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# Briefings

## Hodne Confirmed for Promotion and CG, T2COM

LTG David M. Hodne was confirmed on July 31 by the Senate for appointment to the grade of general, with assignment as commanding general, U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command, Austin, Texas. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth directed in an April 30 memo that U.S. Army Futures Command would merge with Training and Doctrine Command as part of an effort to restructure and streamline the military. The new command is expected to begin standing up around Oct. 1.



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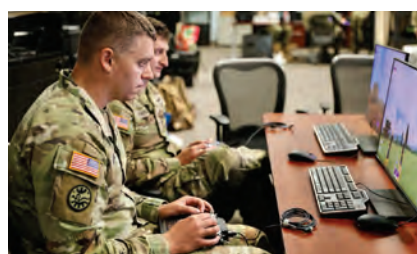
## Bradley to Take Command of SOCOM

The Senate confirmed Navy VADM Frank M. Bradley for promotion to admiral and assignment as commander of U.S. Special Operations Command. The 37-year career Navy SEAL has served as the commander of Joint Special Operations Command since 2022 and previously commanded at all levels of special operations, including leading joint special operations throughout the Middle East and South Asia.



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## AVCOE Launches New Drone Course



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The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence (AVCOE) has launched its inaugural Unmanned Advanced Lethality Course (UALC) at Fort Rucker, AL. Designed to rapidly train soldiers on the lethal employment of small UAS (SUAS), including First Person View (FPV) drone operations, the course lays the foundation for standardized UAS employment across warfighting functions, redefining how small UAS platforms are used in reconnaissance, fires, and maneuver operations. The three-week course begins in the classroom, where students use commercial off-the-shelf drones and simulation software to develop FPV flight skills. After 20 to 25 hours of simulator time, students transition to live flight exercises at the Military Operations

on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. Instruction also includes fire support integration, with Fires Center personnel teaching students how to adjust fire using drone video feeds in the Call for Fire Trainer. The course currently hosts 28 students including infantry soldiers, cavalry scouts, 15W and 15E aviation personnel, and warrant officers from the 150U career field. Students also learn to manufacture and repair drone components using 3D printing.

## Longer Tours for Service Members Headed to South Korea



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A new Department of Defense 3-2-1 Tour Normalization Policy effective Oct. 1 extends the standard accompanied tour for Soldiers serving in South Korea from 24 months to 36 months, while unaccompanied tours will be 24 months. Soldiers requesting to bring their family to Korea but are disapproved for an accompanied tour may serve a 12-month dependent-restricted tour. The new policy will be fully implemented by October 2027. Troops now serving in South Korea or receiving their orders prior to Oct. 1, 2025 will not have their tours extended.

## PCS Joint Task Force New 24/7 Call Center

The Permanent Change of Station Joint Task Force launched a 24/7 call center on Aug. 1, 2025 to help service members, Defense Department civilians and their families with their government moves. Service members can call 833-MIL-MOVE (833-645-6683), email PCSCallCenter@mail.mil or visit <https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Permanent-Change-of-Station-Joint-Task-Force/> for support. Once a service member undergoing a government household goods move reaches the call center, trained military personnel log the issue into a centralized tracking system and callers will receive regular, personalized updates until their issues are resolved.



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# Refocusing on Concept Driven Transformation

Things are moving quickly in Army Aviation. Your AAAA team is doing everything we can to support the Branch and the Army in the Chief of Staff Army's new guidance on "Continuous Transformation."



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From our event themes to the magazine editorial focus, membership outreach, and the Army Aviation Congressional Caucus, AAAA is strongly endorsing and supporting this vision.

You will notice in the just released agenda for the annual Cribbins Futures Forum, November 17-20, 2025 in Huntsville, AL, that the focus is totally on the Concept Driven Transformation phase of Continuous Transformation. We will work on specific subjects like Air Space Management, Drones/Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Accelerated Acquisition, Sustainment on the Contested Battlefield, Launched Effects and Mission Planning. Our intent is to spur intellectual debate on each topic so that we better understand future challenges and the best way for our branch to meet those challenges.

The actual shape of the event has changed as well to best capture feedback and input from Soldiers and Industry. Specifically, members of the Army Aviation General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC) will present a problem set in their specific

mission area during their morning general session presentations.

Then, during the afternoon session in the embedded exhibit hall theater, we will have sequential "Open Mic" sessions for one hour each addressing each problem set managed by a senior "facilitator" to elicit thoughts from the audience.

Following those discussions, each facilitator will summarize the comments, best practices and suggestions from Industry and Soldiers, and on the last day of the event, will back-brief the Army Aviation GOSC in an open session, in the same exhibit hall theater, on the potential solutions to their problem sets that were presented during their introductory briefings.

The objective is to present solutions from a broad spectrum of the Aviation Enterprise; the actual folks working on the flightlines, workshop floor, contracting officers, as well as Industry and others seeking to contribute to the Concept Driven Transformation phase of Continuous Transformation. This will posture Army Aviation to not only meet the emerging threats but provide leapfrog capabilities to maintain our

nation's dominance across all domains.

Our National Executive Group, led by AAAA Treasurer, MG (Ret.) Todd Royar, has seized the initiative in developing the path ahead for AAAA's support to the Branch. Summarized, this initiative is designed to focus Cribbins on the future which is captured in Concept Driven Transformation, and the Summit more on current capabilities as we continue to transform.

I want you to know that your NEG is totally engaged and in sync with the Army Aviation GOSC as we support their initiatives to achieve the CSA's vision to keep the U.S. Army at the leading edge of technologies, capabilities and tactics to fight and win in any potential scenario.

Be part of the process and register now for Cribbins at [www.quad-a.org/25Cribbins](http://www.quad-a.org/25Cribbins).

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# The Army Aviation Branch Vision

By MG Clair A. Gill



From our inception to modern-day, Army Aviation remains focused on winning in the land domain and, regardless of the threat or challenge, provides steadfast support to ground forces.

Our purpose remains – winning the combined arms fight. As such, Army Aviation stands ready to serve as the Army's maneuver element in the “upper tier” of the land domain. Our vision describes how we will evolve current capability and nascent advancements, providing direction and guidance to transition from exclusively human-piloted machines to teamed, autonomous dominance from the air.

## Army Aviation's Vision:

*Army Aviation will continue to deploy, fight, and win, providing critical land-focused air capabilities in the conduct of combined arms operations by leveraging specific technological innovations, both manned and unmanned systems,*

*employed by Aviation Soldiers trained and developed through a purposeful Warfighter Culture.*

Let us examine how we will achieve this vision and the future of the branch:

**People** – Undeniably, the cornerstone of Army Aviation is our Soldiers. The branch provides tailored developmental experiences to our warfighters to achieve increased tactical competence across all formations, better equipping Army Aviation for the realities of future combat. We are deliberately changing education for initial term aviators and instructor pilots to produce warfighters who are agile, flexible, and committed to meeting and overcoming the challenges

of future warfare. Flight School Next (FSN) will deliver a more robust initial education and flight training experience, increasing flight time while emphasizing fundamental pilotage skills. This promises to revitalize skillset quality in future Aviators. Additionally, the Aviation Tactics Instructor Course will develop platoon-level Instructor Pilots (IPs) who will train more tactically-focused Aviators and develop platoons to better operate as a part of a joint and Combined Arms Team. These foundational courses will directly enhance the warfighting readiness of our fighting formations.

**Formations** – As our Army modernizes and evolves through continuous Army Transformation, the Aviation Branch will seek efficiencies, become more lethal, and it will leverage the growing technology and capability of unmanned aircraft. Army Aviation's evolution will occur through deliberate, risk-informed Force Design Updates (FDU), that will harvest the best of our enduring fleet, while



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optimizing our formations for Multi-Domain Operations. Deliberate planning and implementation of the FDUs will allow the Army to remain ready now, while creating formations and concepts to employ future capabilities, such as the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (MV-75) and autonomous systems/behaviors.

**Environment:** The Army Aviation operating environment – the upper tier of the ground domain – is becoming very congested. Ground units, unmanned assets, fires platforms, and manned aviation are all vying for the same 3-D real estate. Army Aviation will lead the Army in airspace management and control, providing optimal operating conditions for co-use by joint and multi-national partners. Further, our advanced technology is quickly gaining dominance over environmental and weather-based visibility restrictions, something previously hindering go/no-go flight decisions. Like our previous dominance of the night, we are on the cusp of dominating Degraded Visual Environments (DVE), thereby allowing Army Aviation to fight in challenging weather conditions. Incorporating

DVE-mitigation technology reduces accidental risk and gives our Army the advantage of maximum freedom of maneuver over our foes.

**Aviation Warfighter Culture:** Perhaps *most critical* as we train our next generation, is developing and educating our Soldiers on the character traits of an Aviation Warfighter. The Aviation Warfighter Culture remains grounded in our core identity as committed, disciplined, hardened, technical and tactical experts who operate complex equipment, defying gravity, while managing and mitigating risk. Aviation Soldiers are part of the Army profession and no different than Infantrymen, Sustainers, or Engineers, as all seek decisive victory in support of the Ground Force Commander – we just happen to fly. Army Aviation Soldiers are leaders of Character, Competence, and Commitment, understanding their vital role in the Army mission, thereby assuring our combined arms teammates – we will deliver decisively!

**Future Development:** Army Aviation will possess unparalleled situational awareness and decisive

capability, enabled by formations shaped through Human-Machine Integration. The Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft, rapidly evolving UAS, and launched effects are critical to the Army's future battlefield calculus. These programs will allow Army Aviation to exploit contested and denied environments, delivering critical battlefield effects deep within enemy territory. Whether providing precision fires, reliable MEDEVAC support, or dynamically enabling otherwise contested logistics, Army Aviation remains a decisive member of the Combined Arms Team.

Army Aviation will continually assess and modernize our capabilities in the upper tier of the land domain to enable our Army to dominate in the full continuum of combat operations. Our purpose remains – winning the combined arms fight.

*Above the Best!*

*MG Clair A. Gill is the Army Aviation branch chief and commander of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, AL.*

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## ► Director of Army Aviation Update

# Charting Army Aviation's Next Horizon: From Structural Reform to Drone Dominance

By COL Timothy Jaeger



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**G**reetings from the Pentagon. I am just getting my feet wet as Director of Army Aviation at HQDA G-3/5/7.

I enter the role during a period of significant transformation for the Army as a whole and Aviation in particular. As the global security environment grows increasingly complex and our adversaries deploy swarms of low-cost drones, Army Aviation must rapidly adapt both its manned rotary-wing enterprise and its unmanned systems. The recently signed Army Structure Memorandum (ARSTRUC) 28-32, the Aviation Transformation Initiative (ATI) EX-ORD, and the Secretary of Defense's memo titled "Unleashing U.S. Military Drone Dominance" underpin the Ar-

my's Continuous Transformation Continuum and outline a unified plan to divest legacy fleets, reconfigure combat aviation brigades (CAB), and empower frontline commanders with consumable small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). These reforms are designed to sharpen our tactical edge, reduce sustainment overhead, and ensure decisive performance across all domains.

### Major Force Structure Changes

ARSTRUC 28-32 builds upon the Aviation Force Design Update (FDU) 2030 reforms by formalizing key struc-

*U.S. Army SGT Elena Killough and SGT Demond Blach, assigned to the Deathwatch Platoon, 10th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct maintenance on an unmanned aircraft system during a first person view individual qualification on Grafenwöhr Training Area, July 21, 2025. The 1st ABCT, 3rd Infantry Division, tests purpose-built, retrievable FPV drones to highlight the ability against autonomous targets to improve battlefield readiness and integration with armored units. The 1st ABCT, 3rd Infantry Division, and V Corps are part of America's Forward Deployed Corps in Europe which works alongside NATO Allies and regional security partners to provide combat-ready forces, execute joint and multinational training exercises, and retain command and assigned units in the European Theater.*

tural decisions across the force. Major changes include inactivating Regular Army Air Cavalry Squadrons and





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tailoring theater-enabling CABs and consolidating COMPO 3 Expeditionary CABs elsewhere within remaining force structure. At the center of ATI is a deliberate plan of action and milestones (POAM) spanning FY25 through FY28. This includes restationing the 16th CAB from Joint Base Lewis McChord to the 11th Airborne Division in Alaska to support Arctic operations and strengthen our posture in the Indo-Pacific.

We will continue investing in the Pacific by resourcing the 25th CAB as a standard light CAB in Hawaii. ATI also includes divesting legacy UH-60L Black Hawks, optimizing MEDEVAC capability, and inactivating five UH-60 companies in Heavy CABs. These actions allow the redistribution of modern UH-60M and HH-60M airframes to replace some of the divested legacy airframes.

Attack aviation readiness will be enhanced by divesting the AH-64D Apache and adding additional maintainers per CAB, along with establishing operational readiness float pools of AH-64E airframes within each brigade.

### Input From the Force

The success of ATI depends on commander-led refinement that incorporates input from leaders at all levels, including officers, warrant officers, and NCOs. We recognize that these transitions will involve complex personnel movements and equipment realignments. We are committed to listening to the force to refine planning timelines, inform resourcing decisions, and address friction points. Your feedback will directly influence sustainment contracts, depot alignments, and training contracts.

In the coming weeks, we will host synchronized planning forums under appropriate non-disclosure agreement (NDA) constraints so that every formation can evaluate impacts, identify potential chokepoints, and seize opportunities for innovation. Together, we will guide the evolution of both manned and unmanned capabilities while continuing to deliver decisive aviation support to the Combined Arms Team.

### Drone Dominance

While ATI streamlines and modernizes our manned fleet, the Secretary's memo on drone dominance rev-

olutionizes how we acquire, field, and fight with UAS. Drones have emerged as the battlefield's most lethal and cost-effective innovation, yet policy and regulation have stifled their rapid integration. By rescinding restrictive guidance and delegating authorities to O-6 commanders, we shift empowerment back to the warfighter. Brigades can now purchase and operate group 1 and 2 UAS, whether U.S.-made commercial kits, lab prototypes, or three-dimensional-printed systems, so long as they adhere to closed-loop network security and statutory limits.

To support this shift, the Army is consolidating its unmanned aviation workforce. MOS 15E (UAS Repairer) and 15W (Tactical UAS Operator) are merging into a single Tactical UAS Specialist under the new "15X" designation, creating a multifunctional enlisted role capable of operating, repairing, and modifying Group 1-3 platforms. Simultaneously, the 150U Warrant Officer track is expanding to meet growing operational demands, ensuring technical leadership and continuity across the force.

We will treat UAS as true consumables, not capital assets. By the end of 2026, every squad will have low-cost expendable drones and every Division will have launched effects, with priority to forward-deployed Indo-Pacific combat units. Modular payloads, open-architecture software, and nightly data-pipelines will enable daily firmware refreshes and AI-driven autonomy updates, ensuring our tactics continuously outpace adversary countermeasures.

Army Aviation's dual transformation – modernizing our rotary-wing fleet through ATI and enabling drone dominance as directed by the Secretary of Defense – lays the groundwork for long-term superiority in multi-domain operations. As we divest aging aircraft, restructure CABs, and deploy swarms of affordable UAS, we equip our commanders with speed, agility, and massed lethality. Together, we will write the next chapter in our Army's storied legacy.

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## ► DAMO-AV Standardization Officer Update

# Transformation in Aviation

By CW5 Robert B. Phillips



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**T**he Army's Continuous Transformation (CT) Continuum is the overarching time and process-based narrative.

Army Transformation Initiative (ATI) is a series of tasks that underpin CT and has many in Army Aviation diving into deep analysis and planning for a rapidly changing future. With the publishing of the Army Structure Memorandum (ARSTRUC) in June, the aviation branch is looking at a transformation that will see a reduction of Forward Support Medical Platoons (FSMP) within the Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) companies, the divestment of all Air Cavalry Squadrons (ACS), inactivation of both Expedition-

ary Combat Aviation Brigades (ECAB) in the Army Reserves, and divestment of all AH-64D airframes. The Army announced the name of the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA), the MV-75, and its accelerated fielding plan. The focus on fielding the MV-75 will undoubtedly shape modernization efforts at installations and a shift in planning and execution in the corps and division battlespace.

There will be short-term impacts to the force as many aviators will go through periods of reduced flying due

*Alaska Army National Guard HH-60M MEDEVAC Black Hawk aviators assigned to Golf Company, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion, partner with industry subject-matter experts from Air Rescue Systems to conduct hoist training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, July 16, 2025.*

to stop-fly dates and an increased focus on aircraft and equipment maintenance to support transfers to other units. Maximizing simulation devices and maintaining a focus on the discipline of academic training and planning for a structured training period is key. This will avoid skill extinction for senior aviators and aid in developing junior aviators in both basic and mission tasks. Aviation utilization rates vary among installations, but units should make every effort to get to 100 percent utilization for the simulators requiring



backup crews on the schedule.

The inactivation of dedicated reconnaissance units, along with the growing capabilities of the AH-64E (v6 and v6.5) and Launched Effects (LE) have increased the Army's ability to focus on deep shaping missions and integration with multi-domain capabilities to sense, strike, and extend in the corps and division fight. ATI further refines this concept, leveraging advanced Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and MV-75 platforms to extend aviation's operational reach. The advancement of FLRAA will help with speed and execution for future missions across a larger battle space.

For the CABs with both ACS and Attack Battalions (AB), the divestiture of the ACS will be the opportunity to reduce the understrength positions within the attack company and battalion (BN). Some units are critically short on certain Special Qualification Identifiers (SQI), to the extent that merging two battalion-sized units will still have some SQI positions unfilled. This problem is exacerbated by the tracked CW3 and CW4 ranks in

the AH-64 fleet being understrength. While the understrength dilemma in the Apache fleet will be reduced, a growing concern will be the number of new Apache pilots who are not yet Pilots in Command (PC). While untracked PCs will have opportunities to attend track producing schools and applicable profession military education (PME), the pilots (PI) who are not tracked will be presented with a longer PC development timeline.

The next few years of this transition will require discipline to ensure minimal proficiency is not lost. Discipline forms the bedrock of Army aviation, ensuring safety, effectiveness, and mission success. It permeates every facet of operations, from meticulous pre-flight checks to precise execution of complex maneuvers. This unwavering adherence to standards and procedures mitigates risks inherent to in-flight operations and fosters a culture of professionalism and trust. Discipline manifests in pilots' strict adherence to flight regulations, crew chiefs' meticulous maintenance routines, and air traffic controllers' unwavering focus. It demands person-

al responsibility, accountability, and a commitment to excellence in every task, no matter how small.

This disciplined approach extends beyond technical proficiency, encompassing physical and mental preparedness. Aircrews need to maintain good physical conditioning and mental sharpness to handle the demanding flight modes and environments. Crew chiefs remain vigilant in identifying and addressing potential maintenance issues. In Army aviation, discipline is not merely a set of rules, but a mindset, a commitment to standards that achieves mission accomplishment and mitigates safety of all mission players. This dedication to discipline allows Army aviation to provide reliable and essential support to ground forces in any environment, without compromise.

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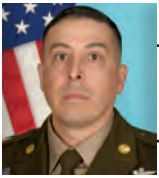
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## ► DAMO-AV Sergeant Major Update

# ATI Impacts to Enlisted Aviation Maintainers and UAS Specialists

By SGM Ruben Davila

Under the sweeping force structure reforms outlined in the Army Transformation Initiative (ATI), Army Aviation is entering a pivotal phase that promises to reshape not only its operational footprint but also the way aircraft maintenance is executed across formations.

While many of the decisions codified by ATI are sub tasks to The Army's Continuous Transformation (CT) Continuum which is the overarching time and process-based narrative that reflects a strategic recalibration. From divesting Air Cavalry Squadrons (ACS) to optimizing MEDEVAC formations, the impact on maintainers and sustainment capability is both profound and immediate.

The U.S. Army is overhauling its Aviation Branch, driven by Army Structure (ARSTRUC) 28-32 builds on the earlier Aviation 2030 Future Design Update (FDU) and brings the ATI to life with some big structural changes across the board. This transformation significantly impacts both the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operators and 15R maintainers across the force setting the stage for future battlefield dominance.

At the center of this transformation is a decision to add 56 Soldiers with a mix of maintainers and back shops personnel above manpower requirements criteria



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160TH Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion (SOATB) Soldiers conducting a phase at FT. Campbell, KY

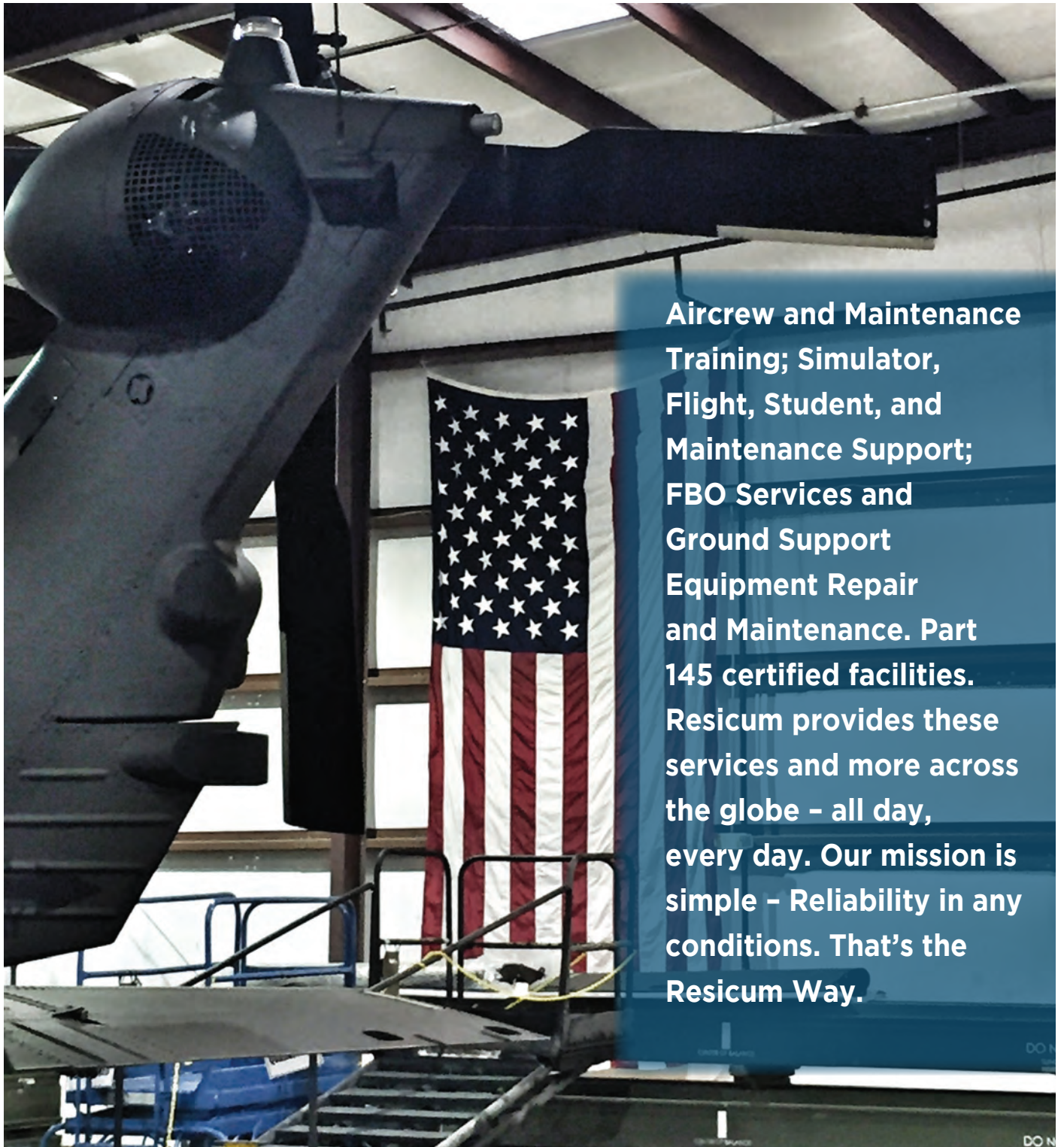
across every Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB). This increase is not a simple boost in numbers, it is a calculated move to bridge readiness gaps, reduce aircraft downtime, and create maintenance redundancy. The infusion of AH-64-series maintainers in particular is expected to elevate the availability of the Army's premier attack platform, especially as AH-64Es continue replacing AH-64Ds across formations. CABs fortified with greater maintainer density will drive a higher operational readiness rate for our modernized AH fleet.

Perhaps the most transformative sustainment shift is the accelerated retirement of the AH-64D Apache in favor of the digitalized AH-64E.

Maintaining a single attack-aviation model across all CABs slashes the number of spare-parts catalogs and diagnostic toolsets. With aircraft health management software now standard in every AH-64E, maintenance teams can adopt predictive sustainment practices, identifying potential failures before they ground airframes and scheduling repairs during planned maintenance windows. In effect, the maintenance community transitions from reactive "fix-it" approaches to proactive aircraft-health management, further reducing unscheduled downtime and boosting fleet availability.

This increase in personnel is achievable because of the inactivation of Reg-





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### UAS Soldier of the Year, 2022

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### SPC Antonio L. Feliz

**Tactical UAS Detachment, Military Intelligence Company,  
Group Support Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)  
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida**

SPC Antonio Feliz is a 15W, RQ-7Bv2 Operator assigned to 7th SFG(A), GSB, MICO, TUAS Platoon. He went through multiple joint training exercises, Special Forces Basic Combat Course-Support (SFBCCS), and participated in five airborne operations in less than three months leading up to his deployment to Syria during Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) in support of Special Operation Task Force – Levant (SOTF-L). Once deployed, he quickly adapted and demonstrated his proficiency on the RQ-7Bv2 Shadow platform in a combat environment. During clearance operations, he provided over-watch eliminating imminent threats, resulting in the successful interdiction of 128 Da'esh fighters captured and two EKIA. As a switchblade UAS tactical missile system subject matter expert, he enabled multiple kinetic strikes on several combatants during attempts to attack partner force bases by ISIS fighters. SPC Feliz flew the RQ-7Bv2 for a total of 470 combat hours in addition to mastering Group I & II UAS. He served a critical role in the Legion Air platoon successfully conducting 383 flights and 2,924 combat flight hours of ISR in support of AOB-Syria and SOTF-L. Following his redeployment, he was designated as the next Unit SUAS Master Trainer. SPC Feliz's dedication and outstanding performance clearly identifies him as the Army Aviation Association of America 2022 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Soldier of the Year.

ular Army ACS formations. Reallocating these maintainers into Aviation Support Battalions (ASBs) and Aviation Battalions (ABs) not only increases technical resilience but promotes cross-platform proficiency, a vital requirement in rapidly shifting combat conditions. This transition mirrors a larger trend: Army Aviation is realigning sustainment logic around precision, speed, and adaptability. "Divest to Invest"

Beyond the manned arena, a key change is the merging of Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) 15E (UAS Repairer) and 15W (Tactical UAS Operator) into a single, multifunctional MOS: the Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System (TUAS) Specialist. This shift acknowledges the modern battlefield's demands for speed, adaptability, and cross-training. While 15Es traditionally focused on maintenance and 15Ws on operation, this separation is no longer effective. The combined TUAS Specialist will possess skills in operat-

ing, repairing, fabricating, and modifying UAS platforms across Groups 1 to 3. This allows for mission-specific payload customization, enhanced aerial reconnaissance, adaptability to electronic warfare, and independent equipment maintenance. This consolidation also tackles manpower challenges, with the FY26 Modular Brigade Combat Team (MBCT) Force Design Update eliminating 84 15E positions and creating 336 15W roles, resulting in a net increase of TUAS specialists. Managing reclassification, however, presents a logistical hurdle, particularly given differing flight physical and aptitude score requirements between the legacy MOSs. The Army anticipates some attrition but is actively working to mitigate this through policy adjustments and support initiatives.

Success in this transformation hinges on NCO-led refinement and engagement. ARSTRUC 28-32 reinforces the need for the NCO support channel to intimately involve themselves in

planning and execution, ensuring transitions are logical, synchronized, and feasible. These reforms impact real people through reassignment, relocation, and responsibilities which demands thoughtful integration. Maintenance operations, often relegated to support functions, now take on a central role in preserving readiness and generating combat power.

Army Aviation is sending a clear signal: maintainers are not just technical assets; they are mission enablers. The strategic repositioning of talent, consolidation of platforms, and standardization of force structure all point toward a future where aviation maintenance is more responsive, reliable, and resilient. These reforms don't just serve the aviation fleet, they serve the fight.

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# Flying the Long Way Home

By MAJ Jeffrey Windmueller



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Somewhere over the Swiss Alps, a crackle came over the radio: “Be advised, you are going to be intercepted by a Swiss fighter jet for training purposes.”

*Crews from 6-52nd Theater Aviation battalion pose in front of the C-12 Huron piloted by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Nicholas Demas during his circumnavigation of the globe as part of Exercise Balikatan 2025.*

Within seconds, a Swiss F-18 closed in to just ten feet off the wing of a U.S. Army C-12 Huron. For the pilot, CW4 Nicholas Demas, it was a clear reminder – this was no longer familiar airspace, and this was no ordinary mission.

The assignment began with a straightforward objective: members of Charlie Co., 6-52 Theater Aviation Battalion were to transport personnel and support operations during Exercise Balikatan 2025, a major joint exercise in the South Pacific. But the nature of the task led to something much larger: circumnavigation of the globe in a twin-engine turboprop aircraft, spanning multiple continents and oceans over the course of 90 flight hours and nearly 20,000 miles.

Flying military aircraft overseas brings unique challenges. Unlike domestic flights, where alternate airfields and maintenance support are readily available, international operations require strict route planning, diplomatic clearance through APACS, and precise fuel calculations. In this case, internal tanks were added to the aircraft to en-

able up to eight hours of endurance when required.

Route planning focused on heading east – starting from Fort Knox and proceeding through Canada, Iceland, and Europe – due to prevailing winds that made westbound transit impractical. Every stop required approval, and landing at a non-designated airfield could pose significant diplomatic consequences, even in an emergency.

Weather was an ever-present factor. Over Thailand, the C-12 entered a holding pattern during a severe lightning storm, stacking behind major international airliners. Despite being the smallest aircraft in the sky, the mission remained essential – transporting senior leaders, coordinating movements, and enabling larger aircraft to focus on combat or logistics operations.

Once in the Philippines, the Army Reserve crew integrated with joint and multinational partners, including the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and the Philippine military. The cooperation was seamless, even as crews adapted to local procedures, unfamiliar air traffic

control practices, and unlit, narrow runways surrounded by mountainous terrain. Language barriers and communication gaps required frequent improvisation, and crews sometimes found themselves calling their own approaches through heavy weather and low visibility.

The value of the C-12 platform was quickly evident. It enabled rapid transport of command teams to remote islands, provided logistical reach to support forward arming and refueling points, and even supported training scenarios for host-nation emergency response units. In one such event, the aircraft and crew played roles in a simulated in-flight emergency, testing the responsiveness and coordination of first responders on the ground.

While operational objectives were met with precision, the mission also provided unexpected personal and professional milestones. In accordance with crew rest requirements, personnel were able to explore layover locations such as Crete, Greece – visiting historical sites, connecting with local culture, and reflecting on the global nature of the assignment.



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The return journey from Japan to Alaska was marked by a striking moment of contrast: total darkness at take-off gave way to a sunrise over the Aleutian Islands that illuminated the sky in brilliant white and deep blue – a scene few aviators experience in such isolation.

Upon return, the aircraft completed its circumnavigation just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. The scale of the journey only became fully apparent in retrospect: a twin-turboprop Army aircraft had successfully flown around the world, supporting multinational military operations while navigating complex diplomatic and environmental conditions.

What began as a mission set in the Pacific evolved into a strategic display of reach, adaptability, and professionalism by Army Reserve aviators. The experience underscored the global capacity of Army Aviation – and highlighted the kind of flying that can only be done when technical skill, mission focus, and preparation come together across every time zone on the planet.

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## ► 128th Aviation Brigade Update

# Flight Path to Readiness: Preventing Attrition in Aviation Warfighter Training

By SGT Nicholus A. Jacobs

On January 8, 2024, the 128th Aviation Brigade TRADOC Organic Medical Structure (TOMS) reached full operational capability for conducting point-of-injury care, having since screened over 8,000 Aviation Maintainer Students.

With the primary goal of preventing loss of program-of-instruction (POI) training hours and reducing recycles due to medical attrition, TOMS helps students get quality care in a timely manner, so they stay on track to graduate AIT and join the Operational Force.

TOMS goals are maximizing training continuity and minimizing attrition. This is performed through effective point-of-injury care, with an easily accessible and localized clinical location within the 128th Aviation Brigade Advanced Individual Training (AIT) campus. The ease of access to medical care and immense continuity between the patient and provider allows for a high degree of informed decision-making, reducing the time spent in a medical facility which would otherwise impede upon POI hours. Additionally, this continuity prevents unnecessary recycling of students due to delays in off-site care. This helps ensure Soldiers receive adequate guidance and care progression throughout the duration of their AIT, better supporting long term success for the Soldier and current and future unit's mission requirements.

Through effective point-of-injury care, not only is TOMS preventing loss of POI hours, but Aviator Warfighter Maintainer readiness is enhanced through early interventions. On-site embedded medical providers will identify musculoskeletal injuries, illnesses, and other ailments within the Soldier, providing effective treatment early, which leads to quicker recovery and fewer chronic issues. Additionally, effective management of Soldier medical limitations and the ability to tailor them uniquely to each Soldier's training allows for the maximization of managing medical concerns with the student's capabilities in the classroom and on the hangar floor environments, thereby preventing progression issues due to medical limitations.

Medicine is holistic in nature, as TOMS bears an integrated Behavioral Health team capable of providing management for Aviation Maintenance Warfighters' spiritual and mental health and maximizing the use of preventive wellness. Through the inclusion of Behavioral Health, TOMS can also catch injuries to the Aviation Warfighter's mental health – such as stress, sleep issues, and fatigue. With this early surveillance and treat-



A 128th TOMS NCO provides care for a training soldier.

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ment, we can address these issues before the overall performance starts to degrade, allowing us to maintain the high level of mental acuity expected of Aviation professionals. Additionally, the primary goal of enabling Aviation Warfighters is to provide them with the maximum ability to focus on the task at hand, equipping them with the necessary tools and skills to mitigate and solve other problems easily.

Key to the success of an embedded TOMS is the establishment of a strong relationship between the Chain of Command and the local Medical Treatment Facility (MTF). With the ever-changing nature of the Defense Health Agency, one of the chief responsibilities of TOMS is to “buffer TRADOC from future turbulence in the Military Health System,” outlining that TOMS works to fill the communication gaps and ensure commanders are informed while ensuring coordinated care for the Aviator Maintainer, especially if the Soldier must go off-site. With embedded medics and providers, real-time decision-making is possible, providing commanders with better visibility and insight into the outcomes and dispositions of Aviator Maintainer health statuses and readiness.

TOMS ensures that future Aviation Warfighters not only complete training but also arrive at their first unit mission-ready and medically cleared for Aviation Warfighter tasks. By addressing health issues early and maintaining students' momentum through AIT, TOMS helps produce Aviation warfighters who are physically resilient, mentally prepared, and operationally effective from day one. In a domain where every second and decision counts, TOMS is more than just medical support – it's the ground crew for Army Aviation's next generation.

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The background of the entire page is a warm, golden-toned photograph. It shows the silhouettes of several military personnel in the foreground, with a large helicopter, likely a Chinook, in the background. The scene is set against a bright, low sun, creating a strong backlight effect and long shadows. The overall mood is one of readiness and service.

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# Shaping the Blade Tip

By Dr. Thomas L. Thompson

On August 11, 1986, the United Kingdom's Westland Helicopters stunned the Aviation world when it flew a highly modified Lynx helicopter to 216 knots in level flight, shattering the helicopter world speed record by nearly 20 knots.



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The most distinguishing contributor to the achievement was the highly swept, paddle-shaped BERP rotor blade tip, named for the British Experimental Rotor Program that funded its research and development. The BERP design, de-

scribed in more detail in a 1987 American Helicopter Society Forum paper by Westland's chief aerodynamicist, John Perry, demonstrated the importance of shaping the blade tip region, where small changes in geometry produce

relatively large changes in aerodynamic loads due to the tip operating in the region of highest airflow dynamic pressure. The success of the BERP design also challenged others in the rotorcraft community to leverage results of com-



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putational analyses, wind tunnel tests, and advancement in rotor blade materials and manufacturing techniques to develop and refine tip designs that enhance rotor flight performance, reduce noise, and reduce rotor system control loads in high-speed flight.

The computational analyses and tests demonstrated the favorable effects of sweeping and tapering the blade tip on hover and forward flight performance. The results showed that sweeping the leading edge of the blade near the tip reduces rotor power required by delaying the rise in profile drag due to compressibility (Mach number) effects, which can be significant in the tip region. Also, reducing (tapering) the chord of the blade as the tip is approached shifts more of the aerodynamic load inboard, which reduces the rotor induced power (the power required to generate lift). Finally, results showed that slanting the blade tip downward (anhedral) further improves hover performance by reducing the influence of the blade tip vortex on successive blades. The UH-60M rotor blade design has a leading-edge sweep of 35 degrees and a taper ratio of 0.60, which are typical of modern tip designs. Also, the UH-60M tip design incorpo-

rates 20 degrees of anhedral to increase hover performance at high aircraft gross weights and high-density altitudes.

In addition to maximizing aerodynamic efficiency, the use of sweep, taper, and thinner airfoils in the tip region has been shown to reduce impulsive noise (also called blade slap) generated due to blade thickness and localized shock formation in high-speed flight. Additional changes are usually needed to reduce impulsive noise in typical approach conditions (60-80 knots and descent rates of 400-600 feet per minute), where blade slap can be particularly intense due to rapid changes in blade pressure that occur when a blade interacts with tip vortices trailed from other blades, a phenomenon known as blade-vortex interaction (BVI). For these conditions, blade tip changes that diffuse the tip vortex or inhibit its formation, such as small sub-wings or other appendages attached to the tip, may help reduce BVI noise.

Tip sweep has also been shown to reduce control system vibratory loads in high-speed flight, although aeroelastic effects, such as the blade torsional flexibility and the relative positions of the chordwise center-of-gravity and the

aerodynamic center, must be considered in any analysis or test that is done to quantify the amount of load reduction. Early in development of the AH-64A Apache, designers modified the tip region of the prototype blade to include 20-degrees of sweep over the outboard 20 inches of the blade, which reduced blade and control system loads. The effects of blade taper on control loads are less defined, although results from a full-scale wind tunnel test conducted in the 1970s showed that a combination of sweep and taper produced the greatest reduction in vibratory control loads.

Just as fixed-wing aircraft designers continue to evolve and fine-tune winglets to reduce drag and increase fuel efficiency, rotary-wing engineers will pursue development of more innovative and efficient blade tip designs that help new rotorcraft meet increased customer demands to fly faster, farther, and quieter.

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## ► Ask the Flight Surgeon

# Nail Fungal Infection

By LTC Jeffrey A. Brown, M.D., MPH, FS

**Q:** My toenails are ugly and thick. I stopped wearing sandals years ago. Is there anything I can use to have normal nails again without getting a down slip? Or can you just rip them off?

**FS:** Fungal infection of the nails is diagnosed as onychomycosis. This condition can affect both the finger and toenails. It often results in thickening and discoloration of the affected nail(s) resulting in discomfort, inconvenience, and cosmetic concerns. Although the infection is superficial, it can also predispose the affected individual to other more serious skin infections.

Confirming the diagnosis is an important step to effectively managing onychomycosis. Half of all nail problems are attributed to onychomycosis. This means that the other half may be due to something else. Diagnosis is made by laboratory assessment of collected toenail clippings and debris from the involved nail. Make an appointment with your medical primary care team to evaluate the nails.

Treatment may involve oral and/or topical therapies, or physical interventions. The approach to these treatments may depend on the type and extent of nail infection. Success rates vary and the definition for success is also varied in different studies. While some studies describe success as improvement in nail appearance, others define success based on established clearance of fungal infection. Ideally, the intervention both clears the fungus and resolves the nail appearance. Incomplete clearance can contribute to the recurrence of onychomycosis.

Oral antifungal regimens are generally either azoles (e.g., itraconazole, fluconazole, or ketoconazole) or allylamines (e.g., terbinafine). Expect to receive treatment for weeks to months. It may take weeks before you are able to appreciate any improvement. The duration of therapy is longer for toenails than for fingernails. Because the medications can

affect the liver in some patients, the medical provider may want to check your liver function before initiating treatment as well as during and/or after completing therapy. Nail lacquers, such as ciclopirox, are available as topical antifungal agents that can be applied directly to affected nails. The use of topical therapy in combination with an oral antifungal regimen can offer increased effectiveness. These medications are not disqualifying for flight duties and may be reported as information only. However, given the duration and the potential for interaction with any other medications, you should still make sure you report treatment to your aeromedical practitioner.

For a more hands-on approach, there are several established physical treatments that may also be performed. Among these, trimming and debridement of the nails are helpful both in reducing risks of developing infection and in facilitating clearance of infection during ongoing oral and/or topical treatment. Laser-based treatment options also exist but the results are typically temporary and cosmetic-oriented. And finally, yes, nail-removal is an option for management of nail fungus. Nail-removal is typically reserved for severe infection, poor response to interventions, or recurrence. When undergoing

these physical treatments, you should check-in with your aeromedical practitioner before resuming flight duties. Some procedures may warrant a temporary down period for recovery.

Some remedies, although less studied, may also be of use. Topical applications of ointments or solutions such as mentholated ointment (Vicks VapoRub), Tea tree oil, or snakeroot extract have been shown to benefit some. Clinical investigation of these substances is limited currently. In general, topical agents readily obtainable over the counter, are not considered a risk for flight duties.

There are many ways to approach onychomycosis. The best way to navigate which options are best for you is to discuss diagnosis and treatment with your primary care team and maintain active communication with your aeromedical provider to weigh flight duty considerations.

Fly Safe!

### Questions for the Flight Surgeon?

If you have a question that you would like addressed, email it to [AskFS@quad-a.org](mailto:AskFS@quad-a.org). We will try to address it in the future. See your unit flight surgeon for your personal health issues.

The views and opinions offered are those of the author and researchers and should not be construed as an official Department of the Army position unless otherwise stated.

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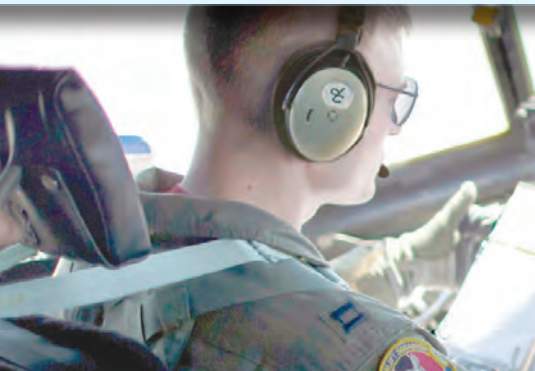
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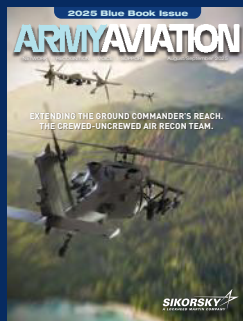


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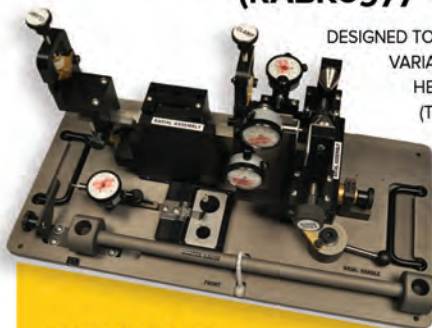
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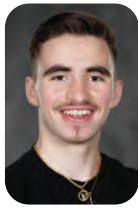
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**AAAA Bryce Wilson Memorial Scholarship**  
\$5,000 - \$1,250 for 4 years - Sarah E Rocheleau - Grandchild of CAPT James Keitchen, Osprey FL -Clemson University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (COL Joseph A. Hoecherl Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Logan J Moore - Son of Mrs. Andrea Moore, Hartselle AL -University of Alabama Huntsville



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Colleen Hipp Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Isabelle J Alejo - Daughter of LTC Alexander Alejo, Owens Cross Roads AL -The University of Texas at Austin



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Ashley E Jennings - Daughter of Mr. Robert Jennings, Gulf Shores AL -University of South Alabama



**Bell Textron Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$2,000 for 2 years - Laura K Thompson - Daughter of CSM James Hall, Dallas TX -Texas A&M University



**BG James and Joyce Hesson Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$2,000 for 2 years - Christopher R Lee - Grandchild of MAJ Robert Lee, Bluffton SC -United States Naval Academy



**LTG Gus Cianciolo Memorial Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Alexandra M Dickens - Daughter of CW4 Douglas Dickens, Leonardtown MD -University of Maryland



**Connecticut Chapter (LTC William J. May Memorial) Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Julia A Kaye - Daughter of Mr. Tom Kaye, Milford CT -American University



**Free Dominion Chapter (SSG Darryl D. Booker) Matching Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year - Grayson M DeWeese - Son of SFC David DeWeese, Lanexa VA -Virginia Military Institute



**AAAA National Aeronautical Sciences Scholarship**  
\$4,000 - \$1,000 for 4 years - Lilianna N Hirsch - Grandchild of COL John Hirsch, Sioux Falls SD -University of North Dakota



**GEN Frank S. Besson, Jr. Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$3,500 - \$1,750 for 2 years - Anna P Yedlinsky - Daughter of LTC Ryan Yedlinsky, Lansing KS -Loyola University Chicago



**LTG William B. Bunker Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$3,500 - \$1,750 for 2 years - Kaitlyn M Brady - Spouse of MAJ James Brady, Fort Leavenworth KS -Brigham Young University



**Robertson Fuel Systems, LLC (John R. Rawling) Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,500 - \$3,500 for 1 year - Isaac D Gandolph - Son of CW4 Donovan Gandolph, Tucson AZ -University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC)



**Morgan Rae Kurowsky Memorial Scholarship**  
\$3,500 - \$3,500 for 1 year - Ava C Petty - Daughter of COL Chris Petty, SeaTac WA -Washington State University



**SGT Dan E Hackney Scholarship**  
\$3,500 - \$3,500 for 1 year - Alton B Cumbie - Grandchild of MAJ John Rasimas, The Villages FL -Anderson University



**MG and Mrs. Carl H. McNair, Jr. Ret. Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Madeline E Cole - Daughter of LTC Matt Cole, Clarksville TN -Baylor University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Maxwell Harris Guida Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Alice R Pickett - Daughter of SGM Jeffrey Pickett, Westfield IN -Purdue University



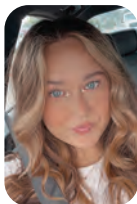
**Washington-Potomac Chap. (SPC Jeremy D. Tomlin) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Caelyn C Driscoll - Daughter of CPT Sean Driscoll, Gainesville VA -Northern Virginia Community College



**Washington-Potomac Chapter (COL Harry W. Townsend) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Parker F Wilkinson - Daughter of BG Scott Wilkinson, Washington DC -Vanderbilt University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter (COL Paul Kelly) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Emery A Moore - Daughter of LTC Charles Moore, Arlington VA -Virginia Tech



**Washington-Potomac Chapter (LTG Harry Kinnard) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Leigha L Ashley - Grandchild of LTC Forrest Price, Woodbridge VA -Liberty University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter (LTG Lavern E. Weber and LTC Donald L. Wellen) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Zachary R Bendorf - Grandchild of BG Harry Bendorf, Fairfax VA -University of South Carolina



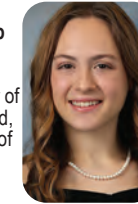
**Washington-Potomac Chapter (MG Carl McNair) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Addison G Parker - Daughter of COL William Parker, Alexandria VA -University of Alabama



**Washington-Potomac Chapter (MG Robert F. Molinelli) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Fernando R Avila - Son of CW5 Fernando Avila-Gonzalez, Waldorf MD -Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Andelyn Underwood - Daughter of LTC Clinton Underwood, Adams TN -University of Alabama in Huntsville



**Voodoo Chapter (Kevin F. McDermott) Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Caroline C Lagarde - Daughter of LTC Brian Lagarde, Madisonville LA -The University of Southern Mississippi



**Voodoo Chapter (Kevin F. McDermott) Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Darby R Middleton - Daughter of LTC Kevin Middleton, Slidell LA -University of Southern Mississippi



**Voodoo Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Caleb M Hall - Grandchild of MAJ Wayne Albert, Metairie LA -Louisiana State University



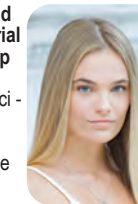
**Voodoo Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Collin E McNeely - Son of Ms. Ginger McNeely, Gloster LA -The University of Mississippi



**Voodoo Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$3,000 - \$3,000 for 1 year - Tristan B Williams - Son of CW3 Reginald Williams, Denham Springs LA -Southeastern Louisiana University



**COL (Ret.) Paul B. and Jenny L. Gale Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Megan N Matasci - Grandchild of CSM Michael Schrupf, Perryville MO -Maryville University



**Connecticut Chapter I Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Kathryn A Semosky - Sibling of Mr. Matthew Lisk, Watertown CT -Post University



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\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Chrissy Chow - Daughter of Mr. James Chow, Wallingford CT -New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine



**Mid-Atlantic/Monmouth Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Esperanza P Lemon - Grandchild of MAJ Sidney Beddow, Street MD -University of Maryland, College Park



**Boeing Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Aiden John Swiger - Son of CW3 Jason Swiger, Orion IL -Washington University in St. Louis



**Sikorsky (Igor Sikorsky) Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Ava M Lewellyn - Daughter of Mr. Ben Lewellyn, Glastonbury CT -Central Connecticut State University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Reagan E Lord - Grandchild of CAPT James Newman, Clinton MS -Mississippi State University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Alexa J DiSalvo - Grandchild of CW4 Thomas McGurn, New Fairfield CT -Cornell University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Ava K Whiteing - Grandchild of Capt Leonard Whiteing, Omaha NE -Kansas State University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Réla S Asar - Grandchild of CW2 Eric Bray, Philadelphia PA -Duke University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Ellie R Beinhower, Alpharetta, GA - University of Georgia



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Willem A Nordhus - Grandchild of CW4 Doughton Bare, The Villages FL -University of South Carolina



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Logan V Colbert - Grandchild of CW4 Robert Jones, Bradenton FL -University of Central Florida



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Lindsey E Suttles - Grandchild of CW3 Robert Heck, Crossville TN -University of Tennessee



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Ellie M LeKites, Middletown, PA - University of Delaware



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Paige K Thamer - Grandchild of CW4 Keith Thamer, Carlsbad CA -Indiana Institute of Technology



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Allee Jeanne Foley - Grandchild of CPT James Fink, Tucker GA -North Carolina State University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Raymond M Gehrig, Roanoke, TX - University of Oregon



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Charles S Hamilton - Son of CW5 Charles Hamilton, New Braunfels TX -Texas A&M University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Isabella N Sweeney - Grandchild of CW4 Carey Sweeney, Nicholasville KY -University of Mississippi



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Sage L Smith - Grandchild of CPT Robert Smith, Onalaska WI -University of Wisconsin Madison



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA-361st AVN Co "Pink Panthers") Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Rowyn R Wharton - Grandchild of Mrs. Linda Connolly, Vienna WV -Lipscomb University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA-Anonymous Donor) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Elizabeth J Artigliere - Grandchild of Capt Ralph Artigliere, Clemson SC -American University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA-Helene Westreich Memorial) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Megan K Thamer - Grandchild of CW4 Keith Thamer, Carlsbad CA -Baylor University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA-IMO UPI Reporter Joe Galloway) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Elijah C Richardson, Santa Barbara, CA -LeTourneau University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA-MG Carl H. McNair Jr., Ret) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - June M Heslin - Daughter of Mr. James Heslin, Middle River MD -The University of Texas at Austin



**COL James W. Lloyd, Ret. Memorial Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Madison B Jones - Daughter of COL Darrell Jones, Fayetteville NC -Clemson University



**Connecticut Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Grace Cerneck - Daughter of Capt Michael Cerneck, Southbury CT - Virginia Tech



**Connecticut Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Demetri D Chow - Son of Mr. James Chow, Wallingford CT -University of Connecticut - Stamford



**Connecticut Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,500 - \$2,500 for 1 year - Charlotte R Gilstrap - Daughter of SGM Lonnie Gilstrap, Watertown NY -Texas A&M University



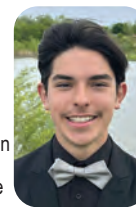
**MSG Gary I. Gordon and SFC Randall D. Shughart Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Lydia M Churchill - Daughter of CW2 John Churchill, Dothan AL -Auburn University



**100 Black Men-VA Peninsula Chapter Founder's (WashingtonPotomac Chapter) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Angela N Edwards - Daughter of Mrs. Antonette Edwards, Hampton VA -University of Virginia



**Air Assault Chapter (COL Henry "Hawk" Ruth, Ret.) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Addesyn P Underwood - Daughter of LTC Clinton Underwood, Adams TN -University of Tennessee - Knoxville



**Air Assault Chapter (COL Ted Crozier) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Mateo K Cerritos Gatto - Son of SFC Henry Cerritos Caceres, Fort Campbell KY -Centre College





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\$2,000 for 1 year - Hannah F. Mains - Grandchild of SPC Fredric Robins, Tenafly NJ -Nova Southeastern University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Christopher and William "Bill" Gavora Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Tyler Hyatt - Son of Ms. Leslie Hyatt, Huntsville AL -University of Alabama



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (COL Bill Powell Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Hallie Ruth Logan - Daughter of Mr. Brent Logan, Owens Cross Roads AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (CSM Isaac B. Sheffield Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Stella E. Stephens - Daughter of COL Gary Stephens, Brownsboro AL -University of Georgia



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (CW4 James V. Torney Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Teresa Wiggins - Daughter of Mr. George Wiggins, Harvest AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Dianne Stephenson Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jason Davies - Son of Mr. Jeff Davies, Madison AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Isenburg Family) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Lindsay E. Vankirk - Grandchild of LTC Jack Van Kirk, Madison AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (John K. Jolly Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Brooklyn T. Talmadge - Daughter of Capt Lee Talmadge, Harvest AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (LTC Robert F. Vlasics Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Simon G. Toennies - Grandchild of COL Galen Roshier, Hampton Cove AL -Columbia University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (LTC Steven D. Moore) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Claire B. Lewis - Daughter of Mrs. Lynn Lewis, Huntsville AL -University of Tennessee - Knoxville



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (MAJ Jeffrey DeCarlo Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Addison N. Cook - Daughter of COL Jason Cook, Owens Cross Roads AL -Bob Jones University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Mary and John Burke:Excellence in Engineering) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Rogan M. Kimbrell - Son of CW4 Bryan Kimbrell, Huntsville AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Paul Bogosian) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Sullivan J. Lewis - Son of Mrs. Lynn Lewis, Huntsville AL -Mississippi State University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Stan Cagle Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Dylan Hyatt - Son of Ms. Leslie Hyatt, Huntsville AL -University of Alabama



**S3 Inc-System Studies and Simulation, Inc. Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jaelianna C. Dye - Daughter of SFC Eric Dye, Lacey WA -University of Hawaii at Manoa



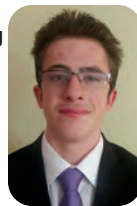
**Sikorsky II (Igor Sikorsky) Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Miriam L. Hatch - Daughter of COL Shawn Hatch, Colorado Springs CO -Texas A&M



**Vertol Systems Company Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Owen E. Marett - Grandchild of Mr. Owen Marett, Des Moines IA -Creighton University



**"The Originals" Cub Club Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Christian J. Yedlinsky - Son of LTC Ryan Yedlinsky, Lansing KS -University of Colorado Boulder



**114th Aviation Company Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Garrett M. Cobb - Grandchild of CW4 Vernon Baker, Springboro OH -Ohio University



**1LT Kathryn M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Gavin S. Avery, Paris, TX -Texas A&M University



**1LT Kathryn M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Sylvia R. Arriaga - Daughter of COL Jason Arriaga, APO AE -Texas A&M University Corpus Christi



**MG Ostovich and Lucky Wright Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Mia I. Telesco - Daughter of CSM Michael Telesco, Dothan AL -Samford University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Emily Ramsey - Daughter of CW4 Derrick Nunley, Fort Campbell KY -The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Krista A. Haake - Daughter of LTC Karsten Haake, Clarksville TN -University of New Hampshire



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Joanna R. Jernigan - Daughter of CPT Donnie Jernigan, Clarksville TN -Lipscomb University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Alina M. Dziembowski - Daughter of CW5 Filip Dziembowski, Clarksville TN -Purdue University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Hayden G. Waleski - Son of COL Roger Waleski, Southern Pines NC -East Tennessee State University



**Arizona Chapter Dimmery-Koch Memorial Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Joshua A. Webster - Son of LtCol John Webster, Gilbert AZ -Northern Arizona University



**Arizona Chapter Dimmery-Koch Memorial Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Ethan D. Cox - Grandchild of COL David Sale, Mesa AZ -Auburn University



**Arizona Chapter Dimmery-Koch Memorial Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Emma K. Webster - Daughter of LtCol John Webster, Gilbert AZ -University of Oxford



**Arizona Chapter Dimmery-Koch Memorial Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Mary S. Jones - Daughter of CW5 David Jones, Las Vegas NV -Brigham Young University Idaho



**Arizona Chapter Dimmery-Koch Memorial Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Joseph Rigo - Son of CW3 Dominic Rigo, Wickenburg AZ -Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



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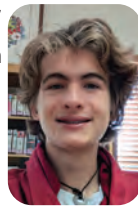
**Central Florida Chapter (Willie Lapham) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Grace W Hanke - Daughter of Mr. Jeff Hanke, Merritt Island FL -University of Maine



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Sophia G Gallardo - Grandchild of Ms. Cynthia Gallardo, Winter Park FL -College of Charleston



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Austin M Spooner - Grandchild of CW2 Gary Spooner, Mount Dora FL -Stonehill College



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Crispin G Lovelace - Grandchild of Mr. John Lowe, Homosassa FL -University of Arkansas



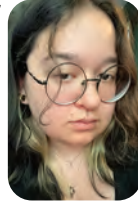
**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Tyler Wyks - Grandchild of LTC Edward Wyks, Ormond Beach FL -Virginia Tech



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - John W Wyatt - Son of CW4 John Wyatt, Orlando FL -Southeastern University



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Fletcher A. Lovelace - Grandchild of Mr. John Lowe, Homosassa FL -University of South Alabama



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Alyssa M Trevino - Daughter of SSgt Patrick Trevino, Oviedo FL -Southern Technical College



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Luke C McCloud - Son of Mr. Terrell McCloud, Orlando FL -University of Florida



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Domenic A Vizzarri - Son of COL Kevin Vizzarri, Orlando FL -University of South Florida



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Alicia F Murphy, Okeechobee, FL -Keiser University



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Olivia G Litaker - Daughter of CW5 Bernard Litaker, Odessa FL -Virginia Tech



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Connor McCraney - Son of MAJ Scott McCraney, Seminole FL -University of Central Florida



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Rana G Wyatt - Grandchild of CW4 John Wyatt, Orlando FL -University of Florida



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Katelyn Lyders - Daughter of Mr. Devin Lyders, Orlando FL -Georgia Southern University



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jack S Carnahan - Grandchild of LTC William McElwee, Savannah GA -Atlanta Metropolitan State College



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - David F Roush - Son of CW4 Brian Roush, Cooper TX -Texas A&M University



**Central Florida Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Roman P Tidwell - Son of CW4 Joshua Roberts, Pike Road AL -University of South Alabama



**Gold Standard Chapter (The Extortion 17 Aircrew Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jack C. Boren - Son of CWO-4 Jason Boren, Elizabethtown KY -Eastern Kentucky University



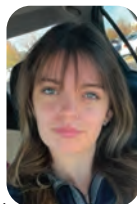
**Idaho Snake River Chapter (CPT Ed W. Freeman Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Madeline T Amthor - Daughter of COL Granger Amthor, Meridian ID -Boise State University



**Idaho Snake River Chapter (CW2 Jesse D. Phelps Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jocelyn C Maxwell - Grandchild of SFC Kermit Morrison, Pocatello ID -College of Idaho



**Idaho Snake River Chapter (Guardian Medevac Flight Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Katelyn M Widman - Daughter of CW5 Spencer Widman, Kuna ID -Idaho State University



**Idaho Snake River Chapter (Talon Flight Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Leximae M Jacobs - Daughter of CW4 John Jacobs, Kuna ID -University of Idaho



**Minuteman Chapter (CW3 Scotty Landis Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Noel P Freeman - Grandchild of 1LT Thomas Damson, Mobile AL -Auburn University



**Minuteman Chapter (CW3 Terry Knight Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Connor G Byrne, Cambridge, MA - Harvard Business School



**Minuteman Chapter (CW5 Phil Reeves Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Elyce G Walker - Daughter of LTC Charles Walker, Longville LA -Louisiana Technical University



**Old Tucson Chapter (1LT Steven J. Jordon Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Anna E Davis - Daughter of COL Tom Davis, Tucson AZ -Arizona State University



**Old Tucson Chapter (CW3 Gregory A. Clevenger Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Kaylie Griffin - Daughter of 1SG Dirk Griffin, Tucson AZ -University of Arizona



**Global Campus (UAGC) Old Tucson Chapter (LTC Benny Cobb Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Addison G Asbell - Grandchild of CW2 Robert Asbell, Oro Valley AZ -George Fox University



**Oregon Trail Chapter (Raymond F. Rees Leadership) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Violet V Meyers - Daughter of Ms. Virginia Meyers, Portland OR -University of Kansas



**Southern California Chapter (COL Jake Benjamin Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Michelle Allison Pollok - Daughter of CW2 Ray Pollok, Granada Hills CA -California State University, Fullerton



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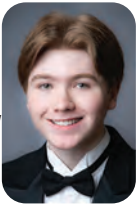
**Tennessee Valley Chapter (Charity Evans Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter (COL Theodore T. Sendak Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Joshua T Kern - Grandchild of COL Robert Lorenz, Broken Arrow OK -Purdue University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jessie S Foster - Grandchild of COL Rayford Eubanks, New Market AL -The University of Alabama at Birmingham



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Elise M Walker - Daughter of Mrs. Amy Walker, Huntsville AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jade D Belden - Daughter of MAJ Kevin Belden, Huntsville AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Gavin W Hardt - Son of Mrs. Melanie Hardt, Huntsville AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Chloe E Belden - Daughter of MAJ Kevin Belden, Huntsville AL -Auburn University



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Lyla T Gardner - Daughter of LTC Mark Gardner, St Petersburg FL -The University of Mississippi



**Tennessee Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Hannah Jean Frasier - Daughter of COL Johnathan Frasier, Athens AL -Athens State University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Jocelyne J Dempsey - Daughter of CPT Horace Dempsey, Washington DC -Old Dominion University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Dylan M Formby, Alexandria, VA -Colorado State University Global



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Lauren R Kemmer - Daughter of SGM Dusty Kemmer, Severna Park MD -MGH Institute of Health Professions



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Nicholas Lee - Son of Mr. Edward Lee, Fairfax VA -Jacksonville University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Alexandra D Peacock - Daughter of LTC Craig Peacock, Bristow VA -Purdue University



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\$2,000 for 1 year - Caleb Marion - Son of LTG Robert Marion, McLean VA -University of Virginia



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Abigail E Van Zandt - Daughter of COL Lance Van Zandt, Springfield VA -Texas A&M University - College Station



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**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Kaylie E Bishop - Daughter of COL Joseph Bishop, Clifton VA -East Tennessee State University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Olivia R Clary - Daughter of 1SG Christopher Brown, Stafford VA -University of Tennessee at Martin



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Avi D Telesco - Daughter of CSM Michael Telesco, Dothan AL -The University of Alabama at Birmingham



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**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Isabella M. Ortiz - Daughter of Sgt Joseph Ortiz, Manassas VA -Savannah College of Art and Design



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Sarah Fairchild - Sibling of CW5 Tim Brundage, Purcellville VA -Northern Virginia Community College



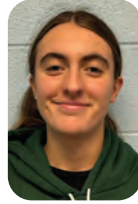
**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Gabrielle D. Dempsey - Daughter of CPT Horace Dempsey, Washington DC -Old Dominion University



**Washington-Potomac Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$2,000 for 1 year - Dominique Dempsey - Daughter of CPT Horace Dempsey, Washington DC -Old Dominion University



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\$2,000 for 1 year - Gracelyn S. Meisberger - Grandchild of CPT Theodore Meisberger, Gig Harbor WA -Washington State University



**90th Anniversary of Fort Monmouth Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Molly R. Vehslage - Daughter of CW4 Benjamin Vehslage, Edgewater MD -The Ohio State University



**Air Assault Chapter (CW5 George Arzente, Ret.) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Steven A. Jacobs - Son of CPT Arthur Jacobs, Nashville TN -University of Colorado- Pueblo



**Air Assault Chapter (CW5 Robert L. Huffman, Ret.) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Pilar W. Cerritos Gatto - Daughter of SFC Henry Cerritos Caceres, Fort Campbell KY -George Mason University



**Air Assault Chapter (Ms. Tamela McCurdy-Taliento) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Kyra L. Gruver - Daughter of LTC Brent Gruver, Adams TN -The University of Tennessee - Chattanooga



**Air Assault Chapter (SFC Andrew McClure) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Porter N. Grandy - Son of CW3 Caleb Grandy, Clarksville TN -Austin Peay State University



**Lindbergh Chapter (Past Presidents) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Lex O. White - Sibling of Miss Olivia White, O Fallon IL -Southern Illinois University Carbondale



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**Lindbergh Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Zachary Rickmeyer - Grandchild of Mr. Jaros Rickmeyer, St. Louis MO -Texas A&M School of Engineering Medicine



**Lindbergh Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Mitchell W. Harris - Son of CW5 Bill Harris, Collinsville IL -University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy



**Mid-Atlantic Chapter (29th Combat Aviation Brigade) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Ryan P. Moran, Nottingham, MD -Towson University



**Mid-Atlantic/Monmouth Chapter (Abblett/Gobel Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Jaelynd N. Edwards - Daughter of MG Joseph Edwards, Conroe TX -Auburn University



**Mid-Atlantic/Monmouth Chapter (COL James E. Young) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
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**Mid-Atlantic/Monmouth Chapter (Hogelin/O'Donnell) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Morgan H. Teefy - Daughter of Mr. Dennis Teefy, Havre de Grace MD -West Virginia University



**Bannister Enterprises Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Carson R. Dunkle - Son of LTC Scott Dunkle, Enterprise AL -Auburn University



**Peduzzi Associates Limited Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Sarah M. Pregana - Daughter of CW5 Edward Pregana, Fort Novosel AL -University of Hawaii at Manoa



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\$1,500 for 1 year - Sarah H. Kivioja - Daughter of LTC Kyle Kivioja, Fort Cavazos TX -Auburn University



**7/17th Cavalry Association (Ruthless Riders) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Jacob H. William Weber, Canton, MI -Michigan State University



**The OV-1 Mohawk Association Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Lily Ann M. Keutzer - Grandchild of SPC Kendall Keutzer, Arlington IL -Indiana State University



**COL Charles L. Anderson, Ret. Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Jonah L. Bieger, Grand Forks, ND -The University of North Dakota



**COL Harry W. Townsend, Ret. Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Jacob A. Martin - Son of CW5 Shannon Martin, Highlandville MO -North Carolina State University



**Davis Aircraft (Pamela Dukas Memorial) Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Paula I. Brown - Sibling of Mr. Garrison Brown, New Stanton PA -University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown



**Frank H. Radspinner Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Taylor Martini - Daughter of Mr. Noma Martini, Keller TX -Baylor University



**Sendak Family Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Kennedy A. Bailey - Daughter of CW2 Mike Bailey, Hendersonville NC -University of Cincinnati



**Aviation Center Chapter (CW5 Karl H. Maier) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Braden MacGregor - Son of LTC Kent MacGregor, Enterprise AL -Auburn University

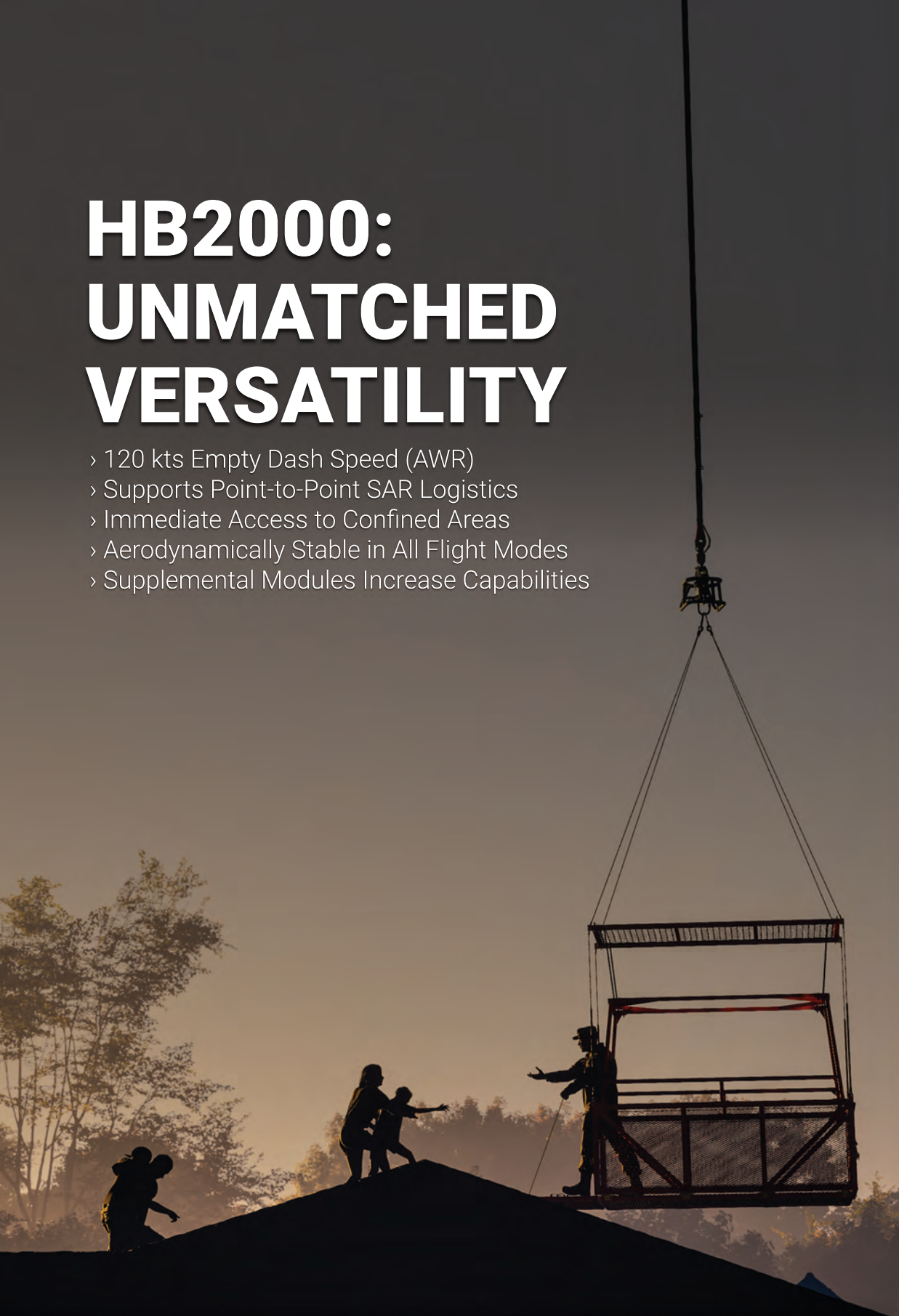


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**Delaware Valley Chapter (Frank Piasecki Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Madelyn L Swartz - Grandchild of CW5 Richard Crosley, Pottstown PA - Virginia Tech



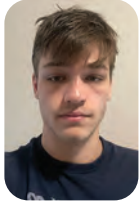
**Delaware Valley Chapter (Fred Bergner Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Karlos K Changuin - Son of 1SG Nelson Changuin, Columbus NJ - Rutgers University



**Delaware Valley Chapter (Harry McGinness Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Levi D Gaston - Son of CW4 Brian Gaston, Chapman KS - Kansas State University



**Lindbergh Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Jack T Rickmeyer - Grandchild of Mr. Jaros Rickmeyer, St. Louis MO - Irvine Valley College



**Lindbergh Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Bear M Reichert - Grandchild of LTC David Reichert, Bradenton FL - University of New Mexico



**Lindbergh Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Riley C Harris - Daughter of CW5 Bill Harris, Collinsville IL - Southern Illinois University



**Lindbergh Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Eric S Luther - Son of CW4 Matt Luther, Madeira OH - The Ohio State University



**Tarheel Chapter (CW5 Randy Watkins Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,500 for 1 year - Hope E Almond - Daughter of COL Mark Almond, Mebane NC - East Carolina University



**Carolyn L. Chapman Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Gracie Leiva - Daughter of CW4 Jennifer Hoover, Boulder MT - Montana State University



**COL John J. Stanko, Jr. Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Candelaria M Beatty - Grandchild of CW5 Donald Beatty, Lebanon PA - Brown University



**COL John W. Marr Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Casey P Kirtz - Son of Mrs. Kelley Kirtz, Cedar Rapids IA - Iowa State University



**COL Russell Baugh Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Erynn L Grochowski, Forest Lake, MN - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide



**Families of the Fallen Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Autumn M Vander Lugt - Daughter of COL Russell Vanderlugt, Fort Wainwright AK - Wheaton College



**Families of the Fallen Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Caden A Pawlak, Spring Lake, MI - Western Michigan University



**Families of the Fallen Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Ella R Garcia - Daughter of BG R. Garcia, West Point NY - The University of Texas at Austin



**GEN Hamilton H. Howze Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Joel L Beauregard, Weatherford, TX - University of Texas at Arlington



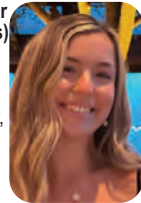
**Jane and Wayne Phillips Memorial Perpetual Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Bailey D Phillips - Daughter of CW5 Douglas Phillips, Azle TX - Texas Tech Health Sciences Center



**Aviation Center Chapter (COL Vernon Burge) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Shelby A Fricks - Daughter of COL Samuel Fricks, New Brockton AL - Colorado State University



**Aviation Center Chapter (Old 666 Eager Beavers) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Michael D Patrick, Taylor, AL - University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC)



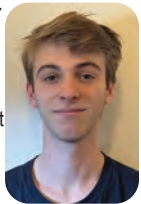
**Colonial Virginia Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Payton Warren - Daughter of Mr. Joseph Warren, Williamsburg VA - University of North Carolina Wilmington



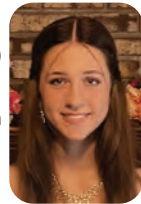
**Free Dominion Chapter (SSG Darryl D. Booker) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kathryn Archer Woodward - Grandchild of COL James Holden, Richmond VA - William and Mary



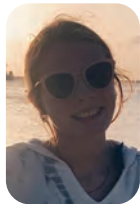
**Greater Atlanta Chapter Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jacob B Underwood - Grandchild of Mr. Ernest Underwood, Oxford GA - University of North Georgia - Dahlonega



**Mid-Atlantic Chapter (244th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Brendan L Vehslage - Son of CW4 Benjamin Vehslage, Edgewater MD - Rochester Institute of Technology



**Mid-Atlantic Chapter (Carnes-Roache) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Allison C Galloway - Grandchild of Mr. Chester Galloway, Keyport NJ - Coastal Carolina University



**Mid-Atlantic/Monmouth Chapter (MAJ R. Kahl-Winter) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kylie M Gallagher - Grandchild of COL John Gallagher, Havre De Grace MD - Southern Wesleyan University



**North Texas Chapter (Edwin "Ed" A. Link Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Greta G Hamre - Grandchild of LTC Larry Hamre, Fort Worth TX - Oklahoma State University



**North Texas Chapter (George H. Schultz Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Evan Olson, Plano, TX - Samford University



**North Texas Chapter (Lawrence "Larry" D. Bell Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Alena Correll, Arlington, TX - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



**North Texas Chapter (LTG Bob Williams Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Aislyn G Beauregard, Weatherford, TX - The University of Texas Medical Branch



**North Texas Chapter (Mike Kawa Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Colton M Seidel - Grandchild of CAPT Edwin McKee, Fort Worth TX - University of Colorado Boulder



**North Texas Chapter (Red River 44 Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Reagan C Donnelly - Daughter of COL Robert Donnelly, Frisco TX - The University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa



**Southern California Chapter (COL Jake Benjamin Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
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\$1,000 for 1 year - Owen Leahy - Grandchild of GEN Bryan Brown, Dade City FL -Florida State University



**Volunteer Chapter (CPT Marcus Alford Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Mackenzie K Watson, Powell, TN - Pellissippi State Community College



**Volunteer Chapter (CW2 Billie Jean Grinder Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kelly N Gabhart - Daughter of CW5 Shawn Gabhart, Frankfort KY -University of Kentucky



**Volunteer Chapter (CW3 Daniel L. Wadham Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Taylor J Patterson - Daughter of Mr. David Neill, Marana AZ -Montana State University



**Volunteer Chapter (CW3 Danny E. Randolph) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Carson RD Cooper - Son of LTC Curt Cooper, Vadnais Heights MN -University of Tampa



**Volunteer Chapter (CW3 Tim Flanagan Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Mia A Ludwig - Grandchild of LTC Steven Ludwig, Mill Creek WA -University of California Los Angeles



**Volunteer Chapter (CW4 Dan Cole Memorial) Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Natalie J Buss - Daughter of COL Darren Buss, Carlisle PA -University of Minnesota Twin Cities



**ACME Aerospace Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jake Ezra Genger - Son of LTC Noah Genger, Belmont MA -Montana State University



**Art and Dotty Kesten AAPI Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Chloe N Oden - Daughter of COL Scott Oden, Indianapolis IN -Indiana University



**CSRA Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Brian A Hansen - Grandchild of Capt Michael Law, New Braunfels TX -Brigham Young University



**Donaldson Company, Inc., Aerospace & Defense Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Garrison D Brown - Son of LTC Matt Brown, College Station TX -Texas A&M University



**DynCorp International Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lauren V Oler - Grandchild of COL Roy Oler, Tyler TX -University of Central Arkansas



**Meggitt Defense Systems Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Avery Robinson - Daughter of COL Phillip Robinson, Harrodsburg KY -Western Kentucky University



**Northrop Grumman Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Savanna L Martin - Daughter of LTC Phillip Martin, Madison AL -Savannah College of Art and Design



**Robertson Research Group, Inc. Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Cody D Kirk - Son of COL Donald Kirk, Pike Road AL -Davidson College



**The WO1 Arthur F. Chaney Memorial Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jordan Paige Currie - Grandchild of CW4 Robert McFall, El Paso TX -George Mason University



**Timken Aerospace Transmissions, LLC (Purdy Systems) Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - William Bratt - Grandchild of COL Donald Nelson, New Albany OH -Miami University



**Vencore, Inc. Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Benjamin W Weinshel - Son of COL Matthew Weinshel, Aberdeen NC -North Carolina State University



**Vertex Aerospace LLC Corporate Perpetual Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Coleman K Bredehoeft - Grandchild of CAPT Fred Bredehoeft, Independence MO -Purdue University



**190th Assault Helicopter Company (Spartans) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Stacy C Whitwell - Grandchild of CW4 Jim Whitwell, Folsom CA -Lipscomb University



**Mike Novosel Dustoff Association Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kaeleigh B Minton - Daughter of CW2 Richard Minton, Longville LA -Louisiana Technical University



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Sheridan R Bredehoeft - Grandchild of CAPT Fred Bredehoeft, Independence MO -Kansas State University



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jonathan C Marshall - Grandchild of Mrs. Harriet Marshall, Matthews NC -Covenant College



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lane S Caraballo - Grandchild of Ms. Lane Caraballo, Wildrose ND -University of Mary



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Hattie A Givens, Coeur d Alene, ID -Boise State University



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lily L Givens, Coeur d Alene, ID -University of Idaho



**Otter-Caribou Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kylee Bennett - Grandchild of SFC Kermit Morrison, Pocatello ID -Purdue University



**TCAA (Transportation Corps Aviation Association) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Maci L White - Grandchild of LTC Thomas Smith, Heath TX -Dallas Baptist University



**The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation Sky Soldiers Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lauren Cox - Grandchild of COL David Sale, Mesa AZ -Belmont University



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association of Florida (VHPA) Heritage Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Catlyn C Williams - Grandchild of LtCol John Caruso, Indian Shores FL -George Mason University



**COL Larry and Julie Holcomb Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Brynn A Barker - Daughter of LTC Brad Barker, Red Lodge MT -The University of Montana



**COL Lewis J. and Betty L. McConnell Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Johnathan Panarese - Son of CW5 Christopher Panarese, Saratoga Springs NY -St. Olaf College



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**CW2 Keith E. Cedras Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Sara C Milio - Daughter of LTC Michael Milio, Annapolis MD -University of Virginia



**CW3 Stephen A. Hansen Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kaytlyn A Aufforth, Newton, AL -Columbia Southern University



**CW4 Jimmy B. Johnston & Family Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Sascha L Stelker - Grandchild of Mrs. Regina Hoffman, Corpus Christi TX -Texas A&M University Corpus Christi



**CW4 Jimmy B. Johnston & Family Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Caleb J Youngstedt - Grandchild of CPT Glenn Youngstedt, -Hillsdale College



**David Hoffman Fine Arts Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Paysen M Grandy - Daughter of CW3 Caleb Grandy, Clarksville TN -Southern Virginia University



**Dianne Stephenson Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Dylan C Weakly - Grandchild of COL Matthew Brockway, San Antonio TX -University of Northwestern-St. Paul



**Johnnie Maule Segars Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Luke G Johnson, Two Harbors, MN -Michigan Technological University



**LTC Thomas F. and Ann Y. McNamara Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lindsay G Fleming - Grandchild of CPT Lawrence Fleming, Jupiter FL -Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



**MG Andy and Artie Andreson Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Julia G Herrick - Grandchild of COL Curt Herrick, Fort Belvoir VA -Virginia Tech



**Sandra Ann Emerson Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Hunter T Mason - Son of Mr. Richard Mason, Madison AL -Taylor University



**Susan Yellen Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Abigail M Loken - Daughter of MSG Howard Loken, APO AP -University of Central Florida



**Terry and Bonnie Reininger Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - William G Hutton - Grandchild of Capt Michael Hutton, Dallas TX -Texas Tech University



**Wes Lematta Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Avery G Smith - Daughter of COL Derek Smith, Dupont WA -Grand Canyon University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Avery L Morrow - Daughter of CW4 James Morrow, Clarksville TN -Middle Tennessee State University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kaitlyn Elizabeth Jean Cook - Daughter of COL Christopher Cook, Clarksville TN -Austin Peay State University



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Coleton B Montjoy - Grandchild of CW4 Dan Montjoy, Clarksville TN -University of Tennessee Knoxville



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Grace M. Howell - Daughter of CW5 Thomas Clark, Clarksville TN -University of Tennessee



**Air Assault Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Joshua R Bounds, Nashville, TN - Boston University



**Aviation Center Chapter (1LT Aleda E. Lutz) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Caleb A Nichols - Son of SGM John Nichols, Enterprise AL -Auburn University



**Aviation Center Chapter (1LT Joseph L. Bowler) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lila S Knox - Daughter of CW5 Bernd Knox, Enterprise AL -Auburn University



**Aviation Center Chapter (Bartram Kelley) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - David B Serna - Son of CW4 Brian Serna, APO AE -Troy University



**Aviation Center Chapter (COL Matthew Thompson) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Elizabeth S Sneed - Grandchild of COL Robert Eneyart, Ozark AL -University of Alabama



**Aviation Center Chapter (CPT James T. "Butch" Kerr, Jr.) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Matthew Pregana - Son of CW5 Edward Pregana, Fort Novosel AL -University of Hawaii at Manoa



**Aviation Center Chapter (CW2 Louis R. Rocco) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Zachary P James - Son of LTC Randy James, Enterprise AL -Bob Jones University



**Aviation Center Chapter (CW5 Mary Smalley) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Corinna Jones - Daughter of CW4 Karl Metz, Enterprise AL -The University of Alabama at Birmingham



**Aviation Center Chapter (Frank Nicolas Piasecki) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Hunter T Patrick - Son of MSG Michael Patrick, Taylor AL -University of South Alabama



**Aviation Center Chapter (MAJ Bruce Crandall) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - JaLynn Coley - Daughter of CSM Kirk Coley, Fort Novosel AL - The University of Alabama at Birmingham



**Aviation Center Chapter (MG Benjamin Foulois) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Alexander V Fleming - Son of MAJ Vance Fleming, Enterprise AL -University of South Alabama



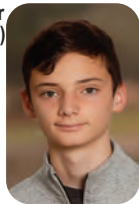
**Aviation Center Chapter (Nancy Harkness Love) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Joshua S McClure, Enterprise, AL -Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



**Aviation Center Chapter (Paul Henderson) Matching Scholarship**  
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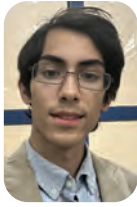
**Aviation Center Chapter (SGT Stephen J. Idzorek) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Aidan C Yoakum - Son of SFC Kevin Yoakum, Enterprise AL -Enterprise State Community College



**Aviation Center Chapter (SP5 Dennis Fujii) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Kiley G Moore - Daughter of CW3 Gerald Bacoats, Enterprise AL -Kennesaw State University



**Aviation Center Chapter (SP5 Steven Hook) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Shannon R. Beall - Son of LTC Shannon Beall, Sr., Enterprise AL -Marion Military Institute



**Colonial Virginia Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Tyler J van Opstal, South Boston, VA - Christopher Newport University



**Colonial Virginia Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - McKenzie Meyer - Daughter of LTC David Meyer, Yorktown VA -University of Illinois at Chicago



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Desiree M Barron - Grandchild of CW3 Joseph Riley, Slana AK -Idaho State University



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Grayson P. Stinger - Son of COL Russell Stinger, Elizabethtown KY -University of Louisville



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Joseph J Pavelites - Son of Mr. Joseph Pavelites, Homestead FL -University of Alabama School of Medicine



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lillian A Wheary, Portland, OR - Western University of Health Sciences



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jeffrey J Hansen - Grandchild of Capt Michael Law, New Braunfels TX -Georgia Institute of Technology



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Samantha Panarese - Daughter of CW5 Christopher Panarese, Saratoga Springs NY -Tufts University School of Dental Medicine



**Delaware Valley Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Maria L Gross - Daughter of LTC Michael Gross, Lebanon PA -Friedrich-Alexander University



**Don Munsch-Jimmy Doolittle Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Addison L Monroe - Daughter of LTC Chad Monroe, Anderson SC -Bob Jones University



**Gold Standard Chapter (8-229th Flying Tigers) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Grant W. Boren - Son of CWO-4 Jason Boren, Elizabethtown KY -Eastern Kentucky University



**Gold Standard Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Katherine R Hagan - Daughter of 1SG Terry Timmons, Louisville KY -University of Kentucky



**Keystone Chapter (Jim Furlow Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Caleb M Raho - Son of CW3 Mitchell Raho, Williamstown PA -York College



**Keystone Chapter (Shane Jenkins Memorial) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Ethan M Raho - Son of CW3 Mitchell Raho, Williamstown PA -Pennsylvania State University -Schuylkill



**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Lillian E Gross - Daughter of LTC Michael Gross, Lebanon PA -University of Pittsburgh



**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Luke LeKites, Middletown, PA - University of Delaware



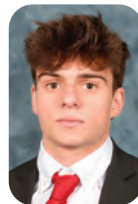
**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Conner A Morris - Son of MSG Christopher Morris, Harrisburg PA -Villanova University



**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Benicio T Beatty - Grandchild of CW5 Donald Beatty, Lebanon PA -Brown University



**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Jace M Russell - Son of CW5 Jacob Russell, Palmyra PA -Messiah University



**Keystone Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Parker J Tuttle - Son of COL Todd Tuttle, Mechanicsburg PA -West Virginia University



**MacArthur Chapter (BG Vincent J. Albanese) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Joslyn K MacDonald - Grandchild of 1LT Rex Gooch, Sioux Falls SD -Indiana University



**MacArthur Chapter (COL Frank P. Intini, Jr.) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Megan E Wojciechowski - Grandchild of CW4 Michael Howard, Smithville TN -University of Michigan Dearborn



**Mohawk Chapter (CW2 Douglas J. Jones) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Mia B Malizia - Daughter of CW4 Louis Malizia, Schenectady NY -Saint John Fisher University



**Mohawk Chapter (Dover 14-CW2 John M. Grassia III, CW2 C.N. Frankoski, SFC J.H. Pratt, and USCP Agent C. Luna) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Stephen H Erickson, Burlington, VT - University of Vermont



**Mohawk Chapter (SSG Stanley B. Dake) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Claire E Whittle - Grandchild of CW2 Edward Whittle, Temple TX -Northeastern University



**Mohawk Chapter (SSG Vincent "Chief" D'Arrigo) Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Zachary L Crumpler - Son of CW3 Vernon Crumpler, Henrico VA -Liberty University - Lynchburg



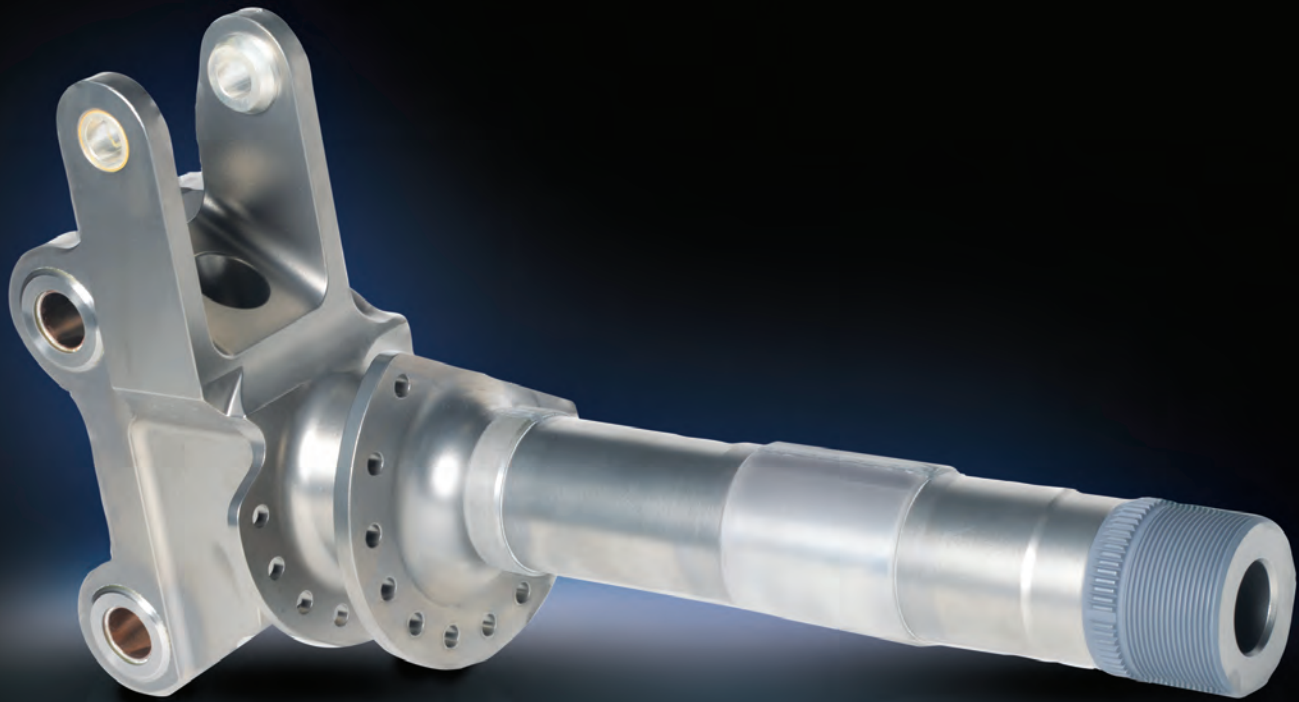
**Mount Rainier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Damien N Sledd - Son of CW5 Barry Sledd, Joint Base Lewis McChord WA -George Fox University



**Mount Rainier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year - Camryn D Penny - Grandchild of CPT John Penny, Camano Island WA -Washington State University



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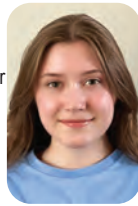
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**Mount Rainier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
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Emily F. Payne - Daughter  
of CSM Micah Payne,  
University Place WA  
-University of North  
Carolina Wilmington



**Mount Rainier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Madelyn G. Blackhart -  
Daughter of SGM James  
Blackhart, Greenacres  
WA -The University of  
Montana



**North Star Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Cade Benjamin Wright -  
Grandchild of CAPT  
Ben Wright, Saint Paul  
MN -The University of  
Michigan



**North Star Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Thomas A. Koehler -  
Son of LTC Corby  
Koehler, Golden Valley  
MN -University of  
Minnesota Duluth



**North Texas Chapter (Sidney Achée "The Originals") Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Eve M. Martini -  
Daughter of Mr. Noma  
Martini, Keller TX  
-University of Arkansas



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Tommy Thompson -  
Son of CSM James  
Hall, Dallas TX -The  
University of Texas at  
Austin



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Kyra Johnson -  
Daughter of Ms.  
Jennifer Johnson, North  
Richland Hills TX -The  
University of Alabama -  
Tuscaloosa



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Samuel M. Hutton -  
Grandchild of Capt  
Michael Hutton, Dallas  
TX -University of  
Oklahoma



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Isabella E. Olivieri -  
Grandchild of CW4  
Johnny Dixon, North  
Richland Hills TX -Texas  
A&M University



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Abby N. Botello -  
Daughter of 1SG Ernie  
Botello, Moore OK  
-University of Central  
Arkansas



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Natalie N. Myers -  
Daughter of CW4 William  
Myers, Temple TX  
-Tarleton State University



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Emmalee G. Polk -  
Daughter of LTC James  
Polk, Fort Johnson  
LA -Morehead State  
University



**North Texas Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Brianna E. Carrasco -  
Daughter of CW2 Andres  
Carrasco, Lafayette  
LA -The University of  
Louisiana at Lafayette



**Phantom Corps Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Adeline E. Harper -  
Daughter of COL Reggie  
Harper, -Texas A&M  
University



**Phantom Corps Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Loriah M. Castro -  
Daughter of CW5  
Demetrio "Jay" Castro,  
Temple TX -University of  
Texas at San Antonio



**Prairie Soldier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Ethan N. Wiese -  
Son of MAJ Brent Wiese,  
Omaha NE -University of  
Nebraska-Omaha



**Prairie Soldier Chapter Matching Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Madelyn J. Whiteing -  
Grandchild of Capt  
Leonard Whiteing,  
Omaha NE -University  
Nebraska Lincoln



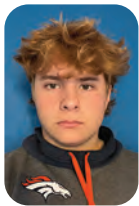
**Sergeants Major Enlisted Soldiers Scholarship Fund**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Evan E. Chaney,  
APO, AE -Methodist  
University



**AAAA Top Master Chapter Arizona Chapter**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Jena E. Vandenberg -  
Daughter of CW4 John  
Vandenberg, Mesa AZ  
-Albany College of Law



**AAAA Top Senior Chapter Morning Calm Chapter**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Adriel M. Loken -  
Daughter of MSG  
Howard Loken, APO AP  
-University of Central  
Florida



**AAAA Top Super Chapter Washington Potomac Chapter**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Nicholas A. Bendorf -  
Grandchild of BG  
Harry Bendorf, Fairfax  
VA -James Madison  
University



**AAAA 1LT Joel R. Graft Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Brendan Tighe -  
Son of CPT James Tighe,  
Birmingham MI -Brown  
University



**AAAA LTG Gus Cianciolo Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Rebecca J. Johnson -  
Grandchild of Capt  
William Johnson, Lake  
Jackson TX -Auburn  
University



**AAAA Life Member (BG Robert L. Mason, Sr.) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Kristin C. McNeal -  
Daughter of LTC Matthew  
McNeal, Wahiawa HI  
-Auburn University



**AAAA Life Member (COL E. Pearce Fleming, Jr.) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Allison C. Herold -  
Daughter of LTC Mark  
Herold, Overland Park  
KS -University of Kansas



**AAAA Life Member (COL John T. Stanfield) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Lillian M. King - Daughter  
of LTC Jason King, Fort  
Leavenworth KS -Barrett,  
The Honors College  
Arizona State University



**AAAA Life Member (COL Paul J. Wenzel) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Riley G. Jernigan -  
Daughter of COL  
David Jernigan,  
Fayetteville NC  
-University of North  
Carolina Charlotte



**AAAA Life Member (MAJ Jowarren B. Shively) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Margaret R. Walker -  
Daughter of COL  
Robert Walker, Tulsa  
OK -Tulsa Community  
College



**AAAA Life Member (Mr. Rickey J. Brown) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Ivy A. Swanson -  
Grandchild of Mr. Ronald  
Swanson, Shawnee KS  
-Kansas State University



**AAAA Life Member (Mr. Rollie Jones, Jr.) Memorial Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Abigail G. O'Bryan -  
Daughter of 1SG Michael  
Obryan, Mililani HI  
-Kansas State University



**AAAA Tennessee Valley Chapter Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Kenley Valdez -  
Daughter of SFC Miguel  
Valdez Osuna, Vail AZ  
-The University of Arizona  
- Tucson



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Adrienne G Hall -  
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Hall, Fort Belvoir VA  
-University of Oklahoma



**Airbus Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Judah M Zaragoza -  
Son of CSM Trenton  
Zaragoza, APO AE  
AE -Embry-Riddle  
Aeronautical University



**Airbus Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Cassidy R Burns,  
Lavallette, NJ -Embry  
Riddle Aeronautical  
University



**Airbus Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Crystal I Pardo -  
Grandchild of CW2  
James Steele, Cedar  
Park TX -Prairie View  
A&M University



**Bell Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Rachel E Morgan -  
Daughter of COL  
John Michael Morgan,  
Pinehurst NC -Lipscomb  
University



**Bell Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Hudson Lauren Serletic -  
Grandchild of MAJ  
Matthew Serletic,  
Eatonton GA -Southern  
Methodist University



**Bell Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
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Cameron CS Hertzendorf  
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New Haven



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Kamryn Pestel -  
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IL -Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute and State  
University



**GE Aerospace Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Jacob K Brady -  
Son of MAJ James  
Brady, Fort Leavenworth  
KS -Brigham Young  
University



**GE Aerospace Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Maritza Y McNeal -  
Daughter of CW5  
Robert McNeal, Del Rio  
TX -The University of  
Texas at Austin



**GE Aerospace Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Amber G Willis -  
Sibling of CW2 Richard  
Minton, Longville  
LA -Arkansas State  
University



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\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Sydney Gabhart -  
Daughter of CW5 Shawn  
Gabhart, Frankfort KY  
-University of Kentucky



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Reagan Lowe Burgess -  
Daughter of LTC Tory  
Burgess, Phoenix AZ  
-Mississippi State



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Conrad J Martin -  
Son of LTC Phillip  
Martin, Madison AL  
-Northwestern University



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Arianna M Armiger -  
Daughter of MSG  
Anthony Marrero,  
Dupont WA -Tacoma  
Community College



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Abigail J Harbin -  
Daughter of Mr. Keith  
Harbin, Madison AL  
-University of Alabama



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Ashlyn P Moore -  
Daughter of CW5 Marcus  
Moore, Springfield MO  
-Drury University



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Sarah McNaughton -  
Daughter of COL Brian  
McNaughton, Aurora  
CO -Colorado Christian  
University



**Systems Studies & Simulation, Inc AAAASFI Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
\$1,000 for 1 year -  
Liberty Hartsell -  
Daughter of CW4 Sidney  
Hartsell, Fayetteville NC -  
University of Alabama



**Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Dinner Concert Scholarship**  
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## Expanding the Logistics Horizon: Integrating Air Support for Faster Resupply and Distribution

By COL Phillip H. Lamb and MAJ Mikhail J. "MJ" Jackson

In the military, maneuver units are laser-focused on executing their mission and engaging the enemy, often overlooking supply logistics. Their objective is to defeat the enemy, relying on timely resupply. Sustainers deliver those supplies efficiently and swiftly to keep the fight going.

Traditionally, ground transportation is primary for supply delivery, valued for reliability. However, in today's dynamic battlefield, is it still optimal? Is there a more agile, strategic approach for faster, more effective supply to maneuver forces? I argue yes: deliberate integration of rotary-wing and fixed-wing air support.

In an era of contested logistics, especially in the vast, austere INDOPACIFIC, current reliance on ground-based resupply alone is operationally risky and tactically insufficient. While fixed-wing support presents joint coordination challenges, rotary-wing assets are valuable, controllable Army resources.

To truly enhance the maneuver fight, we must expand distribution, leveraging both ground and air assets. This lesson, reinforced during two recent exercises, proves success in modern warfare demands a broader logistical perspective.

### Enhancing Mission Success through Effective Air Resupply Integration

Air support for resupply, though not new, remains underutilized and often overlooked. Hesitance stems from sustainers' limited familiarity with rotary and fixed-wing assets, and the perception of limited, lighter loads. Rotary-wing aircraft aren't commonly under sustainers' direct control. However, understanding their effective use and coordination is crucial. Sustainers must be proficient in various resupply methods, especially combat force multipliers. Air support offers faster, more efficient resupply, reducing personnel risk and enhancing mission success. A pervasive misconception is that ground transportation is the sole distribution method. This over-reliance is problematic, especially where terrain makes ground transport infeasible. In such situations, alternative methods, including air support, are essential. MG Gavin Lawrence, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations (G-3) stated "Air absolutely has to be incorporated into the logistics synchronization matrix, and we as sus-

*U.S. Army pilots and flight crew, assigned to C Co., 2-158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, conduct a multi-ship flight from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., on June 4, 2020.*

tainers need to be demanding customers of both rotary and fixed-wing assets."

Possession of air assets is only part of understanding aerial resupply's potential; effectively utilizing them is equally crucial. In two separate exercises, we observed initial underutilization of sustainment rotary-wing air support. The 593rd Combat Sustainment Command (CSC) had direct support of rotary-wing assets that were not fully utilized. We determined the optimal approach was combining ground and air assets, tailoring their use to mission requirements and environmental conditions. A deeper dive into air resupply during our Assessments Working Group (AWG) at Freedom Shield clarified the problem. Initially, rotary-wing assets weren't fully integrated, causing critical logistics delays and inefficiencies. As the battle evolved, air support demand surged, particularly in difficult terrain. Growing dependence on rotary assets for time-sensitive operations



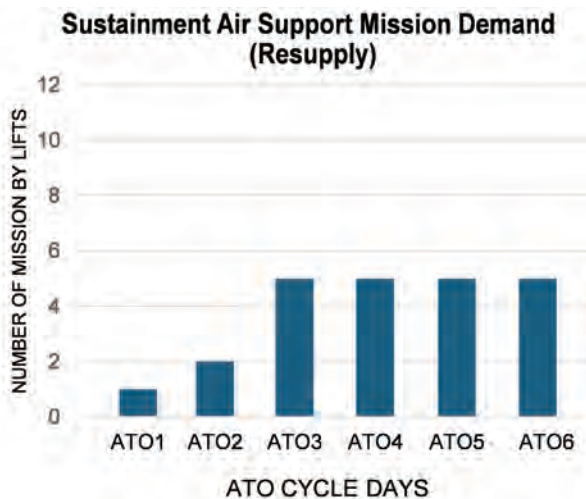


Table 1. Resupply Graph

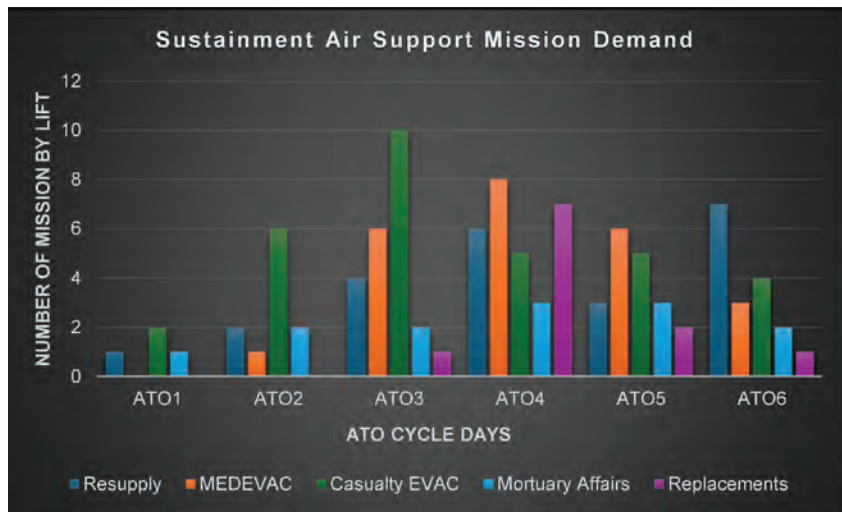


Table 2. Sustainment Air Support Graphic

like medical evacuations (MEDEVAC), casualty evacuations (CASEVAC), and resupply highlights their value in enhancing flexibility and speed. We categorized air support missions by demand: Resupply, MEDEVAC, Casualty EVAC, Mortuary Affairs, and Personnel Replacements. This analysis was based on forecasted sustainment requirements for the upcoming Air Tasking Order (ATO) cycle days.

After the first AWG session, our initial approach, focused solely on resupply (see Figure 1), was clearly flawed. We overlooked critical variables like medical support and human resources. Refocusing on actual Corps distribution requirements, beyond simple commodity resupply, significantly increased the need for air support (see Figure 2). This revised approach showed medical operations – CASEVAC and MEDEVAC – and human resource support, like personnel replacements, were primary drivers of rotary asset demand.

### Final Thoughts and Considerations

To enhance the efficiency of air support in military formations, especially for faster resupply, several considerations arise. One key approach involves coordinating subject matter experts, such as Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) leaders, within the Corps Sustainment Command (CSC) to oversee air support operations. Short-term, when CH-47s and UH-60s are assigned, aviation personnel should facilitate communication and coordination. As MG Lori Robinson, Commanding General of United States Army Aviation and Mis-

sile Command, assessment suggests, “Maximizing the use of the DIV and CORPS G3 Air shops, CAB LNOs to DMAIN and DREAR, and BCT aviation officers will drive the utilization of rotary-wing assets in sustainment operations.” This ensures tactical consistency with aviation-savvy ground personnel, streamlining coordination. The added efforts, time, and personnel in aviation sustainment planning yield tangible benefits, as shown during WFX and FS. Long-term, a structural change embedding aviation assets and personnel within the CSC framework may be beneficial. This improves air support effectiveness and responsiveness. Furthermore, these coordination practices should be incorporated into sustainment doctrine and validated at combat training center rotations and warfighter exercises; not

just as ad hoc initiatives but as deliberate injects to assess operational readiness in complex theaters. As GEN Randall Reed, Commanding General of United States Transportation Command (US-TRANSCOM) stated, “We have to stop learning the same lessons from our real-world operations and exercises and implement a permanent solution.”

*The views expressed in this article are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Department of the Army, DoD, or U.S. Government.*

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## Taylorcraft L-2 (O-57)

By Mark Albertson

In 1942 the Department of Air Training, both staff and faculty, had to decide which Cub-type aircraft was best suited to perform the functions of the Air Observation Post: The Taylorcraft L-2; Aeronca L-3 or the Piper L-4.

The Aeronca L-3 is a heavy aircraft with so much safety engineered in that, while it is by far the best of the three for cross-country flying, it is totally unsuited for short-field landings and takeoffs or low-altitude, slow-speed maneuvering of the type required in tactical flying.

The Taylorcraft L-2 is the fastest of the three but also the most dangerous. While the undersides of the L-3 and L-4 are flat, the standard configuration among light aircraft, the underside of the L-2 wings is slightly convex. This cross-section accounted for both extra speed and extra danger. At slow speed, L-2s stalled without warning.

"They can and do surprise even veteran pilots – with potentially fatal results at low altitudes."<sup>1</sup>

It was Piper's L-4 which combines those attributes in a single package that won the day: handling and flyability, ease of maintenance, durability, low cost, ability to operate near the front lines and do so from unpaved strips and cow pastures.

### Taylor Aircraft Corporation: From Civilian Market to Military Necessity

Taylor Aircraft Corporation was formed in 1930, founded by C. Gilbert Taylor, his brother, and William T. Piper. The company produced a successful low-cost, single-engine monoplane that boasted a reputation for easy maintenance. Yet Taylor and Piper parted ways in 1935. The former opened Taylor Aviation in Butler, PA; while the latter formed the famous Piper Aircraft Corporation.

Taylor retained the basic Cub design. His "Taylor Cub" featured side-by-side seating and control by wheel in lieu of a stick. The power plant was a 40 hp Continental engine.

The design sold and production picked up. As production picked up, more production space was needed. But with the Depression still on, money was tight. Fortune, though, beckoned. Alliance, Ohio, seeking businesses to move in and put its citizens to work, offered Taylor the Hess 'Argo' factory, rent free. So, production moved. "By August 1937, the 200th Taylorcraft Model A has been sold.

"Production in 1938 reaches 75 units per month."<sup>2</sup>



### Taylorcraft L-2 (O-57) Grasshopper Specifications

**Dimensions:** Wingspan: 35 ft 5 ins; Length: 22 ft 9 ins; Height: 8 ft.  
**Weight:** Empty: 875 lbs; Gross: 1,300 lbs.  
**Power plant:** One Continental O-170-3 (A-65-8) four-cylinder, direct-drive, air-cooled rated at 65 hp at 2,300 rpm. One Sensenich two-bladed, fixed-pitch wooden propeller, 6 foot diameter.  
**Performance:** Top speed: 88 mph; Cruise: 78 mph; Service ceiling: 10,050 ft; Range: 230 miles.  
**Crew capacity:** Two, pilot and observer, tandem seating.

### The Gathering Storm: Preparing for an Industrialized Conflict

Also in 1938, the Taylorcraft Model B appeared. The B was up-powered to the 50 hp Continental engine; then, up-powered again to the 65 hp Continental



engine. But the war clouds gather again, and with the darkening skies the threat to American neutrality became ever more apparent. For the second time in the 20th century, the Republic had to ready itself for a major industrialized conflict. And this would include the ground forces' preparation to service its tactical aerial requirements with the procurement of effective "O" class aircraft (later "L" class or Liaison aircraft).<sup>3</sup>

The decision was made to procure inexpensive, off-the-shelf, civilian light aircraft for light duty with the ground forces. "February 17, 1942, the War Production Board prohibits the sale of light planes to anyone except to the U.S. Army and Navy."<sup>4</sup>

Besides planes, America needed pilots, something President Roosevelt understood and is therefore bound to rectify. He signed into law the Civilian Pilot Training Act on June 27, 1939, which falls under the auspices of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Flivver planes were used for basic pilot instruction and thousands of pilots are trained.<sup>5</sup> Indeed, "Among those who win their private pilots' licenses in C.P.T.P. is John H. Glenn, Jr., the first American astronaut to orbit the earth."<sup>6</sup>

### The L-4 Cub: The Army Ground Forces' Chosen Ball-Carrier

But the C.P.T.P. required planes with stick controls and tandem seating. One of the favored planes was William Piper's L-4 (O-59) Cub. So, Taylor Aviation offered the Taylorcraft Model D. The D featured a fuselage lengthened by nine inches so as to accommodate tandem seating and, stick control replaced the wheel. The D is for the military, not the civilian market. "A few Ds were sold to private owners for \$1,845 each and a few more than 100 went to the C.P.T.P. before world events completely alter the marketing situation."<sup>7</sup>

In 1942, the Department of Air Training had a problem. Though the Taylorcraft L-2 (O-57) was the fastest of the three Cub-type aircraft, it is also the most dangerous. Yet training aircraft were L-2s and L-4s. Practically all the L-3s were in the field. Per the Department of Air Training commander, Colonel William Wallace Ford, and commandant of the Field Artillery School, Brigadier General Jesmond D. Balmer, the L-4 was considered the plane of choice as opposed to the hazardous L-2. Major issue here, though, was supply. Regardless, in July

1943, following a fifth fatal crash of an L-2, Brigadier General Balmer, on his own authority, grounded all L-2s.<sup>8</sup> William T. Piper's L-4 is now the ball-carrier for the Army Ground Forces.

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By Jennifer Potts

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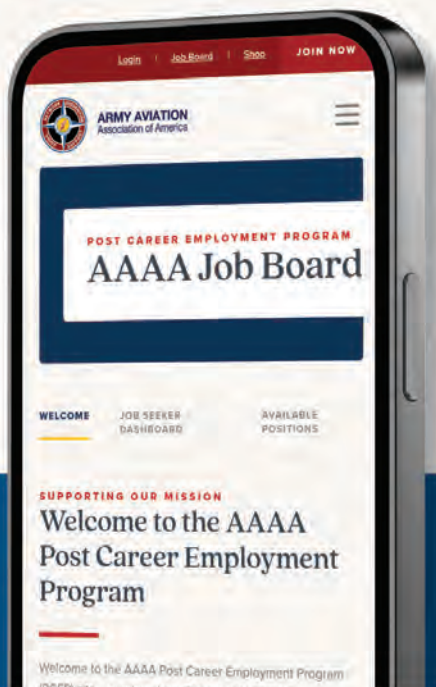
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# Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association Special Feature



## Special Mission (LHFE) Memory Flight

By Jerry Mellick, Red Hat 5 / Sustainer 3

*Editor's Note: These two articles are the next in a series taken throughout the year from the pages of The VHPA AVIATOR, the newsletter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association.*

*Preserving the Legacy! Enjoy.*

*CW4 (Ret.) Joe Pisano, RVN 1970-1971*

**A** daughter connected with the father she never knew as she sat in the copilot's seat of a UH-1 Huey on Saturday, October 28, 2023, and with tears in her eyes, touched the controls and instruments. I heard her say to someone, as she pointed to the Eight Day Clock, "That's the only thing I recognize."

Shelly Stephan-Hatfield Rioux was given a complete briefing, a safety briefing, a bit of history about the aircraft and basically a "preflight" walk around. Everything was explained to her about the aircraft and how it has been painted to match everything about the helicopter that her father had flown on that fateful day in 1970.

Later she rode in the back with her father's Aircraft Commander on that day, Jon Logan, for about a 20-minute flight over the desert in the Mesa, AZ area.

Shelly Hatfield Rioux's father, Mike Hatfield was killed in Vietnam on March 22, 1970, in a landing zone nicknamed "The Rock," five miles south of Tân Linh Airfield in Binh Thuy Province, RVN, when his Huey was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG).

This story did not happen quickly, and in fact, the ride in this helicopter last Saturday and the helicopter crash in Vietnam were 53 years, seven months,

and one day apart. For this entire time, this young lady always wondered about her father, and while she had all kinds of information in a couple of different scrapbooks about his life and death (to include a letter to her mother from President Nixon), she didn't know anything firsthand.

It was over two years ago when she reached out to the 190th Assault Helicopter Company's Facebook page and merely asked the question "Does anybody know where I can get a helicopter ride?" I happened to be looking at that Facebook page that day as a friend of the 190th and being friends of some of the members. I merely responded "Yes, I can help you with that. Where do you live?" When she told me she lived in Ellensburg, WA, I said there are plenty of places that offer helicopter rides, but one in particular is fairly close and that would be the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, Southwest Chapter, located in Mesa, AZ.

During this conversation, we switched over to the IM version and we were just conversing when my friend Tom McNamara came on and said, "I've got this, Jerry" and proceeded to tell her who he was and how he knew her father. The following is an extract of that conversation.

"Shelly, my name is Tom McNamara. I was in the 190th AHC and knew your dad. We arrived in-country about the same time and were friends. If you are the daughter that was born in 1970, I was there when he shared one night with us in the Officers Club when he just learned that your mother was pregnant with you. My memory



Mike Hatfield

of that time is a bit faded, but not my remembrance of his joy and big smile as he announced your presence in his world. He was very, very happy. I am so sorry you never got to meet him. He was well liked and a good pilot."

That was in 2021 in the spring, and it wasn't until this past Saturday, October 28, 2023, did the plan finally come together. The entire cost of the ride was covered by donations from various people so the ride, normally quite expensive, didn't cost Shelly, Jon Logan or his son anything.

The helicopter that was used to give her this ride along with her father's aircraft commander, and his son started life in 1970 about the time her father was killed. It was delivered to the Dugway Proving Grounds and never went to Vietnam. It ended up as a



White Top down at the Corpus Christi Army Depot and was the commander's bird down there.

The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation was able to convince GSA that we were a good fit for a now surplus aircraft and acquired it several years ago. The Gateway Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage was working to restore it to flying condition when the Heritage Foundation decided to move some aircraft around and gave St. Louis Huey 104 and sent Huey 315 out to Arizona to finish being restored.

The Southwest Chapter has been able to attract very talented people from Boeing, MD Helicopters, and other businesses from around the Phoenix and Southern California areas. According to the records at the chapter, the restoration took over 3,000 manhours and three years of volunteer labor to finish the restoration and receive FAA certification. Once certification was received it took over a full year to add the aircraft to the Foundations Living History Flight Experience (LHFE) program. Somewhere during this restoration process, one of the IPs down at Mesa, Tom McNamara, petitioned the organization to have the aircraft painted and logoed as if it had been in the 190th AHC.

When this conversation with Shelly and Tom and I occurred in the spring of 2021, the aircraft was not yet totally restored to flight status, but Tom told her that when that did happen, and we got approval from the FAA to take passengers, he would see to it that she got a ride. Covid came into play during this time too.

Shelly wanted to ride an aircraft all by herself, not just one of 10 other people, as is usually the case with the rides we give. That LHFE process came to fruition after over a year, on 4 October of this year and this past weekend many of us gathered at Falcon Field at the hangar of the Southwest Chapter, and Shelly, her dad's aircraft commander, Jon Logan, and his son, came down to join her for the ride in this aircraft, effectively in his aircraft, took place.

It was a very emotional event and the Director of Operations, of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation headquarters in Georgia, who had intended to accompany me to the event, but didn't because of an illness, contacted the local Phoenix TV station and that TV station sent a gentleman out, who was himself, a veteran, and

# Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive Opens Large Agent Orange Collection

By Amy K. Mondt

**P**ublic perceptions about the Vietnam War remain filled with many myths, conspiracies, and misunderstandings, and the use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War has had a lasting impact on Vietnam and on veterans. The Agent Orange Product Liability Litigation served as a widescale attempt by both plaintiffs and defendants to find answers such as whether the government and/or chemical companies were aware of Agent Orange's toxicity before using it and who would be liable for damages caused by Agent Orange. This landmark class action suit (1979-1984) brought together many of the individual suits filed by Vietnam veterans against these chemical companies claiming that their product caused numerous health issues for themselves and their children.

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video of everything that was going on. Later he interviewed Shelly, Tom McNamara, and Jon Logan. All of this video was pieced together in a video presentation on the Fox Channel 10 news on Sunday night.

I flew back on the same plane with Shelly to Seattle on Sunday morning and she was still very emotionally charged from the events of the day

forget this, and she got to connect with her father sitting in his seat in the aircraft and then riding in the back for about 20 minutes over the desert of Arizona with her dad's Aircraft Commander sitting at her side.

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We have both military and civilian members mostly comprised of ROTC cadets and prior service aviators. Located in Daytona Beach on the campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, we have many Civilian General Aviation members. Our focus is to support the ROTC Eagle Battalion cadets. Like AAAA National, we look to provide an opportunity for Network, Recognition, Voice, and Support.

### Key Event and Tour

The Embry-Riddle Eagle Chapter recently had the unique opportunity to visit Lockheed Martin for an exclusive networking event and behind-the-scenes tour of its Innovation Demonstration Center in Orlando, Florida, on February 17, 2025. This event provided members with firsthand insight into Lockheed Martin's contributions to military aviation, innovation in aerospace technology, and career opportunities for future Army aviators. During the visit, our members explored various operational areas, gaining exposure to Lockheed Martin's advanced engineering and production processes. The tour showed the company's collection of current technologies, an overview of training and logistic solutions, and a walkthrough of the factory

and product assembly floor. Our Cadets witnessed a demonstration of their newest development with an in-depth explanation of the technology from engineers detailing how it enhances operational effectiveness in military aviation.

Cadets also had the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on simulator training, operating a variety of advanced flight and combat systems. These included the F-16 fighter jet simulator, the UH-60 Black Hawk simulator, and the Aerial Gunner System. These state-of-the-art simulators offered invaluable insight into the complexities of military aviation, enhancing cadets' understanding of aircraft operation and combat readiness. This event strengthened AAAA's younger members' enthusiasm for aviation while offering valuable guidance for their future careers. Through direct engagement with industry professionals and an in-depth look at Lockheed Martin's operations, the Embry Riddle Eagle Chapter members developed a greater appreciation for the cutting-edge technologies and strategic partnerships that drive Army aviation.

### Support

It was delightful to see our AAAA Embry Riddle Eagle Chapter logo

presented on the Lockheed Martin office board as we entered the facility. During our visit we discussed how support from AAAA makes it possible for small chapters like ours to engage in such meaningful events for our cadets and membership. We would like to thank AAAA for their support.

### Contact Us!

Starting in August, Chelsea Jarvis, our AAAA Assistant Director of Member Engagement, hosted an open Zoom meeting. These will take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Chapter officers are welcome to drop in at any time during the hour to talk about their chapter, ask questions, or get help with anything they need. No appointment is necessary. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th.

Feel free to contact me if you need help with your Chapter, Executive Board support, would like your chapter featured in the AAAA magazine or to obtain clarification of National procedures. Chapters are the backbone of AAAA. If you are not having Fun in AAAA then that needs to change. I look forward to working with you and supporting AAAA.

COL (Ret.) John Broam  
AAAA VP for Chapter Affairs  
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## AAAA Chapter News

### Tennessee Valley Chapter

The Tennessee Valley Chapter announced the 2nd Quarter Mission Area Award (MAA) winners. The Apache Project Management Office presented the awards to two of the awardees from the PMO on June 17, 2025.



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Mr. Chris Griggs, an engineer in Apache PMO, accepts the Technical AAAA Mission Area Award (MAA) from chapter president Mr. Gary Nenninger



Ms. Hillary Pierce, PMO Contracting Officer, holds the Acquisition/Contracting AAAA MAA with her grandmother Janie Brindley (right), and mother, Debbie Davis (left).

### Washington Potomac Chapter

The Washington-Potomac Chapter 2nd Quarter, FY25 Department of the Army Civilian of the Month and Quarter awards were presented to Mr. Garry R. Meyer (January), Mr. John L. Smith (February), Mr. Richard W. Benway (March), and Mr. John M. Wrazin (1QFY25) on May 9th, 2025 at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club, Fort Belvoir, VA. Awardees were recognized for their outstanding work and relentless dedication to mission accomplishment. The awards were presented by (l to r) CSM Ryan Brodin, CSM of The U.S. Army Aviation Brigade (TAAB); LTC Thea Iacomino, Deputy Commander, TAAB; COL (Ret.) Ron Lukow, chapter president; COL Andy DeForest, Commander, TAAB; and CW5 Pat Curran, TAAB Command Chief Warrant Officer.



Garry Meyer



John Smith



Richard Benway



John Wrazin

## ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL INDUITEES

### Air Assault Chapter



**LTC Gregory S. Sterley** is inducted into the Silver Honorable Order of St. Michael by 101st Combat Aviation Brigade commander, COL Tyler B. Partridge, during his change of command ceremony on June 9, 2025

at Udairi Landing Zone, Kuwait. Sterley was recognized for his exceptional service as the commander of 96th Aviation Support Battalion which was selected as the 2024 AAAA Support Aviation Unit of the Year.



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**CSM Julio C. David** is inducted into the Silver Honorable Order of St. Michael by chapter president, COL (Ret.) Hawk Ruth on June 6, 2025 at the GEN Brown Compound, Ft. Campbell, KY. David was recognized for his support of Army Aviation throughout his career, culminating as the Regimental Command Sergeant Major for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. Also pictured is CSM Anthony Mintz, 160th Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion.



CHAPTER PHOTO BY 160TH SOAVR PAO

**1SG William Kingdollar**, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, being inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of Saint Michael by CSM Richard D. Young, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, at his Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Saber Army Airfield, Fort Campbell, KY. 1SG Kingdollar was selected by the Tennessee Governor, Bill Lee, for the Class of 2025 Governor's Veteran Fellowship.

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Five individuals from the Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion (SOATB) were inducted into the Order of Saint Michael on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Fort Campbell, KY. Pictured from left to right are COL (Ret.) Henry C. "Hawk" Ruth III, chapter president, **MAJ Timothy "Andy" Hybart** (Bronze), **Chaplain (CPT) Zachary Jones** (Knight), **CW5 William Roth** (Silver), **CSM Anthony Mintz** (Silver), **MAJ Juan "Camilo" Munera** (Bronze), COL Sean H. Karrels, Commander, SOATB and COL Roger P. Waleski, Commander, Special Operations Aviation Command. Of note, COL Karrels was also awarded the Legion of Merit at the same ceremony.

### Aviation Center Chapter



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**CSM(R) Micheal Sutterfield** is inducted into the Silver Honorable Order of St. Michael, and **MSG Michael Patrick** is inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael by COL(R) Marcus Gengler, chapter president, at the Aviation Center Chapter's quarterly general membership meeting and social on June 14, 2025, at Par & Pour in Enterprise, AL. Sutterfield was recognized for his service on the Army Aviation Center chapter's executive board as the Vice President – Scholarships and his current employment as the government services program manager at Navigator



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International, LLC. Patrick was recognized for his selfless service on the Army Aviation Center chapter's executive board as Vice President – Enlisted Affairs and his current assignment as the capability developer for the Aviation Capabilities Determination and Integration Directorate (Av-CDID), Army Futures Command on Fort Novosel, AL.

### Colonial Virginia Chapter



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**SSG Amanda Peralta** and **SSG Luis Dresel** are inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael by 1SG Jaci Callaway and COL Paul Moreshead, Commander of the 128th Aviation Brigade, on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Fort Eustis, VA. They were recognized for their outstanding service as Drill Sergeants before moving on to their next assignments. SSG Peralta will serve as a 15U Instructor with the 128th Aviation Brigade, while SSG Dresel will serve as a Flight Platoon Sergeant with the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

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### Show Me Chapter



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**CSM Robert E. Koelling** is inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael by LTC Brandon Heimericks, Show-Me Chapter President, on June 25, 2025, at the Missouri National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. Koelling was recognized for his achievements while serving as the Missouri Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major and on the occasion of his selection as the National Guard Bureau Sergeant Major for Aviation & Information Warfare.

### Tennessee Valley Chapter



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**Mr. James Hauser** is inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael by CW3(R) Rob Seybold and LTC Brandon Nixon on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in Huntsville, AL. Hauser was recognized for overseeing the system engineering efforts for the 56P and Rotary Wing Helmet along with development of the Heads Up Display while serving as a Systems Engineer for the Air Warrior Product Management Office.



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**MAJ Chris Simpkins** is inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael by CSM (Ret.) Randy Wise, chapter VP Awards, on June 5, 2025, in Huntsville, AL. Simpkins was recognized for his achievements while





serving as the Assistant Product Manager for Short Range Reconnaissance, Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (sUAS). He is moving to his next assignment as a Department of the Army Systems Coordinator at the Pentagon.



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**Mr. Alan (AJ) Hicks** is inducted as a Knight of the Honorable Order of St. Michael Knight by CW3 (Ret.) Rob Seybold and LTC Brandon Nixon on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in Huntsville, AL. Hicks was recognized for his contribution as a Systems Engineer for the Air Warrior Product Manager Office.

### Washington Potomac Chapter



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**CW5 Nicholas Jacoby** is inducted into the Silver Honorable Order of St. Michael by COL (Ret.) Ron Lukow, chapter president and COL Andy DeForest, The Army Aviation Brigade Commander, on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, VA. Jacoby was recognized for his more than 20 years of service to Army Aviation as an instructor pilot, Observer/Controller-Trainer, and leader. Additionally, CW5 Jacoby served as the chapter vice president of scholarships.



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**MAJ Dennis Twitchell** is inducted into the Bronze Honorable Order of St. Michael and **Mr. David Hall** as a Knight of the Honorable

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Order of St. Michael by (left to right) SGM Derrick Kuhns, COL Aaron Schilleci, and COL (Ret.) Ron Lukow, chapter president, at the chapter's quarterly general membership meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at the Astro Beer Hall in Arlington, VA. Twitchell was recognized for his achievements as the executive officer to the Army National Guard Aviation and Safety Division as well as for serving as the chapter secretary; and Hall was recognized for significantly enhancing equipment management and operational clarity across the entire Army National Guard Aviation community as a Supply Management Specialist within the Division.



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**Mrs. Shannon Twitchell** was inducted into the Honorable Order of our Lady of Loreto during that same meeting for her support of multiple Family Readiness Groups and chapter volunteer work.



# AAAA Awards



## Order of St. Michael Inductees

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## AAAAA **Membership** Update By COL (Ret.) Liz Martin

# “Spartan 164” Crew – ARNG’s Highest H-60 Black Hawk Hoist Rescue in California History

This mission was different. The California Army National Guard (CA ARNG) Mather Army Aviation Support Facility #3 based crew of “Spartan 164” are no strangers to tough missions.

In the ARNG, Medical Evacuation, Aerial Fire Fighting, and Defense Support to Civilian Agencies missions are common. But Spartan 164’s assigned mission on July 3, 2025 was different – to assist in a life-saving, power-performance limiting extraction that would become the CA ARNG’s highest H-60 Black Hawk hoist rescue in California history.

On July 2, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. PDT, Inyo County Sheriff’s Office received notification from the California Office of Emergency Services that a solo female climber activated SOS on her Garmin Inreach® device. She reported falling while climbing in vicinity of West Chute of Mount Williamson at 13,600’ MSL, west of Independence, CA. During the fall she lost her backpack with food, water and supplies and sustained an open compound leg fracture.

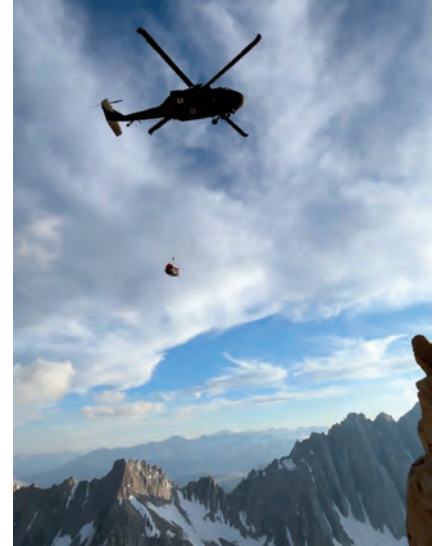
Before the experienced CA ARNG UH/HH-60L Black Hawk crew [consisting of MAJ Christopher Morisoli (pilot-in-command & instructor pilot), LTC Michael Christensen (co-pilot & instructor pilot), and SFC Anthony Poppick (crew chief & standardization instructor)] were tasked to provide mission support, California Highway Patrol (CHP), U.S. Navy and Los Angeles Sheriff’s Rescue helicopters and various support agencies had already attempted the rescue but were unable to complete the mission due to performance constraints. Luckily, two search & rescue (SAR) members were inserted above the site by CHP and were able to rappel 1,000 feet down to support the patient.



The crew of Spartan 164 pre-staged at Bishop Airport and prepared for the mission. They were called by Inyo SAR for support at 5:30pm on July 3; the patient was now reported at 13,200’ MSL and temperatures at 10C degrees. Projected out of ground effect hover had a 3% power margin and the extraction required the aircraft to have less than 1,000 lbs. of fuel with removal of all excess gear from the cabin.

Spartan 164 departed on-mission and conducted two out-of-ground effect (OGE) rehearsals and wind assessments away from the point of injury.

After performing high and low reconns to confirm winds and escape routes, the crew chief began lowering the rescue basket down to the SAR team. Getting the basket to the rescuers took approximately 3 minutes with winds between 10-20 knots at the rock outcropping. With the rotor system close to the cliff wall, SFC Poppick used over 250’ of cable as a pendulum to swing the basket to the awaiting SAR team. Once the basket reached rescuers, the patient was loaded and was hoisted up as the pilots maneuvered the aircraft away from the rock wall. The crew transitioned into forward flight toward Bishop Airport where the rescued climber was received by awaiting paramedics.



CARING PHOTOS BY MAJ CHRISTOPHER MORISOLI

After refueling the aircraft, Spartan 164 returned to extract the SAR team from a preferred clearing at 12,500’ MSL, however weather continued to deteriorate. Just as the SAR team was getting ready to climb into the rescue basket, the pilots responded to a 400’ downdraft. Using exceptional crew coordination, the hoist cable slack was managed and the SAR team remained clear of the basket. After the downdraft subsided, the SAR team was extracted and returned to Bishop Airport.

By the skill, precision and bravery of this crew, the injured hiker was rescued off of Mount Williamson 28 hours after falling. The crew of Spartan 164 knew they had to perform every aspect of the flight with precision – performance calculations, fuel, winds, temperatures, turbulence, contingencies, cross-coordination and risk. Were it not for the demonstrated multi-agency efforts and this aircrew, this hiker may not have survived.

It is examples like this that showcase the impressive skill, attention to detail, and heroism that members of Army Aviation Association of America (AAAAA) possess.

*COL (Ret.) Liz Martin  
AAAAA Vice President for Membership*





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AAAA **Family Forum** By Judy Konitzer

# The Social Media Dilemma

While traveling to Nashville for the AAAA Summit, Tom and I listened to the audiobook *Anxious Generation* by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, which led me to several weeks of interesting follow-up research.

Haidt believes that since 2010, a play-based childhood has been increasingly replaced with an exciting although somewhat dangerous virtual world, especially for young children. Statistics show a growing phenomenon of alarming rates of anxiety, depression, sleep deprivation, attention fragmentation, addiction, self-harm and suicide in adolescents.

Early exposure and use of smart phones can interfere with key developmental stages as childhood and early adolescence are critical periods for developing emotional regulation, real world social skills, and a strong sense of self. Smart phones are not just communication tools but allow constant connectivity through a gateway to social media with exposure to harmful content, cyber bullying, and addictive algorithms. It is said the younger someone is when they receive their first smartphone, the worse their mental health outcomes tend to be in adulthood. Psychologists like Dr. Jean Twenge agree "Later is Better." (At our 2012 AAAA Convention, Twenge presented "Differences Among Generations" in a professional session to spouses, after which I collaborated with her for an article in our July 31, 2012, Magazine). Her latest book offers *10 Rules for Raising Kids in a High-Tech World*.

Along with Twenge, Haidt laid out some reforms that could provide a foundation for a healthier kind of childhood in our digital age:

- Suggestions like no smart phones before high school and no social media before 16 are norms that would need to be supported not only by parents but also by laws at the state or federal level. However, parents can give younger kids flip phones, basic phones, or phone watches which allow calls and texts without internet and apps.
- Support for phone free schools encourages more social interaction between students during free time because students do not have the impulse control to stop themselves from checking their phone during class time if their phones are within reach.

Calling smartphones harmful to mental health and disruptive to education, the DoD cites these as classroom distractions for the 65,000 children in 161 schools in the US and overseas. There are currently Congressional bipartisan bills pushing for legislation requiring DoDEA to prohibit students from using smartphones from the beginning of school to the end with exceptions allowed for medical or other high priority emergencies. In April state legislators required public



schools to implement policies, and currently nine states including Virginia have laws in place to curtail students' use of cellular phones during school hours.

Years ago, I purchased glassware from Cornet Barcelona, whose founder Albert Grimaldo sends occasional inspirational messages which resonated with me as I listened to Haidt's and other psychologists' recommendations. He felt that although social media gives us endless ways to connect, our need to swap rapid bits of information without having to express and understand ourselves encourages us to give an opinion on a subject without listening in return. Have you noticed how different a conversation is when someone truly listens. Social media diminishes this intimacy.

Our 1st Lady, Melania Trump's "Be Best" initiative was strengthened with legal measures by the May signing of the bi-partisan bill *TAKE IT DOWN* Act. It calls to action and empowers the Federal Trade Commission and private industry, especially Podcasters, to engage in spreading awareness and education about children's safety on digital platforms ensuring they are safe from harmful online experiences.

Observations and studies being conducted across countries cultures and socioeconomic groups substantiate early smartphone usage is not just an American problem. Our daughter, Mary, lives in Sydney, Australia, and shared that our grandsons attend schools where smart phones are not allowed. Programs there like Heads Up Alliance and Wait Mate encourage parents to come together to join hands in ensuring their children are safe from harmful online experiences.

Citing how difficult it can be for one person, one family, or one school to swim across the tide of ever-increasing screen time, it is collectively suggested that parents, schools, and local communities act together to help turn the tide because only together can we create a healthy balanced relationship with technology.

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# Industry News

Announcements Related to Army Aviation Matters

*Editor's note: Companies can send their Army Aviation related news releases and information to [editor@quad-a.org](mailto:editor@quad-a.org).*

## QinetiQ US to Provide Survivability Solutions for FLRAA



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QinetiQ US announced that it has received a contract to support the U.S. Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) program from Integris Composites to provide systems engineering and integration expertise using its LAST Armor® Integration solution. LAST Armor® is a protective, lightweight armor solution utilizing high performance fibers and advanced ceramics that provides high-performance ballistic protection for fixed wing transport and rotary wing platforms. Since its debut in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, LAST Armor® has been installed in over 40 different aircraft types across 16 allied countries around the world. LAST Armor® is used by the U.S. Military, foreign allies, commercial OEMs, and law enforcement agencies. QinetiQ US develops and manufactures LAST Armor® at its Waltham and Franklin, Massachusetts facilities.

## Army Looking for a Replacement Training Helicopter



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As part of its new Flight School Next initiative, the Army published a solicitation to industry on June 2, 2025 to potentially replace the UH-72A Lakota, which has been used as a trainer since 2015, as well as a request for pilot instruction and, potentially, simulation capabilities. The RFP kicks off a five-month window that is expected to culminate in interested vendors submitting their phase 1 bids to the Army by Oct. 31. The service said it is using a Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) to move quicker than the Federal Acquisition Regula-

tion (FAR)-based procurement method and access "innovative commercial solutions."

## SWIFT Program Speeds Up Software Acquisition



DOD PHOTO BY U.S. AIR FORCE SSGT. JOHN WRIGHT

Under the Software Fast Track (SWIFT) program, the Pentagon will use artificial intelligence to replace legacy authority to operate (ATO) and Risk Management Framework (RMF) processes when buying new software. Acting DOD CIO Katie Arrington signed a memo authorizing the new effort which officially launched May 1. SWIFT will do a third-party assessment of companies' cybersecurity postures based on 12 risk characteristics. Vendors will also be required to provide a software bill of materials (SBOM) "from production and sandbox" that is certified by a third party, Arrington said. Arrington added that SWIFT will allow the department to pivot away from the current RMF and, eventually ATOs as well. In the near future, the department plans to release a request for information (RFI) to gather industry input.

**Contracts –** (From various sources. An "\*" by a company name indicates a small business contract / "\*\*\*" indicates a woman-owned small business)

**Amentum Services Inc.,** Chantilly, VA, was awarded a \$37,016,318 modification to contract W9124G-17-C-0005 for initial entry rotary-wing flight training; work will be performed at Fort Rucker, AL, with an estimated completion date of Jan. 9, 2027.

**Longbow LLC,** Orlando, FL, was awarded a \$19,156,942 modification to contract W52P1J-16-D-0055 for the LONGBOW Fire Control Radar; work locations and funding will be determined with each order, with an estimated completion date of March 31, 2027.

**LOGMET LLC,** Round Rock, TX, was awarded a \$22,917,320 firm-fixed-price contract for aviation support services; work will be performed at Yuma Proving Ground, AZ, with an estimated completion date of March 31, 2030.

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## People On The Move

### Aviation General Officer Promotions/Assignments



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Colonel Patrick L. Pollak was confirmed by the Senate on June 29, 2025 for promotion to the rank of brigadier general and assumed command of the United States Army Reserve

Aviation Command, Fort Knox, KY on August 24, 2025.

### Changes of Command/Responsibility

#### Big Red One Welcomes Megerdooonian



U.S. ARMY COURTESY PHOTO

COL Eric Megerdooonian accepts the colors of 1st Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade from Big Red One commanding general MG Monte L. Roné during a change of command ceremony at Fort Riley, KS on July 15, 2025. Megerdooonian assumed command from COL Chad Corrigan.

#### Bock Assumes Command of 12th CAB



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SPC GAB PHW

LTG Charles Constanza, V Corps commanding general, passes the colors to COL Adam Bock, incoming brigade commander of 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, during the change of command ceremony on Katterbach Army Airfield, Ansbach, Germany, July 2, 2025. Bock assumed command from COL Ryan Kendall.

#### 82nd CAB Welcomes Beale



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SPC ARMANDO SAGREDA

COL Khirsten Schwenn relinquished command of the 82nd Combat Aviation

Brigade (CAB) to COL Robert Beale during a change of command ceremony on July 17, 2025 on Pike Field, Fort Bragg, NC. MG James "Pat" Work, the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, served as the presiding official.

#### Polen Takes Command of ATSCOM/164th TAOG



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

COL Richard Polen receives the colors of Air Traffic Services Command/164th Theater Airfield Operations Group from LTG Stephen Smith, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command during a change of command ceremony on July 10, 2025 at Ft. Rucker, AL. Polen assumed command from COL Bryan Jones.



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## Flight School Graduates

AAAA provides standard aviator wings to all graduates and sterling silver aviator wings to the distinguished graduates of each flight class ... *another example of AAAA's SUPPORT for the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and Family.*



AAAA congratulates the following officers graduating from Flight School XXI at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, AL.

#### 30 Officers June 26, 2025

##### Class 25-005

##### Commissioned Officers

1LT Jacobs, Alec E. -DG  
1LT Wilson, Aaron L. -HG  
1LT Wittkopf, Tucker S. -HG  
2LT Brockington, Trinity D.  
1LT Browne, Rory W.  
1LT Burkes, Charles P.  
2LT Cohen, Julian A. \*  
2LT Couture, Sarah B. \*  
2LT David, Benjamin P. \*  
1LT Frazier, Kinley K., Jr.  
2LT Longstreth, Seth A.  
2LT Samson, Mitchell R. \*

2LT Stine, Joshua P.  
1LT Tucker, Trent J.  
**Warrant Officers**  
WO1 Noonan, Brent J. \* -DG  
WO1 Daley, Rianne M. -HG  
WO1 Fountain, Hunter D. -HG  
WO1 Alexander, Tyler R.  
WO1 David, Orlando V.  
WO1 Don, Sergio I.  
WO1 Flores-Salazar, Juan A. \*  
WO1 Hinkelman, Aaron M. \*  
WO1 Ko, Chris K.  
WO1 Lee, Christine J.  
WO1 Lukuman Lamin, Mustaan  
WO1 Rodriguez, Carlos M.  
WO1 Serna, Emmanuel  
WO1 St John, Emerson P.  
WO1 Stanley, Jasper N. \*  
WO1 Vargas, Angelica \*



FSXXI Class 25-017





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## 38 Officers July 10, 2025

### Class 25-018

#### Commissioned Officers

1LT Baxley, Jarod D. \* -DG  
1LT Butler, Colin E. -HG  
LT Anderson, William M. \*  
2LT Brandon, Noah C.  
2LT Campbell, Kerri A. \*  
1LT Donohue, Kyle T.  
2LT Jett, Tucker R.  
1LT Petersen, Travis C. \*  
2LT Rodriguez Nieves, John J. \*

#### Warrant Officers

WO1 Plutowski, Drew P. -DG  
WO1 Baldwin, Jacob D. -HG  
WO1 Cloutre, Caleb J. -HG  
WO1 Gillenwalters, Alexander A. \* -HG  
WO1 Maloney, Thomas H. -HG  
WO1 Akinloye, Ahmed O. \*  
WO1 Beaver, Zachary D.  
WO1 Beekman, Austin T. \*  
WO1 Brand, Joshua D.  
WO1 Brandenburg, Blake M. \*

WO1 Brenner, Nathan A. \*  
WO1 Choi, WonBin J.  
WO1 Clark, Paden J.  
WO1 Dominguez, Giovanni I. \*  
WO1 Dyer, Noah E.  
WO1 Eldridge, Stephen S. \*  
WO1 Grant, Cameron L. \*  
WO1 Harmon, Spencer R.  
WO1 Kim, Young H.  
WO1 Krastev, Daniel M. \*  
WO1 Martin, Terry L.  
WO1 McCutchen, James V.  
WO1 Mendez, Diego \*  
WO1 Morgan, Benjamin A.  
WO1 Nguyen, Nathan T.  
WO1 Rodriguez Tirado, Jose I.  
WO1 Saldana, Rodrigo \*  
WO1 Schreeder, Joshua R.  
WO1 Stephens, Bryan S.

-DG: Distinguished Graduate

-HG: Honor Graduate

\* = AAAA Member



FSXXI Class 25-018

## ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING (AIT) GRADUATIONS

AAAA congratulates the following Army graduates of the indicated Advanced Individual Training (AIT) courses at the 128th Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA and the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Ft. Rucker, AL.

### AH-64 Attack Helicopter Repairer (15R)

#### Class 021-25

SPC Yuhyun Jo \* -DG  
PFC Mia Johana Barcenashernandez  
SPC Justin Monroe Barnes  
PFC Risan Basnet  
SPC Shad R. Bond  
SPC Sheldon Dela Haye Byfield  
PV2 Kevin Ashton Champlin  
SGT Laith W. Edgel  
PFC Travenski Demycal Edwards  
PFC Terreion Marquez Mcinnis  
MSG Zouhair Meskini

#### Class 023-25

PV2 Carlos Ruiz Romero \* -DG  
PV2 Kevin Ashton Champlin  
PV2 Gabriel Kellan Curley  
SGT Charles D. Hudson  
SPC Adam Kristopher Marks  
SPC Peyton R. Orme  
SPC Jackson Brylan Quist  
PFC Tristan Andrew Rojas  
PV2 Ayden Jakob Sandoval  
PV2 Mason Mark Stewart  
PV2 Joseph Jerome Thompson  
PV2 Jake Alexander Valverde

#### Class 024-25

PFC Cody Martin \* -DG  
PVT Jared Aden Arredondo  
PV2 Jarad Jeremaine Cozart  
PFC Brett Parker Cynor  
SPC Bryan Mckenziefager Hall  
PV2 Fabyan Adrian Marquez  
PV2 Liam Everett Piper  
PVT Tyler Aldan Carl Reed  
PV2 Julio Cesar Velasquez Mejia  
PFC Jovhaun Elandro Walters

PV2 Jayden James Whetton  
PFC Landon Aaron Bayna Wisinger

#### Class 025-25

SGT Price Aaron Bevil  
SGT Brantley Alexander Cummings  
SPC Casey Alexander Heck  
PV2 Ashton Savon Johnson  
SPC Preston Shane Josie  
CPL Tejaughn Berandy Miller  
SPC Hunter Blake Redmond  
SGT Samuel Robert Sessions

#### Class 026-25

PFC Olivia Mae Johnston \* -DG  
PFC Joshua Alexander Crutcher  
PV2 Bryce Anthony Dunaway  
PFC Devin N. Gosnell-Roberts  
PV2 Daniel Joseph Hovis  
SGT Charles D. Hudson  
PV2 Gary Olson Kalich  
PV2 Laura Maldonado  
PV2 Gabriel Alexander Padilla

### UH-60 Helicopter Repairer (15T)

#### Class 044-25

SPC Justin Eugene Wolfe \* -DG  
PV2 Austin Curtis Avara  
PFC Gage Tiler Beckwith  
PV2 Trenton Mason Carfield  
PFC Isaac William Copher  
SPC Jonathan Xavier Cordero Perez  
PFC Aiden Lucas Ditmore  
PFC Caleb Jin Hwang  
PFC Makenna Dawn Ladner  
PFC Evelyn Nora Madsen  
PFC Cruz Fernando Miranda  
PV2 Jacob Thomas Williams

#### Class 045-25

PFC Meng Fan Luo \* -DG  
PFC Barrett Hatten Draiss  
PFC Talan James Falcon  
PFC Maximus Jesus Garcia  
PFC Matthew John Basilio Gimenez  
SPC Kendall Scott Goff  
PFC Kolby Joseph Troy Hammons  
PFC Hunter Jay Harrison  
SPC Alexandru Lupan

## Non-Rated Warrant Officer Graduates

AAAA congratulates the following officers graduating from the Aviation Maintenance Warrant Officer Basic course at the U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.

### 9 Officers July 11, 2025



#### Class 003-004

WO1 Katleia Vargas-DG  
WO1 Conner Winstead-DG  
WO1 Cody Gallmeier-HG  
WO1 Quinton Bulloch-HG

WO1 Victoria Dacey  
WO1 Eli Donnell  
WO1 Steven Herod  
WO1 Joshua Lawson  
WO1 Jonathan Schmaltz

SGT Steven E. Zuniga-Gonzalez

#### Class 201-25

SPC Sabal Aryal \* -DG  
PFC Hunter Alan Frederick  
PFC Gerald Fru Mokom  
PFC Avery McKenna Post  
PV2 Ethan Wayne Reeves  
SPC Damian Rodriguez  
PFC Jacob William Rushlow  
PFC Cohen James Smith  
PV2 Matthew Hunter Smith  
PFC Micah Aaron Towne  
PFC David Vela

#### Class 202-25

SPC Noah Daniel Hodge \* -DG  
PV2 Ashton Ray Gildroy  
PV2 David Constantine Henry  
PFC Emmanuel Hernandez Rivera  
PFC Johnathon Micheal Howard

PFC Nathaniel Jakob Long  
PFC Brandon Ramon Martinez  
PV2 Jeremiah David Mihelich  
PV2 Michael Alexis Oquendo  
SPC Michael Anthony Ortega  
PV2 Josephesai S. Sanchez  
PFC Anthony Lynn Scott  
Class 203-25  
PFC Liam Nathaniel Hoyle \* -DG  
PFC Victor Carl Burton, IV  
PFC Jeremiah Calamaco  
PFC Travell Keyen Fenelon  
PFC Max James Frey  
PFC Joseph Richard Gallina  
PFC Steven Douglas Henderson  
SPC Eli Matthew Hernandez  
PV2 Victoria M. Opulauho  
PFC Joshua Zachary Scott  
PFC Cody Matthew Sullivan



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#### Cargo Helicopter Repairer (15U)

*Class 016-25*  
PFC Jackson Dale Marshall \* -DG  
SPC William Thomas Carey  
PV2 John Anthony Delvecchio  
CPL William Jacob Peralta  
PV2 Evan Robert Perdue  
PV2 Gabriel Cefron Balangue Sotelo  
SPC Shekiyah Taylor  
SPC Nicholas F Townsend  
PV2 James Kei Leon Yang  
*Class 017-25*

PV2 Matthew William Hoyer \* -DG  
SPC Brent James Delliss  
SPC Robert J. Michaelvich Ireland  
SPC Joshua Michael Medina  
PV2 Selig Sovannrith Pol  
PV2 Steven James Stiltner  
SPC Marco Yamil Terrazas  
SPC Barry Alan Woodling  
*Class 018-25*  
SPC Vanessa Yamileth Gonzalez \* -DG  
PFC Garrett Shannon Andrews  
SPC Savanna Kay Asmar  
PV2 Ashley Nicole Baker  
PV2 Maverick Xandor Bethel  
PV2 Tanner Ryan Burnell  
PFC Cameron Garrison Dew  
PFC Leah Paige Murphy

#### Aircraft Powerplant Repairer (15B)

*Class 004-25*  
PFC Gleny Montenegro Herrera \* -DG  
PV2 Joshua Stanford Broom  
PFC James Derick Contreras  
PV2 Shane B. Farlin, II

PV2 Margaret Rose Lake  
SPC Hang Liu  
PV2 Alejandro Joaquin Mani  
PV2 Joseph Thomas Michele  
PV2 Kameron Robert Miner  
SPC Phyo Thit Naing  
SPC Miguel Antonio Pichardo Colon  
PV2 Farrell Bonmanin Tienoui  
PV2 Joshua Clay Tinch  
PV2 Bennett Chamberlain Wardlow  
PVT Brandon Chase Wilson, Sr.

#### Aircraft Powertrain Repairer (15D)

*Class 003-25*  
PV2 Alex James Lavalley \* -DG  
SPC Serkan Akkas  
PFC Nathaniel Richard Aldana  
PFC Joshua Domenico Gordon  
PFC Eui Jeong Jang  
PFC Mohamed Koanda  
PV2 Ademola Joshua Labeodan  
PV2 Gregory Maurice Moore, Jr.  
PVT Stephane Ngousigni Jagni  
PFC Damjan Pasic Hernandez  
PV2 Eddi Sanchez

#### Aircraft Electrician (15F)

*Class 007-25*  
PFC Patrick Michael Vitale, Jr. \* -DG  
SPC Alan James Early  
PFC Michael Ibarrasilva  
PFC Jangchun Lee  
SGT Trevor James Raulston  
PV2 Shane Andrew Smith

#### Aircraft Structural Repairer (15G)

#### Class 005-25

PFC Alexander James Johnson \* -DG  
SGT Robert Jerry Cross  
PV2 Adrian Scott Dielschneider  
PFC Nestor Raul Grajeda Ortega  
SPC Nathan Thomas Hammann  
PV2 Alia Angela Hunter  
PFC Bhim Narayan Kanwartharu  
PFC Hayden Andrew Pafford  
PFC Yadiel Abraham Rosa Vazquez  
PFC Tyler Steven Saunders  
PV2 Alexzander D. Thomas  
SPC Isaac Lynn Wilson

#### Aircraft Pnedraulics Repairer (15H)

*Class 005-25*  
PV2 Bobby Charles Bray \* -DG  
PV2 Michael Thomas Bagwell  
SPC Jake Alan Dickson  
PFC Ian Robert Kuhner

#### AH-64 Armament/Electrical/Avionic Systems Repairer (15Y)

*Class 007-25*  
PV2 Gerardo Herrera \* -DG  
PV2 Salvador M. Garcia  
PV2 Dacoda Lee Green  
PFC Angel A. Hernandez De Leon  
PFC Jacob Thomas Heskey  
PV2 Nathanael Rece Kraft  
PFC Jaden Laron Mosby  
PFC Andres Humberto Munguia  
Pv1 Gavin Joel Obermeyer  
PV2 Kevin Isaias Ocasio Santos  
PV2 Gael German Rodriguez

#### Class 008-25

PV2 Chase Thomas Campbell \* -DG  
PV2 Marantony Carrasco Amador  
PV2 Jack Owen Clark  
SGT Hayden Gregory Clawson  
SPC Justin Cody Davis  
SPC Cameron Parker Jones  
SPC Gage Alan Macintosh  
PV2 Colm David McCluskey  
PV2 James Arthur Sauder  
PV2 Isaac Harrison Stanton  
PFC Clayton Tyler Storey  
*Class 009-25*

PFC Hector J.I Colon-Rivera \* -DG  
PV2 Nathan Octavio Aceves  
PV2 Latonio Mehki Crowell  
PV2 Jacob Atalo Flores  
PV2 Ricky Martin Allen Galloway  
PFC Elder Gomez-Alcantara  
PV2 Axel M. Pedrego Valenzuela  
PFC David Benjamin Zittlau  
*Class 010-25*

PV2 Patrick Ikaika C. Torres \* -DG  
SPC Matthew Emanuel Alves  
SPC Joseph Robert Baronich  
PFC Christian Hunter Branch  
PV2 Jason M Crick  
Pv1 Davis James Fitzgibbon  
PV2 Isaias Gonzalez, III  
PV2 Jacob Gutierrez  
SPC Matthew James Harrington, II  
SPC Connor Jayden Peers  
- DG: Distinguished Graduate  
- HG: Honor Graduate  
\* = AAAA Member

### Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Graduations

#### Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems

AAAA congratulates the following Army graduates of the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems (TUAS) Operations Technician, MOS 150U at Fort Huachuca, AZ.

#### TUAS Technician

12 Graduates, 11 July 2025  
W01 Caleb Achuela-DG  
W01 Timothy Oyao-HG  
W01 Kyle Bailey  
W01 Laroy Chase  
W01 Alex Delgadillo  
W01 Joseph Guthrie  
W01 John Harrison-Agosta  
W01 Nathan Lamal  
W01 Benjamin Lindsey  
W01 Ryan Marquezhammitt \*  
W01 Tyler Quinton  
W01 Nicholas Windsor \*

#### UAS REPAIRER

AAAA congratulates the following Army graduates of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repairer Course, MOS 15M at Fort Huachuca, AZ.

#### Gray Eagle Repairer Course

8 Graduates, 01 July 2025  
PV2 Hector Mercado -DG  
SPC Jorge Torres-Burgos  
CPL Gerad Lopez  
SPC Gregory Hernandez

SPC Kelby Willcox  
PFC Daemon Dragonetti  
PV2 Vance Cabogason  
PV2 Ryan Dunne

#### UAS Operator

AAAA congratulates the following Army graduates of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator Course, MOS 15C and 15W at Fort Huachuca, AZ.

#### Gray Eagle Operator Course

11 Graduates, 08 July 2025  
SPC Damien Tucker -DG  
SPC Scott Taylor -HG  
PFC Dawson Diggs  
PFC Anastazia Fyfe  
SPC Hizuki Kathy  
PFC Ayden Oliver  
PV2 Leonel Mendez  
SPC Kameron Merrell

#### Shadow UAS Operator Course

8 Graduates, 10 July 2025  
SPC Ethan Sutton -DG  
SPC Matthew Bates -HG  
PV2 Enrique Bispo  
SPC Matthew Brown  
PV2 Jack Hippenstiel  
PV2 Ariel Levy  
PV2 Shawn Woodruff  
PV2 Ryan Yingling

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## AAAA Legislative Report

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### House Passes FY26 Defense Appropriations Bill: Spotlight on Army Aviation Training Reforms

In a significant development for the Department of Defense, the House of Representatives has passed its version of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Defense Appropriations Bill, totaling \$832 billion. This amount holds defense spending steady with FY25 levels, aside from additional funds appropriated through last month's reconciliation process.

As we previously reported, Army Aviation fared well during the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee's initial markup of the bill. The final version, passed by the full House, includes only minor adjustments through floor amendments. However, the bill was marked up before a final topline spending number had been publicly released, leading to some misalignment in funding priorities. These discrepancies will likely be reconciled once the Senate Appropriations Committee on Defense (SAC-D) completes its own markup. Signs point to the Senate pursuing a higher topline, with several Republican senators publicly criticizing the Pentagon's current budget level.

### FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

While appropriations fund the Department of Defense, the policy framework and authorities for using those funds come through the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), produced by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees (HASC and SASC). Over the past month, both chambers have completed their respective versions of the FY26 NDAA.

From an Army perspective, the appropriations bill is mainly about the money, while the NDAA is where policy decisions take shape – especially those that impact long-term planning and force structure. This year, a particularly important issue has emerged in both versions of the NDAA that could shape the future of Army Aviation: how the Army trains its newest pilots.

### Spotlight on Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training

One provision in both the House and Senate NDAA versions deals with the Army's

Initial Entry Rotary Wing (IERW) pilot training program. While the language may appear technical or obscure, its impact could be significant – both in terms of cost and the quality of pilot training.

The Army has recently launched a pilot program evaluating a new training model where a commercial vendor trains pilots on a simplified, more efficient platform. The motivation stems from readiness challenges and concerns with the current training platform used for IERW at Fort Rucker. Preliminary findings suggest this new approach could save the Army millions of dollars while producing more proficient aviators.

However, Congress has different ideas about how quickly the Army should proceed. The House version of the NDAA, in Section 378, includes a modest requirement: before fully launching the new program, the Army must submit a business case analysis to the defense committees. It's a procedural pause – asking for due diligence before moving forward.

The Senate version, however, goes much further. Section 344 requires not only a business case analysis but also mandates an independent evaluation by the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) within the Department of Defense. It also prohibits the Army from transitioning to any new model until all 48 students in the current pilot program complete all phases of flight training; delaying full implementation until at least the spring of 2026.

While these provisions are framed as accountability measures, some in the defense community see political motivations at play so our Army Aviation leaders will have to navigate the situation as the congressional cycle plays out.

### What Comes Next

Over the coming months, HASC and SASC leadership will negotiate and reconcile these and other differences between their NDAA versions. Traditionally, Congress finalizes the NDAA by the end of the calendar year, giving Army leaders roughly five months to advocate for a compromise that supports training innovation without unnecessary delays.

The outcome will have real-world implications. Beyond budget line items, the decision on how to proceed with pilot training affects operational readiness, safety, and the long-term health of Army Aviation. Leaders

across the Army are working closely with lawmakers to ensure that any policy changes align with the goal of producing highly capable, mission-ready aviators.

For those serving in the field, whether flying, maintaining, or supporting aircraft, this legislative work may seem distant. But make no mistake: the decisions made on Capitol Hill today shape the training, tools, and technologies available to Army Aviation tomorrow. We'll continue monitoring the legislative process and will update you as new developments unfold.

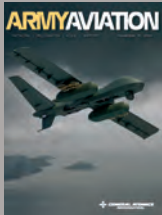
### Tennessee – 7 Special Election

Last month Congressman Mark Green, former 160th SOAR(A) flight surgeon stepped down from his seat representing TN-7 which includes Clarksville and home to many in our reader base. This sets the condition for a special election in October (primary) and December (general).

Endorsed by Congressman Green is one of our own, Army Aviator Matt Van Epps. Matt is a West Point graduate and served ten years as an active-duty Aviator with multiple combat deployments. If successful, he will join a small handful of Army Aviators currently serving in the House of Representatives. In the interest of Army Aviation, let's get the word out to our Army Aviation voters residing in the Clarksville and surrounding areas down to Nashville to get out and vote when the special election date is announced.

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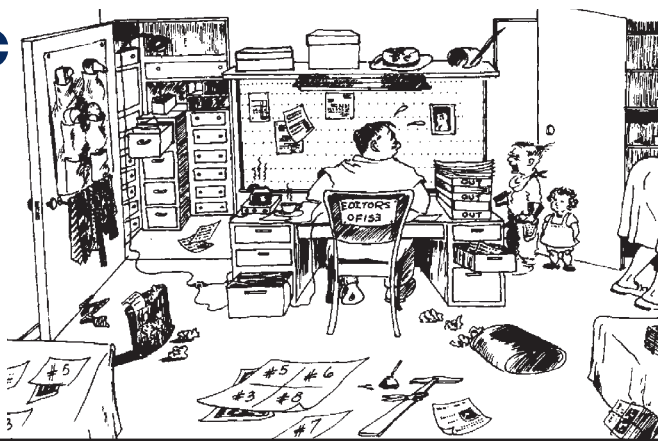
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# Art's Attic

By Mark Albertson



Art's Attic is a look back each issue at 25 and 50 years ago to see what was going on in ARMY AVIATION Magazine. Contributing editor Mark Albertson has selected a few key items from each decade's issues. Art Kesten is our founder and first publisher from 1953 to 1987. He is also the founder of the AAAA in 1957 and served as its Executive Vice President. The cartoon, right, was created back in 1953 by LT Joe Gayhart, a friend of Art's and an Army Aviator, showing the chaos of his apartment-office in New York City where it all began.



## 25 Years Ago August/September 2000

### Briefing

Flight Safety International has ordered a UC-35 full-flight simulator for the firm's Daleville, Alabama training center. The simulator will be used to train Army pilots for the UC-35, the latest aircraft for the Army's transport fleet. Classified as a level-D simulator by the FAA, it is considered capable of the highest standards of flight replication.

### Longbow Maintenance Recognition



Fort Campbell, Kentucky: Commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Major General Richard Cody, recently honored the division's first AH-64D Apache Longbow battalion for outstanding maintenance performance. 2nd Battalion, 101st Aviation members were able to train for and execute aerial gunnery while overcoming three major Safety of Flight messages affecting their AH-64D. From left to right, MG Cody is shown with, BG Virgil Packet II, Col Sam Hubbard, LTC Gregory Gass, 1st SGT Joseph Reilly, CPT David Kramer, 1st SGT Dan Hollingsworth, 1st LT Derek Finison, CWO3 William Stewmon, SSGT Robert Smith, SGT Antonio Gonzales and Spec. John Kane.



### Community Volunteers

Corpus Christi, Texas: Every year, volunteers from business, community associations, private groups give their time to assist the elderly and the disabled. Various actions include cleaning yards, making home repairs, painting houses... Volunteers from the AAAA Corpus Christi chapter have been painting houses for 18 years, and this year was no different.



## 50 Years Ago September 1975

### Portrait

CW4 Michael J. Novosel, Mrs. Novosel and their son, John, view the Army Aviation Hall of Fame inductee's portrait. To the left, LTG Harry W.O. Kinnard, a 1974 Army Aviation

Hall of Fame inductee did the honors of unveiling. The Novosel induction was one of the ceremonies which occurred during the Army Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for 1975.



### Reserve Component Aviator of the Year

CW4 Joseph C. Kettles, USAR, was selected by the Fifth Region, AAAA, as the Reserve Component Aviator of the Year, 1974-1975. Kettle, who is a dual-rated Master Aviator, is attached to the 872nd Medical Detachment, New Iberia, Louisiana. He is considered an innovative professional who not only assists the Aviation Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana with training and standardization requirements for active duty



aviators, he is an FAA counselor responsible for promoting safety in Lafayette, Louisiana, providing check rides for regional pilots. To learn more about CW4 Kettles, refer to pages 43 and 44, "Ready Reserve" column, September 30, 1975 issue.

### Gone Fishin'

The Delta Schooners of the 49th Aviation Company out of Stockton, California, were assigned a mission which seemed out of the ordinary. Just south of San Francisco, a dead sperm whale had washed up ashore. As an endangered species, the marine biologists at the University of California wanted the carcass for study. One sure way to retrieve the carcass from the tiny cove it had washed up into, was by helicopter. Shown here is a Chinook hoisting the whale off the beach with a sling.







The Army Aviation Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Army Aviation Association of America, Inc., recognizes those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to Army Aviation.

The actual Hall of Fame is located in the Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker, Ala.

The deadline for nominations for the 2027 induction is June 1, 2026

Contact the AAAA National Office for details and nomination forms at (203) 268-2450 or visit [www.quad-a.org](http://www.quad-a.org)

# Army Aviation Hall of Fame

## Captain James E. Stein, Retired

*Army Aviation Hall of Fame 2021 Induction -  
Huntsville, AL*



Captain James E. Stein, Retired is the epitome of an Army Aviator. Following his graduation from Army Flight school in 1969 he found himself in Vietnam with the 335th Assault Helicopter Company, the “Cowboys.” During his 21 consecutive months flying UH-1 “slicks” and the Bravo gunship, assisting U.S. troops in contact he provided life-saving support. Returning to the states and graduating from the OH-6 Cayuse course, he went back to Vietnam in 1972, assigned to the 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, the “Ruthless Riders.” Flying scouts as “Scalp Hunter Lead,” he volunteered to be at the very front lines, flying low and slow to be in position to render assistance, call in artillery, recommend B-52 Arc Lights, and evacuate the wounded, which he did, many times.

On June 19, 1972, he was shot down for the tenth and last time. During an operation northeast of Kontum, while scouting an enemy bunker, his OH-6 “Loach” came under heavy fire. Both he and his observer were wounded, him in the right knee. He maneuvered the “Loach” without the ability to use the pedals due to his injury and safely landed with help from his observer, passing out immediately after landing. His many awards and decorations speak to his valor and commitment: two Silver Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze stars, 94 Air Medals, two for valor, the Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses with Gold and Silver Stars.

Legendary aeroscout pilot, CPT (Ret.) Jim Stein is the epitome of an Army Aviator. He is the personification of bravery, skill, and selfless sacrifice in devotion to duty – duty to his country, to his unit and to his comrades. His deeds serve as timeless examples for the generations of Army Aviators that follow.

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