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**Cover Photo:** Lt. Col. Trena Savageau, incoming 69th Fighter Squadron commander, poses with an F-16 after the 69 FS change of command ceremony Oct. 10. Savageau is the first female to take command of the 69 FS. She is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours, including 80 combat hours. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder)

## Being Thankful *From Dr. Julie Reese, 944th Fighter Wing director of psychological health*

As we step into the month of November it brings with it the theme of “thankfulness”. We should take time to think about all the things we appreciate and are thankful for: our health, life, family, and being a part of a mission where the focus remains on the protection and freedoms of our beautiful country. During this time it is important to consider your contributions to your family, work, and life and feel proud of all you have accomplished.

“Be kind, be thoughtful, be genuine, but most of all BE THANKFUL.” Author unknown



Being consistently and intentionally thankful and displaying gratitude for your family, peers, and opportunities is an endeavor that benefits those around you, as well as yourself. Maintaining a positive outlook for all the little things in your life will support you when challenges arise. As an Airmen, stepping into a dynamic and courageous role for a greater purpose than yourself is just part of the job.

Allow yourself to feel appreciated and valued, and continue to seek opportunities to display that appreciation back. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



# Wing earns Effective rating



By Col. Bryan Cook, 944th Fighter Wing commander

**EFFECTIVE!** Effective in all areas inspected, is what the Unit Effectiveness Inspection report says. We've had this inspection on the calendar for two years, and for two years we have said "we don't prepare" for the UEI. In the end, we did exactly what we said we would do; we proved that we are effective at executing the mission, leading

people, managing resources and improving the unit. We proved once again that the 944 FW is great at our mission: Forging combat Airmen to Fly, Fight and Win.

Congratulations to everyone on the outstanding report. Even though we do not prepare for this type of inspection, it is gratifying to have an outside agency come in and deep dive into what we do every day and validate our efforts. As the inspection criteria has changed over the last couple of years, we have taken a proactive stance to meet those requirements and to continue shaping the 944 FW of the future. Truly a job well done.

Now that the UEI is behind us, we have a little clean-up work to do and prepare for the upcoming deployment of over 200 944 FW Airmen. Now is not the time to let your guard down. Keep moving forward on the communicators, ensuring our commander's inspection programs continue to ensure our readiness as we support those

about to deploy. In the 944 FW we "Provide mission-ready Reserve Citizen Airmen anytime, anywhere", and that is what 200 plus of our Airmen are doing and about to do.

I wanted to continue the discussion about not only our priorities but our pillars to success. I talk about them all the time, Family, Leadership, and Heritage, and their importance to not only our mission and vision but to us as Airmen and our development for the future.

This month, I want to talk about family. We all know how important family is to each and every one of us. When we talk about family, most of us reference our immediate family, spouses, children, mothers and fathers, siblings, and sometimes our closest friends. These are the people in our lives who provide a guiding light and foundation in our lives.

While serving in the Air Force, there are a number of resources through Airman & Family Readiness, the Chaplain corps and our DPH that can help cope with those difficult times we all face.

Please feel free to utilize them for all the benefits that you're entitled to.

As we talk about family as one of our pillars to success, we also must keep in mind our Air Force family. These are the Airmen that you work with, train with and see each and every UTA and day you get to serve. Your Air Force family has many faces, many specialties, and is diverse in many ways. Our Air Force family is important in many ways to our career development, training, and physical well being. Regardless of rank or position, we treat every Airman with dignity, empathy and respect. Enjoy the time you get to spend with your fellow Airmen, get to know their story, their mission and their successes. It will enrich your Air Force experience.

The leadership team and I appreciate all that you do each and every day. We are very proud of you and the life of service that you have chosen. Please have a safe and enjoyable UTA, and as we approach the holiday season, please take care of your families, both of them. Keep "Bringing the Heat!"

## Deployments, we are here to help

By Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Malcom 944th Fighter Wing command chief

Over the years I have heard many different opinions about deployments from the Reservists perspective. Some love it and cannot wait to go back while others are glad they did it once but would rather keep their feet on the homeland. Either way, deployments are part of what we do and what we train for year in and year out. Although we have several non-deployable units within the 944th Fighter Wing, there are always opportunities to backfill or join other units that are deploying.

As we being our push downrange, the one thing I'd like to emphasize is that deployments are a good thing for our people. They give you the chance to do the job you have been training so hard for in a real world environment. It is very important that we inform our friends and families of what we will be doing and reassure them that we are well trained and prepared to accomplish our mission.

Lastly, please ensure that your family has all of the information they need (do not forget about mom and dad). There are many people here at the wing (or Geographically Separated Units) anticipating their call with resources to help at the ready if the need arises. From needing a mechanic to fix a car to something as simple as mowing the lawn, we will find a way to take care of their needs. We want you focused on the mission!





**November 2017 promotions:  
Congratulations to the following  
944th Fighter Wing promotees**

**From Airman Basic:**

Airman Adrianna Saenz, 944 FSS  
Airman Brian Singleton, 944 MXS

**From Airman:**

Airman First Class Sarah Githens, 944 SFS  
Airman Elizabeth O'Brien, 944 CES  
Airman Spencer Ross, 944 FSS

**From Airmen First Class:**

Senior Airman Michael Seltzer, 944 AMXS

**From Senior Airman:**

Staff Sergeant Joyce Casem, 944 AMXS  
Staff Sergeant Dominique Castillo, 944 SFS  
Staff Sergeant Kimberly Dewitt Dasilva, 414 MXS  
Staff Sergeant Antonio Duarte, 944 SFS  
Staff Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, 944 SFS  
Staff Sergeant Mikel Hardison, 414 MXS  
Staff Sergeant Matthew Lowe, 924 MXS  
Staff Sergeant Jules Morgenstern, 944 AMXS  
Staff Sergeant Amir Simpson, 924 MXS

**From Staff Sergeant:**

Technical Sergeant Kevin Anderson, 944 FSS  
Technical Sergeant Kyle Bernard, 944 SFS  
Technical Sergeant Carl Dennison, 944 AMXS  
Technical Sergeant Fredrick Fisher, 944 MXG  
Technical Sergeant James Hataway, 944 SFS  
Technical Sergeant Benjamin Kornegay, 414 MXS  
Technical Sergeant Jefferson Sanderson, 944 SFS  
Technical Sergeant Patrick Smith, 414 MXS

**From Technical Sergeant:**

Master Sergeant Jullious Del Rosario, 944 SFS  
Technical Sergeant Nicholas Miles, 944 SFS  
Technical Sergeant David Shaw, 414 MXS  
Technical Sergeant Charles Schmidt, 944 CES

## 3rd Quarter Award Winners

Congratulations to our Wing Quarterly Award Winners for the third quarter!

AMN: SrA Antonio A. Duarte, 944 SFS

NCO: TSgt Anthony J. Laporta, 924 MXS

SNCO: MSgt Anthony L. Abney,  
944 AMXS

CGO: 1 Lt Cecilia Mora Fernau, 944 MDS

FGO: Maj Brian E. Dudley, 944 FW

IP: Maj Wycliffe R. Furcron, 944 OG/Det 2



## Warrior of the Month

Staff Sgt. Frances Cardenas, 944th Medical Squadron



Cardenas volunteered for manning assistance to provide uninterrupted command support staff support for 131 squadron members. She expanded her knowledge on day-to-day squadron operations along with other administrative duties to keep the squadron on track with submitting and tracking travel vouchers. She created a CSS continuity binder and updated the recall roster key for 100% accountability for the Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System.



# 69th Fighter Squadron welcomes its first female commander

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz.** -- Family, friends, and military members gathered at Hangar 999 for the 69th Fighter Squadron change of command ceremony Oct. 20.

Lt. Col. Sean Rassas, outgoing 69 FS commander, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Trena Savageau, former Assistant Director of Operations for the 69 FS. The ceremony was presided over by Col. Korey Amundson, 944th Operations Group commander.

Amundson praised Rassas on his accomplishments during his tenure, saying how well he led the Werewolves through the good, the bad, and sometimes the ugly.

"This can be a daunting job for any commander, yet Double (Rassas) was not only able to succeed, but excel as a Traditional Reservist commander," said Amundson. "The 944th thanks him for his service and sacrifice, and I thank him for his counsel and leadership."

Following a 69 FS tradition, Rassas threw a football to Savageau as a symbolic passing on of the command and said:

*"Good Luck, it's your ball to carry now and it isn't an easy game."*



After relinquishing command, Rassas will transition to the 944th OG as TR deputy commander.

"Ever since I've known her she's had two priorities, her family and being the best fighter pilot she could be," said Amundson. "Looking at her family up here, it's obvious she's done a great job with that and anyone who has flown with Hak (Savageau) knows that she is not to be reckoned with in the air and there is never any doubt as to who is in charge."

*"She can fly and now it's time for command."*

Savageau thanked her friends and family for all of the support she has received over the years.

"Ryan (husband), without your support I could not do this mom and TR fight-

er pilot gig," she said. "Colbie (daughter) and Luke (son), you guys have grown up in the 69th. You didn't choose to be in the Air Force but you wear the badge well. I pray that you continue to have fun with us on this crazy journey."

Savageau is a command pilot with more than 2000 flying hours, including 80 combat hours. She has



(Above) Lt. Col. Ryan Savageau, 944th Operations Group deputy commander, sits with his two children, Colbie and Luke, during the 69th Fighter Squadron change of command ceremony Oct. 10. Savageau's spouse, Lt. Col. Trena Savageau, incoming 69th Fighter Squadron commander, thanked her family and friends for their support throughout her career.

been with the 944th Fighter Wing since 2007.

As the 69th FS commander, Savageau will oversee the squadron, which provides fully qualified, combat ready, Air Force Reserve Command F-16 instructor pilots to support all aspects of 56th Fighter Wing formal course training, as well as providing support for contingency deployment needs of the Combat Air Forces.

"The men and women of the 69 FS are members of the most experienced fighter squadron in the world," said Savageau.

*"We are the best at what we do and bring experience and continuity to the F-16 squadrons on base."*

"Over the next few months I want us to remember the excitement we had when we joined the Reserves and try to get back to that place."



# DoD stand on campaigns and elections

*From 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The Air Force and Department of Defense fully supports the rights of members to participate in our Nation's political process with regards to elections and ongoing political activities. However, there are some rules that regulate the political activities of DoD personnel.

These longstanding and well-defined policies regarding political campaigns and elections are to help avoid the perception of DoD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any political candidate, campaign or cause.

In addition to mitigating the perception of endorsement or support, no candidate for civil office is permitted to engage in campaign or election-related activities while on a DoD installation or in a DoD facility. Any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating the DoD, or any component or personnel of the department, with or in support of political campaign or election events is strictly prohibited.

It is vitally important to know that there are different rules for the different statuses within the Armed Forces. There are some limitations across the spectrum including not wearing the uniform for any political events and members not displaying political signs on any installations, including at on-base housing.

Active Duty members may not participate in partisan political activities. This includes campaigning for a candidate, soliciting contributions, marching in a partisan parade and wearing the uniform to a partisan event.

When on social media Active Duty members must ensure that their political posts are clearly marked that they express the ideas of the individual and not DoD. They cannot post or make direct links to a political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group, or cause because such activity is the equivalent of distributing literature on behalf of those entities or individuals, which is prohibited and that would constitute political activity. This would include, for example, suggesting that others like, friend, or follow the political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group, or cause, or forwarding an invitation or solicitation from said entities to others.

Traditional Reservists have a little more leeway when participating in political activities. When off duty they can participate in campaigning events but they may not wear their uniform when performing these activities.



Here are a list of things that TRs can participate in:

1. **Register to vote and vote as they please.**
2. **Sign nominating petitions for candidates or petitions for legislative action.**
3. **Express personal opinions about candidates and issues.**
4. **“Like” a political page or follow a political Social Media account.**
5. **Attend political meetings or rallies in civilian attire.**
6. **March in a partisan political parade in civilian attire.**
7. **Serve as an election official.**
8. **Give money to a political organization.**
9. **Put a political bumper sticker on their personal car.**
10. **Wear a political button/T-shirt with civilian attire.**
11. **Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing personal views as a private citizen.**
12. **Hold and exercise the functions of civil office in the United States government, a state, District of Columbia, a territory, possession, or commonwealth of the United States.**

Military member showing a connection with the United States Armed Forces through their social media pages or online profiles poses a high risk that personal views will be associated with the military. Therefore, it is also wise to be mindful of the social media activity, which includes posts or individual commentary that could be perceived as disrespectful to the Commander in Chief or other leadership in a military member's chain of command. Such unfavorable behaviors are punishable through the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In addition, if a letter to the editor identifies an individual as a Reservist, the writer should state that the views expressed are personal and not those of the Defense Department.

If Reservists are on Active Duty orders, Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force, restricts how they can serve in elected positions. For example, the rules differ for Active Duty less than 30 days, 30 days or more, or 270 days so make sure you know what you can and cannot do.

Finally, Civilian DoD employees, while in their personal capacities, may volunteer with a political campaign or political organization unless they are appointed by the president, are career SES, contract appeals board members, National Security Agency employees, Defense Intelligence Agency employees, or



# What's new in PHAs?

*Lt Col Robyn "Shots" Kramer, Chief of Aerospace Medicine, 944th Medical Squadron*

Congress mandates an alphabet-soup of Health Assessments, to make sure all military members' health is optimized and medical, dental, or mental health issues are addressed earlier than later, when they are more readily remedied.

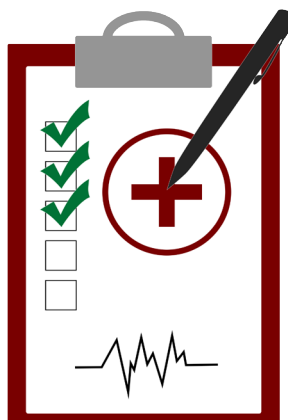
PHA should be familiar: Preventive Health Assessment. The online questionnaire changed this year from "WebHA" to "PHAQ" – Preventive Health Assessment Questionnaire. It is available online at

<https://imr.afms.mil/imr/myimr.aspx> 10 mos. after the last PHA is completed.

What happens next is a bit different than the old WebHA... the member's available medical records are reviewed alongside the PHAQ responses. As this process takes some time, it will not be possible to complete a "STAT" or no-notice PHA on UTA weekends, therefore, it's important to know when to complete the PHAQ, 10 mos. after completion of the last one.

After completing the PHAQ, pay close attention to the new instructions! They will tell you to wait 30 min., then login at LHI.care to make an appointment for a "person-to-person" MHA or mental health assessment. LHI will call you within the 1 hour window you specify, on the phone number you specify. It

has to be within 30 days of completing the PHAQ, or sooner if you gave answers that are concerning for a current problem. The PHA cannot be completed until the MHA is completed by LHI or another medical professional trained in MHAs, "person-to-person" (that is, face to face, or over the phone).



Flyers, security forces, fire fighters, and others with occupational health exams annually will see a medical provider in person each year to complete the PHA. Members with assignment limitation codes (ALC-C) who need an annual update will need an in-person PHA visit as well, bringing with them the medical documentation needed for their update.

One last new feature of the PHAQ: there's a reminder per AFI 48-123, 10.4.2 that each "member is responsible for promptly (within 72 hrs) reporting an illness, injury, disease, operative procedure or hospitalization not previously reported to his or her commander or supervisor, and supporting medical facility personnel". It's always better to bring complete medical documentation to the MDS promptly, and have the appropriate duty limitations applied and be returned to duty (RTD) locally, than to not disclose a condition or medication and have to have your case be sent to AFRC for a RTD request later!

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National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency employees. Examples of permitted volunteer activities include: organizing political rallies and meetings, making phone calls on behalf of a candidate, serving as a delegate to a party convention, and working for a political party to get out the vote on Election Day. These employees are, however, prohibited from soliciting or receiving political contributions.

No matter what status you fall under make sure you know what is allowed and how you can participate in this year's elections. Prior to engaging in any activity related to the political process, make sure you are familiar with the rules pre-

scribed by DOD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty, and as amplified in the 2016 DoD Public Affairs Policy Guidance concerning Political Campaigns and Elections, in order to ensure a full understanding of the extent and limitations of appropriate involvement in the political process.

**If you have questions, contact the 944th FW Legal Office at 623-856-5333.**

## UTA Schedule

Oct. 21-22 2017	Apr. 7-8 2018
Nov. 4-5 2017	May 5-6 2018
Dec. 2-3 2017	Jun. 2-3 2018
Jan. 6-7 2018	Jul. 14-15 2018
Feb. 10-11 2018	Aug. 4-5 2018
Mar. 3-4 2018	Sep. 8-9 2018

## Important Phone Numbers

Wing Command Section 623-856-0944  
 Chaplain 623-856-5303  
 Command Post 623-856-5600  
 Equal Opportunity 623-856-5560  
 Financial Management 623-856-5716  
 Inspector General 623-856-6682  
 Public Affairs 623-856-5388  
 Staff Judge Advocate 623-856-5333  
 Reserve Recruiting 623-856-5339  
 Customer Services (IDs) 623-856-5358  
 Training/Education 623-856-5318  
 Family Readiness 623-856-8324  
 Help Desk 623-856-8024  
 Sexual Assault Hotline (24/7) 623-856-4878  
 Wing Key Spouse 515-988-7951  
 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255





# 944th gets new maintenance ART recruiter to fill a crucial void

By 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, 944th Fighter Wing

Luke's Reserve Citizen Airmen gained a new maintenance recruiter to help fill ART positions here.

The 944th Maintenance Group placed Master Sgt. Marsi Smith, 944th Fighter Wing, in the critical role of helping interested Airmen become full-time maintenance professionals.

In a move designed to increase the number of maintenance air reserve technicians, the Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service and Directorate of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, known as A4, have teamed up to create a group of recruiters dedicated to the ART mission.

"Maintenance manning is the biggest issue we face right now in the A4 community of Air Force Reserve Command," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn J. Johnson, director of logistics, engineering and force protection. "We have 12 recruiters in place, and we are really excited about that."

The maintenance ART recruiters are located at Beale Air Force Base, California; Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona; Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; Hill AFB, Utah; Homestead ARB, Florida; Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas; Keesler AFB, Mississippi; Luke AFB, Arizona; March ARB, California; and Nellis AFB, Nevada. Locations were selected based on the volume of maintenance ART vacancies in growing and mature missions critical to filling combatant commander requirements.

ARTs are full-time, dual-status civil service technicians responsible for training and ensuring the Reserve provides combat ready Airman. They also perform Reserve duty on unit training assembly

weekends.

"One of our biggest challenges is recruiting people who don't normally qualify," said Smith. "There are Traditional Reservists who want to come and work full-time but because they've never deployed or never have been on active duty, they don't make that list when it's posted on USA Jobs.

"So we are working on making it to where they can come on orders and eventually make that list," she added.

Smith's predecessor helped establish the recruiting program for the 944th, setting Smith up for success when she was named maintenance ART recruiter.

"I think the addition of the ART recruiter is a very important step to fulfilling our manning commitment to the 56th Fighter Wing," said Chief Master Sgt. Scott Jongewaard, 944th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent. "We have roughly 120-plus positions to fill and having a person dedicated to tracking when announcements are out and when people have certifications, takes a tremendous workload off of us to be able to concentrate on maintenance taskings."

Recruiters bring additional program awareness and advertising, processing and system navigation support, and they work closely with Reserve ISR's (in-service recruiters) worldwide to ensure maximum exposure and contact with fully qualified members leaving active duty.

From the A4 standpoint, building up the maintenance ART program is a priority, since there are currently more than 1,400 vacancies nationwide. The current average full-time manning is approximately 77 percent, as opposed to 82 percent in 2012.

"In the past, we relied heavily on the prior-service maintainers, those leaving active duty who wanted to continue to serve, however we just aren't seeing the same numbers as in the past," said Lt. Col. Dan Posch, AFRC A4 chief of the Maintenance Management Branch. "We also build the bench from the non-prior service side. Our reliance on non-prior service (recruits) is continually increasing; we are up to approximately 38 percent new accessions. While active duty is growing and trying to increase their end strength, we are doing the same thing. So we are all fighting and trying to pull from the same pool of people."

Posch said part of the problem is that it is a buyer's market right now. AFRC is competing for maintenance people not only with active duty, but also with private industry, government contractors and other government agencies.

While A4 initiated the request for ART recruiters, the Recruiting Service has been an eager and willing partner to get the job done.

"The Recruiting Service is just as passionate about this as we are," Posch said. "We thank them for taking on this initiative because we know it's not easy. It's a change, but it's the right change. We wouldn't be able to promote this program without the Recruiting Service. That's what they are about, and we really appreciate that."

The new ART recruiter program is already paying dividends as the first technician was hired through the program Oct. 5 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

For information on becoming a maintenance ART, contact your local recruiter or Master Sgt. Smith at marsi.smith@us.af.mil.

# U.S. AIR FORCE



# CATM

Airmen from the 944th Fighter Wing qualify on weapons at the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance range in Florence, Ariz., Oct 21. Airmen must demonstrate quality safety standards while handling and shooting weapons as part of their deployment training. (Courtesy photos)





# Reserve Citizen Airmen perform lifesaving efforts in aftermath of mass shooting

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Jessica D'Ambrosio, 926th Wing Public Affairs*

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.** -- Senior Airman Jon Brauch was heading to work on the Las Vegas Strip when he heard the gun fire. He had a good view of the overpass between the Excalibur and Tropicana hotels, so he began to surveil the area.

Suddenly, hordes of people were running in his direction. Several were severely injured. Brauch jumped into action – he helped people over barricades so they could take cover. Next he assessed a bullet hole that had gone straight through a man's bicep.

"I heard from what I knew from the military was automatic gunfire," said Brauch. "Then someone ran past me yelling 'there's a shooter, there's a shooter. Run!'"

Brauch is a member of the Air Force Reserve's 926th Civil Engineer Flight; his job is to detonate bombs. The very nature of his career choice demonstrates his willingness to face danger in order to protect others from it. But no one could have anticipated the horror of that Sunday night.

In a matter of minutes, one man became responsible for killing 59 people and wounding hundreds of others. Opening fire on a crowd of more than 22,000 from his room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel, he attacked concert goers at the Route 91 Harvest Festival across the street.

"My military training helped," said Brauch "I had the knowledge and capability from my combat lifesaver courses to assist with gunshot wounds."

He checked a man who had been grazed in the neck for additional wounds, cut away his shirt to keep the area clean and quickly got him to medical support that had been set up on the street.

He discovered a woman who had sustained an injury to her hand. He applied makeshift bandages to

her wounds and helped stabilize her. He then used her cell phone to reconnect her with her family and friends who she had been separated from.

"Looking back, I think I would have run straight to the festival where there were more wounded," said Brauch. "Maybe I could have saved another life."

Several Airmen from the 926th Security Forces Squadron were also there to help with lifesaving efforts. Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Willard was heading to work at the Tropicana Hotel when the first shots were fired. He transported someone with a neck wound to a nearby ambulance.

Then he and his coworkers set up a triage center for ambulances to transport the wounded. He hand carried several people from Las Vegas Boulevard to the Tropicana. He directed several hundred people to safety and performed first aid on close to 40 people.

Tech. Sgt. Gregory Anton, a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department SWAT team member, cleared and secured the hotels.

Maj. Daniel Nuqui, a State Police Officer, set up a defensive position at an adjacent hotel so people could safely reach medical help.

Senior Airman Joseph Kabbani, a LVMPD officer, was dispatched to a hospital where he helped offload several hundred injured people.

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Rayl, a Nevada State Trooper, resupplied multiple traffic control points throughout the valley with essential equipment to quarantine the affected area.

Senior Airman Brett Clashman, 926th Wing photojournalist, was on duty as a LVMPD officer and in the vicinity of the shooting. He was being dispatched to the hospital to help there when he saw a severely

wounded man lying on the sidewalk in front of the Excalibur. The man's friends had managed to carry him there to escape the shooter. Clashman loaded the man into his car and drove the group to the nearest hospital.

"We are very proud of the heroic effort put forth by our Reserve Citizen Airmen to protect and save lives during the tragic mass shooting in Las Vegas on Oct. 1," said Col. Thomas Elmore, 926th Wing Director of Mission Support.

"Not surprising to me, our involved Airmen think what they did was nothing more than what anyone else would've done. It's testament to the quality of character and sense of duty our members possess."



Senior Airman Brett Clashman, 926th Wing, graduated from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Academy June 14, 2016. Clashman is a photojournalist in the Air Force Reserve at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. (Photo by Lt. Col. Jessica D'Ambrosio)



# Christian Theodore Hultquist

944th Fighter Wing Honorary Commander



Christian Hultquist with his grandchildren  
(Courtesy photo)

## What is an Honorary Commander?

An Honorary commander is a member of the local community who is assigned to each of the 944th Fighter Wing's five groups, 11 squadrons, wing commander, vice commander, and command chief. The program provides a great community outreach program and the ability to foster relationships between local and civic business leaders. For more information, contact the 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 623-856-5388.

**Full Name:** Christian Theodore Hultquist

**Commander assigned to:** Lt. Col Orren Squires, 944th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Place of business:** Climatec LLC

**Duty Title:** Project Specialist

**City where you reside:** Sun City, AZ

**Where you were born/grew up:** Born Flint, MI grew up there and also Clio, MI

**Family:** wife Lynne; children Joshua, Benjamin, Nichols, Jessica

About where I work, Climatec LLC is a total building automation installation and service business. Anything requested for comfort, security and control we can offer. With this type of business it allows our customers to have the choice for "one stop shopping" when it comes to their system needs. Climatec LLC has been involved in many different charity organizations and we also partner with Stepping Stone Foundation in the education and development of preschool children and programs for their parents.

On a personal side, I have been married 26 years and have four children and six grandchildren. I have been in the fire life safety industry for the past 27 years. I enjoy spending time with my grandkids, family and friends. I also spend time exercising when I have time. I love to fix things whether I know how to or not, the best opportunity to learn something new is by getting your hands dirty. Football and hockey are my sport passions which I try to watch as much as I can during the seasons.

## Words from our Honorary Commander...

*Having the opportunity to interface with Luke Air Force Base on a wide range of events and give the ability to give back to the personnel on base and my community is an honor and privilege. I missed my opportunity to join the service and now I have this second chance to be a part of a great program. I would like to leave the Honorary Commander program when my time is complete knowing I was able to give my time and services in helping those who have kept all of us safe from harm's way.*



# Upcoming Events



## SATURDAY UTA

Nov 4

WING  
COMMANDER'S  
CALL - 3 p.m.  
Hangar 999



## SUNDAY UTA

Nov 5

BLENDED RETIREMENT  
TRAINING - 7:30 a.m.  
10 a.m.

Base Theater

## SUNDAY UTA

Dec 3

WINGMAN DAY  
- 7 a.m.

\*Check with your unit  
CSS for details.



## SUNDAY UTA

Dec 3

WING HOLIDAY PARTY

- 9:30 a.m.  
Hangar 999





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SATURDAY NOV. 11, 2017