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Standing UTA Schedule

Saturday

• 0600 - 1300 - PT TESTING - HOURS VARY BY SEASON, STARTS EACH HOUR
• 0700 - 0730 - UNIT CC TIME (KICKOFF)
• 0700 - 0945 - NEWCOMERS BRIEFING
• 0730 - 1600 - MPS OPEN
• 0730 - 1600 - MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS
• 0800 - 1145 - FM SUPPORT (VOUCHERS, DTS, RTS, E-FINANCE, ETC)
• 0900 - 1015 - GREEN DOT TRAINING
• 0900 - 1015 - MENTORING 101
• 1300 - 1430 GREEN DOT TRAINING
• 1300 - 1400 - FUNCTIONAL MEETINGS (AFC, UDM, UHM, UTM, ETC)
• 1300 - 1430 - CDC TESTING
• 1400 - 1600 - CEREMONIES, RETIREMENTS, CHANGE OF COMMAND, PROMOTIONS
• 1430 - 1545 - AIRMEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL/ TOP 3
• 1430 - 1600 - GI BILL/TUITION ASSISTANCE BRIEFING

Sunday

• 0600 - 1300 - PT TESTING - HOURS VARY BY SEASON, STARTS EACH HOUR
• 0700 - 1500 - OJT TRAINING
• 0730 - 0900 - MPS OPEN
*NOTE: AN MPS CUSTOMER SERVICE REP WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 0900 - 1400 ONLY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CAC ISSUES
• 0800 - 0930 - CDC TESTING
• 1300 - 1430 - CDC TESTING
• 1400 - 1500 - MPS OPEN
• 1530 - 1600 - UNIT CC (WRAP-UP)

The schedule provided is a standard UTA schedule. The events listed are routine and do not represent each individual's UTA schedule.

**Contact your supervisor for more detailed information.

Command Team



Craig McPike
Commander

Hello Members of the 916th!

Fiscal Year 2019 has flown by. As we close the door on the third quarter and move into the fourth, I want to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done to make our year successful thus far.

While our third quarter had many big-ticket items like the Wings Over Wayne Airshow, ATSO, and our two-day civic leader tour to Alaska, I look forward to fourth quarter and what it has to offer. We have many upcoming and innovative endeavors on the horizon. The KC-46A Pegasus is quickly approaching its arrival here at the 916th. A part of that transition process includes hosting the upcoming KC-46 Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) where we will have the opportunity to workshop and partake in cross-talks specifically geared toward learning from other bases that have already received the KC-46A. This will allow us to evaluate what we need to be successful in transitioning from the KC-135 to the KC-46. Additionally, we will begin the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) for the KC-46 and test our capabilities to receive and bed down the KC-46 as scheduled. I have full confidence in our abilities to be successful with our transition. I truly believe we have the best Airmen in Air Force Reserve Command!

As I wrap up, there are a few special thanks I would like to extend. The first is to Colonel Mark Richey the Vice Commander of the 916th. Colonel Richey participated in his last 916th UTA in June, and I would personally like to thank him for everything he has done for me and the wing. While his tour here was short-lived, his impact will be long lasting.

I would like to thank all of our deployed members and their families for their exceptional service and sacrifice. I am grateful for everything you are doing to represent the 916th overseas. I know the chief and I are looking forward to greeting you upon your return and welcoming you home. Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all our members who are deploying during the fourth quarter. I know you will represent the 916th well. I pray for a speedy and safe deployment.

Thank you all for everything you do let us have another exceptional quarter!



Mark Richey
Vice Commander

916th!!!

This last year has been amazing. The opportunity to work with you, and learn from you is truly one of the greatest highlights of my Air Force career. I am saddened that my tenure has been curtailed. I was looking forward to many more great opportunities with one of the most incredible organizations I've been a part of in my career. Your recognized excellence is staggering: you win awards like nothing I've ever witnessed, that is simply a recognition of what you do, how you do it, and who you are. In all these areas I can say without reservation that I will cherish my time with you, because of what you do, how you do it, and who you are. In one seemingly short year, I've gained a tremendous respect for and forged friendships that I will hold onto forever. On a personal level, I salute you for what you do for our country and how you bring the fight to our enemies and provide an integral piece of our national nuclear deterrence. On behalf of my family, thank you for all you do, in addition to your civilian jobs, to defend our country. I count myself overwhelmingly fortunate to have been a part of your awesome team and family.



Mark Kistler
Command Chief

Greetings 916th Warriors!

Vince Lombardi once said, "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

Our wing is at a precipice, we are about to embark on a journey that will afford each of us the opportunity to attain excellence. As we transition from the KC-135 to the KC-46, we must challenge ourselves like never before to realize success. I challenge myself and each of you to strive for perfection by seeking innovative methods that may push you outside your comfort zone.

You have the opportunity to develop and hone new skills as we usher in a new era in Air Refueling aviation. While there are some who will shy away from this once in a lifetime opportunity, many of you who will embrace the future challenges.

During this transition, we will endure budgetary and personnel shortages. It is our responsibility to be creative and prioritize our efforts to execute the mission. I encourage each of you to provide constructive feedback to improve our blind spots, and weaknesses. Your honest dialogue will mature our wing.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the fourth quarter as we go into the next stage of transition for the KC-46. We welcome our new vice commander and look forward to integrating him into our team.

Learning the Possibilities



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeremy Moore

Col. Craig McPike, 916th Air Refueling Wing commander, talks with Air Force Academy cadets June 12th at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base during lunch. McPike listened to cadets as they discussed their experiences with prior enlisted and international cadets while attending the Academy. Cadets also discussed classes and programs they have taken at the Academy.

By Tech Sgt. Terrica Y. Jones
Public Affairs Staff

Six Air Force Academy cadets learned more about the Air Force during their visit to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base June 12th.

"The cadets were here as part of their Air Force Operations tour. During the summer after their sophomore year at the Academy, they'll do a three week base visit where they job shadow various Air Force Specialty Codes around a base and learn the day-to-day life of being in the Air Force," said Maj. Kyle W. Vonnahmen, 911th Air Refueling Squadron, squadron executive.

"We met the cadets that morning, gave them a tour of the squadron, and a briefing on the mission of the KC-135R Stratotanker. We also talked to them about being a pilot, being in the Air Force, day-to-day life, deployments, temporary duty stations," he said.

The cadets also had an opportunity to see a static display of a KC-135R Stratotanker while talking with the 911th ARS pilots.

"We took them out to the KC-135R Stratotanker for a static display so they could see it up close, get inside and have the chance to talk to air-crew," said Vonnahmen. "We wanted to show them what life was like in the tanker and Air Mobility Command community."

"Some of the cadets definitely wanted to be pilots, and some were still undecided. So we just wanted to make sure we gave them as much information as we could about being a pilot, both good and bad, and be able to answer any questions they might have," he said.

The cadets also visited the 4th Fighter Wing security forces, firefighters, explosive ordnance, along with a host of other locations during their base tour.

Cadet Elizabeth K. Patterson, an Air Force Academy cadet, discussed how the visit has educated her about a variety of career fields that all support the same mission.

"Before I joined the academy I did not know a lot about the Air Force. You hear a lot about pilots so being able to see different career fields is fascinating to me," she said. "There is not a job you can take away and the mission still function."

The cadets had an opportunity to talk with Col. Craig McPike, 916th Air Refueling Wing commander. McPike and the cadets discussed Academy classes and programs, attending the academy with prior enlisted service members and even their favorite restaurants.

Patterson expressed her gratitude to all the service members she engaged during her base visit.

"I'm really grateful; everyone here at Seymour Johnson has been so nice to us, so accommodating and happy to have us here," she said. "I love listening to people talk about what they love to do. Everyone has a different story to tell and it's fascinating to hear it."

Team Seymour Civic Leaders Tour Eielson AFB



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeremy Moore

Seymour Johnson base and community leaders boarded a 916th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker here and headed toward Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, for a two day civic leader tour on June 20, 2019. Col. Craig McPike, commander of the 916th ARW led a delegation of representatives from The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, City of Goldsboro and the 4th Fighter Wing.

By SSgt. Mary J. McKnight
Public Affairs Staff

Team Seymour boarded a KC-135 Stratotanker June 20, destined for Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, in an effort to familiarize themselves with the Eielson AFB mission and community.

The civic leader flight consisted of personnel from the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, 4th Fighter Wing, and 916th Air Refueling Wing leadership. The driving force behind the flight was to show a collaborative effort exposing local leaders to a wing in a different geographic location, with similar operations and adversities as Seymour Johnson.

"Our civic leaders are advocates for

airpower and the Air Force," said Col. Craig McPike, commander of the 916th ARW. "In order for them to advocate on our behalf, we have to ensure they're informed about our mission dynamics."

The Eielson AFB tour began with the 354th Fighter Wing and 168th Wing mission briefings. In addition to the mission brief, key points of emphasis were placed on providing the civic leaders an in-depth understanding of Red Flag-Alaska.

The topic of Red Flag-Alaska led to a discussion among Team Seymour, Eielson AFB, and local Alaskan officials comparing Red Flag-Alaska and Razor Talon.

Red Flag-Alaska is a large-scale field

training exercise held at Eielson AFB every June. This exercise was designed to enable participants to share realistic combat experience, tactics and increased bilateral integration in a controlled environment.

Razor Talon is a low-cost large force training exercise opportunity for joint East Coast tactical and support aviation units that Seymour Johnson participates in monthly.

The similarities and differences between the two exercises were a commonality that the two bases share and were able to mutually gain from one another.

"The Seymour Johnson AFB civic and community leaders had a big impact on the Iceman Team and the



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeremy Moore

Team Seymour civic leaders board a 916th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker before a flight to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, during a two-day civic leader tour on June 20-22, 2019. The group flew to Alaska to observe the base-community relationship between the 354th Fighter Wing, the 168th Air Refueling Wing and the Fairbanks community.

Fairbanks North Star Borough,” said Col. Benjamin W. Bishop, commander of the 354th FW. “It allowed us to introduce our local honorary commanders and civic partners to the Seymour Johnson community leadership. This created an opportunity for an exchange of ideas to occur, which was very beneficial for both parties. There are some things we do really well out here in the interior of Alaska and there are some things they do really well out there in North Carolina. Now that we’ve learned from each other, all of us will be able to take those lessons back and better support our respective missions, Airmen and communities,” said Bishop.

Civic leaders from Eielson AFB shared best practices with civic leaders from Seymour Johnson AFB on how they lobby for the best interest of their base and community.

Eielson AFB has a Tiger Team made up of local community leaders and state officials, similar to Seymour Johnson AFB, Friends of Seymour Johnson. The Tiger Team and Friends of Seymour Johnson discussed strategies to best protect our military communities from scaling down on military operations. The Tiger Team provided specific details on the strategy that allowed them to fend off force reduction and secure the F-35 Lightning II, a new fighter coming to Eielson AFB.

Col. Bishop’s thoughts echoed what Col. McPike was hoping to gain from this experience.

“What we’re hoping they understand is just how important it is to ensure we maintain our airspace superiority,” said McPike. “They can use that information to communicate and inform our representatives. We also want them to understand our role as force multipliers and the unique combat, communications and force aeromedical and evacuation capabilities the KC-46 will bring when it arrives.”

This discussion could not have come at a better time as the 916th ARW is currently in the process transitioning from the KC-135 Stratotanker to the KC-46A Pegasus.

“The KC-46 is already changing the landscape of Seymour Johnson,” said Lt. Col. Ron Brand, KC-46 PIO with the 916th ARW. “We are currently renovating six facilities and another two more are in the planning stage. The two-bay hangar is 40 percent complete and is set to be the largest hangar on base. As we make more and more changes to the base and local area it’s important to set both communities up for success. Acquiring firsthand knowledge from those who are in a similar position is one of the ways we can make that happen.”

At 3,428 miles away from Seymour Johnson AFB, it is safe to say that



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeremy Moore

Craig Honeycutt, Wayne County manager surveys the cockpit of an F-16C Fighting Falcon at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, during a two-day civic leader tour on June 20-22, 2019. Team Seymour leadership and a delegation of representatives from The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, City of Goldsboro and the 4th Fighter Wing flew to Eielson with the intent of exposing local civic leaders to a similar base-community dynamic in a different geographic location.

Eielson AFB is definitely not a hop, skip or jump away. Despite the distance, Team Seymour was able to not only gain best practices, but build a relationship with a base similar in dynamics.

“I appreciate the Goldsboro Military Affairs Committee and the Friends of Seymour Johnson for participating in the furthest civic leader flight we have ever orchestrated,” said McPike.

Additionally, he expressed his appreciation for the partnership with Col. Donn C. Yates, commander of the 4th FW, and the entire 4th FW team.

Col. McPike was not alone in his appreciation for this trip and the knowledge gained.

Henry Smith, a civic leader from Goldsboro who was instrumental in facilitating this flight, described the civic leaders as leaving Eielson AFB with a better understanding of the dynamic community-relations program and the base-community connection.

Team Seymour re-boarded the 916th ARW KC-135 for their return flight, June 23. Their effort to familiarize themselves with the mission and community of Eielson AFB was a success. They are now armed with the tools and best practices for the continued investment of the mission and community growth of Seymour Johnson and Goldsboro.

Group Commander Corner



Legendary coach Dean Smith had a philosophy his teams adhered to: "Play Hard, Play Smart, Play Together" and the University of North Carolina's basketball team still claims it today.

This is the second in a three-part series exploring "Play Hard, Play Smart, Play Together" as it relates to our Wing. In this newsletter, I'll discuss "Play Smart." In Coach Smith's words, "Smart means with good execution and poise, treating each possession as if it were the only one in the game."

We provide Rapid Global Refueling; that's what our Wing does. Whether it is a boom operator making a contact with a receiver aircraft, one of our maintainers

diagnosing a malfunction and replacing a part, a defender instructing a CATM class, or an Airman processing a personnel action, we should treat each "possession" as important. Each step along the way adds up to putting that boom nozzle in a receptacle as we each execute our role in the process with poise.

In our current, challenging financial environment, Playing Smart is even more important as we have to make tough decisions regarding which "possessions" we call timeout during to come up with a different plan. I'm confident that with good execution and poise we will continue accomplishing our Wing's mission to "Provide Rapid Global Refueling: On Time, Every Time!"

Thanks again for what you do in executing YOUR mission!

Operations Group Commander,
Col. Chris Holland

By Jeramy Moore
Public Affairs Staff

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam C. Dalson took command of the 911th Air Refueling Squadron from Lt. Col. Thomas A. Hutton during a change of command ceremony on Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, May 23, 2019.

Col. Christopher Holland, commander of the 916th Operations Group, presided over the ceremony, receiving the guidon from Hutton and passing it to Dalson.

During the ceremony, a crowd of wing members, community partners, family and friends observed as Dalson took the reins of leadership from Hutton, who will go on to serve as the deputy commander of the 916th Operations Group.

Dalson is a senior pilot with over 1200 combat-flying hours who prior to his current position, served as the director of operations for the 911th ARS.



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeramy Moore

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam C. Dalson assumed command of the 911th Air Refueling Squadron from Lt. Col. Thomas A. Hutton during a change of command ceremony on Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, May 23, 2019. Col. Chris Holland, the 916th Operations Group Commander presided over the ceremony where Dalson's family and friends as well as members of the 916th Air Refueling Wing were all in attendance.

Operations Provide Relief & Restore Hope



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By Stephen Beckett
Wing Historian

In 1960, what is now Somalia was formed from two colonial states, Somali and Somaliland, to become the United Republic of Somalia. As with most African nations, internal conflict caused descent into clan and political warfare as each fought for control.

During the first quarter of 1992, the fighting caused 14,000 dead and 27,000 wounded. Hundreds of thousands more died from famine and yet more were fleeing the conflict. An exceptionally harsh drought during the 1970's was never overcome and by August of 1992, Somali refugees numbered over 800,000 across the larger region, some fleeing as

far as Europe.

In response to world public pressure, the United Nations began a peacekeeping mission called UNOSOM. Simultaneously, President George Bush initiated an international relief effort called UNITAF, with Operation PROVIDE RELIEF as the U.S. relief mission. C-141 Starlifters provide long-range import of humanitarian supplies while C-130 Hercules provided in-theater movement from airfields across Somalia, Kenya, and Djibouti. RESTORE HOPE was designated for the Armed Forces response to the conflict, in support of UNOSOM.

At the time of these operations, the 916th was about to convert from an Associate Group of the 4th FW to a Unit Equipped Wing. These operations would

also prove to be last major operations for its KC-10 Extenders. The Extenders would provide not only refueling at points across the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Red Sea, but also much needed cargo transport. Aircraft, both KC-10 and KC-135, were stationed in Azores, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Yemen. Our own KC-10s assisted in one of the most massive humanitarian efforts to date. In total, the effort flew 1,182 airlift missions, transported over 51,000 passengers, and more than 41,000 tons of cargo. To do that, more than 1,100 refueling missions were accomplished, transferring over 82 million pounds of fuel.

Readiness is Key During ATSO Exercise



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeramy Moore

U.S. Air Force Airmen, assigned to the 916th Air Refueling Wing, manage aircraft records on the flight line during Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) training at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., March 9, 2019. ATSO exercises ensure Airmen can perform their workplace duties in chemically hazardous environments.



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeramy Moore

A U.S. Air Force maintainer assigned to the 916th Maintenance Group, starts a Ground Power Unit (GPU) during Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) training at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., March 9, 2019. ATSO exercises like this one ensure flying wings can successfully launch aircraft in potentially contaminated environments.



U.S. Air Force photo by Jeramy Moore

U.S. Air Force maintainers assigned to the 916th Maintenance Group, perform contamination prevention procedures on a pilot before aircraft entry during Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) training at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., March 9, 2019. ATSO exercises like this one ensure Airmen can perform their workplace duties in chemically hazardous environments.

916th Team Recognized Overseas



U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo

An operational support team consisting of (from left to right) Lt. Col. Joe Winchester, 1st Lt. Sherlyne Thomas, Col. William Percival, Brig. Gen. Kenny Council, the mobilization assistant to the commander at the 618th Air Operations Center, Col. Craig McPike, commander of the 916th Air Refueling Wing, and MSgt Eric Banks,) receive special recognition during Exercise (Dong Maeng), on March 12, 2019 at Osan AB, South Korea.

Psychological Health Director Brings Confidence and Guidance



Mental health plays a significant role in being resilient. Having the capacity to think, reason and understand under duress can present a formidable challenge to Airmen. The newly hired Director of Psychological Health for the 916th Air Refueling Wing is here to help.

U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Michael K. McGhee

916 OG Unit Deployment Manager Passes 40 Year Mark!



Mr. James May, 916th Operations Group unit deployment manager poses with Col. Craig McPike, commander of the 916th Air Refueling Wing, Col. Mark Ritchie, 916th ARW vice commander and Chief Master Sgt. Mark Kistler, the command chief of the 916th ARW after accepting a certificate of commendation for his over 40 years of service to the federal government on May 31, 2019, at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

U.S. Air Force photo by Jeremy Moore

Announcements



The poster features a yellow background with a textured, parchment-like appearance. On the left is a 'We need you!' sign with a woman in a blue uniform. In the center is the 'Key Spouse Program' logo, which includes a circular emblem with an eagle and the text 'THE AIR FORCE SPOUSE KEY SPOUSE HEART OF THE TEAM'. On the right is a 'We need YOU!' sign with Uncle Sam. The main text reads: 'The 916th wants YOU to join the Key Spouse Program!'. Below this, it says: 'Keep your eyes peeled for our recruitment letter! Let us know if you would like to join, share, develop and support the 916th, its members and families just like yours!'. At the bottom, it states: 'Letters will be mailed out and members will return them to their leadership at the next UTA.'

We need you!

Key Spouse Program

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The banner has a dark, textured background. The text 'Open Jobs at the 916th' is in blue, and 'USAJOBS' is in red.

Open Jobs at the 916th
USAJOBS

Aircraft Survival and Flight Equipment Repairer – WG-09
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/519969600>

Airplane Pilot/ Helicopter Pilot – GS 09 – 12
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/516960200>

Airplane/Helicopter Pilot GS 12 – 13
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