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Honoring our History, Embracing Change, Exporting Excellence - Our Focus for 2022

A year ago this month I wrote in this publication, "As Some of the Airchallenging as 2020 was, 2021 will be even more challenging." I don't always get things right, but you would be hard pressed to say 2021 wasn't our most challenging year EVER! I'm incredibly proud of what you have accomplished this year and even more proud of how you did it working together. In May, I borrowed Maj. Gen. von Hoffman's line of "exporting excellence" to describe the new higher standard you all set for Air Force Reserve Command. In working together, you lived out and personified our Core Value of Excellence In All We Do.

Your excellence was demonstrated by how you prepared your fellow Airmen for deployment. I believe the deployers were prepared to a higher level than we have ever trained before; and, it's a good thing because many of our deployers had to perform at a higher level in lifethreatening conditions. About two-thirds of our Airmen have returned home safely, we should all celebrate their safe return and reunion with their families. We have another large group returning early next month which will leave a few Airmen still scattered about the world. We will celebrate each and every one of you and your incredible accomplishments. The Outstanding Airmen of the Year Board is going to have a difficult task selecting winners from all of our great nominees this year, to be sure.

In September, I let you know that 2022 was going to be the year of the Airman. After we ensure the health and wellbeing of all of our Airmen and their families, we are going to make sure we focus on developing each Airman professionally and working to promote their careers. Much of that development must come from the individual Airman. Your job is to enter 2022 ready to boldly attack your personal requirements by advancing your skill level training, completing professional military education, and improving your Air Force knowledge and expertise. In short, when you enter the base for UTA, be ready to be fully engaged and improve yourself so you are ready to take on more responsibilities in our wing.

For many of us, the return of our four aircraft from deployment was bitter sweet. While overjoyed with pride for the accomplishments that they achieved while deployed, it's sad to know it was the last tactical airlift deployment for our C-130s, maintainers and crews.

men have started training for our new flying mission and others have already or will soon transfer to new units. We plan to celebrate our 50 year tactical airlift mission in early April and soon after the last of our C-130s will leave the base for their new home. At that time, all of



COL. CRAIG DRESCHER Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

the Maintenance Group and Operations Group will shift their laser focus to our new mission as we become the formal training unit for the new MH-139 helicopter.

We just finished celebrating Thanksgiving, I'm thankful that you all choose every day to serve our country in the 908th Airlift Wing. I'm also very grateful that many are home safe and in a few short weeks almost all of you will be home again. Please take time to celebrate what you have accomplished this year. Because of you and your work, the 908th Airlift Wing went out and made a difference in our world. From Chief and I along with the entire front office and my family we wish all of you and your family a very happy holiday and a prosperous new vear!



Are you 1st Sgt Material?

Recently, Chief Master Sergeant Tracy Cornett, 908th Airlift Wing Command Chief, met with several squadron noncommissioned officers and senior NCOs and spoke to them about becoming First Sergeants in the 908th. Chief Cornett encouraged those who felt the urge to serve as a First Sergeant to consider applying for current and future openings. In these meetings throughout the unit, Chief Cornett spoke about his previous role as a First Sergeant and the growth and development it provided him. As I listened, I remembered a crucial moment in my Air Force career when my heart pulled me towards a meaningful change. When I began as a traditional reservist 10 years ago, I trained to become an aircraft mechanic. The work was challenging, and it gave me a sense of accomplishment knowing I contributed to the mission. Even though I felt like I was contributing, there was something missing and it wasn't fully answering my "why." I felt like I was a part of the team, but the level of my contribution should have been more, especially with all the knowledge gained from my experience working with people. Like Chief



MASTER SGT. JEFF DAVIS 1st Sqt, 908th FSS

Cornett, I have spent several years as a civilian law enforcement officer and in this line of work, a majority of my time is spent helping people and being a resource to help them through tough situations.

In January 2020 I had the privilege of attending the NCO Academy, in-residence course at Sheppard Air Force base, Texas. On the first day of class, the class members were introducing themselves by writing their names on poster paper and drawing objects that defined them, whether it be a hobby, or a future goal. As I sat and listened to my 15 classmates speak about their artwork, it provided me the motivation I needed about what I wanted to do from that day forward. That was the precise moment I decided to pursue the role of becoming a First Sergeant so that I would have more of an impact on the Air Force mission and step out of my comfort zone to grow and develop. I had drawn the symbolic First Sergeant's Diamond on my poster board. My "why" became my "why not."

For those NCOs who have a desire to become a First Sergeant, I strongly encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and speak with Chief Cornett or a First Sergeant about this rewarding opportunity, and take the necessary steps to become a First Sergeant. They can mentor you on how to navigate the process to attend the First Sergeant's Academy and wear the diamond!



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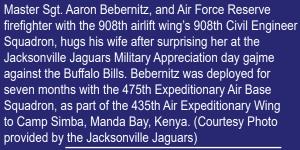
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Professionalism: A Tradition that Never Changes

by Senior Master Sgt. Eric M. Sharman 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. - With the recent passing of our Air Force's 74th birthday, I've been putting a good deal of thought into how much has changed. In the 25 years I've served, I've worn three uniforms, seen a number of bases close, and several airframes retired.

It struck me that there is one thing that hasn't and never should change, and that is our professionalism and adherence to standards. We are expected to train, fight, and win right alongside active duty, joint, and coalition forces seamlessly. By that rationale, our professionalism should always be above reproach.

I was asked to write this article because leadership al the way up to our wing commander has noticed something... some of us, are slipping. I'm not just referring to those who are being lax, but those who are allowing customs and courtesies and dress and appearance standards to fall below the requirements outlined in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903 and do not take action.

It is the job of every Airman to be a good wingman. Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Culture, Ch. 2.5, states "Being a good wingman means taking care of fellow Airmen— and taking action when signs of trouble are observed." This can be applied to many situations, and in reality, it should be applied to all, especially in our daily customs and courtesies and dress and appearance in uniform.

Sure, signs of trouble can vary from financial irresponsibility to suicide ideation. Those are of course where any Airman feels led to take action. I would also posit that on a smaller scale, something like not adhering to grooming standards or expected customs and courtesies also present an opportunity to be a good wingman.

A tactful correction of another Airman, even a higher ranking one, should be taken with appreciation by a true professional. A true professional wants to bring their best self to every situation, and is led to be an example for others to follow. I encourage all of you to be bold leaders. If you see something you know isn't right, call it out.

Tell your wingman that his five o'clock shadow

needs to disappear, or ask to see his shaving waiver. Tell your wingman that her nails are too long, and they shouldn't be neon green. These examples are basic little things that every adult should be able to understand and com-



ply with. If you happen to be the Senior Airman with mutton chops, or the Tech. Sgt. with frequent flyer miles at the nail salon, then read AFI 36-2903, and do better. Do better because the next generation of Air Force leaders see you and they deserve to see your true skills and leadership abilities, not your easily fixable deviation from standards.

Seventy four years of being the most dominant Air Force in the world, and much has changed to include these standards. But again, one thing that hasn't and shouldn't change is our professionalism.





Welcome Home!

908TH OG & 908TH MXG MEMBERS RETURN FROM WHAT COULD BE THE WING'S FINAL C-130 HERCULES DEPLOYMENT



By Staff Sgt. Max Goldberg and Maj. John T. Stamm 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – The 908th Airlift Wing and Maxwell Air Force Base saw quite a bit of excitement from Nov. 8 to Nov. 10 as more than 140 Airmen from the 908th Operations Group and the 908th Maintenance Group returned home to a sea of friends, family, and fellow Airmen after being deployed for more than four months to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait.

The Airmen, arriving on four 908th Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules aircraft and one contracted commercial airliner, were part of the largest deployment in wing history as nearly 300 members deployed to locations all around the world over the past spring and summer.

"I couldn't be more proud of the men and women of the 908th," said Col. Craig W. Drescher, wing commander. "Everyone performed exceptionally, and executed the mission down-range and at home with excellence."

Everyone in the wing came together as they faced seemingly overwhelming odds. Over the better part of the last two years, the wing not only prepared for the deployment and a potential re-mission, but did so amidst social-distancing and other safety protocols set in place to counter the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of the wing's 1,200-plus members worked as two teams split between two unit training assemblies per month.

In addition to the wing's roughly 200 full-time military and civilian members, several also served on orders





for weeks on end to help fill in the gaps and accomplish what needed to be done.

"Many outside this organization thought we couldn't pull it all off, that it couldn't be done," Drescher said as his eyes welled up with pride. "Yeah, go ahead and tell me what else these Airmen can't do."

In the months leading up to their departure, the Airmen from both groups trained rigorously in preparation for their part in the deployment. They conducted a series of exercises and training events that required close cooperation with several other units in the wing in order to enhance their mission capabilities and maintain readiness for the real world situations they would face overseas during this deployment.

"We had a lot of work to do leading up to this deployment," said Master Sgt. Anthony Lewis, a load-master with the 357th Airlift Squadron. "On top of the physical work, we had to make sure we were in the right mindset to be away for as long as we were."

The 908th OG and MXG Airmen hit the ground running as soon as they arrived at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. 908th OG Airmen flew more than 3,570 hours, transporting more than 14,800 passengers, and moving 3,359 pallets with more than 5,390 tons of cargo. In addition to these extensive sorties, members of the 908th OG also flew the final mission of the 779th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in what would be the last C-130 H model to operate at Ali Al Salem AB.

"Our mission was to provide airlift capability so that all our people out there stayed supplied and had the resources they needed, when they needed them." said Lewis. "It was great getting to do our job in a deployed environment, we dealt with cargo we don't normally work with and we got the reward of providing vital supplies to our members across southwest Asia."

The 908th MXG also played a vital role in keeping the airlift mission moving. With more than 8,000 maintenance actions completed, 908th Airmen enabled more than 1,900 successful combat sorties, transport of more than 5,390 tons of cargo, and the safe transport of more than 14,800 passengers throughout the course of their deployment.

Both the OG and MXG worked side-by-side with several other units in support of exercise Blue Marauder and joint exercise Bright Star. During Blue Marauder,

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908th Airmen certified 14 air crew members on specialized fueling operations in an effort to enhance agile combat employment capabilities.

Exercise Bright Star saw members of the 908th working closely with joint and coalition forces at a forward deployed location. Throughout the course of this exercise, 14 sorties were flown with seven airdrops and 66 paratroop jumps.

The outstanding Airmen of the 908th not only carried out their mission effectively, but they went above and beyond their duties earning a litany of awards and recognitions. Awards were given to 908th Airmen as well as various sections and units.

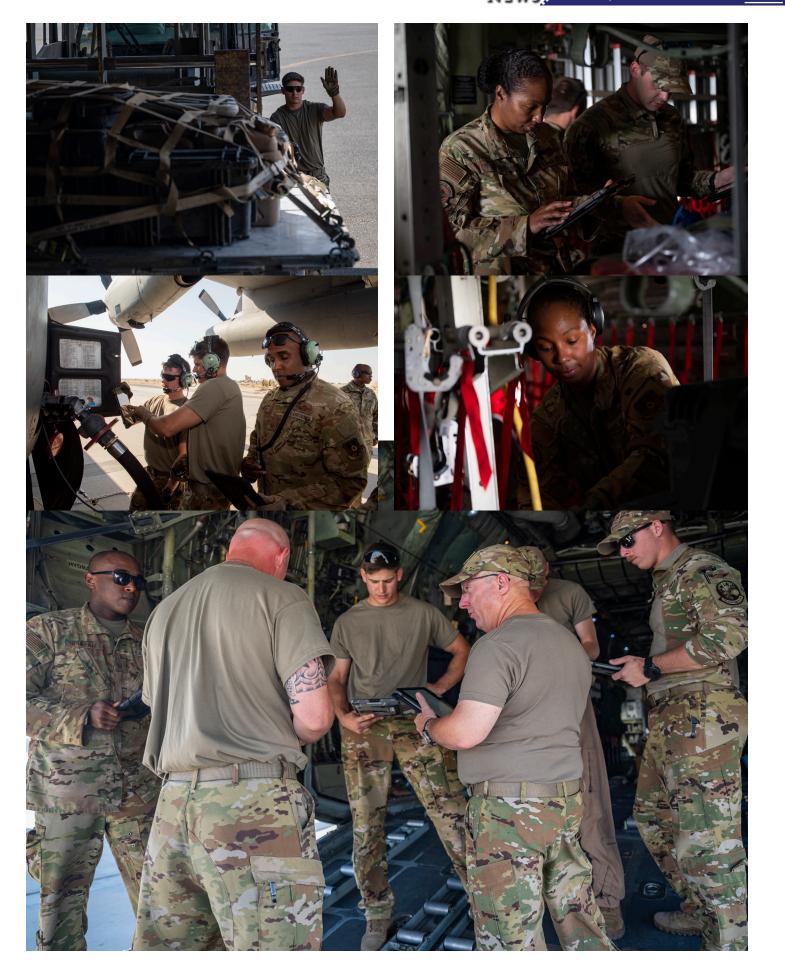
Another highlight from this deployment was the exemplary Total Force Integration team work. The 908th deployed with a sister C-130H unit, the 166th Airlift Wing from the Delaware Air National Guard, and both units worked hand in hand with active duty Air Force members to execute and accomplish their tactical airlift mission.

Members of Alabama state and local government, and civic leaders from the local River Region were also on hand to welcome the Airmen home. Lori E. Rasmussen, retired Air Force pilot and current director of External and Military Affairs for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, became emotional as she watched families reunite after spending months apart.

"I know first-hand how difficult deployments can be, especially on families," she said. "These military-connected families need the support of their local communities. Everything from meals to car pools to a simple gesture of support to help make deployments a little more bearable for them during this time apart. As a member of the MACC staff, I am privileged to live and work in such a supportive community that truly recognizes their sacrifice."

This deployment will also stand out in the 908th's history as it is recognized as possibly being the final deployment of the wing's C-130 airlift mission. Maxwell AFB was named as the preferred location for the new MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopter Formal Training Unit November 2020. As that becomes official, the 908th AW will divest itself of the C-130s and prepare to execute the new mission.





908TH OSS AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS KEEP AIRCREW SAFE

Story & Photos by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – In the event of an emergency, aircrew and their passengers have to always be prepared with lifesaving equipment. That equipment has to not only be available, but it has to work. The Airmen who keep that equipment in tip-top shape are none other than the aircrew flight equipment technicians in the Aircrew Flight Equipment section of the 908th Operations Support Squadron at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

The AFE section members are responsible for all of the members of the aircrew and their passengers. The individuals on each flight require survival and life support equipment in the case of emergencies. This equipment ranges from helmets and oxygen masks to harnesses and c-cell radios. The list of lifesaving equipment goes on and on.

"The Aircrew Flight Equipment section provides a critical link between aircrew and aircraft systems," explained Lt. Col. Diane Patton, commander of the 908th Operations Group. "AFE personnel issue, fit, repair, and maintain human-side flight equipment from individual items such as parachutes, helmets, and Night Vision Devices, to crew and passenger oxygen and life raft systems.

The 908th AFE ensures all wing-assigned aircrew are properly trained on this equipment in order to ensure survivability across multiple environments and flight regimes, to include Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) operations."

The AFE section pays special attention to details to ensure that each piece of personalized equipment fits aircrew properly. This care also goes into checking the batteries of items like c-cell radios. What if someone is able to survive a crash but their radio does not work? Rescuers need to be able to get in contact with that aircrew member in order to get them back home.

"It is very fulfilling to know that every day your job matters to the mission of the 908th Airlift Wing," said Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Roy III, the superintendent of the AFE section. "We take our job very seriously because we help people survive and get back home safely."

Anytime a C-130 Hercules aircrew needs to perform a mission, they require all of these items to be in perfect condition and by their side. Without them, the 908th Airlift Wing would not be able to perform its tactical airlift mission.







CATM Instructors Aim For Excellence

Story & Photos by Staff Sgt. Max Goldberg 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – The 908th Security Forces Squadron is tasked with the important role of protecting the Air Force's assets and, more importantly, its people. The mission of security forces requires a high level of proficiency with all the tools at their disposal, especially firearms.

Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructors are members of the security forces community who specialize in training all Airmen on the proper operation and maintenance of weapon systems.

"We want to make sure that every Airman has a real understanding of these weapon systems," said Tech. Sgt. Shannon Jones, a CATM instructor with the 908th SFS. "It doesn't matter what AFSC you're from, when you come through our course, our goal is to have you shooting at an expert level;"

Jones has been an instructor since 2018 and said he tries to convey the importance of weapon proficiency to every member that comes through his class.

"When you come to us, it doesn't matter if you've never fired a weapon before," said Jones. "We're going to get you comfortable shooting, assembling and disassembling the weapon and we're going to make sure that you're able to perform in the event that you have to use that weapon in a real world situation."

CATM instructors also facilitate weapons qualifications for members who are preparing to deploy. This qualification requires all Airmen to meet the standards of deployment readiness through a series of firing multiple weapon systems from various positions at various distances.

Jones said the most important thing is to have confidence in your wingmen and in yourself. As a firearms instructor, he feels a sense of responsibility to build that confidence in his students.

CATM is one of many specialized units within a specific AFSC. The instructors serve a very specific and vital role in ensuring the deployment readiness and combat capability of our United States Air Force.



The Maintainers Recipe for Success;

Team Work

By Senior Airman Michael S. Murphy 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

ALI AL SALEM AIR BASE, Kuwait –With the C-130H Hercules departing Ali Al Salem Air Base last week, the C-130H maintainers deployed from the 908th Airlift Wing and the 166th AW are getting ready to depart ASAB and are reviewing their time here.

"What would an air base be without the aircraft?" said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Don Prempramot, flight chief for the 779th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit. "The 779th EAMU has provided ASAB with a successful mission while combing the southern hospitality of Alabama with the northern charm of Delaware. The two units combined, with the two ingredients, together to produce a recipe for suc-

The 779th EAMU, also known as the Blue AMU, said as a group how proud they were of their work over the last several months. These units together have supported more than 1,800 sortie flights with a total of 3,600 flying hours. During these flights more than 5,700 tons of cargo was moved and safely transported more than 16,000 passengers.

"Our aircraft transfer essential materials and personnel throughout the area of responsibility," Prempramot said. "The C-130H is the work horse of Ali Al Salem AB."

The 779th EAMU also participated with multiple nations during the Bright Star Joint Exercise in Cairo, Egypt. During this time 14 operational flights were flown with 7 airdrops, which provided training to more than 60 paratroopers.

The Blue AMU also provided essential support to the Blue Marauder Exercise which focused on Agile Combat Employment and Multi-capable Airmen skills. The 779th supplied needed maintainers to perform hot refuels, show casing the C-130H's adaptability to the AOR.

"We also supported a POTUS no notice tasking to transport seven evacuees outside of our support of Operation Allies Refuge," Prempramot noted. "During Aug. 14-30, the 779th was part of 224 missions and safely evacuating 7,253 ally passengers and 5,256 refugees. These missions were tasked from Ali Al Salem AB and aided the support of the 124,000 people rescued after the Afghanistan withdrawal."



Everyday has offered different experiences for all three organizations said USAF Capt. Patrick Mills, the officer in charge of the Blue AMU.

"The unique aspect about this deployment is the overall team in the 779th EAMU," said Mills. "Prior to this deployment, we had very little experience working with each other."

Normally units would send a team to a deployed location from the same squadron. The mixture of reservist and guardsmen gave an additional obstacle for the team to overcome.

"Here we had to merge two units from different backgrounds together to do the mission," Mills said. "Another unique aspect is something shared by both the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. Not all of the Airmen are full time military members and work in the civilian sector for their primary job."

Mills said that this aspect of civilian Airmen brought moments where Airmen's civilian skills came over in

support of the mission. These skills transferred over into more than eight different spheres of work the 779th EAMU covered.

"Crew chiefs who do launch, recovery and general servicing of the aircraft," said Mills. "Then you have the specialist. Some of these specialties are propulsion, hydraulics, electrical systems, communication systems, navigation systems and the guidance and control systems of the aircraft."

Mills said coming into this deployment that he had a set of goals for his team. He said he hoped that everyone would walk away with good experiences to take with them back to their home stations.

"We faced numerous challenges from day one, the acclimation period for our people and aircraft, facing a manning shortfall the first few weeks in country and the Afghanistan airlift provided unique challenges for our unit," Mills said. "Everyone kept a positive attitude throughout the deployment and had a very strong work ethic no matter what was through in their path. I saw people come together both professionally and personally in ways I never expected and almost instantly from day one. I couldn't ask for a better group of people for this deployment and I will really miss everyone once we go home. From the bottom of my heart I thank everyone in the AMU for what they have done on this deployment, without them none of this would have been possible."



25th APS trains for Worst Case Scenarios

Story & Photos By Senior Airman Shelby Thurman 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE

BASE, Ala. - The 25th Aerial Port Squadron conducted an annual training exercise November 6, 2021, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The participants simulated receiving passengers and their baggage, and then preparing them for transport.

The aerial porters did more than just process personnel and their baggage. They also built baggage pallets, used forklifts and other heavy equipment, practiced hand signaling, and prepped equipment loading and unloading. All of this was done while wearing their Mission-Oriented Protective Posture gear, protective outerwear garments and gear that are worn in the event of situations in which chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear warfare hazards may be present.

"Doing any task in MOPP gear is far more difficult than doing it without MOPP gear, so it was interesting to see where our strengths and weaknesses were," said Chief Master Sgt. Tracey Piel, 25th APS aerial port manager.

Piel oversaw that the mission essential task list was taken care of by ensuring that all sections within her squadron did their required task qualification training. She insisted that the squadron always be up to date on their TQT so that they can perform the 908th Airlift Wing's mission. She also noted that the whole point of the Inspector General team, exercises and training is to ensure that they are ready.

"The time to find out when we can do a task or have our correct equipment is during training, not



when we are tasked to actually do it in the real world," said Peil.

This reason was why she had members of their Wing Inspection Team present and taking detailed notes during the various training events.

"We try and stay ready because of all of the unknowns around the world," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Holder, who is a program manager with 25th APS.

Holder, Piel, and the other members of the 25th APS leadership team strive to ensure readiness as much as possible so that the 908th AW can accomplish its mission whenever called upon.





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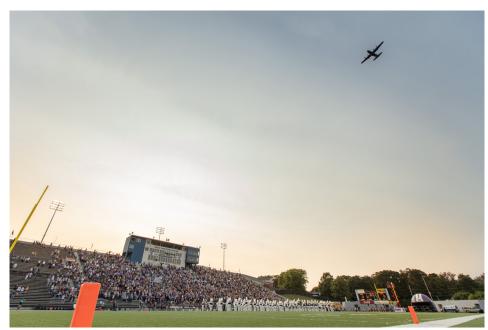
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0730	0815	Mask Issue for Weapons Qual	Bldg1154	
0800	1100	Lab work/DNA/HIV/Blood testing	Bldg 760/Lab	
0800	1530	Physicals	Bldg 760/Flr 1	
0830	1530	Immunizations	Bldg 760/Flr 1	
0900	1100	Newcomer's MPS Inprocessing	Bldg 1056/Classroom	
0900	0930	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	
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Sunday, January 9, 2022				
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1230	1300	Readiness Reporting/DRRS/ART Briefing	Bldg 1055/908 CAT	
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Support functions' schedule Activity Newcomers' Trg Flt Dates & hours of operation Location/Ext. Sat 0700-1600 Bldg 1056/Rm 101 MPS Customer Svc Sat 1300-1600 Sun 0700-1300 Bldg 1056/3-5522 M-F 0900-1600 (Closed 1300-1600 every Wed except drill week) Bldg 1056/3-6722 Reserve Pay MTTHF 0800-1600 / Wed 0800-1200 Sat 0900-1500 Sun 1200-1500 Medical Records Sat 0800-1500 Bldg 760 2nd Floor 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 M-F 0730-1600 Bldg 502/3-4283 Geneva Conv Cards Dining Hall Breakfast: 0600-0800 Bldg 668/3-6450 Lunch: 1100-1300 Dinner: 1600-1830 Lodging Office Photo Lab Bldg 682 /240-5600 Bldg 926/3-7981 Bldg 848/3-9703 M-F 0730-1600 Comm Help Desk

908th AW Remembers 9/11 with Flyover



By Maj. John T. Stamm 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Remembering the tragic events of September 11, 2001, provides little cause to celebrate for the vast majority of United States citizens, including members of the Armed Forces. Many face the day with somber reverence to the memory of all the lives stolen and the heroes that sacrificed themselves that day (and for the 20 years since) so that others may live in peace and security.

The significance is not lost the Airmen of the 908th Airlift Wing, who, despite continuing to conduct tactical airlift missions around the globe, made it a priority to execute a flyover of Braly Stadium, home of the University of North Alabama "Lions" football.

"To see such a beautiful sight of your C-130 Hercules, lining up in a distance, coming directly behind and over the flagpole with the American Flag flying, with landing lights on, and a vapor/exhaust trail behind was the most incredible sight I've seen at a UNA football game," said retired Army Col. and UNA alumnus Riley Brewer. "Many others have consented with my comment. I wish you could have heard the cheers and experienced the excitement that the 908th generated from the Fly Over."

The flyover occurred during the UNA vs. the University of Tennessee Chattanooga pre-game festivities on the 20th anniversary of the infamous attacks, and showcased the support and solidarity the U.S. Air Force Reserve

shares with our community partners. Brewer, who helped coordinate the event, embraces the partnership and thanked everyone from the 908th from the command staff to the aircrew for making the flyover possible.

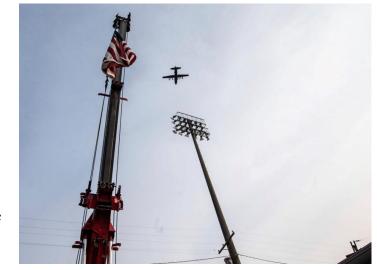
"The 908th Air Wing (sic) played a huge part in making a day of remembrance and recognition successful," he said. "We can't thank you enough for the sacrifices each Airman and family member makes to keep our country safe and secure."

The aircraft and crew were at the end of a long day, having already transported several members of the 908th AW 25th Aerial Porter Squad-

ron to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., for training. They re-routed their return to base over the residential section of Florence, Ala., home to the 130-acre campus, demonstrating our commitment to safeguarding America's skies and deliver combat-capability anytime, anywhere.

"Yesterday was such a memorable day for our community," said UNA Associate Athletic Director Ms. Megan L. Dye, who also helped coordinate the pre-game flyover. "We are so very grateful for your efforts and support of our event. I have been at North Alabama for almost 10 years, and it was truly my favorite moment during my time here."

The UTC "Mocs" defeated the UNA "Lions" by a score of 20-0.



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- * Upon request, input PIN number, then "#." PIN is assigned during Newcomers. **If not** known, contact your Squadron Lodging Rep.
- * 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.1
- > ADT only? Call Lodging:(334) 953-6133
- * If a scheduled UTA weekend, system will tell you where you will be staying Questions?

Contact Master Sgt. Ce'Drea Young (334) 953-1690, option 1 Emer cell: (254) 258-1884

DSN: 493-7332 cedrea.young@us.af.mil

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 FY22

Oct. 2-3	April 2-3
Nov. 6-7	May 14-15
Dec. 4-5	June 4-5
Jan. 8-9	July 9-10
Feb. 5-6	Aug. 6-7
March 5-6	Sept. 10-1

Presorted 908th Airlift Wing First Class U.S. Postage 401 W. Maxwell Blvd. PAID Permit #700 Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6501 Montgomery, AL TO THE FAMILY OF: Airmen from the 25th Aerial Port Squadron direct a forklift operator Nov. 6, 2021, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Members of 25th APS conducted an annual training exercise where they wore Mission-Oriented Protective Posture gear while processing passengers, their baggage, loading pallets, using heavy equipment, and using hand signals. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shelby Thurman).