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## Santa's coming to Dobbins

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## CAP cadet visit

Master Sgt. Ronald Vehrs from the 94th Maintenance Squadron briefs Civil Air Patrol cadets on maintenance operations involving the C-130 Hercules during a visit to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. Dec. 30, 2015. The cadets were from units in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)



### ON THE COVER

Santa Claus greets Dobbins family members as he taxis down the flightline to Hangar 5 at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. on Dec. 5, 2015. Claus took time to shake hands and take pictures with family members waiting for him to arrive via a C-130 Hercules. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Miles Wilson)

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# Tips for a successful UTA

By Lt. Col. Kyle Hosman  
94th Maintenance Squadron

As the 94th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, I spend a great deal of time greeting newcomers to our unit. I do my best to help them be successful, and make the most of each and every Unit Training Assembly.

I would like to share 10 tips. By no means is this an all-inclusive list, but rather some professional advice I've accrued while serving 25 years in our Air Force:

## **Be on time and show up prepared**

For a successful UTA you must show up on time Saturday morning, wearing the uniform correctly, and ready to get your hands dirty.

## **Show your supervision you are motivated and anxious to add value to the organization**

Show me someone who shows up and merely goes through the motions each month and I'll show you someone who likely won't be promoted again.

## **Take your training personally**

Don't be satisfied with your UTA until you have spent time on Air Force Specialty Code training and annotate that in your training records. Take your upgrade training as personally as you would your paycheck each month. It is likely you will complain to someone if you didn't get paid for your duty. You should be equally upset if you didn't get any AFSC training accomplished.

## **Don't neglect your health requirements**

If you are not physically qualified to deploy, you're not fulfilling your role as an Airman. Understand the various medical requirements due each month and ensure they're accomplished. If you can't deploy, you need to find yourself a new line of work. The first disqualifier for a deployment is often an avoidable medical issue; don't be that guy!



## **Stay physically fit and ready to pass an Air Force Physical Fitness Test**

As Reservists, not many of us have someone to monitor our fitness and diet. Passing the AF PFT is a requirement to wear this uniform, if you have questions regarding how best to prepare, contact your unit health monitor. You must put forth the effort necessary to pass!

## **Keep track of what you do from one UTA to the next**

When it's time to write your next performance report or award package, it makes it easier for your supervisor if you've kept track of what you did throughout the year. Take notes of your training and accomplishments each and every UTA and annual tour.

## **Get your Community College of the Air Force degree accomplished in a timely manner**

Don't wait to start working on your CCAF until you actually need it, it may be too late at that point and you may be overlooked for an opportunity that would otherwise have been yours! You can have your bachelor's degree, even your masters, but I've seen folks with both get passed

over for promotion because they hadn't yet accomplished that all-important CCAF.

## **Get your Professional Military Education accomplished as soon as possible**

Just like your CCAF, if you wait until you need your PME, you may be too late. Have your PME accomplished for your rank well before you actually need it. Many people hear these terrible words each month "we would like to promote you next month, but we can't until you've got your PME done!" Don't be that guy either.

## **Volunteer yourself for what others don't want to do**

Effective leaders and followers alike do what others don't want to do without being prompted. Just sweeping the floor without being told to can differentiate you from your peers and set you up for a promotion.

## **Leave your stand-up comedy routines at home**

Over the decades of my service I've seen and heard many an Airman complain about something that was said or done that offended them. They were right to stand up and voice their displeasure. We all should when someone says or does something offensive. When you're wearing the uniform and doing the work of the Air Force, there's little room for standup routines. The chances of you offending someone with something you thought would be funny is much higher than you may realize. The class clown is often the guy who ends up in the most trouble. My advice - keep your conversation centered on the Air Force and leave the jokes to the professionals.

As mentioned earlier, this is by no means an all-inclusive list, but these are some important tips I share with newcomers. Nail these 10 items, add 10 more of your own, and the sky is the limit!



# AROUND THE PATTERN



Dobbins members pick up their morning cup of joe from the new coffee shop at the club during its grand opening. The coffee shop offers TVs and a comfortable setting to allow Dobbins' members to relax in during the week. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps)



Capt. Enrika Washington, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron nurse, administers the needle-free, inhaled FluMist vaccine to Senior Airman Jason Burns at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Nov. 7, 2015. Protecting yourself from the flu also protects the people around you who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness. ( U.S. Air Force Photo/ Airman 1st Class Lauren Douglas)



A Dobbins firefighter removes his helmet after completion of thanexercise at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. on Sept. 15, 2015. Smoke machines and flashing lights are used in the structure to simulate a fire. The team was responsible for retrieving the dummy from the second floor. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Andrew Park)



Airmen and family members unfurl the flag at the inaugural Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl Dec. 19, 2015 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. It took nearly 60 people to unfurl the massive flag. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Andrew Park)



Members of the 94th Security Forces Squadron help themselves to the holiday dinner provided by the Honorary Commanders Association for the unit's Airmen at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Nov 24, 2015. The HCA members volunteered their time and cooking skills to provide an extensive dinner for the Airmen working 12-hour shifts at Dobbins ARB. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Fallin)



Col. Kevin Webb, Air Force Reserve Command mobility operations division chief, demonstrates some of the functions of the Mobile Mission Kit during a test phase of the unit held at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. Sep. 29, 2015. The device is designed to capture a wide variety of accurate and timely mission data using a paperless and real-time process, reducing crew workload, saving costs and improving overall efficiency before, during and after flying missions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

# Marines take to Dobbins Skies



by Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps  
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Joint forces came together Oct. 15 and 16 as Airmen and Marines took the Georgia skies for low-level static line parachute training.

This was a unique opportunity for the members of the 94th Airlift Wing and 4th Recon Battalion that provided an invaluable training scenario.

“Joint training is always a limiting factor identified during contingencies,” said Lt. Col. Terence Green, 94th Operations Support Squadron deputy chief of tactics. “Both our aircrews and the Marine jumpers get actual personnel airdrop training, and as an added bonus we can complete it on our own airfield, decreasing TDY cost for both units.”

Operating the drop zone for the local Marine unit assigned to Dobbins enabled the two services to work together and determine differences in standard operating procedures and provide feedback to leadership for more efficient interoperabil-

ity, Green said.

“Usually when we run an operation we are the only attending unit,” said Marine Master Sgt. Jerry Jordan, 4th RB Bravo Company training chief. “It was good for us to work with Dobbins personnel so that we could be introduced to their ways of running operations and learn from their experience. This interaction will help both units run smoother operations together going forward.”

Normally, the 4th RB works with other Marine Air Wings when performing this kind of training. However, they are always excited to work with other branches, Jordan continued.

“Working with other branches improves both units by learning ways that other units or branches run operations,” Jordan said.

Joint training with sister services allow us the opportunity to identify differences in training and operations prior to operating together in combat, Green said.

Reigniting the working relationship between the units is a training advantage because of their proximity.

“The advantage of Bravo Company working with the 94th AW is the fact that we are conducting joint training, learning other processes for parachute operations and gaining the ability to train

locally,” said Marine Maj. Todd Moulder, 4th RB Bravo Company. “Normally, we drive 2.5 to 3 hours to Alabama. Our connection with the 94th AW will provide joint experience and diverse logistical planning, and allow us to execute operations in a much shorter time.”

This exercise marked the first time in four years that these units had worked together for parachute jumps.

“Now that we have established a working relationship, we expect to complete future training missions on a regular schedule,” Green said.

“This will allow both units to expand their training abilities and continue to train like we fight,” Moulder added.





# 94 AW WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

By Senior Airman Andrew Park  
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Stayce D. Harris, 22nd Air Force commander, conferred command of the 94th Airlift to Col. Steven B. Parker during an assumption of command ceremony here Dec. 6.

Harris introduced Parker to the wing by highlighting the sacrifices he has made throughout his career, including moving his family nine different times in the last 15 years. She also discussed the impact she expects him to make as the 94 AW commander.

"Col. Parker brings a different perspective, having spent the majority of his career in the combat and training world – though he knows firsthand and understands the unique and enormous contributions of the mobility world," said Harris. "Col. Parker knows how important the tactical airlift mission is for our national security. He also knows how important the community is in enabling Dobbins and supporting the mission."

Parker assumed leadership of the wing following a four-month period of command for Col. Brent A. Merritt, 94 AW vice commander.

"For the last four months, Merritt took the helm and performed so well during this transition period, and I thank him," said Harris.

The new 94 AW commander began his speech by also thanking Merritt.

"Col. Merritt has done a tremendous job at taking over for Col. [Brent] Clark

[former 94 AW commander] and leading this wing," said Parker. "Thank you so much for what you've done."

Parker continued his speech with a bit of empathy for all those in formation.

"I know there are two things that are on your mind right now," Parker said. "How long do you have to listen to me' and 'What am I going to change?'"

He answered the latter with his personal philosophy on change.

"I look at change as an opportunity, and I want you to focus on change the same way," Parker explained. "That point of view will help us grow and succeed."

His adeptness at finding opportunity in change is most likely a result of the diverse work experience he gained throughout his career, including two fighter assignments flying F-15 Strike Eagles and three pilot training instructor assignments at three different bases before taking command of the 340th Flying Training Group at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

"Everything you've been through leads to a thought process, a state of mind – everything that's going on in your head," Parker said. "Even though we are all in the military and have similar training – the same commitment and patriotism, the same core values – each of us thinks differently. I want to capture the strength of everything that's in your brain and combine it with everything that's going on in my brain to make things happen."

Reflecting on his own experience as

a fighter pilot, he offered a look at his perspective on communication.

"Looking back to my career as a fighter pilot, it kind of shapes who I am," said Parker. "It shapes a little bit of my attitude, and it shapes my communication style. There's only one person in the cockpit, so you have to communicate between airplanes. If everything is going as planned, no one needs to talk."

What this means for Dobbins as a whole is more accountability and minimized interference from Parker, he said.

"If you're expecting daily communication, that's not where I come from," said Parker. "I'll tell you where we're going to go, and if we're going that direction, I don't need to talk to you again."

Parker is, however, adamant about the use of constructive feedback as a means to elevate Team Dobbins, he explained. The former F-15 pilot once again drew comparison to his days of flying Strike Eagles, explaining that the fighter-pilot community was critical of itself to promote excellence.

"I want you guys to be critical of yourselves as well," Parker said. "We look at each other, debrief each other, correct each other - and we'll all grow to be better."

Providing feedback is not only a product of his background, but also from his time training pilots, Parker said. The instructor would have trainees brief

*(New Commander cont.)*

him on their strategies and then he would allow them to make their own decisions during the training exercise. If needed, he'd make corrections while they were flying. But, he would try to keep his input to a minimum to allow for maximum learning opportunities. The new wing commander plans to continue this training philosophy for the wing.

"You have a tremendous amount of flexibility," said Parker. "I expect you to make decisions. I expect you to create all the great ideas and to implement them."

The Midwestern-native stressed the importance of family and work-life balance.

"Growing up in Iowa, I had a strong sense of family," said Parker. "I love my family, and they are so much fun to be



with. They are very proud of me and what I've done here in the Air Force, and I am equally proud of everything they have done. Family is a very big part of who I am."

We ask you to keep the triad of your reserve job, your family, and either your school or your work life balanced.

I understand you have all those family things that are tugging on you," Parker added.

Spending the last 15 years moving around for the Air Force has tugged Parker in various directions as he's tried to balance his own personal and professional life, he said.

However, it seems that Parker and his family are ready and eager to settle into their new home in Georgia.

"We consider Georgia home," said Parker. "Out of all the places we've lived, we've lived in Georgia longer than anywhere... We are very, very excited about coming home."

## Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl

By Senior Airman Andrew Park  
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The North Carolina A&T Aggies defeated the Alcorn State Braves to become the first ever Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl champions at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Dec. 19.

"You don't get opportunities like this very often," said Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander. "The Air Force Reserve is definitely going to capitalize on the benefits of what we've done in this inaugural event. These are very exciting times for the Air Force, the Celebration Bowl, the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. We all benefit from this greatly."

As a sponsor for the bowl champion-



ship, the Air Force Reserve was able to reach a diverse audience with ads throughout the stadium.

"Look around the stadium," said Haddad. "Air Force Reserve is all over the place. It's on the field. It's on the scoreboard. It's on the goal post. I've never heard Air Force Reserve mentioned so many times in my entire career. It's awesome."

With a crowd of 35,528 spectators – not including those watching from home thanks to ABC's television coverage – it's safe to say that the Air Force Reserve reached its target audience.

"The Air Force Reserve provides a vital service to our country," said John Grant, Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl executive director. "We believe that [the Celebration Bowl] will provide the opportunity to bring that message to a much broader and more diverse audience to create a higher level of interest in being part of the Air Force Reserve."

Diversity is a key facet of the recruiting strategy of the Air Force Reserve,

said Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, 22nd Air Force commander. With a more diverse Air Force being mutually beneficial for the Air Force and the country, and today gave us the opportunity to reach an intended audience.

"There are so many benefits to being the title sponsor for the inaugural Celebration Bowl," said Harris. "The first of which is the Air Force Reserve Command's commitment to education and STEM, of which all HBCUs have great programs. And then being able to recognize and appreciate diversity and inclusion in our military because it makes us stronger as a nation. Lastly, I believe it allows us to recognize the plethora of leaders who have come from HBCUs that have served not only in the Air Force Reserve but in other branches as well."

There's anticipation for the return of next year's Celebration Bowl.

"I think we're going to benefit greatly from this opportunity," said Haddad. "I hope it becomes an enduring relationship with the ... Celebration Bowl."



# ARMAC Luncheon



**By James Branch**  
*94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

A crowd of over 700, ranging from top tier military leaders to business and community partners, to current serving and former military members gathered at the Cobb Galleria Centre for the 63rd Annual Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council Military Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 16 in Atlanta, Georgia.

ARMAC, in partnership with the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, hosted the luncheon in honor of members of all branches of the military.

“This luncheon is just a small gesture of support from the Cobb community,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. (Ret.) James Bankers, ARMAC chairman.

“It is my hope that members of the community will build stronger relationships with the military and find their own ways to support them-through jobs, discounted services and support of military based non-profits,” Bankers stated.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, served as keynote speaker.

“To everyone who wears our nation’s uniform, those of you who ever have, and to your families, thank you for your service,” said the congressman. “You make

possible the freedom and prosperity this nation continues to enjoy. We are eternally grateful to you”

“Our service members are the foundation of our nation’s security, and we are asking more and more of them,” he said to the crowd. “It’s important than it’s ever been for our military members know that someone has their back.”

The keynote address was followed by Lt. Gen. James Jackson, chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Air Force Reserve Command commander, who spoke on behalf of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

“This year, the Air Force Reserve celebrated its 67th birthday,” said Jackson. “The ARMAC has hosted this luncheon for the last 63 years, almost the length of our existence. Thanks to each and every one of you for the support you give to our Airmen.”

Other event highlights included the singing of the National Anthem by Col. Marshall Irvin, 94th Mission Support Group commander, the playing of the military service songs and the presentation of the 2015 USO Patriot Award.



# OPERATION

# Santa Lift

By Senior Airman Andrew Park  
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For many families, Santa's arrival to the mall, parade, local Christmas event, or wherever he may be remains a mystery. In fact, most of Santa's life remains a mystery. For instance, how does he know when we're sleeping or awake? How does he know if we've been bad or good? How does he know that we aren't home because we're spending Christmas with Grandma this year?

Although Santa might want to keep most of his goings on a secret, this year he decided to give a sneak peek at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia on a possible change to his mode of transportation this year during Operation Santa Lift. That's right; Rudolph and the gang may actually participate in reindeer games this year, as the U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules is in consideration to take their place.

Many children at this preview were excited to bear witness to this test flight.

Brooklyn, from Sylvester, liked the thought of Santa traveling via C-130 because he'd have room for more presents. Plus, he'd have a more difficult time loading the desk she's asking for on a sleigh versus loading it into the roomy C-130 cargo space.

Brooklyn and Kori may be on to something since the C-130 is able to airdrop loads of up to 42,000 pounds. That's enough room for approximately 554 desks!

Kori, from Atlanta, agreed, "The plane

is better because it's big. It can carry more presents!"

Although in Kori's case, the plane's cargo hold may be an exaggeration for the fingernail polish kit she's asking for. Space may not be an issue for her request, but time certainly is because she needs time to paint her nails and to have them dry before Christmas dinner. If Santa chooses the C-130, he will no longer have to worry about the reindeer's stamina. Instead, he can depend on the Hercules' four Rolls-Royce AE2100D3 turboprops to get that nail set to Kori at 410 mph.

Some of the children at Operation Santa Lift were skeptical of the feasibility of Santa replacing the reindeer with the C-130. An impromptu think tank of Santa devotees formed while waiting in line to meet him. They wanted to get the facts straight before they discussed this serious issue with Santa.

"How is it going to land?" posed Leah, of Canton.

"Maybe it could hover over the house?" offered Landon, of Acworth.

The majority of the think tank seemed to wildly agree with this logic, further fueling fires of creativity in their answers.

"Maybe he could even parachute the presents down into the chimney!" exclaimed Landon.

As interesting as it would be to see a C-130 hovering over homes in the stillness of Christmas Eve, many children

felt the reindeer would be a much better choice. Many were concerned with a C-130 detracting from the magic of Christmas.

"The sleigh is more magical," said Luke, of Powder Springs. "And, the C-130 is heavier."

Eustace, of Delaware, agreed with the importance of keeping enchanted elements in Christmas traditions.

"The sleigh is better because there are flying reindeer, and it's magical," he said.

In addition to the C-130 being less magical, some children pointed out a few features lacking on the C-130 to make it a sure-fire success this holiday season. Siblings Jake and Naomi, of Kennesaw, Georgia fielded these responses.

"Santa needs guns to shoot the other planes," said Jake, bothered by the idea of Santa's new Christmas Eve transportation being delayed due to shared airspace with commercial airliners during the heavily-traveled holiday season.

For Naomi, however, it's a debate of aesthetics.

"The sleigh is shiny," she said thoughtfully. "Maybe if the plane were shinier it would be better."

The thought of a candy-red Hercules seemed exciting to most of the children (and undoubtedly car collectors as well), but the possibility of repainting a C-130 in time for Christmas would be nearly impossible.

According to Lockheed Martin, manufacturer of the C-130, "the C-130 is not painted all at one time. At various stages of production, areas such as wheel wells, flap wells, ramp edges and control surfaces are painted individually."

Although there might not be enough time to implement the changes this year, this gives the young "Christmas engineers" more time to conduct the research necessary to optimize Santa's trip next year.

One thing is certain, if they do decide to paint the C-130 candy red, they need to act fast. Online retailers are offering free shipping on paint, guaranteed to arrive by Christmas.



## January is National Blood Donor Volunteer Month!



You can save a life!

For those who grew up on M\*A\*S\*H reruns, it may come as a bit of a surprise that the American Red Cross and the Armed Services Blood Program are not the same thing, although they do work closely in times of need.

Since the ASBP's inception over 60 years ago, more than 1.5 million units of blood have been provided to treat battlefield illnesses and injuries. While ASBP blood recipients are most often thought of as deployed service members injured in the line of duty, the ASBP also supports the peacetime needs of military personnel and their families. Blood must be available to military hospitals for scheduled and emergency procedures.

Occasionally, the ASBP's recipient base extends beyond the military community. In cases of natural disasters or other catastrophes, the ASBP is called upon to serve civilians in need, not only here at home, but also globally during humanitarian missions. Anyone receiving blood products in a combat area will receive blood through the ASBP.

Whether blood is needed to treat cancer patients, surgical patients or battlefield injuries, service members depend on blood donors every day. Each unit is critical when one considers the following:

- 40 or more units of blood may be needed for a single trauma victim.
- Eight units of platelets may be required daily by leukemia patients undergoing treatment.
- A single pint of blood can sustain a premature infant's life for two weeks.

January is Blood Donor Awareness Month, and it's a good time to plan to "Give to the Red White and Blue," as the ASBP suggests, and save a life.



Civilianjobs .com will be hosting a military job fair in Columbus, Georgia Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Georgia Convention and Trade Center.

The job fair is Open to all transitioning military, veterans and military family members! A mix of Fortune 500 and local military-friendly companies will be ready to hire.

Job seekers may register at the door, although military and prior military are encouraged to pre-register to take advantage of the matching process that will get your resume in front of hiring companies.

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# CHAPEL CORNER

## Looking forward

By Lt. Col. James Danford  
94th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office



As we move into the New Year, how do you handle the past? Is the past something that is forgotten like the old year, or does it hang around

and dominate your future?

I have noticed recently that the topic for January is not only New Year's resolutions, but the past in general.

Through listening, I've noticed a train of thought on this topic. The idea was a general perspective of "put the past behind you." The idea states that with a new year upon us we have a clean slate. We can write a new chapter this year and not be encumbered by the past.

There is a second and competing train of thought that is often shared by students of history. George Santayana said, "Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." This idea holds that we must be students of history or we will repeat mistakes.

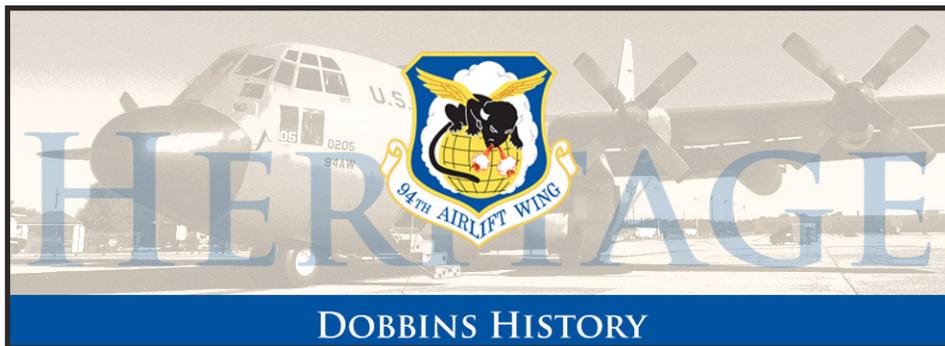
How does this play in our lives? Do I forget mistakes and repeat them, or do I wear them like a chain around my neck? Will my past be always before me?

The truth is found in the middle. Our past informs, but does not define our future. We are completely free to make choices and change our direction.

We remember successes and mistakes, but in a way that inform us of what road to take or not to take. We need to remember and learn from our history, but not be imprisoned. We are greater than the sum of our past. The future is clear before us, and we are free to walk the road.

May you be blessed in this coming year.

*Worship services are held every UTA Sunday at 7:15 a.m. in Heritage Hall and 8 a.m. at 80 APS. Contact the chaplain staff at 678-655-4995.*



## Sweet Eloise



B-29 Sweet Eloise sits on display at Dobbins AFB in Marietta, Georgia. This is another combat vet Superfort. She flew 27 combat missions over Japan, then flew 5 POW relief missions. She racked up 3 confirmed fighter kills, and 3 probables. The B-29 was retired in 1956 and put in storage. She was later sent to the Florence Space And Missile Museum in Florence, South Carolina. When that museum closed up in the late 80's, there was concern that this B-29 would be scrapped. A group called the Marietta B-29 Association rescued Sweet Eloise, performed some basic preservation, and put her on display at the Naval Air Station Atlanta. Shortly after that, she was moved across the airfield to become a gate guard at Dobbins.

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The B-29 was one of the largest planes to see service during WWII. An advanced bomber for its time period, it included features such as a pressurized cabin, fire

control system and machine-gun turrets controlled through remote.

It was the primary aircraft in the U.S. firebombing campaign against the Empire of Japan in the final months of WWII, and carried the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Unlike many other bombers, the B-29 remained in service long after the war ended, with a few even being employed as flying television transmitters for the Stratovision company. The type was retired in the early 1960s with 3,960 aircraft in all built.

Sweet Eloise is located behind the Visitor's Center off of the Cobb Parkway entrance. The gate is open during the same hours that the visitor's center is open and can be seen by military and civilian personnel.





# INNERview

(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christina Norris)

## Airman 1st Class Quincy Hutchinson

**Job Title:** Air Transportation Apprentice

**Hometown:** Decatur, GA

**Years of service:** less than 1 year

### **How did the Development and Training Flight Program prepare you for Basic Military Training and Field/Specialty Technical School?**

The DTF was vital to my start in the Air Force; it gave me the basic skills and start path to be a great Airman.

### **Why do you think the Development and Training is important?**

Shapes your mind and gives you a sense of purpose.

### **Do you recommend future Airmen to attend the Development and Training Program? Why/Why not?**

Absolutely, I didn't have a clue or understanding of the Air Force until the program.

### **What does your job entail?**

My job entails everything from palletizing cargo, to in-processing and out-processing passengers.

### **Describe how you accomplished being a Distinguish Graduate? What steps did you take, or how did you prepare, to accomplish your (goals) of being a Distinguished Graduate?**

Listening to instructions. Believe in myself and work hard.

### **Was being a Distinguish Graduate one of your goals?**

No, I just set out to do the best I could.

### **What challenges did you face during the Development and Training Flight Program / Basic Military Training/ (and/or) Field/Specialty Technical School?**

Getting to know people from different backgrounds.

### **How did you overcome these challenges?**

Asking questions to get on their level and not judging.

### **Describe how you felt when you found out you were an Honor Graduate?**

I was shocked; I honestly thought TSgt had the wrong person.

### **Tell us an interesting fact about yourself.**

I love to sing and have five brothers and six sisters.