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Our Future is Bright

We are at the onset of the most dramatic change in Air Force Reserve Command since we became our own command in 1997. There are three major shifts announced within the last two weeks that will have dramatic impact on us as a wing and as individual Airman serving in Reserve Command. I am excited about all three initiatives because they will improve our lives as Air Force Airman and Reservists.

First, Lieutenant General Maryanne Miller was nominated to be the first Air Force Reservist to receive a fourth star and take over a major active duty command. She will become the commander of Air Mobility Command. This brings our perspective into the highest level of Air Force leadership and strengthens our position as equal partners in the total force. The Air Force cannot do its mission, especially the mobility mission without Reserve forces. This is testimony to how critical we are to the nation's efforts.

The second major event is the reorganization of the Surgeon General's office at Air Force Reserve Command. They are adding a lot of staff to work down the back log of medical packages in their offices. This has had a huge impact on not only us, but all Air Force Reserve Command. They have also changed out the senior leadership with the intent of refocusing getting Airmen ready and able to do their mission.



Col. Kenneth Ostrat
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

Finally, in Fiscal Year 2021, we will start to see the change of some Air Reserve Technician positions to Active Guard Reserve positions. This is inarguably a complex issue and we will be deliberative in how we implement it. The status change can be a great benefit for some members, but may not be the best solution for all. We will work with units and individuals as the program is developed to ensure this roll out is the best for all.

Lots of change coming, all of it good. It's a great time to be in the Air Force Reserve and I'm proud to be here with you.

Mission Readiness = Inspection Readiness; Your Role in the Commander's Inspection Program (CCIP)

By Major Nick Hardeman
908th Airlift Wing IGI

Did you know that you are a sensor and the most important indicator and data source to everything we do? From the Wing Commander down to the newest Airman Basic, we are all sensors. You may have heard from leaders of the past that it is time for us to prepare for an upcoming inspection. Let that last sentence be the final time you ever think about the phrase "prepare for an inspection". In today's military, we are required to always be ready. When we are called upon to defend our country with just 72 hours notification, there is no time to prepare. We pack up, we go, and we execute with precision. When any type of inspection comes around, we all should be like "bring it on!" If we can deploy within 72 hours of notification and defend our country successfully, which we have proven time and time again, we can be inspected with no notice and pass with flying colors. Right? Readiness is readiness period, dot, closed-case!

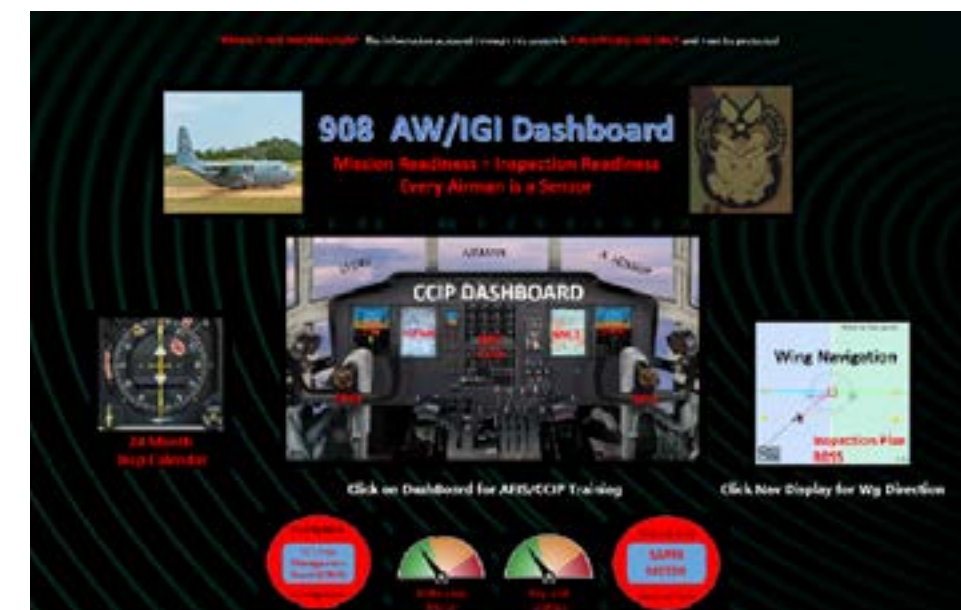
How do we ensure readiness at all times? The United States Air Force needs you to manage your programs with precision. The USAF needs you to manage your training, medical and fitness with precision. The USAF needs you to identify any barriers to this readiness. The USAF needs you to come up with a "get well plan" if there are barriers and track it to completion. Finally,

the USAF needs you to wash-rinse-repeat the last 4 sentences all day, every day.

In essence, you just learned your role in Commander's Inspection Program. CCIP is not planning for an inspection. It is constant and should be incorporated in our everyday business. It is the methodology used to improve readiness, efficiency, discipline, effectiveness, compliance, and surety in our Wing. All commanders appointed by G-series orders of Military Organizations are required to inspect their organizations. If we inspect and correct as we go, preparation is 24/7/365. This means we are ready to provide combat capability, anytime...anywhere! Where do you fit in? Easy...while you are managing your day-to-day programs and living the dream, tell your commander, Self-Assessment Program Manager,

or Wing Inspection Team members to inspect your program if you feel it is at high risk of failure. Also, look for and communicate areas that need improvement. Remember, you are the sensor. You and your program are critical links in the USAF's readiness chain. Tell your commander about our strengths and weaknesses. Let's capitalize on the strengths and make a plan to overcome the weaknesses. Through you, the USAF can eliminate fictional exercises or inspections and give you back more time to do your job. Through you, Mission Readiness will = Inspection Readiness!

To learn more, check out the new 908 AW CCIP Dashboard located on the 908 AW SharePoint page at <https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/908AW/CCIP/SitePages/Home.aspx>.



Cover photo:

A C-130 Hercules belonging to the 908th Airlift Wing flies over Riverwalk Stadium, home to the Montgomery Biscuits, at the end of the National Anthem as part of flight night June 2.



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U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Burt Traynor
U.S. Air Forces Central Command

A U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules assigned to the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron departs Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, to conduct a supply airdrop over an undisclosed location in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve's Operation Roundup, June 3, 2018. This was the first combat airdrop

in almost 14 years for the C-130H squadron deployed from the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. In conjunction with partner forces, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve's (CJTF-OIR) mission is to defeat ISIS in designated areas of Iraq and Syria and set conditions for follow-on operation to increase regional stability.

908th Air Advisors Train, Assist Iraqi air force to Stand Alone

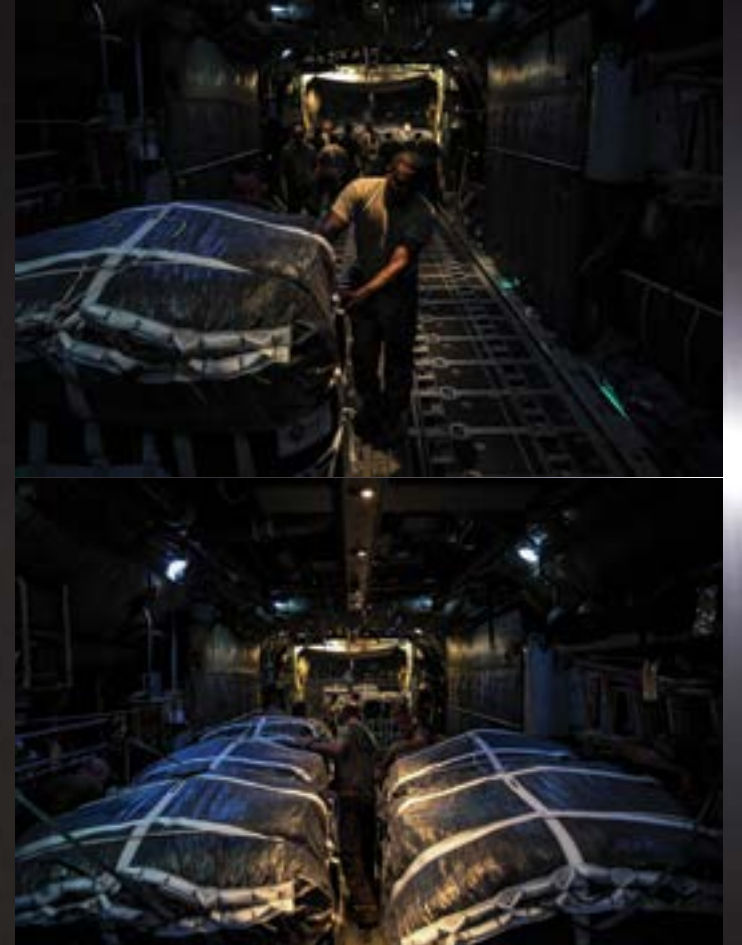
Reserve Wing Leading Airlift in support of Combined Joint Task Force – Inherent Resolve's Operation Roundup



by Bradley J. Clark
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

According to the United States Air Forces Central Command Combined Air Operations Center From January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 There have been 4,724 Airlift and Airdrop Sorties consisting of; 23,850 Short Tons of Cargo, 46,789 Passengers, and 203,440 Pounds of supplies Airdropped in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Inherent Resolve.

In a six week time period, from the middle of May through the month of June, Airmen from the 908th Airlift Wing's 357th Airlift Squadron deployed to the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar have flown more than 670 hours, most of which has been in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Inherent Resolve's Operation Roundup.



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Winter Wonderland: Family Day 2018

Staff Sgt. Briana Nelson
908th AW/DTF Flight Chief

Not too many things pass by more rapidly than a year... with that being said the Holiday Season will be upon us before we know it. As sure as that is to bring up some anxiety of gift shopping and travel plans – hopefully it also brings about excitement to spend time with family and friends.

Being a member of the 908th is like being a part of an additional family. That is precisely what we hope this year's Winter Wonderland themed Family Day will bring about.

You can expect plenty of hot cocoa, food, prizes and this year even some friendly competition as we kick off our first ever Commander's Cup Challenge. Envision your squadron competing in seven rivalries to obtain bragging rights of the 908th Airlift Wing's first Commander's Cup trophy.

Family Day will be on 1 December 2018 and will run from 1000-1500; giving you time to get a few things squared away in your work area and releasing you early enough to enjoy your squadron's Christmas party festivities that evening.

This year was focused on offering a wide array of games and activities for all ages and diverse interests. One thing is for sure this will be more than a day of bouncy houses and face painting (although we will offer that too). So please come out ready to compete, eat and enjoy your family!



908th News Briefs

ONGOING

Wing App for Mobile Devices

The 908th has an app for your mobile devices. It works with both Android and Apple devices including everything from cellular phones to tablets. The app has tons of great information, including a phone book/directory, news section, weather updates, references, a suggestions section, a PFT calculator, and even allows for push button notifications to stay up to date on any info released by the wing. Do yourself a favor and download the App today! Look for "908th Airlift Wing" where ever you get your applications from.

Facility Improvements

Change is coming, so be aware. Construction will be taking place in just about every facility that the 908th owns or occupies over the next year so be mindful of limited parking spaces, which in turn might alter your work/travel hours in order to accomplish the mission.

Recruiters New Program

The Get1Now program is designed to make it easy for our Reservists to refer an individual to get information about the Air Force Reserve. The best lead source that we have are the leads that our Citizen Airman generate from their peers. The G1N is easy to use, simply log on to <https://get1now.us/> or download the App to your cell phone, (after registering input the referral's information). At that time, that information will be processed and routed to the local recruiter that covers the area that the referral lives in. Reservists will be eligible for an award upon submission of a lead that meets basic AFRC qualification requirements upon processing by AFRC recruiters or advisors (Awards can be found on the website). All actively participating Air Force Reservists and Air Force Reserve civilian employees are eligible to participate. This is a great opportunity for our Reservists to Share Your Adventure!

New to the 908th

- Col. Christine Barber, ASTS

Col. Gregory Halen, MXG

Maj. Sharon Bush-Coaxum, ASTS

2nd Lt. Alex Bruce, AES

Senior Master Sgt. Amos Pelfrey, MXS

Master Sgt. David Jacobs, CES

Tech. Sgt. Xavier Rodgers, AMXS

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Brown, AMXS

Staff Sgt. Makenzie Carlson, 25 APS

Staff Sgt. Macybelen Gallaher, ASTS

Staff Sgt. Joseph Jahnsen, 25 APS

Staff Sgt. Joshua Powell, CES

Staff Sgt. Sean Stevens, SFS

Senior Airman Korshontes Butts, FSS

Senior Airman Velijulisa Canty, OSS

Senior Airman Dillon Gullledge, 25 APS

Senior Airman Brandon King, 375 AS

Senior Airman Regis Lasiter, MXS

Senior Airman Kasean Mclean, 25 APS

Senior Airman Philip Perezwilliams, AMXS
- Senior Airman Tyler Phillips, CES

Senior Airman Clayton Proctor, CES

Senior Airman Dustin Sanders, AMXS

Senior Airman Luke Trissel, MXS

Senior Airman Howell Tyler, MSG

Senior Airman Diana Vickers, SFS

Senior Airman Ariel Wright, AMXS

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Burdette, CES

Airman 1st Class Jamonica Curry, ASTS

Airman 1st Class Owen Etienne, AMXS

Airman 1st Class Gabriel Getchell, AMXS

Airman 1st Class Jordyn Kennedy, AES

Airman 1st Class Mckenzie Lewis, LRS

Airman 1st Class Marcus Moore, MXS

Airman 1st Class Neandre Phillips, FSS

Airman 1st Class Destinee Saserm, SFS

Airman 1st Class Valencia Washington, ASTS

Airman Basic Jamal Jones, FSS

Airman Basic Nicholas King, MXS

Gaining Altitude



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Austin Coar
Tyler Dowland
Larry Ellis
Mia Jefferson
Brittney Jenkins
Savannah McCale
Kiet Trinh
Elicia Walker
Steven Ward



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Jordyn Davison
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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) 953-6133**
 - * If a scheduled UTA weekend, system will tell you where you will be staying
- Questions?
Contact Tech. Sgt. Cedrea Young
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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.
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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 FY18	
Aug. 4-5	Sept. 8-9
UTAs FY19	
Oct. 13-14	April 6-7
Nov. 3-4	May 4-5
Dec. 1-2	June 1-2
Jan. 10-13	July No UTA
Feb. 2-3	Aug. 3-4
March 2-3	Sept. 7-8

October

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, October 12, 2018			
1500	TBD	Commander's Staff Meeting	Bldg 804/42ABW Conf Rm
1700	TBD	First Sergeants' Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Prattville
Saturday, October 13, 2018			
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0800	1100	Lab work/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab
0800	1530	Physicals	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0830	1530	Immunizations	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1100	Newcomer's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
0900	0930	SAPM Training	Bldg 1056/CC Conf
0900	1000	UDM Meeting	Bldg 848/ CF Classrm
0900	1000	Fitness for Duty (DD 689)	Bldg 760/Flr 1
0900	1000	First Duty Station Briefing	Bldg 1056/Classroom
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg 903/FSDE
1300	TBD	Quarterly Awards Board	Bldg 1056/CC Conf
1600	1630	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, October 14, 2018			
0530	1030	Fit To Fight Testing	HAWC
0700	0730	Sign In	Orderly Room
1230	1300	Readiness Reporting/DRRS/ART Briefing	Bldg 1055/908 CAT
1330	1430	Wing Commanders Call	Polifka Auditorium
1400	1600	AFSC SPECIFIC TRAINING	Designated Workcenter
1600	-	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule		
Activity	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Trg Flt	Sat 0700-1600	Bldg 1056/Rm 101
MPS Customer Svc	Sat 1300-1600 Sun 0700-1300 M-F 0900-1600 (Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week)	Bldg 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	MTTHF 0800-1600 / Wed 0800-1200 Sat 0900-1500 Sun 1200-1500	Bldg 1056/3-6722
Medical Records	Sat 0800-1500	Bldg 760 2nd Floor/ 3-5714
Individual Equipment		Bldg 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat 0900-1500	Bldg 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badge	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Geneva Conv Cards	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Breakfast: 0600-0800 Lunch: 1100-1300 Dinner: 1600-1830	Bldg 668/3-6450
Lodging Office Photo Lab Comm Help Desk	M-F 0730-1600	Bldg 682 /240-5600 Bldg 926/3-7981 Bldg 848/3-9703

Airman & Family Readiness Info

Money, Money, Money. MONEY!! This is a time to prepare for your financial freedom! Start Small, Think Big. Set a Goal, Make a Plan and Save automatically so YOU can reach financial freedom.

Tonya Kimball is the Personal Financial Counselor assigned by OSD to serve the 908th for financial advice and management. She is ready to answer any financial questions you may have, and/or to schedule a private, confidential meeting to go over your financial situation. Mrs. Kimball can assist you and your family manage finances, resolve financial problems and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a car or home and planning for retirement. Got questions about the BRS? Deploying? Student Loans? Security Clearance flags? Overwhelmed with Debt? Or do you have individual or small business tax questions? She can help. She is available to you anytime!!

Please feel free to reach out to her if you have any questions/concerns at 334-618-6991 or email PFC.Maxwell.USAF@Zeiders.com.



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Would you like to be more involved with other Airmen and their families? If you answered, yes, then we would love to have you as a Key Spouse. Please contact 866-351-8788 or 334-953-9018 for more information

Loved One Deployed or Preparing to?

Operation: Military Childcare Aware offers reduced-fee child care. Call 800-424-2246 or visit

www.childcareaware.org for more information.

YMCA membership: In partnership with the Department of Defense, The Armed Services YMCA is proud to offer 6-month gym memberships at participating YMCA

facilities nationwide. Call your local YMCA or visit

<https://www.asymca.org/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative> for more information.

Our Military Kids Grant: For children of Reservists deployed overseas 120 days or more receive a \$500 (max) grant per child. This can be used for youth sports, fine arts, or

tutoring for ages 5-12th grade. Apply at www.ourmilitarykids.org

Some other resources available include: Car Care, Yellow Ribbon, Give Parents a Break, Hearts Apart Dinner, Free on-line tutoring, and more. For more info call the 908th Airman and Family Readiness Center at 866-351-8788 or 334-953-9018.

All of Maxwell Air Force Base is standing by to support our Reserve Families too!

908th Command Post (For 24/7 Emergency Support) 334-953-7474
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