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## COMMANDER

By Colonel Bryan Teff  
110th Attack Wing Commander



### 110th Team,

As mentioned last month, Col. Southworth has left us as the AOG Commander and has assumed his new duties as the Deputy Director of the Joint Staff. Col. John Miner has been selected as his replacement and began his duties as AOG Commander on February 21, 2016. Col. Miner brings tremendous AOG and leadership experience to the position and is a great addition to our senior leadership team. The AOG formal change of command is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 1000 in Building 6922. Please congratulate Col. Miner when you see him around the base.

On Saturday afternoon, we will conduct a promotion ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Jenny Balabuch as she gets promoted to Chief Master Sgt. Chief Balabuch has a very diverse background and she is an outstanding addition to an already stellar group of Chiefs. Please congratulate Chief Balabuch on her well-deserved promotion.

Recently, Headquarters Air Force published the 2016 Posture Statement which aims to shape the President's Budget for the total force. Specifically, this document provides financial advocacy to build, train, and equip an Air Force capable of responding to today's and tomorrow's threats. It balances capacity, capability, and readiness in support of an overall strategy focused on taking care of our people, finding a balance between readiness and modernization, and making every dollar count.

Why is this document important to our Wing? The 2016 Posture Statement speaks in some detail about Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Cyber missions and the future for both. Most important, this document is used to advocate and prioritize resources (eg. \$\$) for the missions of the Air Force. Without question, we are very fortunate to have two of the primary Air Force growth missions assigned to the 110th Attack Wing. With respect to Cyber, the Air Force plans to continue investing in additional cyber capability in order to grow from 26 Cyber Mission Force Teams to 39. Even though we aren't mentioned by name, the 110th is part of this Cyber growth strategy. The Remotely Piloted Aircraft enterprise, specifically the MQ-9 for the 110th, will continue to expand and grow into the future. It should be noted that most of the future growth will occur in the Active component and it doesn't appear that there will be any near-term MQ-9 growth in the Air National Guard. The priorities for the Remotely Piloted Aircraft enterprise include increased benefits for aircrew members, a program to train enlisted aviators in the MQ-4 aircraft, an active duty basing study to provide more options to support a RPA schedule that is more conducive to steady-state operations, and other key recommendations from the Culture and Process Improvement Program. The key takeaway is that our MQ-9 mission is a tremendous mission-set for our Wing and will only grow and improve in the future.

The future is bright for the 110th! The recent Air Force posture statement provides further validation that we have entered an era of opportunity for the 110th ATKW. As we shape the future for enduring success, let's continue to capitalize on the tremendous opportunities ahead of us.

My best to you and your family!

## 217 ACOS makes Air Guard deployments to Europe possible

By Chief Master Sgt. Robert Shankleton  
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As part of USAFE-AFAFRICA's continued support of ATLANTIC RESOLVE, the 217 ACOS was tasked with determining a CONOP/CONEMP addressing how best to utilize over 85K Man-Days in support of non-operational/non-exercise type deployments that are funded by the European Reassurance Initiative (ERI). As part of the tasker, the 217 ACOS would have to resolve the complete lack of a vehicle by which to execute these days or a system of record sufficient to plan/coordinate within.

To this end, members of the 217 ACOS spent countless hours establishing time-phased workflow, NGB/A3 processes allowing ERI ULNs to be incorporated into DCAPES, and developed a means to integrate DCAPES reporting capabilities into USAFE-AFAFRICA programming of ERI aligned events. The results of their collective efforts will first be seen this spring as 100+ members and associated aircraft of the 173rd Fighter Wing deploy to Finland as participants in bilateral training focused on strengthening our partnership and interoperability with the host nation. It is with some pride that the 217th witnesses their active associations with USAFE-AFAFRICA continue to positively impact the global Air Force enterprise.

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