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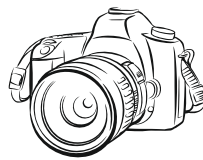




## Upcoming Events

- Oct 25- Third Quarter Awards Ceremony
- Oct 31- Halloween
- Nov 11- Veterans Day
- Nov 28- Thanksgiving
- Dec 6- Norwegian Ruck March
- Holiday Season!

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# Mission OVER FUNCTION

Developing Airmen to emphasize their shared military purpose and mission objectives over individual functional roles.

**“In the context of the U.S. Air Force, ‘mission over function’ emphasizes prioritizing mission success over organizational silos. When it comes to GPC, we are laser focused on developing our Airmen first, ensuring they are mission ready, with the skills we need to succeed as we transform into a more expeditionary force with deployable combat wings.”**

Lt. Gen. Brian Robinson  
Commander, AETC

## **Efficiencies to having force development under a single commander include:**

- A single focal point to consolidate and respond to warfighter training requirements that allow the command to rapidly deliver new curriculum that enables the more rapid expansion of training production in a crisis or conflict.
- Enables force providers and components the ability to focus on combat readiness training vice institutional training.
- Improved relationships with industry and provides a single advocate for training modernization research and development and increases the opportunity for new technology use in training at scale.

**Read more here:**

**Mission Over Function**





Great Power Competition



# AIR FORCE TRANSFORMATION

## Standing up new commands: designing the DAF for Great Power Competition

Initially announced in February, the department will be realigning and, in some cases, standing up new commands to optimize for Great Power Competition. Airman Development Command, Integrated Capabilities Command, and Space Futures Command are part of a larger effort to develop DAF capabilities and maintain superiority against the pacing challenge.

Airman Development Command, set to be the redesignated and reoptimized Air Education and Training Command, will posture the Air Force to quickly shift accessions and training priorities to develop mission ready Airmen at an accelerated rate.

“Frankly, the training never stops. We are constantly training as an Air Force,” Robinson said. “Our charge is to get those skills and competencies ingrained in our folks in an integrated fashion with the entire mission set in mind as early as possible, using the best technologies, techniques and human centered learning that we possibly can.”

**[Read the rest of the article here!](#)**

## BMT Practice Weapons

### Boosting Readiness

“Incorporating practice weapons into realistic scenarios in a controlled environment builds confidence, corrects errors, and manages stress by providing regular practice that reduces hesitation and increases combat effectiveness.” -Col. Billy Wilson, 737 TRG Commander





# DRIVE PROGRAM: TRANSFORMING MILITARY TRANSITIONS WITH JOB AND HOUSING SUCCESS

By: Jonathan Cotto

For many, the idea of joining the military may evoke a mixture of apprehension and aspiration. It represents a formidable challenge to some, while to others, it fulfills a lifelong dream. Those who enlist do so with enthusiasm and commitment, eager to serve their country.

Yet, for some Air and Space Force trainees, the journey may halt unexpectedly at Basic Military Training due to various reasons, such as unforeseen medical conditions. This setback does not signify the end of their path nor diminish their fervor to serve. Instead, it opens the door to alternative avenues where their dedication and desire to contribute can still flourish.

Nearly five years ago, there was a vision for a transformative program aimed at providing Airmen in transition the opportunity to serve as civilians in the U.S. Air Force. This vision materialized into the DRIVE (Developing Resilient Innovative Valuable Employees) program.

Leadership recognized the need for a structured pathway that would allow these individuals to continue contributing to the Air Force in a civilian capacity.

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Service



Job Placements



Housing



# Why do you serve?

TELL US YOUR STORY.

By Vanessa R. Adame

## USAFA GRAD ENHANCES SECURITY COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA AS PARTNER NATION INSTRUCTOR

One can say Maj. Jose Ricardo Gastiaburu of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, has had military blood coursing through his veins his entire life. He grew up in Lima, Peru, immersed in a military environment as the son of a military officer, surrounded by numerous relatives serving.



By Vanessa R. Adame

## TWIN BROTHERS SERVE TOGETHER

One look at Master Sgt. Christopher Platt, 321st Training Squadron, and his brother Tech. Sgt. Charles Platt, 320th Training Squadron, may lead some to do a double take. The brothers are identical twins who share more than similar looks; they also both embody an indistinguishable passion – one that they’ve been able to pursue here at the 737th Training Group.



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# The Pfingston Reception Center: The Heart of Basic Military Training

By Ava Leone

One by one, novice trainees anxiously march into the Pfingston Reception Center, known as the PRC, with anticipation to begin Basic Military Training. After seven and a half weeks, they return, transformed into ambitious Airmen and Guardians.

The doors to the 737th Training Group's PRC are the first trainees walk into and the last doors they walk out of following their BMT graduation. Established on July 30, 2014, the iconic building that's in the shape of the Air Force Symbol, serves as a hub for support and guidance for all enlisted Airmen and Guardians throughout their training; and is also the launch pad to usher them into service once they graduate.

The 737th Training Support Squadron, whose motto is "Day One to Day Done," manages every aspect of the PRC.





# Awards & Recognition



## **2024 Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award:**

Jr Enlisted - 737 TRG - TSgt Phelan  
Sr Enlisted - 737 TRG- MSgt Collins  
CGO - 37 TRG - Capt Klusacek  
FGO- 737 TRG - Maj. Brandon Taylor

## **2024 General Lew Allen Jr Trophy Award:**

Officer Category: 37 TRG Capt Abby L. Houghtlin  
Enlisted Category: 37 TRG - MSgt Petrice M.  
Crockett

## **2024 Geico Military Service Award:**

37 TRG - TSgt Brown, Austin

## **FY24 Air Force Information Dominance Professionals and General John P. Jumper Awards for Excellence in Warfighting Integration**

### **Outstanding Enterprise Operations:**

IAAFA TSgt Nathalie Rodriguez  
Outstanding Cyber Training Instructor:  
IAAFA TSgt Isaías Reynoso

## **2024 Arthur S. Flemming Award Leadership Category**

37 TRG TSgt Amanada Price

## **2024 DOD Spirit of Hope Award:**

Tech. Sgt. Derrick J. Gibson, 37 TRG

## **37 TRW Second Quarter Award Winners:**

### **Junior Enlisted Category:**

Senior Airman Tyler Burge, 637 TRG

### **Noncommissioned Officer:**

Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Hall, 737 TRG

### **Senior Noncommissioned Officer:**

Master Sgt. Sarah Giard, 737 TRG

### **Company Grade Officer:**

Capt. Torre Johnson, 737 TRG

### **Field Grade Officer:**

Maj. Anthony Cosentino, 37 TRG

### **Civilian Non-Supervisory, Category I:**

Kevan Dent, 737 TRG

### **Civilian Non-Supervisory, Category II:**

Brittany Fowler, 737 TRG

### **Civilian Non-Supervisory, Category III:**

Amy Berdyeva, 637 TRG

### **Civilian Supervisory, Category I:**

David Sanchez, 637 TRG

### **Civilian Supervisory, Category II:**

James Garza, 637 TRG

### **Civilian Supervisory, Category III:**

Francesca Nice, 637 TRG

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Tech. Sgt. Grant Roy, 37 TRG



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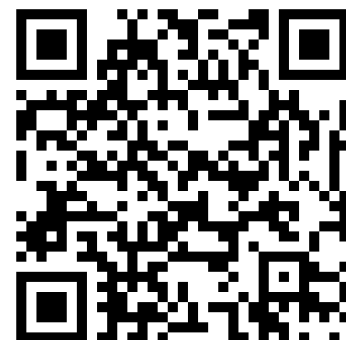
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