

Hello JUNE

140th OG Newsletter

COMMANDER COMMENTS

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The members of the 140th OSS continue to build on past success while constantly preparing for the future, you bolster our Nation’s defense by providing critical support to the Wing’s flying Mission. I attribute a huge part of this success to Lt Col Tucker and his vision he executed over the past year. We all wish Weed the best in the future as he continues his journey to becoming the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Stop back in the Squadron any time Weed!



Lt Col Kurt "Tug" Tongren

This spring also marks the start of several Key Leadership and personnel changes in the OSS and throughout the rest of the Wing. Although force management is a part of the military, this massive movement is extraordinary and should be welcomed by all. The future is bright!

Last, but most important.....this past Monday several members of the OSS supported a very special flying day, our annual Memorial Day flybys. Although Memorial Day has past, continue to take moments to reflect and honor the men and women who have come before us and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Heroes like Cpl David S Onka, who called Parker home and graduated from Chaparral High School. David made the decision after high school to serve his fellow citizens in the Marine Corps, sadly he lost his life in Afghanistan in 2013. It’s our duty to provide the next generation with a bountiful harvest of freedom and liberty started by the choices of these heroes. Thank you all for your Service to this Nation and I look forward to being your Commander!

SENIOR NCO TALK



MSgt Preston Edens

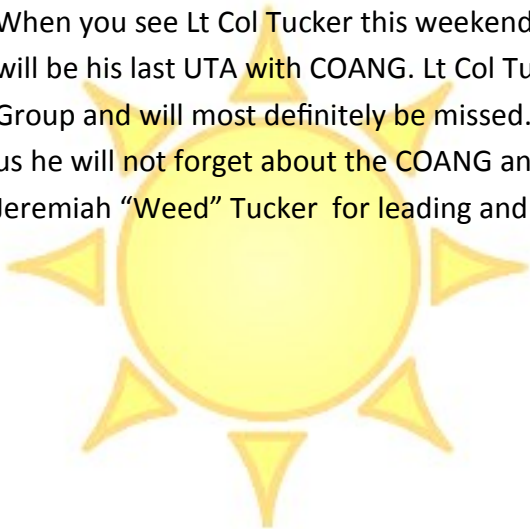
Hello Everyone,

I started my military career in 1997 in the Utah Army National Guard. I was part of the 19th Special Forces Group, and in 2002 I volunteered to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection, I was selected (2nd time through) and started training towards becoming a Special Forces Communications NCO. After a year of vigorous training, I was unsuccessful in completing small unit tactics and decided I needed a career change, and then enlisted in the Utah Air National Guard as a 3A. In 2004 I was hired here at Airburst Range. I deployed with the 120TH Fighter Squadron in 2007 and 2009, and participated in Falcon Air Meet in 2010 and 2014.

As part of Airburst Range I have had the opportunity to be a part of many training exercises and deployments. Airburst has been the primary training range for many units preparing to do what they do best. We are able to help them train in an asymmetric environment with various types of targets to ensure they are prepared to deploy. As a member of the range, it is important to have a can-do attitude and provide the best training possible. We strive to meet our customer needs in any way possible. In doing so, I have learned to think more outside of the box, and stay relevant with the ever changing needs of our customers. As Airman in the 140th Operations Group, it is important to continue to look ahead, and stay relevant to the changing mission needs.

FAREWELL

When you see Lt Col Tucker this weekend be sure to wish him good luck with his future endeavors for this will be his last UTA with COANG. Lt Col Tucker has made an extremely positive impact with the Operations Group and will most definitely be missed. Although he is moving on to bigger and better things, he ensures us he will not forget about the COANG and will most definitely be back. We cannot thank you enough Lt Col Jeremiah "Weed" Tucker for leading and inspiring the OSS for the past year.



KUDOS

The last few months have been extremely busy within the Group with Red Flag and TSP preparation. Every section has come together to get out the door and execute the mission. The CSS did an outstanding job of making sure our personnel got processed smoothly, had their benefits in order and were paid on time. Our UDMs put in extra hours making sure the gear made it to the fight. The TSP deployers hit the ground running and are taking care of business at Kadena. Thanks to all of them for spending their summer away from family taking care of business. Down south the Range personnel have been providing training opportunities to Special Tactics units from all over the globe while trying to get a new facility rolling.

SMSgt Manny Gomez



Everyone in our Operations Group did a fantastic job explaining our mission to the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Goldfein.

In this photo Lt Col Craig "Lobo" Wolf, MSgt Josh Frizzell, Lt Col Daniel "Banzai" Bunts are showing equipment unique to our F-16's.

FNG

Airman Brianna Chase, Airfield Management

Home Town: Littleton, Colorado

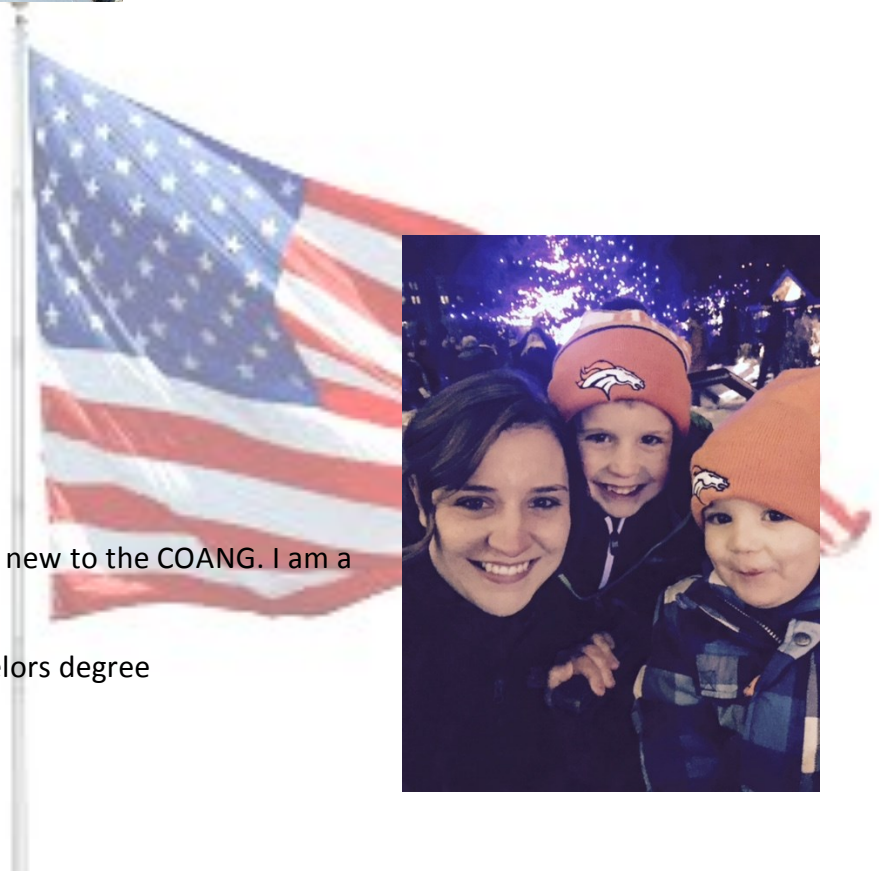
Hobbies/Interests: Horse back riding

Favorite Sports Team(s): Denver Broncos

Favorite Movie: Seabiscuit

New to the COANG? Coming from? I am brand new to the COANG. I am a vet technician in my civilian career.

Career/personal aspirations? Obtain my bachelors degree



SAVE THE DATES

June 3rd OSS Change of Command

June 4th 1330-1500 1st Sunday Social (location- DFAC)

July 16th 1330-1500 2nd Sunday Social (location- DFAC)

August 5th & 6th is the next UTA, enjoy your July off!!!

August 6th 1330-1500 3rd Sunday Social (location- DFAC)

September OG Assumption of Command (details TBD)

September 10th 1200-1500 Flight Line Family Day

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Snow Line: 720-847-7669

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1. Counseling- family, individual
2. Mental Health Counseling & Support
3. Emotional Support
4. Resiliency, Work Life Balance

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