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## Schedule

Performer/ Acts Aircraft	Type
Opening Ceremony	N/A
Melissa Burns, Brad Wurston	Edge 540
Fini Flight (Sunday Only)	KC-135
SERE Jump and Aerial Lift	UH-1N
NOLA	F-15
Undaunted Airshows	RV
Stephanie Goetz	L-39
Luke Aikins Red Bull Stunt	C-172
USAF Refueling Demo	KC-135
Torry Ward	Micro Jet

### D- Day Demonstration

SERE Parachute Demo	N/A
Securing Beachhead Demo Spokane Motor Pool	
Brad Wurston	MXS
USAF Viper Demo	F-15
USAF Heritage Flight	F-16, P-51
Vickie Benzing	P-51
Melissa Burns	Edge 540
Patriots Jet Team	L-39

Schedule is subject to change

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Director of Ground Operations: Captain Jessie Reeves

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*D-Day Demonstration*

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*STEAM Hangar*  
*Spokane Motor Pool*  
*Kid Zone*

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## *SkyFest Air Show*

Beginning in the 1950s, Fairchild invited the public for open houses, flyovers, and a closer look at air power. For decades, the event was known as the Armed Forces Open House. In the late 90's, this tradition became known as SkyFest, the Inland Northwest's premier U.S. Air Force event. SkyFest featured aerial demonstrations, static displays and showcasing unmatched capabilities of the world's greatest Air Force. What is seen at Skyfest is more than just a show; it's a connection between service and community.

Fairchild was built by the Spokane community in 1941, and that foundational support has never wavered. We view our presence here as an indivisible alliance; Spokane provides the support that allows our airmen to focus on the mission of defending our nation. As one of only three 'Super Tanker' wings in the Air Force, the scale of what we do at Fairchild is unmatched, ensuring we can project power anytime, anywhere.

## *Fairchild Air Force Base*

Fairchild Air Force Base is home to a wide variety of units and missions, the most prominent is the air refueling mission. Fairchild has two wings, the 92nd Air Refueling Wing, and the 141st ARW. Other units include the Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape school, medical detachments, a weapons squadron and the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency.

## *92nd Air Refueling Wing*

The 92nd Air Refueling Wing is the host unit to Team Fairchild comprised of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, the 336th Training Group, and other tenant organizations. Team Fairchild encompasses 11,868 active-duty, Air National Guard, tenant unit members, dependents, and civilian employees. Another major tenant organization is the Armed Forces Reserve Center, which opened in April '10, comprising approximately 869 Army Guard and Reserve personnel assigned to 18 units with various missions.

The 92nd ARW operates 68 KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft with a weapon system value of \$3.2 billion. As the host unit to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., the wing controls 6,151 acres and 1,687 buildings.

## *U.S. Air Force Survival School*

The 336th Training Group, located at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, is home to the U.S. Air Force's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school. The 336th TRG consists of three squadrons with geographically separated detachments at JBSA Lackland AFB, Texas, and Eielson AFB, Alaska. The Survival School teaches 19 different courses to approximately 20,000 students at the three locations annually. Their mission statement: To provide at-risk of isolation personnel with the skills and confidence to 'Return with Honor'.

## *The 336th Rescue Squadron*

The 36th Rescue Squadron, which is part of the 58th Special Operations Wing, supports the 336th Training Group in the execution of all AETC syllabuses and provides evacuation of injured DoD personnel from remote training areas. Support operations include live rescue hoist training, paratroop demonstrations and combat rescue procedures training. The 36 RQS is on 24-hour standby, six days a week, 48 weeks a year to provide medical evacuation coverage for students and instructors. The 36 RQS also supports the National Search-and-Rescue (SAR) Plan by conducting SAR and medical evacuation missions in the Pacific Northwest, covering a four-state region. Since 2001, the 36th RQS has responded to over 250 requests for assistance and saved 141 lives. On average, the unit responds to five to 10 calls for assistance each year and is credited with saving 716 lives since its inception in 1971. In doing so, the 36 RQS is proud to uphold the motto of rescue personnel worldwide: "That Others May Live."

## *Air Mobility Command*

Air Mobility Command was activated June 1, 1992, with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and is one of 11 major Air Force commands. On Oct. 1, 2016, AMC consolidated with Military Air Command making AMC the oldest major command in the Air Force tracing its history to the establishment of the Air Corps Ferrying Command on May 29, 1941. As the air component of the U.S. Transportation Command, AMC is comprised of a Total Force effort to execute Rapid Global Mobility and enable Global Reach -the ability to respond anywhere in the world in a matter of hours. This is accomplished through AMC's four core mission areas - Airlift, Air Refueling, Air Mobility Support and Aeromedical Evacuation. AMC also provides support to the nuclear enterprise. Airlift provides the capability to deploy U.S. armed forces anywhere in the world within hours and help sustain them in a conflict. AMC also supports presidential and senior leader airlift. Air Refuelers are the backbone of Global Reach, increasing coalition and U.S. aircraft's range mid-air. Aeromedical evacuation ensures the wounded warriors get the care they deserve and today have sustained the survival rate of 97 percent. In addition to enabling the force to respond to an enemy attack and sustain operations, Rapid Global Mobility brings humanitarian supplies and assistance to those in need who may live in austere locations.

## *Mission*

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Air Mobility Command provides unrivaled airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, global air mobility support and Mobility Mission Command to project, connect, maneuver and the Joint Force to achieve national objectives.



## Ground Entertainment

### *STEAM Hangar*

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Hangar is an interactive attraction designed to engage youth and young attendees. Host by local STEM experts, educators and military personnel, the hangar features a variety of exhibits like..... By partnering with local clubs and organizations, Team Fairchild uses the space to connect with the local community, showcasing how foundational science and math directly translate into the innovative capabilities that keep the Air Force ready for future challenges.

  
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### *Spokane Motor Pool*

The Spokane Motor Pool is a dedicated, passionate community of military vehicle collectors, renters, and history enthusiasts based in the Inland Northwest. The group is dedicated to preserving and honoring military history through the restoration, maintenance, and display of authentically restored military vehicles. Their rolling museum frequently includes platforms such as World War II era Willys MB Jeeps, Korean War, M38 models, and mid-century Dodge M37 trucks. Their displays offer younger generations a unique way to learn about the realities of past conflicts while providing veterans with a powerful, nostalgic tribute to the eras in which they served.

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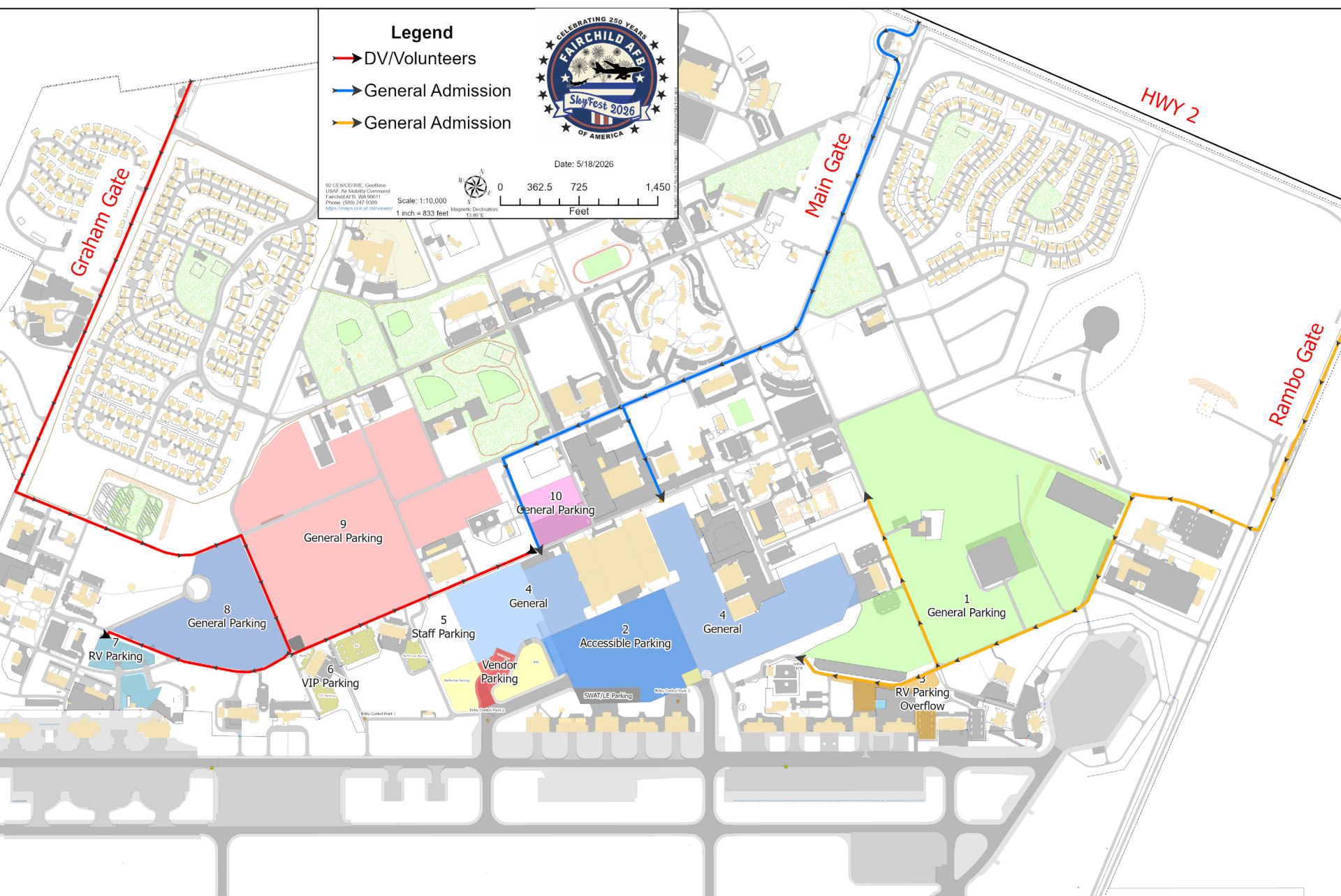
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## Aerial Entertainment

### *Red Bull Vehicle Airplane Transfer*

Luke Aikin's vehicle to airplane transfer stunts merges high-speed motor sports with master-class aviation. Aikins displays precision and adrenaline as he pilots his aircraft 20 feet above a speeding off-road vehicle racing down the runway. Matching the ground speed of 60 miles per hour, Aikin maintains a precarious, low altitude trajectory. This allows his daring partner performer to reach up from the moving ground vehicle, grab a suspended rope ladder, and be hoisted thousands of feet into the sky for a spectacular parachute decent.

As a third generation aviator and skydiver, Luke Aikins has built a legendary career pushing the boundaries of human flight. Raised on a private airport by a family of pilots, he made his first skydive and earned his pilot's license by the time he was 16 years old. Today, he has accumulated more than 21,000 skydives and over 8,750 flight hours across a variety of aircraft. Aikins is universally recognized for his 2016 "Heaven Sent" project, where he became the first person to intentionally jump from an airplane at 25,000 feet without a parachute, surviving by successfully navigating his freefall into a suspended net. Beyond his daring personal stunts, he is a core member of the Red Bull Air Force and a highly sought after Hollywood aerial coordinator, having designed stunts for various blockbuster films and having developed the advanced parachute systems used in the historic 2012 Red Bull Stratos space jump mission.



## *Aerial Entertainment*



### *F-16 Viper Demonstration Team*

The Air Combat Command F-16 Viper Demonstration Team stationed out of Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, performs precision aerial maneuvers to demonstrate the unique capabilities of one of the Air Force's premier multi-role fighters — the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The team also works with the Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation to create a unique demonstration of the U.S. Air Force's past and present, exhibiting the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.



The F-16 Viper Demo Team was formed in 2015 by consolidating the Viper East and West demonstration teams. The team consists of one pilot/commander, eight maintenance specialists, and one public affairs representative. Team members are specially selected from Shaw AFB and are responsible for all maintenance, documentation, and overall serviceability of the demonstration aircraft, ensuring the pilot has a safe F-16 to perform for millions of spectators annually.

The F-16A, a single-seat model, first flew in December 1976. The first operational unit was delivered in January 1979 to the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The F-16 can withstand up to 9 Gs, locate targets in all weather conditions, and detect low-flying aircraft in radar ground clutter. For air-to-surface missions, it can fly over 500 miles, deliver weapons with superior accuracy, and defend itself against enemy aircraft. All F-16s are equipped with advanced avionics, including a highly accurate Inertial Navigation System and, in newer models, GPS for precise targeting. The F-16 can be armed with a wide variety of munitions and various air-to-ground weapons.

### *Patriots Jet Demonstration Team*

The Patriots Jet Demonstration Team is the largest civilian-owned aerobatic jet team in the western hemisphere, known for thrilling audiences with high-speed, tightformation aerobatics. Based in Byron, California, the team flies the L-39 Albatros and is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of aviators through their performances and community outreach. They showcase precision flying while also promoting passion and professionalism. The team's mission to create an

inspirational and entertaining demonstration team began in 1999, when the first of the Patriots aircraft were purchased, followed by additional jets in 2004, 2005, and 2011. The aircraft were disassembled in Europe, shipped via truck, rail, and sea in containers to the United States where they were restored.

The Patriots Jet Team features pilots who were formerly part of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and U.S. Navy Blue Angels. They have logged over 105,000 hours of flight time and performed in more than 1500 air shows. The volunteer pilots all share the same genuine passion to entertain audiences at air shows and other events, while also encouraging youth toward careers in the aviation and aerospace fields.

In the summer of 2012, the Patriots Jet Team moved into the 35,000 square foot Jet and Event Center where skilled mechanics team can now perform maintenance at the same location. Additionally, the hangar has become a favorite hangout for aviation enthusiasts of all ages. In support of such a large operation, the Patriots Jet Team relies on the efforts of a vast volunteer network. The facility is also home to the Patriots Jet Team Foundation, where they offer aviation scholarships and youngsters come from all over to attend science and aviation classes.

### *KC-135 Fini Flight*

The "Fini Flight" is a time-honored military aviation tradition that marks a pilot's or aircrew member's final flight in an aircraft before departing a unit, transitioning to a new airframe, or retiring from active service. When executed for a Wing Commander or Command Chief, this event becomes a powerful, symbolic conclusion to their leadership tour. It provides a dedicated moment for the entire wing to gather on the flight line, celebrate the command team's successful stewardship of the mission, and bid them a formal farewell before they relinquish command.



The origins of the Fini Flight tradition is widely believed to have begun during World War II, when aircrews were required to complete a specific quota of combat missions before being allowed to rotate back home. Upon returning safely from a final combat sortie, exhausted crews were met on the ramp by their comrades, maintainers, and leadership to celebrate their survival and successful completion of the tour. Over the decades, the practice transitioned from a war-time survival celebration into a staple of broader Air Force culture, used to mark significant career milestones and the end of command tenures with a blend of reverence and celebration.

## Ground Entertainment

### *KC-135 Static Display*

The KC-135 stratotankers are the lifeblood of aerial operations. Powered by four turbofan engines, this versatile aircraft can transfer up to 200,000 pounds of fuel in mid-air through its flying boom, or be rapidly transfigured to transport up to 83,000 pounds of cargo and 37 passengers. As the primary mission at Fairchild Air Force Base, the KC-135 has been an integral part of the base's identity since the first tanker arrived in 1958. Whether refueling the clenched fist of combat aircraft or the open hand of humanitarian relief, the KC-135 stratotankers ensure no destination is out of reach for our nation and its allies.

### *C-130 Static Display*

The C-130 Hercules is the world's most versatile tactical airlifter, designed to operate from rugged, unimproved runways in diverse combat environments. Its unique high-wing design and powerful turboprop engines allow it to perform a wide array of missions, ranging from airborne assault and equipment airdrops to aeromedical evacuation and disaster relief. The aircraft is famously adaptable, with specialized variants configured for search and rescue, weather reconnaissance, and even closeair support as the AC-135 gunship. For decades, the "Herc" has remained a beloved workhorse, providing a lifeline to ground forces and delivering critical humanitarian aid to the most remote corners of the globe.

# FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE

## FAME'S FAVORED FEW

*Fairchild Air Force Base is comprised of the 92nd and 141st Air Refueling Wings, 336th Training Group, and other tenant organizations. As Air Mobility Command's Super Tanker Wing, Team Fairchild is tasked with being ready to protect homeland, deter aggression, fight and win whenever and wherever our nation calls.*



### AIRMEN

*Team Fairchild encompasses 11,868 active-duty, Air National Guard, tenant unit members, dependents, and civilian employees.*

### MISSION

*Deliver Rapid Global Mobility (RGM) at speed and scale, and integrating Joint Force lethality anywhere in the world under any conditions.*

### COMMITMENT

*Our unrelenting determination to accomplish the RGM mission enables AMC to project and sustain combat power, and build warfighting advantage.*

#### 92nd AIR REFUELING WING

*The 92nd ARW is responsible for providing aerial refueling, as well as rapid and reliable passenger and cargo airlift and aeromedical evacuations. Fairchild's missions support U.S. and coalition conventional operations and U.S. Strategic Command strategic deterrence missions. Fairchild directly supports Air Mobility Command's mission, providing global reach airpower and deploying expeditionary combat support forces in support how do you unhide a column in planner of worldwide contingency requirements.*

The 92nd Air Refueling Wing is structured under four groups: Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support, and Medical as well as 12 staff agencies organized under the Director of Staff.

#### 141st AIR REFUELING WING

*The 141st Air Refueling Wing reports through the Washington Adjutant General to the Governor in order to respond to natural disasters and times of civil unrest.*

*In addition to the state mission to provide protection to life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety for Washington State, the wing also has a federal mission.*

*The unit's federal mission is to train, equip and deploy forces to locations worldwide in support of the specific contingency operations.*

The 141st trains to provide worldwide refueling to United States and allied aircraft, counter drug surveillance and interdiction, and combat support across the spectrum of conflict.

### TENANT ORGANIZATIONS

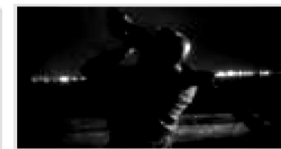
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## 92nd Air Refueling Wing Commander COLONEL CHAD K. CISEWSKI

Colonel Chad Cisewski is the Commander of the 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. The Wing provides global reach airpower and deploys expeditionary forces in support of worldwide combat, contingency, and humanitarian requirements. The Wing operates 61 KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft performing refueling, airlift, and aeromedical evacuation missions supporting US and coalition contingency operations and USSTRATCOM strategic deterrence missions. As installation commander, Colonel Cisewski is also responsible for activities and assigned functions of Fairchild Air Force Base and support for 18 associate units.

Colonel Cisewski is originally from Stevens Point, Wisconsin and was



commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2002. He has served in various operational assignments as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the KC-135, C-17, and C-21. Additionally, he commanded the USAF's C-17 squadron at Hickam Field, Hawaii. His staff assignments include Air Mobility Command, U.S.

Transportation Command and U.S. Air Forces in Europe- Air Forces Africa. Col. Cisewski is a Command Pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including over 700 combat hours. Prior to his Current assignment, Colonel Cisewski served as the 92d Operation Group Commander, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

## 92nd Air Refueling Wing Deputy Commander COLONEL MATTHEW BRYCE DIBBLE

Colonel Matthew Bryce Dibble is the Deputy Commander, 92d Air Refueling Wing Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. As Deputy Commander, Colonel Dibble assists the Wing Commander in leading activities and assigned functions of Fairchild Air Force Base and support for 18 associate units.

Upon completion of basic training, Col. Dibble was assigned to Charleston Air Force Base, SC as a Utilities Systems Journeyman until 2002. Colonel Dibble received his commission from Charleston Southern University, Detachment 772, in May 2002. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Touro University International in 2009, a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from the Air University in 2016 and a Postgraduate Certificate from the Royal College of Defence Studies, King's College London.

Colonel Dibble has served in a variety of operational assignments throughout



his career. He has served as the Chief, Airlift Coordination Center (ALCC) and US Deputy Senior National Representative (SNR), NATO Allied Air Command Deployable Air Command and Control Center (DACCC), Poggio Renatico, Italy; Deputy Commander, 92d Operations Group; Commander, 384th Air Refueling Squadron; Chief, Mobility, Bomber, Attaché Colonel

Assignments, Air Force Colonel Management Office, Pentagon, Washington D.C.; Executive Officer to the Chief, Office of the Defense Representative-Pakistan.

Colonel Dibble is a command pilot, having logged more than 4,600 hours with over in the C-5A/B/AMP Galaxy, C-17A Globemaster, KC-135R/T Stratotanker, T-1A Jayhawk, and T-37B Tweet. Colonel Dibble is married to the former Candie Mynatt with his four daughters Kelsey, Madelyn, Sophia, and Ava.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fairchild Air Force Base significantly contributes to the regional economy and job creation in and around the area.

### PAYROLL EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL	POP	PAY
Active Duty	3,336	\$256.8M
Air National Guard	951	\$23.3M
Army Guard/Reserve	633	\$5.8M
General Schedule	467	\$36.5
FWS	81	\$3.9M
DECA	43	\$2.6M
NAF Civilians	259	\$9.6M
Contract Civilians	16	\$578K
AAFES Civilians	65	\$1.3M
Other Civilian Vendors	47	\$4.7M
Dependents	4,927	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.8K</b>	<b>\$345.1M</b>

**Total Annual Economic Impact**  
**\$915.1 Million / Year (FY24)**

**9,088 JOBS CREATED**

Total Payroll (Military & Civilian):	\$345.1M
Indirect Output from Payroll:	\$363.8M
Contract Expenditures:	\$106.5M
Value of Job Creation:	\$99.8K

### LOCAL EXPENDITURES CATEGORY VALUE

Military Construction	\$56.4M
O&M Construction (FSRM)	\$7.8M
NAF Construction	\$1.1M
Utilities	\$3.8M
Social Assistance	\$12.1M
Truck Transportation	\$134K
Other Services	\$13.3M
Other Local Expenditures	\$2.9M
TDY (Local Lodging Meals)	\$09M
<b>ANNUAL</b>	<b>\$98.4M</b>

## 92nd Air Refueling Wing Command Chief CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT LINDSAY S. MOON

Chief Master Sergeant Lindsay S. Moon is the Command Chief, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. As Command Chief, the Chief Moon advises the Commander on organizing, training and equipping 4,450 Airmen who provide global reach and air-power through the employment of 61 KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft to support worldwide combat, contingency, and humanitarian requirements. As installation Command Chief, he enables the activities and assigned functions of Fairchild Air Force base, and support to 18 associate units.

Chief Moon entered the Air Force in 2002 from his hometown of Spokane, Washington. His career includes numerous assignments in wing scheduling and execution, aircrew training, standards and evaluations, developmental flight test refueling, 1A0 Chief Enlisted manager, and group senior enlisted leader. He deployed in support of the Global War on Terror where he



amassed over 130 combat missions and served as Air Expeditionary Group Senior Enlisted Leader. As a developmental flight test boom operator, he accomplished over 160 air refueling flight test missions, including the refueling of the first low-rate initial production F-35A, and the first ever, high risk refueling by a KC-46A. He was hand-selected for the first international Boom

Operator exchange, where he served for three years as the sole USAF enlisted member advising the Royal Australian Air Force during initial stand-up of the KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker/Transport refueling program. He is a qualified boom operator with over 4,300 hours on three tanker platforms.

Now serving Team Fairchild, Chief Moon continues to build the next generations of leaders. He consistently engages with base and community organizations to identify the needs of the Total Force to execute Global Reach operations.

## SkyFest Air Show Director MAJOR KARIANNE ERNISSE

Major Karianne E. M. Ernisse is the Director of Wing Innovation and Aircraft Commander on the KC-135 R/T Stratotanker with the 93d Air Refueling Squadron, 92d Air Refueling wing, Air Mobility Command, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. As the Director of Wing Innovation, she leads a diverse team of military and civilian personnel from various AFSCs. She manages the \$310K Squadron Innovation Fund budget and oversees all innovation and research-related initiatives for the base, connecting Airmen with pathways, resources, and funding to assist in discovering innovative solutions to workplace problems. She also leads the base's Educational Partnership Agreement program. Major Ernisse executes the 92d Air Refueling Wing's strategic nuclear, conventional, contingency air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation missions around the globe while supporting USSTRATCOM's strategic deterrence missions as a KC-135 Aircraft

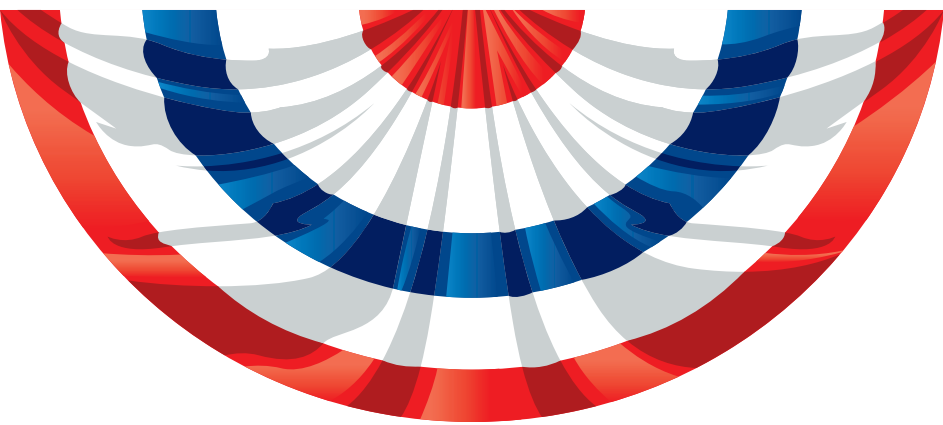


Commander.

Major Ernisse received her commission in 2013 from the United States Air Force Academy, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Chinese minor. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, Major Ernisse was assigned as a Maintenance Officer for the first six years of her career. Major Ernisse led over 2,000 maintainers

and worked on the F-16CM, the U-2S, the MC-130H and the AC-130U. Following her third assignment in maintenance, Major Ernisse was accepted into the Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training Program and attended training at Laughlin AFB, TX. Upon graduating, Major Ernisse was assigned as a tanker pilot to Fairchild Air Force Base. Major Ernisse has operational experience in combat and contingency operations across multiple regions of the globe to include operations INHERENT RESOLVE and MIDNIGHT HAMMMER.





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