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**134TH AIR REFUELING WING**

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## 2017 Marks 60th Anniversary for McGhee Tyson ANG Base

By 2nd Lt. Jon LaDue, 134 ARW Public Affairs



Aircraft nose art design for the upcoming 134th Air Refueling Wing's 60th Anniversary celebration. The nose art will be featured on one of the unit's KC-135R Stratotankers. (Air National Guard illustration by Master Sgt. Kendra Owenby, 134 ARW Public Affairs)

and the Global War on Terror. Check out our Throwback Thursday posts on Facebook the second Thursday of each month to learn more about how the initial 134th Fighter Interceptor Group evolved to become the outstanding 134th Air Refueling Wing of today.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was beginning his second term, John H. Glenn broke the intercontinental speed record, Tennessee began desegregation in public schools, and "West Side Story" made its debut on Broadway.

Sixty years ago Knoxville also became home to the 134th Fighter Interceptor Group—now known as the 134th Air Refueling Wing.

The men and women of the 134th have evolved for 60 years - proudly serving the Nation and the State of Tennessee in true Volunteer fashion. Since its inception, Airmen of the 134th have flown five different aircraft, contributed in every American conflict from the Cold War to the Global War on Terror, and assisted Tennesseans during countless natural and man-made disasters.

This summer we begin our celebration as we remember the people, aircraft and missions associated with the 134th. Beginning this month and ending in December, we will highlight six eras the unit has transitioned through as we recall the legacy, contributions and memories from the Cold War, the Berlin Crisis, the Creek Party, Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm



# "Volunteers Supporting and Defending America"

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State: Provide personnel and equipment to protect life & property during emergency response operations as directed by the Governor of Tennessee & the Adjutant General

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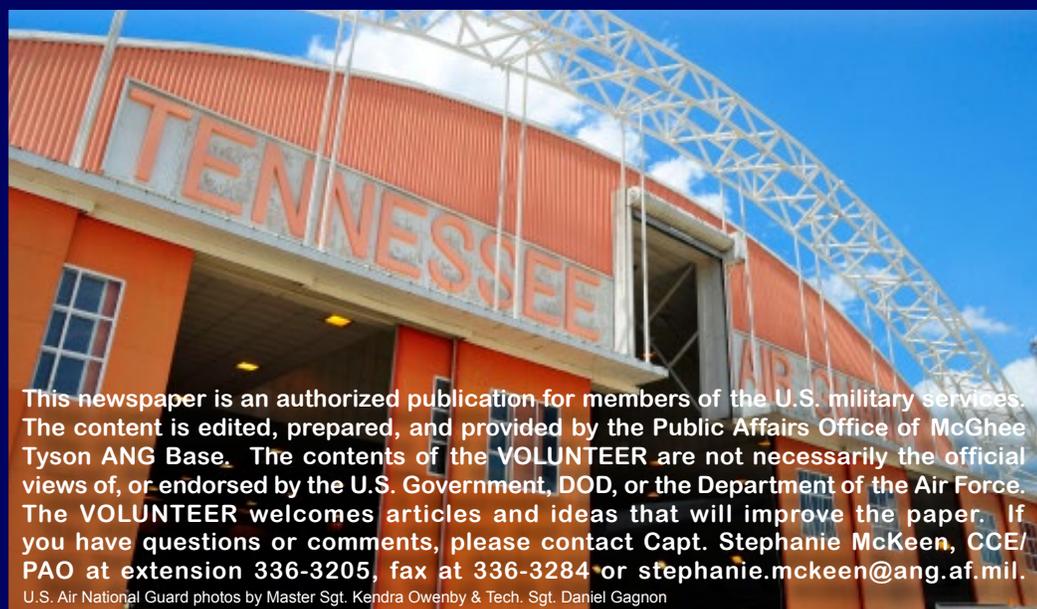
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U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Kendra Owenby & Tech. Sgt. Daniel Gagnon

# How Power Production Technicians Help Save Lives

By Staff Sgt. Ben Mellon, 134 Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — (July 27, 2017) – The 134th Civil Engineer Squadron's Power Production team is training on aircraft barrier systems during their two-week deployed field training here.

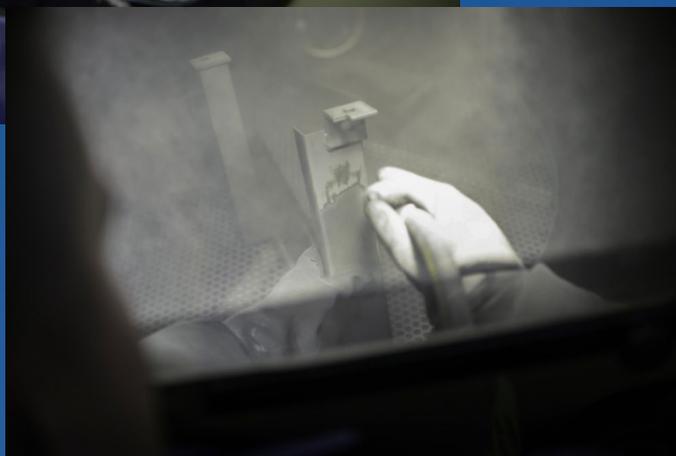
The annual DFT is an opportunity for Airmen to travel to a different location and train on equipment they don't get the chance to train on during the standard two-day drill at the 134th.



"It's really important for us to get this two weeks out here," said Staff Sgt. William Frosell, an electrical power production technician for the 134th CES. "We are able to not only build camaraderie and get to know our teammates a little better to become a more cohesive unit, but this training we are getting here we can't get anywhere else in the United States Air Force and that is just a great opportunity for us."

The Mobile Air Craft Arresting System BAK-12 is a barrier system used to stop aircraft in an emergency, which will not allow the pilot to stop. Most of our Air Force fighters are fitted with a hook used to snag a cable that is stretched across the runway and connects to the MAAS. It then uses a braking system to slow down the aircraft.

Staff Sgt. Derek Pittman, a power production journeyman, 134th Air Refueling Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, sand blasts components of the Mobile Aircraft Arresting System BAK-12. The 134th CES deployed to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK to supplement deployed personnel and complete annual training requirements, July 25, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Ben Mellon)



"The MAAS BAK-12 can be installed

permanently on a runway or can be used on a trailer, which allows it to become mobile," said Master Sgt. Scott Dennis, 134th CES power production NCOIC. "The general purpose of this equipment is to stop fighter planes in the event of a hydraulic emergency, to save the pilot's life and to save the aircraft."

One opportunity is training on the MAAS BAK-12, a piece of equipment not located at the 134th. It is significant because if 134th Airmen were deployed overseas they could be required to work on this life-saving equipment. Traveling to JBER in Alaska is a chance for them to complete the training they need.

"The barrier systems that belong to the Pacific Air Forces must have depot-level maintenance completed every 10 years," said Dennis. "This changeout process gives us a unique opportunity to train because we don't have this system on our base due to being a heavy aircraft unit. So, to come here to Alaska and get to work on these systems is ideal."

With such an important mission, the maintenance on this equipment is all done by hand and it is completed in six stages.

"The maintenance is completed somewhat like an assembly line where it goes through stages," said Dennis. "You take it apart, you clean it up, you sand blast it, Inspect it, you paint it, then you put it all back together. It's really a neat setup."

The training provided here on cutting edge machines like the MAAS is what allows Tennessee Airmen to continue their legacy of supporting the Air Force mission and bringing Airmen home safe.



# **NOW HIRING!**

## **TN AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

### **YELLOW RIBBON**

### **SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

#### Responsibilities:

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Support Specialist (YRSS) works under the general supervision of the contract manager to work in concert with the Air National Guard (ANG) Wing to assist in supporting the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), and Resilience and Life Skill Training, with the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) as priority. Roles specific to YRRP support may include organizing events, gathering data, requesting funding, making appointments, and tracking and monitoring attendance.

#### Qualifications:

Minimum of High School Diploma required and 2 or more years of experience working with the military community preferred. Excellent organizational and communication skills required. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Event management system/database use experience preferred. Ability to travel to support ANG geographically separated units. Exceptional customer service and excellent oral and written communication skills. Security clearance or ability to obtain NACI clearance required.

Work Location: 134<sup>th</sup> ARW / Knoxville TN (McGhee Tyson ANGB).

Hourly Wage: (SCA Contract) \$12.40 plus \$4.27 Health & Welfare

**Submit: No Later Than 11 August 2017**

#### Email Resume to:

Please send resume to Rachel Longoria, Yellow Ribbon Contract Program Manager, [rachellongoria@adcmanagementservices.com](mailto:rachellongoria@adcmanagementservices.com).

## SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN AND OTHER ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Ayers, 134 FSS

We buy insurance as a way to cope with major financial risks. We buy it to protect ourselves from the financial hardships of events we can't foresee, like car accidents and house fires. It protects our valuable assets.

Retired pay is a valuable asset. Since it stops when a retiree dies and no one can foresee when that will be, it may be useful to protect it.

Survivor Benefit Plan is a way to do this; it is similar to life insurance. However, SBP premiums and benefits differ from those of most insurance plans.

Similar to life insurance, SBP protects survivors against a loss of financial security upon the death of a retired member. But, SBP does more! It also protects the survivor against the possibility of outliving the benefit. Many insurance plans pay a fixed benefit that may run out years before the survivor dies.

In addition to long life, another unpredictable reason a survivor may outlive the benefits is inflation! SBP protects against this risk through Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). Inflation may be the biggest financial uncertainty of all. It erodes the value of fixed incomes, making them worth less and less as time goes by. Few, if any, private insurance plans will fully insure a survivor against inflation.

In fact, no known insurance company has guaranteed to match SBP benefits at equal cost or less. One reason is that SBP premiums have a built-in discount (in the form of the government paying a significant portion of the premiums and all program operating costs), making the Plan a good buy for most people. Another consideration is that SBP premiums reduce the retiree's taxable income and reduce out-of-pocket costs for coverage. SBP benefits are taxed as income to the survivor however the tax rate upon receipt of the annuity will generally be less than the member's current tax rate. Most insurance plans are the reverse; premiums are paid from after-tax income, while survivors are not taxed on the proceeds.

In effect, SBP protects part of the member's retired pay against the risks of:

Early death

The survivor outliving the benefits

Inflation

Still, SBP alone is not a complete estate plan. Other insurance and investments are important in meeting needs outside the scope of SBP. For example, SBP does not have a lump sum benefit that some survivors may need to meet immediate expenses upon a member's death.

On the other hand, insurance and investments without SBP may be less than adequate. Even if they could duplicate SBP, investments may be volatile and rely on a degree of financial expertise many don't have. Consider everything carefully. Don't expect SBP to do it all, but give it full credit for what it does.

For more information, contact TSgt Chris Ayers at 336-3255.



# Servicemembers Group Life Insurance Program Receives Online Portal

Submitted by Maj. Jaime Blanton, 134 FSS

The Veterans Affairs and Defense departments are introducing to service members who have Service members Group Life Insurance (SOES) an online enrollment system called the SGLI On-line Enrollment System that enables active duty and eligible Reserve and National Guard members to manage their group and family coverage online.

SGLI provides \$400,000 in automatic life insurance coverage to service members when they enlist. SGLI members get automatic coverage for dependent children and non-military spouses under the family SGLI program.

SOES availability begins in August. SOES is the online replacement for the paper form SGLI Election and Certificate, SGLV 8286.

The new system eliminates unclear designations and missing or incomplete forms -- problems identified with the paper-based system -- and ensures all insurance holders receive the latest information about changes affecting their coverage.

The system will be available through DMDC's milConnect web application, <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>. There, service members can review personal, health care and personnel information from one source, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

For more information about SOES, service members should go to the website using the Internet Explorer browser and a DS-logon or common access card. Click on Life Insurance, SOES -- SGLI Online Enrollment System, under the "Benefits" tab.

## **"Chow Time!"**



Services Airmen serve "chow" during a drill weekend at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee - date unknown. (Air National Guard photo from archives, 134 ARW Public Affairs)



# RECRUITER'S CORNER

Submitted by the 134 ARW Recruiting Office

## Student Flight – Listen Up!

\*\*\***Pre-BMT class** – You will report to the FSS breakroom in the Headquarters building for roll call on **SATURDAY** of each drill at **1300**. This is a **mandatory** class (as directed by Col. Cauthen) until you ship out to BMT. You must report to roll call in order to get paid. Any absence must be cleared prior to rollcall through the recruiting office supervisor, Master Sgt. Curtis LaRue.

\*\*\***In-processing checklist - Saturday at 1230** of your first drill weekend you are required to report to the Public Affairs/Multimedia Photo Studio (in the headquarters building) to have your **portrait** taken. This photo is **mandatory** in order to complete your in-processing checklist.

\*\*\***Security Clearance Process** - All new enlistees please ensure you have logged onto [www.opm.gov/e-quip](http://www.opm.gov/e-quip), to initiate your clearance. Once you have logged on, you have **60 DAYS** to complete this. This is a **mandatory** item. **Failure to complete on time will result in a counseling session with the Force Support Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Dean Thiele.** Note: answer 'unknown' the first time and only the first time you answer the question 'place of birth.'

**To Contact the Recruiters:** Call DSN 266 or (865) 336-3242, 3257, 3258, or 3262; or go to: <http://www.134arw.ang.af.mil/careers/index.asp>



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# MEDICAL SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY UTA

0815-1130 HOURS JUNE/JULY/AUG PHYSICAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS (PHAs)  
0830-0850 HOURS FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS  
0930-1000 HOURS NEW ACCESSION ORIENTATION (MDG TRAINING ROOM)  
0830-1130 HOURS IMMUNIZATIONS  
0830-1130 HOURS QNFT TESTING  
0830-1100 HOURS DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING/ANAM TESTING  
1000-1100 HOURS FITNESS TESTING EVALS (MacLellan/Blythe)  
1130-1230 HOURS LUNCH  
1230-1400 HOURS WAIVER/MEDCON/LOD APPS w /DOCs & Pas  
1300-1400 HOURS BALLISTIC EYEWEAR for DEPLOYERS (OPTOMETRY)  
1300-1400 HOURS HEARING EXAMS  
1300-1430 HOURS IMMUNIZATIONS

## SUNDAY UTA

0830-0850 HOURS FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS  
1130-1230 HOURS LUNCH  
1430-1530 HOURS NOAH GALLOWAY BRIEFING (WILSON HALL)



**\*\* CONTACT 134MDG AT 336-4277 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS  
TO BE SEEN OUTSIDE OF THESE TIME FRAMES**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT ALL MEDICATIONS  
THAT YOU ARE TAKING TO THE MED GROUP IMMEDIATELY!!!**

**NOTE 1:** INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING LIPID TESTS MUST FAST FOR 14 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.  
**NOTE 2:** INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT TO CONSUME ANY ALCOHOL FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

**NOTE 3:** IF YOU WEAR GLASSES YOU MUST BRING THEM WITH YOU FOR PHYSICAL. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES FOR EXAM.

**NOTE 4:** IF YOU ARE DEPLOYING, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CLINIC WELL IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE DATE FOR IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

**NOTE 5:** DNA TESTING IS CONDUCTED FROM 0830 - 1100 HOURS OF SATURDAY UTA. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PERSONNEL REPORT AT SCHEDULED TIME.



# AROUND BASE

## OPSEC Quote of the Month:



*I am not sure if he is ignorant or practicing good OPSEC.*

*- author unknown*

## Follow the 134 ARW on Social Media

Keep up with your fellow Airmen and 134th Air Refueling Wing stories, photos and videos by checking out the 134 ARW website, DVIDs (Defense Video Imagery Distribution System), The quarterly Volunteer State Guard Magazine and by liking our FACEBOOK page:

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<https://www.dvidshub.net/>

<http://www.tnmilitary.org/volstate-guard-magazine.html>



# J E A A



YOUR VOICE FOR ENLISTED ISSUES

The Junior Enlisted Advisory Association welcomes all junior enlisted members to join the group. All E-1s through E-6s are encouraged to attend. JEAA meeting times/locations are announced at Sat. roll calls. Hope to see you all there!



## ROCKY TOP DINING FACILITY

Sat:

Salisbury Steak  
Baked Fish  
Brown Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cauliflower  
Asparagus  
Okra  
Gravy/Sauce

Sun:

Hawaiian Ribs  
Huli Huli Chicken  
Hawaiian Fried Rice  
White Rice  
Steak Fries  
Stewed Tomatoes  
Islander Green Beans