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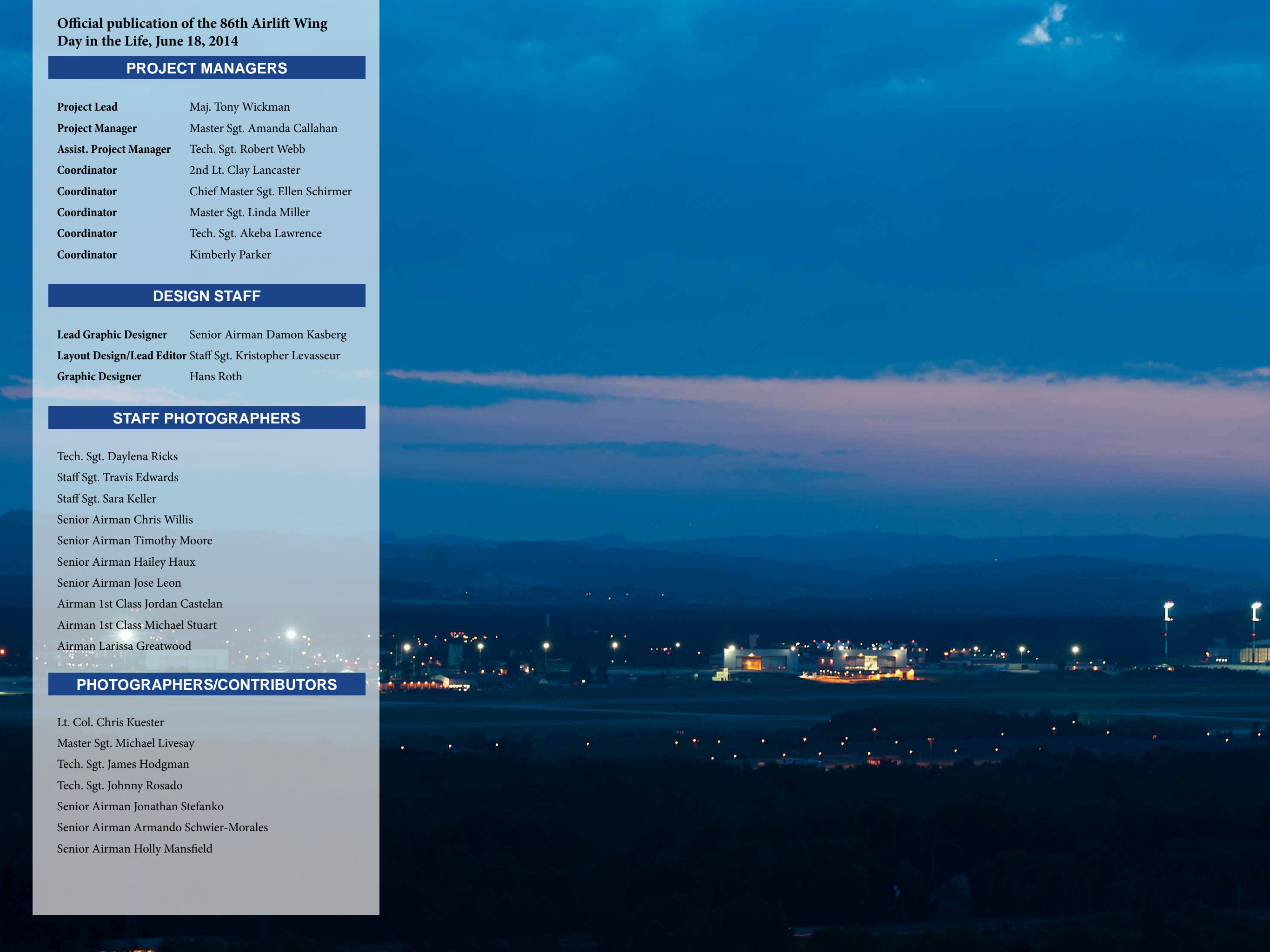
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## 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



### About the project...

As the commander of the 86th Airlift Wing, if I had one wish, it would be that every American could stand in my shoes for 24 hours to see the great things our Airmen accomplish every day.

I have the distinct privilege of getting a front row seat to witness amazing work done daily by thousands of 86th Airlift Wing Airmen who support multiple missions and commands here and around the world.

With six groups, 27 squadrons and several staff functions working in harmony here at Ramstein, Landstuhl, Vogelweh, Einsiedlerhof, Moron Air Base, Spain, and Chievres Air Base, Belgium, the 86th Airlift Wing is a power projection platform that enables mission success for the Air Force, Department of Defense, and our NATO Allies and partners.

I'm regularly asked to explain what a "typical" day for our wing looks like. The question isn't asked with the intent to oversimplify our daily accomplishments; but rather, to begin to understand what it means to live and work at the busiest – and dare I say best – mobility hub in the Air Force.

So, what does a typical day look like for our wing? My usual answer is that it depends... there isn't a good, simple description to explain a typical day for the 86th Airlift Wing. So, when public affairs approached me with an idea on how to communicate what we do every day – "A Day in the Life" if

you will – I naturally thought this book and the associated products could help all of us explain to those who haven't been a part of this wing what a "typical" day is for us.

This "Day in the Life of the 86th Airlift Wing" effort is the story of our Airmen communicated visually.

During the 24-hour period of June 18, 2014, more than 30 public affairs professionals covered nearly every facet of the 86th Airlift Wing to record the lives and service of the best our Nation has to offer. From the flight line to the medical clinic, from the dining facility to the maintenance back shops, from the legal office to security posts, public affairs captured and gathered as much imagery as possible in one day – more than 7,000 pictures and nearly 12 hours of video – to accurately reflect what is great about being an 86th Airlift Wing Airman.

It was a herculean effort that took months of planning and coordination for all of it to come together on that one day; and months of work on the back end to create these products for all to enjoy.

As you review this book and all the other "Day in the Life of the 86th Airlift Wing" products, look closely at the images. In that imagery, you will see Airmen accomplishing extraordinary things. More importantly, all those portrayed in these products are professionals...volunteers. You will see representatives of every part of America

working together for a common mission...a common goal.

If you look beyond the uniforms and tasks performed, you will see what I see: determination, pride, selfless service that comes with the demands and honor of serving our country.

The Airmen of the 86th Airlift Wing equip, train and maintain to accomplish all that is asked of them in the defense of our Nation... operationally ready, honored to serve. This book serves as a window into the world of our wing and all that it does to support America and its Allies.

Each of our Airmen has a story to tell, and regardless of whether or not their picture is included, this book and associated "Day in the Life of the 86th Airlift Wing" products are dedicated with deep gratitude to all Airmen and families who have served, are serving or will serve in the 86th Airlift Wing.

*Virtus Perdurat...Enduring Courage!*

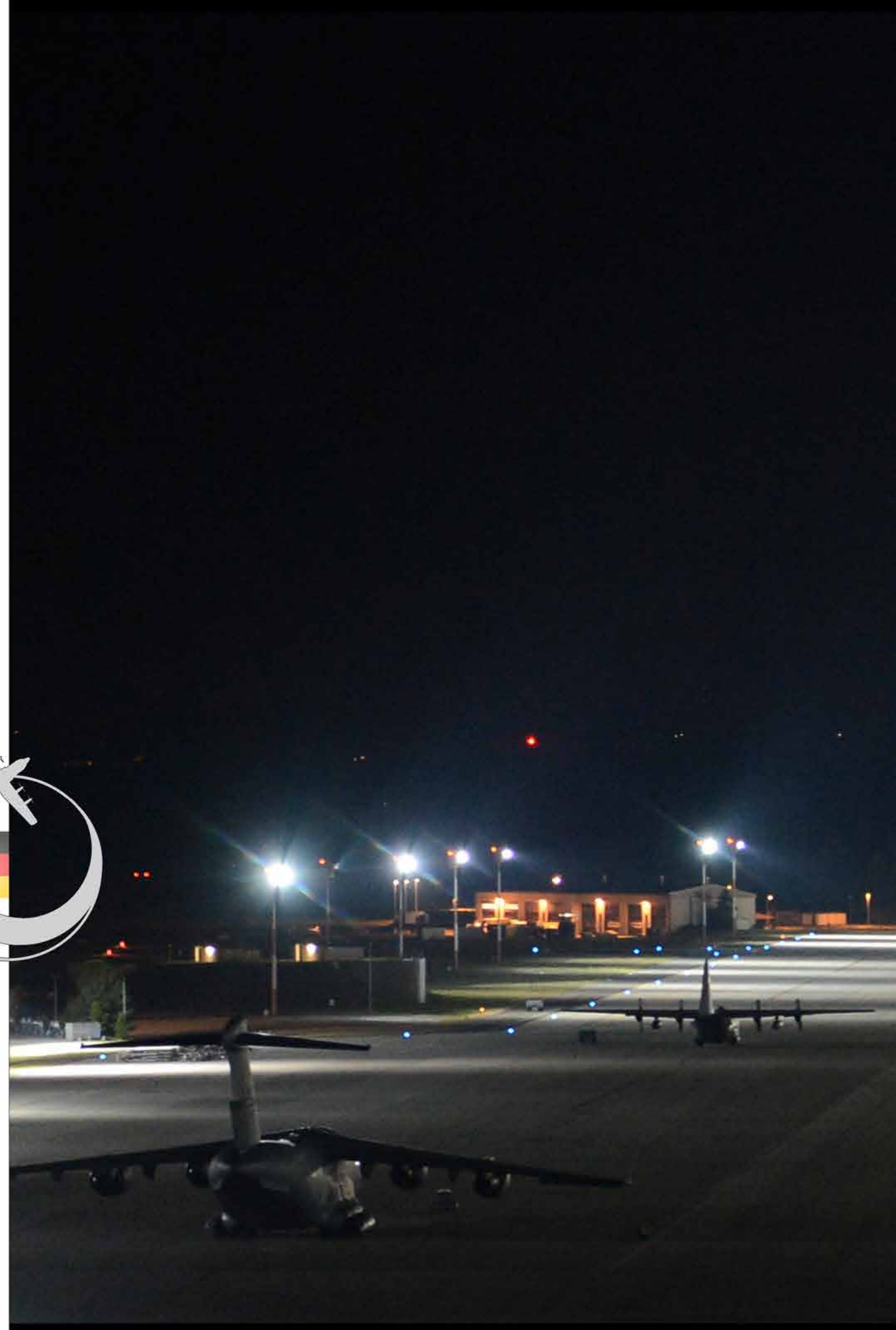
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Brigadier General  
Commander





A C-130J Super Hercules and a C-17 Globemaster III are parked on the flightline. The smaller of the two airlift platforms, the C-130J is the latest addition to the C-130 fleet and will replace the aging C-130 Hercules. The C-130J incorporates state-of-the-art technology, which reduces manpower requirements, lowers operating and support costs and provides life-cycle cost savings over earlier C-130 models. The C-130J primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

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The Ramstein air traffic control tower remains active throughout the night. Members of the 86th Operations Support Squadron man the tower 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ensuring safe air space for the more than 25,000 aircraft transiting through Ramstein every year. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)







## Left

Tech. Sgt. Scott Fooshee, 86th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, views the flightline from the Ramstein Air Traffic Control Tower. Air traffic controllers maintain 24-hour operations within the control tower, guiding in- and out-bound aircraft to and from various locations around the world. It is the job of air traffic controllers to monitor these aircraft in order to prevent accidents.

Air traffic controllers are also responsible for plotting aircraft positions on radar equipment, as well as computing aircraft speed, direction and altitude. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

## Right

A view of the flightline from the Ramstein Air Traffic Control Tower at 12:22 a.m. Though the flightline was quiet at the time, in just a few short hours, a steady flow of aircraft to and from Ramstein would create what seemed like chaos to an untrained eye.

However, the highly-skilled Airmen working in the tower are all trained in aircraft flight characteristics, International Civil Aviation Organization and United States federal and military air directives, the use of aeronautical charts, maps, and publications and the interpretation, use, and limitations of ATC radar, communications systems and navigational aids. Additionally, all controllers must earn and maintain a Federal Aviation Administration ATC Specialist Certificate.







## Left

Passengers sleep in the lobby of Ramstein Inn while waiting to catch their flight. The Ramstein Inn has more than 1,000 rooms, including visiting quarters, distinguished visiting quarters, temporary lodging facilities and pet-friendly temporary lodging facilities located in 20 buildings throughout the base. The inn runs 24/7 to ensure customer service is available at all times. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



## Left

Natalia Lopez, Ramstein Inn guest service representative, assists a customer. The Ramstein Inn provides temporary lodging to a wide variety of customers including new members of Team Ramstein as they arrive for the first time or depart for their next assignment.





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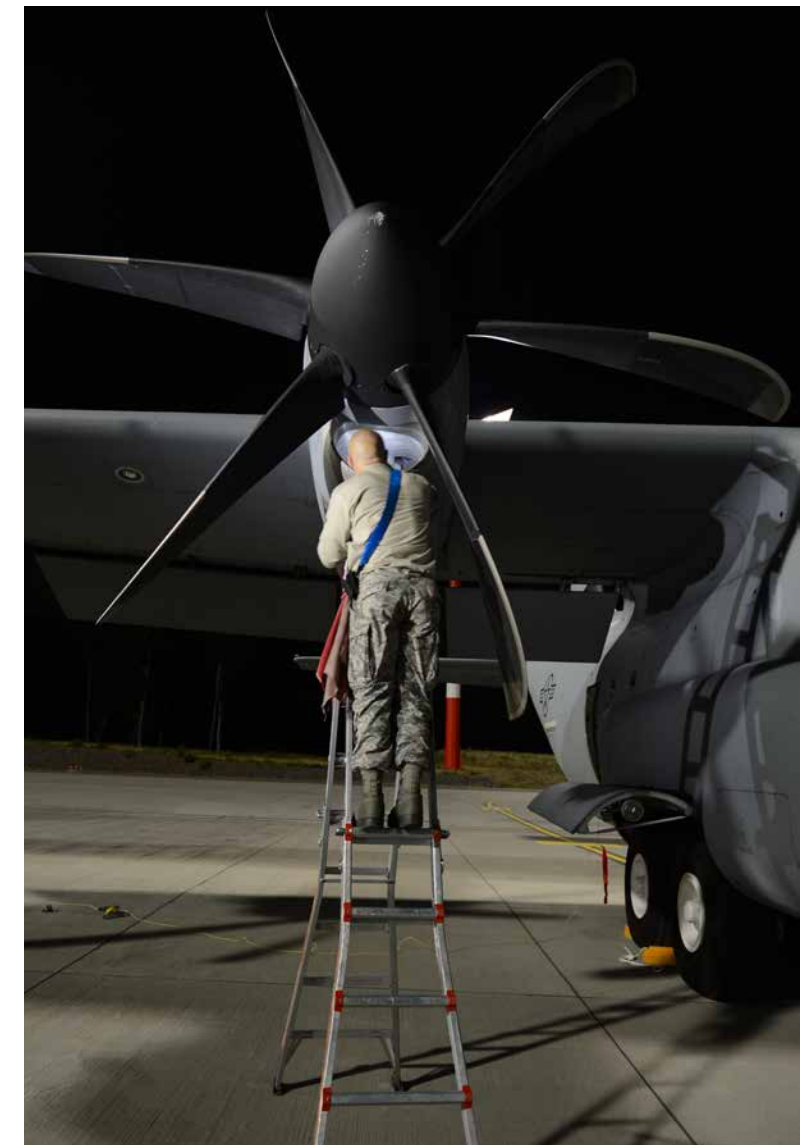


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The 86th Airlift Wing is composed of six groups, 27 squadrons and three bases in Germany, Spain and Belgium. The wing's mission is to conduct USAFE's only airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation operations flying the C-20H, C-21, C-37, C-40B and C-130J aircraft, as well as provide combat airlift and operate the Air Force's premier installation to enable and assure strategic capabilities. In addition to USAFE and the NATO Allied Air Component Command Headquarters, the 3rd Air Force, the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing, the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, and a variety of other tenant organizations also reside on Ramstein. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)







### Left

Staff Sgt. Kevin Byrne, 86th Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, inspects the engine of a C-130J Super Hercules. Byrne, and other crew chiefs like him, performs regular inspections and checks in order to identify problems that could affect an aircraft's ability to fly, potentially threatening the safety and lives of the personnel on board. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

### Above

Byrne inspects the engine of a C-130J Super Hercules before a mission. Crew chiefs are highly-trained expert maintenance technicians responsible for ensuring aircraft assigned to them are properly maintained and in good flying condition.



## Left

Staff Sgt. Brett Christensen, 86th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler and his K-9, Kick, search for explosives. MWDs are trained to patrol and detect either narcotics or explosives. These elite K-9s undergo up to 120 days of extensive training learning various commands and how to better hone their senses, but their true potential isn't revealed until a bond is made with a handler. At Ramstein, handlers are given two to three weeks to focus on their new partner, learn their mannerisms and build initial trust. Once a K-9 learns how to work with their handler, they undergo more training preparing them for any threat at home or abroad. The various courses the dogs undergo simulate what they might encounter during a mission. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)

## Right

Members of the 86th SFS patrol the flightline. The 86th SFS is entrusted with protecting people, property and resources at Ramstein. Their 24-hour operation is what stands between trouble and the members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community. Directing vehicle and pedestrian traffic on base, conducting investigations into any on-base incidents, apprehending and detaining suspects, securing crime scenes and testifying in judicial proceedings are some of the duties of security forces members. This is a physically- and mentally-demanding career field requiring highly-focused and professional individuals.

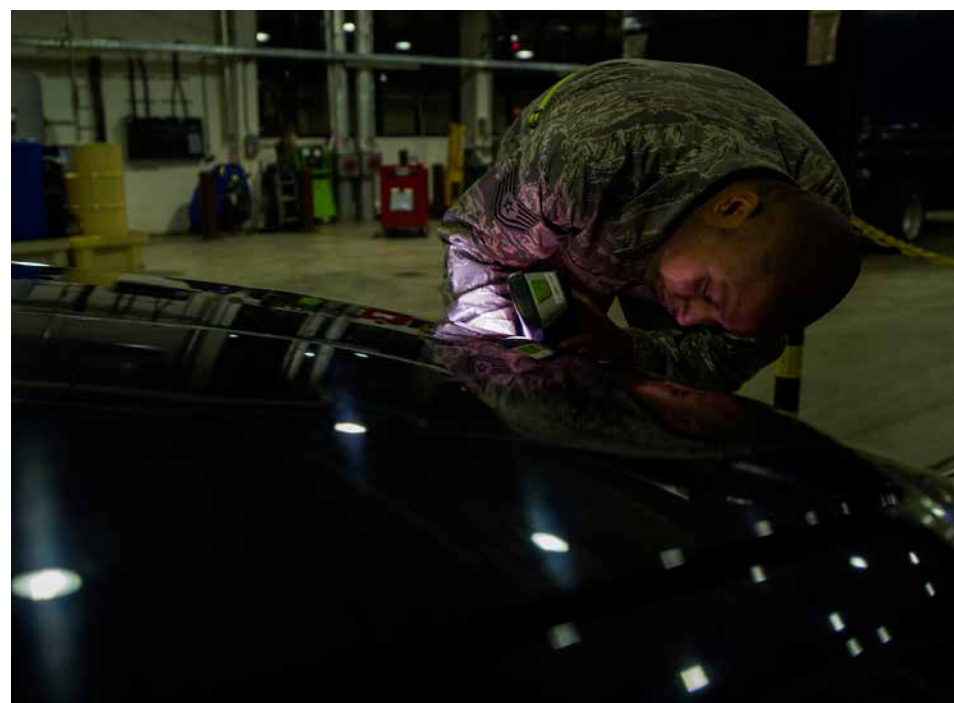






## Top and Bottom Left

Members of the 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron inspect a government vehicle. The 86th VRS maintains more than 1,800 vehicles, the largest fleet in the Air Force, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Ramstein VRS has one mission -- to keep the Kaiserslautern Military Community moving throughout all seasons of the year. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



## Bottom Right

Tech. Sgt. Avery Hardge, 86th VRS vehicle operator dispatcher, inspects a government vehicle. From the smallest matter such as getting your driver's license, to driving crew buses, the 86th VRS Airmen have their hands in just about everything transportation-related at Ramstein, which is also a part of the never-ending mission for the Air Force's only vehicle readiness squadron.

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## Above

A service member exits the Ramstein Express. The gas station, also known as the shoppette, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year, servicing a community of more than 57,000. The gas station offers fuel at American prices to those who have a valid gas card. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)





### Left

Airman 1st Class Mark Pulley, 786th Force Support Squadron food service specialist, prepares meals in the flight kitchen. The 786th FSS provides flight meal support for local and worldwide missions. The squadron supplies approximately 250 meals a day, but during peak times throughout the year, they can supply up to 1,000 meals on any given day. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

### Right

Pulley unfolds boxes in the Ramstein flight kitchen in order to prepare boxed lunches for aircrew and passengers. The Airmen in the 786th FSS perform a variety of support duties to ensure their fellow Airmen are fit and ready to deploy in a moment's notice.





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### Above

An Airman works out with resistance bands at the Northside Fitness Center. The fitness center provides Airmen more flexibility with their workout routines, especially those who work different shifts. The around-the-clock accessibility contributes to the overall mission at Ramstein by helping Airmen maintain war-time fitness readiness. The center is available to military members and anyone who is an privileged identification card holder 24 hours a day, five days-a-week. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

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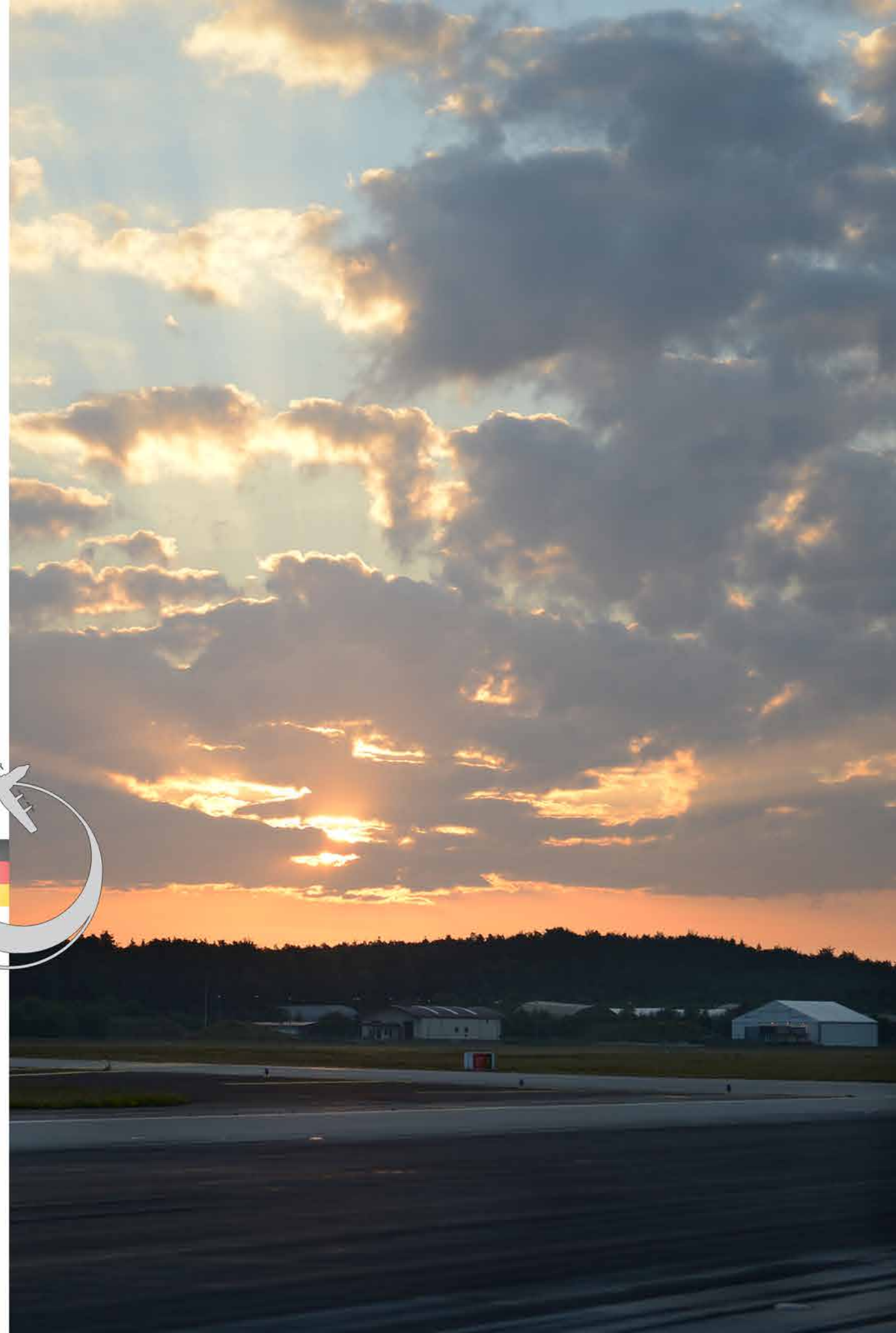
### Left

Airman 1st Class Robert Thomson, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, works out with Airman 1st Class Timothy Thomasula, 86th AMXS crew chief, at the Northside Fitness Center.



The sun peaks out of the clouds over Ramstein shortly after sunrise. At this time, many Airmen are preparing for the day ahead; however, for some, this means the end of their duty day. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

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# 36TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### Above

Cpts. Ryan Heary and Sean Jensen, 37th Airlift Squadron pilots, plan a flight route prior to a mission briefing. Preparation for flight includes mission briefs for pilots and crew. The 37th AS mission is to conduct airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation operations and was constituted on Feb. 2, 1942. In November 2009, the 37th gave up its last C-130E and now flies only C-130J Super Hercules models. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)



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## **Above and Right**

Guenter Altschuck, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron water plant operator, tests the pH levels of water being circulated through Ramstein. The 786th CES monitors 19 deep wells and operates and maintains eight water treatment plants and systems. They test, repair, maintain and monitor 350 fire hydrants and 250,000 feet of water piping. They are responsible for water quality on Ramstein. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)



## Above

Staff Sgt. Koyton Thompson, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron power production supervisor and Airmen 1st Class Jonathon Moore and Michael Reniewicz, 86th CES power production journeymen, check a barrier arresting kit. When an aircraft is unable to stop on its own, the arresting kit rapidly decelerates the aircraft on the runway, ensuring the crew and aircraft land safely. To ensure 100 percent coverage in any weather condition, each end of the main runway has a BAK-12 and 14, which rests just below the concrete surface. The system is barely visible to the naked eye, but when a distressed aircraft is on approach, the BAK-12/14's 1.25-inch diameter steel cable appears above the runway surface to safely catch the passing aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)



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### Above

Master Sgt. Jonathan Mehringer, 86th Security Forces Squadron A Flight chief, inspects defenders during guard mount. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

### Right

Airmen from the 86th SFS ensure their firearms do not have a round chambered during guard mount.







## Above

Senior Airman Henry Frederick, 86th Security Forces Squadron desk sergeant, answers phones at Ramstein's Base Defense Operations Center. Airmen with the 86th SFS all play a part by helping defend and secure more than 50,000 people in the Ramstein area. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)





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Airman 1st Class Jeromy Walley, 86th Security Forces Squadron community policing team member, reads the speeds of passing cars. Defenders with the 86th SFS all play a part with helping defend and secure more than 50,000 people in the Ramstein area. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

### **Right**

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Staff Sgt. Matthew Bridge, front, and Airman 1st Class Jeromy Walley, 86th SFS community policing team, patrol around Ramstein. The purpose of a bike patrol is to conduct law enforcement and crime prevention services, while providing a less threatening and more visible contact inside the community. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

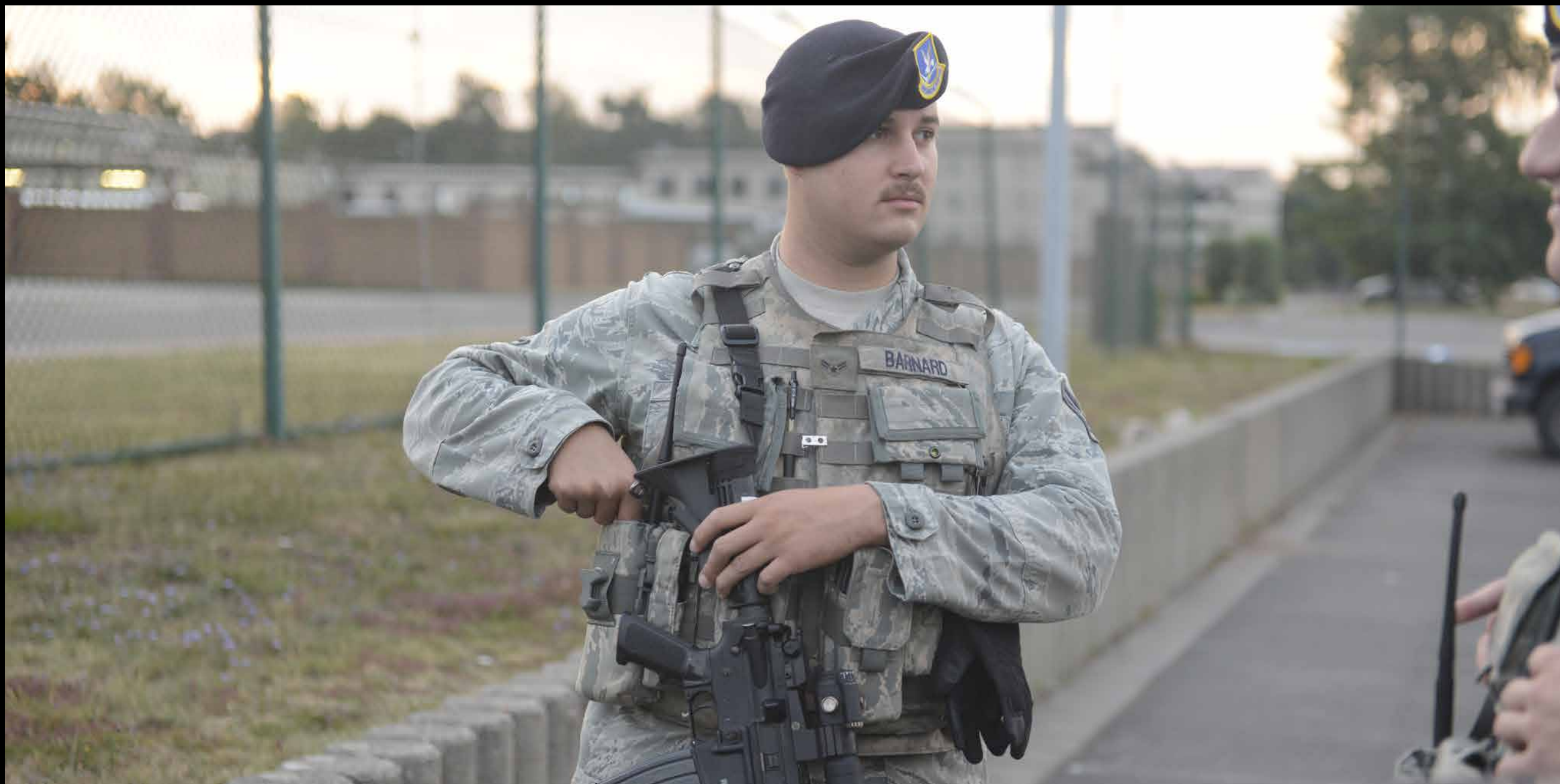






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### Above

Airman 1st Class Jordan Barnard, 86th Security Forces Squadron internal security response member, prepares for a shift change. The 86th SFS Airmen ensure the safety of all base resources, property and personnel from hostile forces. They are also involved in team patrol movements, apprehensions and detaining suspects. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)



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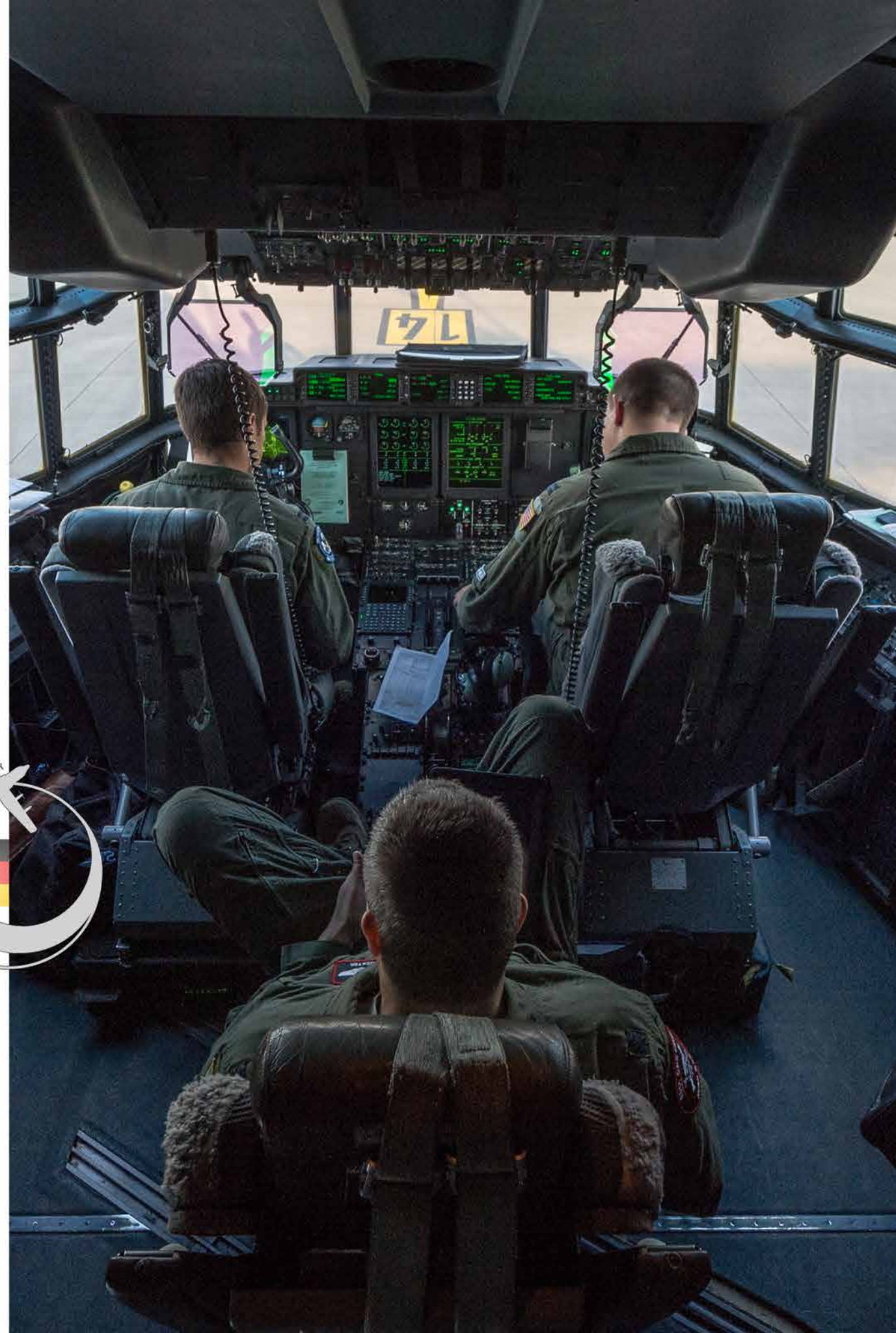


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A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron sits on the flightline. Using its loading ramp and door, the C-130 can accommodate a wide variety of oversized cargo, including everything from utility helicopters and six-wheeled armored vehicles to standard palletized cargo and military personnel. The C-130J primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of taking off and landing on rough dirt strips and is the prime transport for air dropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



Capt. Ryan Heary, top left, and Sean Jensen, top right, 37th Airlift Squadron pilots, prepare a C-130J Super Hercules before takeoff. Preparing and checking an aircraft before a flight is a preventive step used to ensure a safe mission. The flexible design of the Hercules enables it to be configured for many different missions, allowing for one aircraft to perform the role of many. Much of the special mission equipment added to the aircraft is removable, allowing it to revert back to its cargo delivery role when necessary. Additionally, the C-130J can be rapidly reconfigured for the various types of cargo such as palletized equipment, floor-loaded material, airdrop platforms, container delivery system bundles, vehicles and personnel or aeromedical evacuation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)



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## Left

Capt. Eric Cadorette, 76th Airlift Squadron pilot instructor, goes through pre-flight coordination and planning before a training flight. Along with performing aeromedical evacuations, the C-21A and its pilots also provide passenger airlift for distinguished travelers and deliver small amounts of cargo. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)

## Right

Capt. Paul Taggart, 76th AS aircraft commander, plans out the route before a training flight. The 76th has 83 aviators and five support personnel assigned to the unit to complete its unique mission.











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German nationals contracted by the military build a new blast deflector on the flightline. A blast deflector is a safety device that redirects the high energy exhaust from a jet engine to prevent damage and injury. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)







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Maj. Carl Cembrano, 86th Aerospace Medicine Squadron optometrist, utilizes the aquatic center before work. The aquatic center provides an alternate means of staying physically fit to KMC members. The aquatic center has an array of activities and classes for everyone such as lap swimming, water aerobics, and youth and adult swim lessons. The aquatic center provides an alternate means for KMC members to stay physically fit. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)





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### Above

Erik Goetze-Markworth (Top), 786th Force Support Squadron shift leader, cleans dishes and Airman 1st Class Micheal Moreno, 86 FSS line cook, serves breakfast to customers at the Lindberg Hof Dining Facility on Kapaun Air Station. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)

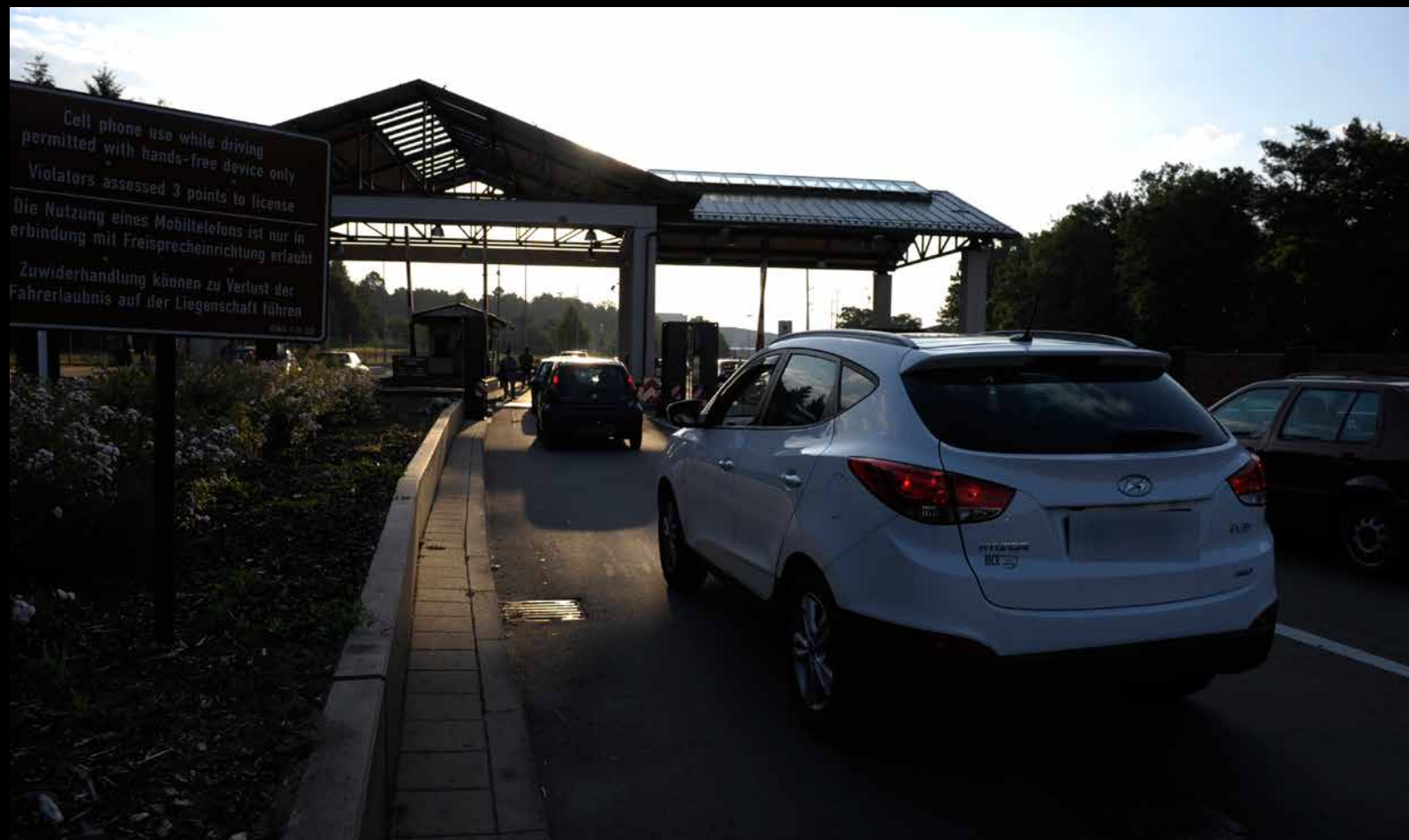
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### Right

Thomas Perry, 786th FSS cook lead, prepares food for customers at the Lindberg Hof Dining Facility.







## Left

Cars line up at Ramstein's West Gate. With the security and protection from the 86th Security Forces Squadron, thousands of vehicles safely pass through the gates of Ramstein every day. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

## Right

Airman 1st Class Mercedes Catton, 86th Security Forces Squadron gate guard, checks the identification of incoming personnel. Security Forces Airmen are responsible for protecting more than 50,000 American military members and their families in the Kaiserslautern Military Community. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)





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(U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Left

Senior Airman Trenton Strayer, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, walks past a C-130J Super Hercules after a pre-flight inspection.

Staff Sgt. Jordan Rose, 86th Operations Support Squadron air drop inspector, checks the cargo inside a C-130J.

Capt. Ryan Heary, left, 37th Airlift Squadron pilot, and Lt. Col. Bryan Dockter, 86th Operations Group standard evaluator, inspects a C-130J wingtip.

## Above

Airmen with the 37th AS discuss mission details on board a C-130J Super Hercules prior to takeoff. Airmen of the 37th perform many steps before a mission including preparing and checking an aircraft before a flight to ensure a safe mission. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

The German and American flags rest in the still air, stoic after being raised to their rightful position at Kapaun Air Station, Germany. Reveille is usually performed by the Kisling Noncommissioned Officer Academy, however, the Airmen participating in Airman Leadership School took over for the day, honoring both the American and German flags and signifying the beginning of the duty day. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)





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Airmen participating in Airman Leadership School at Kapaun Air Station perform the traditional reveille ceremony, honoring both the American and German flags and signifying the beginning of the duty day. Airman Leadership School is a five-week program designed to develop senior airmen into first-line supervisors and prepare them for the responsibilities of becoming a noncommissioned officer. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)





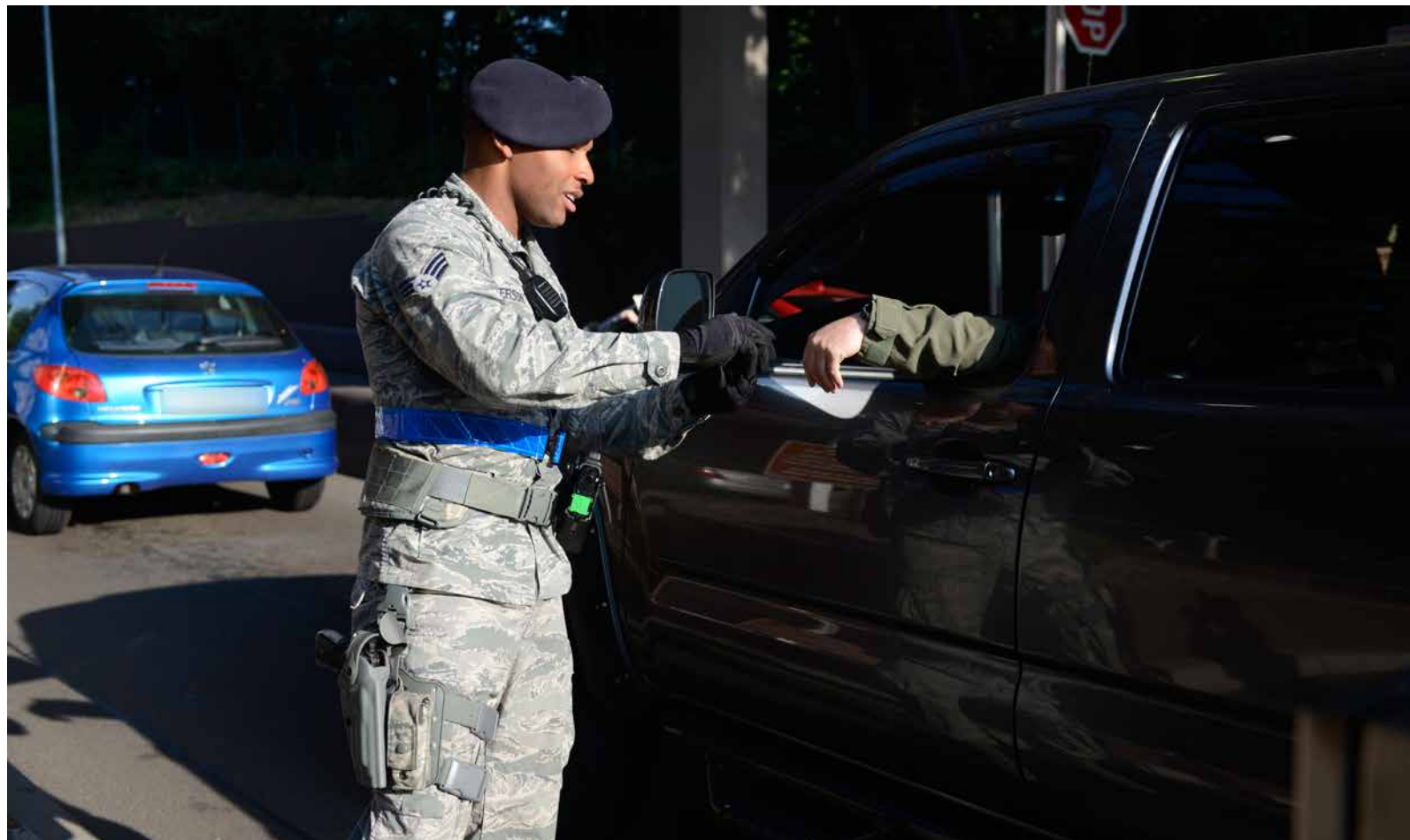




**Above**

Capt. Eric Cadorette, 76th Airlift Squadron pilot instructor, and Capt. Paul Taggart, 76th AS aircraft commander, hold a pre-flight briefing to discuss the training flight. The 76th AS supports congressional delegation members, combatant commanders and active-duty distinguished visitors from every branch of service. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)





## Left

Senior Airman Stephen Peterson, 86th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, checks IDs at Ramstein's East Gate. The 86th SFS is composed of active duty Airmen and contracted German security police, who work together to ensure the safety and security of all personnel and facilities on Ramstein. By checking IDs, members of the 86th SFS limit access to those personnel with valid common access cards and their limited guests. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

## Right

Cars wait in line to gain access to the base at Ramstein's East Gate. Members of the 86th SFS ensure the protection and security of the base by checking IDs and ensuring thousands of vehicles safely pass through the gates of Ramstein every day. With similar responsibilities as civilian officers, the 86th SFS specialists respond to emergencies, direct traffic and investigate crimes on base as well as be involved in team patrol movements and apprehend and detain suspects. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)





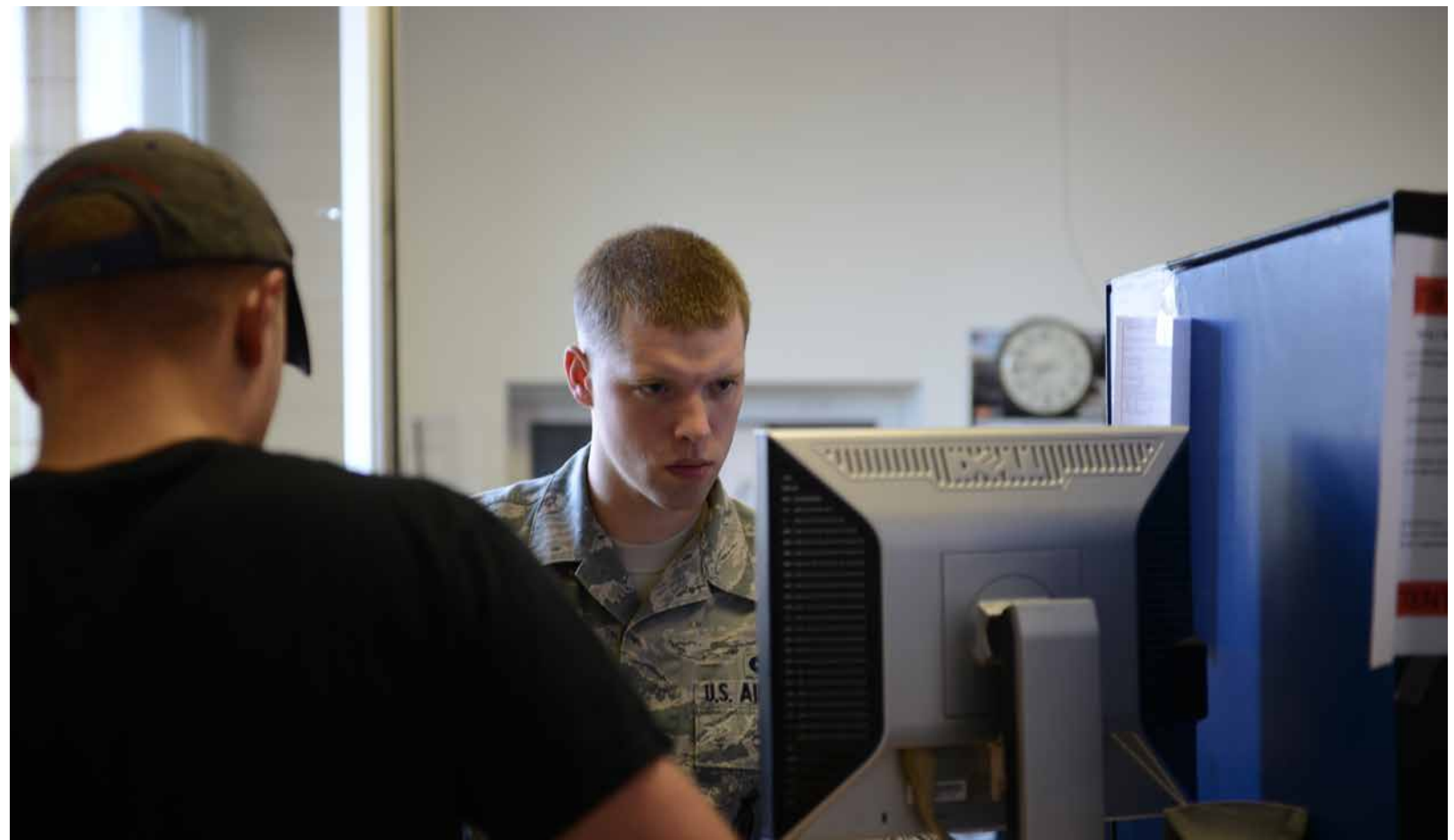


### **Left**

Staff Sgt. Travis Bottoms, 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron, inspects a vehicle as part of the registration process here. Airmen of the 86th VRS perform inspections on all privately-owned vehicles used by Kaiserslautern Military Community members. On average, 86th VRS Airmen perform approximately 135 inspections daily. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)

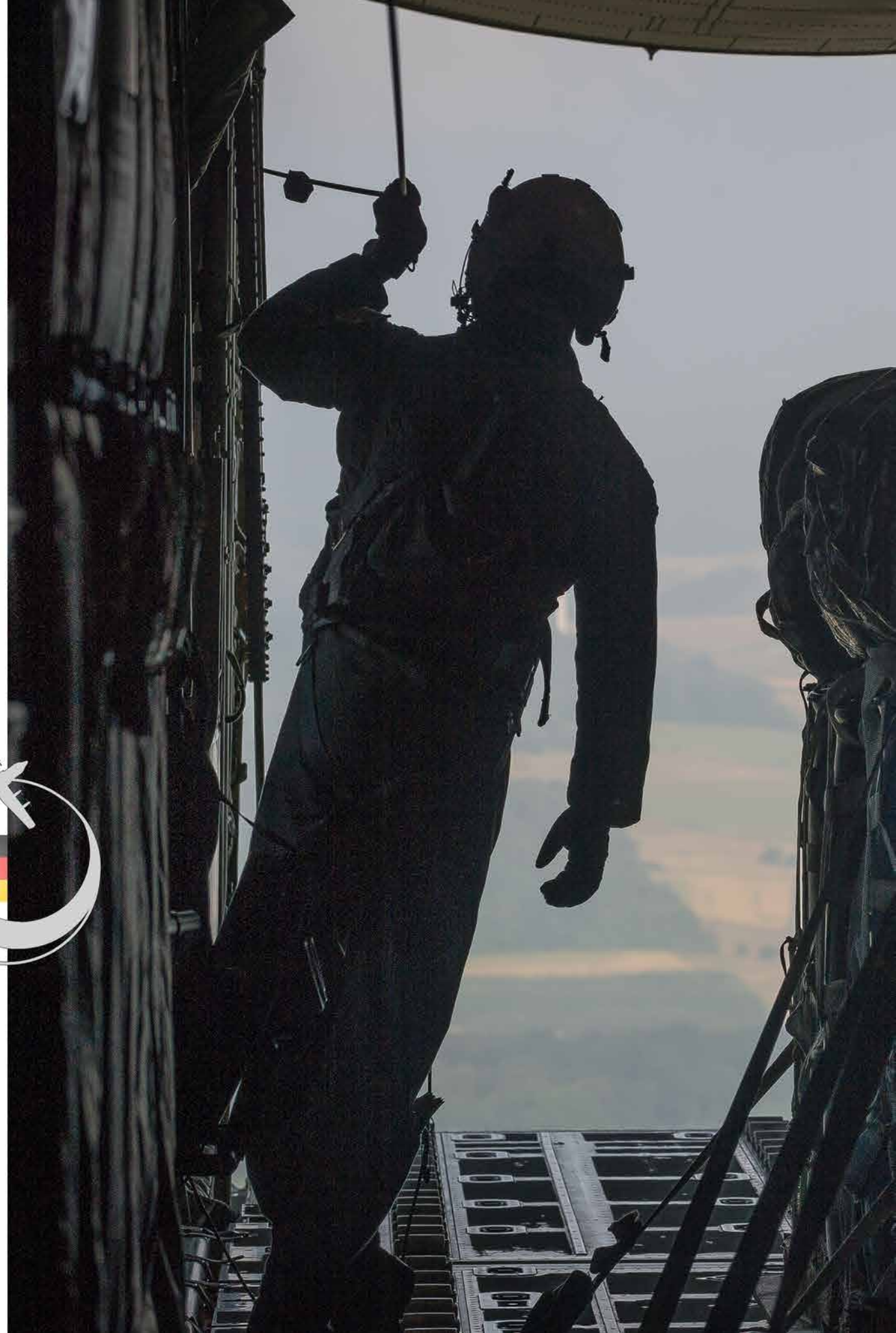
### **Right**

Senior Airman Brendan Sparks, 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron vehicle registration clerk, helps a customer register his privately-owned vehicle. 569th USFPS vehicle registration clerks help register or deregister vehicles after the 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron vehicle inspectors complete performance and safety inspections on them.



Senior Airman Cody Olson, 39th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, deployed here from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, walks down the back of a 37th AS C-130J Super Hercules in preparation for dropping cargo onto a drop zone. The 37th AS officially became a part of the 86th Airlift Wing in October 1994. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

 *0801-0900*







## Left

Capt. Ryan Heary, 37th Airlift Squadron pilot, performs a pre-flight inspection in a C-130J Super Hercules before takeoff. Pre-flight inspections of an aircraft are a preventive step used to ensure mission safety. The 37th AS was activated Feb. 14, 1942 at Patterson Field, Ohio. The 37th AS has participated in multiple operations spanning various wars like Operation Market Garden, the D-Day landings in World War II, troop transport in Korea and Operation Homecoming in Vietnam, which was the mission to bring back POWs in 1973. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

## Right

Capt. Sean Jensen, 37th AS pilot, performs pre-flight checks on a C-130J Super Hercules before takeoff.

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Senior Airman Cody Olson, a 39th AS loadmaster deployed here from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, watches a cargo pallet as it drops out the back of a 37th AS C-130J Super Hercules. The C-130 is the primary aircraft to perform the tactical portion of the 86th Airlift Wing's airlift mission, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peacetime and wartime.











### Above

Capt. Eric Cadorette, 76th Airlift Squadron pilot instructor, goes through a pre-flight checklist before a training flight. The operational aspect of the 76th AS includes supporting congressional delegation members, combatant commanders and active-duty distinguished visitors from every branch of service by helping them maintain relations between the U.S. and foreign counterparts. In addition, the 76th AS provides evacuation support when needed. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Senior Airman Hailey Haux)

### Right

Cadorette and Taggart walk to their aircraft for a training flight.



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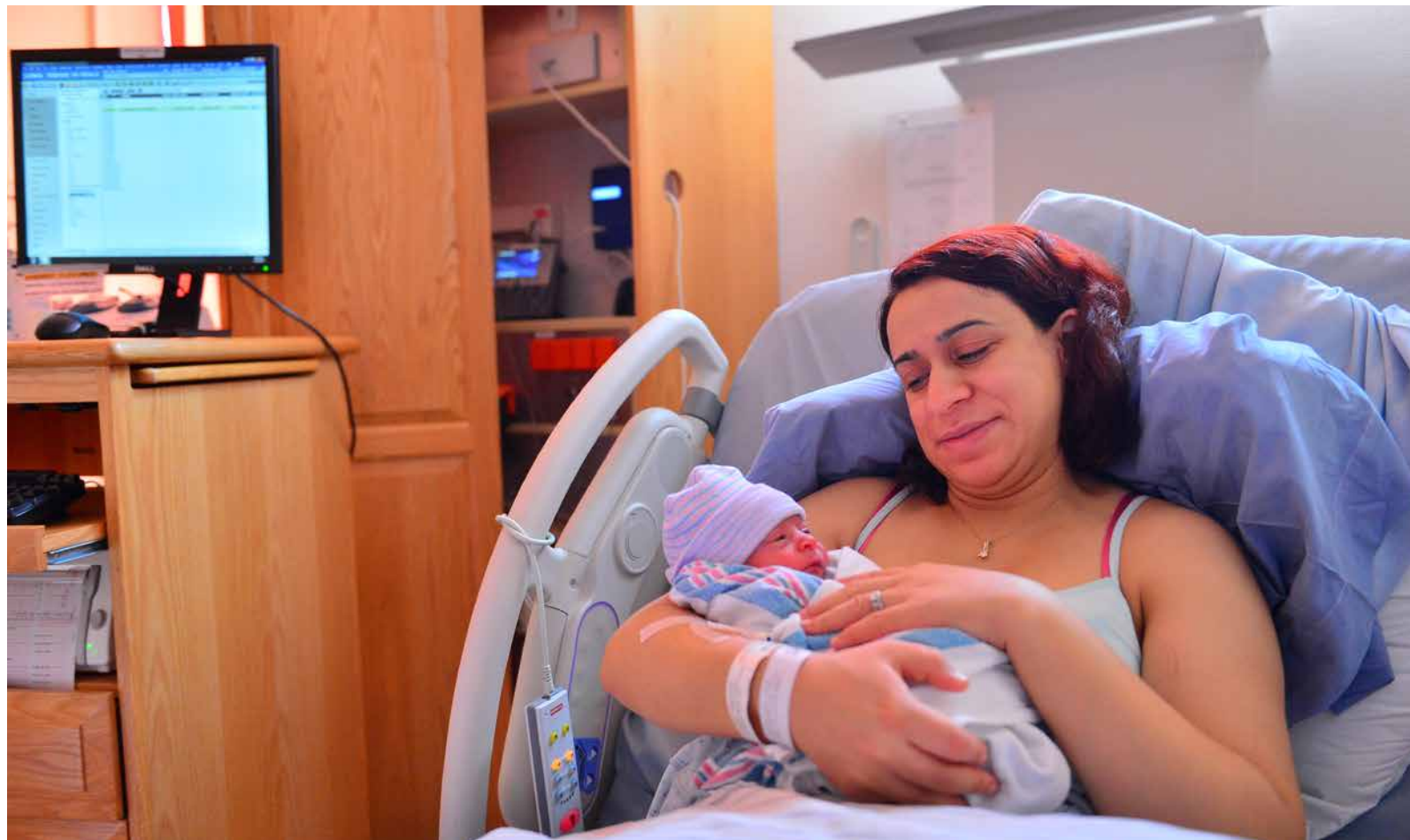
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Staff Sgt. Tara Zamora, 86th Medical Squadron medical technician, checks the temperature of an infant at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. LPMC is the largest American hospital outside of the U.S. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Daylena Ricks)

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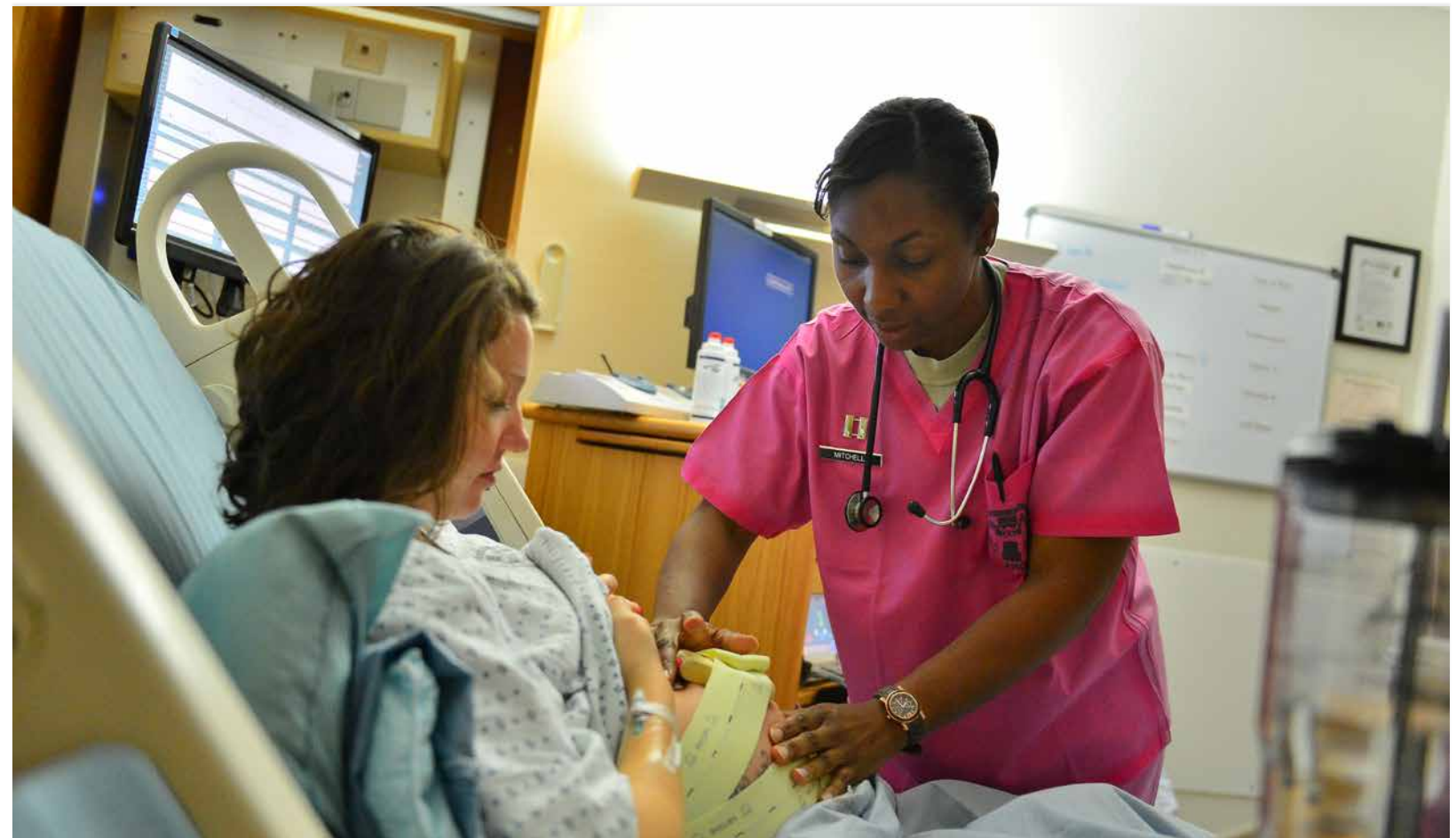
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Lamiaie Siddique, wife of Maj. Zahid Siddique, holds her child in the labor and delivery section of LPMC. LPMC provides primary and tertiary care, hospitalization and medical treatment for more than 57,000 U.S. military personnel and their families.

## Right

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Capt. Dawn Mitchell, 86th MDS registered nurse, monitors the vitals of the unborn baby of Hillary Kraemer at LPMC. The staff of LPMC is comprised of Air Force, Army and civilian medical experts who provide treatment to the largest concentration of Americans outside of the U.S.







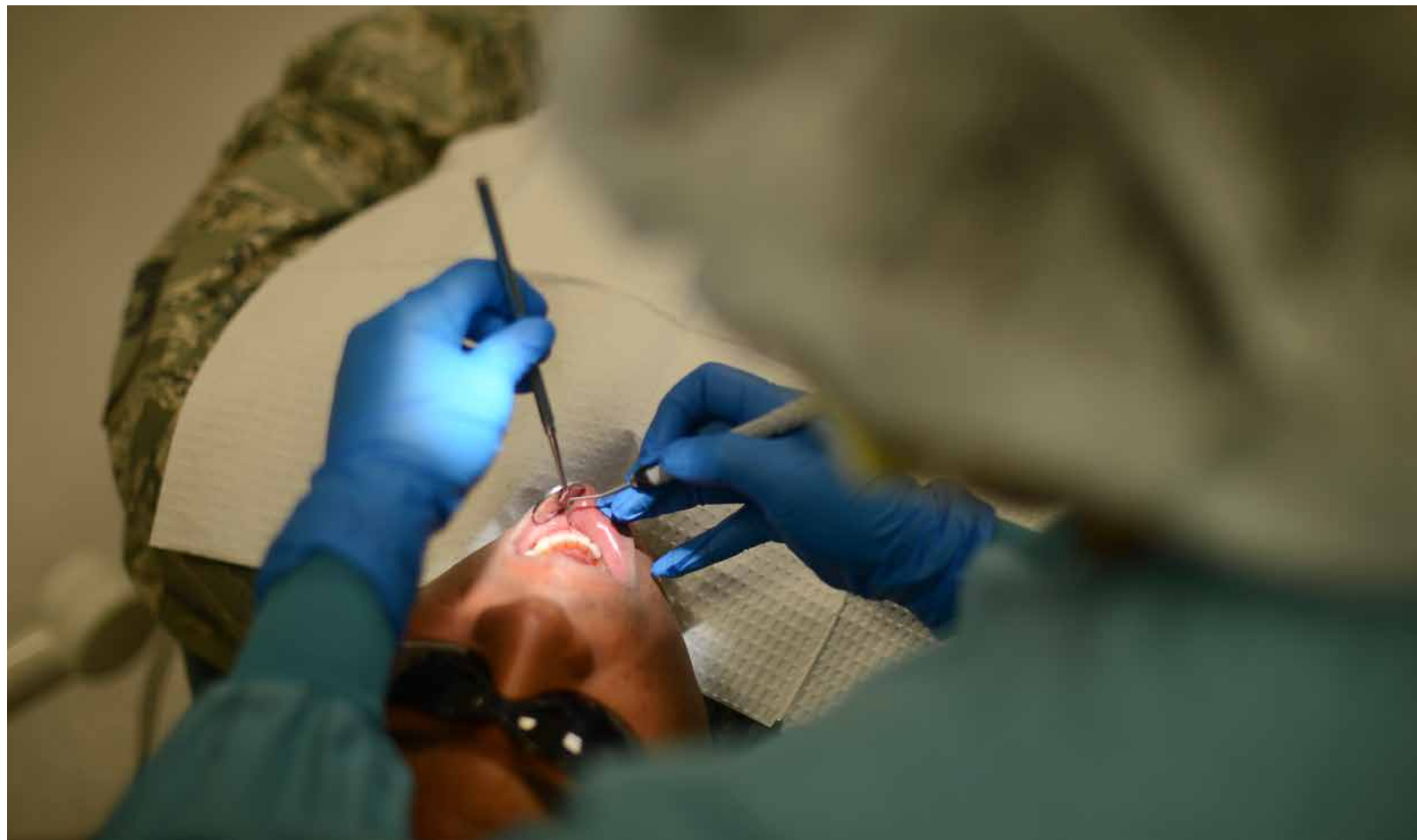
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Alfred Hasemann and Pia Horlemann, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron painters, put a fresh coat of paint over a faded directional arrow. 786th CES Airmen maintain more than 1,700 facilities and more than 5,000 housing units on Ramstein, Sembach, Einsiedlerhof, Kapaun, Landstuhl, Vogelweh and 20 geographically-separated units. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg and Brennen Lege)









## Left

Airman 1st Class ChellAnn Reale, 86th Dental Squadron dental technician, cleans a patient's teeth. The 86th DS provides many services including oral health assessments, cleanings, retainers, bridges, dentures, crowns, implants and fittings for mouth gear. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

## Right

Crowns and bridges are sculpted out of wax to improve a patient's oral structure. The molds are custom made to prevent a patient's teeth from grinding, which causes jaw pain. In an average month, the dental clinic provides care to approximately 950 Airmen, Department of Defense personnel and their families.





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## Above

(Top) - Senior Airman Robert Pace, 86th Dental Squadron dental assistant, adjusts a patient's mouth piece during a panoramic x-ray. Panoramic x-rays are used to check out the pathology of the mouth and cost around \$114 per radiographic. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

(Bottom) - Airman 1st Class Clayton Hardie, 86th DS dental assistant, checks in a patient.



## Above

Airman 1st Class Abiyah Simmons, 86th DS infection control technician, sterilizes medical equipment. Infection control inspects, sterilizes and packages over 700,000 instruments annually for the entire medical group. On an average day, the dental squadron supports approximately 150 patients.





## Above and Right

(Above) - Brig. Gen. Patrick X. Mordente, 86th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Frank Batten III, 86th AW command chief, talk in the general's office. Mordente and Batten work together to ensure the Airmen of the 86th AW are able to perform the wing's mission.

(Right, Top to Bottom) - William Stewart, 86th AW vice director, attends a briefing in the 86th AW headquarters small conference room.

Capt. Jacob Fuchs, 86th Operations Support Squadron current operations, works on a computer in the 86th AW headquarters.

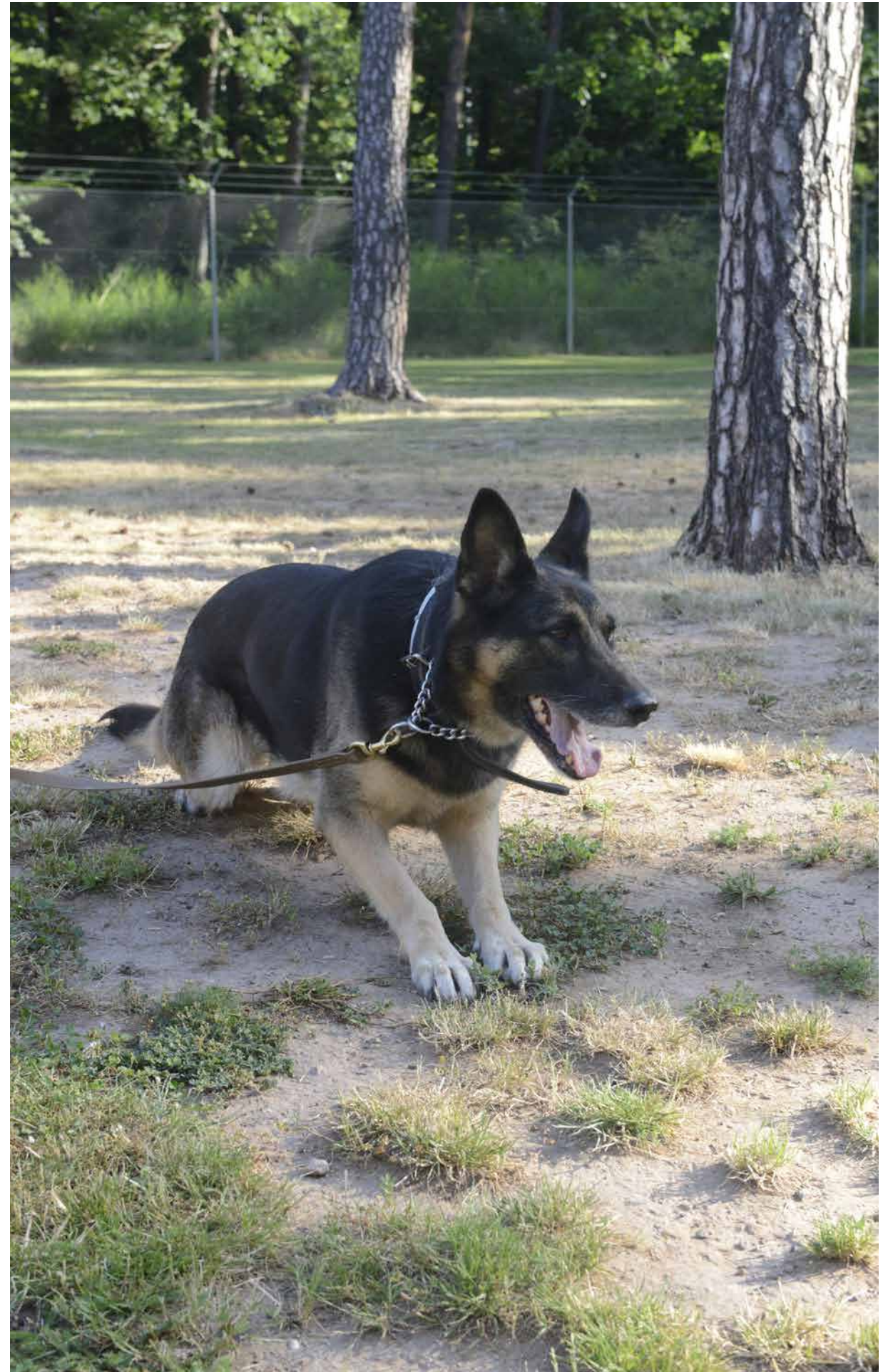
Air Force Instructions are reviewed on a tablet in the performance of an Airman's duties. (U.S. Air Force photos/2nd Lt. Henry Lancaster)





### Above and Right

Staff Sgt. Zackery Hons, 86th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, holds back his military working dog, Rose, during a K-9 demonstration. The 86th SFS currently has 19 MWDs assigned to them and is the largest kennel in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Working as a team at home station and abroad, military working dogs and their handlers train in a wide variety of scenarios and environments, with the overall goal of protecting and defending the installation. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)







## Left

Staff Sgt. Chad Coe, 86th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, grabs the leash of RRisky, 86th SFS MWD, as she bites the arm of the bite suit worn by Staff Sgt. Lance Oakes, 86th SFS MWD handler, during a K-9 demonstration. These MWDs undergo up to 120 days of extensive training learning various commands and how to better hone their senses. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

## Right

RRisky, 86th SFS military working dog, bites the arm of the bite suit worn by Oakes as Staff Sgt. Michael Judy, both 86th SFS MWD handlers, runs away during a K-9 demonstration. At Ramstein, handlers are given two to three weeks to focus on their new partner, learn their mannerisms and build initial trust. There are more than 1,300 working dog handler teams worldwide, to include those assigned to other military services. All dog handler teams attend a three-month Department of Defense MWD school at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, before assignment to a permanent location.





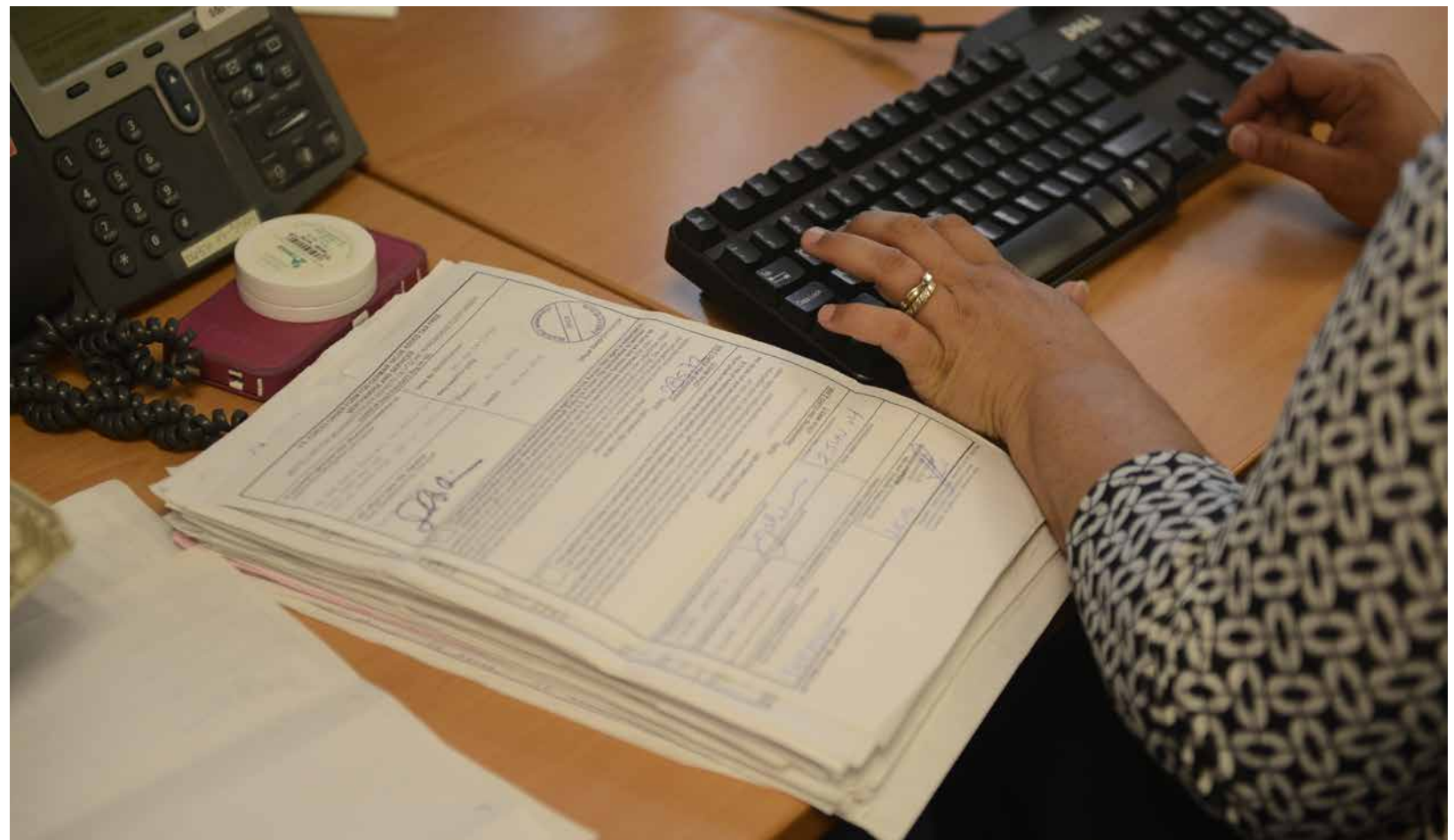


## Left

Karee Russell, 86th Force Support Squadron value added tax clerk, logs applications for the Utility Tax Avoidance Program. UTAP helps service members reduce utility costs by providing tax relief for 19 percent electricity, 19 percent gas and seven percent water. The VAT office supports approximately 1,600 customers monthly during the summer months. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

## Right

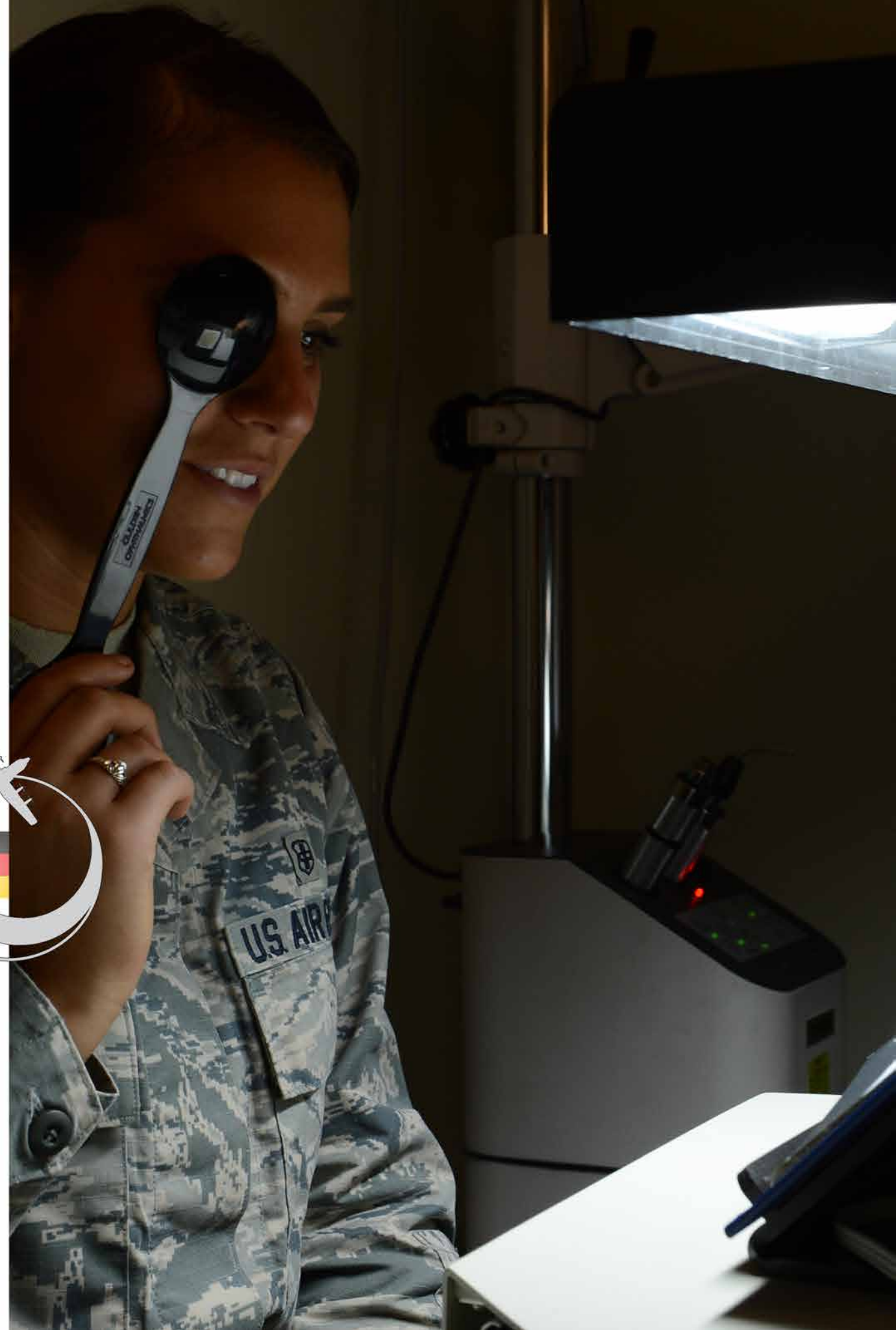
Melissa Velazquez, 86th FSS value added tax clerk, inputs applicants for the Utility Tax Avoidance Program into their database. UTAP helps lower the costs of utilities for service members living off base. During the summer months, the VAT office supplies on average more than 12,000 VAT forms, which helps service members and their families save 19 percent on sales tax.





Senior Airman Danielle Marsh, 86th Aerospace Medical Squadron public health technician, looks through a refractor during an optometry demonstration. Ramstein's optometry clinic is the largest in U.S. Air Forces in Europe with doctors who specialize in multiple services for their patients. The doctors perform anything from routine eye exams to diagnosing and treating diseases. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

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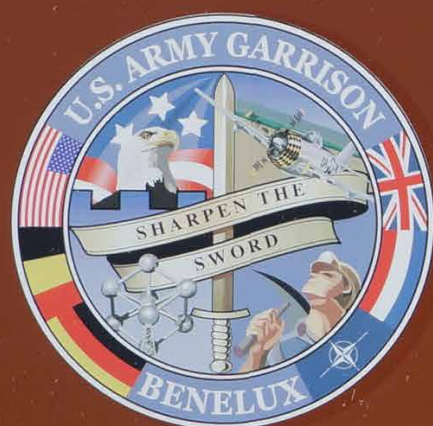
## Above

Capt. Chris Boelscher, 37th Airlift Squadron pilot, and Senior Airman Brandon Millsaps, 37th AS loadmaster, establish a crew schedule for the week. Establishing a crew schedule allows the 37th AS to predict and track the movement of their Airmen. The 37th AS, home of the Blue Tail Flies, conducts airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation operations. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)





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## Above

A C-37A from the 76th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein is guided in after landing at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. The aircraft provides executive airlift for senior personnel assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe and North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters. (U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Michael Livesay)

## Above

Airmen at Chievres Air Base, Belgium prepare a 76th AS, Ramstein AB-assigned C-37A for passengers. Chièvres Air Base is used mainly to offer logistic support and is operated by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux. The 86th Operations Group from Ramstein supports the base by providing executive airlift for senior personnel assigned to SHAPE and NATO headquarters.



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## Above

A C-37A from the 76th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein is off-loaded after landing at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. The 309th AS is the operational flying unit at the base and is supported by the 86th Operations Group at Ramstein. (U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Michael Livesay)



## Above

A passenger departs a 76th AS, Ramstein AB-owned C-37A at Chievres Air Base, Belgium. The first airfield at Chièvres was established by Germans in 1914 when they occupied Belgium in World War I. The current airfield was established by the Belgium Army in the 1930s. The Belgian military began to convert Chièvres into a diversion airfield at the end of 1939.



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above

Staff Sgt. Taylor Walter, 86th Medical Squadron medical technician, conducts an assessment on an infant, which consists of basic vital sign checks - heart rate, body temperature and blood pressure. Walter records the information to show the infant's progress. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Daylena Ricks)



## Above

Walter connects and inserts a feeding tube into an infant, allowing nourishment to the baby. The feeding tube allows the infant to consume calories to burn energy without breast milk or formula.







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Airman 1st Class Hector Serrano, 86th Maintenance Squadron propulsion maintenance technician, replaces a safety wire on an engine's electrical line on Ramstein Air Base. The squadron works hand in hand with the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to ensure its fleet of aircraft are mission ready. By doing daily checks of each aircraft, they increase the endurance of the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)

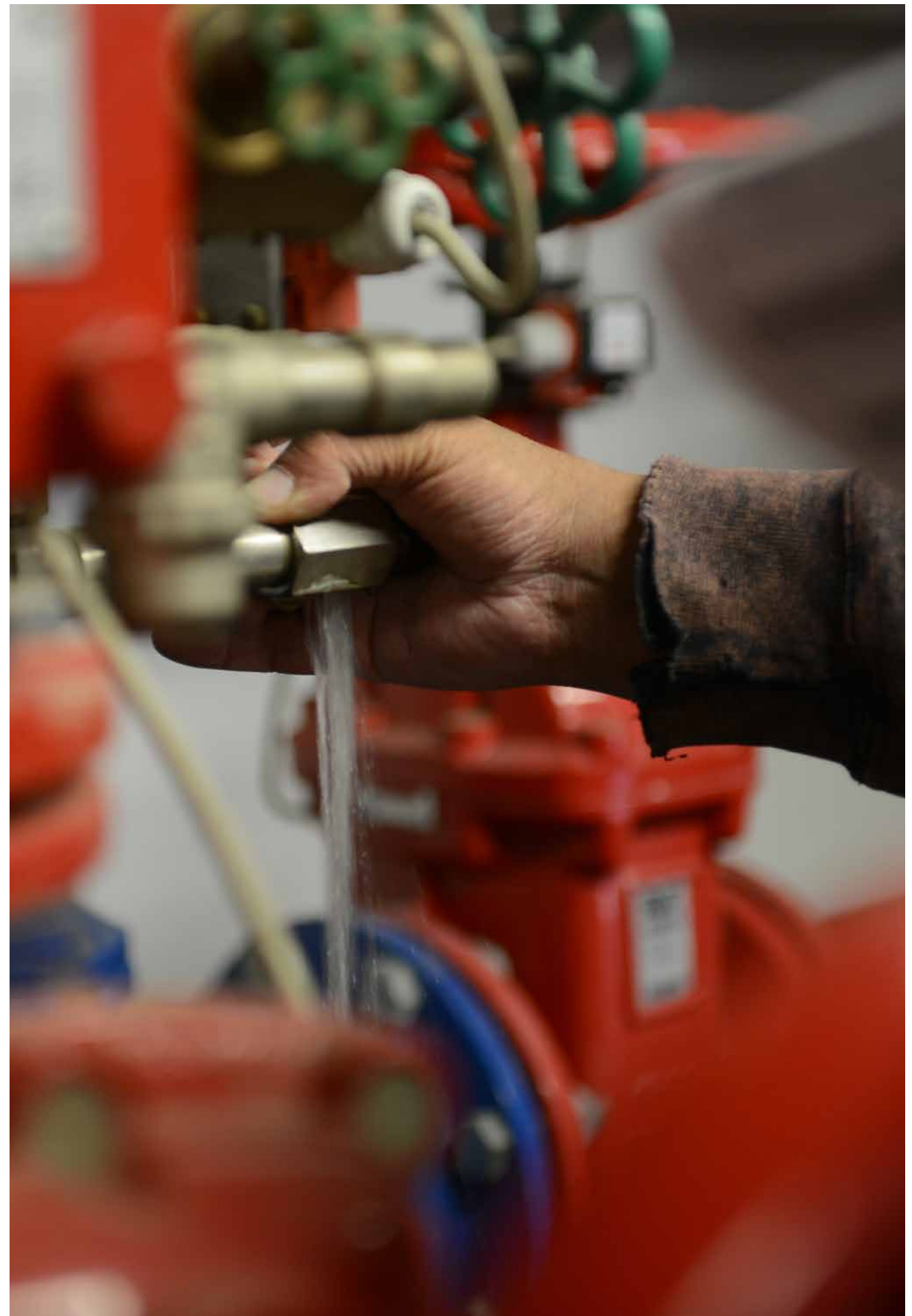






### Above and Right

Staff Sgt. Ben Schultz and Ben Lass, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron fire suppression team, test the fire suppression system at the Ramstein Enlisted Club complex. The fire suppression team routinely checks suppression systems throughout Ramstein to ensure they are in working order in case they are needed. As one of the largest firehouses in the Air Force, members of the department play a vital role in the protection of Ramstein Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)







### Above

Ramstein Airmen participate in a physical training test. PT tests are conducted to get an accurate assessment of physical abilities. When participating in a PT test, each Airman must perform one minute of push-ups and sit-ups, and perform a mile and half run. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

### Right

A member of Team Ramstein performs the running portion of the physical training test. In order for an accurate assessment of physical strength to be determined, each Airman must perform one minute of push-ups and sit-ups and complete a mile and a half run. Airmen can train for their PT test by doing cardio exercises and strength training on a regular basis.



### Above

A member of Team Ramstein executes a push-up during a physical training test. Airmen are able to utilize any of the three military fitness centers in order to train for their PT test. The centers offer cardiovascular exercise equipment, free weights, racquetball courts, fitness classes, individualized fitness assessments upon request and active intramural programs. For different fitness classes to improve PT test results, Airmen can take yoga, spin classes or hardcore circuit training. The fitness centers are also available to retirees, dependents and other military ID card holders.





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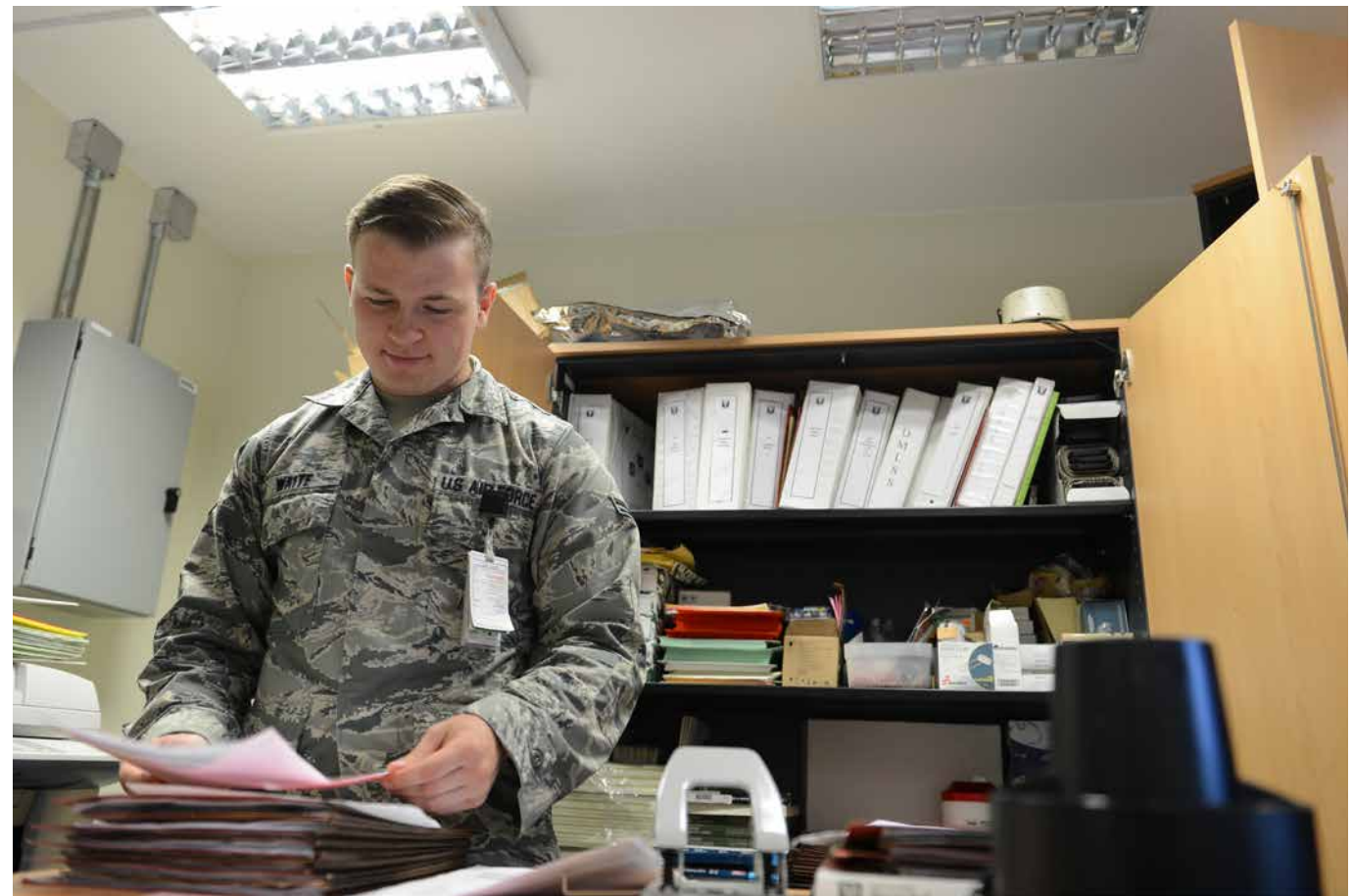
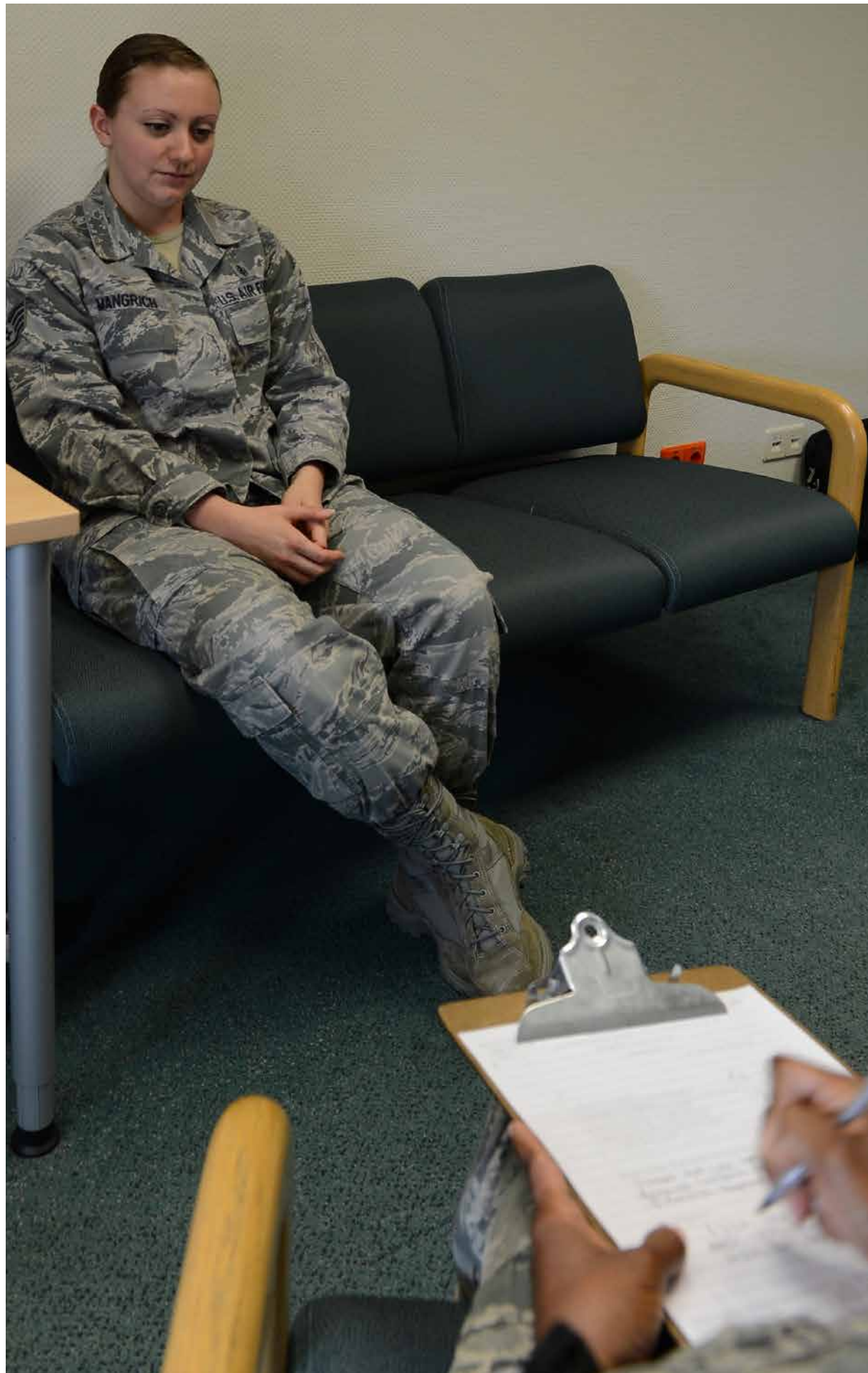
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ricks, 86th Airlift Wing NCO in charge of plans and programs and operational security, inspects Tech. Sgt. Desmond Spicer, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron commander support staff, to ensure all operational security measures are in place and all concerns are addressed during an inspection by the 86th AW Inspector General office. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)

## Right

Members of the 86th AW IG team brief Lt. Col. Andrew Lauer, 786th CES commander, on what the team will inspect in his squadron. The IG office conducts, supervises, monitors, and initiates audits, evaluations and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Department of Defense. IG acts as the principal advisor to the secretary of defense. The DOD IG is comprised of different units such as investigations, policy and oversight, intelligence, and special program assessments and administrative investigations. The office is responsible for promoting integrity, accountability, and improvement of DOD personnel, programs and operations.







### Above

Airman 1st Class Tanner Waite, 86th Medical Operations Squadron mental health technician, files paperwork. The mental health clinic helps support Airmen through a variety of issues, to include marital relationships, sleep problems and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

### Left

Staff Sgt. Samantha Mangrich, 86th MDOS mental health technician, answers questions during a mental health assessment. The mental health clinic delivers care to active duty Airmen, retirees, and their dependents. They offer a variety of services to include: counseling, medication management, command consultations, substance abuse prevention, assessment and treatment, pre-deployment testing, prevention and education classes, briefings and seminars, as well as family intervention and maltreatment services.







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Senior Airman Danielle Marsh, 86th Aerospace Medical Squadron public health technician, looks through an optical refractor during an optometry demonstration. Doctors at the clinic see an average of 50 patients a day. As U.S. Air Forces in Europe's largest optometry clinic, they treat anyone from 5 years and older for anything from retraining physicals to school screenings. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)







## Above

Senior Airman Christopher Lazzell, 86th Medical Group medical support technician, talks to a patient before checking her vitals during a medical demonstration. The 86th MDG family health clinic won the 2013 Air Force best supporting team by the Surgeon General for their highest improvement scores for the quarter. The 56 active-duty Airmen, civilians and contractors of the clinic ensure all military personnel and their families receive the appropriate medical care. The clinic provides members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community with 3,000 appointments per month with 550 scheduled appointments per week. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)





### Left

Staff Sgt. Mario Jimenez, 86th Medical Group physical therapist technician, assists Master Sgt. Heidi Rogers, 86th Force Support Squadron manpower, by mobilizing her ankle to increase her range of motion during physical therapy. The physical therapy clinic is part of the 86th Medical Group and provides rehabilitative services for members of Team Ramstein coping with injuries. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

### Right

A more detailed look at Jimenez mobilizing Rogers' ankle during her physical therapy appointment. The physical therapy department provides rehabilitative services for members of Team Ramstein who are coping with injuries ranging from broken bones and pulled muscles to surgery recovery.





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## Above

Members of Team Ramstein work out in the cardiovascular exercise room at the SSFC. The center, along with two other fitness centers in the Kaiserslautern Military Community, are offered to all active duty military, retired, dependents and DOD ID card holders. They offer a variety of fitness equipment like exercise bikes and free weights. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



## Above

Members of Team Ramstein perform upper body exercises in the weight room at the South Side Fitness Center. Patrons can access free weights, chest press machine, rowing machine and much more to build muscle. Members can also participate in different physical fitness classes like prenatal yoga. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)





## Above

Airmen of the 86th Maintenance Squadron weigh equipment. The squadron works with the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to ensure its fleet of aircraft are mission ready. They provide support to U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa's only distinguished visitor and aeromedical airlift operations. They maintain the largest Air Mobility Command en route location with aerospace ground equipment and back-shop support. The squadron also has a robust large aircraft crashed, damaged and disabled aircraft recovery capability for all of Europe. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose Leon)



Airman 1st Class Tyler Hatfield, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal apprentice, inspects his gear before practicing unexploded ordnance operations. Ramstein EOD Airmen provide support to three wings, 26 geographically-separated units and two U.S. Army brigades. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)

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Capt. Paul Taggart, 76th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, and Capt. Eric Cadorette, 76th AS pilot instructor, prepare an aircraft for landing during a training flight. The 76th AS has 83 aviators and five support personnel assigned to the unit to complete its unique mission. Along with performing aeromedical evacuations, the C-21A and its pilots also provide passenger airlift for distinguished travelers and deliver small amounts of cargo. During fiscal year 2013, the 76th flew more than 1,400 sorties. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)





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### Above

Staff Sgt. Barbara Coddington, 86th Airlift Wing Legal Office military justice paralegal, reviews and blocks a case file for trial. Blocking consists of completing a checklist ensuring the entire trial record is assembled in one file. The office provides free legal assistance to service members, Department of Defense civilian employees, DOD contractors and their dependents. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Daylena Ricks)



### Right

Airmen 1st Class Alanna Britton and April Sowma, 86th AW Legal Office military justice paralegals, assist a customer with a power of attorney.

Senior Airman Jeremy Pellot, 86th AW Legal Office general law paralegal, reviews submitted documents for early return of dependents.

Heide Schmitt, 86th AW Legal Office German legal assistant, reviews German traffic tickets.







## Left

Airman 1st Class Kyle Lima, 86th Aerospace Medical Squadron bioenvironmental engineer apprentice, ensures a gas mask is fully operational. The bioenvironmental engineering flight works to provide better health and wellness to members by performing risk assessment tests for facilities and planning documents for chemical, physical and biological stress factors, which potentially cause illness. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart)

## Right

Staff Sgt. Kyle Delane (left), 86th AMDS bioenvironmental engineer technician, Airman 1st Class Kyle Lima and Airman Aaron Gonzalez, 86th AMDS bioenvironmental engineer apprentices, ensure their equipment is functional. The bioenvironmental Airmen use equipment from gas masks to full body suits; from plain eye sight to precision microscopes to enter hazardous areas and identify chemical, biological and radiological threats in order to eliminate them.









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Staff Sgt. Arthur Lewis Jr., (right), 424th Air Base Squadron Emergency Response Fire Department fire technician, instructs Senior Airman Rico Castro on egress procedures for an Army UH-60 Black Hawk on Chievres Air Base, Belgium. Members of the 424th ABS/ERFD provide airfield support in emergencies for the UH-60s stationed there and all in-transient aircraft. The fire department constantly trains for real-world emergencies to include crash landings, car accidents and medical emergencies. The most important part of firefighter training is situational awareness and quick decision-making. Both of these skills are crucial during a real-time emergency situation and are repeatedly practiced and fine-tuned during various training events. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Johnny Rosado)





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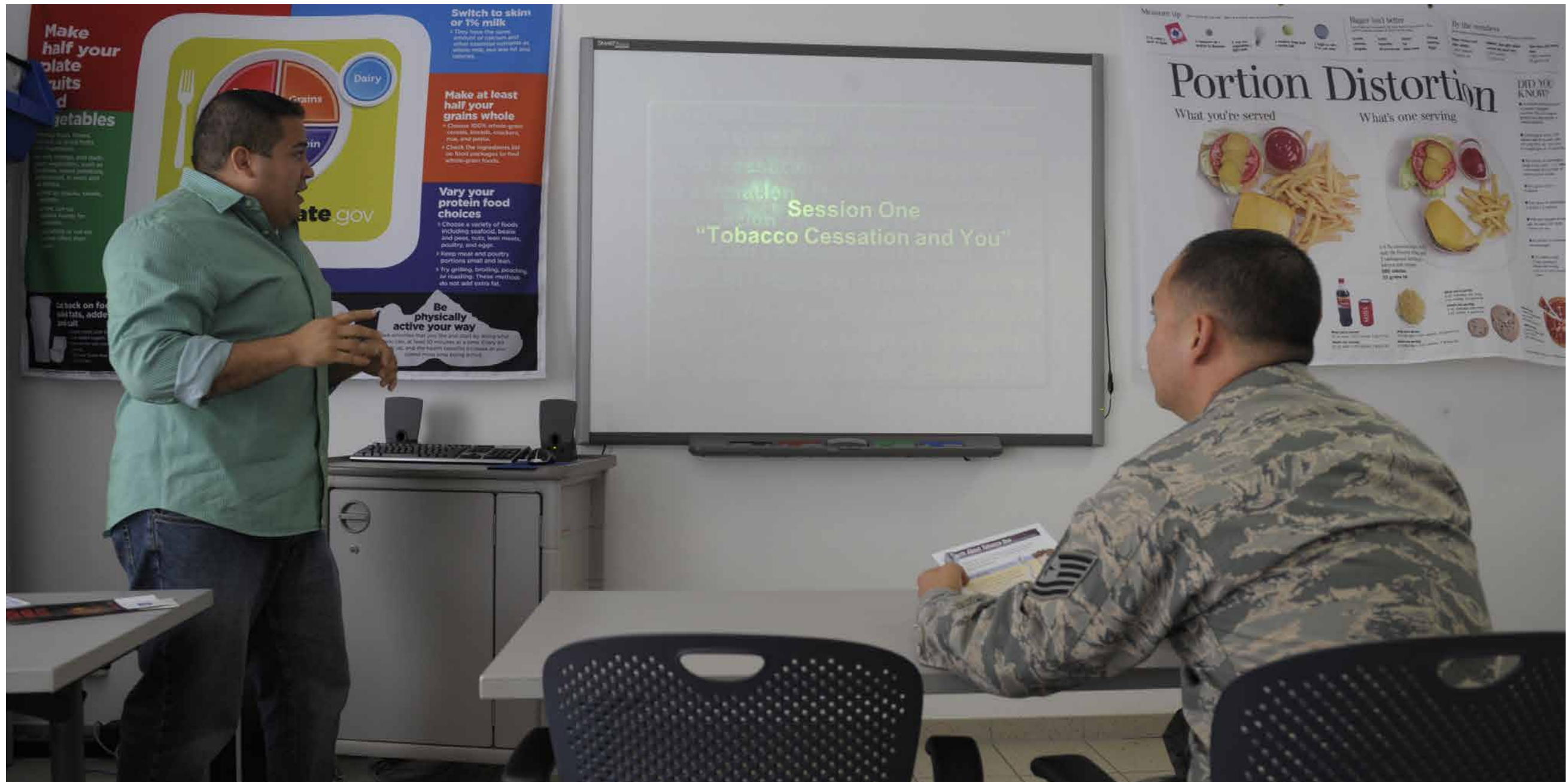
Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Knelange, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal apprentice, helps Airman 1st Class Tyler Hatfield, 786th CES EOD apprentice, into his bomb suit before practicing unexploded ordnance operations. Ramstein EOD Airmen provide support to the base and the local community by helping destroy ordnance found in and around the local community. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)







# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above

Cesar Alvarez, 86th Medical Support Squadron Health Promotions coordinator, teaches a tobacco cessation class. Health Promotions offers tobacco cessation classes each month giving Team Ramstein an avenue to avoid one of the largest causes of preventable disease and death. Along with the cessation classes, the Health Promotions offers classes on nutrition and fitness, and others to help Ramstein Airmen stay physically fit and war-time ready. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)









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Firefighters from the 86th Civil Engineer Squadron demonstrate their capabilities to local students from Max-Planck Gymnasium. Firefighters and other Airmen showcase their abilities to dependents, civilians and local community members to educate them about Ramstein's mission and operations. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



Airmen from the 86th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection team examine an aircraft part under dark lights. The NDI team analyzes Ramstein's C-130 Hercules parts in order to detect flaws such as cracks, voids, processing defects and heat damage using penetrant, eddy, current, magnetic particle, radiographic, optical and ultrasonic test equipment. NDI also ensures the proper disposal of hazardous water and materials. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

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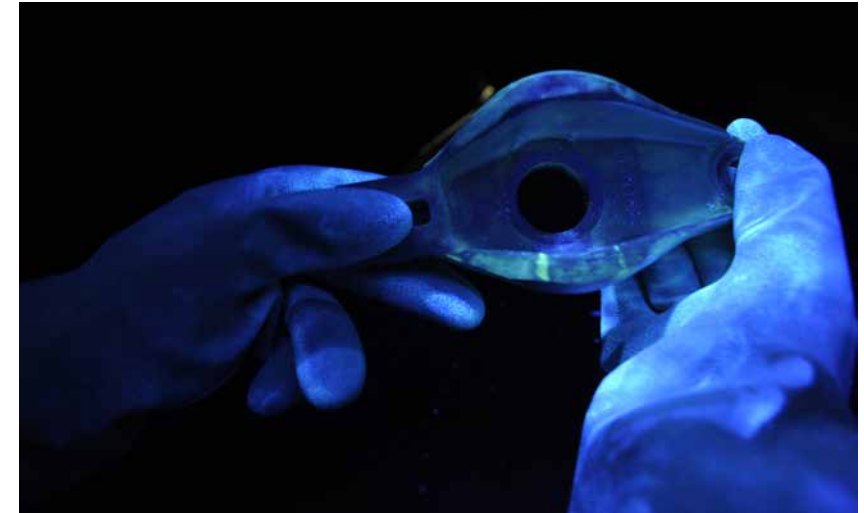
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### Above

An Airman with the 86th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection team, prepares to inspect an aircraft part for cracks. The NDI team helps inspect aircraft parts for cracks and flaws by dipping the part into a special liquid that glows under black light, allowing them to see flaws not normally visible. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



### Above

Non-destructive Inspection Airmen, similar to doctors with x-rays, look inside the body of aircraft parts searching for cracks and defects in order to recommend a treatment method. The 86th Maintenance Squadron Airmen use x-rays, ultrasounds, and a special liquid that glows under black light.





## Left

Airman 1st Class Justin Normand, 86th Communications Squadron cyber transport technician, troubleshoots a server. Cyber transport technicians sustain, troubleshoot and repair the 86th Airlift Wing network infrastructure enabling one of the largest military populations outside the continental United States to stay connected. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)

## Right

Cyber transport Airmen from the 86th CS fix a mounting bracket on a switch. Approximately 430 personnel from the 86th CS are responsible for keeping the base connected by maintaining on-base voice over internet protocol phones, computer networks and other communications tools. The cyber transport technicians are just one many Air Force specialty codes in the squadron.





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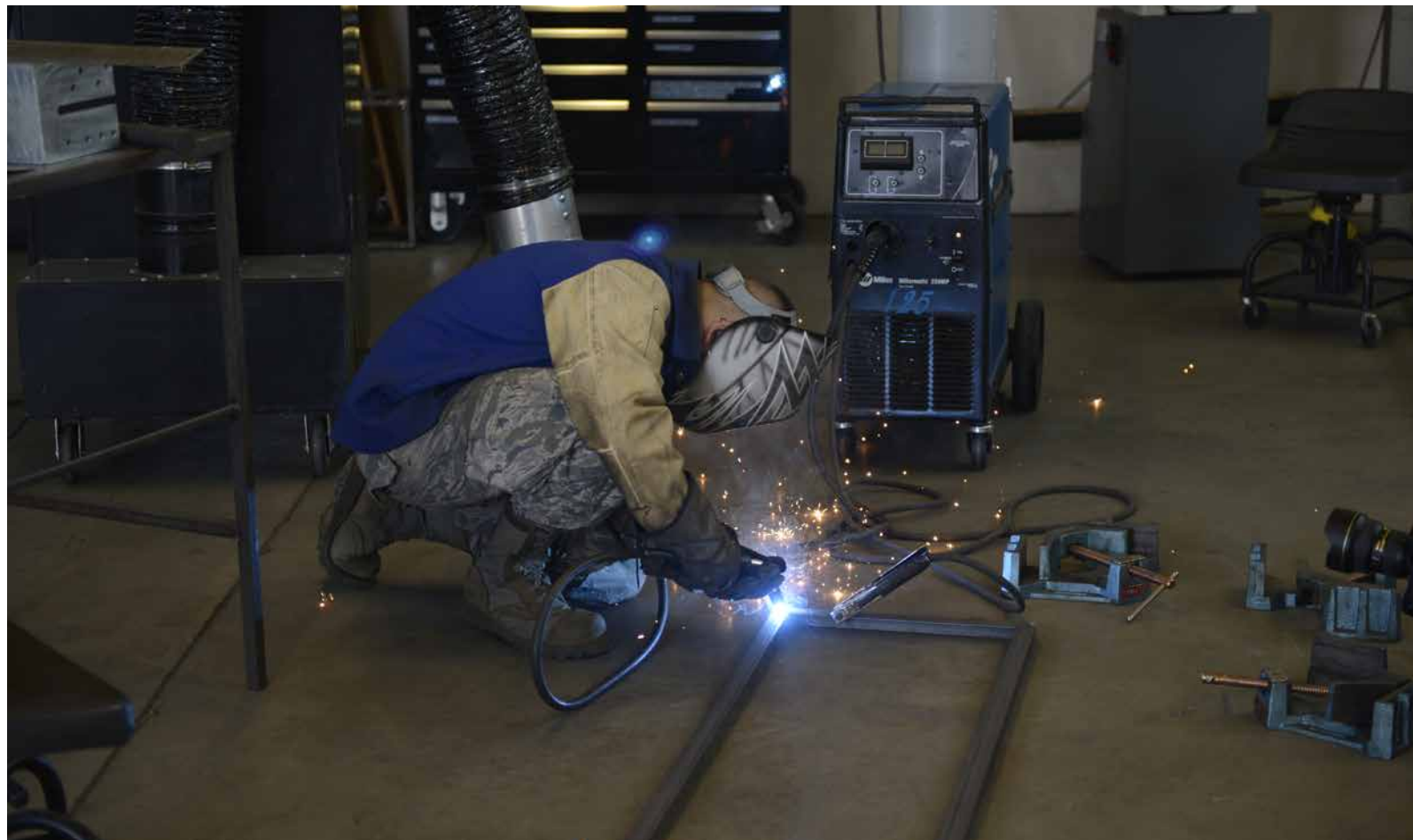
Capt. Paul Taggart, 76th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, pilots a C-21A while Capt. Eric Cadorette, 76th AS pilot instructor, observes the sky for other aircraft during a training flight. Along with performing aeromedical evacuations, the C-21A and its pilots also provide passenger airlift for distinguished travelers and deliver small amounts of cargo. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)



## Left

Cadorette checks the gauges on the C-21A during a training flight. During fiscal year 2013, the 76th flew more than 1,400 sorties delivering supplies, transporting distinguished visitors and performing aeromedical evacuations. The pilots of the 76th AS conduct training missions to ensure they are proficient and able to support the war fighter anytime, anywhere.



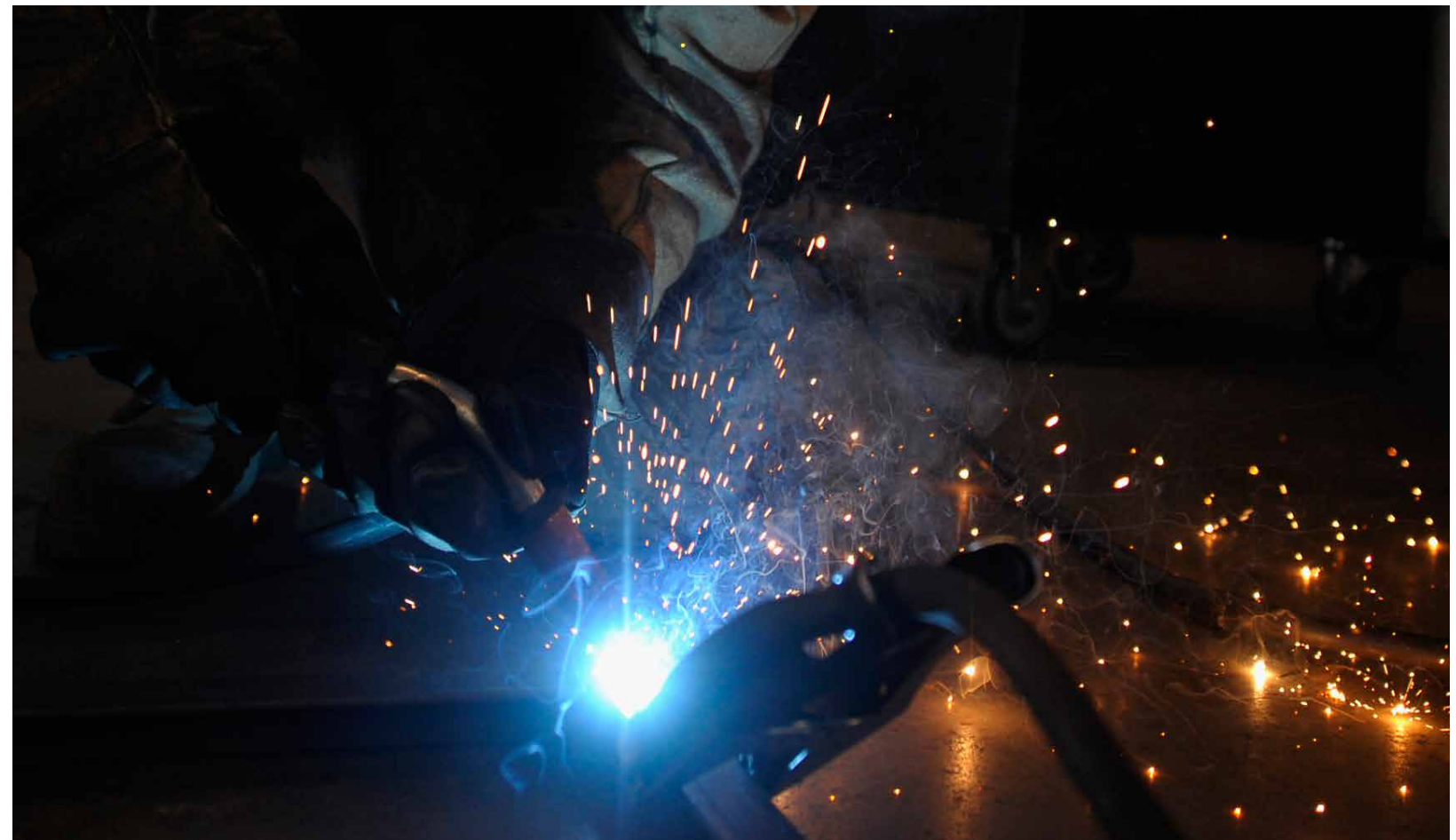


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Staff Sgt. Alex Garcia, 86th Maintenance Squadron aircraft metals technology craftsman, welds the corner of a metal frame. Ramstein's metals technician Airmen draw sketches, make templates, weld, and build and test parts in order to keep planes flying. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)

## Right

Sparks fly as Garcia welds the corner of a metal frame. By welding with oxyacetylene, arc welding or other methods, the 86th MXS helps to reduce the need for new parts. This also reduces the downtime of aircraft, thereby keeping Ramstein aircraft in the air.





## Right

The Rev. Redmond Raux, 86th Airlift Wing Chaplain office priest, leads a Roman Catholic mass on base. No matter the belief, the Ramstein chaplain core mission is to allow Airmen and their families the opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights of religion. One way they do this is by offering a variety of religious services or helping Airmen meet their religious needs. Chaplains also provide advice to senior leaders in matters pertaining to religious conviction and expression, the accommodation of practices from religious faith, ethical decision-making and moral reasoning. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)



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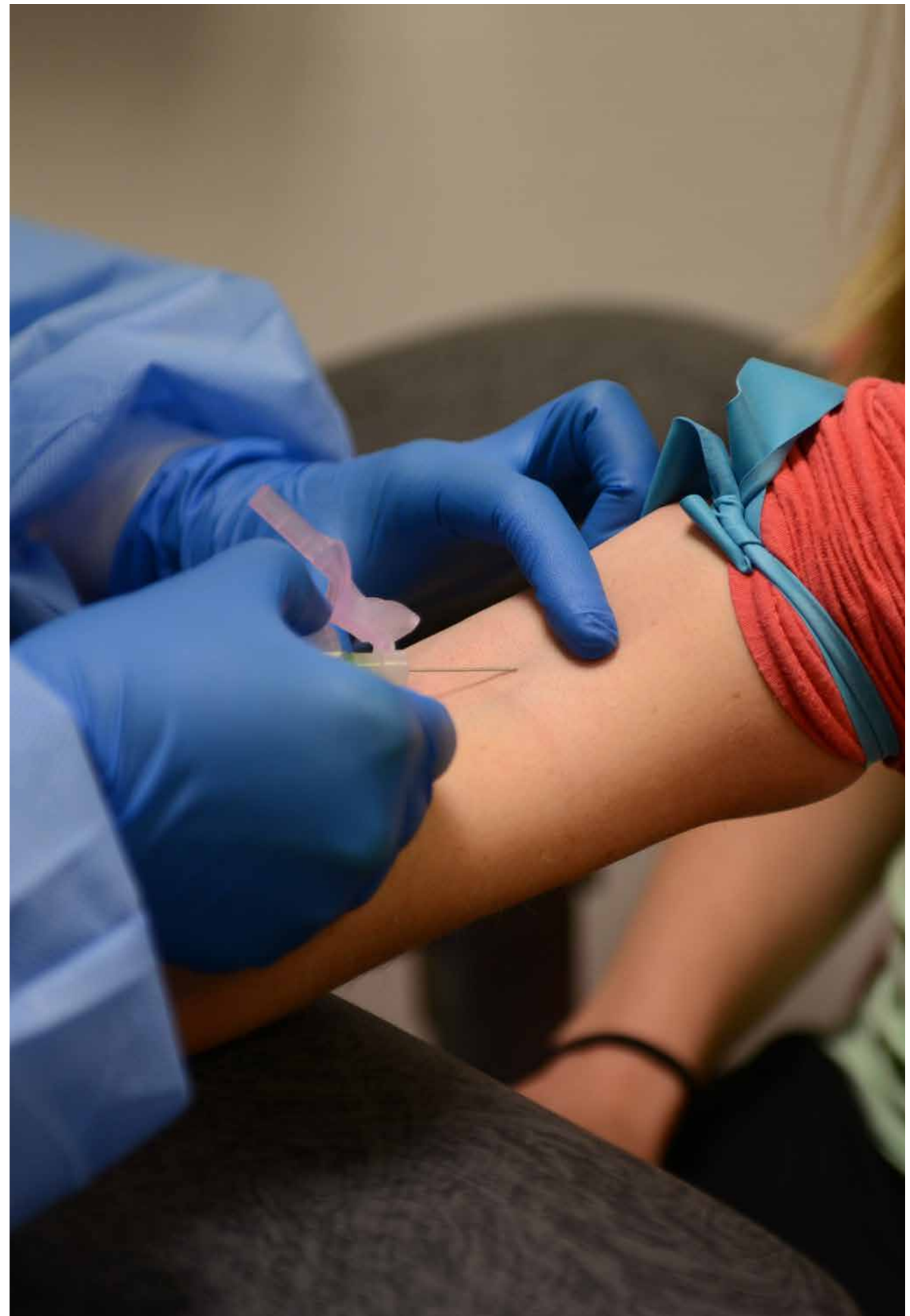
Raux officiates a Roman Catholic mass at one of the two base chapels. Family members and Airmen have the option to seek counseling and moral support from Ramstein's chaplains regardless of the faith they follow. Supporting the base population through spiritual care is just one way they keep Ramstein flying high.





### **Above and Right**

Staff Sgt. Angelica Hankee, 86th Medical Support Squadron laboratory technician, draws blood from a patient for testing. Tests performed at the medical laboratory are used to accurately diagnose a patient's illnesses, allowing 86th Medical Group staff to treat the problem. Members of the medical laboratory handle more than 100,000 samples each year, providing the medical staff fast access to results and expediting patient treatment. They also perform approximately 65,000 medical tests for Ramstein members each year. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)







## Left

Staff Sgt. Catherine Castro, 86th Medical Support Squadron vault custodian, demonstrates how to access controlled medications to Tech. Sgt. Lashana Lloyd, 86th MDSS pharmacy supervisor. The pharmacy here provides the majority of all medications for approximately 23,000 active duty members and their dependents. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)

## Right

Tech. Sgt. Majbritt Young, 86th MDSS pharmacy technician, fills a prescription for a patient at the Ramstein Pharmacy. By safeguarding chemicals, drugs and mild narcotics, Ramstein's pharmacy specialists help keep the base populace properly and accurately treated to maintain a healthy living. The pharmacy is just one part of an interconnected medical group that diagnoses, plans and treats Team Ramstein.





## **Right**

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Senior Airman Travis Pettis, 86th Medical Support Squadron radiology technician, prepares an x-ray generator to help diagnose patients. The radiology technicians here contribute to the larger team by specializing in radiography, computed tomography, ultrasound, MRI and other techniques to ensure Airmen and their families can be taken care of. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)



## **Left**

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Another view of Pettis moving an x-ray generator into place. The radiology team performs approximately 4,000 exams a year. The 86th MG and the 86th MDSS work together with the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to provide medical support for the Kaiserslautern Military Community.





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**Airman 1st Class Izel Espino, 86th Maintenance Squadron aircraft electrical and environmental mechanic, prepares a liquid oxygen tank to be purged. Liquid oxygen doesn't need as much space to store. Properly maintaining the tanks that hold the oxygen ensures safe access for the aircrews. The electrical and environmental crew also handle, label, and dispose of hazardous material and waste. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)**



Susanne Panzer, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron natural scientist/biological geographer, collects wildlife from a small pond in order to analyze the possible impact of the Ramstein mission on local wildlife. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)



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## **Above**

Airman 1st Class Chanel Hernandez, 86th Force Support Squadron awards and decorations technician, processes a decoration. Hernandez and the FSS staff not only maintain and update personnel records, but ensure members have access to their information through various official Air Force websites. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



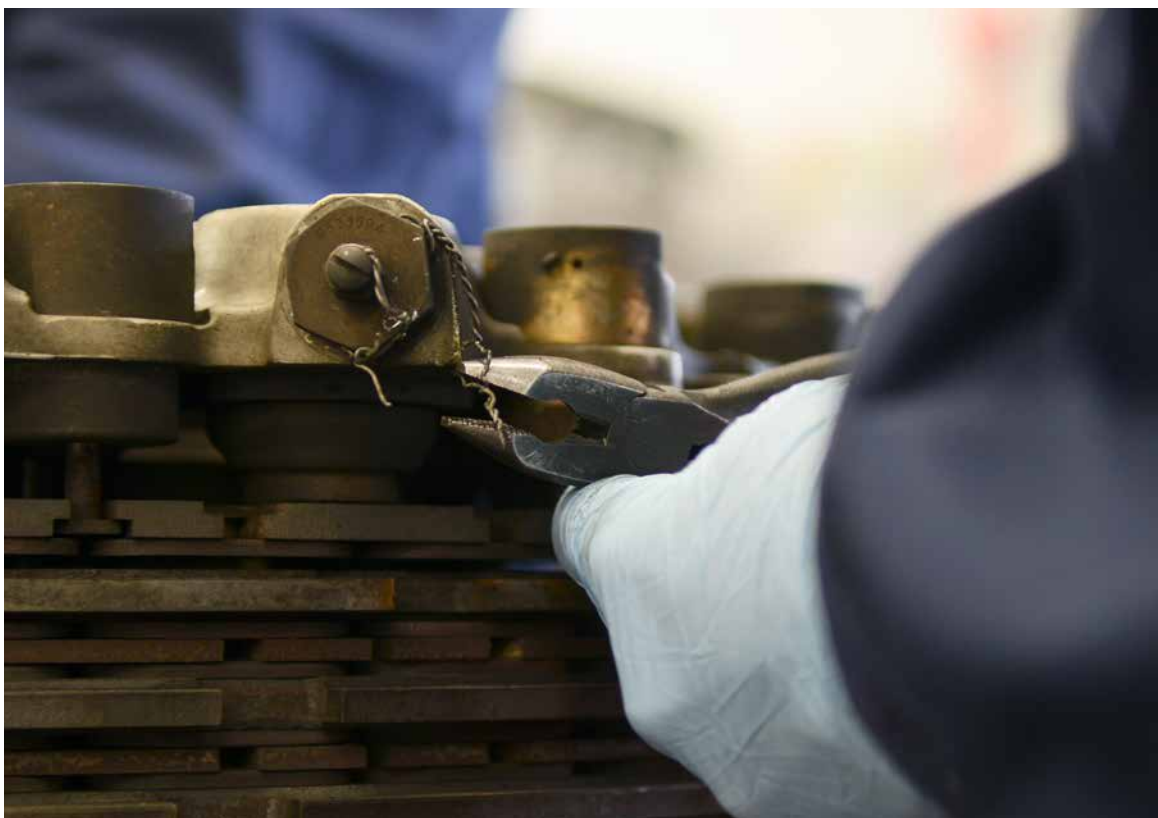


### Above

Airman 1st Class Jacob Osborne and Senior Airman Jonathan Pappion, 86th MXS hydraulics technicians, repair a C-130J Super Hercules wheel. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)

### Below

Hydraulics technicians of the 86th Maintenance Squadron repair a C-130J Super Hercules wheel. The hydraulics section is responsible for inspecting, repairing, troubleshooting, overhauling and installing hydraulic systems used by the aircraft enabling the Hercules to respond how and when the pilot commands.



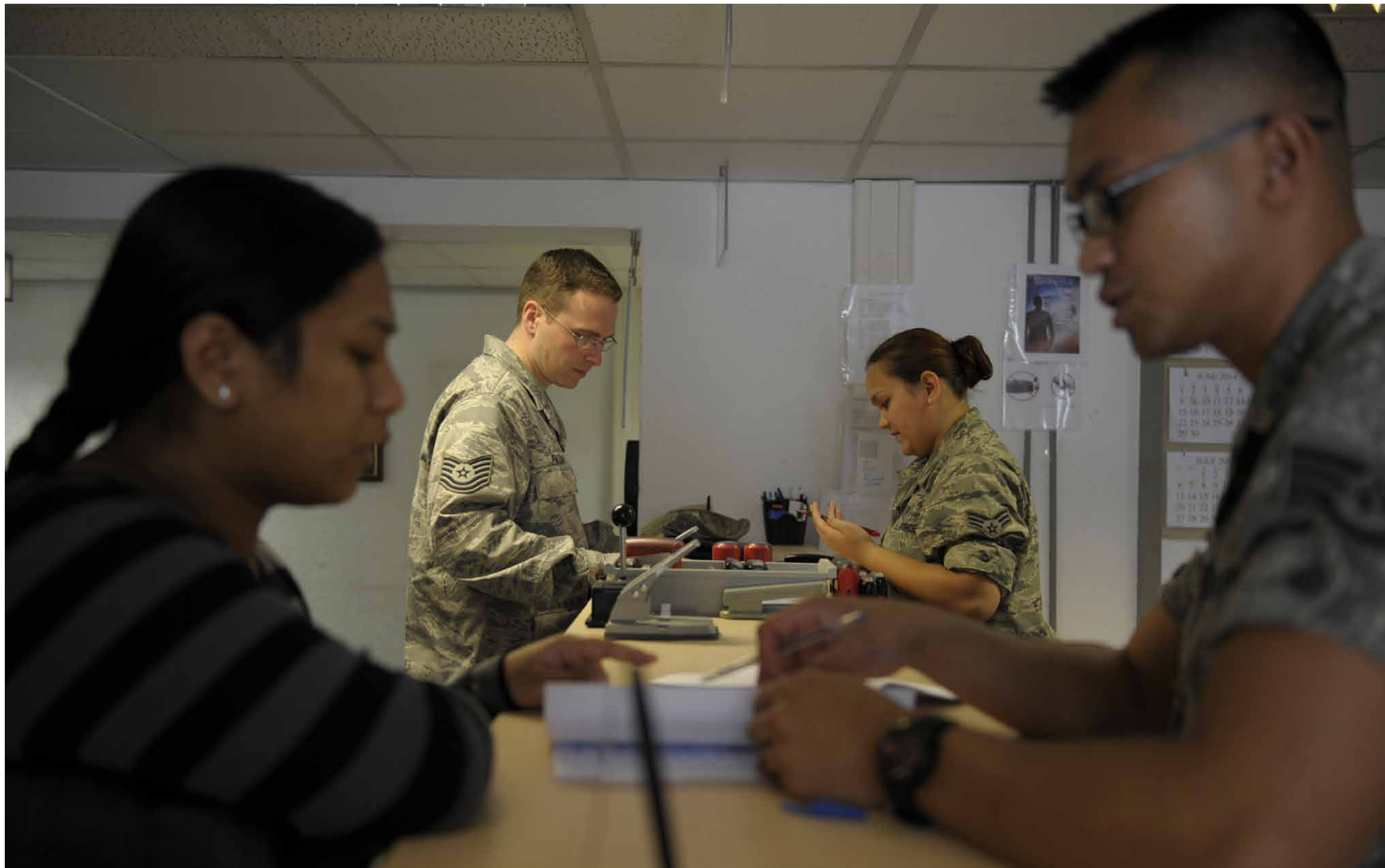




## Above

Airman 1st Class Darren Walters, 86th Force Support Squadron ID cards apprentice, assists members of Team Ramstein with in-processing. Walters is one of many Ramstein members responsible for bringing incoming personnel into the fold in order to maintain a consistent pace as Airmen PCS in and out of the Kaiserslautern Military Community. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)





## Above

Senior Airman Michelle Monfort, 86th Force Support Squadron passport agent, assists a customer with applying for a new passport. On average, the passport section within the Military Personnel Flight helps 100 people a day obtain or renew a passport. The 86th FSS is also responsible for providing the Kaiserslautern Military Community with the highest level of support and provides essential services through numerous activities, facilities and programs. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



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## **Above**

Senior Airman Victoria Gregory, 86th Comptroller Squadron relocation pay technician, assists a customer with a financial discrepancy. 86th CPTS Airmen are professional advisors funding the fight to meet the demanding customer service needs of the 57,000 members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)



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### Above

Axel Christmann, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer, tests a water source near a fuel storage facility. Christmann and his organization test the water constantly to verify that there are no contaminants from military operations on Ramstein. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)



### Above

Swantje Schillinger, 86th CES physical scientist, and Christmann utilize various tools and measuring devices to screen for possible environmental hazards.



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Susanne Panzer, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron natural scientist and biological geographer, collects wildlife from a small pond near a fuel storage facility. Panzer collects samples of local wildlife on base to ensure the day-to-day operations do not affect their natural ecosystem. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)





## Left

Tech. Sgt. Margarita Lugo, 86th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity NCO in charge, addresses a gathering of 86th Comptroller Squadron Airmen checking up on any possible workplace disturbances or issues that need to be addressed. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)

## Right

Lugo takes a moment to visit with Tech. Sgt. Marcos Gonzalez, 86th CPTS customer contract NCO in charge, during a random sweep of offices and flights around the Kaiserslautern Military Community to ensure the highest standards of conduct expected of Airmen are upheld.





# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above

Tech. Sgt. Teresa Burger, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron planner, updates readiness slides. Monthly, the 86th LRS planner shop averages the completion of 25 missions moving equipment and personnel downrange. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### Top Left and Clockwise

Tech. Sgt. Shannon Wilson, 786th Force Support Squadron retentions and separations NCO in charge, and Staff Sgt. Jason Wong, 786th FSS retention and separations supervisor, brief an Airman on possible retirement and separation options. The 786th FSS takes care of combat functions and military personnel needs. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

Senior Airman Ashley Mize, 786th FSS relocation technician, helps a customer with his relocation paperwork. The 786th FSS is responsible for a wide range of services focusing on combat support functions such as manpower and military personnel, sustainment services, casualty and mortuary affairs, and installation personnel readiness.

Maj. December Garcia, 786th FSS personnel section commander, reenlists Staff Sgt. Kayode Ojelade, 786th FSS retention and separations supervisor. The reenlistment ceremony is a time-honored tradition celebrating a service member's continued dedication to the armed forces.



Staff Sgt. Michael Mandelbaum, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution operator, moves a fueling pantograph into place in preparation of refueling an incoming aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

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# 86TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### **Above**

Alexander Fries, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron exterior electrician, performs maintenance on a transformer station in the Vogelweh Military Complex family housing area by cleaning and vacuuming the conduits under the floorboards. 786th CES performs routine maintenance in order to keep everything working properly. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)





### Top Left

Staff Sgt. William Hatfield, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation and air conditioning supervisor, and Senior Airman Anthony Stephens, 786th CES HVAC craftsman, look through the technical manual for a commercial kitchen ventilation system at the Pizza Gallerie in the Ramstein Community Center. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)



### Left and Above

Hatfield and Stephens test the flow of electricity in a junction panel and ensure all the circuit breakers are in the proper position on a commercial kitchen ventilation system at the Pizza Gallerie in the Ramstein Community Center.





## Above

Maj. Dennis Hamilton, 86th Airlift Wing KMC chief engagement officer, swears in Jean-Luc Baber and Jonathan Miller. Before any recruit can begin the process of joining the world's largest Air Force, they must be sworn in by an officer and confirm their pledge to duly, properly and honorably serve those beside, below and appointed over them. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)





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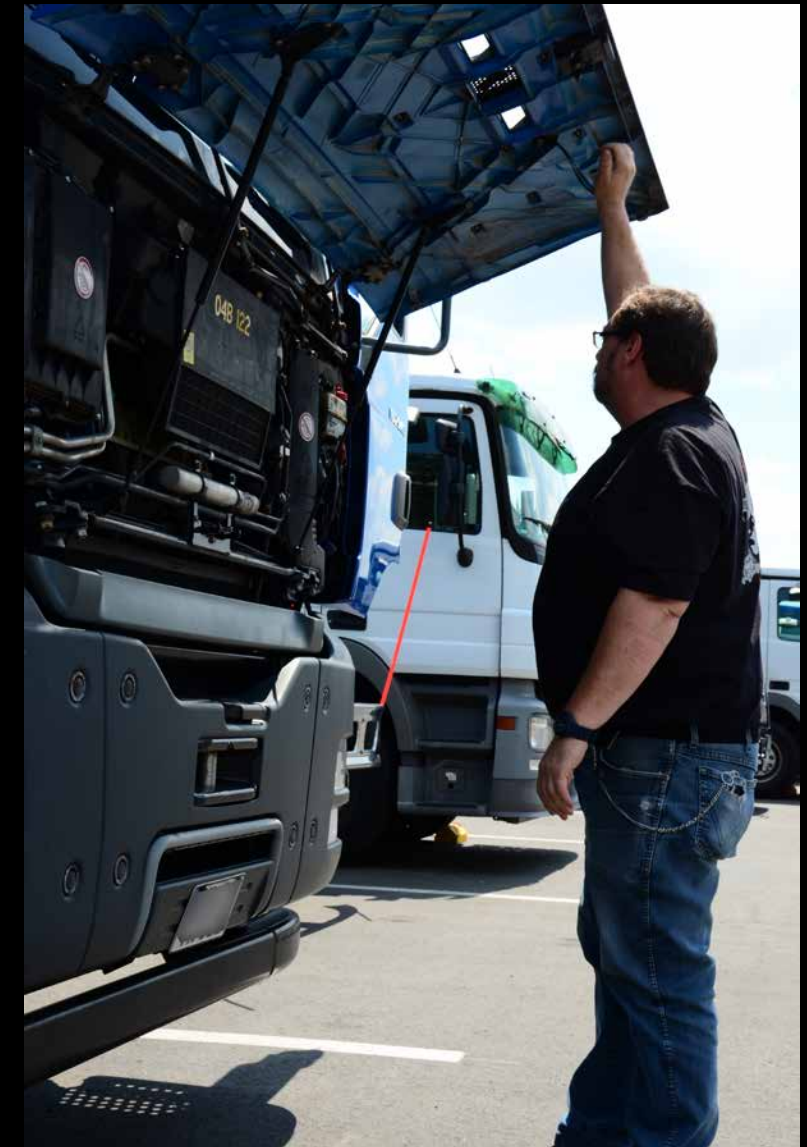
Airman 1st Class Casey Dipanfilo, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel distribution operator, moves a fueling pantograph into place to refuel an aircraft. The 86th LRS is the Air Force's third largest fuels supply point providing assistance to three combatant commands. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

### Above Right

Senior Airman Ariel Zabala, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels laboratory technician, tests fuel from a container. The fuels laboratory technicians go through a lengthy process to determine the contents of fuels.

A close-up view of Zabala testing the chemicals fuel container. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman Larissa Greatwood)





### Above and Left

An automated car wash cleans one of many government-owned vehicles maintained by the 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron. The 86th VRS maintains one of the largest vehicle fleets in the Air Force.

Hull Hermann, 86th VRS vehicle operator, conducts a routine vehicle inspection. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman Larissa Greatwood)

### Above

Hermann preforms an engine inspection to help identify and prevent possible electronic and mechanical mishaps that can delay or prevent the mission from being completed. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above

Airman Christopher Lawless, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment technician, checks over mobility gear. Maintaining mobility gear is critical and serves as a defense against manifested and unpredictable hazards. The 86th LRS not only provides Airmen with equipment needed during deployment, but also prepares cargo to be moved downrange. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### Above

Senior Airman John Pippin, 86th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement laboratory technician, calibrates an F-16 sight. The PMEL section helps Ramstein's mission continue by calibrating, measuring and fixing equipment that keeps aircraft in working condition. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



### Above

Staff Sgt. Ricky Willard, 86th MXS PMEL craftsman, calibrates an inflater kit assembly which is used to inflate aircraft tires. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)



An Airman dons his M50 mask during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense course class designed to prepare Airmen for possible life-threatening situations. The 786th Civil Engineer Squadron is the primary contact for education and training for all situations related to CBRN. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)



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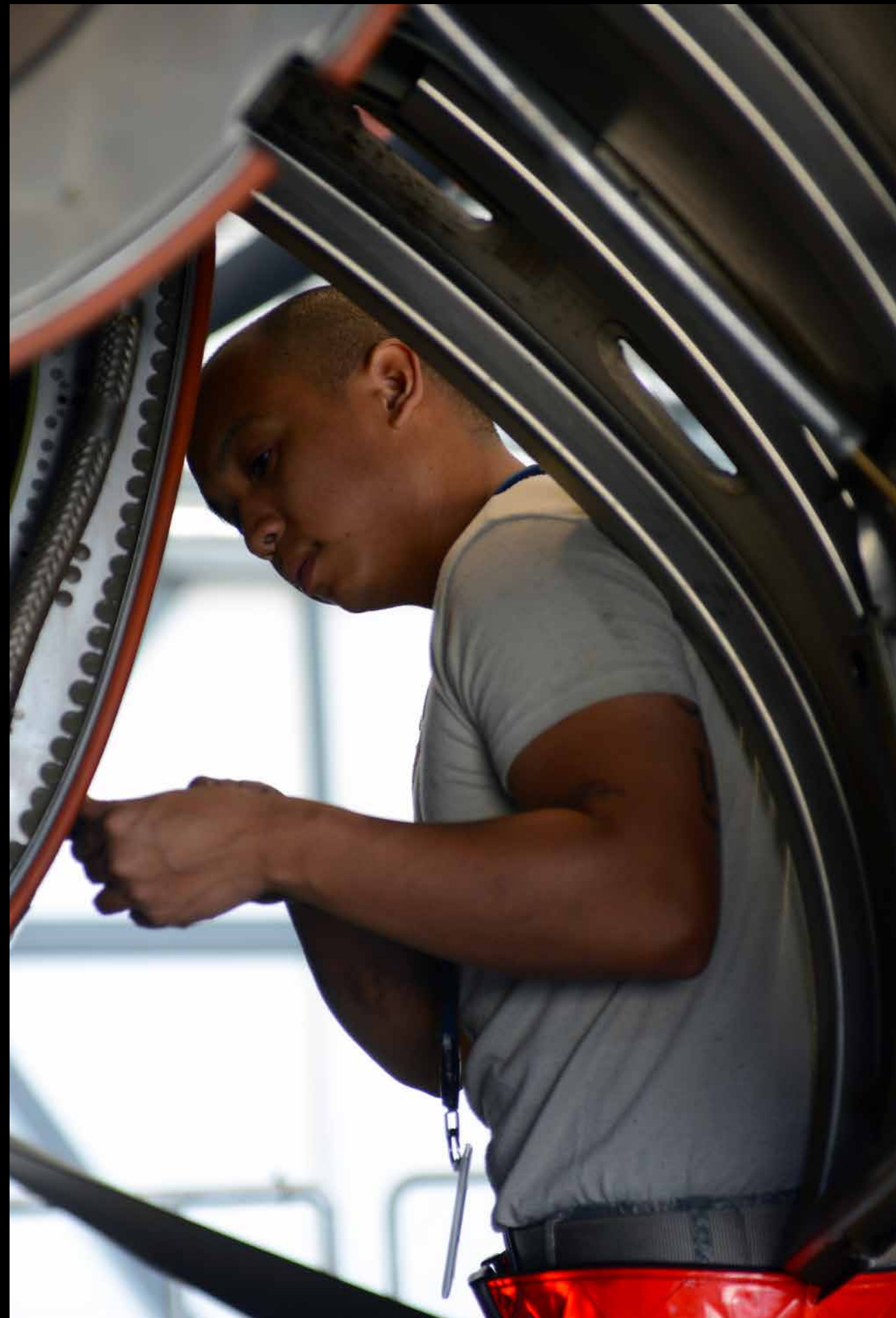




### Above and Right

Airman 1st Class Hector Serrano, 86th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion technician, performs an engine check on a C-130J Super Hercules during scheduled maintenance.

Senior Airman Jonathan Deguzman, 86th MXS aerospace propulsion technician, makes adjustments to a C-130J Super Hercules engine during scheduled maintenance. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)







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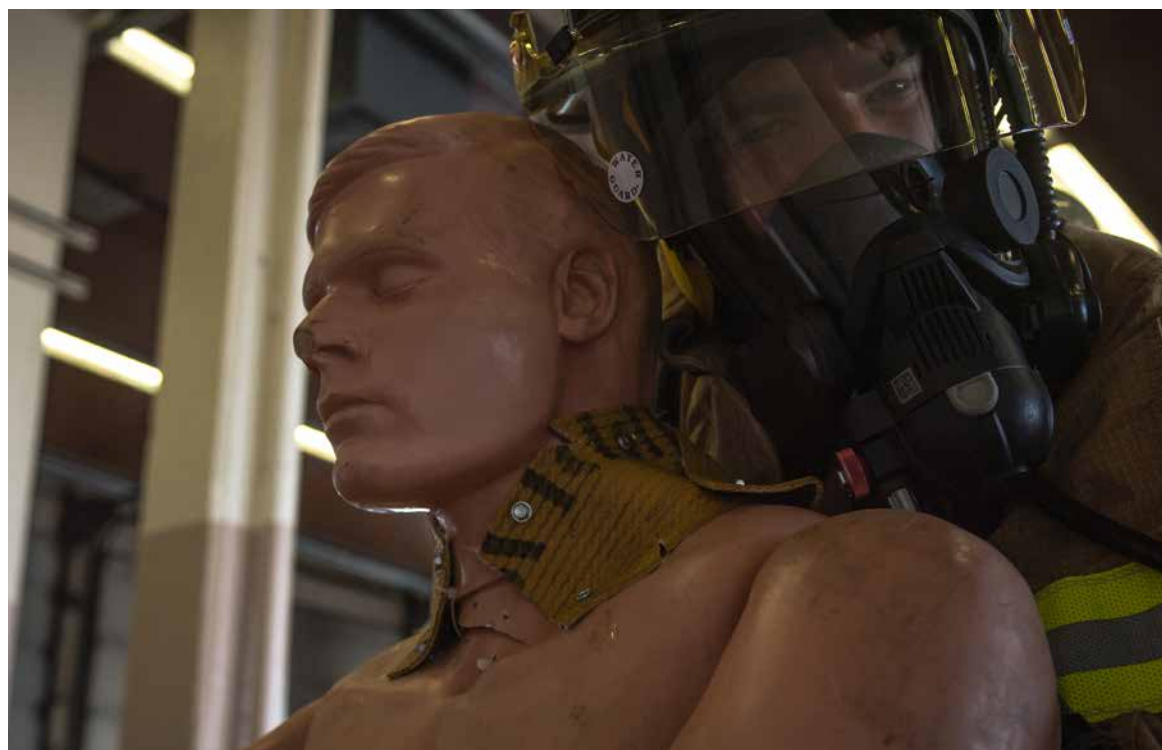
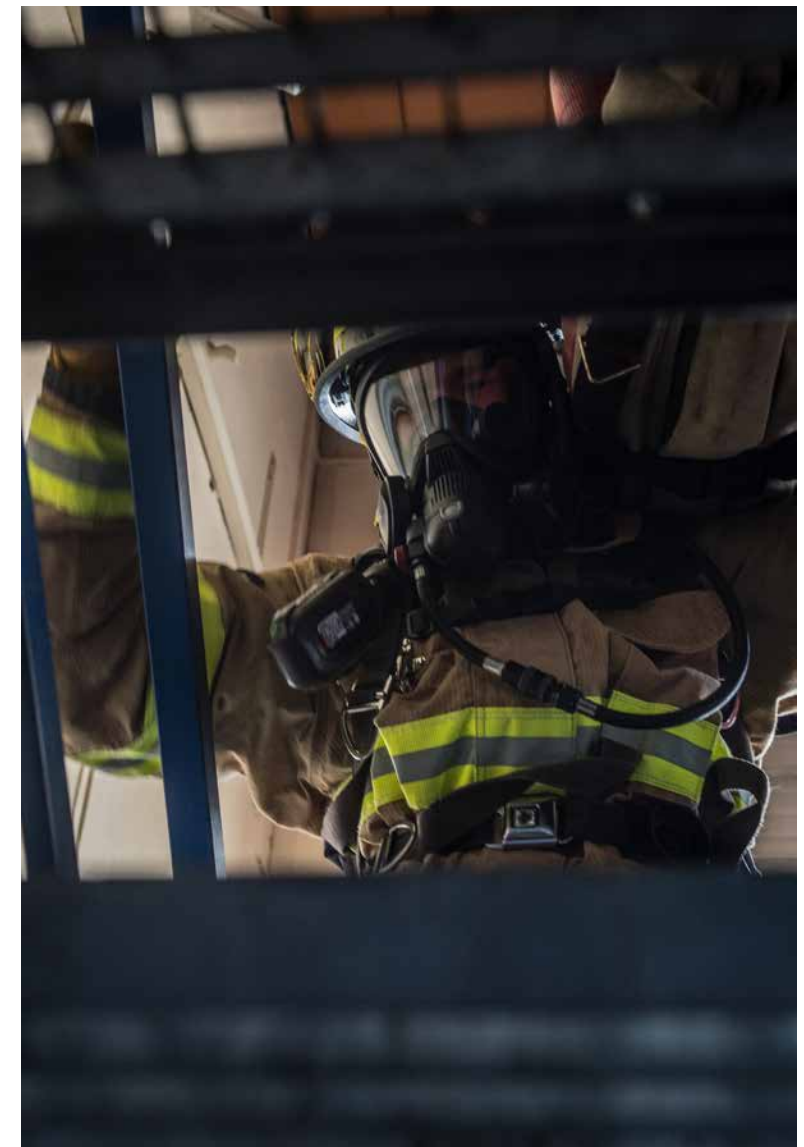
Staff Sgt. Joshua Stites and Senior Airman Jonathan Deguzman, 86th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion technicians, work on a C-130J Super Hercules engine during scheduled maintenance.

(Left and next page) Senior Airman Michael Marquez, 86th MXS crew chief, inspects a C-130J Super Hercules inside and out for any visible mechanical defects. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur)









### Left and Above

Airman Alexander Garratt, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, drags a fire hose across a staging area in full firefighting equipment during a confidence course while Airman 1st Class Darius Kirk, 86th CES firefighter, provides encouragement.

Garratt carries a dummy across the firehouse garage in full firefighting equipment during a confidence course. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

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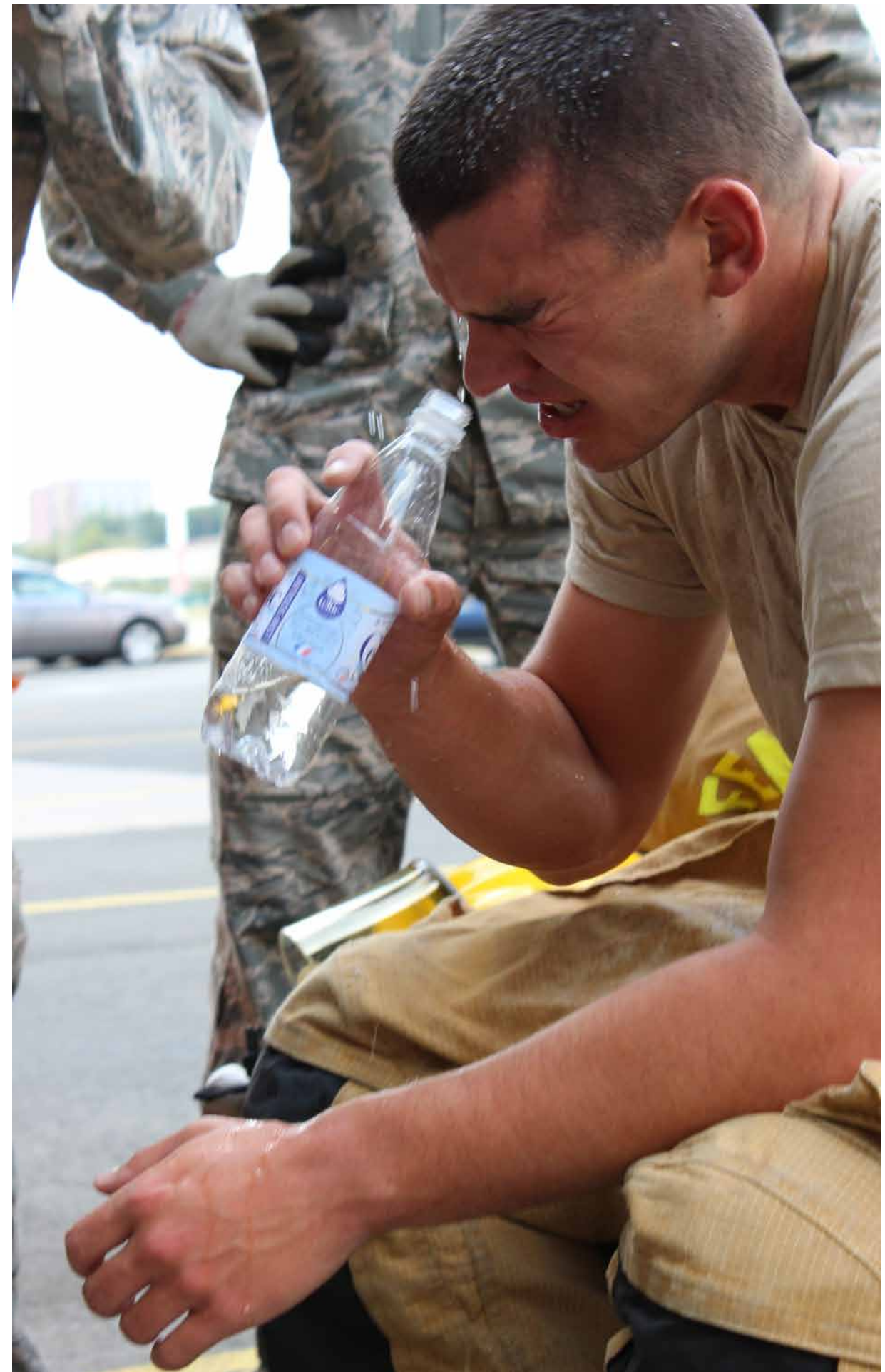
Garratt runs up a stairwell in full firefighting equipment during a confidence course run. The confidence course is designed to test an Airman's mental strength and build self-confidence while dealing with potentially vexing situations.





### **Above and Right**

Airman Alexander Garratt, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, cries out in exhaustion and later hydrates as he doffs his gear upon completion of a confidence course run in full firefighting equipment. Competitors had to don full protective fire gear, sprint to the top of a two-story tower and pull a fire hose weighing 45 pounds through the window before sprinting back down to the bottom floor. Next, they hit a 165-pound steel beam with a nine-pound hammer until it moved forward five feet, negotiated through a 100-foot serpentine course, dragged a hose 75 feet and knocked down a target with a stream of water. To end the course, firefighters had to drag a 175-pound dummy 100 feet to the finish line. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)





# 86TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### Above

Airmen help each other don and secure their mission-oriented protective posture gear during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training course. The CBRN course prepares Airmen for hostile environments. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)



### Left

Senior Airman Joshua Foxworth, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, instructs a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training course. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)



### Above

Air Force members attend a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense course. The 786th CES teaches Airmen the importance of personal protective equipment in the case of hazardous warfare. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING

## DAY IN THE LIFE



### Above

Airmen from the 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron perform non-lethal weapons and combative training sessions on Vogelweh Military Complex, Germany.

A 569th USFPS member places handcuffs on a coworker during a training session. The 569th USFPS trains Airmen in verbal judo and certifies them on non-lethal weapons and combatives.



### Above

Airman 1st Class Cameron Triboulet, 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron member, undergoes a field sobriety test during training on Vogelweh Military Complex, Germany. The 569th USFPS provides training to new Airmen as a way to ensure continuity and consistency in the performance of duties. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)





### Above

Airman 1st Class Jordan Dunn, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron pest manager, sprays pesticides. Pest managers ensure that the base remains compliant when dealing with protected wildlife. Pest management conducts base-wide inspections and preventative maintenance, and rids the installation of unwanted pests. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)







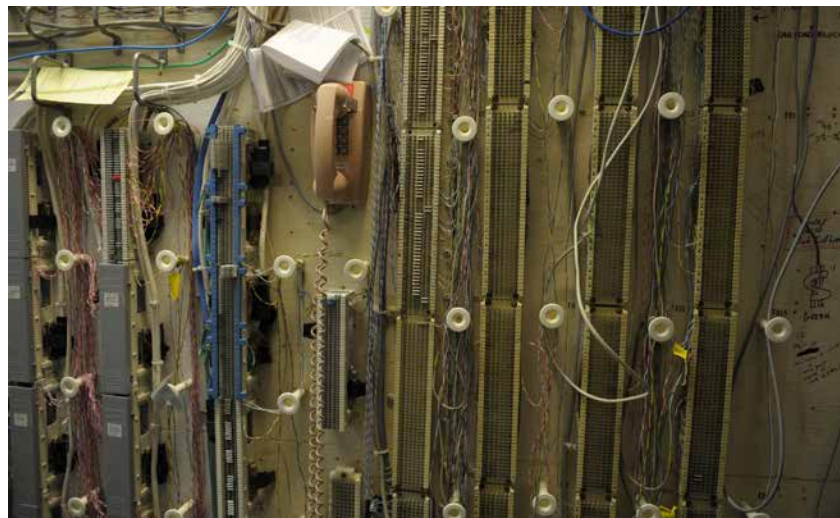


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Staff Sgt. Jeremii Van Komen, 86th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, observes the flight line from the air traffic control tower. Air traffic controllers provide safe air traffic flow by giving pilots a clear and precise picture of where they are and what's in the air space near them. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above

Senior Airman Ramon Torres-Vazquez, 86th Communications Squadron cyber infrastructure technician, inspects the condition of a diagnostic panel on a voice over Internet protocol publisher server. This server is accountable for approximately 35 percent of the phones on the network. The cyber infrastructure technicians, better known as “wire dawgs,” are responsible for maintaining all military phone lines on base. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)



## Above

Communication towers stand high above Ramstein. The towers are maintained and used by the 86th CS. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Keller)









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Airman Kyle Wild, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron supply technician, prepares a pallet for transfer. The 86th LRS manages 2,371 operating stock line items and maintains 487 mobility readiness packages. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)



Airmen 1st Class Keandre Hall and Tyler McCaslin, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron structure technicians, replace a crosswalk sign. The 786th CES, manages more than 10 million square feet of airfield, more than 4,700 acres of land on Ramstein and 19 other geographically-separated units. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

 *1501-1600*







## Left

Senior Airman Kevin Kester and Airman 1st Class Christian Afaisen, 86th Munitions Squadron inspectors, check ordnance. The 86th MUNS transports munitions assets for other bases' redistribution needs or in support of contingency operations. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

## Right

Kester and Afaisen check ordnance for functionality and serviceability during a routine inspection. Munitions are checked on a regular basis to ensure no degradation has occurred during storage.



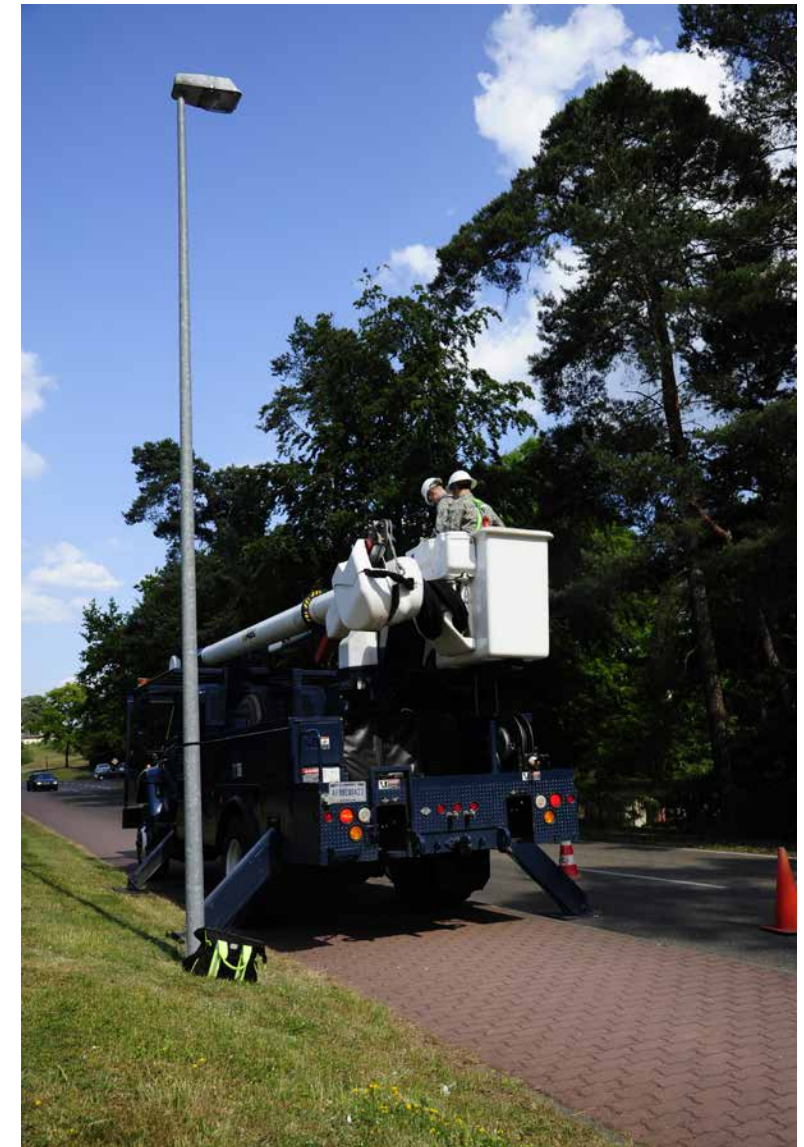
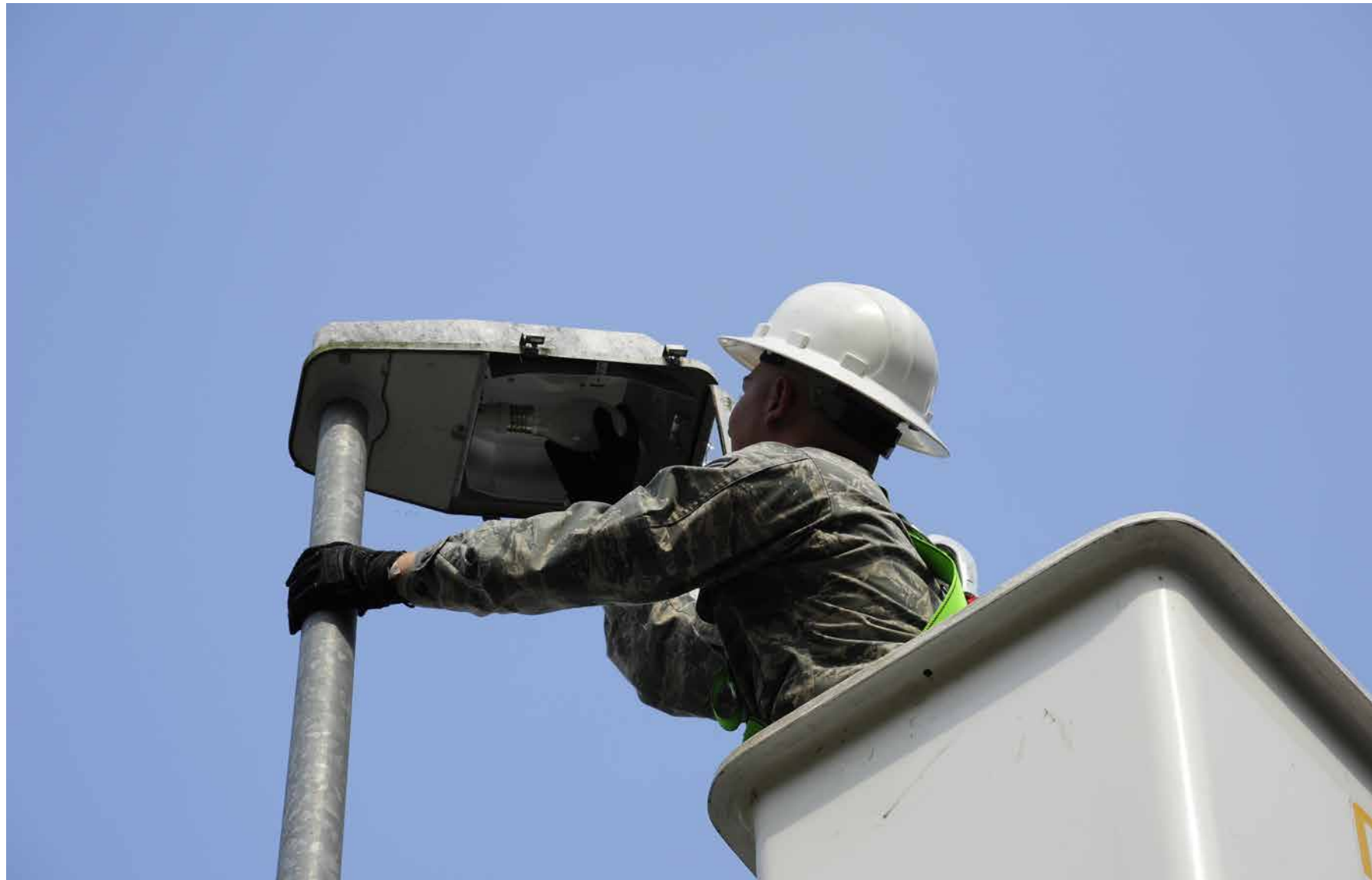


Senior Airman Michael Whitt, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician, removes the bulb cover from a street light. To increase road visibility, the 86th CES electrical shop checks and repairs broken or burned-out light bulbs on inoperable street lamps. Once a street lamp is identified, an Airman will wrap the pole with a strip of black tape for future repair. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)

 *1601-1700*







### **Above, Right and Next Page**

Electricians assigned to the 86th Civil Engineer Squadron prepare to change burned out light bulbs from a base street light, to include checking for adequate voltage, found during a driving inspection along the roads of Ramstein. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)















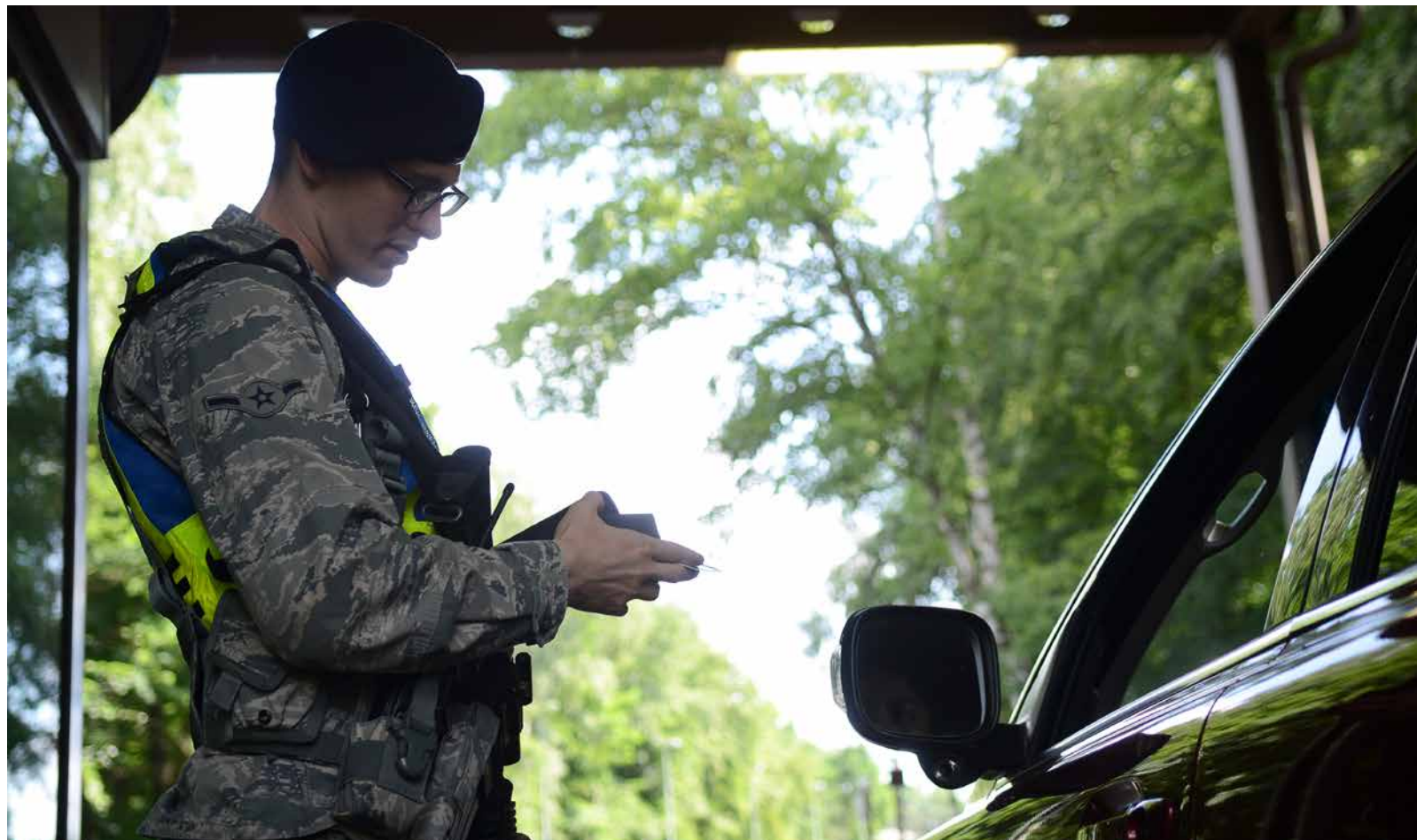




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Airmen from the 86th Materiel Maintenance Squadron perform jumping jacks before a run during squadron physical training. The goal of the fitness program is to motivate members to participate in a year-round physical conditioning program that emphasizes total fitness, to include proper aerobic conditioning, muscular fitness training and healthy eating. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)





## Left

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Airman Michael Parr, 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron entry controller, checks the ID card of a driver before granting entry into the Vogelweh Military Complex. Entry controllers are responsible for maintaining the safety of the installation by verifying the identity of everyone who attempts to enter the base. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)

## Right

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Senior Airman Joseph Valdez, 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron armorer, cleans weapons at the Vogelweh Military Complex. The 86th Security Forces Squadron, 569th USFPS and the local Air Force Office of Special Investigations detachment combine efforts to make the community safe for its members.







**Above**

Staff Sgt. De'Andre Dickerson, 424th Air Base Squadron security forces patrolman, checks the firing chamber of his M-4 assault rifle at the clearing barrel at the end of his shift patrolling Chievres Air Base, Belgium. The primary mission of 424th ABS security forces members is to secure Chievres and ensure safe airfield operations. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Master Sgt. Matthew Clear)

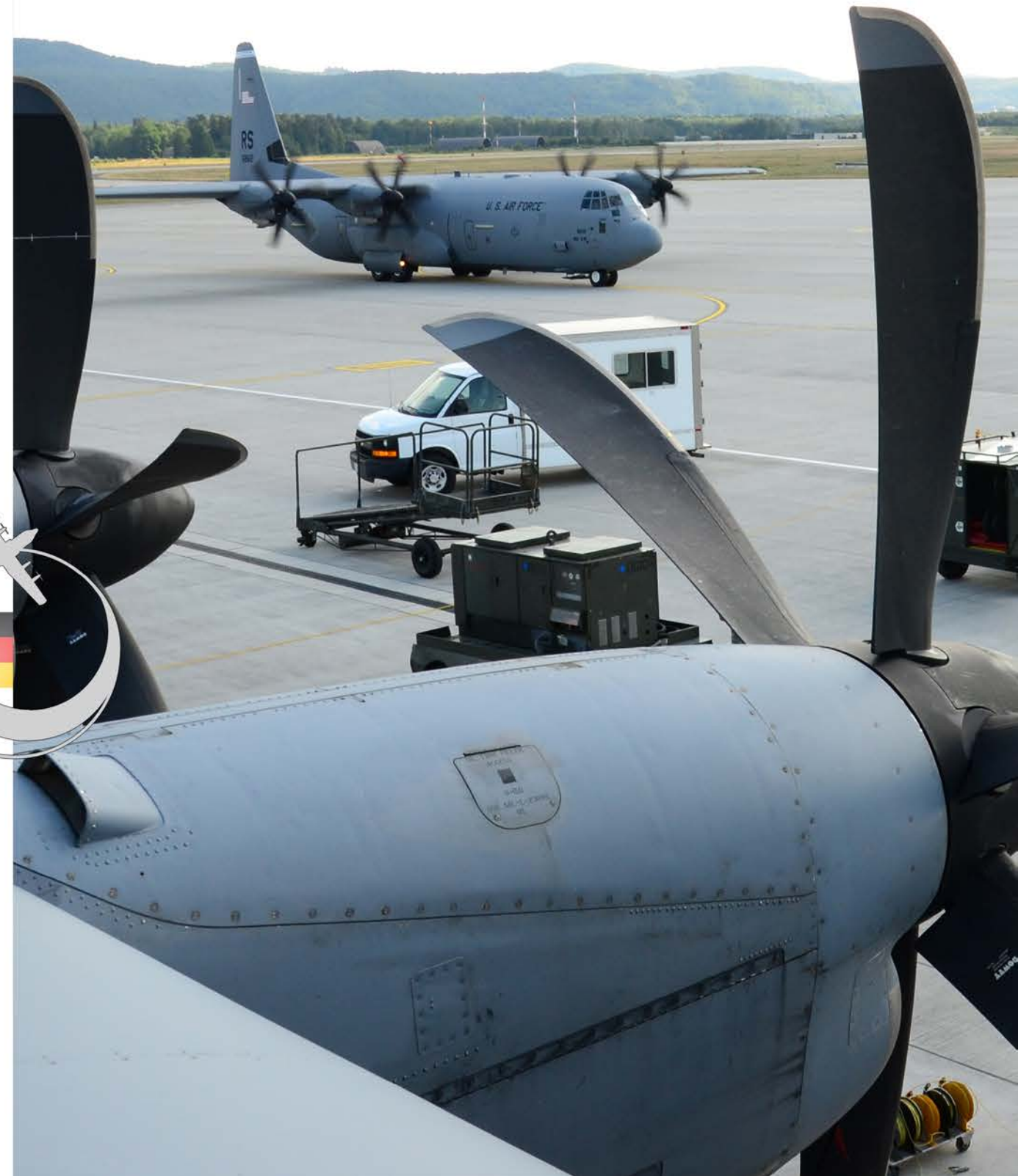
**Left**

Dickerson clears his M-4 assault rifle while Senior Airman John Norred, 424th ABS security forces patrolman, spots him as the clearing barrel monitor.



A C-130J Super Hercules taxis onto the ramp. The first C-130Js to be based at Ramstein arrived in 2009. The Super Hercules is the primary aircraft used to perform the tactical portion of the 86th Airlift Wing's combat airlift operations. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)

 *1701-1800*





# 86TH AIRLIFT WING DAY IN THE LIFE



## Above and Right

(Top and Top Right) - Airman 1st Class Courtney Gwynn and Airman Devin Donaldson, 86th Maintenance Squadron fuel systems repair journeyman, prepare to check the fuels system of a C-130J Super Hercules.

(Right) - Gwynn climbs out of the fuel tank of a C-130J Super Hercules during scheduled repairs.

(Bottom) - Tech. Sgt. Eric Clayborn, 86th Maintenance Squadron fuel systems repair craftsman, looks into the fuel tank of a C-130J Super Hercules. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

(Next Page) - Gwynn inspects and repairs the fuel tank of a C-130J Super Hercules during scheduled maintenance.









## Right

Senior Airman Colton Demierre (left), and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Diaz, 86th Security Forces Squadron elite gate guards, stand at attention while waiting for retreat to be played. Airmen of the 86th SFS provide close-boundary security for high-level assets at Ramstein. Members of the squadron process more 24,000 vehicles a day while patrolmen monitor over 3,000 acres of land to enforce installation-traffic codes. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Hailey Haux)



## Left

Airman 1st Class Nadine Peterson, 86th SFS elite gate guard, salutes while retreat is played. Aside from checking identification cards and going on patrols, the 86th SFS is also the primary force to detect, delay and defeat a ground threat to the installation. Along with protecting Airmen and their families, they maintain the armory and arming posts throughout the base, information security and military working dog activities.









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**A C-130J Super Hercules taxis into a parking spot on the flightline. The C-130J is one of several aircraft used to help the 86th Airlift Wing conduct its mission of airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation operations. Airmen assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron are part of a legacy dating back to WW II when the squadron was the 37th Troop Carrier Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)**





## Left

Airmen from the 86th Communications Squadron postal flight sort through a mail truck delivery. Members of the flight include Airmen from Air Force career fields spanning from security forces to medical. Using talents brought from multiple career fields, Airmen ensure military members and dependents receive packages from around the world. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

## Right

Airmen from the 86th CS postal flight sort through a mail truck delivery. Members of the flight have won the Air Force Outstanding Aerial Mail Terminal award two years in a row. By delivering mail throughout four combatant commands and redefining their self-inspection program, they make sure the mission being completed the best way possible for military members and dependents spanning anywhere from Ramstein to deployed locations.











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Firefighters from the 86th Civil Engineer Squadron respond to a fire alarm at the Ramstein Youth Center. Ramstein has three fire stations with firefighters who respond to multiple alerts daily. The 86th CES Airmen help maintain all fire stations on installations within the KMC. As the largest fire department in the Air Force, the department is ready to respond to medical emergencies, structural firefighting, aircraft emergencies, hazardous materials and a myriad of rescues. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)









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A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron takes off. Airmen assigned to the squadron have been providing airlift support dating back to D-Day when members flew Douglas C-47 Skytrains to Normandy. The aircraft made a 3,600 mile journey over the Atlantic to complete the mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)



The Ramstein Library offers different demonstrations and classes for Airmen and dependents to learn everything from cooking cultural foods to making arts and crafts. The library offers computer labs, online language learning programs, travel books and DVDs to members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community. Groups or individuals can call the library to set up a tour or orientation to learn more about their products and the various activities offered. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)

 *1801-1900*







### Left

Author and cook, Veronica Gonzalez-Smith, gives a cooking demonstration to a small crowd in the Ramstein Library. Gonzalez-Smith spent an hour with Airmen telling stories that explain how her cookbook was created and offered up samples of her Spanish-infused culinary creations. The Ramstein Library regularly holds demonstrations and unique classes for Airmen to experience. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)

### Top

Gonzalez-Smith explains how her red-sauce enchilada recipe was created during her cooking demonstration at the Ramstein Library. Gonzalez-Smith has a line of Spanish-influenced cookbooks, some of which are available to check out at the Ramstein Library.









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A C-130J Super Hercules taxis into a parking spot on the flightline. Assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron, the aircraft is part of a 72-year legacy dating back to the historic flight of the Douglas C-47 Skytrains over the beaches of Normandy. Since then the squadron has provided combat airlift support to different operations such as Overlord, Market Garden, Tomahawk, Homecoming, Provide Comfort, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

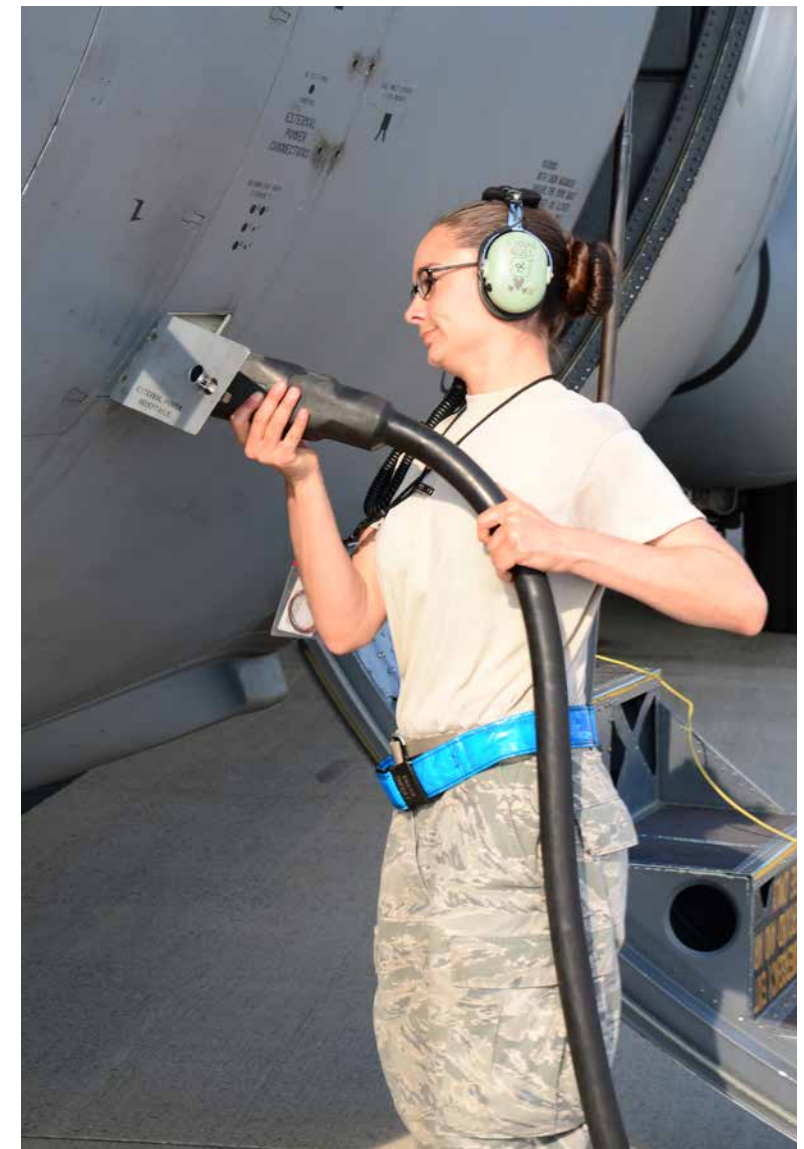




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(Left) - Senior Airman Jamie Young, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, and Senior Airman Deon Spencer, 86th AMXS communications navigator, move a generator. 86th AMXS Airmen work around the clock to ensure the readiness of the aircraft here. More than 240 Airmen in the squadron work to ensure aircraft are ready to complete nearly 930 missions and 2,230 sorties a year.

(Right) - Young connects a hose from a generator to a C-130J Super Hercules. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)



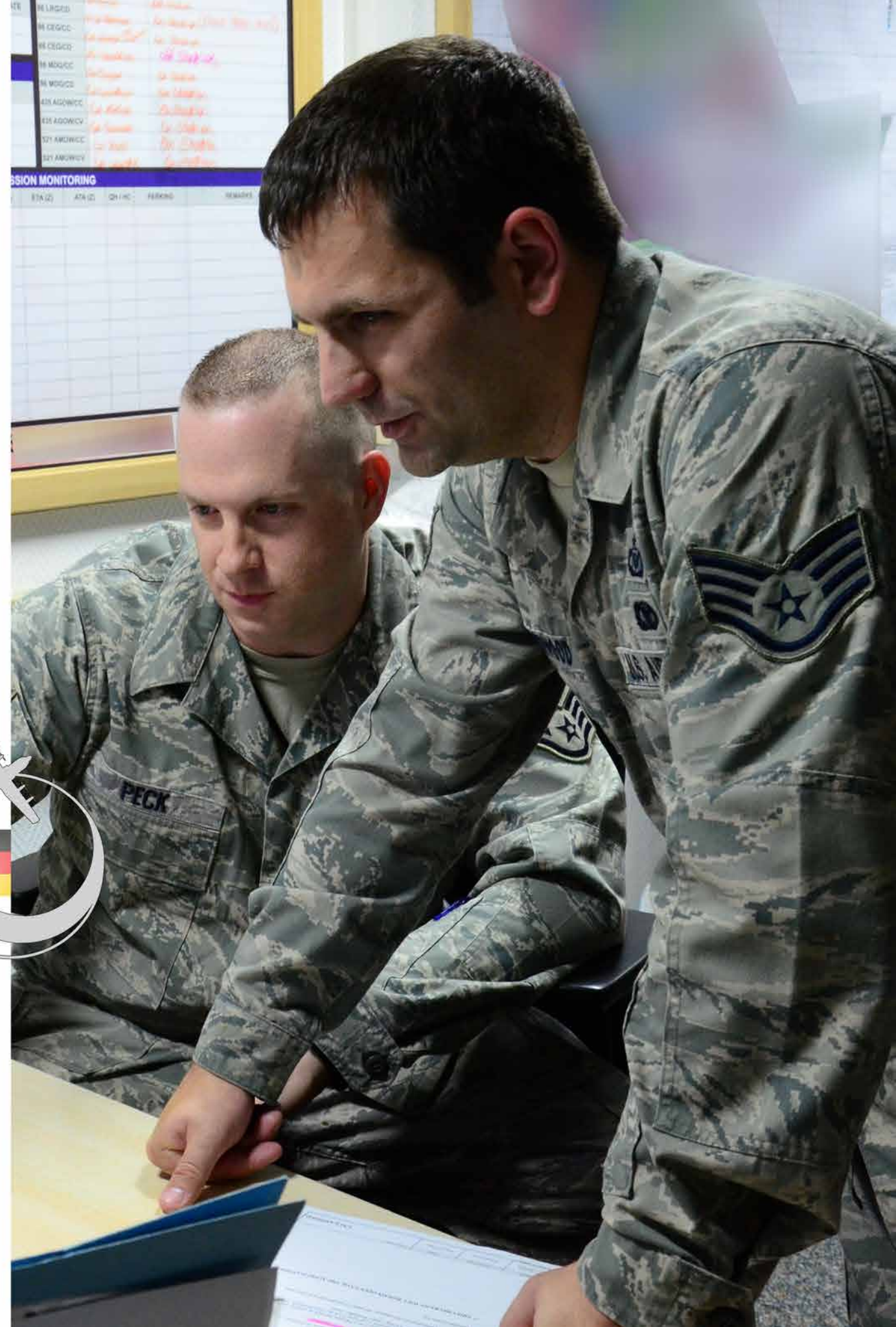
## Right

A C-130J Super Hercules taxis into a parking spot on the flight line. The 86th AMXS provides combat-ready C-130J Super Hercules and designated visitor operational support aircraft and equipment to support U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command mission taskings. They also maintain the aircraft by conducting in-depth inspections on every airframe, increasing their longevity by years.





Staff Sgt. Daniel Underwood (right), 86th Airlift Wing Command Post emergency actions controller, briefs Staff Sgt. Stephen Peck, 86th AW Command Post emergency actions controller, on information from the day shift as they prepare for a changeover. In an emergency situation, Airmen from command post are behind the scenes briefing important information to commanders and base personnel as needed. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)



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## Right

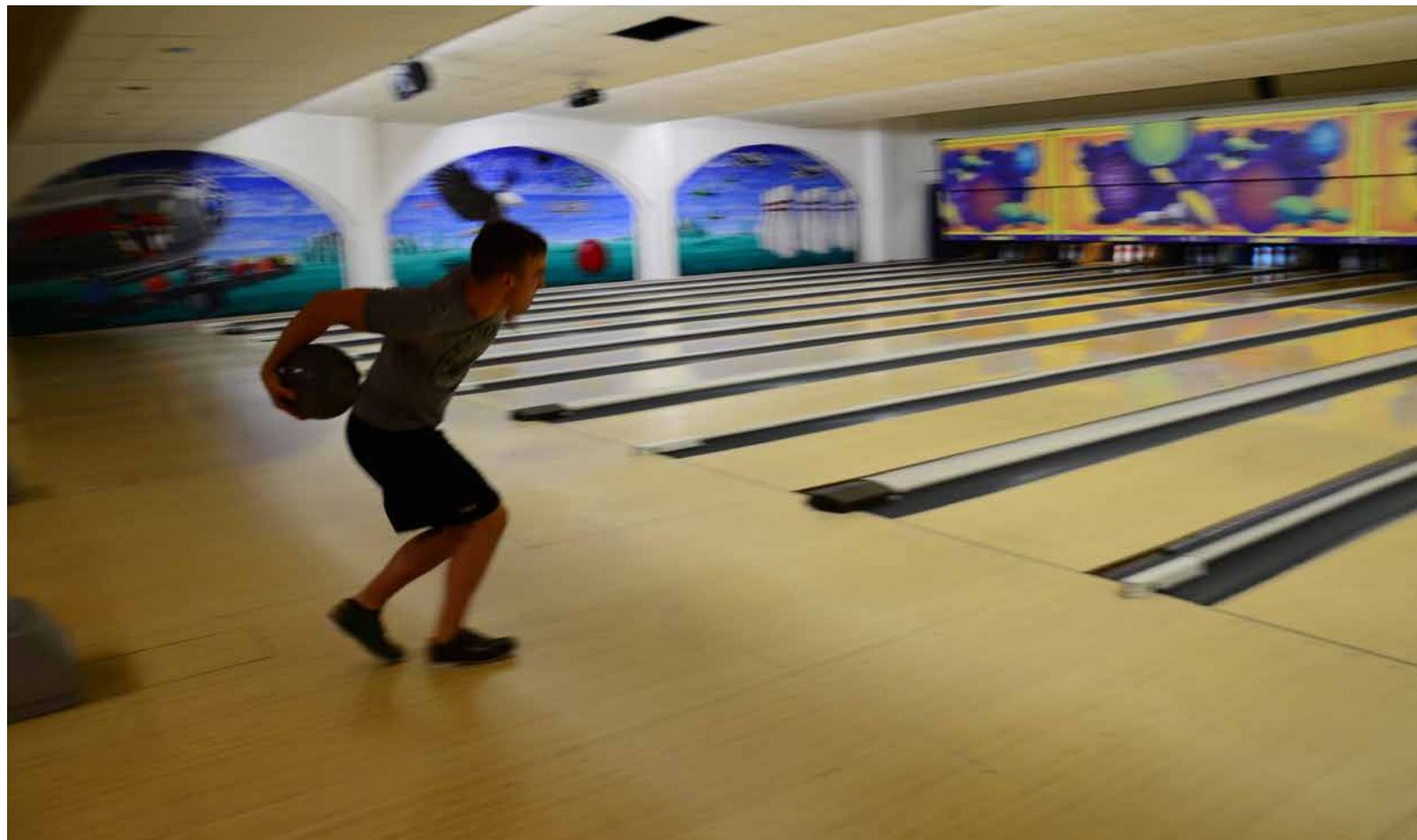
Ron Wheatley, Ramstein Auto Skills Center specialist, closes the gate to the self-help repair and maintenance parking lot at the Ramstein Auto Skills Center. The center is open throughout the day and allows Airmen to work on their vehicles for a nominal price while giving them access to an eclectic mix of tools for their use. The center also offers two car washes, a 24/7 manual station and a drive-through wash for those who wish to clean their vehicles. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Travis Edwards)



## Left

The Ramstein Auto Skills Center offers a wide variety of tools and work stations to help Airmen work on their vehicles. Services accessible include clutch work, muffler and tailpipe work, the only front end alignment machine in the Kaiserslautern Military Community and brake maintenance. For patrons who need help ordering car parts, the center provides assistance with ordering from U.S. and European suppliers.





## Left

Senior Airman Justin Long, deployed from the 39th Airlift Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, rolls a bowling ball down a lane at the Ramstein Bowling Center. Ramstein is a major hub for mobility and airlift operations throughout Europe and downrange, and often hosts members from other bases as they travel to and from areas of responsibility. With 32 lanes available to members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community, members can enjoy a relaxing game of bowling or celebrate with a birthday party. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

## Right

Airmen relax with a few games of bowling at the Ramstein Bowling Center. The bowling center has 32 bowling lanes equipped with bumpers, a full-service pro shop, a slot machine game room and a full-service snack bar. At the full-service pro shop, patrons can get their bowling ball engraved or get finger inserts.





## Right

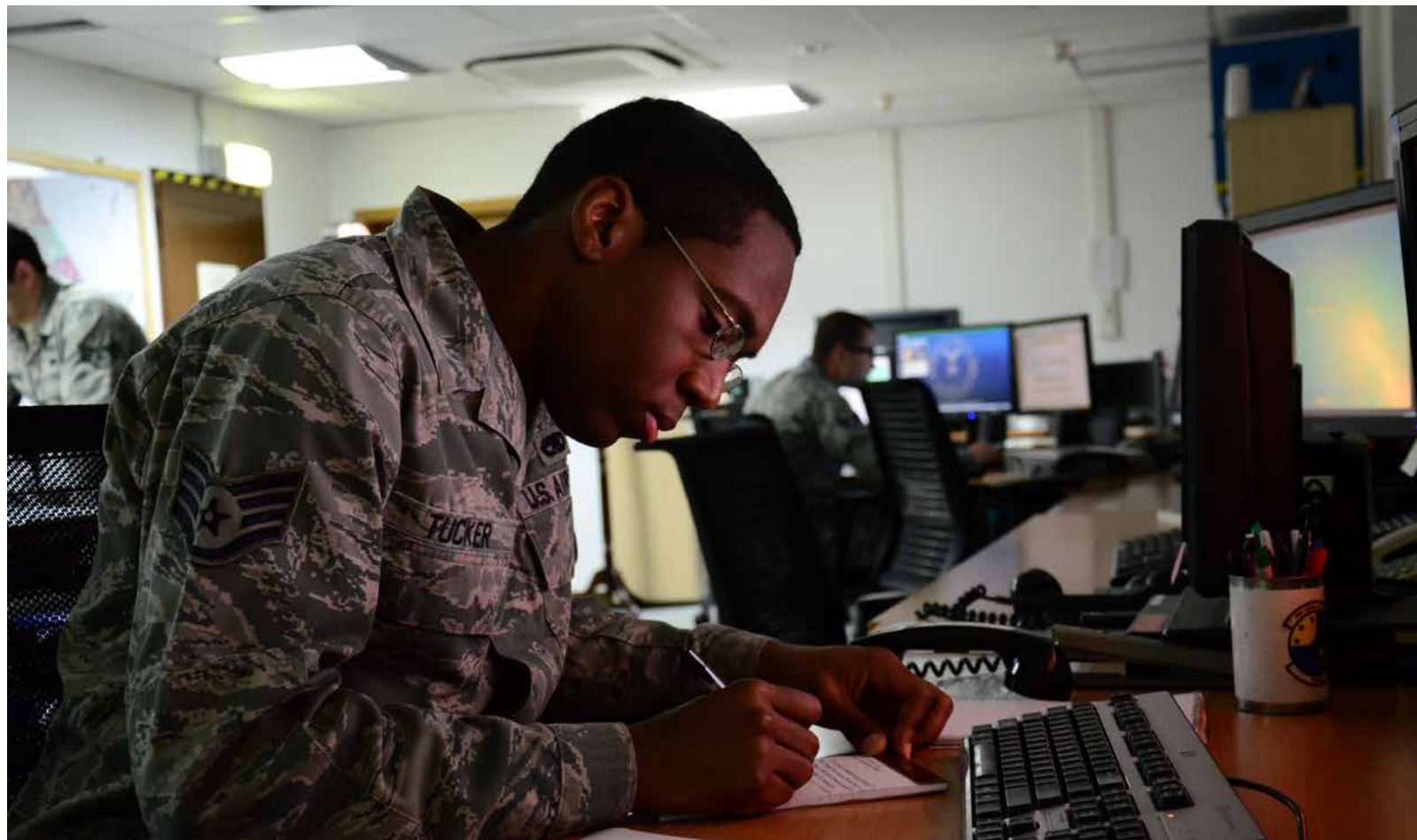
Airmen enjoy a soccer match at the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility. Celebrating 11 years of service, the facility's USO offers a home away from home for wounded warriors transitioning from a deployment. They offer patrons home-cooked meals and other items needed for a comfortable transit. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Senior Airman Chris Willis)



## Left

Capt. Shelley Murray, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center clinical nurse, checks in a wounded Airman at the CASE.





## Left

Staff Sgt. Christopher Tucker, 86th Maintenance Group maintenance operations center controller, writes down notes at the beginning of his shift in the command post. In an emergency situation, Airmen assigned to the command post are behind the scenes briefing important information to commanders and base personnel as needed. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)

## Right and Next Page

Staff Sgt. Stephen Peck and Senior Airman Joseph Miller, 86th Airlift Wing Command Post emergency actions controllers, review their procedures during a test crisis scenario.









Tech. Sgt. Eric Barlow, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron fire station captain, and Airman 1st Class Kevin Williams, 86th CES firefighter, train to fight fires on a simulated burning aircraft. The 86th CES fire department Airmen train to hone their skills for real-world situations. Every October, the department hosts Fire Prevention Month where they perform presentations at Kaiserslautern Military Community schools to teach children the importance of fire safety. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)

 *2001-2300*







### Left

Staff Sgt. Paul Young, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron supply technician, replaces inventory. The more than 390 Airmen of the squadron provide the 86th Airlift Wing and other units with Air Force's largest travel management office, the Air Force's fourth largest defense fuel support point and USAFE-AFACRICA's largest equipment account. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

### Right

Senior Airman Mitchell Rose (front), 86th LRS supply technicians, and Young perform inventory. The 86th LRS provides fuel, deployment necessities and equipment for all inbound and outbound aircraft and military members. The LRS Airmen ensure the flightline has 24-hour support.











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A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron prepares to land. The aircraft is a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. During its 50 years of service, the Hercules aircraft family makes history as the longest continuous production run of any military aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Damon Kasberg)





### Above and Left (Top to Bottom)

Airmen prepare a C-130J Super Hercules for night operations. The aircraft primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peacetime and wartime. Members of the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintain the only tactical airlift C-130J capability. By providing these services they ensure an aerospace ground equipment and back-shop support for the largest Air Mobility Command en route location. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

Airman 1st Class Christopher Roybal, 86th AMXS crew chief, replenishes aircraft liquid oxygen levels. The squadron provides mission-ready Airmen to ensure combat-ready C-130J Super Hercules and distinguished visitor operational support aircraft and equipment to support mission taskings of three combatant commands. Leading the mobility Air Forces in C-130 and OSA maintenance execution ensures that aircraft are fixed in a timely manner and planes are kept in the air.

Staff Sgts. Virgilio Enguillado and Brandon Hill, 86th AMXS crew chiefs, perform an aircraft systems check. Airmen from the 86th AMXS work around the clock to ensure Ramstein's fleet of C-130J Super Hercules is mission-ready at a moment's notice.









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Airman 1st Class Alan Pardon, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare technician, checks vehicles for discrepancies. The 86th AMXS check more than 30 vehicles a month for discrepancies, ensuring safety and mission-ready capability. By checking for inconsistencies in the fleet, Airmen ensure missions are successfully carried out around the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)





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(Top) - Airman 1st Class Timothy Thomasula, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs an aircraft systems check. The Airmen work around the clock to ensure aircraft are mission-ready by ensuring the best maintenance.

(Left and Next Page) - Airman 1st Class Frank Molina, 86th Maintenance Squadron fuel system repair technician, goes over end of day aircraft checks. Attention to detail is critical during maintenance inspections to ensure successful missions in the air.

### **Above**

Thomasula performs an aircraft systems check. Helping to maintain U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa's only tactical airlift fleet, the squadron's more than 240 Airmen ensure the aircraft are ready to complete nearly 930 missions and 2,230 sorties a year, covering U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command missions. The Airmen completed more than 7,820 flight hours last year. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Chris Willis)









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Capt. Seliena Corrington, 86th Medical Group charge nurse, cares for a patient at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany. The 86th MDG also supports readiness through healthcare and preventative services. Services include flight medicine, family practice, pediatrics, optometry, radiology services, pharmacy, immunization clinic, environmental health, physical therapy, laboratory, mental health, pediatric behavioral medicine and family guidance. The family health clinic was named the Air Force best supporting team by the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General in 2013. The clinic provides the KMC with 3,000 appointments per month. The Ramstein pharmacy maintains readiness by providing the KMC with daily pharmaceutical needs and customer service, filling about 500 prescriptions a day. The Ramstein pharmacy is one of the most utilized pharmacies in U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)











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Airman 1st Class Danielle McMurtry, 786th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist, cleans equipment at the Southside Fitness Center before closing. The three fitness centers provided are offered to active duty, retired, dependents and military ID card holders. Airmen of the 786th FSS offer their services in many organizations throughout the base including the golf course, the dining facility and the outdoor recreation center. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)









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A C-130J Super Hercules awaits a nighttime mission on the Ramstein Air Base flightline. The aircraft primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peacetime and wartime. The C-130J was designed and developed for efficient and reliable combat delivery, air-to-air refueling, special operations, disaster relief and humanitarian missions as part of revitalizing the Air Force fleet. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)







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Tech. Sgt. Eric Barlow, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron fire station captain, and Airman 1st Class Kevin Williams, 86th CES firefighter, train on a simulated aircraft fire. The 86th CES fire department Airmen train to hone their skills for real-world situations. The Airmen use many training opportunities including Silver Flag, where they train with other CE fire fighters from different bases around the world. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Timothy Moore and Airman Larissa Greatwood)

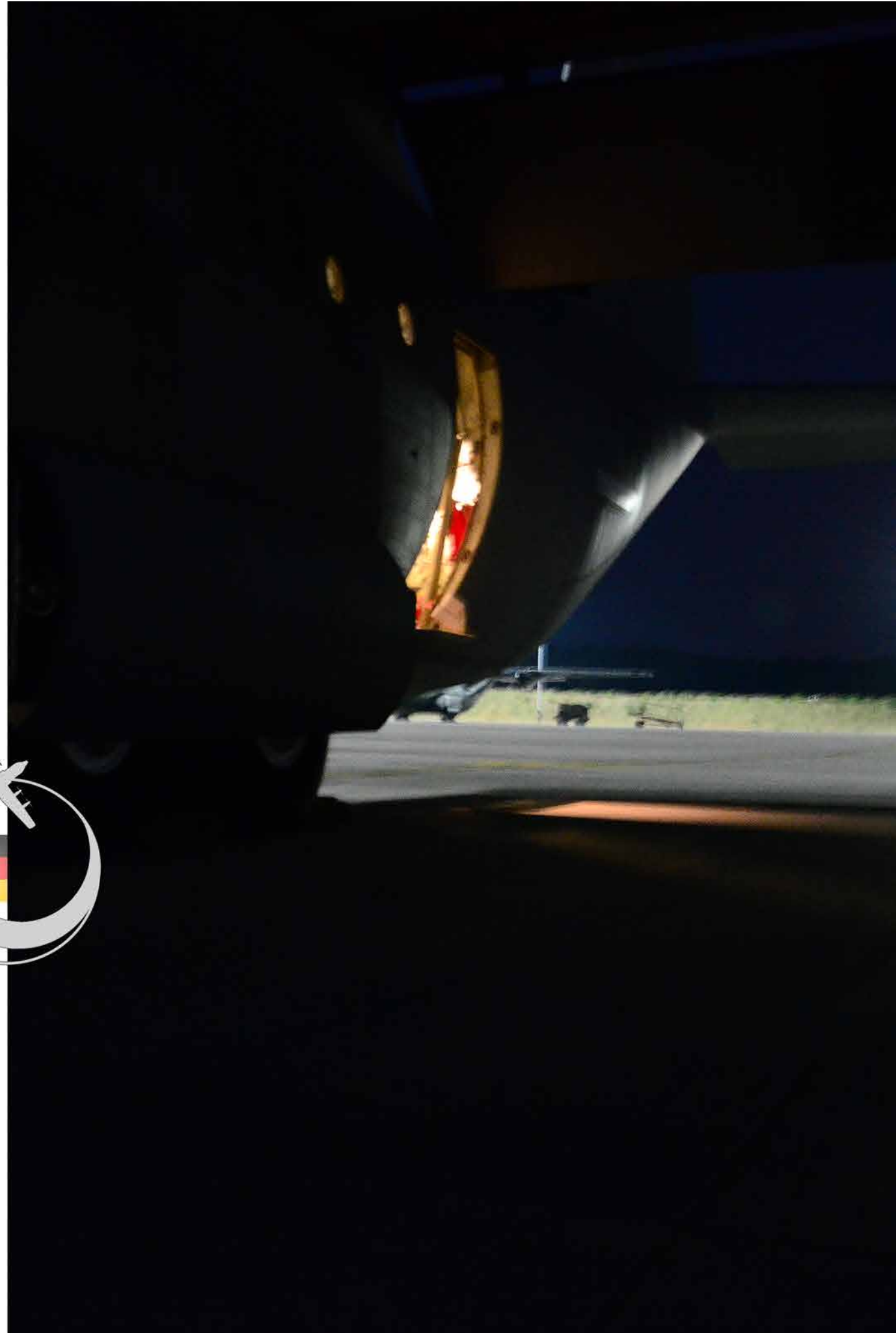






The side door of a C-130J Super Hercules stays open as 86th Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs perform routine checks and repairs into the next day. Though there are many active agencies operating 24-hours-a-day on Ramstein, these crew chiefs work in quiet solace throughout the night, as the usually hectic flightline operations slow to a steady pace. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Larissa Greatwood)

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**Airman 1st Class Jerraine Griffin, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, secures his equipment before leaving the flightline. 86th AMXS Airmen work around the clock to ensure the readiness of Ramstein's aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Moore)**



# Meet the Production Team



Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan, a Camarillo, California native, is a U.S. Air Force photojournalist. He began his career as a still photographer before arriving on station in Germany. Castelan contributed to the Day in the Life project through photography and caption editing, and will be headed to the 3rd Combat Camera Squadron Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, in the winter.

**Personal Note:** "I survived."

Staff Sgt. Edwards is a military brat whose career led him to becoming a Public Affairs specialist for the past nine years. He was stationed in Nevada, Virginia, and, as of 2014, is assigned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Edwards has completed three deployments - the first in 2007 as a photojournalist during Operation Iraqi Freedom; the second in 2009 in Afghanistan working as a media relations specialist for a North Atlantic Treaty Organization training mission. On his most recent deployment in 2013, he assisted in the documentation of the Transit Center closure at Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan. Edwards believes it was his deployments that have shaped and molded his love for Air Force Public Affairs.

**Personal note:** This is the greatest and best military product you will ever have the pleasure of laying your eyes on.



Airman Larissa Greatwood, a native of Henderson, Nevada, has spent the last 18 months serving in the U.S. Air Force as a public affairs photojournalist. In her short amount of time at Ramstein, she has contributed to the Kaiserslautern American newspaper as well as the Ramstein website. As a photographer for this project, she spent 12 hours taking photos at many locations as well as caption editing.

**Personal Note:** "I would like to thank my wonderful husband and cats for being so supportive on this hectic day by letting me get a good night's rest afterward."

Senior Airman Damon Kasberg is a U.S. Air Force photojournalist. He began his career as a public affairs specialist in the Air Force Reserve with the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana. Kasberg contributed to this project through photography, content editing, video, animation, graphic layout and design.

**Personal Note:** "Thank God for my wife and baby girl."



Staff Sgt. Sara Keller, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, native, spent the last eight years serving as a Public Affairs specialist in the U.S. Air Force. During her time, she has been assigned to 5 bases, in 5 different countries and has had the opportunity of taking on a variety of tasks as a photojournalist and Airman. She served as the sole journalist for a traveling combat camera team throughout Afghanistan, and worked side-by-side with dozens of our nation's military and our very own sister services. But Sara claims Ramstein is the most challenging and busiest, yet fun place, she's ever experienced ... and all that is displayed in this one project.

**Personal Note:** "I want to thank Ryan and Ella for being the greatest little family ever!!!"





Staff Sgt. Kristopher Levasseur, a Manchester, New Hampshire, native, spent the last eight years serving as a Public Affairs specialist in the U.S. Air Force. In his time, he has taken on a wide variety of tasks ranging from his Airman responsibilities of taking out the trash, to providing Public Affairs support at the 57th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. But according to Levasseur, nothing has been more challenging than this project. As the layout designer and lead editor, Levasseur has designed more than 200 pages, edited 249 captions, drafted six graphics and devoted 282 hours to ensure the success of the project.

**Personal Note:** “I would like to thank my wife and children, our leaders here, and the Airmen for their dedication to making it happen.”

Senior Airman Chris Willis, a Florida resident, is a photojournalist assigned to the 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein, Germany. Airman Willis has traveled the world capturing imagery in support of Iraq and Afghanistan operations, humanitarian relief, contingency and joint training operations, and communicating the Air Force story to a global audience.

**Personal Note:** “I want to capture the moment, whether it is tragic or uplifting -- it’s my job to tell the story.”



Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales, a Veracruz, Mexico native, has spent five years “making people famous” through his articles, videos and photography. He has covered Airmen in the sky, ground and underwater with his buddy “El Gato.” Schwier-Morales to this day continues to jump and cross borders to ensure mission success.

Senior Airman Jonathan D. Stefanko, a Kentucky native, was a content editor for this project. He also spent the last three years documenting the world ensuring that even through the brightest of days and blackest of nights, no great shot was missed by his sight.

**Personal Note:** “Thank you Latvia!”



Airman 1st Class Michael Stuart, an East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania native, spent the last 14 months serving as a U.S. Air Force Public Affairs photojournalist. He made the decision to join straight after high school. He spent 14 hours documenting Day in the Life, and was one of the only photographers capturing moments during the early hours of the day. Stuart has learned a great deal during DITL and plans to use this knowledge in future endeavors.

Airman Jose L. Leon, hailing from Orange County, California, has been taking photographs for four years. Before his assignment at Ramstein, Leon’s Air Force career began at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, where he also served as a photojournalist. He recently separated from the Air Force and is now residing in California.







Senior Airman Holly Mansfield, a native of Red Oak, Texas, is a photojournalist assigned to the 86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Ramstein, Germany. Her responsibilities are documenting military missions, ceremonies, alerts and official photos.

Senior Airman Timothy Moore, a Birmingham, Alabama, native, is a photojournalist in the U.S. Air Force. He started his career as a still photographer at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. Airman Moore's responsibilities include coverage of military missions by authoring, editing and posting articles on public and social networking sites.

**Personal Note:** "My favorite part of my job is telling an Airman's story. Every story or image I produce may not be important to me, but it's likely to be important to that person, their family and their friends."



Tech. Sgt. Daylena S. Ricks, a Long Beach, California, native, served two years as an intelligence imagery analyst, five years as a forensic photographer and the last eight as a Public Affairs photojournalist in the U.S. Air Force. She has been assigned to Beale Air Force Base, California, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Scott AFB, Illinois, Peterson AFB, Colorado, Osan Air Base, South Korea, and currently Ramstein AB, Germany. Her amazing career has allowed her boots to touch 23 different nations in support of various humanitarian relief operations and excavations, contingency and joint training missions, and Iraq and Afghanistan operations.

**Personal Note:** "I'm thankful for my wonderful family and embracing life to its fullest."

Senior Airman Hailey Haux, a Clovis California native, is a U.S. Air Force photojournalist. She began her career in Germany as a USAF original journalist. Haux has supported three flying training deployments in Romania, Poland and Bulgaria. She contributed to the Day in the Life project through photography and content editing.

**Personal Note:** "I would like to thank my family for letting me spend the first 12 hours of their visit to Germany working on this project. They were all very understanding and even had dinner ready for me when I got done. I also want to thank the rest of my family who wasn't here visiting; everyone has been very supportive with my endeavors in the Air Force. I love you all!"



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