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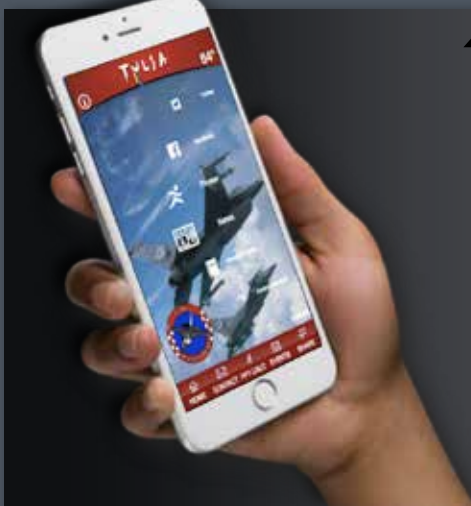
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The "Spirit of Tulsa" 25th anniversary F-16 Viper banks hard left over the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sept. 16, 2017. The 138th Fighter Wing celebrated the 25th anniversary of F-16s and the 70th birthday of the Air Force at an annual outdoor family day event. (Courtesy Photo)



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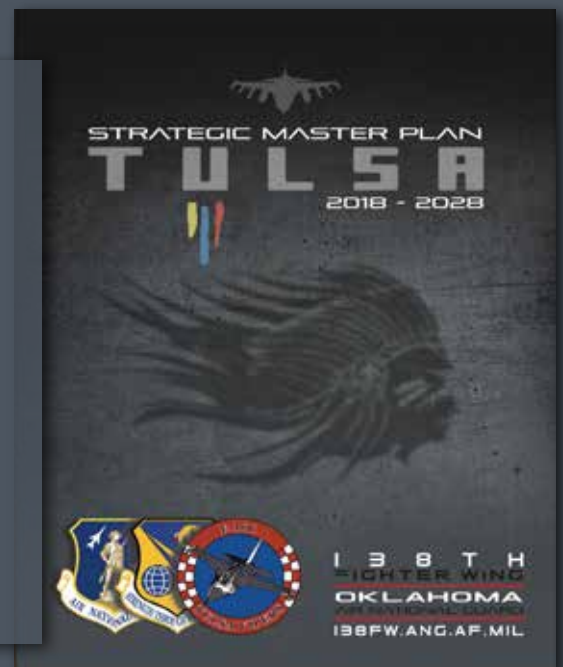
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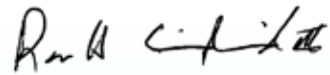
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Airmen, Families, Retirees and Supporters:

When I first joined the Air National Guard, I enjoyed receiving a copy of the Base newspaper in the mail the week before drill. As a traditional Guardsman, the Base newspaper was a great way to get information, connect with my Wing, and provide a way for my family to understand what I did during drill weekends. It was great to see the photos and read the stories of the hard work our members did around the world in support of our Nation's defense. We highlighted the celebration of promotions, awards and retirements. The paper also served as historical documentation that captured unit deployments, community involvement and opportunities that benefited our members. The Sooners on Guard was a great publication. I can truly say I loved seeing it every month.

Since taking command of the 138th Fighter Wing in October 2015, I set a goal to ignite a new digital publication. I am pleased to share the very first issue of Locked On. The purpose of this biannual publication is three-fold: to instill and sustain pride in the 138th Fighter Wing; to educate and connect our members, retirees, families and those interested in the Wing; and to maintain a historical record of the activities of the best Fighter Wing on planet Earth.

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Col Tray "Rudy" Siegfried



BRAVE ONE

CHAPLAIN JOHN D. MORRISON III

TALKS ABOUT HOW MENTORSHIP HAS SHAPED HIS CAREER

STORY AND PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. PHIL COWEN

"It was a legacy decision, but it was also a decision that I wanted to make," said 1st Lt. John D. Morrison III, chaplain for the 138th Fighter Wing, of his decision to join the military.

The legacy of military service spans three generations from his father's tour in Vietnam, to his grandfather's tour in World War II that earned the patriarch John Morrison three bronze stars. But despite the patriotic contributions of his predecessors, Chaplain Morrison did not always have the military on his mind.

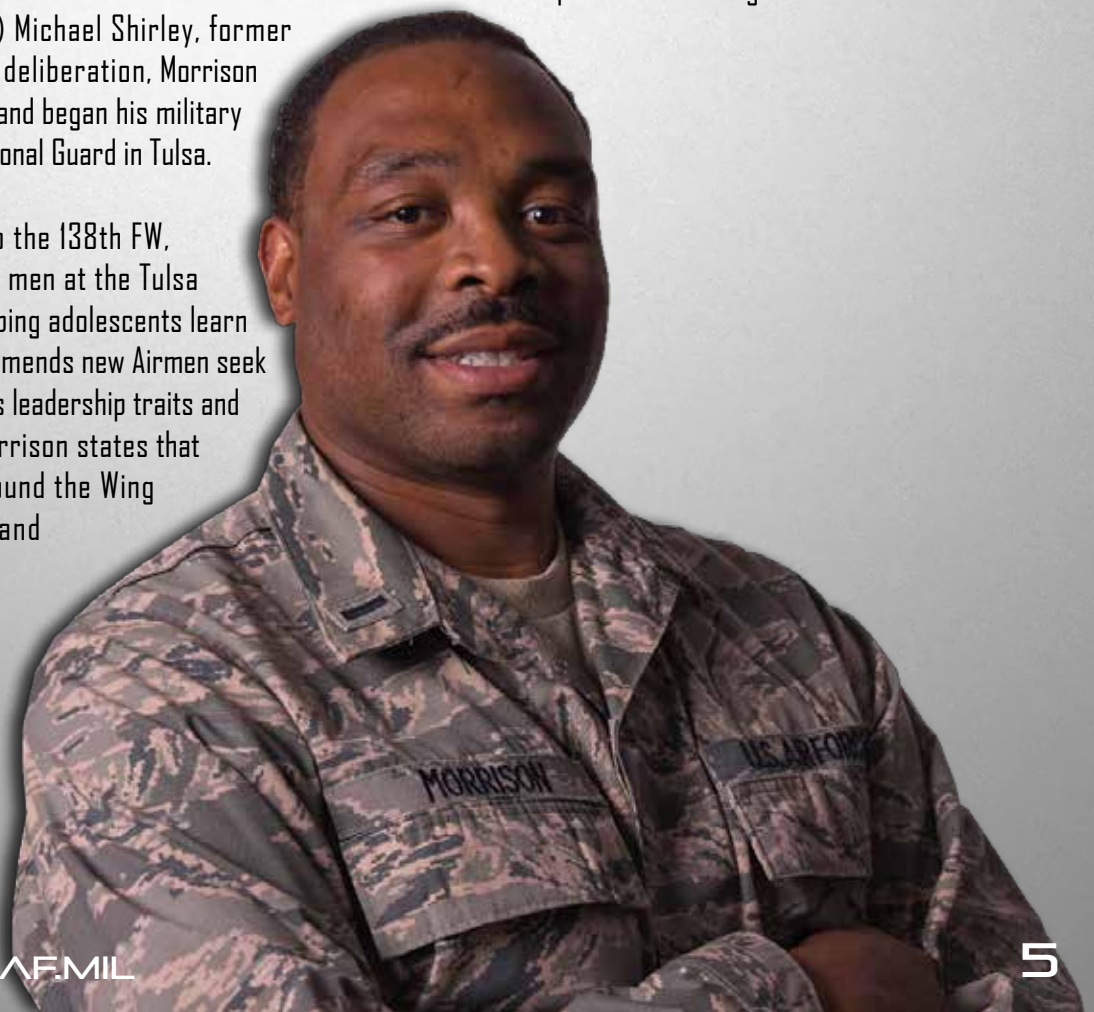
Growing up, faith and prayer were always solid foundations, which were modeled by his parents. Although Morrison's passion for musicianship kept him actively involved in church as a youth, in college he began to feel the need to explore his own faith journey. Graduation came and Morrison decided to pursue a master's degree in divinity at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was here that a professor and mentor began talking with John about the possibility of becoming a chaplain for the United States Military.

"I believe in the power of mentorship," Morrison said.

So when the notion of chaplaincy arose, he turned to the people in his life he knew would give him solid advice. Morrison's father, John Morrison II, shared with him how his own life had benefited from talks with a chaplain while serving in Vietnam. Morrison also sought the advice of Lt. Col (Ret.) Michael Shirley, former chaplain for the 138th FW. After deliberation, Morrison decided to follow God's prompting and began his military career with the Oklahoma Air National Guard in Tulsa.

In addition to his commitment to the 138th FW, Morrison actively mentors young men at the Tulsa Boy's Home. Just as these developing adolescents learn through example, Morrison recommends new Airmen seek out leaders to consult who possess leadership traits and are willing to invest in others. Morrison states that he is grateful for all the people around the Wing who have set positive examples and welcomed him into the fold.

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome in the chaplain's office," Morrison said.



PILOT FOR A DAY

PHOTOS AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY MASTER SGT. C.T. MICHAEL

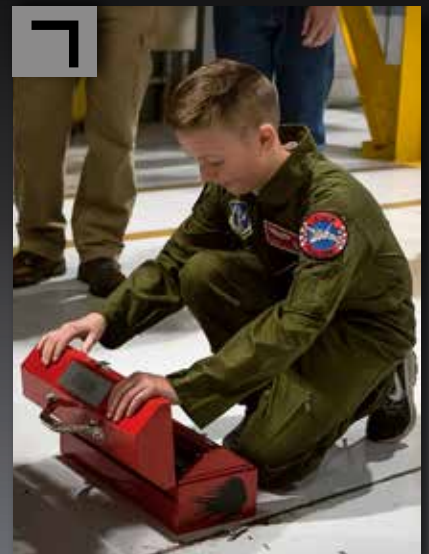


"GUNNER"

THE 138TH FIGHTER WING, PILOT FOR A DAY PROGRAM ALLOWS CHILDREN WITH POTENTIALLY LIFE THREATENING ILLNESSES A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN F-16 FIGHTER PILOT.

Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, 138th Fighter Wing's newest Top Gun, is dressed head to toe in Combat Edge equipment and gives a thumbs up during a flight simulation Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.





1. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, receives a key to the base from Lt. Colonel. Michael Scorsone, 125th Fighter Squadron commander, Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa , Oklahoma.

2. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, announces a building page "Jets are ready" Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

3. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, simulates extinguishing a fire while operating a base fire truck water cannon Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

4. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, gives a thumbs up while sitting in an F-16 Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

5. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, experiences what it's like to wear firefighting equipment Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

6. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, watches jets taxi onto the runway for takeoff Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

7. Andrew "Gunner" Jolly, Pilot For A Day, receives his personal toolbox from the 138th Maintenance Squadron Feb. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



READINESS IN ACTION

THE 138TH FIGHTER WING DEPLOYS TO SOUTHWEST ASIA

PHOTO ESSAY BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA IMWALLE



Airmen from the 138th Fighter Wing board a plane at the Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Airmen are bound for an overseas combat deployment, April 2018.



Training missions, like Operation Snowbird and Green Flag, give the opportunity for Airmen to train in a simulated combat environment, with the ability to deploy live weapons.

Green Flag is a joint and coalition exercise that focuses on Close Air Support (CAS), which consists of air action against enemy forces.

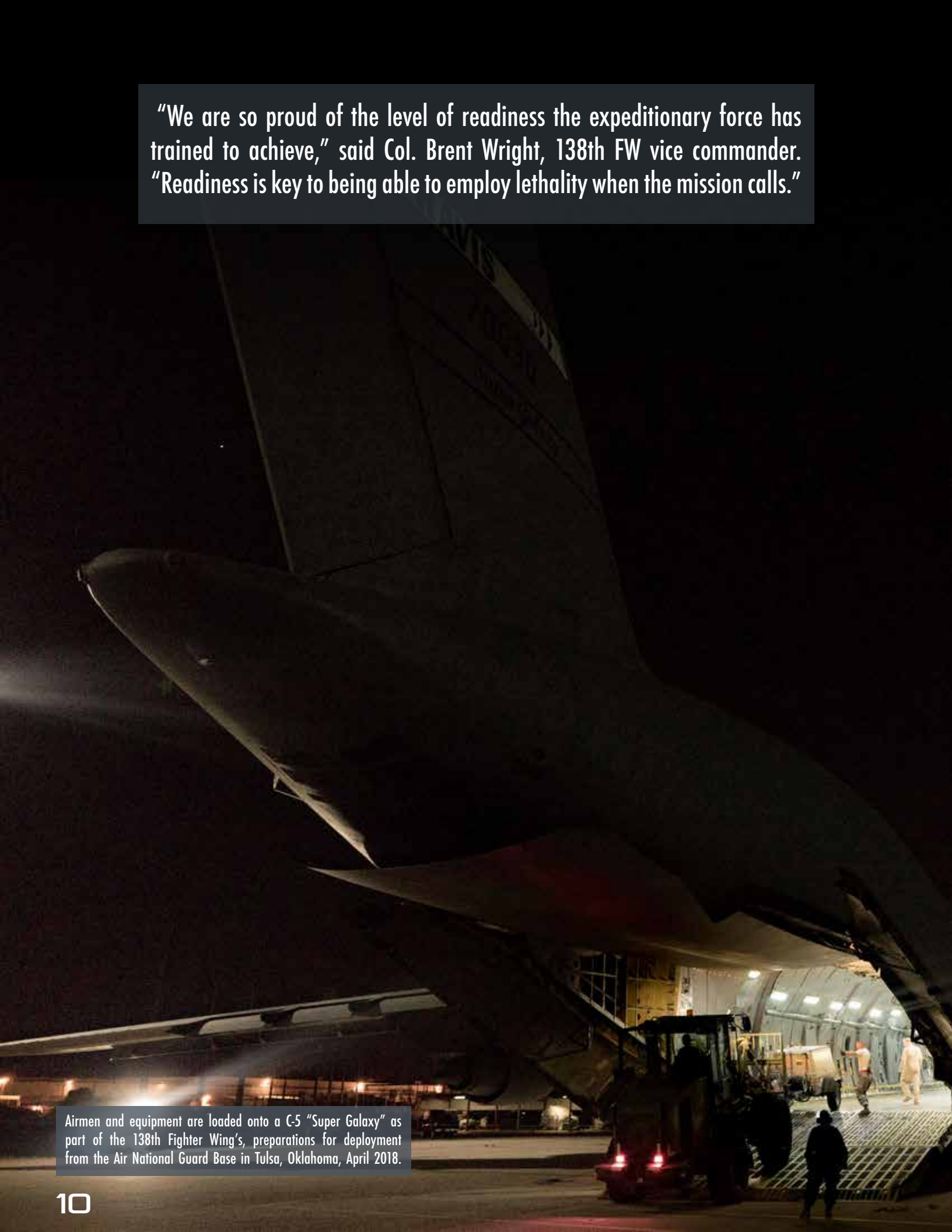


Operation Snowbird shares a similar mission to Green Flag, but also focuses on total force training which integrates active duty, reserve and National Guard units in a single exercise.

“Exercises like Green Flag and Operation Snowbird are absolutely essential for mission readiness,” explained Col. Tray Siegfried, commander of the 138th Fighter Wing. “They provide squadron commanders with the opportunity to transform members of their unit into expeditionary Airmen.”



"We are so proud of the level of readiness the expeditionary force has trained to achieve," said Col. Brent Wright, 138th FW vice commander. "Readiness is key to being able to employ lethality when the mission calls."



Airmen and equipment are loaded onto a C-5 "Super Galaxy" as part of the 138th Fighter Wing's, preparations for deployment from the Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 2018.

As Airmen from the 138th FW go through the pre-deployment process, dozens of Airmen work behind the scenes to provide support. Members of the Installation Deployment Office oversee the year-long pre-deployment process from start to finish. Their responsibility is to establish and mobilize the personnel and equipment required for the mission. Employees and volunteers from the 138th's Family Program Office provide support to the families of deployed Airmen and work to ensure their needs are taken care of for the duration of the deployment.



While deployed, the Airmen of the 138th FW will provide CAS to U.S. and coalition forces. Cumulatively, the F-16 squadrons will fly hundreds of hours each week. After flying all of those hours, the 138th's maintenance technicians will spend even more time keeping their F-16s ready for the next day's missions.

WARPAINT

EXPEDITIONARY POWER ACROSS THE GLOBE

STORY BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA IMWALLE

The 219th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS) recently returned from a deployment in Southwest Asia, where their mission was to mobilize Airmen, resources and assets to engineer, install and enhance communication systems and infrastructure for their area of responsibility.

During this deployment, the 219th EIS completed the same missions at two separate locations.

"One of our primary duties while deployed was to convert communication systems from expeditionary to enduring," Lt. Col. Robin Cavanaugh, 219th EIS commander explained. "What this means is that we are enhancing systems that are already installed and making them a more sustainable, long term solution."

This deployment provided Airmen with the opportunity to put their training into action. For six months, they traveled to more than 10 areas of responsibility providing various support, ranging from engineering communications solutions to installing fiber optic cable in new facilities.

"We are so much different than the other units across base," Cavanaugh said. "We don't directly support the air frame like so many other squadrons do. Our mission is communications infrastructure."

The 219th EIS is a self-sustaining squadron, meaning that all equipment, personnel and skillsets such as mechanics and logistics, are organic to the unit and they do not need support from other units to complete their missions.

"The deployment went really well," Cavanaugh noted. "We faced some challenges along the way, but it was very successful overall."

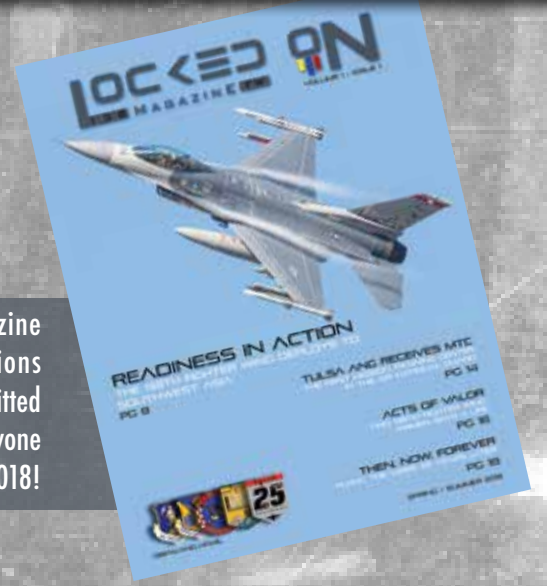


Members of the 219th Engineering Installation Squadron pose with an Oklahoma flag while deployed overseas, Nov. 16, 2017. While deployed, their mission was to mobilize Airmen, resources and assets to engineer, install and enhance communication systems and infrastructure for their area of responsibility. (Courtesy photo)

MERGE

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How did we come up with the new magazine name "Locked On"? Our official magazine naming began in 2016. Throughout the year, we received numerous suggestions and eventually narrowed our options down to three top contenders. We submitted the final three name choices and you voted for the winner. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this new endeavor. Stay tuned for our next edition coming Dec. 2018!



Capt. Nicholas Reynolds, 219th Engineering Installation Squadron, displays the National Guard Association annual golf tournament trophy Apr. 5, 2018, at the Mohawk Golf Course, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The annual NGA of Oklahoma Scholarship Foundation golf tournament creates scholarships to support Airmen, Soldiers and their families. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



The 138th Fighter Wing hosts the annual National Guard Association of Oklahoma Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament Apr. 5, 2018, at the Mohawk Golf Course, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Seven teams registered for the event and raised more than \$1,000 to support 19 scholarships for Airmen, Soldiers and their families. Teams compete in 18 holes to win the NGAOK Golf Tournament traveling trophy. Team NGAOK won this years event.



Senior Airman Brad Heath, 138th Fighter Wing command post, presents the Patriotic Employer Award to Kevin Hern, First Strike Management, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 20, 2017. The Patriot Award is given to employers nominated by an employee serving in the National Guard, Reserves or a spouse of a service member in recognition for the support provided directly to the nominating service member and their family. (U.S. Air National Guard photo illustration by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



TULSA ANG RECEIVES MTC

STORY BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA IMWALLE
PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. (RET.) MARK MOORE

The 138th Fighter Wing (FW) will soon be home to a new Mission Training Center (MTC) that will provide pilots with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure mission readiness.

The MTC is a \$35 million project and will facilitate four high-fidelity F-16 simulators to improve readiness and pilot lethality. The 138th FW is the first Air National Guard unit to receive this equipment.

The 138th FW Inspector General, Lt. Col. David Phillips, was initially assigned as the project officer for the MTC in the spring of 2017, and continues to ensure the completion of the project.



"This will provide us with mission essential training right here at home," Phillips said. "We used to have to travel several times a year in order to maintain our qualifications. Receiving this equipment also provides other units with an additional location to train."

Phillips is also an instructor pilot, and explained that this facility will give him the ability to stop and reset a simulator mission if something goes wrong. It also provides pilots the ability to train for emergencies that cannot be trained for in flight due to safety concerns.

"This all started with our local community members voting for Vision Tulsa," Phillips said. "That really helped pave the way for further funding from Air Combat Command. We have great support from our local citizens and leaders, and wouldn't have been able to do this without them."

The "Vision 2025: Foresight 4 Greater Tulsa" economic development project increased funding for various organizations across the local community, and provided more than \$9 million for the funding of the MTC. Additional funding for simulator equipment came from the Air Combat Command and the state of Oklahoma for necessary road improvements around the MTC site.

"This is a joint project," Phillips explained. "We have local, state and federal agencies working to make this happen. The amount of coordination that has been going on between all agencies involved is incredible."

The MTC is scheduled for completion within the first few months of 2019.



AIR FORCE TRANSITIONS TO A SINGLE COMBAT UNIFORM

Patrol caps will be worn with nametapes placed on the back using Velcro or sewn on. Officer rank will be sewn on the front of the hat and centered 1/2 inch above the visor.

T-shirt will be Tan.

Name and USAF tape embroidery will be spice brown thread.

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Subdued U.S. Flags are mandatory and will be centered at the top of Velcro.

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The following patches will be worn on either sleeve in place of either the HHQ or organizational unit patch:
Weapons Instructor Course patch (graduate or instructor), USAF Test Pilot School and School of Advanced Air patch, Space Studies patch, Critical Care Air Transport Team patch, Test Pilot School graduate patches or other completed equivalent schools

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Higher headquarters (HHQ) subdued cloth patch, Directorate subdued cloth patch, Inspector General identification subdued cloth patch, or subdued cloth patches/badges of awarded campaigns/combat while assigned to the awarding unit.

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Further official wear guidance will be available soon in AFI 58-2103, Dress and Personal Appearance

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OCT	Online sales projected to be available
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STORY AND PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA IMWALLE

As traffic continued to move past the scene of an accident, two Airmen from the 138th Fighter Wing took action, providing life-saving support to someone they did not know.

On June 24, 2017, Staff Sgt. Zachary Langley and Senior Airman Rhett Cagle, both munitions systems technicians with the 138th Maintenance Squadron, put their training into action when they encountered a potentially fatal accident while on a temporary duty assignment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

"I never expected anything of this magnitude to happen to me," Langley said. "This event was the most tragic event I have ever seen."

Langley and Cagle were on their way home, after being designated drivers on their evening off, when they encountered an accident. As they approached the scene, a group of onlookers surrounded an individual who was not breathing and appeared to have a severe head injury. The individual was struck by a vehicle while crossing the street. Cagle began performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation while Langley repositioned their car to decrease the threat posed by oncoming traffic.

"This is nothing you can ever expect, especially on a TDY," Cagle explained. "It's something I don't think either of us will forget, even the minor details are still burned into my head."

Cagle and Langley successfully resuscitated the pedestrian and kept him in stable condition until the local authorities arrived. Several days later it was confirmed that the pedestrian had survived the accident and was in recovery. Langley and Cagle both received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Oklahoma Star of Valor award, which is awarded to individuals who perform an act of heroism involving voluntary risk of life or limb in order to protect the life of another person.

"If this happens to someone else, my advice would be to stay calm and don't be afraid to act," Langley said. "Although you may think you forgot your training, I can tell you it's hiding back there and will show itself when the time comes to use it."

Annually, service members complete many hours of first aid training to be prepared in the event they or their wingman is injured in combat. Cagle noted that they just happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"If it wasn't for the actions made when we arrived on scene, the gentleman wouldn't be here today," Cagle said. "I am extremely proud of Staff Sgt. Langley and myself for the effort we made."



LINE-OF-SIGHT



Maj. Nicholas Moore, 125th Fighter Squadron, shares a conversation with his daughter upon his return from a Green Flag exercise Jan. 27, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Green Flag is a series of joint coalition air-to-ground scenarios which provide realistic training operation exercises used to increase combat effectiveness between aircrew and intelligence while providing leadership planning capabilities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Malay, superintendent, Security Forces Squadron, 138th Fighter Wing, explains how to wear combat protection gear to Maj. Gen. Michael Thompson, Adjutant General of Oklahoma Mar. 4, 2018, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This was Thompson's first visit to the Tulsa Air National Guard Base, since being appointed to the position in November 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)

Master Sgt. Annie Hawkins, 138th Operations Support Squadron aviation resource management technician, reads a book on camera to her children during a Yellow Ribbon Event Mar. 18, 2018, at the Marriot Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a Department of Defense (DoD) effort helping National Guard and Reserve service members and their families connect with local resources before, during and after deployments. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



Incoming Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Kaase, accepts his new assignment during a change of authority ceremony, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As the wing command chief, Kaase acts as the voice of the enlisted Airmen to the wing commander, providing leadership to the enlisted corps within the wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



THEN NOW FOREVER

STORY BY MASTER SGT. C.T. MICHAEL

The 138th Fighter Wing recently celebrated 25 years of flying the F-16 during a family day event on September 16, 2017, at Tulsa Air National Base, Oklahoma.

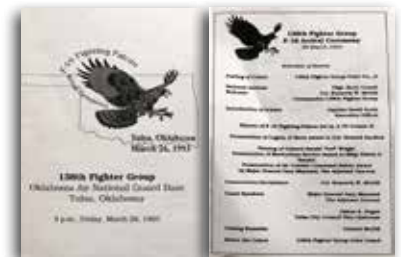
To understand how the F-16 began its home in Tulsa, travel back 40 years to the 138th Tactical Fighter Group, Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the Air National Guard base welcomed the first A-7D Corsair II aircraft over the Oklahoma skies on March 23, 1978. By early July, 1978, the A-7 arrival was two months ahead of schedule, and 14 of the 18 assigned aircraft would begin a new era in Tulsa. The conversion would bring 22 more full-time technicians to the unit in support of the new fighter mission.

In the 15-year tenure of A-7s in Tulsa, 138th Tactical Fighter Group deployed to Royal Air Force Base Wittering, United Kingdom, and to RAF Waddington, UK. The European deployments were part of NATO training missions which allowed Airmen to work and train alongside their British counterparts.

Fast forward to 1993: Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas, became the 42nd President of the United States, Space Shuttle Endeavor launched to the fringe of Earth repairing a damaged Hubble Space Telescope, and Jurassic Park was the biggest movie of the year. On Friday, March 26, 1993, almost 15 years to the day, the 138th TFG gave a final farewell salute to the aging A-7 during an F-16 Fighting Falcon arrival ceremony at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base. Two years later the fighter group would be re-designated to a Fighter Wing.

Although a bittersweet goodbye was felt by many who attended the ceremony, it soon became apparent the reason why eager crowds gathered. In formation, flying high above the crowd were two new F-16 aircraft led by an outgoing A-7. The F-16s throttled up with a deafening roar and passed the aging A-7 to signal a new era had begun in Tulsa.

"It's like a skateboard with rockets," said Lt. Col. Ronald Turner, former vice commander of the 138th TFG. "The A-7s were wonderful aircraft to us, but the F-16 gives us the air-to-air fighting capability we didn't have in the other jet."



SOONERS ON GUARD





For 25 years the Tulsa F-16 Vipers have been an integral part of protecting our Nation and coalition partners from global threats. The Wing has deployed seven times to the Middle East. On September 16, 2017, the 138th Fighter Wing echoed the past and celebrated the 25th anniversary of F-16s in Tulsa at an annual outdoor event for Airmen and their families.

Painting the backdrop of a lectern sits the lethal F-16 Viper. A commemorative tail flash reads "Spirit of Tulsa" high above a silhouette of the Tulsa skyline. The custom tail flash was created as part of a base contest. Numerous Airmen submitted designs and four of those designs were part of the final selection. The four winning Airmen then worked together on a final design that was unveiled at the 25th anniversary celebration.

Col. Tray Siegfried, 138th Fighter Wing commander, welcomed local media, families, friends, city and state representatives to the event. Siegfried also spoke of the positive impacts the F-16s had on the Tulsa community, and officially unveiled the commemorative tail flash, which pays tribute to the 138th's roots in the City of Tulsa. To expound on the day's celebration, G.T. Bynum, mayor of the City of Tulsa, was also in attendance and offered his support to the men and women of the 138th FW, who protect America's freedom.

As the celebration came to a close, the Tulsa F-16 Viper and P-51 Mustang thundered above the crowd in a tight formation as a nod to the proud heritage of Oklahoma National Guard airpower in Tulsa. With each pass, many in attendance may have wondered how much longer the venerable F-16 has before it is passed up by the arrival of the next generation fighter and a new era in Tulsa.

In 25 years, the Tulsa Vipers have participated in Operations PROVIDE COMFORT, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, and more recent FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

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