

Air Education and Training Command

# Civic Leader Tour

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AETC Civic Leaders

Welcome to our Civic Leader Program meeting at Kirtland Air Force Base and Fairchild Air Force Base! These bases are run by two different major commands in the Air Force and are home to AETC tenant units.

Kirtland AFB is an Air Force Global Strike Command installation and hosts the 58th Special Operations Wing, which serves as the premier training site for Air Force special operations and combat search and rescue aircrews. Fairchild AFB is an Air Mobility Command installation and hosts the 336th Training Group, which is the Air Force's sole training group for Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape specialists.

Please take this opportunity to not only learn about our AETC tenant units, but to also learn about the missions around them and our fantastic Airman that make it all possible. We are confident that you will walk away from this trip with a better understanding of AETC's foundational role for our Air Force. We are proud of our mission and our Airmen, and we're excited to showcase how we underpin our national defense in an era of strategic competition.

Thank you for your continued support to both the U.S. Air Force and AETC—I look forward to spending time with you and learning more about what is happening in your community!

Sincerely

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BRIAN S. ROBINSON  
Lieutenant General, USAF

# Lieutenant General Brian Robinson

## Commander, Air Education and Training Command

Lt. Gen. Brian S. Robinson is the Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He is responsible for the recruitment, training and education of Air and Space Force personnel. His command includes Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered Air Forces and Air University. The command operates more than 1,400 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 24 wings and 11 installations. It trains more than 293,000 students per year with approximately 60,000 active duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and contractor personnel.

Prior to assuming his current role, Lt. Gen. Robinson served as Deputy Commander, Air Mobility Command, where he was responsible for U.S. Transportation Command's air component, executing the air mobility mission in support of the Joint Force, allies and partners with a fleet of nearly 1,100 aircraft.



Lt. Gen. Robinson has held staff assignments at Joint Staff, Headquarters Air Force Staff, Air Mobility Command and the U.S. Air Forces Central 609th Combined Air Operations Center. He has commanded at the squadron, wing, operational and global 618th AOC levels.

Lt. Gen. Robinson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Philadelphia University in 1987. He received his commission from Air Force Officer Training School in 1987 and attended undergraduate pilot training, later serving as a T-38B first assignment instructor pilot before moving on to a series of operational assignments in the C-130 E/H/J and the C-17A, which represent the full range of tactical and strategic airlift and aerial delivery. Lt. Gen. Robinson is a weapons officer and command pilot with more than 4,400 hours in airlift and trainer aircraft.



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# Chief Master Sergeant Erik Thompson

Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Education and Training Command

Chief Master Sgt. Erik C. Thompson is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He is the senior enlisted advisor to the AETC commander and senior staff on all matters affecting the readiness, training, development, utilization and resiliency of the command's Airmen. The command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. AETC operates more than 1,400 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 24 wings, 11 bases and five geographically separated groups. The command's approximately 60,000 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and contractor personnel train more than 293,000 total force Airmen, joint and international students per year annually, providing combat-ready Airmen to commanders across the Department of Defense.



Chief Thompson entered the Air Force from Fort Pierce, Florida in June, 1993, as a helicopter maintenance specialist and retrained as a Flight Engineer in 1997. He has more than 3,650 hours as an instructor and evaluator flight engineer in the C-130E and MC-130H aircraft, including 500 hours of combat time. His previous assignments include functional and leadership positions at the squadron, group, wing, Numbered Air Force and Major Air Command levels. Chief Thompson has deployed in support of numerous contingencies, including Operations Southern Watch, Vigilant Warrior, Joint Forge, Allied Force, Desert Scorpion, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Inherent Resolve.

Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Thompson served as the Command Chief, 19th Air Force at JBSA-Randolph, Texas. He also served in Command Senior Enlisted positions as the Command Chief, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon Air Force Base, NM, and Joint Special Operations Air Component, Special Operations Central Command, Al Udeid AB.



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# *schedule* Overview

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## *Tuesday*

**5:55 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time)**  
Depart lodging for the Mountain View Club at Kirtland Air Force Base

**6:00 p.m.**  
Icebreaker at the Mountain View Club

**8:00 p.m.**  
Depart the Mountain View Club for lodging

## *Wednesday*

**7:50 a.m.**  
Depart lodging for Mountain View Club

**11:05 a.m.**  
351st Special Warfare Training Squadron

**3:35 p.m.**  
Business Session: Open Roundtable

**8:00 a.m.**  
Breakfast and 377th Air Base Wing mission brief

**12:00 p.m.**  
Lunch on the 351 SWTS Complex Patio

**4:30 p.m.**  
Travel to lodging

**9:35 a.m.**  
58th Special Operations Wing demonstrations/displays

**1:15 p.m.**  
Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center

**5:40 p.m.**  
Travel to Savoy Bar and Grill

**2:20 p.m.**  
Air Force Safety Center Crash Site Visit

**6:00 p.m.**  
Dinner at Savoy Bar and Grill

**8:00 p.m.**  
Depart for lodging

## *Thursday*

**6:00 a.m.**  
Depart lodging for Kirtland Base Ops

**9:55 a.m.**  
36th Rescue Squadron mission brief

**2:05 p.m.**  
Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape tour/demonstration

**7:00 a.m.**  
Depart Kirtland AFB for Fairchild AFB (Breakfast provided in flight)

**11:00 a.m.**  
Lunch at Warrior Dining Facility

**4:15 p.m.**  
Travel to lodging

**9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)**  
Arrive at Fairchild Base Ops

**12:00 p.m.**  
Static display of KC-135 Stratotanker

**6:00 p.m.**  
Travel to Zona Blanca

**9:15 a.m.**  
92nd Air Refueling Wing and 336th Training Group mission briefs

**1:00 p.m.**  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal tour/demonstration

**6:30 p.m.**  
Dinner at Zona Blanca

**8:00 p.m.**  
Depart for lodging

## *Friday*

**7:15 a.m.**  
Depart lodging for Fairchild Base Ops

**11:30 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time)**  
Arrive at Kirtland Base Ops

**Depart at leisure**  
Shuttles to ABQ Sunport International Airport at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**8:00 a.m.**  
Depart Fairchild AFB for Kirtland AFB (Breakfast provided in flight)

**11:30 a.m.**  
Business Session (optional)

Tuesday  
June 6

# Schedule

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## **Arrive at leisure**

Shuttles from ABQ Sunport International Airport at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m.

## **5:55 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time)**

Depart lodging for the Mountain View Club at Kirtland Air Force Base

## **6:00 p.m.**

Icebreaker at the Mountain View Club  
*Cash Bar*

## **8:00 p.m.**

Depart the Mountain View Club for lodging

*Icebreaker Dress: Casual (polo, jeans, slacks)*

# Kirtland AFB

Kirtland AFB is located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the 377th Air Base Wing as its host organization. The wing reports to Air Force Global Strike Command. The base and its various mission partners employ about 20,000 active duty, civilians, Guard and Reserve personnel, including nearly 1,902 active duty military and civilians that belong to Air Force Global Strike Command. Kirtland occupies 50,132 acres.

The mission of the 377th Air Base Wing is to execute nuclear, readiness, and support operations for American air power. Kirtland AFB is a center for research, development and testing of non-conventional weapons, space and missile technology, laser warfare and much more. Some of the organizations involved in this area include the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, the Department of Energy, Sandia National Laboratories, the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, the Space and Missile Systems Center, the Air Force Inspection Agency and the Air Force Safety Center.

In addition, the 377th ensures readiness and training of Airmen for world-wide duty. We operate the airfield for present and future Air Force operations, prepare our personnel to deploy worldwide on a moment's notice and keep the base secure. Some of the players in this mission include the 58th Special Operations Wing, the 150th Special Operations Wing (New Mexico Air National Guard) and the U.S. Air Force Pararescue School.



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Kirtland Air Force Base

Wednesday  
June 7

# Schedule



**7:50 a.m.**

Depart lodging for Mountain View Club

**8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast and 377th Air Base Wing mission brief

**9:15 a.m.**

Travel to the 58th Special Operations Wing

**9:30 a.m.**

58 SOW flightline demonstrations/displays

**10:45 a.m.**

Travel to the 351st Special Warfare Training Squadron

**11:00 a.m.**

351 SWTS

**12:00 p.m.**

Lunch on the 351 SWTS Complex Patio  
*Squadron will have moral patches available for purchase*

**1:00 p.m.**

Travel to the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center

**1:15 p.m.**

AFNWC Mission Brief

**2:00 p.m.**

Travel to the Air Force Safety Center Crash Site

**2:15 p.m.**

AFSEC Crash Site Visit

**3:15 p.m.**

Travel to 377 ABW Headquarters

**3:30 p.m.**

Business Session: Open Roundtable

**4:30 p.m.**

Travel to lodging

**5:40 p.m.**

Travel to Savoy Bar and Grill

**6:00 p.m.**

Dinner at Savoy Bar and Grill

**8:00 p.m.**

Depart for lodging

*Site Visit Dress: Casual with closed-toe walking shoes. Sunglasses, hat, and sunblock recommended.*

*Dinner Dress: Business casual (sports coat, open collar, slacks)*

# 377th Air Base Wing Leadership



**Colonel Jason F. Vattioni** is the 377th Air Base Wing and installation commander at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Colonel Vattioni entered the Air Force in August 1990 as a Nuclear Weapons Technician and commissioned in 1998 after graduating Officer Training School. He is a fully-qualified aircraft, munitions, and missile maintenance officer, having held key positions at wing, numbered air force, major command, Air Staff, and Joint Staff levels. He has led Airmen while deployed and in garrison providing logistics and maintenance support during Operations NORTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, and ODYSSEY DAWN. He served on the Joint Staff where he co-authored a redesigned National Military Strategy and was the principal advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Chairman's Risk Assessment. Prior to his current position, the colonel served as Vice Commander, 75th Air Base Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

**Chief Master Sergeant Antonio “Coop” L. Cooper** is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 377th Air Base Wing, as of the beginning of June 2023.

Chief Cooper entered the Air Force in February 1999 and began his career as an Aircraft Armament Specialist on an F-16 in July 1999. In 2005, he cross trained as an Airfield Manager. He has served in tri-service, joint and bilateral leadership positions at the squadron, group, wing and major command levels. His assignments include bases in South Carolina, Florida, New Jersey, Japan and North Carolina. Chief, has deployed in support of operations: SOUTHERN WATCH, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM and COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE – HORN OF AFRICA. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.





# 58th Special Operations Wing

Located on Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB), the 58th Special Operations Wing (58 SOW) serves as the premier training site for Air Force special operations, combat search and rescue, and nuclear security aircrews. As part of the AETC mission, the wing plays a key role in training and educating Airmen to deliver 21st Century Airpower.

The wing provides undergraduate, graduate and refresher aircrew training for special operations, rescue, missile site support, and distinguished visitor airlift helicopter, fixed-wing, and tilt-rotor operations. The 58SOW conducts operations out of Kirtland AFB and five other locations throughout the United States to include the Air Force survival school at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

The 58 SOW employs more than 2,000 personnel and trains over 14,000 students a year. The wing operates eight different weapon systems: TH-1H, UH-1N, HH-60G/W, HC130-J, MC-130J, and CV-22 totaling 71 assigned aircraft. The wing teaches more than 120 courses in 24 different crew positions including pilot, combat systems officer, flight engineer, loadmaster and special mission aviator. Additionally, the 58 SOW is charged with the Air Force's sole training group for Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE).



# 58th Special Operations Wing Leadership



**Colonel Jonathan W. Graham** serves as Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Colonel Graham was born in Midwest City, OK, and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999. He has served in a variety of special operations flying and staff assignments, and has flown more than 1,700 hours in the MH-53, CV-22, MQ-1, and MQ-9 with combat experience supporting contingency operations in Africa, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and the Arabian Peninsula.

Colonel Graham is a graduate of the US Air Force Weapons School and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and is the recipient of the 2008 Colonel James Jabara Award for Airmanship.

Colonel Graham is married to Dana Graham and they have two children, Keira and Danielle.

**Chief Master Sergeant Colin A. Fleck** is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 58th Special Operations Wing.

Chief Fleck entered the Air Force in 2002 and his background includes various duties in the Personnel, Aerial Gunner, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Sensor Operator, and Special Mission Aviator career fields. He has served on the AC-130U and AC-130H Gunships, as well as the MQ-1B Predator and MQ-9 Reaper along with various senior enlisted positions including as an assignment manager and multiple assignments as a squadron and group superintendent. Prior to assuming his current position he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 1st Special Operations Group at Hurlburt Field, Florida.



# 351st Special Warfare Training Squadron

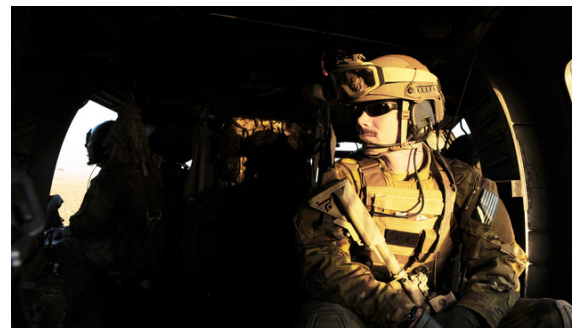
The 351 SWTS falls under the Special Warfare Training Wing, which is responsible for selecting, training, equipping and mentoring Airmen to conduct global combat operations in contested, denied, operationally limited, and permissive environments under any environmental condition.

Air Force Special Warfare enlisted specialties include Combat Control, Pararescue, Special Reconnaissance and Tactical Air Control Party. Officer specialties include Combat Rescue Officer, Special Tactics Officer and TACP Officer.

The 351 SWTS is responsible for entry-level training for all Air Force Pararescuemen and Combat Rescue Officers.

Air Force Pararescuemen, also known as PJs, are the only DoD elite combat forces specifically organized, trained, equipped, and postured to conduct full spectrum Personnel Recovery to include both conventional and unconventional combat rescue operations. To execute their mission, Pararescue teams assault, secure, and dominate the rescue objective area utilizing any available DoD or Allied, air, land, or sea asset.

Air Force Combat Rescue Officers lead the DoD's only elite ground combat force specifically organized, trained, equipped, and postured to conduct full spectrum Personnel Recovery. CROs provide command and control for recovery teams; create guidance and instructions; conduct and evaluate policies, plans and programs; and manage theater Personnel Recovery operations.



# 351st Special Warfare Training Squadron Leadership



**Lieutenant Colonel Peter J. Dyrud** is Commander, 351st Special Warfare Training Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He entered the Air Force in June 2006 as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He received a Presidential Scholarship to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and was a White House Intern in the Office of Presidential Speechwriting before serving in numerous operational positions as a Combat Rescue Officer (CRO).

Lieutenant Colonel Dyrud maintains currency as a CRO team commander and serves as a CRO flight instructor and evaluator. He deployed as a Tactical Recovery Team Commander to Afghanistan and served as Personnel Recovery Coordination Cell Director for a Joint Special Operations Task Force. He has commanded an expeditionary rescue squadron in Italy, leading GA forces in the rescue community's first-ever

night water jump mission in support of Overseas Contingency Operations, and in Djibouti, expanding his squadron's presence by three embedded locations. Prior to his current assignment, he was a Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) PhD Program Scholar at Harvard University, where his dissertation focused on deterring kidnappings by non-state actors.

**Chief Master Sergeant Jason Q. Fike** is the Commandant of the 351st Special Warfare Training Squadron.

Chief Fike was born in Indiana; he entered the United States Air Force in 1998. He spent two years in the Pararescue pipeline and earned the coveted beret in June 2000. He was one of the first 100 personnel deployed to Uzbekistan to kick off Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan. Chief Fike has deployed numerous times in support of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) and has led Guardian Angel forces. During multiple tours throughout CENTCOM, AFRICOM, and PACAF since 2001, Chief Fike has supported Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and the ongoing US military presence in South Korea.



# Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center



The Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, established on March 31, 2006, is the nuclear-focused center within Air Force Materiel Command synchronizing all aspects of nuclear materiel management on behalf of the AFMC commander and in direct support of Air Force Global Strike Command.



Headquartered at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, the center has over 2,000 military and civilian personnel at 18 locations worldwide and consists of five major execution directorates: Air Delivered Capabilities; Minuteman III Systems; Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) Integration; Nuclear Technology and Integration; and Sentinel Systems. It also has several functional directorates and its commander is dual-hatted as the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Strategic Systems. In addition, the NC3 Integration director is dual-hatted as the Air Force PEO for NC3.

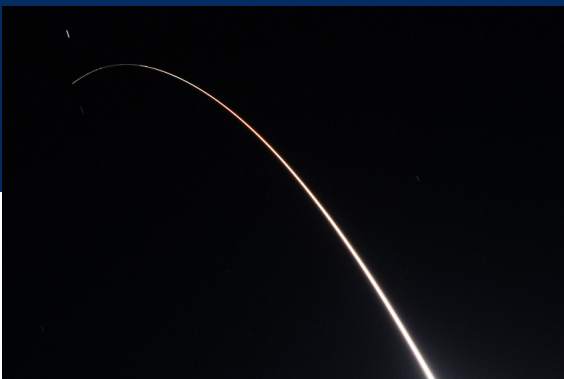


## **AFNWC Mission:**

Deliver nuclear capabilities warfighters use every day to deter and assure.

## **AFNWC Vision:**

Ensuring our nation's most powerful weapon systems are never doubted, always feared.



# Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center

## Leadership



**Major General John P. Newberry** is the Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, and Air Force Program Executive Officer for Strategic Systems, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Major General Newberry entered active duty in 1994 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in aeronautical engineering. During his career, he served in a variety of acquisition fields including space test; flight test; systems engineering; program manager of several aircraft acquisition programs, to include foreign military sales programs; Deputy Program Executive Officer for Air Force Mobility; and KC-46 System Program Manager.

Prior to his current position, he was the Air Force PEO for Bombers and Director, Bombers Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He was responsible for the sustainment and modernization of the bombers portfolio, which includes the B-1, B-2, and B-52, as well as organizing, training, and equipping the AFLCMC's B-21 System Program Office.

**Joseph M. Oder**, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Executive Director, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center.

Mr. Oder entered the Air Force in May 1989 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy and has more than 25 years of experience in nuclear weapons and counterproliferation with the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. He was awarded his missile operations badge in July 1990 and is a senior missileer with more than 200 combat alerts in Minuteman II ICBMs. He retired from active duty in the Air Force in 2009.

Mr. Oder began his civilian government service when NNSA selected him as its permanent Director, a position that became an SES in 2012, where he provided executive leadership, management, and vision for five divisions and an operating budget of \$1.4 billion. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Oder was the Deputy Assistant Deputy Administrator for Major Modernization Programs, ensuring the viability of the nuclear weapon stockpile by planning, executing and evaluating all modernization programs related to nuclear weapons.





# Air Force Safety Center Crash Lab

The "Crash Lab" at Kirtland AFB is a hands-on training facility used in conjunction with safety courses conducted at the Air Force Safety Center. The lab exhibits damaged aircraft from Air Force and other DoD mishaps, space re-entered debris, and various engine components representing various engine failures.

Students in the safety education courses receive classroom and field instructions with exercises at the Crash Lab reinforcing investigation techniques learned in the classroom.

# Air Force Safety Center Leadership



**Major General Jeannie M. Leavitt** is the Department of the Air Force Chief of Safety, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia, and Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Major General Leavitt entered the Air Force in 1992 after earning her bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas and her master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford University. She earned her commission as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. She has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, and has commanded at the flight, squadron and wing level. She is a graduate and former instructor of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours. Her operational experiences include operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Prior to her current assignment, the general served as Director of Operations and Communications, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, where she was responsible for the world's largest training organization, providing initial skills, undergraduate flying, post graduate combat crew and supplemental training for more than 300,000 Air Force, joint and international personnel at 65 Air Force and Department of Defense locations.

**Chief Master Sergeant Amber G. Person** is the Career Field Manager for Air Force Safety Center.

Chief Person entered the Air Force in August 1998 from Eureka, California and her background includes several duties in the Personnel and Safety career fields. She has served as a Professional Military Education Instructor and has held various senior enlisted positions while serving at squadron and wing levels.

Chief Person has deployed in support of operations SOUTHERN WATCH and INHERENT RESOLVE and has completed overseas tours in South Korea, Guam, Alaska, and Germany.



# Savoy Bar and Grill

Dinner attire: Business casual (jacket, open collar, no jeans)

Classic and contemporary California Wine Country in the Northeast Heights: Welcome to Savoy, a sun-filled, unpretentious but sophisticated, wine-friendly restaurant!

Natural light from a wall of South facing windows reflects off buttery walls, warming the wood and stone of the main dining room. Our open kitchen piques your appetite with its scents & sounds and the energy of our chefs. A comforting atmosphere greets you in the Lounge before you're drawn into the lush, vine-covered atrium to the West. From there, step onto the shaded patio and relax by the firepits as you take in a view of the Sandia Mountains.



Thursday  
June 8

# Schedule

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**6:00 a.m.**

Depart lodging for Kirtland Base Ops

**7:00 a.m.**

Depart Kirtland AFB for Fairchild AFB, via C-17 Globemaster III from Altus AFB (Breakfast provided in flight)

**9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)**

Arrive at Fairchild Base Ops

**9:15 a.m.**

92nd Air Refueling Wing and 336th Training Group mission briefs

**9:45 a.m.**

Travel to the 36th Rescue Squadron

**9:55 a.m.**

36th Rescue Squadron Mission Brief

**10:45 a.m.**

Travel to Warrior Dining Facility

**11:00 a.m.**

Lunch at Warrior Dining Facility

**12:00 p.m.**

Travel to Building 2050/Static display of KC-135 Stratotanker

**12:40 p.m.**

Travel to 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight

**1:00 p.m.**

EOD tour/demonstration

**1:45 p.m.**

Travel to Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape tour/demonstration

**2:05 p.m.**

SERE tour/demonstration

**4:15 p.m.**

Travel to lodging

**6:00 p.m.**

Travel to Zona Blanco

**6:30 p.m.**

Dinner at Zona Blanco

**8:00 p.m.**

Depart for lodging

*Site Visit Dress: Casual with closed-toe walking shoes*

*Dinner Dress: Casual (polos, jeans, slacks)*

## Fairchild AFB

Fairchild is home to a wide variety of units and missions. Most prominent is its air refueling mission, with two wings, one active, the 92nd Air Refueling Wing, and one Air National Guard, the 141st ARW. Other units here include the Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape school, medical detachments, a weapons squadron and the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency.



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Fairchild Air Force Base



# C-17

## Globemaster III

### **Mission**

The C-17 Globemaster III is the most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improve the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

### **Features**

The C-17 measures 174 feet long (53 meters) with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches (51.75 meters). The aircraft is powered by four Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 turbofan engines, which are based on the commercial Pratt and Whitney PW2040 used on the Boeing 757. Each engine is rated at 40,440 pounds of thrust and includes thrust reversers that direct the flow of air upward and forward to avoid ingestion of dust and debris. Additionally, thrust reversers provide enough thrust to reverse the aircraft while taxiing backwards and create in-flight drag for maximum rate descents. The design characteristics give it the capability to operate into and out of short runways and austere airfields carrying large payloads. Maximum use has been made of commercial off-the-shelf equipment, including Air Force-standardized avionics.

## Altus AFB

Since its activation as a multi-engine flight training school in 1943, the 97th Air Mobility Wing has been the cornerstone of southwestern Oklahoma for 77 years. With an average of more than 300 days of weather conducive flying each year and a generally flat landscape with few obstructions, the wing is the ideal location to carry out its mission: “We Train Exceptional Mobility Airmen.” Now referred to as “Mobility’s Hometown,” the 97th AMW trains over 2,000 air mobility students annually, to include students from 16 different foreign nations. Its vision is to continue to execute “A Premier Installation Forging the World’s Most Inspired, Proficient, and Adaptive Mobility Warriors to Deliver Airpower for America.”

# 92nd Air Refueling Wing

The 92nd Air Refueling Wing is the host unit to Team Fairchild comprised of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, the 336th Training Group, and other tenant organizations. Team Fairchild encompasses 11,868 active-duty, Air National Guard, tenant unit members, dependents, and civilian employees. Another major tenant organization is the Armed Forces Reserve Center, which opened in April '10, comprising approximately 869 Army Guard and Reserve personnel assigned to 18 units with various missions.

The 92 ARW operates 68 KC-135 R/T Stratotanker aircraft with a weapon system value of \$3.2 billion. As the host unit to Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, the wing controls 6,151 acres and 1,687 buildings.

The 92 ARW is responsible for providing aerial refueling, as well as rapid and reliable passenger and cargo airlift and aeromedical evacuations. Fairchild's missions support U.S. and coalition conventional operations and U.S. Strategic Command strategic deterrence missions. Fairchild directly supports Air Mobility Command's mission, providing global reach airpower and deploying expeditionary combat support forces in support of worldwide contingency requirements. The 92 ARW capability of aerial refueling enhances the Air Force's ability to accomplish its primary missions of Global Reach and Global Power.



## 92 ARW Mission

Extending reach and deterrence through empowered Airmen

## 92 ARW Vision

A ready force projecting airpower through unrivaled air refueling



# 92nd Air Refueling Wing Leadership



**Colonel Chesley L. Dycus** is the Commander of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Colonel Dycus received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in May 2000. He is a mobility pilot with world-wide operational experience, including service in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His assignments include multiple positions in operational units, squadron command and staff officer duties at Headquarters Air Mobility Command and The White House.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Dycus served as the Vice Commander, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, one of the Air Force's three core tanker wings.

Colonel Dycus is a Command Pilot, having logged more than 3,800 hours in the KC-135, KC-46, C-17 and C-5.

**Chief Master Sergeant William J. Arcuri** is the Command Chief of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing.

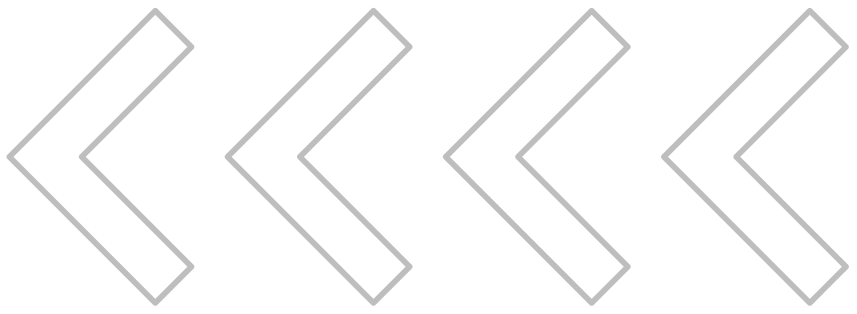
Chief Arcuri grew up in York, Pennsylvania and entered the Air Force directly after high school. He served six years as a Nuclear Weapons Maintainer in North Dakota and Italy, before cross-training into Electrical Power Production in 2001. In squadrons throughout the Pacific, North American, European, and Central theaters, he served in leadership roles at seven home-station and six deployed units. Once selected as a Chief, he promised to "Work for Airmen," and carried that ethic into roles as a squadron and group SEL, before serving a joint team in Israel, where he worked for Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen in the Embassy community. Deploying twice in Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions, he stood up Air Expeditionary Groups in Texas and Puerto Rico, empowering Airmen as they provided life-saving support to millions of Americans.

Most recently, he served as the Mission Support Group SEL at the home of the B-2 Spirit Bomber.



# KC-135

# Stratotanker



## Mission

The KC-135 Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capability for the United States Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 60 years. This unique asset enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

## Features

Four turbofans, mounted under 35-degree swept wings, power the KC-135 to takeoffs at gross weights of up to 322,500 pounds. A cargo deck above the refueling system can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. Depending on fuel storage configuration, the KC-135 can carry up to 83,000 pounds of cargo.





# 336th Training Group



The 336th Training Group, home of the Air Force's survival school, is the Air Force's sole unit responsible for training the SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) specialists who in turn train more than 6,000 students a year. Becoming a SERE instructor takes great physical strength and endurance. The majority of those who attempt the training will fail. Those who graduate stay at Fairchild instructing for three years before moving on to one of the group's geographically separated detachments or being assigned to operations support squadrons around the Air Force to conduct SERE refresher training for aircrews.



The 336th TRG is broken into three squadrons. The 336th Training Support Squadron encompasses more than a dozen Air Force specialties including medical and logistics to support the training operations. The 66th Training Squadron is responsible for training all of the SERE instructors and the 22nd Training Squadron provides SERE training to all Airmen who require it.



"Return With Honor," the motto of the Survival School, is symbolic of the school's dedication to providing lifesaving training.

# 336th Training Group Leadership



**Colonel Matthew L. W. May** is the Commander, 336th Training Group, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. The 336 TRG is the Air Force's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School, responsible for providing at-risk-of-isolation personnel with the skills and confidence to "Return with Honor" and providing globally-qualified SERE Specialists, while advocating for the isolated person in all current and future conflicts.

Colonel May earned his undergraduate degree from Harding University in 1993 and was commissioned in 1996 through Officer Training School. His assignments include multiple positions in operational and training units, squadron command, and vice wing command. He is a master navigator with more than 2,800 hours in the KC-135R and multiple variants of the AC-130. He has participated in a number of worldwide contingency operations and is a veteran of Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

**Chief Master Sergeant Matthew J. O'Leary** is the Senior Enlisted Leader of the SERE School. He serves as principal advisor to the commander on all matters affecting the morale, welfare, professional development, and combat readiness for over 450 Airmen.

Chief O'Leary is originally from Toronto, Canada and graduated from Scranton High School, Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1995. He enlisted in the Air Force in May 1996 and graduated the rigorous SERE Specialist Training Course in December 2005.

Chief O'Leary has been a Combat Aviation Advisor since 1999 and has deployed in support of Special Operations throughout his career, conducting Joint Combined Exchange Training, Foreign Internal Defense, and Counter-Narcotics Terrorism missions. His duty assignments include bases in Florida, Washington, New Jersey, Qatar, Germany, and Louisiana. Prior to his current assignment he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, 22nd Training Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.





# 36th Rescue Squadron

The 36th Rescue Squadron (36 RQS) supports the USAF Survival School training through hands-on helicopter operations for over 4,000 students per year. Training is conducted year-round at Fairchild and at the School's field location in the Colville National Forest, about 60 miles north of Fairchild. Flight operations include live rescue hoist training, Parachute demonstrations, and combat rescue procedures training for students in the basic Combat Survival Course. An aircraft and crew are on stand-by 24 hours a day, 6 days a week to provide medical evacuation coverage for students and instructors alike.

The 36 RQS also supports the National Search-and-Rescue (SAR) Plan by conducting SAR and medical evacuation missions in a 4-state region, from the Cascades in Washington to the Rockies in western Montana. The unit has one of the only hoist-equipped aircraft and Night Vision Goggle (NVG)-qualified aircrews in the Pacific Northwest. SAR missions are conducted both day and night, often at high altitude in treacherous mountain terrain, in areas completely inaccessible by ground vehicle. The unit's unique capabilities can often spell the difference between life and death for lost or injured hikers, hunters, skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

# 36th Rescue Squadron Leadership



**Lieutenant Colonel Toby A. Andrews** is the Commander, 36th Rescue Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrews entered the Air Force through Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Miami University in 2006. After commissioning, he was stationed at Hurlburt Field, Fla where he completed Initial Flight Screening and awaited entry to Undergraduate Pilot Training. After completing the first two phases of training in the T-6A at Columbus AFB, Miss, Lieutenant Colonel Andrews went on to complete helicopter training at Fort Rucker, AL, followed by the UH-1N qualification course Kirtland AFB, NM. Throughout his assignments he has held various leadership positions including Flight Commander, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Deputy Chief of Group Standardization and Evaluation, Group Executive Officer, Assistant Director of Operations and SERE Detachment Commander.



# Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) work begins in dangerous situations and ends in safe solutions. EOD members apply classified techniques and special procedures to lessen or totally remove the hazards created by the presence of unexploded ordnance. This includes conventional military ordnance, criminal and terrorist homemade items, and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

In addition to manufactured munitions, EOD Technicians also deal with improvised explosive devices. They are also experts in chemical, biological, incendiary, radiological, and nuclear materials. EOD personnel provide support to VIPs, help civilian authorities with bomb problems, teach troops about bomb safety, and aid local law enforcement. Some duties are dangerous, but EOD members are fully trained and equipped to safely deal with any situation.

EOD personnel are part of an elite group of highly trained technicians that have a proud heritage of protecting personnel and property from the effects of hazardous unexploded ordnance.



# 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron Leadership



**Lieutenant Colonel Jason Murley** is the Commander, 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. He leads the efforts of over 360 professionals and manages a budget in excess of \$37M. He is responsible for the operations and maintenance of all base facilities, military housing, dormitories, and support infrastructure. He provides combat engineering forces in support of global operations and provides explosive ordnance disposal, fire protection, and disaster preparedness emergency services to Fairchild AFB and the surrounding community. He also assures environmental stewardship and compliance for the 92nd Air Refueling Wing and its 17 associate units.

Prior to his current position, Colonel Murley was the Joint Engineer at the Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Ankara, Turkey. He was commissioned in 2005 through Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 845, Texas Christian University, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. Colonel Murley has served in a variety of squadron, group, wing, and staff positions and has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. His family consists of his wife, Emily, and his two daughters, Josie and Caroline.

**Senior Master Sergeant Adam S. Watson** is the Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader for the 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron,

Sergeant Watson entered the Air Force in August 2001 and graduated the Structural Apprentice Course at the Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion, Mississippi in March 2002. Since that time his duties include various positions in Civil Engineer Squadrons and as a First Sergeant at both the squadron and group levels, and across multiple commands to include Air Force Central Command, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, Pacific Air Forces, and United States Air Forces in Europe. He has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINAL. Prior to his current position, Sergeant Watson was the Operations Flight Superintendent for the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.



# Zona Blanca

Dinner attire: Casual (polo, jeans, slacks)



Counter-serve ceviche specialist offering other creative comfort foods set in a funky beer taproom.



Friday  
June 9

# Schedule



**7:15 a.m.**

Depart lodging for Fairchild Base Ops

**8:00 a.m.**

Depart Fairchild AFB for Kirtland AFB  
(Breakfast provided in flight)

**11:30 a.m.**

Arrive at Kirtland Base Ops

**11:30 a.m.**

Business Session (optional)

*Lunch available for purchase*

**Depart at leisure**

Shuttles to ABQ Sunport International  
Airport at 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and  
3:30 p.m.

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