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Mission of the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Lt. Col. Cynthia Bradford

94th AW Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

The mission of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is very unique and challenging, it requires a great deal of training and dedication in order to be fully proficient in delivering quality patient care.

Reserve men and women join the military because they have a sense of patriotism, duty and dedication. Our vision is to be the "Global Leader" in the Aeromedical Evacuation community.

In order to actualize the mission and vision. A cohesive organizational environment must be established and practiced throughout the squadron

Organizations that have been proven to be successful leaders in military establishments or civilian corporations have a roadmap to success.

First, an effective senior management team must be established in order to promote consistent management of directives and processes.

An initial meeting to establish the expectations of the team and monthly follow up meetings should take place.

The mission and vision will serve as the compass to manage the month to month accomplishments of training.

Senior management team members must also examine themselves for strengths and weaknesses to ensure that their performance and management of personnel and resources are consistent with the regulations and epitomizes the "core values" of the Air Force Reserve.

Building teams and relationships are also necessary for a unit to be successful.

Leaders and supervisors who not only lead as role models but also take interest in every member's needs are productive and empowering.

This can be accomplished at the unit level by networking with different sections



Interim Commander

when working on common project or inspections, for instance.

Furthermore, when deployed, networking with multiple support squadrons or multi-services maximizes resources and thus, enhance mission accomplishment.

The mission of the 94th AES is two-fold, during peacetime is to train all personnel to achieve a level of proficiency in each assigned AFSC and during wartime is to deploy to transport critically injured patients from the AOR to CONUS to return to home station or support a natural disaster tasking.

It takes approximately two years to train a medical technician. It takes one year to train a flight nurse. Aside from the flyers, support ground and administrative, personnel are assigned to support the launch and recovery of missions.

Ofentimes, the ground personnel are assigned to the Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Team (AEOT) and are deployed to a forward location.

The team is highly skilled and manages the day to day operations

The AEOT is responsible for

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scheduling crews and tracking missions, coordinating with the Medical Air Staging Facility (MASF) to prepare patients and provide logistical support to launch and recover missions.

The unit can be activated within 72 hours to support natural disaster CONUS and OCONUS or mobilized to support a wartime contingency.

Taking care of patients in-flight is very challenging and rewarding.

The crew usually is placed on a 12-hour crew rest and alerted to report for duty.

The 94th AES crew is universally qualified on C130, KC-135 and C-17 aircrafts.

The patient load for each mission ranges from one patient to 50+ patients. Patient acuity varies from a stable ambulatory patient to multiple trauma patients (IED injuries) requiring life support equipments such as ventilators, oxygen and medications to sustain vital signs.

The Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) which consists of a critical care doctor, flight nurse and respiratory therapist usually accompanies critically ill patients.

The team is highly trained in trauma and emergency care that can render advance life saving interventions to an unstable patient.

With the advent of CCATT and highly advance resuscitative equipments and medications, a soldier injured in combat including immediate care receive on the ground by Army MTFs, the survival rate is 96%-98%, once transported to higher level of care.

Additionally, the flight nurses as well as the medical technicians are highly trained team members who assess and observe changes in patient status.

In-flight care is very difficult because patient status can deteriorate quickly due to the effects of altitude.

Integral to a successful mission management in-flight is crew resource management among the medical team as well as the front end crew.

This process is dynamic and important to utilize.

To date since the initial start of the OEF/OIF including three humanitarian



relief efforts, the 94th AES have flown approximately 500 combat/peacetime missions and transported over 5,000 patients to home station as well as to higher echelon of care.

The men and women of the 94th AES have a unique desire and dedication to serve their country.

They are not only highly trained to deliver exceptional in-flight medical

and nursing interventions, but are very compassionate and supportive to the injured soldiers.

Each member is always ready to volunteer to deploy because they like the experiences and challenges that they encounter.

Each member of the 94th AES is committed to the delivery of safe and quality patient care.

HEADLINES

More on AFSO21

Lt. Col. John Vallrugo

94 AW Executive Office

From last month, we learned that AFSO21 is really just Continuous Process Improvement (CPI), or in other words, continually improving the way we do things.

In more common terms, it's about CESS (Continuous Elimination of Stupid "Stuff").

As we continue down the road of CPI stopping to drain the "cesspools" we encounter, we may come across one that is tough to drain.

How do we get started? The way the AF goes about it is through the 8-Step Problem Solving process.

What exactly is the

8-Step process and why do we need to use it?

Unfortunately, in our fast-paced, get it done yesterday environment, it's - Ready, Fire! Aim - when it comes to fixing problems. We often come up with multiple, haphazard fixes and implement them, hoping that one of them solves the problem.

This is where the 8-Step process comes into play. It's a standardized, fact-based, problem solving process designed as an analytical approach to problem solving by focusing on the main cause of problem. It's - Ready, Aim, Fire - with a rifle versus a shotgun.

The 8 steps of the process are 1) Clarify the problem, 2) Break down the problem/identify the

gap in performance, 3) Set the improvement target, 4) Determine the root cause of the problem, 5) Develop countermeasures, 6) see countermeasures through, 7) Confirm the results and process, and 8) Standardize the process.

So why 8 steps, or better yet, what is so unique about it? The 8-step process is designed to focus on what is really causing the problem and providing a clear path to resolve it.

First, it's a logical thought process designed to focus on cause and effect. It minimizes wasted time by focusing efforts through robust problem solving.

Secondly, it's objective, focusing on data vice emotions or opinions.

How many times have you heard someone say "that won't work" or let's try this", that wastes time. The 8-step process is a straightforward, direct approach to problem

solving, and avoids tackling the wrong problem or coming up with a solution that doesn't address the root cause of the problem. Finally, it directs follow-up to confirm results.

Still not sold on the process? To use the new buzzword BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front), any discrepancy noted during an inspection, be it UCI or ORI, requires a response using the 8-Step Problem Solving Process. We don't have choice, so we need to become familiar with the process.

In subsequent articles, we'll look at each step and the tools used in each.

In the meantime, you can look at the 8-Step format on our webpage under the Information Hub, Process Manager. There's an example with detailed instructions for each section. Take a look and keep draining the "cesspools"!

February is African-American history month

Senior Airman Danielle Campbell

94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

February is a time to commemorate the contributions African-Americans have made to American history.

The origins of African-American history month can be traced back to the founding of the *Association for the Study of Negro Life and History* in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard scholar and "pre-eminent historian."

This organization, now known as the *Association for the Study of African American Life and History*, initiated "Negro History Week" in February 1926 because of concerns that the contributions of Black Americans were being ignored and misrepresented.

Dr. Woodson selected the week in February that included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass

because of their prominence in the African-American history.

In 1975, President Ford issued a Message on the Observance of Black History Week.

"Dr. Woodson selected the week in February that included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass"

This urged all Americans to "recognize the important contribution made to our nation's life and culture by black citizens."

In 1976 Black History Week was expanded to Black History Month and President Ford issued the first Message on the extended observance.

In subsequent years, presidents continued to issue messages honoring African-American History Month.

Each proclamation selected a different topic to honor and commemorate.

The DoD theme for 2011 is "African Americans and the Civil War."

As Dobbins begins the month of February, we encourage everyone to enjoy the month, celebrate and commemorate the achievements of African Americans and equal rights activists throughout our nation and throughout our military.

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A&A of Tuskegee Army Airfield (1941)

THE BANKSTON

Courtesy Story

94 AW Civil Engineering Squadron

In 1938, J.C. Bankston Sr., who had moved throughout the South working for the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and at other jobs, decided to settle down and build a family home on a one-acre plot he had recently purchased from his father-in-law near Marietta, Georgia.

During this period, Cobb County was still predominantly rural. Electricity was only beginning to be supplied to the area and nobody in the local community had a telephone in their house. Because he might be needed at any time, the railroad required Bankston to have a telephone, so he paid for the poles and one mile of double line to cover the distance from Jonesville Road to the house and with the help of a local electrician installed the line himself.

From the very start, the house was a family project. Bankston assigned the role of architect to his son, J.C. Bankston Jr., who had worked in steel construction but had no formal training in architectural design.

The elder Bankston asked his son to design a house with four 12-x-12-foot rooms, a porch, and a fire place. He also wanted rock exterior with the same appearance as the rock house at 94 Whitlock Avenue in Marietta, but using a different kind of stone.

J.C. Bankston Jr. designed a house to his father's specifications, using an interpretation of the English Cottage style popular at the time. A small front porch with an arched entrance leads into the living room, which has a stone mantle on the front wall. The fireplace/hearth was the only heat source in the house. A side porch, with large arched openings on three sides, is located off the living room. Although the house was originally designed and built without indoor plumbing, this was added shortly after completion in a wooden, framed-construction addition on the rear of the house. The addition is easily distinguished

from the original house because of its different style and materials.

The techniques and materials used to construct the Bankston house were unique in the area. The technique of placing stone into quick-setting mortar was a minor trend in American architecture at that time.

"The structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994."

The Bankston's used local fieldstone from the Thomas farm (now within Dobbins Air Reserve Base). The cores of the walls were made of hollow terra-cotta tiles from a manufacturer in Kingston, Georgia. The lumber for the floors and ceilings was made from tupelo gum milled at the pike county sawmill owned by the brother of J.C. Bankston Sr., Ed Bankston. It was while working at the mill during the Depression that Bankston Sr. learned of this wood's fine grain, workability, and resistance to rot. The lumber was cut in 12-foot lengths from the lower part of the trees so that joints were unnecessary and knots were fewer. The marble sills over the windows were probably obtained from the Marietta marble company.

Construction began with building the tile wall cores in sections of varying sizes. Quick-drying mortar was then applied to the tiles, and fieldstones were embedded in the mortar in a way that minimized its visibility. The development of quick-drying mortar meant a builder no longer needed to be a trained mason to build a rock house. The marble sills were supported by horizontal iron I-beams.

Construction of the house spanned two years, with work conducted as time allowed. The interior and exterior walls were constructed by J.C. Bankston Sr. and J.C. Bankston Jr. in 1938. After the younger Bankston left in the fall of that

year for another job, the gables, porch, chimney, front archway, and interior work were completed the next year by the senior Bankston and his other son Harold. The house was completed in 1939 and J.C. Bankston Sr. and his wife moved in, accompanied by his father-in-law and brother-in-law.

Although the completion of the house was the culmination of a dream for Bankston Sr., he lived in the house less than three years. In 1942, the federal government began obtaining land for the Bell bomber plant and an associated airfield. The Bankston's were forced to abandon their house, which required through condemnation.

The Air Force razed most of the standing structures during base development; however, several houses were retained, including the Bankston Rock House which was used by the Air Force for housing during World War II

The Bankston Rock House became not only charming office space that could meet the technological needs of modern office systems, but also a symbol of Dobbins' commitment to preservation of natural, historical and cultural resources.

The structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994 due to its merit as a significant example of a rare architectural form. The base's plans for adaptive reuse of the Bankston Rock House will ensure that this interesting structure is preserved.

Renovation, which took place in 2000, restored interior and exterior architectural features including the exterior stonework, doors, windows, fireplace, floors and ceilings.. In addition to modernizing existing office space, the side and back porches were enclosed to create more usable space. Mission-style furniture purchased through the General Services Agency (GSA) creates a 1930s-style décor. The Environmental Flight now uses the house as administrative office space to manage the Dobbins ARB environmental protection, pollution prevention and natural/cultural resources programs.

ROCK HOUSE



Pictured is the Bankston House in 1993, before rehabilitation. Renovation took place in 2000 and restored interior and exterior architectural features including the exterior stonework, doors, windows, fireplace, floors and ceilings. In addition to modernizing existing office space, the side and back porches were enclosed to create more usable space. Mission-style furniture purchased through the General Services Agency (GSA) creates a 1930s-style décor. The Environmental Flight now uses the house as administrative office space to manage the Dobbins ARB environmental protection, pollution prevention and natural/cultural resources programs. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



J.C. Bankston Jr. sits atop the hollow-core tile blocks used for the interior and exterior walls of the house. The structure in the background is the outhouse that served the residence already on the property purchased by J.C. Bankston Sr. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



The house under construction in the spring of 1938. The tile blocks are stacked in the yard. The two large openings in the wall accessed the space under the porch. The house of William Howard, J.C. Bankston Sr.'s father-in-law is in the background. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



In this view the core of the walls is nearly complete and the windows and door are framed. The application of stone to the exterior continued, section by section. The hand-lettered cornerstone placed by J.C. Bankston Jr. reads "Built by J.C. Bankston and son 1938. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

Dobbins' very own beauty queen

Courtesy Story

94 AW Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Engle Coulter of the 94th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron said she had two goals in mind when she deployed in January 2010. The first was to get her squad of 13 to Kirkuk, Iraq, complete the mission and safely return home.

The second was to become more physically fit while balancing work, family separation, personal struggles and daily challenges in a country that was rebuilding their fallen government.

Sergeant Coulter said she successfully accomplished both goals.

Shortly after arriving back home, Sergeant Coulter said she made the quality decision to continue the journey toward a healthy lifestyle by participating in running events, engaging in other rigorous exercise programs and incorporating a balanced-nutritional diet.

She said her focus was to achieve an overall excellent score on her Fit-to-Fight test and that her strict routine paid off when she accomplished her first ever excellent rating in September.

That was a true example of determination and commitment which started back on the sands of Forward Operating Base Warrior-Kirkuk, Sergeant Coulter said.

She said her husband, Roy (USAF Master Sgt. Retired), encouraged her by supporting her decision to become healthier.

She said her husband agreed with her that a sound and peaceful mind starts with a sound and healthy body.

"My husband has always proclaimed to be my number one fan," said Sergeant Coulter. "He has always

commented on how he thought I was in good shape and how beautiful he thought I was."

Sergeant Coulter said that during dinner late last summer her husband suggested that she enter into the Mrs. Georgia pageant.

She said that being her biggest critic, she just laughed and continued eating.

Two weeks later her husband came home from work and gave her a binder with the Mrs. America logo on it, Sergeant Coulter said.

She said she was speechless as she opened the Pageant binder and saw the registration forms and other information needed to enter at the Mrs. Georgia-America state level.

"The moment I opened that binder, I yelled, 'are you for real?'" said Sergeant Coulter.

She said that her husband looked at her and said, "I believe in you and I know you can do this and win!"

She said her husband explained how he went to the website and researched the entry procedures. He said he had even spoken to the pageant director.

Sergeant Coulter said he told her how the director was very excited that he was calling on her behalf and how extremely rare that was. He said the director told him he would love to speak with her himself.

Sergeant Coulter recalled standing in the kitchen stunned.

"I told my husband how much I loved him for believing in me," She said.

Although her husband's recommendation was intriguing, she wasn't initially clawing at the phone to call the director because entering a pageant didn't feel like the right thing to do, she said.

Sergeant Coulter said she had to think about it because

she was apprehensive about throwing herself into something she felt was unreachable.

She said she reminded herself that she had just returned

from a deployment and was trying to adjust back to "normal" life after all.

However, after a few days, Sergeant Coulter said that curiosity persisted and she called the pageant director.

She said the thought of doing something on such a grand scale was a bit overwhelming, but she received a lot of great information that helped ease her mind.

After another month of getting more adjusted, Sergeant Coulter said things became clearer.

She remembered the main thing she learned from her deployment which was to take life as it comes and to take chances.

So after more discussion with her husband, Sergeant Coulter said she decided to throw her name in the competition.

After months of preparing and waiting the time had come, gone and paid off.

The Mrs. Georgia-America pageant was held at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center Jan. 28-30.

The judging criteria for the pageant was based on 50% interview, 25% physical fitness in a swim suit and 25% evening gown.

Sergeant Coulter said that although she did not place, she felt she did not lose either.

She said she had learned so much over the past year and



met some great friends along the way.

"I felt like a million bucks because of my GREAT support base," she said.

Sergeant Coulter recalled how the announcer mentioned how many of her family and friends were in the audience cheering her on while she was still backstage.

She said she was encouraged by all the screaming and cheering. She said she was also grateful to her husband for being continuously confident in her and for seeing something in her that she didn't see in herself.

She said her husband told her ahead of time, "No matter what happens, you will always be my Mrs. Georgia-America!"

Sergeant Coulter said another thing that amazed her was how her military career had an impact on her experience.

Her interview question dealt with accountability and she said that her first thought was, "yeah, that is military all day long!"

Sergeant Coulter said she was truly honored to represent her county and the Air Force.

"I hope I represented both well," she said.

The Mrs. America pageant will air nationally on Mother's Day and Sergeant Coulter plans to cheer along all the contestants as she takes notes on ways she can improve for next year!

Around the Air Force

Saying no to 'yes men'

Lt. Col. Jason E. Corrothers

21st Comptroller Squadron

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.- You've seen them, I've seen them, we've all seen them -- the "yes men".

You know who I'm talking about; the person who's the first to agree with the boss, the one who has that special knack for catering to the ego. The one who says things like, "Sir, yes sir, two bags full". OK, maybe they don't say things quite like that anymore, but you get the idea. I submit to each of you that we need to challenge ourselves and say "no," and that in doing so we'll move this Air Force to new heights.

In discussions of leadership, we often hear about two sides of the same coin: leadership and followership. As I share my thoughts with you today, I'd like to hit upon a concept that links to each -- the criticality of critical thinking.

Not only as a commander, but as a

fellow Airman, one of the traits I've come to admire the most is courage. Here, I mean courage not in the wartime sense of taking a hill against insurmountable odds, or in family terms of volunteering your house for a slumber party of ten-plus kids -- don't get me wrong, each takes real guts. What I mean in this case is intellectual courage. That confidence and conviction to speak up and challenge conventional thinking, even if it means saying no, while the others are saying yes.

In my estimation, the strength of the Air Force lies not in its technology, which is stunning by all accounts, but in its people. It's our people who make us the world's greatest Air Force. It's our people who possess the ideas that make the unimaginable reality. Knowing this, I think it's personally and professionally important that we look to foster a climate that values critical thinking in all ranks.

We're stronger as an organization when we listen for the "no". When we listen for

the dissenting view, we open ourselves up to additional possibilities and ultimately additional insights that allow for better decision making. As Airmen, we owe that to our leaders: to critically think through recommendations or ideas and offer our own inputs. Simply remaining silent or doing the bobble-head dance compromises the heights to which our organizations can achieve.

I'm not encouraging you to shoot down what your boss or peers are trying to do. I'm encouraging you to take an active part in finding a way to make what they're trying to do better by thinking of ways to improve upon it, and that's not often done by simply saying "yes".

When ideas are tee'd up by the boss, it's an easy out to say "Yes ma'am/Yes sir -- great idea". However, the real value and the real courage comes in saying "I see where you're going, but have you thought about this ... what about trying it this way?" That's the kind of person I want to serve with.

Good leaders don't and shouldn't, need ego boosts. What they need most are folks with the intellectual courage to challenge existing ideas and processes; those committed to seeing this Air Force "Fly, Fight and Win."

So what say you: yes or no?

Military cited in President Obama's State of the Union

Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In a State of the Union address here marked by a call for renewed American innovation and cooperation, President Barack Obama pointed to the nation's military as an example to follow.

"Look to Iraq, where nearly 100,000 of our brave men and women have left with their heads held high; American combat patrols have ended; violence is down; and a new government has been formed," he said.

In Afghanistan, U.S. troops have taken Taliban strongholds and trained Afghan Security Forces, and will continue to deny al Qaeda the safe-haven that served as a launching pad for 9/11, President Obama said.

"Thanks to our heroic troops and civilians, fewer Afghans are under the control of the insurgency," President Obama said. "There will be tough fighting ahead, and the Afghan government will need to deliver better governance."

But U.S. and coalition efforts are strengthening Afghan capacity and building an enduring partnership with the Afghan people, he said.

"This July, we will begin to bring our troops home," the president said.

President Obama credited American leadership, especially in the New Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, for curbing the global nuclear threat. Thanks to the treaty, he said, far fewer nuclear weapons and launchers

will be deployed

America leads the world in the quest for freedom and security and the nation must always remember "that the Americans who have borne the greatest burden in this struggle are the men and women who serve our country."

The nation can repay that service, he said, "by giving them the equipment they need; by providing them with the care and benefits that they have earned; and by enlisting our veterans in the great task of building our own nation."

American troops represent every creed, color, culture and geographical region in the nation, President Obama said. Some are gay, and may now serve openly for the first time

since the "don't ask, don't tell" law was overturned late last year.

And with that change, I call on all our college campuses to open their doors to our military recruiters and ROTC.

It is time to leave behind the divisive battles of the past and move forward as one nation."

First Lady Michelle Obama included among her guests for the address current and former military members, including Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, who received the Medal of Honor in November; Army Staff Sgt. Brian Mast, who lost both legs and suffered several other injuries while serving in Afghanistan; Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Nicole Mohabir, who has deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

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Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.
Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

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In Loving Memory of
Matthew Garrity
July 15, 1983- January 22, 2011



Mr. Matthew Kyle Garrity, of Senoia, GA, passed away suddenly on January 22, 2011 at the age of 27. Matthew was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, proudly serving as a fire fighter at bases in Germany and Kuwait.

Following his military career, he continued as a fire fighter with the Dobbins Fire and Emergency Services at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Matthew was an avid salt water fisherman and loved to cook. He enjoyed

using his cooking skills to feed his fellow fire fighters. He was a member of Christ's Church at Whitewater.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandfather, Thomas Francis Garrity. He is survived by his parents, Thomas M. and Jerri Kline Garrity of Punta Gorda, FL; brothers Steve Garrity and his fiancé Rachael Smith of Naples, FL, and Michael Garrity of North Kingstown, RI; maternal grandparents Etta Rue and

Jerome Kline of Senoia, GA,; paternal grandparent Lorraine M. Garrity of Port Charlotte, FL; aunts and uncles, Kathleen and Raymond Jorgensen, Gary and Mica Yeomans, Gifford and Heather Kline, Dana and John Lindval, Jackie and Greg Morris, Robert and Christina Garrity, Elizabeth and Greg Brown; numerous cousins, co-workers and friends. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Fund at woundedwarriorhospitalfund.org

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Call Angela Pedersen for more details at (678) 655-5004

CC Access Line

A direct link to Col. Timothy E. Tarchick has been created to express points of view and to give input.

Col. Tarchick wants your input after you have coordinated properly through your chain of command.

Access this line at (678) 655-94CC or email 94aw.cc.accessline@us.af.mil



Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA – The best way to keep the 94th Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve strong is to recruit good people-people like you.

You can help by talking about the benefits of joining the Air Force Reserve with family and friends, then submitting their names to Get1Now.

Deserving Airman Board

Deserving Airman Commissioning flight nurse applications are now being accepted for a DAC opportunity within the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at here.

The selection board will convene on Saturday, 5 Mar 11.

Interview location and time slots will be determined by the 94 AW/CC.

Applicants should provide their email address and a phone number for contact.

All members who wish to apply, must submit a DAC package to the MPF not later than 1400 hours, Feb 11.

Specific requirements can be found at www.dobbins.afrc.mil.

Volunteers Needed



- Escorts
- Narrators
- Proffers
- Sign Language Interpreters

Looking for an opportunity to get more involved on base?

Well protocol is seeking volunteers to serve as escorts, narrators, proffers and sign language interpreters during ceremonies and events.

Dobbins hosts several ceremonies and events each UTA and you could help to make each one memorable.

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