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Leaders, Colleagues, & Citizens of the great state of North Carolina,

It is my pleasure to present to you the first ever Annual Report for the 145th Airlift Wing. The report in the following pages captures a glimpse of our outstanding accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2018. The wing has experienced an abundance of change over the last year, from the departure of the beloved C-130 after 40 years, to the arrival of our C-17s, and ending the year providing world class support to the coast of the Carolinas following the devastation from Hurricane Florence.

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I am extremely proud of the men and women of Team 145th for their accomplishments throughout the year, the resiliency shown through a major transition and most importantly the dedication they demonstrate to our great nation.

Col. Bryony Terrell
Colonel Bryony Terrell
145th Airlift Wing
Commander
VISION
A world class organization, preeminent in all we do.

Provide Airlift, Combat and Humanitarian support to Federal and State authorities.

Operational Readiness: Setting the bar on deployment and inspections.

Safety: Developing a safety mindset and encompassing operational readiness management.

Communication: Effective and efficient communication at all levels.

People: Recognize, reward, value and improve.

Customer Service: Constant focus on improving products and processes.

MISSION
GOALS

MISSION

GOALS

PRIORITIES

1. Implement and sustain force management/development process for all members of the North Carolina Air National Guard.

2. Ensure members of the North Carolina Air National Guard are fully trained to meet future USAF deployment requirements and standards.

3. Successfully convert from the C-130 tactical Airlift mission to C-17 strategic airlift mission.

4. Develop stronger communal relationships with individual geographically separated unit’s at Stanly County.

5. Expand Stanly County Airport capacities and capabilities to support sustained C-17 training operations.

6. Continue dialogue with Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and State Leadership on future of the North Carolina Air National Guard.
WORLDWIDE REACH

FISCAL YEAR 2018
DEPLOYED LOCATIONS

Ali Al Saellim, Kuwait
McMurdo, New Zealand
Ramstein, Germany
Musaffaf, Jordan
Osan AB, Korea
Spain
Germany
Italy
Bagram, Afghanistan
Al Asad, Iraq
Botswana
Manda Bay, Kenya
Starokon, Kiev
Ple Lee, VA
Hickam, HI
Andrews AFB, MD
Kelly AFB, TX

9 STATES   16 COUNTRIES
In September of 2018, Hurricane Florence rocked the coast of North Carolina when it made landfall in September. More than 200 troops from the 145th Airlift Wing were called to support the state in pre and post hurricane relief efforts. The 145th provided support in the form of cyber defense, logistics, search and rescue, emergency management, public affairs, and airlift.

In October of 2018, Hurricane Michael made landfall as a category 4 and devastated Tyndall Air Force Base. Rebecca Ferrer, Director of Psychological Health, provided mental health assistance through a call center for members and families affected by Hurricane Michael. Col Scott Nall, 245th Civil Engineer Flight Commander, also assisted in the clean up efforts. Members of the 145th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployed in support of relief efforts of Hurricane Maria. Over 900,000 gallons of fuel was disbursed to support the transportation hub of incoming and outgoing aircraft. Members also provided support by loading and unloading supplies in the US Virgin Islands.

The 145th Fire and Rescue sent 16 members to provide relief to impacted departments. The 145th AW Fire and Rescue completed over 60 rescues and evacuations. More than 15 brush fires were put out by the 145th Fire and Rescue teams.

There were 207 Airman from the 145th Airlift Wing that were mobilized to support the relief efforts of Hurricane Florence. The 145th Logistical Support Squadron had four teams, totaling 51 members, in Tarboro and Kinston, N.C. Those teams were responsible for the inventory of over 10,000 items in an Emergency warehouse as well as providing logistical coordination and movement of over 3,174,000 pounds of relief supplies to include water, meals ready to eat, cots, tarps, inflatable boats, blankets, sand bags and aid station pods.
The 145th Airline Wing Fire and Emergency Services responds with Charlotte Fire Department at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and provides sole Fire and Emergency Services support to aircraft incidents at Stanly County Airport. We staff 2 fire stations in Charlotte and 1 at Stanly County Airport. All full-time employees are NC State Employees.

A World Class Organization

The 145th Airlift Wing is the home of the C-17 Globe-master. We provide airlift, combat and humanitarian support to federal and state.

Year of the Transition

In 2017, after over 40 years, we said goodbye to our beloved C-130 and started the transition to the C-17 Globe-master. This transition left the 145th Air Wing without an aircraft on the ramp for over 4 months. During this time members around the base worked tirelessly to complete retraining and certifications to be qualified to operate and work on the C-17.
AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

Mission: Provide superior patient care, patient movement and support to Federal and State Authorities.

The 156 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron provides rapid response aeromedical evacuation capability for contingency, humanitarian assistance, and disaster response. The unit trains, mobilizes, and deploys members to support the Theater Aeromedical Evacuation System conducting aeromedical evacuation missions aboard C-17A, C-130E/H/J, and KC-135R aircraft. During fiscal year 2018 the 156 AES faced challenging times as the 145 AW officially started the conversion to the C-17 aircraft. The 156 AES was still able to conduct over 40 events, missions, and exercises.

ANG SNCO OF THE YEAR

Master Sergeant Ashley U.P. Able was selected as the Air National Guard’s 2018 Outstanding Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. Able, an aeromedical evacuation technician with the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard, stood out among her nationwide counterparts to be selected for the award.
The 145th Airlift Wing maintains an optimal force structure of over 1,400 members, over 300 full-time, between Charlotte and the geographically separated units in Stanly County, NC. Our Airmen stand ready to answer the call to the state, nation or country. The year of 2018 brought many firsts to the North Carolina Air National Guard. Among those firsts were the NCANG’s first female wing commander, first female wing command chief and first female chief for the maintenance group. The 145th Airlift Wing is 78% male and 22% females as of Dec 2018.

98.6%  
End Strength

87%  
Retention Rate

22%  
FEMALES

78%  
MALES

The North Carolina Air National Guard made history during a Change of Command Ceremony by welcoming the first female commander of the 145th Airlift Wing, Col. Bryony Terrell. Regardless of gender, Terrell is the perfect fit to command a unit of nearly 1,500 Airmen as they complete a transition to the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Terrell, a third generation Airman, is a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft pilot, and has been in the service for 20 years. Terrell’s grandfather was in the Army Corps, and her father served as a rescue pilot in Vietnam.

Although, being the first female commander of the 145th Airlift Wing is a historical event, the more prominent focus is that Terrell brings valued experience with airframe transitions from her last command with the 167th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base, Martinsburg, W.Va. “I’m excited to be here in North Carolina, this is a great opportunity. I hope I am an example to other women who have career desires and goals. My focus is on the conversion and the strategic mission with the C-17,” said Terrell.

The 145th Airlift Wing celebrated Chief Master Sgt. Susan Dietz, as she assumed her role of the first female command chief for the wing during an Assumption of Authority ceremony held at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base. As the command chief for the wing, she will be responsible as the key enlisted advisor and advocate for operational effectiveness, and organizations training and equipment for all the Airmen within the wing. “This is quite an honor; my heart has always been with this wing, with the Airmen of this wing,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dietz.

CMSgt Lisa Phillips was promoted and took the role of the first female Chief for the 145th Maintenance Group. At 30 years of age, Phillips decided to follow her father’s footsteps and join the North Carolina Air National Guard. While working at Duke Energy, it was apparent changes may be coming and Philips wanted to be prepared for any inevitability. This isn’t Phillips’ first ‘first’, as she was also the first female crew chief in the North Carolina Air National Guard and the first female in the Maintenance Operations Flight. “I knew I wanted to be chief when I came in; I didn’t join not to go all the way! There are many retired chiefs and over the last couple years, Chief Master Sgt. Danny Lawing, gave me insight on what to do to progress, “ said Phillips, “I learned from all of them but it’s important to remember I can learn from new folks too. You can learn something from everybody.”
Sustainable Infrastructure

The 145th Airlift Wing remains committed to being good stewards of the environment by investing in sustainable infrastructure and ensuring our facilities remain economically and environmentally sound assets to service members and our community.

The beginning of Fiscal Year 18 kicked off the official conversion of the 145th Airlift Wing from C-130’s to C17’s. With this conversion comes new facilities. First up is a new building for the operations group. This building is designed to meet LEED Silver certification. It includes sustainable construction methods and a higher performing building using less energy (power, water, and gas). The project also reduces pavement area and increases green space, which lessens the impact of storm water runoff and erosion of waterways.

- **MARCH 2018**: Boeing site manager in place at the Charlotte Air National Guard Base.
- **APRIL 2018**: Eight C-17’s assigned to 145th Airlift Wing.
- **JUNE 2018**: Construction on the new operations building begins.
- **FEBRUARY 2019**: Fuel Cell Hangar construction begins and is expected to take 18 months.
- **MAY 2019**: Sim facility construction begins and is expected to take 12 months to complete.
- **NOVEMBER 2019**: Ramp Expansion/Hydrant construction begins. Expected to take 25 months to complete.

**Sustainable Infrastructure**

- **57.11% Reduction in Energy Used Since 2003**
- **87.88% Reduction in Water Consumption Since 2007**
- **$17.5 M in Local Economy Stimulation**
AIRCRAFT LIVING AND FIRE TRAINING IN STANLY COUNTY, NC

145th Regional Training Site in Stanly County is the only location in the United States that provides the Urban Search and Rescue I and II Course. In 2018, 236 civilian and military firefighters attended aircraft live burn training in Stanly County. Civilian fire departments came from cities such as Concord, Charlotte, Wilmington, Hickory and Forsyth. Both Army and Air guard units also attended the training. The fire fighting training school conducted on site training for 275 military firefighters. The total number of training days supporting ANG units was 144 days.

263RD Combat Communications

The 263rd activated in support of Hurricane Florence providing real time cyber security support to the state of NC. Their mission is to deploy, operate, and maintain strategic emergency communications anywhere in the world in both peacetime and combat environments.

156th Weather Flight

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CONVERSION TIMELINE

October 2017
145th Airlift Wing enters conversion. Begin maintenance and aircrew training.

December 2017
Final flight of the C-130's and the arrival of the Boeing Supply Representative at Charlotte Air Guard Base.

March 2018
Six C-17's assigned to the base. Two final C-17's assigned in June and August 2018.

July 2018
Construction begins with the demolition of the old operations building.

July 2018
The 145th Airlift Wing beings local flight training & missions with the C-17.

October 2020
145th Airlift Wing exits conversion & initial operation capability.

October 2020
The 145th Airlift Wing's inaugural flight of the C-17.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Events
- 5 base Tours
- 3 Presidential Visits
- CBBC Blood Drive
- Special Olympics Day
- Retiree Breakfast
- Kids on Guard
- Prayer Breakfast
- Good Easter Service
- Operation Santa Clause
- JRROTC Competitions
- 4 Strong Bonds Events
- Annual Memorial Ceremony
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Blinded Veteran Party
- Living My Best Life Race
Notable Accomplishments

2017 AIR NATIONAL GUARD SAFETY AWARD
Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Dover, 145th Airlift Wing Occupational Safety Manager, was selected for the esteemed 2017 Air National Guard Outstanding Individual Occupational Safety Award. The annual award is only given to seven individuals within the Air National Guard and Dover earned this award for his unparalleled guidance and contributions to the unit.

"The military is a risky business, but it doesn’t mean it has to be unsafe," Dover said. “We train personnel on safety to prevent incidents from occurring, which is the ultimate goal for the safety shop.”

2018 SALUTE TO SERVICE NC NATIONAL GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR
Staff Sgt. John Reiszel, 145 Security Forces Squadron, was recognized as the outstanding 2018 Salute to Service North Carolina National Guardsman of the Year at the 2018 USO Salute to Service Gala. Staff Sgt. John Reiszel, without hesitation, bravely administered first aid to a pedestrian struck by a tractor trailer until emergency first responders arrived at the scene.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

FISCAL YEAR 2018

$23,229,396
Civilian Pay

$18,929,497
Operating Expenditures

$5,119,717
Military Pay
STARBASE at Charlotte ANG Base

What do you get when you mix a handful of knowledgeable volunteers, some principles, theories and laws, rocket materials, and a group of bright-eyed, young students? The annual STARBASE Camp at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. More than twenty 4th, 5th, and 6th graders having the opportunity to learn exciting science, technology, engineering, and math applications that will help them launch a rocket and hopefully, ideas for their future.

“We [the North Carolina Air National Guard] were one of the first three bases to spearhead the STARBASE program in 1993 and I’ve been involved with it since 1994 then transitioned to Director in 2008 after Brig. Gen. James Emerson stepped down. STARBASE has been to 99 counties in North Carolina and we have one more to go,” said Barbara Miller, director of the North Carolina STARBASE Program.

The program, started in 1993, has grown to encompass at least 30 states and Puerto Rico, with at least 60 locations across the U.S. Kansas leads with five different STARBASE spots. North Carolina has two; one in Charlotte and one at Kure Beach near Ft. Fisher. The programs run off active, guard, and reserve Air Force Bases, Army Guard bases, and one Marine Base. STARBASE has served more than one million students since its start in 1993 and continues to grow exponentially each year.

A typical week starts out with an introductory knowledge test that assesses what the students may already know regarding the week’s theme, like forensics or engineering.
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