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Teens catch glimpse of future options

Camden County and Brunswick High School faculty and students pose in front of an HC-130J Combat King II, during the Diversity Day Outreach Fair, Sept. 9, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The event was hosted by the 336th Recruiting Squadron and allowed visiting students to see the Air Force mission while including activities such as static displays and aircraft and weapons demonstrations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Nash)

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Teens catch glimpse of future options

By: Airman 1st Class Greg Nash, 23d Wing Public Affairs / Published September 12, 2016

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Georgia. --

Approximately 250 Georgia high school students from six schools in the surrounding areas attended the 336th Recruiting Squadron's Diversity Day Outreach Fair, Sept. 9, here.

The fair provided students with a chance to interact with Airmen from over 30 different career fields with activities designed to help broaden their career aspirations as they transition into adulthood.

"This event is important because we can get our message out in a mass setting with potential recruits more effectively than a typical school visit or weekend event in a school's area," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Joe Jessup, 336th RCS NCO in charge of Standardization and Training. "By showcasing over 30 career fields for these young men and women to see, we hope they can see themselves wearing the uniform one day.

"[The 336th Recruiting Squadron] is the first and only recruiting squadron in our command to host this type of ordeal, so giving these [potential] recruits this opportunity is a special occasion that most service members can't say they've had," Jessup added. "The ability to come on a military installation and really get a feel for the service is beneficial," Jessup added. "We hope our activities will help the students broaden their horizons to weigh their options."

Students were allotted time at each career field booth to ask questions and view static displays of aircraft and weapons, while also getting hands-on opportunities with specialized gear. Jessup says, all of this was designed to help the students weigh their their future options.

Collin Spell, a senior from Brunswick High School, was among the visiting students who utilized the chance to widen their perspective for life after high school.

"Even though I already have a basic training date after high school, I still wanted to see how life was for firefighters on active duty," said Spell. "It was cool to see how challenging life will be as I got the chance to put on the heavy gear and deal with [various] tools. The ability to ask all the questions I wanted was also a huge benefit. It was a great experience and I'm even more excited about joining the service now to be a firefighter."

Jessup says this excitement that students have from realizing the Air Force's opportunities is something the 336th RCS takes pride in providing for potential recruits.

"I came from a small town with little military presence and really didn't have an idea about the Air Force," said Jessup. "Seeing these same opportunities from the fair before I joined would have helped my life get started on the right track a lot sooner. I wish I had this chance. Finding your purpose after high school can be a daunting task but the Air Force gave me my stability and purpose.

"Events like these will hopefully help out these young men and women find theirs."



Staff Sgt. Douglas Hemmer, 38th Rescue Squadron Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist, shows students map coordinates during the Diversity Day Outreach Fair, Sept. 9, 2016, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Students were allotted time to visit over 30 Air Force career field booths to see demonstrations and ask open forum questions afterwards. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Nash)



Senior Airman Clayton Smith, 23rd Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal specialist, fits an EOD-9 bomb suit on Matthew Dubois, Camden County High School student, Sept. 9, 2016, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Smith was one of approximately 50 Airmen who assisted the attendees by answering questions and demonstrating various mission capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Nash)



Lt. Col. David Lederer, 336th Recruiting Squadron commander, talks to students during the Diversity Day Outreach Fair, Sept. 9, 2016, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The 336th RCS hosted the event, which allowed approximately 250 potential recruits from six high schools in the local area the opportunity to interact with Airmen from more than 30 career fields. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Nash)

Air Force Recruiting Service Inspector General Complaints Resolution Program



Lt Col Ray J. Fernandez
Inspector General

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Educational Rights for Your EFMP Child

Recruiting is a real challenge, and doing the job with a disabled child adds a whole new layer of difficulty and stress. The most problematic issue facing many parents of disabled children is moving and changing schools frequently; each new school and new state can present a host of new problems. Fortunately, there are federal laws in place, including the Disabilities Education Improvement Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which can bring some stability to the education of qualifying disabled children.

Per federal law, all children with a disability are legally entitled to special education or accommodation as needed to help them receive the education they need. Such children who need specially designed instruction have the right to a free appropriate public education between the ages of 3 and 21. To the maximum extent possible, these children are to be in regular classes with the same expectations as children who are not disabled. Moreover, these children are entitled to an individually tailored educational program in order to give them the best opportunity to progress. Qualifying children may also be entitled to additional accommodations, such as extra time between classes or additional time on tests.

Military parents have rights for their disabled children when changing school districts. Such children are entitled to comparable services at the child's new school as the child was receiving at his/her previous school. However, schools have the right to re-evaluate incoming children and reduce/alter services based on those findings. One strategy to combat this practice is to have the old school create and implement an education plan for the child in writing months before the end of the school year. By moving with a working written plan in hand, parents have a better argument against reduction in services at the new school.

Additionally, one area where military families may be particularly affected involves children under age three. Under federal law, children of any age suspected of having a disability are entitled to be evaluated at no expense. Children found to have a qualifying disability under age three can be provided services as part of an early intervention program, though states do have great flexibility in how this program is implemented and run. Military parents moving to a different state should therefore be aware of how the new state defines eligibility and whether/how much the new state charges for services.

Much of the above was drawn from Col Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul's excellent American Bar Association article, "Legal Issues Facing Military Families with Special Needs Children", Dialogue Magazine, Vol. 15, No. 3.

If you have any questions, call or email AFRS/JA:

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AFRS IG

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, swears in Lt. Col. Ray Fernandez as the new AFRS Inspector General at the AFRS headquarters in Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, Sept. 6. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maricris Moore)



Flight Chief Initial Training Course

Members of Air Force Recruiting Service Headquarters celebrate the new AFRS Flight Chiefs at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, Sept. 9. From left are: Col. Robert Trayers, Master Sgt. Steven Szeszko, Master Sgt. Alan Pickford, Master Sgt. Teresa Torocaloyeropoulos, Master Sgt. Christopher Barnes, Master Sgt. Richard Irizarryrivera, Master Sgt. James Asedo, Tech. Sgt. Michael Guhr, Tech. Sgt. Justin Nixon, Tech. Sgt. Kim Carson, Master Sgt. James Chubb, Master Sgt. Peter Shenot, Master Sgt. Michael Malott, Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles Lamer. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maricris Moore)

Paying it forward

By: Tech. Sgt. William Magill, 331st Recruiting Squadron

We've all seen Haley Joel Osment teach us a little something about "Paying it Forward" (if not, you have some homework to do this weekend). It's easy--someone commits a good deed for you and you, in return, commit a good deed for someone else. Back in May, Tech. Sgt. Alissa Flores, 96th Force Support Squadron, and wife of Master Sgt. Frederico Flores, 331st Recruiting Squadron, knew it would be a challenge for me, as a recruiter in Pensacola, Florida, and my family to make it to my promotion ceremony at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. With that being said, Flores reached out to the 96th Mission Support Group promotion ceremony committee on Eglin AFB and asked if my family and I could attend. Without hesitation, the committee welcomed me and my family. In his opening remarks, Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Moody, 96th Mission Support Group superintendent, made it clear..."No Service Member left behind... If you wear a uniform and are a tenant unit in this area we'll gladly have you at our monthly promotion ceremony and recognize you on your accomplishments...spread the word!" It was the minimal effort made by Flores and a few choice words from Moody that prompted me to pay it forward earlier this month. During last month's Staff Sgt. Promotion release, Senior Airman James D. Burris II was participating in Recruiters Assistance Program in Pensacola when he found out he was selected for Staff Sgt. With Burris in the middle of a Permanent Change of Station from Yokota, Japan, in route to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Burris thought he would not be afforded the opportunity to be recognized on his accomplishments. I then reached out to my leadership who gladly signed Burris' promotion certificate and then presented it to him on a visit to Pensacola where his parents were able to attend. Burris and his parents were very thankful that Lt. Col. Lara Wilson, 331st RCS commander; Chief Master Sgt. Christopher McCool, 331st RCS Superintendent; and Senior Master Sgt. Brian Dixon, 331st RCS production superintendent, were able to take time out of their visit to Pensacola, Florida to make the presentation. As we progress throughout career, we come across Airmen who will take five minutes of their time to pick up the phone and ask the question "how can we help this Airman out?" It's the little things that matter the most and usually only take 10 minutes out of our day to accomplish. Pay it forward and continue to take care of one another. No one left behind.



Lt. Col. Robert Kelly, 96th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presents Tech. Sgt. William Magill, 331st Recruiting Squadron, his Master Sgt. Promotion Certificate in Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, May 31. From left are Kelly, Magill, his son Aiden, Tech. Sgt. Ryan Staples, 96th Security Forces Squadron, and Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Moody, 96th MSG superintendent. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Lt. Col. Lara Wilson, 331st Recruiting Squadron commander, presents Senior Airman James Burris his Staff Sgt. Promotion Certificate in Pensacola, Florida, Sept. 7. From left are: James Burris, Pam Burris, Wilson and Burris. (U.S. Air Force photo)



By: Tech. Sgt. James Buslon, 341st Recruiting Squadron

Recently I was able to utilize one of Air Force Recruiting Service's national marketing assets on short notice and the end result was amazing. A last minute Center of Influence was scheduled with the Automotive Technology Academy, and AFRS was able to provide the X-1 Supercar for the event. The ATA is the auto mechanic shop for San Antonio's North East Independent School District. They provide instruction in automotive repair and services to the seven schools in the NEISD. I did some research prior to setting up the COI and discovered that the students that attend these courses do so on a volunteer basis as it is not a requirement to graduate from high school. I also discovered the course work is only available to sophomore through senior students. These demographics are great for recruiting purposes because we are able to reach students that are highly interested in mechanical career fields and are close to or already meet basic eligibility requirements for recruiting. The overall effectiveness of the COI was amazing! The students were very excited to see the car and more importantly, they were interested in the specifications of the vehicle and that lead to questions about careers in the Air Force that offer similar training. I believe we were able to reach out to over 250 students at the end of the day.



Members of the 341st Recruiting Squadron provide Air Force Recruiting Service marketing assets at the Automotive Technology Academy in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 7. (U.S. Air Force photo)

The Staff at the ATA are incredible; the new director, Justin Missildine, was very excited and motivated to get the Supercar in the ATA and was so impressed; that he reached out to other friends at other school districts and urged them to stop by. He was able to have the Academy of Creative Education director, Chris Throm, stop by with their students with enough time to hear the X-1 exhaust scream! The instructors at the ATA are very knowledgeable and fully support the Air Force's presence at the ATA. In fact, one instructor Dan Izzy, who was a Staff Sgt. in the Air Force Reserves in a mechanic career field, was excited to get involved and shared his experiences with his students. The COI really cemented the Air Force's presence at the ATA and opened doors to other school districts and career fairs. Juan Martinez, an instructor at the ATA, provided me the contact information for his son Steven Martinez who is the Auto Tech instructor at Lanier High School. He sent him videos of the car and his son practically begged for us to get in contact with him to get the X-1 to their school at the next opportune time. Overall the COI was incredible and we have a better rapport in the district and now the Air Force will have more opportunities to schedule career fairs and football games and potentially reach up to one thousand students during district games!



X-1 Supercar is displayed at the Automotive Technology Academy in San Antonio, Texas, Sep. 7. More than 250 students were able to attend the event to learn more about the vehicle and careers in the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Tech. Sgt. James Buslon, 341st Recruiting Squadron, pose with Automotie Technology Academy staff and X-1 tour staff at ATA in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 7. From left are: Juan Martinez, ATA instructor; Dan Izzi, ATA instructor; Justin Missildine, ATA instructor; Chip Atl, X-1 tour staff; Shannon Ross, X-1 tour manager; Buslon; Armen Nazarian, ATA instructor; Zachary Herrmann, X-1 driver and tour manager. (U.S. Air Force photo)





VIRTUAL REALITY

COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE



Special Ops Airmen are trained to rescue and save the lives of injured military personnel, both in and out of combat, and can be deployed anywhere in the world at any time to get the job done.

Special Operations meets Virtual Reality

Air Force Recruiting Service just unveiled a new Special Operations marketing campaign aimed at inspiring young men and women about AF Spec Ops missions and giving them an opportunity to virtually experience missions.

You may have already seen the “We need people who can do this” landing page on airforce.com. If not, check it out as this campaign will help you educate potential applicants as to what the Spec Ops career fields are all about.

The campaign includes the opportunity to experience, through Google Cardboard viewers, seven Spec Ops missions through 360-degree videos. The seven videos include: H.A.L.O. jump; a PJ rescue; a building infiltration; a water mission using the zodiac; a rappel; a gunner shooting and sights and sound in the CV-22 cockpit.

Your squadrons will receive 500 Google Cardboard viewers. These can be used as Special Promotional Items for your special operations candidates. The videos can also be viewed on the app without the cardboard, but the cardboard gives them the ultimate 360-degree experience. The cardboard viewer is used with an iPhone or Android smartphone. Additionally, using earbuds while watching the video, enhances the experience. Check out the flyer (on page 11) for instructions on how to download these videos that are currently available via the USAF Special Operations app in the iPhone or Android app store. They are also available via AirForce.com/VR.

The Spec Ops campaign also includes a number of :15 second videos that are geared to inspire the Spec Ops enthusiast that will air on YouTube and Hulu; and social media ads. All videos were filmed at Hulburt Field, Florida, with a 360-degree camera earlier in the year.

Your AFRS marketing division has diligently worked to deliver a solid product that will enhance your recruiting efforts for Spec Ops. Download the app today and be on the lookout for the Google Cardboard viewers.





WE NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN DO THIS.
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We know Air Force Special Operations are every bit as tough as the rest of the military's Special Forces. It's time everyone else knew it too.

In order to remain competitive with recruits, we need to be able to prove we're among the best of the best. We need to show recruits exactly what Air Force Special Ops can do.

So we're letting them step into the world of Special Operations through a first-of-its-kind virtual reality experience that features immersive 360° videos. No props. No camera tricks. Just real Airmen on real training missions.

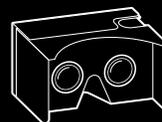
Let's reveal the real world of Spec Ops and invite recruits to step up to the challenge. Our challenge. We need people who can do this.

TO USE:

- Download the USAF Special Operations App (available for Apple or Android).
- Launch the app on your handheld device.
- Place your device in the Special Ops VR Cardboard.
- Follow the instructions on screen.

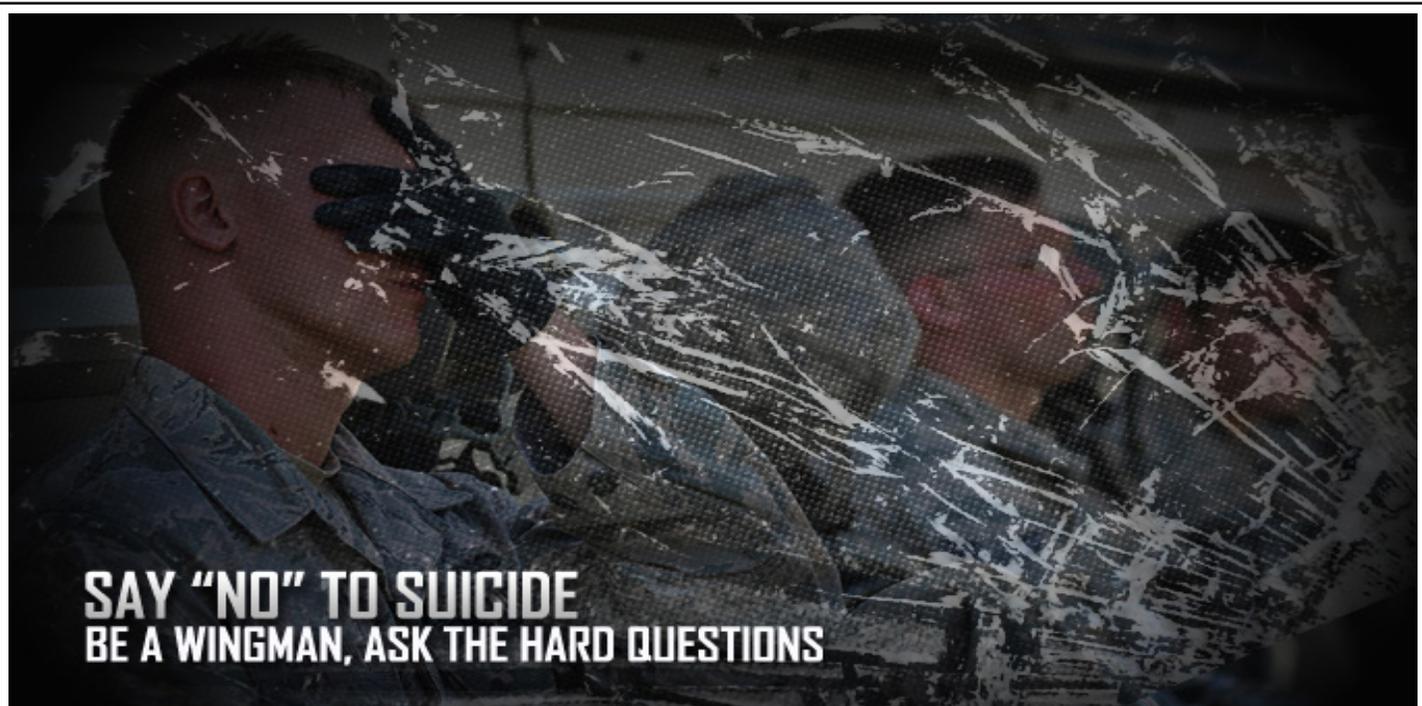
Recruits can then be guided to airforce.com/specialops to learn more about careers, training and the process of becoming a member of this elite team of heroes.

Quantities of the Air Force Special Ops VR Cardboard are limited.



Cardboard Viewer* is the first-of-its-kind virtual reality Spec Ops experience.

Immerse yourself in the intense world of Air Force Special Operations. This VR



By Senior Airman Chip Pons, Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs / Published September 07, 2016

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas -- At this moment, there are over seven billion people in this world; seven billion lives are separated by land and sea, cultural differences and socio-economic backgrounds, but fundamentally, our hearts beat the same, our eyes open each morning to the start of a new day and dreams of a life full of promise fill our minds.

Of those seven billion souls, 319,309 men and women have decided to devote their lives to the United States Air Force. That is roughly one percent of the American population volunteering their time and sacrificing their lives for their country. Those men and women are celebrated on Veterans Day, saluted and praised on the 4th of July, and thanked for their dedication and commitment year-round.

But when the conversation of a member of the Armed Forces committing suicide comes up, there is typically only silence.

While the number of suicides within the Department of Defense has declined over the years, suicide is still a dangerous threat to military members and their families, as well as veterans. It is a conversation that needs to be heard, not swept under the rug.

Unfortunately, suicide and the conversations surrounding it have become taboo. In the military world, paying the ultimate sacrifice for your country is an honor, dying so that others may live free. But when a service member takes their own life, the honor is gone. Their lives instantly become tarnished by a decision driven by internal struggles such as fear, self-hate or desperation. How do we as a military community solve this problem? How do we as wingmen recognize the signs of one of our teammates heading down the path of self-harm?

According to the Department of Defense Annual Suicide Report, there were 290 active duty suicides in 2015. Whether personally or professionally, these men and women felt so insignificant and optionless that the only possibility for their suffering to end was to take their own life.

The Air Force is getting smaller as each year passes, but the strength of our force cannot afford to be whittled down because of suicide. The Air Force is built upon fundamentals such as the wingman concept: having your teammates back and concern for their wellbeing. Unfortunately, being a true wingman requires one to ask the tough questions- to not back away from teammates in their moments of darkness, but help lead them into the direction of healthy decisions.

Supervisors and other seasoned leaders have the opportunity to get involved with their Airmen's lives, to be that voice of mentorship and encouragement that is required in a high-stress work environment. Regardless of rank, individual Airmen are what make the United States Air Force the supreme air and cyber space superpower that it is. Each Airman plays a pivotal and irreplaceable role toward greater mission accomplishment. Each Airman brings a fresh and unique perspective to today's Air Force, strengthening it through diversity and individuality.

While suicide and mental illnesses are issues that are tailored specifically to the suffering individual, a helping hand during that moment of darkness can create a lifelong effect.

At this moment, there are over seven billion people in this world, and sometimes, all you need is one to make a lasting difference.

Be a wingman, ask the hard questions and start the conversation.

Editor's note: September 2016 is also known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month which helps promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide prevention, how you can help others and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm.



Pullup Challenge

Tech. Sgt. Richard Carver, 361st Recruiting Squadron G-flight, encourages spectators to do pull ups during their visit at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Air Show, Alaska, July 30. (U.S. Air Force photo)



9/11 Memorial

Members of the 343rd Recruiting Squadron and Delayed Entry Program assist iHeart Media with the annual 9/11 Memorial at Grays Lake Park in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 11. More than 2,990 U.S. flags were placed along the trail to memorialize the U.S. citizens killed during Sept 11, 2011.

Below: Members of the 343rd RCS. From Left are: Tech. Sgt. Jack Tucker, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy, Staff Sgt. Justine Peichoto, Senior Master Sgt. John Brown, Mary Jo Drost, Lt. Col. James Roche, and Staff Sgt. John Gerke.(U.S. Air Force photos)





Formula Drift

361st RCS Delayed Entry Program member Eddieandra Giblee sings the National Anthem during the opening ceremony at the Formula Drift in Monroe, Washington, Aug. 6. Below: Lt. Col. Geoffrey Young, 361st Recruiting Squadron commander, gets a tour of the X-1 Super Car. (U.S. Air Force photos)



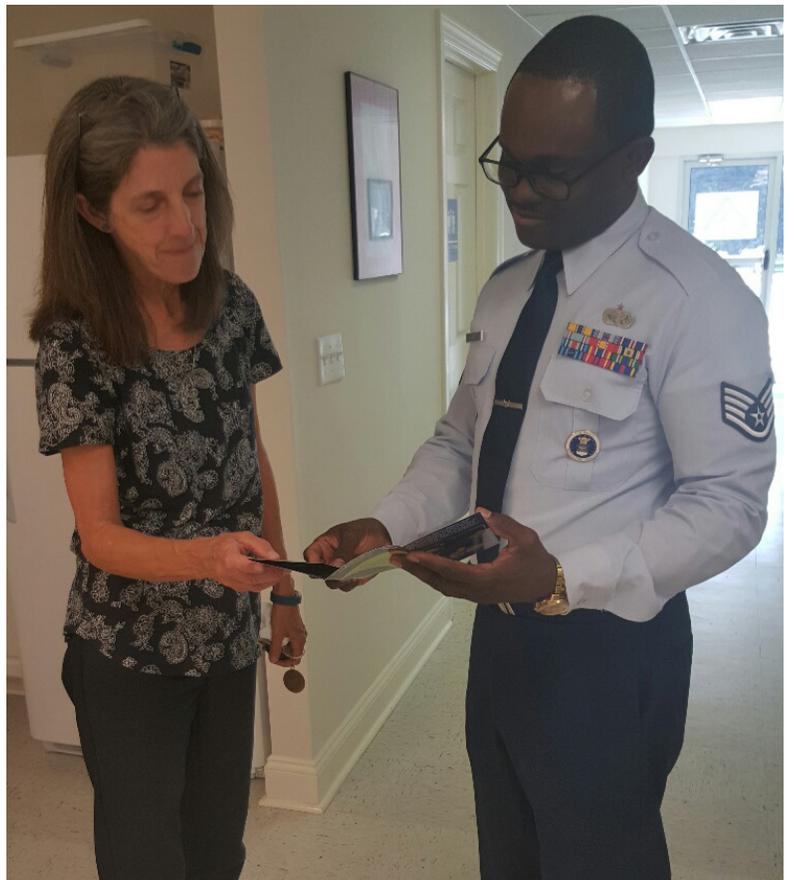


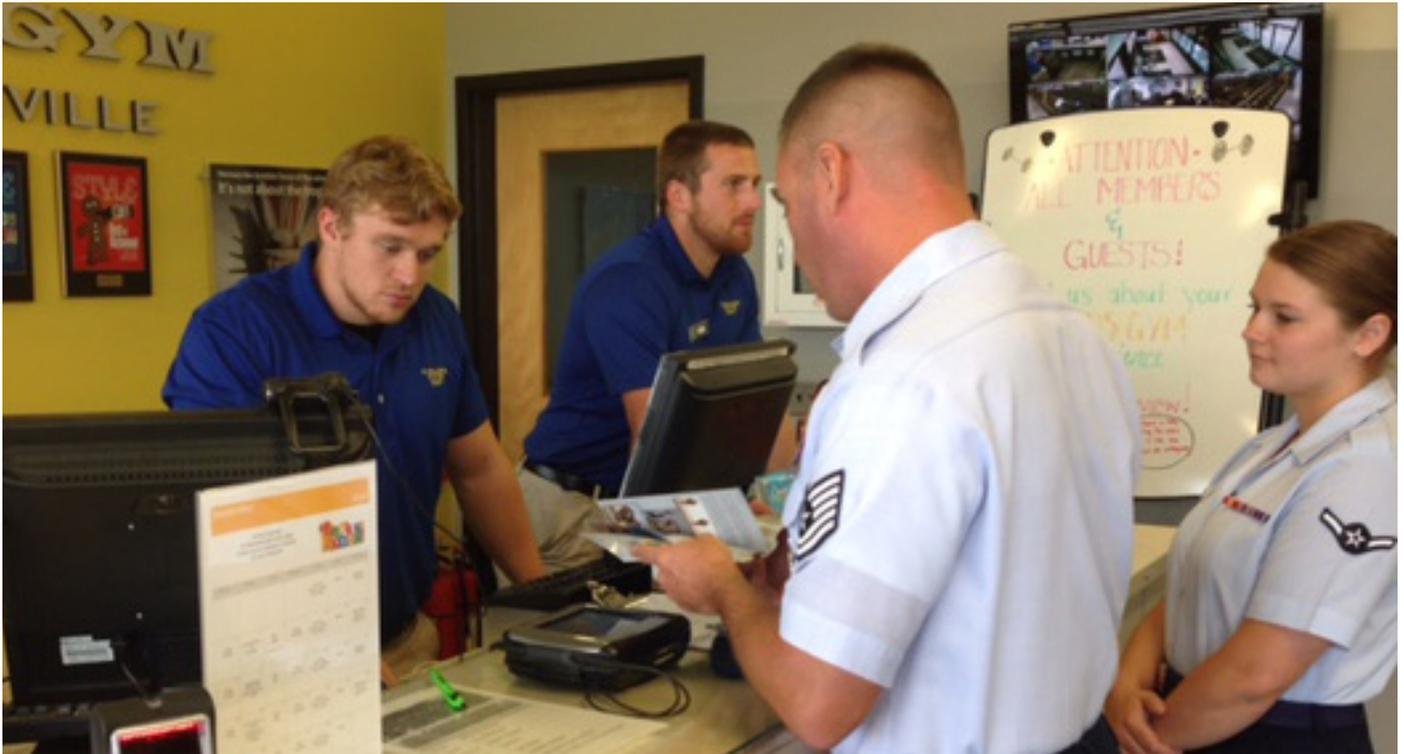
Texas A&M football game

Staff Sgt. Justin Casey and Members of the 341st Delayed Entry Program pose with Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Air Education and Training Command commander, his wife Cheryl, and Retired Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez, Texas A&M Corps of Cadets commandant, at the Texas A&M football game in College Station, Texas, Sept. 3. Casey was able to set up a display across the street from the stadium and engage with the fans as they tailgated and entered the game that had a crowd of over 100,000 people. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Creating a Partnership

Staff Sgt. Marlon Yarde visits the Job Assistance Center in Warsaw, Virginia, Sept. 7. Yarde was able to provide literature and explain the benefits of joining the Air Force to the employees, who help the local population in attaining employment, including Rappahannock Community College students looking for their next move. (U.S. Air Force photo)





Community visit

Tech. Sgt. Scott Thomson, 317th Recruiting Squadron F-flight, visits the Golds Gym in Mechanicsville, Virginia, Sept. 7. Thomson visited the gym to gather relationships and leads, and was able to talk to a lead that expressed some interest in the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Back to the Basic's Boot Camp

Members of the 343rd Recruiting Squadron held a Back to the Basic's boot camp at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, July 20. Members received training, which included effective zone canvassing and sales interview demonstrations using real life scenarios. In addition, the training highlighted areas such as precision recruiting, DEP management, reducing cancellations, waivers, and common MEPS errors. (U.S. Air Force photo)



JBLM Air Show

Members of the 361st Recruiting Squadron Delayed Entry Program pose for a picture with members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds before the official DEP swear-in at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Airshow & Warrior Expo, Washington, Aug. 27. Below: Members of the 361st RCS A-flight take a flight photo at the X-1 Supercar booth. From Left are: Tech. Sgt. Michael Williams, Staff Sgt. Lindsey Kutty, Zachary Herrman, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Detzel, and Staff Sgt. Melinda Thornton. (U.S. Air Force photo)





Federated Auto Parts 400 Nascar

Lt. Gen. Wendy Masiello, Defense Contract Management Agency director, talks to the members of the 317th Recruiting Squadron Delayed Entry Program after administering the oath of enlistment at the Federated Auto Parts 400 Nascar race in Richmond, Virginia, Sept. 10. From left are: Lt. Col. James Hamilton, 317th RCS commander, Masiello, Master Sgt. Brad Barth, and Tech. Sgt. Craigory Bratcher. Below: Hamilton poses with Aric Almirola, #43, before the Federated Auto Parts 400 Nascar race. Almirola wen to finish in the 17th spot. (U.S. Air Force photos)



Rapid Strike at NY State Fair

The Rapid Strike, an Air Force Recruiting Service asset, was on display at the 2016 New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York, Aug. 27. Staff Sgt. Aubrey Saenz, 313th Recruiting Squadron E-flight, set-up a booth to speak to patrons exiting the Rapid Strike, which brought in more than 12,000 riders during the course of 12 days at the fair. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Storm Trooper Fan

Staff Sgt. Holly Graham, 339th Recruiting Squadron, pose with a Storm Trooper during the University of Michigan Military Appreciation Game in Ann Arbor, Sept. 3. (U.S. Air Force photo)



AFRS CC visits 339th

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, presents the AFRS commander coin to Jack Head, 339th Recruiting Squadron programs manager during his visit in Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Sept. 8. From left are: Tech. Sgt. Michael Scanlon, Harencak, Head, Staff Sgt. Charles Canfield, and Staff Sgt. John Burns. Below: Lt. Col. Justin Tyree, 339th RCS commander, and his wife Belinda, pose with Harencak during his visit. (U.S. Air Force photo)





SA Foodbank

Members of the 369th Recruiting Group volunteer at the San Antonio Foodbank distribution center in Texas, July 26. The group assisted in unpacking, organizing and distributing food to 158 local families, which benefited 597 people. From top row left are: Master Sgt. Richard Shoemaker, Staff Sgt. Kyle White, Col. Patricia Sergey, Chief Master Sgt. Bart Graffin, Tech. Sgt. Kelli Mancini, Master Sgt. Eduardo Hernandez, Breanna Sprual, and Staff Sgt. Houston Anderson. From bottom row left are: Vilma Bernal, Tech. Sgt. Natalie Caballero, Lt. Col. Angie Blair, Tech. Sgt. Cherie Jackson, and Tech. Sgt. Mel Flores. (courtesy photo) Below: Chief Master Sgt. Bart Graffin, Staff Sgt. Kyle White, Tech. Sgt. Cherie Jackson, and her daughter, Breanna Sprual, prepare corn to be distributed to families in need. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Angie Blair)





CCAF Degree

Col. Jeffrey McLemore, 372nd Recruiting Group commander, presents Tech. Sgt. Travis Layman his second Community College of the Air Force degree during his visit at the 343rd Recruiting Squadron flight hub in Duluth, Minnesota, Aug. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Tech. Sgt. Promotion

Col. Jeffrey McLemore, 372nd Recruiting Group commander, presents Staff Sgt. Anthony Cook his Tech. Sgt. stripes during his visit at the 343rd Recruiting Squadron flight hub in Duluth, Minnesota, Aug. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Recruiter Certification

Senior Master Sgt. John Roy, 332nd Recruiting Squadron production superintendent, presents Staff Sgt. Troy Nixon, 332nd RCS H-flight, his recruiter certification in Louisville, Kentucky, Sep. 13. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kori Jackson)



Mets Military Softball Classic

Members of the 313th Recruiting Squadron D and F-flight attend the 2016 Mets Softball Classic at City Field, Queens, New York, Aug. 31. The team played against the Army, Navy, and Marines/Coast Guard teams. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Supporting Local Minor League

Members of the 331st Recruiting Squadron and their Delayed Entry Program members provide manpower to work concessions stands at the Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery, Alabama, Aug. 25. From left are: Tech. Sgt. Leland Dandridge, Michael Cargile, Kerri Page, Jamerian King, Tech. Sgt. Vincent Walker, Tech. Sgt. Clifford Roy, Staff Sgt. Lafayette Workman, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Corpening, Lt. Col. Lara Wilson, 331st RCS commander, and Allen Detsvonga. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Flight Camping

Members of the 343rd Recruiting Squadron I-flight and their spouses sit around a campfire as they spend some time during their morale time at Voyageurs National Park in Lake Kabetogama, Minnesota, Aug. 22. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Congratulations!

Team AFRS,

It is with great pleasure that I announce our 2016 Lance P. Sijan winners for Air Force Recruiting Service. The United States Air Force created the Lance P. Sijan Award, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership in their jobs and in their lives and the following are prime examples of what that award signifies.

Sr. Officer Category:

Lt Col Teri Noffsinger 318 RCS

Jr. Officer Category:

Capt Adrian Law 339 RCS

Sr. Enlisted Category:

MSgt Lashundra Howard AFRS HQ/JA

Sr. Enlisted Category:

SMSgt Mark Pennock 362 RCS

Jr. Enlisted Category:

SSgt Christopher Griffin AFRS HQ/RSM

Jr. Enlisted Category:

TSgt Cedrick Moody 362 RCS

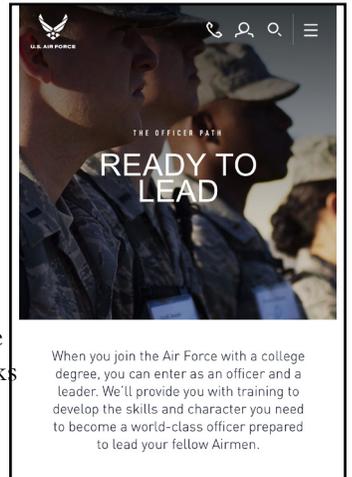
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Commander, AF Recruiting Service

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New Air Force Commercial Currently Airing

The Air Force's newest commercial, "Alma Maters," began airing earlier this month on a number of network channels such as USA, BET and MTV. It can also be viewed during certain NFL games. The commercial focuses on the fact that individuals can turn their college degree into an officer career. Filmed at Beale Air Force Base, California, in June 2016, the goal of the commercial is to drive interested candidates to www.officerswanted.com. The Air Force's current need for more diversity within the officer corps is the driving force behind the commercial. Those who go to www.officerswanted.com will be directed to the officer career path page on airforce.com where they can learn more about the basic requirements, paths to become an officer and specialty careers. There are also other versions available such as the :15 second version and a women specific version. In addition to "Alma Maters," the "I Knew One Day" commercial that features both enlisted and officers is also currently airing. Below are links to the commercials. If you need the actual video to embed into a presentation or provide to a customer, please contact Public Affairs at afrrshqpa@us.af.mil.



Alma Maters (:30 second) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbvWCRhg3j0>

Alma Maters (:15 second): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1p7Lgn4Lh7g&feature=youtu.be>

Alma Maters Women: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=599Xwt-19A&feature=youtu.be>

I Knew One Day (:30 second): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNPg84Yj3p0>