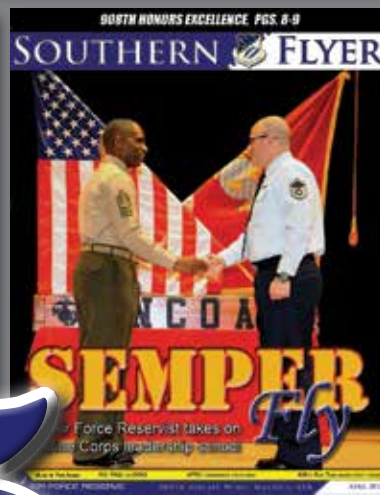
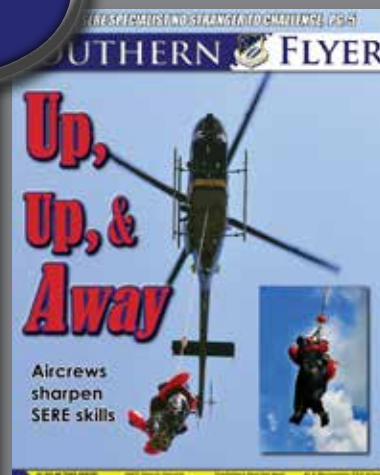
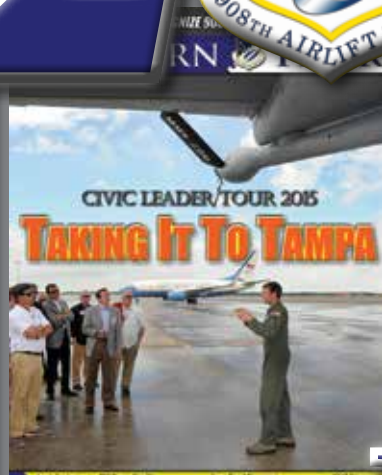
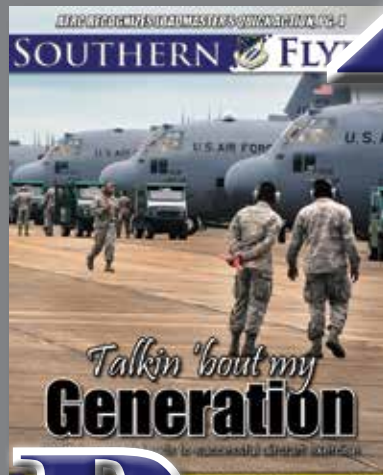


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Operations security is 24/7

Have you ever planned a surprise party for a family member or friend? If it was successful, then you employed good Operations Security, or OPSEC.

OPSEC is keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. Critical information is information about friendly activities, intentions, capabilities, or limitations that an adversary needs in order to gain a military, political, diplomatic, or technological advantage. Disclosure of this information may prevent mission effectiveness, cause damage to resources, or loss of life. An adversary may be a nation we're at war with, a terrorist group, a criminal ... or even unintentionally, a family member. Often the people closest to you might unknowingly reveal information about you or your family that you want to keep secure.

Let's take a look at some example of Personal OPSEC: During this Christmas season, were you aware of your surroundings while you were shopping and using your credit

cards? When you post things on social media, do you truly know all your friends, or are some just acquaintances? People you think might be harmless could have ill intentions; a close family member might post or tweet something you might not want made public.

When giving OPSEC briefs, I use this example: A granddaughter and

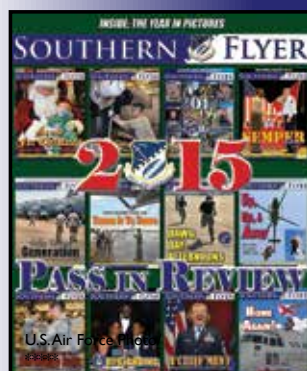
grandmother had a large sum of cash in their house. Prior to

depositing the money, they placed it on a table, took a picture, and posted it on social media. Although they deposited the cash, some unwanted visitors saw the post and broke into the house, putting their lives in danger.

What's the purpose of posting certain things on social media? Is it to get attention? Shock value? Remember, once you post something, it never goes away. Think before you post. Prevent potential adversaries from obtaining that key piece of the puzzle that could harm your financial or personal life. Follow the same rules at work and protect critical information like it's your own. Remember OPSEC is 24/7!



LT. COL. THOMAS OHLAND
908th OPSEC Program Manager



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Each front page from 2015 adorn this month's cover of the Southern Flyer, which includes a look back at the 908th Airlift Wing's accomplishments as well as the year in photographs.



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A MOMENT WITH THE
CHAPLAIN

CH. (CAPT.) MATTHEW HOSHOR

Learn to snowboard. That was my New Year's resolution a few years ago. My wife and I flew up to Colorado Springs and drove up the winding mountain in extreme anticipation. Snowboard rental and lift tickets couldn't be purchased fast enough. After a long wait in line and a short ride on a freezing lift, we were ready!

What did we learn? We learned to fall, again and again and again. We fell on our faces with snowy crashes, and we fell on our backsides with repeated thuds. We fell forwards and backwards and sideways. Two hours later, only halfway down the mountain, I confessed to my wife, "I hurt, and at this rate, we still have two more hours before we reach the bottom." It was in that moment my wife said to me, "Matthew, look up. See the snow covered trees? You don't see those in Alabama. See the endless sky filled with mountains? It's beautiful. Soak up this moment." She took my hand and smiled. We sat together in the snow and enjoyed the moment. We wanted to learn to snowboard, but I learned something different than I expected.

Do you ever stop long enough to soak up the moment, or does your predicament keep you from lifting your eyes to see the beauty before you? Are you missing the journey because of your trip?

Our trip was a great adventure. This year's resolution? Soak up the moment AND learn to snowboard!



Finance: 908th members, mark your fiscal calendars

By Debbie Smith & Billy Kidd
908th FM

If you work in your unit as an Order Specialist, ODTA or AO in DTS, or if you assist Reservists with vouchers, the 908th Financial Management office will be providing a workshop which will cover topics you need to know.

The workshop will be held Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the CES training room, Bldg. 1055.

The subject matter will cover:
Order Specialist: We will go over the AROWS-R process for Order Specialist and cover any changes that have been made in AROWS-R and the use of the TODC for certifying orders for pay. We will give the regulations that cover the order system and ask that you bring any questions you have about the AROWS-R system.

DTS: Technical Sgt. Billy Kidd will give a slide presentation on the DTS system. He will cover gaining a new Reservist in DTS and how to make changes to the member's account using hands-on DTS examples. You will be shown how an authorization becomes a travel

voucher in DTS and what is needed to complete the process.

E-Finance: When the order states to file voucher in RTS it will be filed in E-Finance. We will have slides to show you the step-by-step process in E-Finance and what the codes mean when the voucher is flowing through the process. We will show you how to do an itinerary and how to upload your documents in E-Finance.

When our deployers return in the next couple of months, we want their units to be able to assist them with RTS vouchers in E-Finance. Commanders, make sure you have someone attending this workshop so assistance will be available at your level.

Units, send us an e-mail after the January UTA with the list of names of those attending so we can plan accordingly. The training room has a capacity for about 30 people. If we get more than 30 people who want to attend, we will have a second workshop later that same day.

You can contact Debbie Smith, Billy Kidd or Angie Rankins-West in the FM office if you have any questions at 334-953-6722/5563.

Changes in altitudes, changes in attitudes

From an airborne anniversary to an Outstanding Airman, 908th flies high in 2015

Calendar year 2015 was an incredible year of activity for the 908th Airlift Wing. From inspections to deployments, members accomplished every mission and fulfilled every tasker with honor and pride.

Among the wing's accomplishments this year was the 357th Airlift Squadron being handpicked by the U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga. to participate in the 75th Anniversary of the first air drop of American paratroopers.

The 908th, which regularly provides airlift support for the school, was specifically requested by Lt. Col. Korey Brown, commander of 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which executes the school's training mission.

The 357th also flew airdrop missions in support of Command and Staff College to Gettysburg, Pa.

Supported by members of every squadron, the wing's operation and maintenance groups planned, developed and launched a force generation exercise airdrop, validating the wing's wartime capability. As a result of everyone's hard work, the wing launched its first-ever, six-ship formation.

Aircrews also flew six missions for Joint Task Force North in support of Operation Silence Secret, where they delivered equipment and personnel.

The Air Force Reserve Command Aviation Safety Well Done Award was presented to Staff Sgt. Ricky Davis in recognition of his quick action upon noticing a serious aircraft malfunction, thus avoiding a poten-

tial catastrophic accident.

Master Sgt. Chris Wild, a loadmaster with the 357th Airlift Squadron, successfully completed the Marine Staff NCO Advanced Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Wild was the only Air Force Reservist in his class to graduate.

Members of the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron provided their skills to overseas intra-theater operations, delivering patients from Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa to appropriate care facilities in Europe and the United States.

The 908th executed a four-ship deployment with 146 personnel in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. Augmenting air expeditionary forces overseas, members provided intra-theater airlift, delivered passengers and cargo, and directly supported ground troops throughout Southwest Asia.

While deployed, 908th maintainers, operators and logisticians provided direct support of allies by advising, training and qualifying members of the Afghan National Air Force.

Maintenance Airmen completed their first-ever C-130 external fuel tank repair at home station. Dealing with an elusive fuel leak, they coordinated with Lockheed engineers, working alongside a depot field team to remove and successfully repair the fuel tank. Through their efforts, the C-130 was quickly returned to mission-ready status.

The 908th Airlift Wing complet-

ed its first-ever Capstone inspection, earning an "Effective" rating. Eight members received recognition as Superior Performers, and another was named as a military bearing awardee.

The Public Affairs Office successfully told the wing's story at the local, state and national levels, conducting tours and community relations efforts, providing media escorts and coordinating distinguished visitor tours for military and elected leaders.

Wing staff member Lt. Col. Carmel Weed was named as 22nd Air Force Process Manager of the Year. In October, Senior Master Sgt. Terry Shook and Tech. Sgt. Billy Kidd completed the annual Air Force Half marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In January, the Aeromedical Staging Squadron earned an overall "Highly Effective" rating, while its Self-Aid Buddy Care program and patient administration were lauded as benchmarked programs by AFRC.

Squadron members participated in Total Force Medical Training at Keesler AFB, Miss. in May, receiving certification and recertification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support training. Members received training in acute care in-patient facility, ambulatory care working in the emergency, intensive care, labor and delivery, and medical/surgical units.

Members conducted a mass casualty drill based upon an active shooter scenario. Live and simulated patients were triaged and moved to the flightline by ASTS and AES members and



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placed aboard 908th C-130s.

The 908th Security Forces Squadron augmented 42nd Air Base Wing security police when President Barack Obama came to Alabama for the 50th anniversary of the "March on Selma." As Maxwell Air Force Base became the temporary home of Air Force One and Marine One, 908th security forces conducted entry control point and flight line operations, ensuring the safety and security of these high-profile assets.

Security Forces member Staff Sgt. Kresston L. Davis was selected as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Having already been named the 908th, 22nd Air Force and AFRC Airman of the Year, she received the award at the Air Force Association's Air and Space National Aerospace Conference Awards in Washington, D.C.

The squadron again augmented base security during a manpower shortage during August and September, a period of increased security in response to the mass shooting in Chattanooga, Tenn.

In the 908th Force Support

Squadron, Service members participated in the AFRC East Black Belt exercise, providing 3,500 hot meals in a two-week period. Comm members coordinated an extensive 64-bit conversion of 244 wing computers in three months, and also identified more than 100 tech refreshes. Personnel Airmen reduced non-value added and total processing time by more than 50 percent.

Squadron Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Martha Roy was named 22nd Air Force SNCO of the Year and also received the 2015 Alabama Governor's Award.

The 908 Civil Engineer Squadron participated in Operation Patriot Warrior at Fort McCoy, Wis., which involved more than 2,000 Air Force and Army personnel. During the operation, emergency management Airmen supported the first-ever OPW-tasked Air Force Emergency Management flight, earning recognition from AFRC for their efforts. Two Prime Beef and fire emergency services Airmen were hand-selected for this exercise.

The 908th Logistics Readiness

Squadron successfully coordinated a comprehensive Host-Tenant Support Agreement, the first signed agreement between the wing and the 42nd ABW in more than 13 years.

Members also coordinated a recurring joint training schedule with the 187th Fighter Wing, Alabama Air National Guard, obtaining critical vehicle maintenance training required for section upgrade training.

During annual tours to McChord, Charleston and Langley, LRS Reservists provided critical support to real-world operations. One hundred percent of UTC training was accomplished and vital real-world operations support was provided to the host unit during a deployment-related manpower shortage.

The 'port dawgs' of 25th Aerial Port Squadron conducted two annual tours to Charleston AFB, moving 165 tons of cargo and 254 passengers. Members packed, processed and loaded 27,980 pounds of supplies for two humanitarian missions flights. Members also assisted in the air drop of more than 300 tons of equipment.



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SLAYTON TAKES DAWGS' LEAD

NEW LOGISTICS LEADER

MXS GETS NEW BOSS

AMXS CHANGES HANDS

NEW AMXS BOSS: No fixing required

By Gene H. Hughes
908th AW Public Affairs

Command of the 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron changed hands in a ceremony held during the December UTA, but breaking in a new boss won't be a concern for Airmen accustomed to fixing things.

She's already broken in.

Lieutenant Colonel Brandon M. Douglass, departing the 908th for a new assignment, relinquished command to Major Marla Powell, a 908th member since 2007.

Douglass is headed to the Pentagon, where he's been assigned to Headquarters Air Force/A-4L (Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection). Although he doesn't know what his exact duties will be, he said he's looking forward to learning how things work in the Pentagon and as an IMA, and learning something new.

He said he's also eager to have UTA weekends back for family time, but that his experiences will have a positive impact on his new position.

"My command experience with the 908th is something I will carry with me throughout the rest of my career," he said. "I appreciate everyone who has made my time here at the 908th such a great experience."

"(He) has done a fantastic job over the last three years," said 908th MXG Commander Col. Joe Friday. "As he moves on to his next assignment, I know that he will reflect on his time in the 908th fondly."

Powell, a native of Eastman, Ga., was originally coded as an acquisitions officer. Air Force thinking at that time required these officers to obtain operational



experience, which gave Powell the chance to serve as a maintenance officer for three years.

And that's all it took.

"I liked maintenance so much I tried to get another assignment, but the powers that be wouldn't allow that to happen. I've always felt maintenance is where I belong.

As the AMXS commander, she's responsible for more than 110 Airmen, ensuring they are trained and proficient to maintain the wing's eight C-130s and ensuring the readiness of six UTCs, to include 121 positions and 97.2 short tons of cargo in support of critical AMC missions. She also manages the use of logistics resources to meet aircraft contingency and training sortie requirements, and executes an annual budget of \$14 million.

Although she's not sure how her experience, which includes deployments to Bahrain and Afghanistan, will impact or benefit the squadron, she wants to share them "with the hope that it may help anyone with whatever they're going through. I like to encourage all members to participate in the decision making process."

"My goal is to continue to learn and broaden my experience so that I can prepare myself for whatever is next," she said.

"I am jealous of her because as any former squadron commander will tell you, the best job you can have in the Air Force is a squadron commander," Friday said. "It's a position that allows you to directly influence and care for Airmen. I know Hope will excel in this new role and is poised to be an exceptional commander of some very exceptional Airmen."



908TH AIRLIFT WING BEST OF 2015

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Following \$2.7 million makeover, maintainers return to 845

By Gene H. Hughes
908th AW Public Affairs

Almost five years from the time requests for renovations began working their way up the chain, the 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron building is once again performing its intended function.

The AFRC-funded FSRM project renovated 15,000 square feet of Building 845, originally built back in the 1940s. The office spaces, shops, administrative and training spaces, which were constructed in 1970, were completely removed and replaced.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Herb Pfeiffer, 908th CES, the 10-month, \$2.7 million project was required because the facility was no longer adequate in design or condition to facilitate the MXS mission.

"All the utilities, finishes, and

structure were beyond effective repair," he said. "Lighting, mechanical and electrical capabilities were well below acceptable standards and were beyond their useful life."

The work progressed more slowly than normal, because there were strict guidelines that had to be followed. The building is on the historical register, therefore the exterior could not be changed from the original design.

Workers also had to proceed with environmental and safety concerns, as asbestos and lead-based paints had to be dealt with.

The facility now houses the Airmen who, until recently, occupied Building 1016 on the West Ramp.

"The design of the new facility allows ARTs and Traditional Reservists to enjoy the squadron solidity fac-

tor of the Aircraft Maintenance Unit concept," said Chief Master Sgt. Brent Hardie. "I strongly believe that providing our airmen a high quality of life enhances job performance and morale."

With the upcoming relocation of the wing's C-130s to the North Ramp, the location will put maintainers closer to the aircraft. The "line shack" also wasn't large enough for the maintainers' needs.

"Our new facility gives us room for specialists and computers," said Maj. Hope Powell, newly installed commander of the 908th AMXS. "It's a major improvement over what we had. We were able to contribute and help plan the use of space and make the most of what is available. I'm glad we finally got a chance to make the changes we've talked about for years."

908th Airlift Wing 2015 Annual Awards Banquet

Location: Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL

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Social Hour: 1800-1900

Contact your Squadron POC to purchase tickets.

Wing POC: TSgt Dickerson (334) 953-0543



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Staff Sgt. Sara Buelvas, OSS
Staff Sgt. Tavis Duncan, AW
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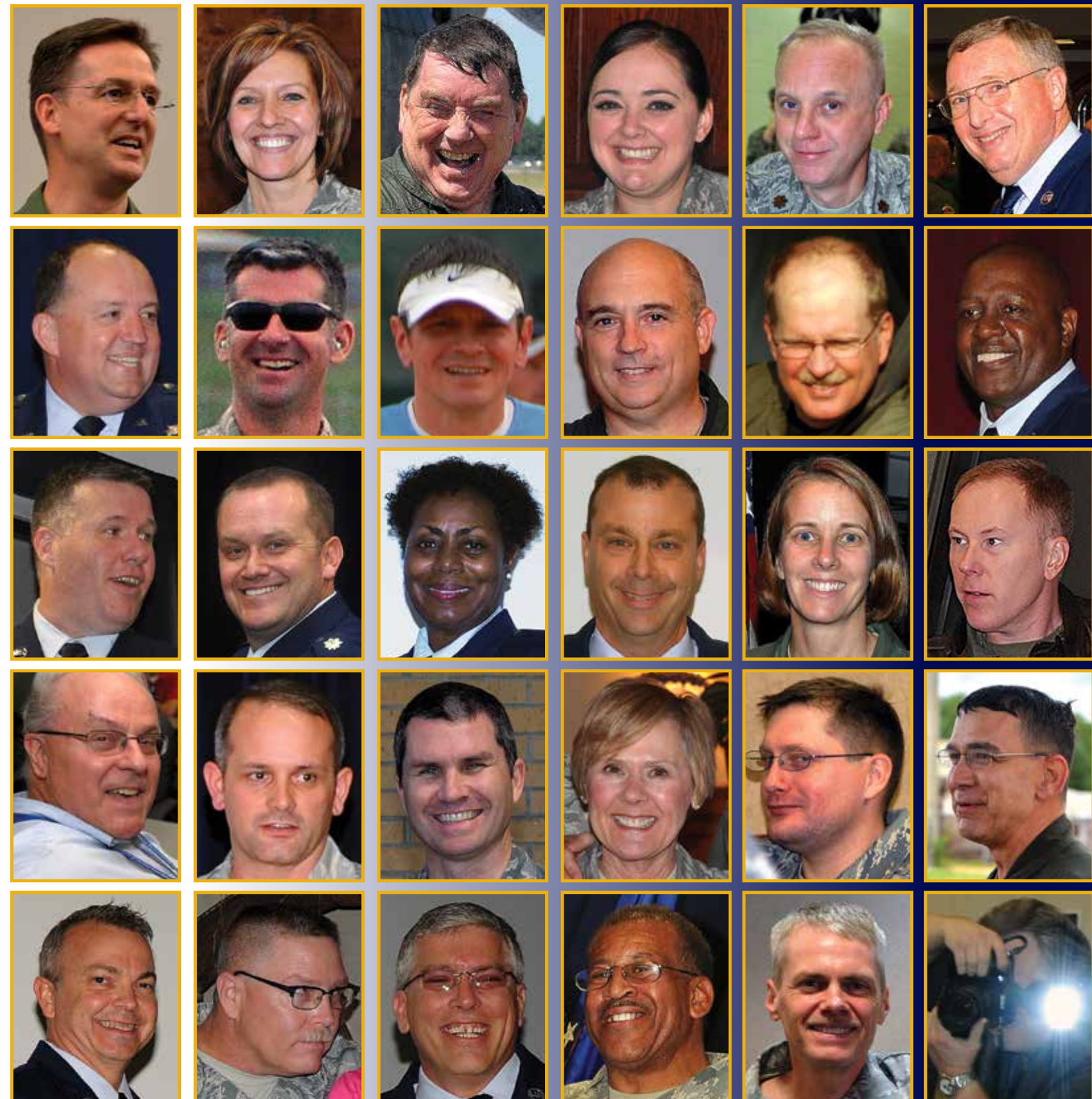
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