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The 94th EOD Flight conducted demolition exercises at Fort Stewart, Georgia, Sep. 16-17, 2020. EOD technicians practiced explosive operations to hone their skills and maintain deployment readiness. Photos by Airman 1st Class Kendra Ransum.



Barry Weaver, a registered nurse at Piedmont Mountanside, right, and other healthcare workers pose for a photo shortly before two C-130H3 Hercules from Dobbins performed a flyover for the hospital in Jasper, Ga. on May 14, 2020. (photo/Andrew Park)

94th AW Leadership



Col. Craig McPike
Wing Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Robertson
Command Chief



Col. Anthony Franks
Vice Commander



Col. Terence Green
Operations Group Commander



Col. Brad Douglass
Maintenance Group Commander



Col. Joseph Revit
Mission Support Group Commander



Col. Rafael Andino
Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Commander

2020

Keeping Count

Our mission:

PROVIDE MISSION-READY FORCES.

Vision: The recognized leader in Rapid Global Mobility and Agile Combat Support, propelled by a culture of respect, excellence and innovation.

1,875

Reservists

3

Groups

14

Squadrons

OG

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MXG

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MSG

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ASTS



358.2

Flight Hours

8

C-130H3
HERCULES

196

5 SORTIES



From the COVID-19 frontlines

The wing was heavily involved in response to the pandemic.



Dobbins has a long history of providing support to federal agencies during times of crisis. Whether it's a natural disaster or an infectious disease, Dobbins stands ready to partner with those leading the relief efforts.

Throughout March, Dobbins served as one of four quarantine locations set up by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to temporarily house nearly 2,000 passengers from a cruise ship where 21 people aboard tested positive for COVID-19.

Our priorities in dealing with COVID-19 are protecting our people, maintaining essential mission readiness and supporting the whole-of-government effort to overcome the spread of disease, said Col. Craig McPike, Dobbins ARB installation commander.

In total, 503 people traveled to Dobbins ARB to be received and cared for by DHHS.

Kicking off a planned 14-day quarantine

period, the passengers arrived via a chartered plane before sunrise on Wednesday, March 11. DHHS worked quickly to set up a perimeter around base lodging where the passengers would be housed.

DHHS reports this as being the first federal quarantine in nearly 60 years.

The federal quarantine order was rescinded on March 24, allowing the nearly 200 passengers remaining in quarantine to begin returning to their homes.

Overall, the partnership between DHHS and Dobbins was a success, said Capt. Tom Bowman, DHHS Deputy Federal Health Coordinating Officer.

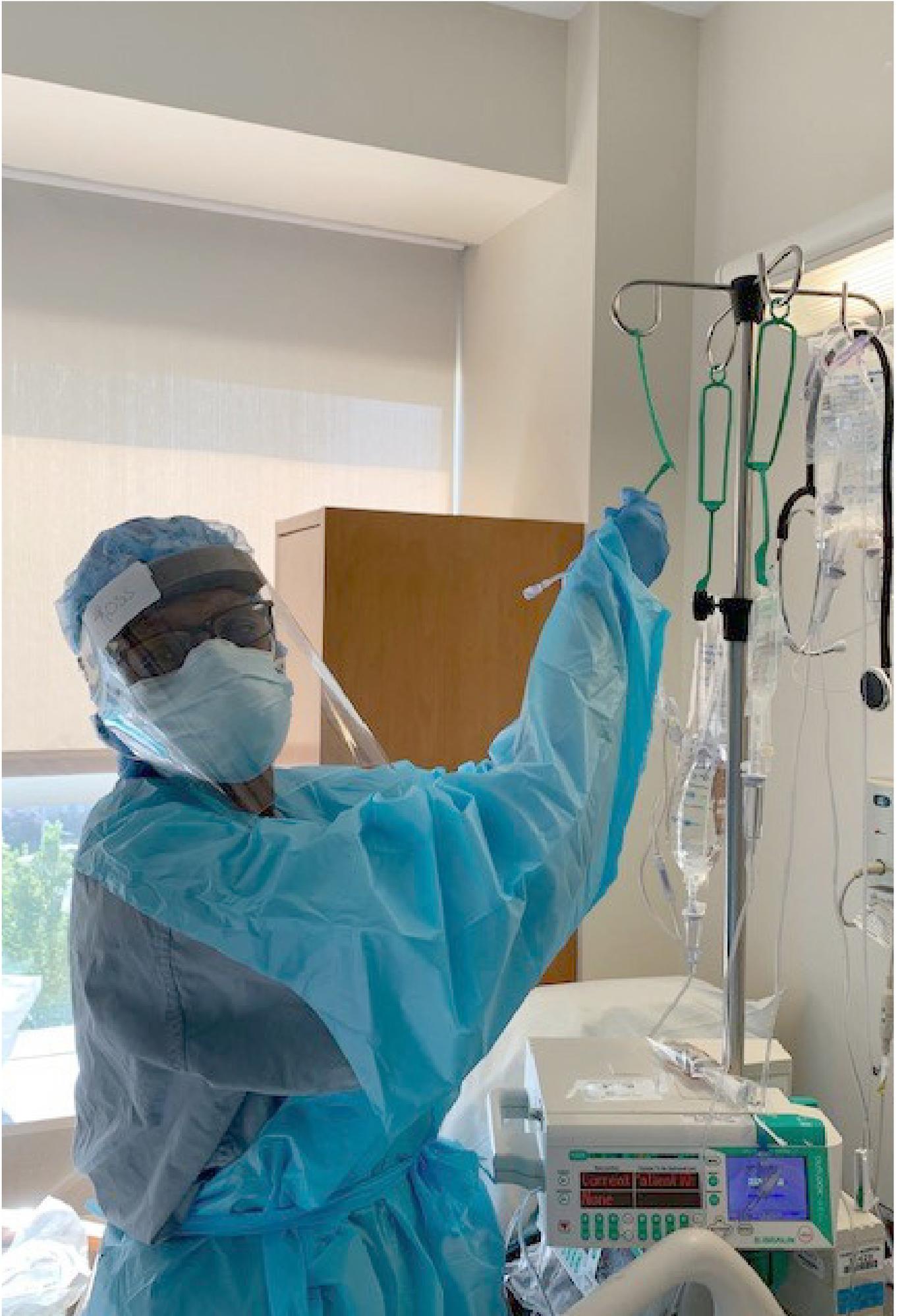
"We can't overstate how much the cooperation and engagement of our federal, state and local partners helped us meet the enormous challenges involved in this mission," said Bowman. "Tremendous thanks to our Department of Defense host, Col. McPike, and the outstanding staff at Dobbins, as well as Maj. Gen. Carden and the Georgia National Guard."

Although supporting federal agencies dealing with a health crisis is not part of the 94th Airlift Wing's standard mission, Dobbins personnel remain ready to help keep the U.S. safe whether on the frontlines overseas or right here at home.

The 94th Airlift Wing also provided tactical airlift support for five Air Force Reserve medical personnel who departed the base April 5, 2020 for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, to join the effort in combatting COVID-19 in New York City.

"It took a huge effort to put this all together, not only from our medical personnel, but also from our aircrews, maintenance, logistics and many others" said McPike. "The response I've seen is amazing. Service before self, happening right

Right: Maj. Enrika Ross, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron nursing OIC, poses for a photo inside New York City's Queens Hospital, where she worked as a nurse in the medical-surgical unit as part of the whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Courtesy photo)







Clockwise from top: Nurses from the 94th depart a C-130H3 Hercules May 28, 2020. Capt. Arielle Watson dons personal protective equipment at Queens Hospital in Queens, N.Y., May 13, 2020. Capt. Greg Swartzberg helps a deploying Marine with a legal document. Capt. Watson poses for a photo.

before my eyes.”

The Airmen had only a few hours notification to begin travel to Dobbins ARB for the flight to New York.

“It’s important to get our Reservists out the door quickly to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and take care of Americans,” said Brig. Gen. Stacey Scarisbrick, Air Force Reserve Command Force Generation Center commander.

The 94th AW C-130H not only flew our Airmen, but also made stops at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, Patrick AFB, Florida, and Charleston AFB, South Carolina to pick up more Reserve Citizen Airmen to join the fight.

Air Force Reserve Command units mobilized over 40 doctors, over 70 nurses and approximately 13 respiratory technicians who departed their home stations for JBMDL for further in-processing with the U.S. Northern Command’s Joint Forces Land Component Command, based out of New Jersey.

We’re here to take care of Americans, our Airmen and their loved ones, while we continue to maintain mission readiness and sustain vital operations here at Dobbins, said McPike.

In an effort to minimize the spread of coronavirus, many organizations were forced to reexamine their operations and change the way they do business, often leading to taking on tasks they typically wouldn’t under normal circumstances.

The Dobbins legal office helped more than 60 Marines with legal documents in preparation for a short-notice deployment

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to assist in the battle against COVID-19.

“We decided it was asking a lot, but we really couldn’t say no,” said Lt. Col. Justin Swick, then-94th Airlift Wing staff judge advocate. “If they’re going to go forward and put themselves in harm’s way to stem the pandemic, the least we could do is give them the tools they need before they leave.”

The operation was seen as a success by all, as the Marines were given peace of mind before heading out the door to complete this all-too-important deployment.



High Flyers

Dobbins Airmen win big.

Above: Capt. Ryan Cheney, 94th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, poses for a photo next to a patrol car, Oct. 2, 2020. (photo/Andrew Park)

The wing won lots of awards over the course of last year. Here's a list of the big winners, starting with the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, who nearly swept the 2020 AFRC Annual Awards:

AFRC Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the Year- 94th AES
 Operational Support NCO of the Year- SSgt Joanna Lee
 Operational Support Amn of the Year- SrA Alyssa Hawkins
 AE Aircrew SNCO of the Year - SMSgt Nicholas Payne
 AE Aircrew Airman of the Year - SSgt JD Trotter

The 94th Information Protection Office also won two awards, as did 94th Intelligence Squadron also had an NCO win at the AFRC level:

William A. Davidson Security Award for Outstanding Contribution:
 Ms. Luran Oswald

Air Force Security Award for Excellence: Ms. Karen Toriello-Fite

Outstanding ISR NCO of the Year: TSgt Cherly Morgan

The Security Forces Squadron also had a MAJCOM-level award, with Capt. Ryan Cheney, 94th SFS operations officer, winning the 2020 Lance P. Sijan Award Junior Officer category.

Over at the Logistics Readiness Squadron, Master Sgt. Sandra Crenshaw won Senior NCO of the Year not only at the 22nd Air Force-level, but at the MAJCOM level as well.

And finally, the 94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office won two AFRC-level awards:

The Brig. Gen. Harry J. Dalton Jr. Award for Communication Excellence, and Best Innovation.

Congratulations to all the winners, and we look forward to seeing what the wing takes home next year!

Below: Col. Patrick Campbell, who recently served as the 94th Operations Group commander, navigates during his final flight of his 34-year career June 24, 2020. (photo/A1C Kendra Ransum)

Farewells

Celebrating the careers of several aviators.

The following is an excerpt from a recent feature on Col. Campbell. Visit the Dobbins website to read the full story.

The year is 1968. A young child plays in the green grassy front yard of a Los Angeles home. Without warning, two fighter jets roar into view. As the boy looks on in wonder, the speeding twin aircraft swerve toward him in unison, blast overhead, and vanish again into the cobalt-blue California sky. All that's left behind is a thin trail of exhaust dissipating in the summer heat. Patrick Campbell's life would never be the same.

"From that moment on, you couldn't take that (amazement) away from me," said Col. Patrick E. Campbell, 22nd Air Force director of operations, who retired earlier this week after a 34-year career full of twists and turns of its own. Most remarkably, Campbell successfully applied for an age waiver to keep his dream alive.

An age waiver for officers isn't uncommon, Campbell explained. His case was different, however, as he applied after he turned 60. He's also a flyer, which is even more challenging due to the strict health requirements. His approval process required approval from both Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, Chief of Air Force Reserves, and the Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett.

"I chose to extend because I felt I was not ready to go," said the colonel. "There was much to do and, indeed, after I



retire, there will be plenty of things for my replacement to do. Also, I wanted to see our Airmen deploy in January and then to be here when they returned in June. I felt that would be a fitting end to my career."

Reflecting on the time he watched those two jets fly overhead, Campbell remembered making the connection that his father was in the Air Force as were the two jets. He never had the opportunity to discuss the military with his father though, since he tragically died due to kidney complications when Campbell was only three years old, but seeing a photo of his father in an Air Force uniform provided the initial inspiration Campbell needed to become a military aviator.

"Everybody knew from junior high to high

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school that I was going to join the Air Force,” said Campbell.

From his new office here at the 22nd Air Force Headquarters, Campbell reflects on the highs and lows of his career, which he credits as being equally responsible for molding him into the commander he is today.

Campbell was initially rejected by the Air Force Academy, but attended a preparatory school and later transferred into the Academy. Upon graduation, he attended flight training, but washed out after having difficulties landing.

At this point, fate played a major role in Campbell’s future as he and the others who washed out were to be transferred to working with missiles. One by one, each of his peers received orders for missile assignments, but Campbell’s orders were nowhere to be found. He asked about his orders, and the school discovered an error and realized they had never been processed. As a result, Campbell wasn’t scheduled to attend missile training with the others. Instead, he got orders for navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, California.

“Had it happened in October, I would’ve been at Malmstrom in a silo someplace,” said Campbell. “But since it happened in December, I got to go to Mather in January.”

He believes now that if his fate were different he wouldn’t have made a career out of the Air Force.

Upon arrival to navigator training, Campbell told himself he’d never wash out of anything again. And with that, he excelled at navigator training and graduated at the top of his class.

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Although he admits failing out of pilot training brought him to tears, he recognizes the importance that failure made in shaping him.

“What you and everybody else sees when they see a successful person is really the summation of all those years of life and those hard lessons learned prior to that moment,” Campbell explained. “If some of those events didn’t happen, the person you see wouldn’t be the same person.”

“I’m looking forward to the next chapter in life and making it just as good and full as this last chapter,” said Campbell.

After the door closes behind him, he’s ready to fly high with the winds of change and to once again let fate be his navigator.

In addition to Col. Campbell’s fini flight, Dobbins also celebrated those of several other aviators. These include Col. Dan Ebrecht, 94th Airlift Wing vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. Terry Studstill, 700th Airlift Squadron flight engineering superintendent, and Col. Pat Campbell. Their photos are featured to the left.

Clockwise from top: Col. Daniel Ebrecht; Col. Pat Campbell; Chief Master Sgt. Terry Studstill; Studstill smiles after his fini flight celebration.

Special Missions

The wing played a crucial role in several special missions.

In 2020, COVID-19 caused a declared public health emergency and strategies such as closures of schools, non-essential businesses, and shelter-at-home orders were implemented to slow the spread. Even before the United States public health emergency was declared, Dobbins public affairs had engaged in significant activities to align wing priorities to support the wing's mission and achieve operational efficiency. Dobbins is the only military installation located in the ninth largest metropolitan area in the US, making the base not only a stellar tool for sharing the Reserve Citizen Airman message but also a base with unique, unexpected opportunities emerge during the year.

Dobbins ARB yearly maintains a high ops-tempo as a large, standalone reserve base in a top 10 media market. A strong community relations program is an asset to Dobbins, leading to significant opportunities to highlight Reserve Citizen Airmen.

As late fall 2019 approached, it became clear 2020 would be a special year. By February, the wing had contributed to

a \$60M budget film production and a Marvel Entertainment feature being filmed with Airmen and a C-130H throughout. While the wing cannot yet release products highlighting the role, it became an important piece to the year's pivot. During the Marvel production, PA staff leveraged a visit by Maj Gen Jeannie Leavitt while at the same time was notified by DOD the base would host expatriates from China at the beginning of the epidemic. The staff began messaging to internal and external audiences after achieving release authority. Staff worked with local and national federal and state agencies regarding hosting quarantined passengers from the Grand Princess cruise line and navigated five presidential and vice-presidential visits to the Atlanta-based CDC. Staff reduced the personnel required to host media for distinguished visitor arrivals. As the installation faced pandemic related issues, staffing was limited to highlight the return of deployed Airmen, a key component of the base's yearly communications plan. PA staff engaged the efforts of the base's honorary commanders, providing guidance on how to recognize these returning Airmen and their families while following COVID-19 safety protocols.

Significant national level interest in Dobbins' role during COVID-19 efforts supported staff when Congressman John Lewis passed away and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi requested military support for his funeral. 94 AW/PA secured pooled media access for television, still, and radio to facilitate live updates as the family and remains arrived in preparation to lie in state with minimal support from the family press leads. Staff further negotiated the challenges of a 70 person CODEL—the first during the pandemic—ensuring that the the Speaker would be able to join three living former presidents in remembering Congressman Lewis.

Top: Marine One taxis on the flightline shortly before the arrival of Air Force One. (photo/Andrew Park)

Bottom: Reporters in the press pool prepare to photograph President Trump. (photo/Andrew Park)







Left page: Photos from the dignified arrival of the late Rep. John Lewis (photos/A1C Kendra Ransum, SrA Shelby Thurman);

Right page: Photos from the various POTUS/VPOTUS visits to Dobbins over the course of 2020. There were eight visits total. (photos/Andrew Park)





Staff Sgt. Derek Miller, 94th EOD Flight technician, searches an area for any explosive material at Fort Stewart, Georgia, Sept. 16, 2020.



On the road:

EOD

Photos by:
Airman 1st Class Kendra Ransum



Members of the 94th EOD Flight went through numerous tasks such as working with electric demolition procedures, non-electric demolition procedures, demolition shape charges, and cratering charges.



Chief Master Sgt. Antoine Thomas, 94th EOD Flight chief, and Staff Sgt. Juan Ortiz, 94th EOD Flight technician, prepare remote firing devices.



Members of the 94th EOD Flight prepare shape charges.



Members of the 94th EOD Flight observe the aftermath of an explosion during an EOD training exercise.



A 94th EOD Flight technician prepares a block of C-4.

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