cacapon, WV

Job Title: Dedicated Crew Chief (DCC) on aircraft 94-0069 / Flying Crew Chief (FCC)

How long have you served in the unit? 23 ½ years
My job here is important because: We provide safe and reliable aircraft to Operations on time, every time!

Civilian job: Full time AGR

Education: Washington County Technical High School collision repair program (Graduated 1999), and a master's degree from The School of Hard Knocks (lifetime).

Hobbies: Working on home projects, watching sports, traveling, and anything outdoors.

Goals: Continue flying as an FCC and finish my CCAF degree.

I am proudest of: The day I married my wife Kimberly, and the day my son Garrett was born.

People may be surprised to know this about me: That my wife and I sponsor 2 Romanian orphans, and we got to go on a mission's trip 2 years ago and meet them.

The most exciting thing I've done in the military is: Participated in the evacuation of Kabul, hauled aid to Israel after the Hamas attacks, and flew hurricane relief after several storms.

One/Some of the most valuable lessons I've learned throughout my career: I've tried to live my life according to Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

My advice to the newest Airmen in the Wing: Come in with a humble spirit, show up on time, work hard, don't complain, and listen to others. Take lots of pictures of the trips/missions and the people you do them with. Also save a copy of all your important paperwork.

The best thing about working with my team is: I love the friendships I have made and the friendly banter we have on a daily basis. At the end of the day, I also love seeing all the hard work we accomplish when we work together.

Air National Guard Conducts Arctic Training in Minnesota

by Audra Flanagan, 148th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

70 Air National Guard airmen gathered at Camp Ripley Training Center, Minn., from Jan. 27 to Feb. 8,2025, to train and conduct mission-essential tasks in extremely cold temperatures, during the Air National Guard's Cold Weather Operations Course (CWOC).

The class comprised of mostly security forces personnel from 37 wings representing 27 states, also hosted a maintenance-group commander, medical personnel, a cyber communications specialist, and a public affairs specialist. Two participants and one instructor from the 3rd Canadian Division's Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, 38th Brigade Group also attended the course.

Class participants spent the first phase of the course in a classroom where they studied troop movements, risk management, cold weather injury care, and specialized equipment use.

The second phase sent students outdoors to practice over snow movement, Ahkio sled hauling techniques, land navigation, and thermal structure building.

The final phase was a six-day, five-night field training exercise where students traversed snow-covered terrain, reacted toleadership challenges, established a patrol base, constructed and slept in thermal or arctic shelters, and provided hypothermia care while enduring Minnesota's winter weather.

The class was divided into six teams who navigated the field training as a group. The teams rucked long distances, while pulling Ahkio sleds filled with equipment, the first two days, then built self-sustaining camps, and slept in 10-man arctic tents with a small stove for heat.

Thermal shelters were constructed on the third and fourth nights using only supplies in an airmen's pack or found in nature. While some teams created two or three-person "lean to" or A-frame style thermal structures, other teams created 10-person shelters to capitalize on body heat. Class attendees used fire as their only heat source while temperatures dipped below zero and wind gusts reached 30-miles per hour. It also snowed on the days they slept in thermal shelters.

Despite the challenging conditions, most of the class expressed building and sleeping in thermal shelters was their favorite part of the field training exercise. "Students enjoy thermal shelters because it tests their resilience, mental fortitude, and newly learned skills," said course planner, 148th Security Forces Squadron Master Sgt. Heath Parks. "Sleeping in a thermal shelter in negative temperatures after days of exhausting ruck movements is not for the faint-hearted. Completing multiple nights in extreme field conditions demonstrates our airmen can do anything they put their minds to."

The final day of the field training consisted of one last ruck to Lake Farrell. Upon arriving, teams set up and heated their 10-man artic tents then participated in a cold-water immersion supervised by the United States Coast Guard's Training and Rescue Station from Duluth, Minn.

During the cold-water immersion, one individual from each team was transported after his or her jump, via Ahkio sled, to their arctic shelter to allow teams to conduct thermal rescue techniques and prevent hypothermia.

During the field training, airmen ate arctic versions of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE). Many of the students experienced bumps, bruises, and blisters commonly found when navigating rough terrain. Students were supported by three Aerospace Medical Services Technicians from the 148th Fighter Wing.

"Training courses like the CWOC enhance lethality and increase our airmen's combat capabilities," said Lt. Col. Ronald Rios, Chief, Air National Guard Security Forces Operations Branch, who participated as a student in the course. "The CWOC allows personnel to employ these skills in extreme weather conditions so they can secure and defend U.S. national interests and support our allies and partners anytime, anywhere, around the world."

This was the second annual CWOC planned and hosted by the Minnesota National Guard's 148th Fighter Wing. Camp Ripley is a 53,000-acre regional training center located near Little Falls, Minn., which features diverse landscapes from heavily forested areas to prairies to lakes and ponds.



Tech. Sgt. Jesse Trejo, 167th Security Forces Squadron, endures cold-water immersion as part of the Air National Guard's Cold Weather Operations Course at Camp Riley Training Center, Minn., Feb. 7, 2025. Trejo was one of two 167th defenders to participate in the training that included over snow movement, Ahkio sled hauling techniques, land navigation, and thermal structure building.

Below: Staff Sgt. Russel Herman, 167th Security Forces Squadron, jumps into icy water as part of the Cold Weather Operations Training Course. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Audra Flanagan)



MOUNTAINEER PRIDE WORLDWIDE ______

AFJROTC cadets take orientation flight on 167th AW C-17 aircraft





Top left photo: U.S. Air Force Brig.Gen. David Cochran, Assistant Adjutant General - Air for the West Virginia National Guard, speaks to cadets from the Chantilly Academy's Air Force Junior ROTC program in preparation for the student's orientation flight at the 167th Airliff Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, March 1, 2025. The purpose of the orientation flight was to familiarize the cadets with military aircraft and the mission of the 167th AW. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Ashley Almeida)



Top right photo: U.S Air Force Airman 1st Class Aleah Thomas, air transportation specialist 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, performs safety checks and personnel accountability on a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in preparation for the Chantilly Academy Air Force Junior ROTC orientation flight at the 167th Airliff Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Mar 1, 2025. The purpose of the orientation flight was to familiarize the cadets with military aircraft and the 167th AW mission. (U.S Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Ashley Almeida)

Bottom photo: Cadets with the Air Force Junior ROTC from Chantilly Academy pose for a group photo in front of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in preparations for their orientation flight at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Mar 1, 2025. (U.S Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Ashley Almeida)

MOUNTAINEER PRIDE WORLDWIDE _____

167th Airlift Wing's fire department hosts mutual aid exercise











The 167th Airliff Wing's Fire Department hosted a mutual aid exercise at Shepherd Field, Martinsburg, West Virginia March 5, 2025. Participants included South Berkeley Volunteer Fire Department, Baker Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Martinsburg Fire Department, Berkeley County Fire and the Berkeley County Emergency Ambulance Authority. As part of the exercise, local responders were dispatched to the base to test response times followed by C-17 Globemaster III aircraft familiarization training led by Master Sgt. Steven Sowers, 167th Civil Engineering Squadron firefighter. Events like these are vital to strengthening the partnerships with community responders and enhancing our collective ability to address emergency situations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle)

MONTH OF THE MILITARY C

PurpleUp Day

April is the month of the Military Child. Help us celebrate and wear your purple on April 11, 2025 and share your pictures on our Facebook page to show your support for all our wonderful Military Kids! We will also be partnering with Common Ground and the Dept. of Education to have a Spirit week at every WV school in honor of MOMC.

WhyPurple

We wear purple to celebrate military kids! Purple references the joint environment of the military, encompassing all service branches, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veterans. Purple combines each branch's colors into one: the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard all use shades of blue, the Army uses green, and the Marines use red.

PurpleBall2025

Where: 167AW Air Guard DFAC

When: April 5, 2025

Time: Starts at 5PM

Come dressed in your Sunday best and join us for food, music, prizes and more.



FOR ALL MILITARY
FAMILIES





There's a Flood...



Results from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surge, and overflows of dams and other water systems



Develops slowly or quickly. Flash floods can come with no warning



Causes outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings, create landslides



FLOODING IS A TEMPORARY OVERFLOW OF WATER ONTO LAND THAT IS NORMALLY DRY. FLOODS ARE THE MOST COMMON NATURAL DISASTER IN THE UNITED STATES. FAILING TO EVACUATE FLOODED AREAS OR ENTERING FLOOD WATERS CAN LEAD TO INJURY OR DEATH!

Staying Safe During a Flood

- o Gather emergency supplies and follow local radio or TV updates.
- Unplug appliances to prevent electrical shock when power comes back on.
- o Do NOT drive or walk across flooded roads. Cars and people can be swept away.
- o Before evacuating if water is in your home and power lines are down, TURN OFF gas, power, and water.
- o Tie down or bring outdoor items inside.
- Recognize Flood Risk
 - Identify flood-prone or landslide-prone areas near you.
 - Know your community's warning signals, evacuation routes, and emergency shelter locations.
 - Know flood evacuation routes near you.





Staying Safe After a Flood

- o Throw away items that cannot be disinfected, like wall coverings, cloth, rugs, and drywall.
- Use fans, air conditioning units, and dehumidifiers for drying.
- For cleanup, wear rubber boots and plastic gloves.
- Clean walls, hard floors, and other surfaces with soap and water. Use a mixture of 1 cup bleach and 1 gallon water to disinfect.
- Caution! Flood water may contain trash.
- Practice safe hygiene
 - Wash hands with soap and water to help prevent germs.
 - Listen for information from your local officials on how to safely use water to drink, cook, or clean.
 - Flood Watch Flooding is possible.
 - Flood Warning Flooding is occurring or will occur soon.

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- Cake Walk
- Crafts and Games
- Button Maker
- Egg Hunts (Ages 0-4, 5-8 & 9-12)
- Easter Bunny
- Refreshments
- DJ Music

PLEASE Help with the fun!

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



SAFE AND SECURE

Antiterrorism & Force Protection - Hostage Situations

submitted by Maj. Roderick Toms

These Antiterrorism tips are general safety tips are things you can do to prepare your family should you be kidnapped or taken hostage.

- Have your family affairs in order, including an up-to-date will, appropriate powers of attorney, and measures taken to ensure family financial security.
- Issues such as continuing the children's education, family relocation, and disposition of property should be discussed with family members.
- Your family should know that talking about your military affiliation to non-DOD people may place you, or them, in great danger.
 - They must be convinced the US government will work to obtain your safe release.
- And finally, your family should not be depressed if negotiation efforts appear to be taking a long time. Remember, your chances of survival actually increase with time.

Keep these tips in mind to keep your family's peace of mind.

REMEMBER: Antiterrorism and Force Protection is EVERYONE'S job.

The 167th Airlift Wing Antiterrorism Officer is Maj. Roderick Toms, 242-5084.





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.

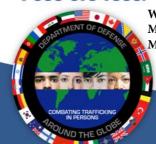
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Wing POC's MSgt Michael Seavolt, ext 5062 MSgt Shawn Green, ext 5431

For more information go to: CTIP.defense.gov/

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

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

West Virginia National Guard Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:

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





ACCOLADES



Welcome

AB Deonte Trammel, SFS
AB Alexandra Almendarez Martinez, FSS
AB Ava McKnight, SFS
AB Caden Cruz, SFS
AB Cameron Copenhaver, AS
SSgt Chad Remley, AMXS
SSgt Isaiah Thorpe, FSS
A1C Kyle Fling, LRS
A1C Micaiah McCalin, CES

Welcome Back from Technical Training

Amn Daniel Rodriguez, CS Amn Aiden Carpenter, AS Amn Dalton Leab, AS AB Odalys Garcia Jose, LRS

CDC High Score

SSgt James Murray, MXS SSgt Samuel Marshall, LRS MSgt Lindsey Plotner, MXG

Promotions To Airman

Jason Campbell, FSS

Promotions

To Airman 1st Class
Reese Spedden LRS

Reese Spedden, LRS

To Senior Airman

Kendal Bitner, LRS Luke Spielman, SFS Nicholas Viccellio, CES Audrey Walker, MDG

To Staff Sergeant

Andrew Bohn, CS Reilley Moore, CS

To Technical Sergeant Trey Stamey, LRS

PromotionsTo Senior Master Sergeant

Zane Carrell, MXG Victor Carter, LRS Eric Duckwall, MDG

To First Lieutenant

Jacob Stout, MDG Travus Heck, LRS

To Captain

Alexandra Jackson, OC

Retirements

TSgt Christopher Price, LRS

167th SARC recognized for efforts while deployed

U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Sigler, 167th Airlift Wing commander, presents Lindsey Carrell, 167th Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, with the Department of the Air Force Award for Civilian Achievement, at the 167th Airlift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, March 2, 2025. Carrell was recognized for her distinguished performance while deployed to Ali Al-Salem Air Base Kuwait in 2024, ensuring resources and advocacy were available at any hour for 5,000 service members, civilians and contractors, resulting in more than 4,000 hours on-call and 500 hours of direct support to victims of sexual assault. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sencindver)

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



