



AMARG eliminates first B-52G bomber under new arms treaty

A retired B-52G, Serial No. 58-0197, was the first “Buff” to be eliminated at 309 AMARG as a result of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) between the U.S. and the Russian Federation entering into force in February 2011.

Utilizing a K-12 saw, an effective power cutter similar to a firefighter’s rescue tool, AMARG reclamation personnel severed the aft section of the aircraft’s fuselage on a designated circumference cutline drawn between two of the air frames’s production breaks, a strategic cut stipulated by Treaty requirements.

AMARG Treaty Officer, Ms. Sheila Burdette, watched closely as the aircraft was dissected into two large sections. According to Burdette, “the 60-day clock to verify the elimination procedure begins the day the cut fuselage is placed at an approximate 30 degree angle to the remaining airframe. Once the 60-day verification by parties to the Treaty is complete, the aircraft is removed from the inventory of treaty inspectable aircraft.”

To facilitate this verification by satellite, referred to in Article X of the Treaty as national technical means, the aft or tail section of the B-52G was lifted onto a custom-built module situated at the required angle.

Further requirements of the New START call for the elimination of 38 additional stored B-52G bombers.



Above, AMARG crane operators lift and gently place the eliminated B-52G aft section onto a custom-built module to facilitate verification of the cut by NTM or national technical means as stipulated by the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) protocol.

Left, AMARG’s 577th Commodities and Reclamation Squadron (577 CMRS) employees, Mr. Rodney Vakoc and Mr. Ryan Graves (cutting) make a surgical cut through the fuselage of B-52G, Serial No. 58-0197, in order to eliminate the aircraft in compliance with the New START. Below, 577 CMRS employees position themselves along the indicated cutline drawn between the airframe’s manufacturing or production breaks.



309 AMARG welcomes new Deputy Director



Mr. Henry D. Dall is the new Deputy Director of the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group.

Mr. Dall joins AMARG from the Ogden Air Logistics Center where he established an impressive record of accomplishments last assigned as Chief, Specialized Management, Aerospace Sustainment

Directorate.

With 30 years of experience in engineering, logistics management, program management, and maintenance support policy, Mr. Dall's knowledge will be invaluable as AMARG addresses a challenging future in workload and manning.

Mr. Dall possesses a Bachelor of Science, Electronics Engineering Technology degree and Master of Science degrees in Human Resources Management and National Strategic Studies.

During much of his civilian career, Mr. Dall served as an Intelligence Officer with the Utah Air National Guard, retiring in 2000 with 25 years of combined Air Force active duty and reserve service.

Making tremendous contributions to the United States Air Force throughout both his military and civilian careers, there is absolutely no doubt, Mr. Dall will continue to do the same as AMARG's deputy director.

Welcome to 309 AMARG Mr. Dall!



Ms. Ciara Armstrong, daughter of Kenny and Barbara Armstrong, accepts the Air Force's oath of allegiance and is sworn into office as a second lieutenant by Colonel Patrick Kumashiro, AMARG Commander. As an Air Force officer, Ms. Armstrong will apply her skills as a registered nurse, having recently graduated from Tucson's Pima Community College and the Grand Canyon University. Her father is a supervisor here assigned to the 577 CMRS and a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant.

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A pilot's "thumb's up" signals an all systems go!



Photos by T. Bledsoe

AMARG's 576th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Squadron (576 AMRS) successfully regenerated and delivered their 300th F-4 Phantom in support of Air Combat Command's (ACC) full-scale aerial target (FSAT) program last month. The RF-4C, Serial No. 67-0458, departed for Mojave, Calif. on Sept. 28 for BAE Systems where it will be converted into a drone before final delivery to the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group's 82nd Aerial Targets Squadrons at Tyndall AFB, Fla. or Holloman AFB, NM. The aircraft was in an inviolate level of storage here for more than 20 years and landed safely at its California destination.

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