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BE THERE for Wingmen

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Are You Ready to Rumble?

Pack 'em up, move 'em out! That's the deployment goal plain and simple! Your goal? Be ready to roll! Dental done? WebHa good? What about your will and power of attorney? Some stuff just never changes, but in reality - a lot did change! Gone is the long list of brain-numbing CBTs, gone is Tier 2A and 2B training, gone are endless miles of paper chasing us in circles – out with the old, in with the new! What's new and needed to be ready to get out the door? First up – AEF Online, you need an account! Why? As always, it's where you can see your deployment readiness, but it also now contains the process for getting you out the door. Your out-processing checklist (eDRC) will be there. It will be routed around the wing within AEF Online and will be sent to the PERSCO team overseas from there too. Too easy! Next up, the revamped training--basically a 3-tiered system where most of the time you only need to do 2 layers (another Wahoo!). The repetitious one? TFAT – that's the training everyone (as in the Total Force) needs (therefore aptly called Total Force Awareness Training). The high points? There are way less courses (6 or so) nowadays and you can "CLEP" out – most have a bypass test so if you already know the info you can breeze right through - triple wahoo! Then there is BAR training - it, along with TFAT, make every Airman Basically Ready to deploy (again, too easy...Basic Airman Readiness). Best thing about it?



COL. PAT BREWER Commander, 908 MSG

It's only 4 courses and better yet, it only needs to be done once every 3 years! The one caveat – if you're deploying, it needs to be good through the deployment + 30 days. And last but not least? BDR training - Basic Deployment Readiness. You only need to do this training if you're deploying. And (here it comes - the high point!) - you don't do it more than once every 5 years - if you're not deploying, you don't do it! Sure, there's a caveat for those deemed "enablers" who aren't in a bucket cycle, but for a grand glomp of us, that's the rule. So, there you have it. Plain and simple – it's easy to do and you're brain doesn't go numb! So, are you ready? Start checking it off! Got my dental, got my WebHa, got my TFAT, got my BAR...

Vacant Vacant



Cover photo:

Loadmasters, Master Sqt. Cedric Robbins and Romanian Warrant Officer Emil Seapa secure a Containerized Delivery System bundle after it was dropped and recovered at Boboc Air Base, Romania.



"Providing combat-ready support across the spectrum of operations"



CH. (CAPT.) MATTHEW (MI). HOSHOR

Sitting in a less than comfortable seat at the airport with my roller bag beside me, I watched in horror as the flight display screens listed flight after flight as delayed and then cancelled. I witnessed hundreds of people's plans being thrown into chaos. Passengers were dismayed. Employees were befuddled. The unforeseen triggered turbulent emotions for countless people. There were weddings. There were funerals. There were interviews. There were graduations. There were births. Families were crossing the country to see each other. People were traversing the globe when confusion struck. It was unexpected. It was real. These people had done nothing to cause

the frustration, yet they had to deal with it. Their plans were changing; they had to adapt. A simple computer glitch started extreme turmoil for thousands of travelers world-wide. Sitting there, I watched in bewilderment as this disaster played out.

How many times does life not go as expected! Cars break down. Medical expenses come up. The house needs repairs. The list goes on. When unexpected drama flings open the door of our lives and invites itself in, we can't always prevent it. We can, however, combat it and continue peacefully even in the midst of the chaos. The travelers who coped well may have missed their connecting flights, but they called their friends and family and revaluated plans. They stood at help desks and reworked travel plans. It may not have been ideal, but they overcame.

They weren't able to change the situation, but through determination and flexibility, they were able to work through the dilemma. Their flights were delayed, yet their journeys – eventually – continued.

In our lives, we face genuine dilemmas. Despite our careful planning, life chooses to hand us lemons. To work through the impending chaos, the inevitable unexpected, we must maintain spiritual strength to overcome the "glitches" that spring up in our lives. Chaplains, counselors, and support groups are here to offer "tech support" for the glitches that threaten to overthrow our plans as we travel through life. Sometimes all we need is to make that call to rework a flight to still get to our necessary destination. Toss those lemons life handed you! You only get one carry-on, so make it count.

Suicide Prevention: BE THERE for Wingmen

Jamie Ellis You can reach me at 953-8359

September represents Suicide Prevention Month for DoD, VA and the Air Force Total Force. The theme this year is #BE THERE. The theme is to help encourage people to think about the many ways they can help themselves or one of their fellow Airmen to feel less alone. The message to all Airmen is that "everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention".

Most think that suicide prevention only comes once a year on Wingman Day, but thinking about and doing something about suicide is an everyday thing in order to decrease the numbers of suicides and/

or suicide attempts Air Force wide. AFRC wants everyone to do their part to prevent suicides. This starts with knowing your Airmen and looking for and identifying those risk factors.

My challenge this month to the 908th is to get to know your Airmen and *Be There* for one another; either through calling, going to lunch to-

gether or going for a walk together. Also remember if you have someone that needs help or you need help, please utilize your resources in the 908th to include the chaplains, first sergeants and me, the DPH. Finding help and being there for each other saves lives!

Upcoming Basic Motorcycle Safety Courses

Basic Rider Course II

Sept. 10, 2016 (5 hrs) Instructors: 908th Start Time: 0700



Basic Rider Course I

Oct. 2016 UTA (Sat-Sun) Instructors: 908th Start Time: 0700

To sign up, contact Lt. Col. Carmel Weed at 334-953-9702 or e-mail Carmel Weed@us.af.



Financial difficulties are often a direct result of a lack of knowledge and experience, especially for younger Airmen. Uninformed decisions can have a significant impact on an Airman's current readiness posture and impact his or her financial well-being in the future.

Local Airman & Family Readiness Centers have services, resources and educational tools designed to enhance financial readiness and money-management skills. Since 2003, the Department of Defense has tried to increase the ability of Airmen to manage their personal finances through the Financial Readiness Campaign. The campaign is based on eight pillars of financial readiness:

Good Credit: Airmen and their families are encouraged to learn and apply appropriate and effective methods for obtaining, managing, monitoring and protecting their credit ratings.

Financial Stability: At the core of financial stability is creating and using a spending plan, or budget, to help families examine and modify their spending habits in order to live within their means.

Routine Savings: It is extremely important that Airmen have sufficient money saved to cope with unforeseen circumstances. A systematic, regular and personal savings program is a central component of financial readiness, as well as helping Airmen achieve their financial

Thrift Savings Plan: The Thrift Savings Plan is a federal government-sponsored savings and investment plan meant to provide retirement income. Airmen can take advantage of the "miracle of compound interest" by saving/investing in their futures as early as possible.

Low Interest Loans: In the event that Airmen have the need to borrow money, it is highly important that they are aware of some of the predatory lending practices that may trap them in "the cycle of debt." There are a number of viable options that are available.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation: MWR recreation and entertainment contributes to financial readiness by providing activities that appeal to Airmen and families that are readily available and affordable.

Security Clearance: This is a paramount readiness issue. Failure or inability of Airmen to live within their means, satisfy just debts, and meet other financial obligations may indicate poor self-control, lack of judgment, or an unwillingness to abide by rules and regulations. Each of these categories can raise serious questions about an Airman's reliability, trustworthiness and ability to protect classified information. Airmen who are financially overextended are at risk of having to engage in illegal acts to generate funds. Learning effective money-management techniques allows Airmen to avoid potential security clearance-related problems.

Service member's Group Life Insurance: SGLI provides low cost (\$.07 per \$1,000 of coverage) group life insurance for Airmen. Additionally, Family Service members' Group Life Insurance, or FSGLI, is a program extended to the spouses and dependent children of Airmen insured under the SGLI program.

OSS Leadership changes in September



Lt. Col. Isaac Oh, Outgoing 908th Operations Support Squadron Commander.

The 908th Operations Support Squadron will receive a new commander at 3:30 PM, Saturday September 10.

The ceremony will be held in the 357th Airlift Squadron briefing

Lt. Col. Isaac Oh will relinquish command and Lt. Col. Emory Dueitt will assume command over the organization. Oh will not be going very far, as he will be transitioning to become the new Deputy Commander of the 908th Operations Group.



Lt. Col. Emory Dueitt, Incoming 908th Operations Support Squadron Commander.

Key Spouse offers helpful deployment tips



Deployments are a part of military service. As we separate from those we love for weeks and months, this is definitely an aspect in which the whole family serves! It's equally hard on us all but in different ways. Spouses left behind may endure such things as loneliness, "single" parenting, unanswered questions, and daily life problems without usual support. Here are a few thoughts for the spouse at home:

1. Try to view time apart as opportunity

Forced learning often occurs as we attempt things we never saw ourselves doing. We can learn so much, become more independent, stronger and more resilient. We may be able to work on relationships with family & friends, education, career ideas, physical fitness, try a new hobby, or just fit in some down time.

2. Look for someone to help

Helping others has been proven to take our focus off our own struggles and give us different perspectives. This can be particularly beneficial when we feel low as it can brighten our mood and make us feel good about ourselves.

3. Give yourself some latitude

It's okay to feel sad and even grieve the lost shared moments when a family member is deployed. Our thresholds of patience and fatigue may also be lower. We may need more rest. We may need tangible help from friends and neighbors. Allow these things without feeling guilt.

4. Be careful about watching the news too much

Get enough news to know what's going on in the world. Watching bad news and alarming news over and over only serves to increase worry and cynicism. Consider reading news versus visually watching news.

5. Be willing to accept and ask for help

In today's culture, military service is esteemed. There are many people and organizations (military and civilian) that like to help military families. We tend to say we're fine and don't need help. Try saying yes. Key Spouse is one such program! Key spouses work within their unit to connect families to information and support. They generally have life experience and a positive outlook from military life that lends itself to helping others get support, encouragement and information.

If you are interested in becoming a key spouse, contact your unit's key spouse or key spouse mentor.

Col. Condit addresses AFA



Col. David Condit, 908th Airlift Wing Commander, spoke to members and community partners of the local Air Force Association chapter on August 24. He emphasized our common interests in upholding the Constitution and updated the audience on the wing's activities and his thoughts on the future of the organization.

WELCOME

to our newest 908th Airlift Wing **Key Spouses!**

Stephany Condit, Wing Staff (Mentor)

Garrysa Caffey, AES

Angela Farris, CES





First Reserve Partnership

908th Airmen exchange knowledge, skills v

Seventy Airmen from the 908th Airlift Wing completed a two week trip to Otopeni Air Base near Bucharest solidifying the newly formed relationship with the Romanian Air Force during the first Reserve Partnership Program visit. The visit took place from July 22 to August 5.

The RPP is similar to the National Guard's State Partnership Program with the intent to build long term relationships with the military branches of allied nations.

Project officer for the visit, Maj. Sammy Manno said, "Within six weeks we developed the plan, executed and moved two aircraft, 70 people and 20 tons of cargo to Romania."

Romanian aircrew members flew as observers aboard 908th C-130s on low level flights in the mountains north of

Bucharest. They also watched as Containerized Delivery System, and Low Cost Low Altitude training bundles, and personnel were dropped on Boboc Air Base.

Warrant Officer Stefan Paraschiv, a loadmaster with Romania's 90th Airlift Base, 901st Airlift Escadrila said, "This was our first hands on experience building CDS bundles. We have dropped ones built by other units, but not constructed our own. I'm looking forward to adding to our ability to train with and use CDS. We also learned about the Joint Airlift Inspection process to make sure loads are properly rigged to drop."

Another area covered in the visit was maintenance led by Maj. Richard Cox of the 908th Maintenance Group. "We went to Romania with two goals







Program visit a success!

with Romanian counterparts

in mind," said Cox. "First to provide operational maintenance support for the flying missions; and second, to deliver four to six demonstrations highlighting our key C-130H maintenance concepts, Ground Safety and Mishap Prevention, Crash and Recovery, and Aerospace Ground Equipment repair programs and procedures. We achieved success in both areas providing a 92 percent Mission Capable rate and more than 25 capability demonstrations to our Romanian counterparts."

Near the end of the visit, Col. Pat Brooks, Vice Commander of the 908th, met with Romanian Air Force General Viorel Pana to discuss the newly formed partnership. Brooks said, "General Pana was extremely pleased with our visit and performance over the last two weeks. He would like us

to return and conduct our exercise at roughly the same time next year. We discussed the possibility of some Romanian forces coming to visit the 908th Airlift Wing over the next year."

Brooks concluded his remarks saying: "Lt Col Dan Ebrecht and Maj. Sammy Manno have been extremely instrumental in the success of exercise Carpathian Summer. They have been planning diligently since January, and our success could not have happened without their hard work. They were definitely the right two officers to organize and lead this exercise."

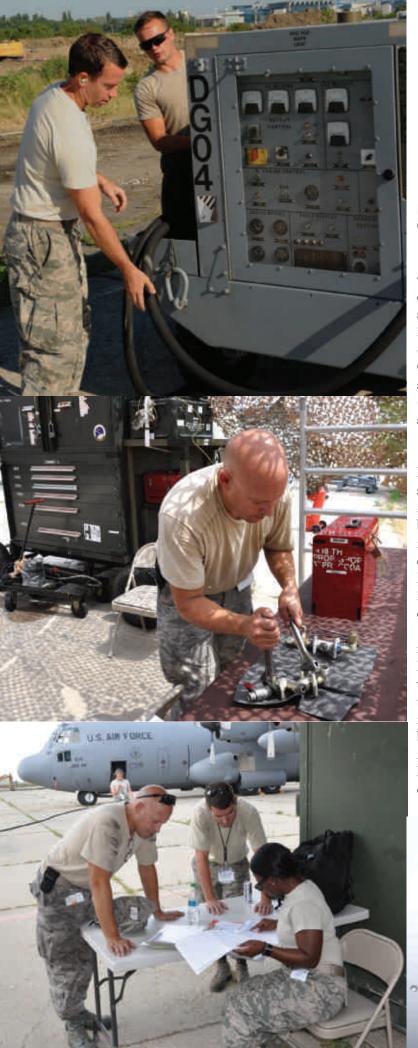
Planning for "Carpathian Summer 17" is already underway.

(A longer story and more than 100 photos are available on the 908th Airlift Wing Facebook pages.)









Mission Success!

Maintainers meet goals in Romania

By Major Richard Cox Commander, 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The men and women of the 908th Maintenance Group went to Romania with two goals in mind: first to provide operational maintenance support for the flying missions; and second, to deliver four to six demonstrations highlighting our key C-130H maintenance concepts, Ground Safety & Mishap Prevention, Crash & Recovery, and Aerospace Ground Equipment repair programs and procedures. We achieved success in both areas by providing a 92% MC (Mission Capable) rate and more than 25 capability demonstrations to our Romanian counterparts.

Repair vs. Replace:

Throughout the sharing experience with our host, we learned that we were dealing with expert maintainers who simply don't have access to infrastructure, training, documentation and supply resources that we do. Their military budget simply does not allow it. Most of their aircraft maintenance training is gained as "on the job training," depending heavily on utilizing the experience of others. Most of our capability demonstrations focused on the gap information their maintenance documentation and training does not provide.

We learned the supply chain resource is the most difficult hurdle for the Romanian Air Force to overcome. Our Romanian counterparts approach aircraft maintenance with a "repair vs. replace" mindset. We discovered that this mind-set drives a much more in-depth approach to a maintenance issue in the hopes that a mechanical unit can be repaired before considering a replacement. Where our maintenance practice may stop at the fault isolation of a higher assembly, they dig to pinpoint the exact problem or issue. This practice represents a unique combination of



flight line and back shop maintenance, driven by necessity and parts availability. The U.S. Air Force separated these two maintenance concepts decades ago.

Relationship:

As a maintenance officer, you embark on a trip with the hopes that your team will work well together and represents the core values that we often speak and aspire to: Integrity, Service, and Excellence. We quickly learned our Romanian counterparts also aspire to these things. They are motivated by their love of aircraft, patriotism for their country, and pride in what they do. Their willingness to watch, learn and share experience was a welcome surprise for our team. Relationships and friendships quickly formed over these commonalities much like many of us have experienced throughout our military careers. They share the same concerns of national defense that we do. They are motivated by the recent memories of living under constant threat in their global region. As military members, we gained much respect for these men and women.

I could not be more proud of our team. The men and women of the 908th Airlift Wing represented our country, our command and our capability well. It was an honor to serve as ambassadors to our cause and to be able to show what we can do as a military service unit. The relationships that were formed will serve as a great foundation for future engagements. I could not be more impressed with the performance and professionalism that our operations and maintenance groups demonstrated.

A job well done and the mission...accomplished.



New to the 908th

Capt. Jessica Bennett, AES Technical Sgt. Quiana Johnson, MXG Staff Sgt. Johnathan Leopold, CES Staff Sgt. Valentina Walker, AW Senior Airman Shirley Lednicky, 25 APS Senior Airman Moriah Bridges, CES

Airman 1st Class Christopher Bryant, AMXS Airman 1st Class Brandon Riggins, 25 APS Airman 1st Class Jared Vinson, AMXS Airman Michael Gates, 25 APS Airman Jaz Sarriera, FSS Airman Basic Malachi Norris, FSS Airman Basic Jacob Trump

BRIEFS



Blood Drive September 11

Col. Pat Brewer, 908th Mission Support Group commander posing with her shirt following the last wing blood drive. Plan to come out and give Sunday Sept. 11 from 10 am to 3 PM in the headquarters parking lot.

Scheduling off-UTA Fit-test Working on words to fill this space

Please advised be of following 908 AW Fitness Testing procedures. Per Col Condit wing members may perform their official fitness test throughout the month, in between UTAs, IAW 36-2905. However your testing must be scheduled through the 42nd ABW SharePoint using the steps listed below. Each individual has to schedule their own fitness assessment. Assessments cannot be scheduled and performed on the same day. You must schedule your assessment approximately two weeks in advance.

Instructions

and time

-Enter this link into your internet browser's address bar Link: https://cs3.eis. af.milsites/24141/default.aspx -Select your testing option: Maxwell PT Test Runners, Gunter PT Test Runners, or PT Test Walkers, located across the top tool bar -Under the "Start Date" header, view dates and times -Under the "View" header, select the notepad that corresponds with your selected date/time to register

-Inform your UFPM of testing date





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Location/OPR

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- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least <u>48 hours</u> prior to your arrival.
- * Maxwell Toll-Free 1 (800) 673-9356
 Direct (334) 953-8557/8558

Start End

Event

- * Input your unit authorization code (Given by unit's First Sergeant)
- * Dial **953-8557 or 953-8558**
- * Upon request, input <u>USE</u>R ID
- * Upon request, input PIN number, then "#." PIN is assigned during Newcomers. **If not known, contact 908th Services.**
- * Make, change, cancel, check reservation Reservation: input arrival date followed by departure date, then type [ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA). UTA is IDT.]
- > ADT only? Call Lodging:(334) 953-<u>6133</u>
- * If a scheduled UTA weekend, system will tell you where you will be staying

Questions?

Contact Tech. Sgt. Cedrea Young (334) 953-1690, option 1

Emer cell: (254) 258-1884

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Checkout time:

No time to go to the front desk, or phone charge? Drop the keys in the drop box in Bldg 682 (Main Lodging) for your convenience.

DO NOT USE this box if you have charges on your bill.

In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is prohibited in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

UTAs FY16

 Sept. 10-11
 Nov. 5-6

 Oct. 1-2
 Dec. 3-4

UTAs FY17

Jan. 7-8	June 3-4
Feb. 11-12	July 8-9
March 4-5	Aug. 5-6
April 1-2	Sept. 9-10
May 6-7	·

908TH Unit Training Assembly

Start	t Ena	Event		Location/OPR
_			Friday, September 9, 2016	
1500	1600		ider's Staff Meeting	Bldg 803/42ABW Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Serg	geants' Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Prattville
			Saturday, September 10, 2016	
0530	TBD	Fit to Fig	ht Testing Session One	HAWC
0730	0800	** Sign Ii	1 **	Orderly Room
0730	TBD		ght Testing Session Two	HAWC
0800	1030		er's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0800 0800	1100 1530	Physicals	t/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab Bldg 760/Floor 1
0830	1530	Immuniz		Bldg 760/Floor 1
0900	0930	SAPM Training		Bldg 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1000	UDM Meeting		Bldg 848/CF Classroom
0900	1000		or duty (DD 689 & Fitness Letter)	Bldg 760/Floor 1
0900 0930	1000 1030	First Duty Station Briefing HRDC Meeting		Bldg 1056/Classroom Bldg 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000		S Outprocessing	Bldg 1056/Rm111/DPMSA
1230	1530	CDC Tes	eting	Bldg 903/FSDE
1300	1500	Orders S	pecialists and DTS Training	Bldg845/Conf Rm
1330	1400		or Duty (DD 689 & Fitness Letter)	Bldg 760/Floor 1
1700	1730	Sign Out	Sunday, September 11, 2016	Orderly Room
0530	TBD	Fit To Fig	ght Testing Session One	HAWC
0630	0700	Sign In	5	Orderly Room
0730	TBD	Fit To Fig	ght Testing Session Two	HAWC
1230	1300		DRRS/ART Briefing	Bldg 1055/908 CAT
1300 1300	1400 1500		ning/Wing Training	Bldg 903
1300	1400		m Element Training Knowledge Operation Training	Bldg 848 Bldg 1056
1600	-	Sign Out		Orderly Room
			Support functions' schedule	
Activ		DIG	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newo	comers' Trg	FLI	Sat 0730-1700	Bldg 1056/Rm 101
MPS	Customer	Svc	Sat 1300-1700 / Sun 0700-1300	Bldg 1056/3-5522
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(Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)				
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J)/11				
Indiv	idual Equip	oment		Bldg 1154/3-6020
Cloth	ning Sales		Sat 0900-1500	Bldg 851/3-7505
Restr	icted Area l	Badge	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Gene	va Conv C	ards	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Dinir	ng Hall		Breakfast: 0600-0800 Brunch: 1030-1300 Dinner: 1600-1800	Bldg 668/3-5127
Loda	ing Office			Bldg 682 /240-5600
Photo			M-F 0730-1630 / Sun 1300-1500	Bldg 926/3-7981
	m Help De	esk	Sat 0800-1600 / Sun 1300-1500	2100 / 701

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IMPORTANT! Update your personal e-mail address! By Chief Master Sgt. Martha Roy

ARPC has made great strides in keeping us informed of actions pertaining to updating and maintaining accurate personnel records. When information needs to be communicated, an e-mail goes out to both military and civilian e-mail addresses on file. E-mails are also forwarded to us when actions are required by reserve members. ARPC has identified an issue where members are not consistently maintaining personal e-mail addresses in the system. If you contact ARPC, they will respond to both military and personal e-mail addresses. It is imperative that both e-mail addresses are accurate to provide a way for time sensitive information to reach you between Unit Training Assemblies.

To update your personal e-mail address, go to the AF Portal and under "Top Portal Searches" and click on vMPF. You will not be authorized to gain access into vMPF until you verify your e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you have an issue with updating your file, please feel free to stop by Customer Service in the Military Personnel Section.



Parting Shot: Flying over Romanian countryside.

