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Five squadrons celebrate centennial in 2017 55TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. --

The 97th Intelligence Squadron came together Aug. 18 to celebrate their unit's centennial almost to the exact day of their activation of Aug. 20, 1917, at Kelly Field, Texas.

The 97th is one of five squadrons with direct ties to Offutt or the 55th Wing that mark their centennial in 2017, while there are more than 30 throughout Air Combat Command.

the western front, the allies' flying corps would lose at least that many aviators.

"Congress made the largest appropriation of funds up to that point in our nation's history and dedicated \$640 million to build a mighty air force," McQueney said. "All of these units were activated to be a part of that air force."

The specific number assigned to each unit was simply



All of the squadrons were activated in response to World War I and have continued to play a role in our nation's defense since their inceptions.

"The U.S. Congress declared war on the Central Powers on April 6, 1917, and at that time the U.S. Army was a mere 133,000 men strong while the U.S. Army Air Service had only 56 qualified military aviators," said John McQueney, 55th Wing historian.

the order in which the squadron was organized.

"The war department originally tried to program squadrons for specific missions, such as pursuit, observation, bombing or service, but soon abandoned this as it became impossible to forecast requirements accurately," McQueney said. "They decided upon a standard 150 enlisted man squadron that could be then customized with officers as needed.

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McQueney said most of the first squadrons organized stood up as schools, construction or supply units as



that was what was most needed to mobilize the air service.

“That’s why the 95th Pursuit Squadron, though one of the first into combat, has the number 95, because it was the 95th 150 enlisted man squadron to be organized,” he said.

McQueney said it’s almost mind boggling to see how far U.S. military aviation has come over the past 100 years.

“We started with 56 flyers and no aviation industry worthy of the name,” he said. “But it was the arrival of the U.S. units, including the air service, who played a part in ensuring the Germans did not win the war.”

1st Airborne Command Control Squadron - The 1st ACCS traces its roots to the U.S. Army’s Company A, 2nd Balloon Squadron, established in 1917 at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, later to be consolidated with the air corps’ 1st Ferrying Squadron. The squadron at that time performed observation duties over Southern California and France in World War I. During World War II, the 1st Ferrying Squadron flew aircraft from the factory to units overseas until their inactivation in April 1944.

The 1st ACCS reactivated July 1, 1969, and flew specially modified EC-135 aircraft in support of the National Emergency Airborne Command Post, supporting the president of the United States. In 1973, the 1st ACCS converted to modified Boeing 747s, called E-4As, and in 1984 the unit completed the switch to the E-4B aircraft, which are still being used today.

On July 29, 1994, the National Emergency Airborne Command Post changed its name to the National Airborne Operations Center. Today, the 1st ACCS continues to support the president, Secretary of Defense and the National Military Command System under the leadership of the 595th Command and Control Group.

41st Electronic Combat Squadron - The 41st ECS lineage can be traced back to Company A of the 4th Balloon Squadron, circa November 1917. The squadron patch incorporates two symbols of this heritage with 13 yellow rays representing the 13 original balloon reconnaissance missions of World War I, while the triangle of interlocking steel rings is a symbol of reconnaissance in general. Although the unit has changed names several times over the years, its mission centered mainly on airborne observation and reconnaissance. It was during World War II that the numerical designation, 41st, was assigned to the unit.

The 41st ECS played a major role during the Vietnam War as the 41st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron. The unit was based at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base, where they supported early combat efforts while flying the RB-66 aircraft.

The squadron’s historic change of mission from reconnaissance to electronic combat took place in 1967. From then on, the 41st flew the famed EB-66 Destroyer, providing direct, tactical electronic combat support to the heaviest air strikes of the Vietnam War. More importantly, the 41st played an important role in proving the military worth of electronic combat as a modern combat weapon.

After being inactivated in October 1969, the squadron was reactivated in July 1980 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. Since then, the 41st ECS has flown the EC-130H Compass Call.

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron - The 43rd ECS is the oldest squadron out of the group with Offutt ties, beginning August 17, 1917, as the 86th Aero Squadron. It served under Gen. Billy Mitchell in the final clash of World War I, for which it earned a combat streamer.

Reactivated in 1935, the unit operated as part of the Air Corp Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Renamed the 86th Observation Squadron and transferred to the Territory of Hawaii, members of the unit engaged attacking Japanese aircraft on December 7th, 1941. The following day, 86th aircraft patrolled the island and discovered a small two-man submarine. Within hours the small observation squadron captured the first Japanese POW of World War II. Later in the war, the now renamed 86th Combat Mapping Squadron flew over enemy held islands photographing and mapping the terrain and Japanese positions. The 86th prepared the way for the taking of the Marshall Islands, Wake, Guam and Iwo Jima as well as making the first photographic mosaics of Tokyo.

Deactivated at the end of World War II, the unit reactivated in 1954 at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., as the 43rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. The 43rd aircrew flew photographic missions in RB-57 and RB-66 aircraft until being deactivated in 1959.

Re-designated the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, the unit began its current information warfare role at Sembach Air Base, Germany in 1986. And in 1992, the

squadron moved to Davis-Monthan as the sister squadron to the 41st ECS.

95th Reconnaissance Squadron - The 95th RS traces its roots back to August 20, 1917, as the 95th Aero Squadron. Activated during World War I, the squadron was the “first to the front” in France where it flew a combination of Nieuport 28 and Spad XIII biplanes and earned honors as the first squadron to fly combat missions. It was during this period that the 95th adopted the emblem of the kicking mule on a blue surround to mark their aircraft. The blue represented the unit’s arena of operations, while the kicking mule symbolized the unit’s striking power, “swift and accurate.”

During the inter-war period, while under the command of Capt. Hugh Elmendorf and flying Boeing P-12s, the squadron was the first to reach an altitude of 30,000 feet. After being moved, re-designated and inactivated several times, the squadron became the 95th Bombardment Squadron in 1939. Flying North American B-25 Mitchells, the unit again led the charge when on the eve of World War II they were credited with sinking the first Japanese submarine off the coast of Oregon. The squadron also provided six of 16 crews in the famous Doolittle Raid on Tokyo.

During the Korean War, the 95th flew night intruder combat missions against communist troops from bases in Korea and Japan with B-26 Invaders. After the war, the unit transitioned to B-66s before inactivating in 1958.

Reactivated in 1982 as the 95th RS at RAF Alconbury, U.K., the unit flew the U-2 on politically sensitive missions throughout the years. The 95th flew combat operations in Iraq in 1991 before being inactivated in 1993.

In 1994, the 95th RS reactivated once again replacing the existing 922nd Reconnaissance Squadron, and was assigned to the 55th Wing to operate the RC-135 aircraft throughout Europe where it remains today.

97th Intelligence Squadron - The 97th IS has a tactical airborne reconnaissance support heritage that goes back to 1917 and includes combat support in both World Wars.

After serving during World War I, the squadron was demobilized Feb. 3, 1919 and then reconstituted and consolidated with the 97th Observation Squadron March. 1, 1935.

On Jan. 13, 1942, the unit was re-designated as the 97th

Observation Squadron (medium) and once again on April 2, 1943 as the 97th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter). Finally, the unit was re-designated as the 97th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Aug. 11, 1943, only to be disbanded April 15, 1944.

The 97th IS was reconstituted and consolidated July 1, 1965, with the 6949th Security Wing under the U.S. Air Force Security Service and later as a security squadron. The unit remained a squadron until 1975, at which point it was elevated briefly to wing status, then to a group as the 6949th ESG in 1980.

The 6949th ESG made its final appearance Aug. 1, 1981, remaining the 6949th under the Electronic Security Command, and later the Air Force Intelligence Command, until Oct. 1, 1993, which commemorates both the re-designation of the 97th IS and the creation of Air Intelligence Agency.

The memorandum of agreement between the commanders of Air Combat Command and Air Force Intelligence Command restructured the 97th IS as operationally controlled by ACC and administratively controlled by Air Force Intelligence Command on Oct. 1, 1993. In 2002, the 97th IS mission and personnel were transferred by ACC from the 67th Information Operations Group to the 55th Operations Group.

Today, the 97th is one of the largest squadrons in the Air Force. Their mission is to help the 55th Wing provide combat ready aircrew to project dominant worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to warfighters and national leadership.

## AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER EVENTS:

**GROWING YOUR MONEY:** This two-part course is designed to teach financial skills. This is an entry-level personal finance course that touches on a wide array of topics such as setting financial goals, financial planning, credit cards and banking. This free course is open to all DoD card holders! Growing Your Money class dates are Aug. 1 and 8, from 1-4 p.m., in Bldg. C, Room 206.

**MARKETING YOURSELF THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.:** Learn about social media, why use it, simple best practices, and investigate companies to connect with the “right people” through LinkedIn. Attend this seminar on Sept. 14, 9-11 a.m. This free course is open to all DoD card holders! Growing Your Money class dates are Aug. 1 and 8, from 1-4 p.m., in Bldg. C, Room 206.

**HOME BUYING WORKSHOP :** The workshop will be held on Sept. 15, 8 a.m. - noon, in Bldg. C, Room 206, covers credit and financing, types of loans, inspections, and closing costs. This free course is open to all DoD card holders!

*Registration is required for all programs. Call 402-294-4329 to sign up for any of these free workshops.*

**595TH CACG GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The 595th Command and Control Group will host its first golf classic Sept. 14 at the Willow Lakes Golf Course to celebrate its first anniversary as a group. Breakfast and beer will be provided for all participants. There will be door prizes, raffles and prizes for the first and last place teams. RSVP by Sept. 8. Registration will begin Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start to follow. To sign up with your four-person team, please contact **TECH. SGT. JIMMIE WILLIAMSON** or **SENIOR AIRMAN RICHARD FER-GUSON**.

**OPERATION FREE RIDE RODEO:** The Victory Riding Academy and Horses4Heroes will host the 5th annual Operation Free Ride Rodeo at Haworth Park, Bellevue, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 23. The event honors local military, police and first responders, and is not open to the public. Service members and families will enjoy complimentary horseback rides, horsemanship experiences, free food, games and entertainment. There will be activity booths to learn more about horses in a fun, expo setting. To pre-register for this event and for more information, please click [HERE](#).

**A SALUTE TO AMERICAN AIRMEN:** The Heartland of America Band is hosting a concert at the Joslyn Art Museum Witherspoon Concert Hall Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. Ticket holders are asked to be seated 15 minutes early. The band will perform a variety of selections from the big band era through today's popular music. To reserve free tickets, click [HERE](#). For ticket questions or concerns, contact Master Sgt. Alex Serwatowski at 232-4090.

**NEBRASKA 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB:** The Nebraska 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb will be held on Sept. 9 at Werner Park. Check-in time is from 7 - 7:45 a.m. with the opening ceremony beginning at 8 a.m. Registration costs \$30 with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward the National Firefighters Foundation. to register, click [HERE](#). For further information, contact **MATT GIBBONS**.

**OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK:** The Out of the Darkness Walk sheds light on the suicide prevention. The walk will be held on Sept. 10 at the Lewis and Clark landing. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. with the walk scheduled for Noon - 4 p.m. The first 100 people to sign-up will receive a FREE team shirt. To learn more about Out of the Darkness or to register for the walk click [HERE](#).

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

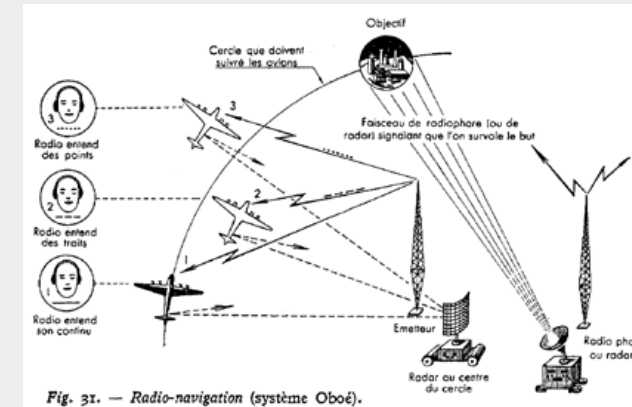


Fig. 31. — Radio-navigation (système Oboe).

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On this day in 1943, The 482 BG, equipped with Oboe, H2S, and H2X blind bombing equipment, became the first radar-equipped Pathfinder unit in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

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On this day in 1968, President Johnson signed Executive Order 11424 to give flight pay and incentive pay for hazardous duty to military personnel flying spacecraft.

On this day in 1995, Operation DELIBERATE FORCE began as NATO and US aircraft began air-strikes on Serbian ground positions in Bosnia-Herzegovina to support this UN operations.

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On this day in 1956, the Boeing KC-135 Strato-tanker flew its maiden flight

On this day in 1999, Operation ALLIED FORCE/ SHINING HOPE began as the Air National Guard KC-135s flew 1,640 sorties and 10,300 flying hours to offload over 50 million pounds of fuel to 5,100 aircraft.

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On this day in 1940, the US agreed to trade 50 old destroyers to Great Britain for use against the German U-boats. In return, the US received rights to air and naval bases at eight strategic points in the Atlantic and Caribbean areas.

On this day in 1996, the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., began operating the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle above Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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## Courts-Martial 0

During the month of August there were no courts-martial

## Administrative Discharges 2

During the month of August, two Airmen were involuntary discharged under AFI 36-3208, Administrative Separation of Airmen. A term of probation and rehabilitation (P&R) can be offered in conjunction with an approved discharge action. Airman must accept the terms based on the condition of good behavior, but if the terms of P&R are broken, the probation is canceled and the discharge is executed. Although authority to offer P&R is vested in SQ/CCs, AFI 36-3208 does not allow for P&R when members are eligible for discharge because of drug abuse.

## Demotions 0

During the month of August, there were no Demotions.

## Non-Judicial Punishment 3

During the month of August, three Airmen received Nonjudicial Punishment (NJP) under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Having a suspended punishment is similar to being on probation. A specific punishment is suspended on the condition of good behavior, but if there is additional misconduct, the probation is canceled and the punishment is then carried out by "vacating" or revoking the suspended punishment.

# CRIME & CONSEQUENCE

■ An airman basic with two years and one month of service was discharged for a pattern of misconduct. The Airman received two NJP actions for consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21 and a Letter of Counseling for missing his Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment appointment. This resulted in involuntary discharge with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization, without an offer of probation and rehabilitation.

■ An airman 1st class with six years and four months of service was discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. The Airman received several LOCs and Letter of Reprimand for various incidents of misconduct. He also received NJP for disrespecting a non-commissioned officer. These actions resulted in involuntary discharge with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization, without an offer of probation and rehabilitation.

■ A senior airman was found driving drunk. The Airman was in violation of Article 111, UCMJ. This misconduct resulted in a reduction to E-3 and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman failed to show up to their appointed place of duty. The Airman was in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. This misconduct resulted in a suspended reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$1062 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

■ A master sergeant was found derelict in their duties. The Sergeant was in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. This misconduct resulted in a suspended reduction to E-6 and a reprimand.

## Offutt Airman Against Drunk Driving Council:

Airman interested in volunteering for OAADD please

Contact Senior Airman

Ron Sparkman at 232-6970 or email [ron.sparkman@us.af.mil](mailto:ron.sparkman@us.af.mil).





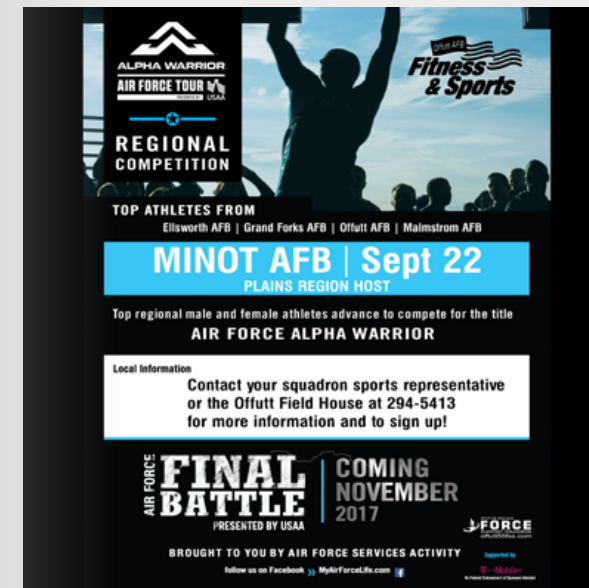
■ **GO CARD / EXPLORER PASS:** The Information Tickets and Travel Office offers Smart Destinations' Go Card and Explorer Passes. These passes provide discounted multi-attraction passes to some of the largest cities in the country. Call 294-4049 or click [HERE](#) for details.

■ **GIVE PARENTS A BREAK:** Give Parents a Break provides an afternoon of free childcare for children ages six months to 10 years. The next date is Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. at CDC 1. Parents must have a referral certificate. Reservations close Sept. 6 at 12 p.m. This program is funded by the Air Force Aid Society and is open to Air Force Active Duty, Guard and Reserve families. Call 294-2203 for details.

■ **DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS:** Peacekeeper Lanes offers weekday lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for under \$7. Each day features a choice item including: steak melt, Cajun chicken philly, Resa's famous spaghetti, chicken fried rice with homemade lumpia and a chicken-fried steak dinner. All meals include a soft drink. Call 294-2514 to place a to-go order.

■ **NEW PROVIDER ORIENTATION:** Family Child Care is recruiting providers for the Expanded Child Care program, infant child care and child care for children with special needs. Providers have the opportunity to operate a home-based business with the potential to make over \$3,000 per month, flexible hours, continuous training and more. The next class is Sept. 11 - 14 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or call 294-9016 to register.

■ **HAYRIDE & BONFIRE:** Outdoor Recreation is offering an R4R hayrack ride & bonfire trip Oct. 28. Take a leisurely ride then roast a hot dog or make a



s'more. Cost is only \$10 per person, food and transportation included. Children 3 and under are free. Call 294-4049 to secure your spot by Oct. 20.

■ **FREE YOGA CLASSES:** The Offutt Field House offers free yoga classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Call 294-5413 to learn more.

■ **FREE AUTO INSPECTIONS:** Auto Hobby offers free visual auto inspections so you can catch little problems before they become big ones. Detailed inspections are available for \$35. Call 294-5564 to make an appointment.

■ **CHIEFS TICKETS:** Information Tickets and Travel has home game tickets for upcoming Kansas City Chiefs games. The first game of the season is the Philadelphia Eagles on Sept. 17. Tickets are \$95 for the Upper Red 50. Additional games include the Washington Redskins on Oct. 2, Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 15 and the Denver Broncos on Oct. 30. Click [HERE](#) for details or call 294-4049 for tickets.





# 9-11-01 16<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

## Remembrance

### AND MILITARY TRIBUTE

Honoring those who died on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, the tragic plane crash in Pennsylvania and our brave military killed since then in the fight against terrorism

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30 P.M.**

**Sumtur Amphitheater in Papillion – Rain or Shine**

(1/2 mile South of 108th Street and Highway 370)

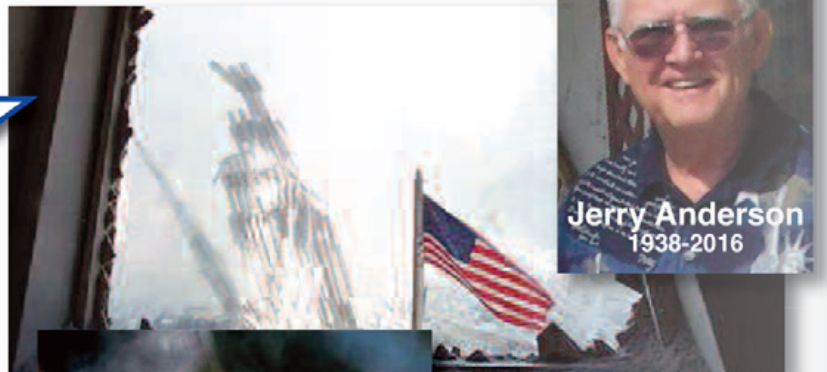
*(Bring lawn chairs, blankets or cushions for overflow seating)*



#### 911 Agenda:

- ★ Opening Remarks by Amy Anderson starting at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Introduce the MC – Scott Voorhees
- ★ National Anthem
- ★ Invocation – Pastor Lou Sloger
- ★ Presentation of the Colors – Papillion South High School Navy JROTC Color Guard
- ★ "Patriotism" – SMSGT Demetrius Booth USAF – Special Assistant to the Command Chief
- ★ "Liberty" – Chief Todd Schmaderer (OPD)
- ★ Music by Q Street Quartet
- ★ 21 Gun Salute by American Legion Posts 32
- ★ Benediction – Pastor Lou Sloger
- ★ Retire the Colors – Papillion South High School Navy JROTC Color Guard
- ★ Closing – Scott Voorhees and Amy Anderson

***Always keep our police officers, fireman and military in your prayers for their safety.***



*Join us for this memorable tribute – Wear your patriotic clothing, tell your friends and bring your American flags!*

Concession stand will be open for this event.