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## FROM THE EDITOR



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Fall is so close, I smell the pumpkin spice! It's time to close out the fiscal year and hopefully the Texas summer heat.

Not only is it a wrap for the season but also for AFRS SERE career field productions. In this BTB edition we share some of the action-packed, behind the scene photos captured on set at various pipeline training locations. Sharing an inside look at what it takes to become a SERE specialist will hopefully inspire new recruits and help prepare them for what is to come. A live social media engagement gave thousands a chance to ask questions during a candid career chat. A preview of the imagery was posted as well.

In the next fiscal year, there will be more opportunities to focus on career fields that are tough to fill or have a high attrition rate. Always feel free to give AFRS/PA suggestions. There are some exciting ways we can use social media more to engage our audience.

That engagement is certainly leading to recruitment. In this BTB you'll learn what a Clemson grad, two young females from Ohio, twin law enforcement professionals and two seminary students have in common. They were all recruited by you! Additionally, they are so excited for their Air Force future they are talking about it in the press. These are just some of the stories we found around the globe on af.mil sites.

What stories will you tell during the Air Force's 71st birthday month? We look forward to sharing them here in the next issue of BTB.

## ON THE COVER

The U.S. Air Force celebrates its 71st birthday Sept. 18, 2018. The Air Force Birthday is a celebration of the proud history and heritage of American Airmen, the service's culture of innovation, leadership, and the unique global aspects of Airpower and the Air Force's enduring contribution to national security. The 2018 Birthday theme of "American Airman ...Wingman, Leader, Warrior" is designed to advance those key narratives through the lens of the Airmen supporting each other as innovative leaders and warfighters.



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# Master Sgt. John Chapman remembered, immortalized

Courtesy of SECAF Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Family has been known to show up for each other during times of both joy and sorrow. So when the Air Force's most recent Medal of Honor recipient was honored at the Air Force Memorial, there was no question that his loved ones, his Air Force Special Operations family and the Airmen who call him "hero" would test the venue's maximum capacity limit.

Air Force leaders, and the family of fallen combat controller Master Sgt. John Chapman, unveiled his name on the memorial's Medal of Honor recipient wall during a ceremony Aug. 24, 2018, in Arlington, Virginia.

"It's been a long time since we've gathered together like this – not to mourn a loss, but to celebrate a life – and to celebrate the proud legacy of our special operators," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "Today, we're all air commandos...because this is an Air Force moment – a time to bring together those from our past, our present and our future."

This event was the last of three initial ceremonies held in Chapman's honor.

According to Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth D. Wright, defining moments in one's life can be described as meaningful experiences that stand out in memory, and they provide a connection to those who experience them together.

"This week has been a series of defining moments for all of us," Wright said. "This is a historic week as an Air Force, and for the special operations community, as we celebrate the life and heroism of John Chapman. It's our sacred duty to honor all



Valerie Nessel, widow of Master Sgt. John Chapman, along with daughters Brianna and Madison Chapman, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth D. Wright unveil the name of Master Sgt. John Chapman during a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, Aug. 24, 2018.

Airmen for their sacrifices, but none more important today than John."

Over the last 25 years, the special tactics community has received the majority of the Air Force's valor awards, receiving 11 Air Force Crosses, 78 Silver Stars, 652 Bronze Stars – 360 with valor, and 132 Purple Hearts.

"You may very well be quiet professionals, but your gallantry and your bravery does not fall upon deaf ears," Wright said.

Chapman is the first special tactics Airman to

receive the Medal of Honor, earned for his actions on Takur Ghar Mountain in Afghanistan March 4, 2002. Upon receiving the medal, Chapman was posthumously promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

"The United States Air Force, Air Force Special Operations community, and in particular, combat controllers, will long remember John's life of selflessness, relentless drive and above all, his courage," said "Father of Special Ops" retired Col.

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# AFRS goes behind the scenes with SERE

## Courtesy of AFRS Public Affairs

Career field-focused productions are a wrap for the Survival, Evasion Resistance and Escape specialist pipeline, for now.

In June 2018, AFRS and its advertising team took an in-depth look at the start of a Battlefield Airmen's journey to becoming an axe-wielding SERE specialists at Joint Base San Antonio-Lack-

land, Texas. After basic military training and BA training, trainees are indoctrinated to basic life skills necessary for finding food and shelter in the natural environment. The production team asked Airmen what made them join, what motivates them to continue the long arduous hours of training and how they adapt to the rigorous conditions they encounter.

Next, in July 2018, the production team went to the U.S. Survival School in Spokane, Washington, the second phase of the SERE pipeline where trainees also engage in elective courses that address topics such as parachute functions, water survival and evasion tactics. To be best fit to train others who have the potential to be at risk of being isolated, pipeline students are tested through a variety of scenarios that an isolated person can endure. Cameras captured a variety of intense trials where students were hoisted by



**A cameraman follows a SERE training class during their morning ruck march at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex in June 2018. Videos will be incorporated into a SERE career field production for AirForce.com and social media content. (Courtesy photo)**

helicopters, dunked into a wave pool, escaped from a mock village and learned to build shelters in an austere environment.

The production team also followed Airmen living off the land in two campsites north of Spokane, Washington. The trainees who were interviewed talked about their outdoors experience before deciding to join the Air Force. Instructors demonstrated the survival skills they teach the Airmen in the field.

At the Air Force Survival School on Fairchild Air Force Base, SERE instructors also shared their experiences and life style in their career field in during in-depth interviews. Upon graduation from



**(Above) A SERE student from the Air Force's Survival School chops wood for a fire his class will use to cook food they procure from their campsite outside Spokane, Washington. (Right) SERE students carve tools during a training class at Joint Base San Antonio-Medina Annex. (U.S. Air Force photos/Dale Eckroth)**

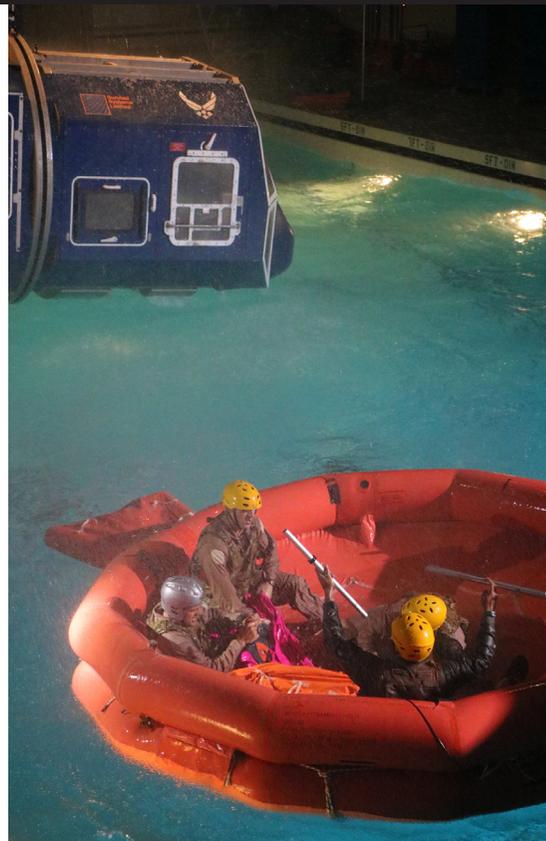


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the school, trainees who successfully completed the course will earn the SERE specialist badge and coveted sage-colored beret.

All of the coverage is in editing mode and will be on [airforce.com](http://airforce.com) and subsequent social media soon. Some sneak peaks were provided during the live social media chat on the career field in August 2018.



SERE specialist trainees endure a variety of trails to demonstrate survival skills at Fairchild AFB, Washington. (Air Force photos by Dale Eckroth)



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John "Coach" Carney. "Young Airmen of the future will learn of John's saga and benefit greatly from his story. His display of courage will continue to inspire future members of our special operations forces, and he will not be forgotten."

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson shared that when Chapman's widow, Valerie, received news of his death, she grew even closer to the Air Force family, and explained how she continues to take care of Gold Star families today.

"Valerie has become a first responder of sorts for other families when terrible news comes," Wilson said as she introduced Valerie to the packed audience. "Whenever she gets the call, she is there."

For Valerie, it's an honor.

"I am thankful for these heroes who serve and protect our country, and I'm humbled my husband was one of them," Valerie said. "I am eternally grateful to the Air Force as a whole, in particular my special tactics community, and – in my humble opinion, the best family ever – my combat control family. As we leave this Air Force memorial today I ask each and every one of you to share John's story. He's the definition of a true hero. Continue to tell the stories of all our fallen and wounded warriors. Never stop saying their names."

# Cadet finds challenges, path to leadership at OTS

**Cadet Trevor Whittington**  
**Officer Training School**

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. --

Cadet Jacob Turner decided to attend Officer Training School because he wanted to become a part of something much bigger than himself.

A recent Clemson University graduate with no military experience, Turner said completing the challenging and rewarding leadership school is the first step toward his aspirations of being an aviator in the U.S. Air Force.

"Though I'm not going to directly apply my degree in my future career path, it prepared me well for the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, applying for OTS and the academic assessments at OTS," said Turner, who has a degree in biomedical engineering.

The 22-year-old considers his age to be the most challenging aspect of training so far. He is considerably younger than the other members of his flight and class.

"It's been challenging to take charge and assert myself when I am the youngest person in the room, by far," he said. "Week by week, after soaking up the advice and mentorship of those around me, I feel I have made strides in developing my assertiveness and leadership skills."

In addition to the regular OTS responsibilities, Turner was selected to be a flight leader, a position that put him in the leadership role of at least 15 cadets during the second week of training.

"The flight leader position helped me to come

out of my shell and develop my followership capabilities as an echo of the leadership I had the opportunity to develop during the week. It felt great to march everyone past the military training



**Officer Training School Cadet Jacob Turner, shown taking part in a Home Expeditionary Leadership Exercise at Air University, July 15, 2018, is a recent Clemson University graduate and flight leader for his OTS class. Turner said his experience at OTS has prepared him for leadership roles and created a path to his aspiration of becoming an Air Force pilot. (Courtesy photo)**

instructors and OTS staff," he said.

In anticipation of graduation from OTS, Turner said he's exceptionally pleased with how close his flight has become.

"I can honestly say that they have been the most positive aspect of my training," he said. "My flight has infectious morale-boosting abilities, from our supportive members, to our jokesters, and our motivational speakers. They keep me grounded and push me to grow. We always take the time to bring everyone in our flight up to our level of expectations."

Networking with cadets outside of his flight is also important to him.

"Personally, I look forward to those brief chunks of time where I can really get to know the cadets around me and get a genuine look into their personalities and passions," he said. "It has taught me a lot about 'knowing your people,' and I look forward to any five- or six-minute conversation I can have with a fellow cadet."

Turner said his selection for Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training was another high point to his experience at OTS. He said he was honored to even have been considered for ENJJPT, a competitive program, alongside so many highly qualified cadets and hopes to progress into fighters.

**DYK - there is a how-to-join officer process on [airforce.com](https://www.airforce.com/how-to-join/process/officer)?**  
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# Commentary: Telling my Air Force story through RAP

By Airman Shelby Pruitt, 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs  
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas --

Since my enlistment, I've been infatuated with the Air Force and all it has to offer. So, naturally, I was super excited for the chance to tell people my story and help others get started on what could be their active-duty journey, as well.

Just recently, my best friend Airman 1st Class Destiny Patchin, a fuels apprentice with the 509th Logistic Readiness Squadron, and I drove to our hometown of Berlin Heights, Ohio, to assist our recruiter who was just a few towns over in Sandusky. We applied and were accepted for the Air Force Recruiter Assistance Program, or RAP.

RAP is designed for Airmen to work with Air Force recruiters in their hometowns for the purpose of spreading the word about the Air Force by sharing personal testimonies, setting up recruitment booths and speaking at schools and other organizations. As an assistant we can also give guidance to Delayed Entry Program members, attend Center of Influence events and carry out any recruiting-related tasks delegated by the recruiter.

Once accepted for the program, the Air Force grants Airmen 12 days of nonchargeable leave to return home. RAP is extremely beneficial for the Air Force because Airmen can be a major influence in bringing firsthand knowledge and stories to their hometown. In turn, recruiters make contacts and develop leads.

Although this is considered leave, RAP requires the participating Airmen to report to the recruit-



**Airman 1st Class Destiny Patchin, a fuels apprentice with the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Airman Shelby Pruitt, a photojournalist with 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs, pose by an Air Force recruitment vehicle July 2, 2018, outside the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Office in Sandusky, Ohio, while participating in the Recruiters Assistance Program. (Courtesy photo)**

ing office every day for tasking. Our recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Andy Lansdowne, with the 339th Recruiting Squadron, had us participate in a lot of activities taking place in the area. Patchin and I were also fortunate to work in RAP at the same time with other Airmen in RAP, giving us the opportunity to relate to one another and share stories with others who went through the same Basic Military Training.

On the Fourth of July, we set up a booth at the Annual Stars and Stripes Celebration in downtown Sandusky. The following Saturday we walked in a parade, handing out candy and water bottles to

people in Willard, Ohio, and we had the pleasure of talking at the DEP Commander's Call to the newly enlisted headed to Air Force BMT.

Even with the more mundane tasks that were asked of us, such as cleaning the Air Force Recruiting government vehicle, I realized that it gave people in town, who are just doing regular activities, a chance to see us in uniform washing a cool vehicle. I can't tell you how many people stopped and asked us about it.

Many residents in our hometown raised a lot of questions about the Air Force from old friends to the general public around town. This gave us the chance us to tell our personal stories about what led each of us to join, opening the door to those who may not know anything about military service, or who may be too scared to take the first step and ask.

One thing we realized about ourselves and people from home was the variety of perceptions of the military. People had their own ideas and different views on the military and Air Force, some similar to what Patchin and I had before we joined. RAP gave us the chance to explain what exactly the Air Force is like to people who had the same perception as us when we were civilians.

My friend and I agree that after being in the Air Force about five months, the people, places and experiences we've had completely changed our view of the world and the military itself. Being newly enlisted Airmen, it made it easier for young

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people considering military service for themselves to feel more comfortable asking us questions.

It was amazing for me to sit in my hometown recruiting office and see people from high school or mutual friends who have had already started their Air Force journey. That was probably the best part of my RAP experience.

Another great feeling was watching our recruiter's reaction to our growth as Airmen. Sgt. Lansdowne knew we were high school students who stopped into his office asking about the Air Force. Then he knew us as technical school graduates who were certified in our career fields serving our first term of enlistment. During RAP, he saw us as Airmen reporting to him for duty. He helped get us started with the best decision we've ever made and we couldn't thank him enough for it.

It made me feel proud when Lansdowne said the most rewarding part about being a recruiter is getting to see people who just graduated high school come to you with nothing to do, and then they go off, get molded in basic training and become an American Airman. He told me "You had no clue what you wanted to do, and look at you now... the Pruitt that interviews generals."

Outside of our RAP duty hours, we still had an opportunity to make an impact in our home town. Patchin and I were also invited to a graduation party for a friend. When we were just about to leave the party, we heard someone recognize us as Airmen. We walked over to a group of kids and found out that one of the boys had just taken his oath, and another was studying hard to take his Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery so he could join as well. They asked their questions and we got to tell them all about our experiences and give advice on numerous things they were curious about.

Patchin and I were both so excited that more and more people from our hometown were making this decision. The Air Force changed my life, and it all started in that recruiting office. Returning home for the opportunity to help others take the same step is something I think every Airman should experience at least once in their career.

**Editor's note: For more information on RAP, go to <https://www.recruiting.af.mil> and click this button for near the top right corner:**



## Maj. Tiffany Debrow wins 2018 Tuskegee Airmen Award



Maj. Tiffany Debrow, HQ AFRS executive officer, poses with Nancy Leftenant-Colon, the first African-American nurse, after being presented the Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., award during the 47th Annual Tuskegee Airmen National Convention Aug. 9-11, 2018 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The award is given to a field grade officer who has exhibited outstanding performance in both professional and community service. (Courtesy photo)

## Congratulations to Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Awards nominees

**Junior Enlisted Category: TSgt Meagan Roberts (341 RCS)**

**Senior Enlisted Category: MSgt Ryan Bauman (361 RCS)**

**Junior Officer Category: Capt Christina Hayhurst (341 RCS)**

**Senior Officer Category: Maj Tiffany Debrow (369 RCG/HQ AFRS)**

## Congratulations AFRS CY 2nd Quarter Award Winners

**FGD Category: Lt. Col. Anthony Sampson (314 RCS)**

**CGD Category: Capt. Joseph Cunningham (349 RCS)**

**SNCO Category: Master Sgt. Julius Lendof (367 RCS)**

**Civ Category I: Geralyne Miggins (367 RCS)**

**Civ Category II: Mary Hale (HQ AFRS)**

**Civ Category III: Frank Radis (HQ AFRS)**

# Domestic Violence Convictions Impact Careers

By AFRS/JA

An Airman and his girlfriend return from a bar. They have both had a few drinks. Their conversation turns sour and leads to an argument, which transforms into a minor scuffle.

The police are called and separate the two. Charges are pressed. The Airman is hailed into court. Feeling ashamed and apologetic for the altercation he pleads guilty to simple assault, a misdemeanor.

He may have just unintentionally ended his military career – both by committing even a minor act of domestic violence or by pleading guilty to simple assault, which in this case was a crime of domestic violence.

An extreme result? Perhaps. Something you need to be aware of? Absolutely.

Additionally, the Airman's right to carry a firearm can be taken away. Have you ever heard of the Lautenberg Amendment? It's a 1996 change to the Gun Control Act (18 U.S.C. § 992) that makes it a felony to possess a firearm if convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor.

This law affects not only members who may carry a weapon, but supervisors who issue those weapons.

So what is an act of domestic violence, anyway? For purposes of the Gun Control Act, domestic violence is defined as the use or attempted use of physical force, threatened use of a deadly weapon against a current or former

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spouse, a parent, a child, or with whom one is cohabitating. That's about everything but the kitchen sink.

A military member who has been convicted of a domestic violence offense is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. They are no longer eligible to train with any firearms, or go on any deployments requiring possession of small arms.

If an Airman's AFSC requires

that Airman needs to qualify to bear a firearm, the AFSC will be withdrawn and the Airman will be discharged or may be reassigned to a non-firearm bearing position such as Chaplain.

Additionally, the convicted Airman will be forced to give up any privately owned firearms. Put more bluntly, they may never again own or use firearms.

Going through a fully litigated criminal case isn't the only way to be convicted of a crime. Pleading guilty or no contest (“nolo contendere”) to a crime of domestic violence counts just as much, and will result in the same loss of rights under the Gun Control Act. The best way to avoid any trouble under the law is not to commit acts of domestic violence in the first place.

Domestic turmoil should be resolved through counseling, and other channels, such as the chaplain and life skills. If you are being charged with an act of domestic violence, understand the potential ramifications to your military career of a plea of guilty or no contest.

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Happy Birthday Air Force! Let's look back on a poster from last year's celebration...



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**Capt. LaQuita Chambers, AFROTC Det. 432nd operations flight commander, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, leads active duty and Reserve DEP in the oath of enlistment at the Bulls, Bands and Barrels event Aug 11, 2018. The total force recruitment initiative was coordinated by the 331st RCS.**



**(Left) The 319 RCG swore in approximately 20 DEP members with the Air Force Thunderbirds during an airshow in Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts, July 14-15, 2018.**

Tech. Sgts. Karina Reyes and Nicholas Lanouette, 319th RCS A Flight Recruiters, take a photo with the New Hampshire Motor Speedway mascot in front of the Hanger Experience during a NASCAR race in Loudon, New Hampshire. DEPpers were sworn in by guest Maj. Gen. Linda R. Urruita-Varhall. Master Sgt. Christopher Battista, G Flight Chief, took part in a security detail and had the opportunity to meet Richard Petty. Staff Sgt. Corey Weaver, A Flight Recruiter, was coined by Maj. Gen. Linda R. Urruita-Varhall.



Tech. Sgt. Karina Reyes and Staff Sgt. Joseph Bowden, 319th RCS, represent the Air Force at a Motor Mania event in New Hampshire in July 2018.

# 331st Squadron attends Senior NCO induction



Leadership and members of the 331st RCS attend the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Induction Ceremony at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, Aug. 17, 2018. Inductees honored at the ceremony were Tech. Sgts. Justin Riker, William Magill, Jimmy Mills, Derek Phillips, Kenneth Stephens. The squadron also celebrated the promotion of Master Sgts. Mark Scott and Lorelei Vargas. On the right is a group photo of all inductees at the ceremony, including 331st RCS.



Recruiters from the 331st RCS I Flight join Kimberly Robins, algebra teacher, in her classroom at Biloxi High School, Biloxi Mississippi, Aug. 23, 2018. Photographed are Master Sgt. Joshua Casey, Staff Sgt. Kyle Hughan, Robins and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Louque.



Master Sgt. Derek Bishop, 347th RCS F Flight Chief, rings the squadron bell Aug. 23, 2018 while out-processing on his last duty day before retirement. Bishop was assigned to AFRS for 14 years.

# Local media cover 360th RCG recruiters on location

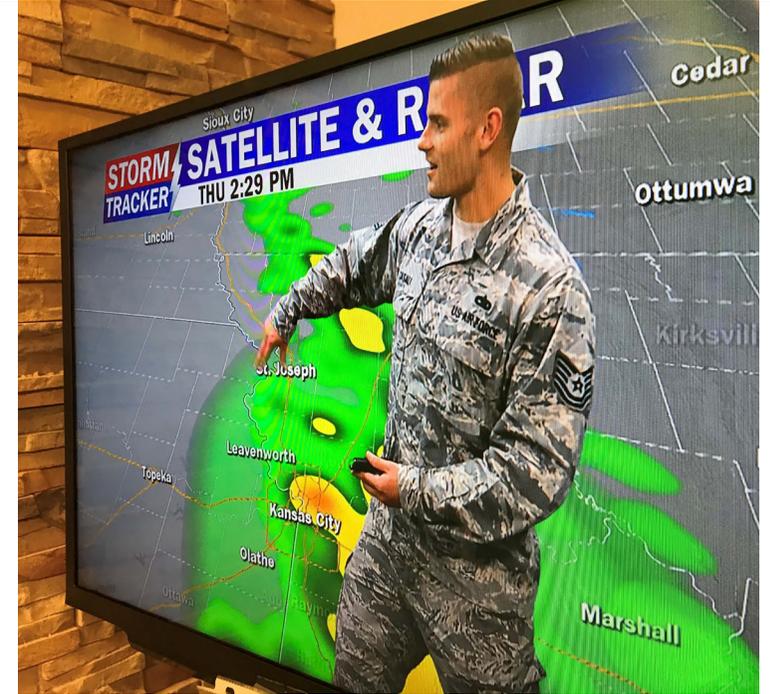


(center) Master Sgt. Gerald LacBain, 311th RCS recruiters, and DEPer represent the Air Force at the Westmoreland County Airshow, Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, July 28 and 29. Local news reporter Patrick Varine, who interviewed LacBain, said "while the spectacle of aerobatic airplane stunts is the main attraction, the annual airshow also serves as a way for the military — and in particular the Air Force — to showcase itself for the region and its residents." The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds performed at the event. (Photos by Murrysville Star & Tribune-Review)



Tech. Sgt. Joshua J. Smith, 314th RCS enlisted accessions recruiter at the Cressona Mall, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, presents a certificate of appreciation to sportsman driver Mike Schneck, of Pine Grove, before the start of the races on July 13 at Big Diamond Speedway. The certificate reads, "In recognition of outstanding support of the Air Force Recruiting Service and dedication to the ideals and principles of the United States of America." (Photo By Jacqueline Dormer, Republican Herald) (Editor's note: The 314th RCS sponsors a sportsman dirt track car to help recruit Air Force mechanics. Dirt track races happen almost weekly and the car is taken to high school vo-tech and mechanic classes.)

Tech. Sgt. Philip Casali, 349th RCS Recruiter, received a tour of his station's local St. Joseph, Missouri, television studios and was given the opportunity to present the Live Storm Tracker Update as NBC 21 KNPG's guest weatherman Aug. 23, 2018. Casali visited FOX 26 KNPN and NBC during his initial in-field marketing training.



Tech. Sgt. Barcelona, 369th RCS Recruiter, speaks at AFN about enlistment opportunities in Yokota AB, Japan, Aug. 2. (Right) : Lt. Col. Maeli Allison, Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Rice, and Senior Mater Sgt. David Poff visit AFN to perform an on-air skit reminding the community about enlistment opportunities.



# 369th RCS presents stripes to promotees



Staff Sgts. Reynaldo Perez Santiago, David Springfield and Haley Santos



Tech. Sgt. Cathrina Davis receives a certificate during the senior NCO Induction ceremony at Edwards AFB, California, Aug. 11, 2018.



(Above) Staff Sgts. Elliot Butler, Albert Redmon, Duncan Hilsabeck and Guillermo Cajigas. Not pictured was Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Camper.



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Wyman was honored during a senior NCO induction ceremony at Los Angeles AFB, California, July 27, 2018.



Staff Sgt. Andrew Burdette



Staff Sgt. Michelle Casey



Tech. Sgt. Charles Glenn



Tech. Sgt. Charles Glenn



Staff Sgt. Porsche Davis



**Col Kenyon Bell, 72nd ABW Commander, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, administers the Oath of Enlistment to the 349th RCS E Flight Delayed Entry Program Members at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City Aug. 17, 2018. After the oath, the commander posed for a photo with DEPPers, Chief Master Sgt. Melissa Erb, 72nd ABW Command Chief, and Lt. Col. Russell Montante Jr., 349th RCS commander.**



**Tech. Sgt. Austin Hollingshead, 349 RCS, presents Leslie Stack, Heart of America Council, with a certificate of appreciation. Stack is the Boy Scouts of America Program Assistant for the Kansas City chapter who has helped recruiting efforts with her connection to Eagle Scouts.**



**Tech. Sgt. Randall Landers, 349 RCS I Flight recruiter, attends a pep rally at Heritage High School, Rogers, Arkansas, Aug. 15, 2018.**



Lt. Col. Beth Lane, center, 361st RCS commander, poses for a photo with her squadron after her final flight July 16, 2018 at McChord AFB, Washington. The commander flew over 3,500 hours in C-17 missions prior to assuming command of the 361st on July 31, 2018. Pictured are First Sergeant Master Sgt. Elise Vankoetsveld, Production Superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Kisse, Operations Commander Capt. Kelly Walker, and the Senior Trainer Master Sgt. Jason Crawford.



(left) Tech. Sgt. Shaun Hammond, 332nd RCS, poses for a photo with faculty and staff at Whitwell High School, Dalton, Georgia, during a visit Aug. 6, 2018.



Tech. Sgt. Johnathon Rhodes, 332nd H Flight Recruiter and Staff Sgt. Troy Nixon, 330th RCS discuss Air Force opportunities live with WBRT host Sylvia Horland Aug. 28, 2018. WBRT is a radio/television network that will broadcast and televise the thirty minute segment several times to the local viewing area.



Lt. Col. Mae-li Allison, 369th RCS commander, recognizes the Vandenberg AFB EOD squadron for their outstanding support on July 17, 2018.



(Left) Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, AFRS commander, the F-16 demo team and members of the 347th RCS pose for a photo in front of the Air Commando Experience asset during the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 25, 2018. (Below) Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, AFRS Commander, joined the EAA WomenVenture group photo of more than 1,000 women during a event that provided women the opportunity to connect with other women who are interested in aviation. (Below photos were taken by EAA)





Master Sgt. Blake Manuel, 342nd RCS, H-Flight Health Professions Recruiter, accepts the 2017 International Chapter of the Year over 500 members and the International Legislative Chapter award during the Air Force Sergeants Association Professional Airmen's Conference Aug. 26, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. Manuel leads AFSA Chapter 985 and is the only health professions recruiter in Del City, Oklahoma, near Tinker AFB. Photographed with Manuel are Staff Sgt. Hugo Perez, 72nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Tinker AFB, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright, and Master Sgt. John Whitefield, 552nd Maintenance Squadron, Tinker AFB. Perez was just recently selected for recruiting duty.

# ICYMI...347 RCS recruits at SnoCross



(Top to bottom) Lt. Col. Jeff Watts, 347th RCS Commander, leads the DEP Swear at the Grand Finale of SnoCross in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, March 18, 2018. Menominee High School, Wisconsin visit with Scheuring Sports during the finale. Tech. Sgt. Alan Rees is interviewed by CBS Sports at the SnoCross National event March. 10, 2018 in Dubuque, Iowa.