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#### **BY KAREN PETITT** 375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

This year the Air Force celebrates its 70th birthday and the fourth oldest "continuously active duty flying field" in its inventory will celebrate its 100th.

Located in the heartland of America, Scott Air Force Base is marking this historic milestone tomorrow with a kickoff celebration that will launch a year-long effort to honor its heritage, thank its mission and community partners and posture the installation for the next 100 years.

Special guest Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner will join in the festivities with a proclamation making 2017 the "Year of Scott AFB" for the state. He highlights how Scott AFB remains a "treasured military asset" directly employing 13,000 active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and government service civilian members along with Department of Defense contractors who contribute to a regional economic impact of \$3.5 billion dollars annually.

In addition, Air Force senior leaders have sent congratulatory messages that include Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein who reminded Scott Airmen that they "serve in the contrails of airpower's elites ... aviation pioneers ... and airlift giants" and that in the past 10 decades there has been no bridge too far for Scott's transportation and logistics hub.

Joining the in the congratulations are Lt. Gen. Stayce D. Harris, the Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff; Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody; Gen. Darren McDew Commander, U.S. Transportation Command commander

#### Centennial Kickoff, Jan. 6, Scott Event Center

• 3 p.m. Event Begins

• 3:15 p.m. Kickoff video, Governor's proclamation, mayoral congratulations, senior leaders congratulations

- 4 p.m. Starlifter performance
- 4:30 p.m. \$100 gift card drawings begin
- 5:30 p.m. Fireworks
- Free refreshments
- Music provided by the USAF Band of Mid-America's Starlifter

• Specially designed coins and memorabilia will be for sale for those who'd like to commemorate the occasion.

and former Scott AFB installation commander; Gen. Carlton D. Everhart, III, Air Mobility Command commander; and Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert who is representing 39 mayors from the Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors.

"The rich legacy of all of our military services as well as the tremendous community support we've enjoyed throughout the years is what makes us strong today, and is what will keep us even stronger as we begin the next century of service," said Col. Laura Lenderman, 375th Air Mobility Wing and installation commander. "We're proud of our heritage and honor the men and women who sacrificed, broke barriers, innovated and championed airpower-some at great cost to themselves. We are the benefactors of a collective 100 years of service in a variety of ways-whether it was from military service, or business partners, or in the way of family support. Together we've lifted each other and our Air Force to new heights, and this year we plan to recognize and celebrate those achievements as we look forward to building on this foundation of excellence."

#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

The start of Scott's incredible 100-years of service began during World War I during which community and business leaders wanted a flying field in the Midwest. They foresaw the location in the Midwest as an integral part for the nation's defense. Scott Field began as a mere 624 acres, and after 10 decades of growth, it has increased to 3,589 acres that support the nation's premier transportations cyber hub that hosts 31 mission partners from all branches of the service and the DoD.

After inspecting several sites, the U.S. War Department agreed to the lease on June 14, 1917. Congress appropriated \$10 million for its construction, and 2,000 laborers and carpenters were immediately put to work.

The government gave the Unit Construction Company 60 days to erect approximately 60 buildings, lay a mile-long railroad spur, and level off an airfield with a 1,600 foot landing circle. Construction was underway when the government announced it would name the new field after Corporal Frank Scott, the first enlisted service member killed in an aviation crash.

#### **FLYING OPS**

Construction was completed in August, and the first flight from Scott Field occurred Sept. 2, 1917.

Because of the dangers of flying at the time, Scott officers made two air ambulances by modifying Jenny aircraft to carry patients, and on Aug. 24, 1918, Scott's air ambulance transported its first patient after an aviator broke his leg.

Scott Field's future became uncertain after the end of World War I as many airfields were closed down, but good news came early in 1919 when the War Department announced it would purchase Scott Field.

A new mission came in 1921, when Scott Field was selected to become a lighter-than-air station.

Many new facilities were built to accommodate its new balloon and airship mission-the most notable being the airship hangar, which was the second largest in the world at that time. Its checkered roof and massive size would have been the most noticeable object by far among the flat patches of farmland. Even two years after Scott had transitioned away from lighter-thanair operations, the airship hangar still stood in 1939 for all to see.

That same year, the Chief of the Army Air Corps decided to stop all lighter-than-air activities, paving the way for new missions. Scott was chosen to become the new home of General Headquarters Air Force, and with that came construction that more than doubled the size of Scott Field, adding nearly 100 colonial-style buildings which still stand today.

#### RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The onset of World War II prevented Scott from becoming the Air Force headquarters. Instead, Scott became a communications training hub for the Army Air Forces. During the war, Scott's Radio School produced graduates that were known for being the "eyes and ears of the Army." In total, the Radio Communications School at Scott graduated 150,000 students.

After the Air Force became a separate service on Sept. 18, 1947, the mission began shifting from technical training to air transport and aeromedical evacuation. By 1959, the last remaining classes at Scott signaled the end of the Communications School, but not the end of the communications and cyberspace mission sets, as those missions continue today.

Today, five separate communications units call Scott home, including the Air Force Space Command's Cyberspace Support Squadron, 688th Cyberspace Operations Group and 375th AWM Communications Group.

#### AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

By 1957, Military Airlift Transport Service, the predecessor to Air Mobility Command, took up permanent residence at Scott and oversaw all aspects of global mobility in the Aeromedical Evacuation, aerial refueling, cargo and senior leader transport missions.

By 1964, Scott became responsible for all aeromedical transportation within the United States, and by 1975, the base was responsible for worldwide patient movement via the Patient Airlift Center. The PAC

# Military, community leaders send congratulatory messages



Gen. Dave Goldfein **Air Force Chief of Staff** 

"Scott Airmen, Community Partners, Families and Friends: 229 years ago, our founding fathers signed their names to the United States Constitution. And for the past century, Scott Airmen signed their names to history—supporting and defending our Nation's most fundamental principles. Today, you serve in the contrails of Airpower's

elites ... aviation pioneers like Corporal Frank Scott and airlift giants like General Tunner and General Cassidy. Nearly everything about the American way of war changed these 10 decades, except one: there's no bridge too far for Scott Air Force Base. On behalf of your 660,000 brothers and sisters in blue, Happy 100th Anniversary!"



Lt. Gen. Stayce D. Harris **Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff** 

"Tucked away in the heartland of America is a team of active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian and contract personnel who have spent the past 100 years perfecting the ability to bring Rapid Global Mobility to our nation! With a few hundred acres of land and a vision for air superiority, Scott Field blossomed from its Army Air Corps day to become DoD's hub for air, sea and land transportation requirements. Through the years and with outstanding support from your families and the community, you have responded to our nation's call whether during times of war, natural disaster, or humanitarian crisis. Your outstanding personal efforts and dedication have created a wonderful legacy to be proud of. Thank you and congratulations on 100 years of service! Airpower!"



Gen. Darren McDew **Commander, U.S. Transportation** 



Gen. Carlton D. Everhart, II **Commander, Air Mobility Command** 



James A. Cody Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

"It's been my honor to live and work at Scott Air Force Base for many years, I know first-hand what the teams do every day to answer the nation's call. The enlisted corps is well represented in the Air Force with the base's namesake—Corporal Frank Scott—whose love of flying and aviation led him into the service assigned as a mechanic. The decision to name the base after him is a lasting tribute to all who lost their dives during the early years of military aviation, which required guts and uncommon bravery. Today's service requires no less dedication and commitment to get the job done, so I take this moment to thank all of you at Scott AFB for your legacy of service and for honoring the sacrifices and achievements of those who've gone before us! Have a great Centennial Celebration and keep Aiming High!"



Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner The Year of Scott Air Force Base Proclamation,

#### Command

"I have had the unique privilege of commanding several organizations on Scott AFB throughout the years. From commanding the then-375th Airlift Wing in 2002, to its parent headquarters, the 18th Air Force, and then Air Mobility Command ... and now at U.S Transportation Command. Evelyn and I are so humbled to have been a part of the amazing history! It's been marvelous to see the changes and improvements at Scott Air Force Base! There's a lot happening here and who would have known so many years ago during the humble beginnings of Scott Field, that today our base would be a hub for global land, sea and air transportation, and cyberspace operations? Committed citizens and dedicated leaders at every level have ensured Scott Air Force Base not only survived but thrived, and will continue to do so for the next 100 years! 2017 is a year to celebrate—100 years of Scott Air Force Base, 70 years for our United States Air Force, 25 years as Air Mobility Command, and 30 years for U.S. Transportation Command. So from us to you—Happy 100th Birthday!"

"Mobility Airmen have called Scott Air Force Base home since we flew the first Aeromedical Evacuation sortie right here on Aug. 24, 1918, less than one year after the first flight at Scott Field. In 1957 Scott Air Force Base officially became home to the Military Air Transport Service, followed by Military Airlift Command and this year we celebrate Air Mobility Command's 25th year at Scott. Today, we are the lead command for Aeromedical Evacuation as well as Airlift, Air Refueling and Global Enroute Mobility Support. Together, our Total Force Team provides critical capabilities to all nine combatant commanders at every corner of the globe, 365 days a year. The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Dave Goldfein, has called Mobility the lifeblood of the Joint Force. We are proud to pump that lifeblood from American's heartland. Thank you to our communities, families, and friends for partnering with us for 100 years! Happy birthday Scott Air Force Base!"

# Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors

On behalf of the Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors, I congratulate you on your centennial celebration!

Scott Air Force Base has been a cornerstone of America's defense and today oversees major transportation and airlift operations for our service members whether for national defense, peacekeeping or for humanitarian operations. Our service men and women forego comfort, face hardships, confront danger and sometimes give their life in our defense, and they have well earned our unwavering support. The men and women who

serve at Scott Air Force Base are our family, and we are invested in their well-being as they are in ours.

Scott Air Force Base is an extremely vital part of our community. Our military men and women integrate in our daily lives as a part of our neighborhoods, churches, and schools. It is no wonder why Scott Air Force Base was awarded the prestigious Abilene Trophy twice for outstanding community support and named the best base to live for airmen by the Air Force Times in 2014!

friendship and partnership through the years and wish to congratulate the military and civilian employees, past and present leaders, and families who have contributed to our local cities, who volunteer in our schools and for thousands of projects and organizations that benefit our region. We are so proud to be part of the team, and we wish all of you a Happy 100th Birthday!

Sincerely,

#### Mayor Mark W. Eckert President, Southwest Illinois **Council of Mayors**

#### to be given Jan. 6, 2017:

WHEREAS, Scott Air Force Base celebrates its Centennial Birthday after having provided a century of unparalleled service to the nation and to the great state of Illinois since 1917 during both peacetime and in times of conflict; and WHEREAS, Scott Air Force Base began as a pilot training platform and also where early aviators transformed aircraft into flying hospitals which were the forerunner of today's aeromedical evacuation system, and after World War I served as a lighter-than-air station flying dirigibles and using balloons for atmospheric experimentation; and WHEREAS, by World War II, Scott Air Force base transformed into a radio communications training and operations center known as the "eyes and ears of the Army Air Forces," with a long and illustrious history that laid the foundation for today's Air Force mission to "fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace;" and WHEREAS, the birth of an independent United States Air

Force on September 18, 1947, re-designated Scott Field as Scott Air Force Base as the mission grew to enable rapid global mobility in support of combat and humanitarian relief operations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Scott Air Force Base remains a treasured military asset directly employing 13,000 Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and government service civilian members along with Department of Defense contractors who contribute to a regional economic impact of \$3.5 billion dollars annually;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim 2017 as the Year of Scott Air Force Base in the State of Illinois, and congratulate the Greater Scott Communities who have supported the military and civilian employees and their families during the past "Century of Service." We thank them for protecting our freedom and selflessly dedicating their lives to serving our nation and the great state of Illinois.

We have enjoyed a long and robust

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# **SCOTT AFB THROUGH THE YEARS**

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In 1917, construction began on Scott Field, which is named after Corporal Frank Scott, the first enlisted person killed in an aviation crash.

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to be the new home for General Headquarters Air Force. In preparation for the new mission, P-3, several homes, the Scott Gate, Hangar 1 and four mile-long runways were constructed.



In 1918, a modified JN-4 "Jenny" became Scott Field's first air ambulance when transporting an aviator who broke his leg.

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In 1921, Scott Field became a lighter-than-air station, flying dirigibles and balloons used for observation, aerial photography, navigation, and armament.



In 1927, Capt. Hawthorne Gray made three attempts to break the balloon altitude record of 40,809 feet. He finally reached 42,470 feet, but died in the attempt.



In 1943, women were serving at Scott Field in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The base's first Women in the Air Force, WAF, Squadron was established in 1957.



Courtesy photo In 1948, Scott Field became Scott Air Force Base

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In 1940, the Radio and Communications School accepted its first students, becoming a technical training hub for the Army Air Forces in World War II. In all, 150,000 were trained at Scott until 1957.



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In 1963, the 932nd Troop Carrier Group (current-day 932nd Airlift Wing Reserve unit) activated to command the 73rd Troop Carrier Squadron after a reorganization of the Reserves following the Cuban Missile Crisis.



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In 1963, the Defense Commercial **Communications Office (Defense** Information Technology Contracting Organization's predecessor) became a field activity for the Defense **Communications Agency (Defense** Information Systems Agency's predecessor).

Courtesy photo In 1957, the Military Air Transport Service assumed command at Scott AFB, and the move included the Airways and Air Communication Service, which is the current Air Force Network Integration Center's predecessor. MATS is the predecessor of Military Airlift Command, which would take command in 1966. The present-day equivalent, Air Mobility Command, would take MAC's place in 1992.



In 1958, Scott AFB's current medical facility opened as a full-service hospital after four years of construction as a full-service hospital.



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In 1973, 357 former POWs returned from the Vietnam War through Scott AFB during Operation Homecoming after the Paris Peace Accords were signed.



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By 1975, the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing, which became Scott AFB's host wing in 1966, assumed responsibility for aeromedical evacuations across the globe.



In 1987, the United States Transportation Command activates at Scott AFB and calls P-4 its first home. Their motto is "Together, we deliver."

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In 1989, the Air Force Communications Command moved into its new Headquarters, Bldg. 1700. AFCC later became the Air Force Communications Agency, and is today known as the Air Force Network Integration Center.





In 1991, family and friends of deployed Scott members celebrated the return of their loved ones at the close of Operation Desert Storm in 1991.



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In 1992, Air Mobility Command activated at Scott AFB. In October 2016, AMC merged histories with MAC, making AMC the U.S. Air Force's oldest major command.



Courtesy photo The 18th Air Force reactivated at Scott AFB in 2003, as the operational component and only numbered Air Force in AMC.



In 2005, the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed to the site of Hurricane Katrina to airlift victims from devastated areas.

### **TODAY** I



Courtesy photo In 2015, the 688th Cyberspace Operations Group joined Scott AFB's mission partners to support the Department of Defense's global mobility operations on the cyber front.



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Military and state leaders cut the ribbon officially opening the new Defense Information Systems Agency compound at Scott on Aug. 11. The \$100 million facility was completed on time and under budget.



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Today, Scott AFB is a joint force showcase team executing rapid global mobility every day, thanks to 31 mission partners and a 13,000-member workforce. Scott is the largest employer in Southwestern Illinois, with a \$3.5 billion dollar impact to the region.

# **375TH AIR MOBILITY WING HISTORY**



Courtesy photo

In June of 1949 the 375th Troop Carrier Wing was established in the Air Force Reserves in Pennsylvania. It had been initially established in May of 1949. The wing was later ordered to relocate to Greenville Air Force Base, South Carolina under active service due to the Korean War. Serving under Tactical Air Command and then 18th Air Force, the 375th participated in troop airlift operations, paratroop drops and exercises.



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The wing remained active until July of 1952, when it returned back to the Greater Pittsburgh Airport in Pennsylvania on reserve status. In November 1957, the wing inactivated. In December of 1965 the wing was activated again and re-designated as the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing in 1966 to reflect its new mission at Scott AFB, which was to be a central location and first CONUS stop for many aeromedical evacuees. The wing absorbed the mission and resources from the previous 1405th Aeromedical Transport Wing after it was discontinued later that year. In 1977, both units were awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.



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In 1968, MAC activated a new 140th Air Base Wing to take over host wing responsibility for Scott AFB. This allowed the 375th to focus more on its aeromedical airlift mission—a mission that was expanding through the addition of new medical transport aircraft, C-9A Nightingales, which brought significantly increased speed and came to represent aeromedical evacuation.



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and completed 232 patient movements.

Courtesy photo After the U.S. invaded Grenada during Operation After Operation JUST CAUSE began in 1989, the 375th URGENT FURY in 1983, the 375th AAW flew 29 missions AAW began flying special daily C-9A aeromedical missions from San Antonio. In all, 257 military patients were transported to their home units for convalescent

leave and further medical treatment.

In 1979, a typhoon in Japan ruptured a fuel tank setting fire to marine barracks. The 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing then coordinated the largest burn aeromedical evacuation in history, evacuating 38 of the 44 injured victims.



Courtesy photo In 1991 the 375th Military Airlift Wing was re-designated as the 375th Airlift Wing. Air Mobility Command was then activated at Scott AFB in 1992. From then until 2005 the 375th took part in relief for the "Great Floo of 1993, Hurricane Bonnie, Hurricane Katrina and assisted in Operations RESTORE HOPE, SUPPORT HOPE, UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, JOINT ENDEAVOR, ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and SECURE TOMORROW.



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On Oct. 1, 2009, additional capability was added with the arrival of the 906th Air Refueling Squadron, as a 375th active associate unit to support flying KC-135R aircraft of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard. Subsequently, the 375th Airlift Wing was redesignated as the 375th Air Mobility Wing.





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The current seal for the 375th AW, created in 1992, has the motto, "Help from above." The mission of the 375th AW was enabling combat power and its vision is providing precise combat capability to the warfighter ... always.

# **AIRCRAFT FLOWN AT SCOTT**



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JN-4H Jenny, 1918-21: Earl Hoag (officer-in-charge of flying) and A. J. Etheridge (post engineer), along with 2nd Lt. Seth Thomas, designed two air ambulances, or hospital ships, by modifying Jenny aircraft to carry patients. On Aug. 24, 1918, Scott's air ambulance transported its first patient.





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**Dirigibles/Balloons, 1921-37:** The 12th Balloon Company and 9th Airship Company transferred to Scott Field from Fort Omaha, Neb. Formal lighter-than-air aircraft courses began. At this time, Scott Field had balloons and two small non-rigid airships. Scott's airships, such as the TC-6 (pictured here) were housed in a facility with the distinction of being the second largest hangar in the world until 1937.



**F-86 Sabrejet, 1953-59:** The 113th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron inactivated, and its mission of protecting Scott AFB and the St. Louis area was assumed by the newly activated 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron by flying F- 86 Sabrejets. The 85th moved into newly completed readiness and alert hangars on the east side Scott's flight line.



**C-9 Nightingale, 1968-2003:** In 1968, MAC activated a new 1400th Air Base Wing to take over host wing responsibility for Scott AFB. This allowed the 375th to focus more on its aeromedical airlift mission—a mission that was expanding through the addition of new medical transport aircraft, C-9A Nightingales. The new C-9A Nightingale was equipped with an assortment of important medical capabilities, but one of its most significant new features was its increased speed and range over existing medical transports.



**C-118 Liftmaster, 1966-69:** The C-118 Liftmaster aircraft brought the first aeromedical evacuation patients from Vietnam to Scott AFB. The evacuees stopped overnight at Scott, en-route to other medical facilities.



CT-39A Sabreliner, 1978-85: On April 1,

1975, MAC consolidated its newly acquired fleet of 106 Rockwell T-39A Sabreliners under an Administrative Airlift Division, activating three Operational Support Airlift squadrons: the 1400th Military Airlift Squadron at Norton AFB, Calif., the 1401st Military Airlift Squadron at Scott AFB, and the 1402nd Military Airlift Squadron at Andrews AFB, Md.



**C-131 Samaritan, 1966-69:** Gaining all the resources and manpower from the 1405th, the 375th was able to seamlessly take over the 1405th missions. The 375th performed, managed and trained others for aeromedical airlift, an airlift mission flown primarily with C-131A Samaritans, supported by C-118 Liftmasters. The wing maintained and scheduled air shuttle and courier services to the east and west coasts.



**C-12 Huron, 1984-94:** The C-12 Huron is a military version of an executive passenger and transport aircraft based on the Beech Model 200 Super King Air. It is primarily used by the Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps for several functions, including range clearance, embassy support, medical evacuation, VIP transport, passenger



**P-51 Mustang, 1952-53:** The new fighter incorporated many of the latest developments in aeronautics, notably the laminar flow wing that was relatively symmetrical and offered less drag at high speed. While the Korean War is thought of as a jet war, the Mustang played a key role in ground attack. P-51s flew over 60,000 missions in the Korean War, and were credited with destroying 12 enemy aircraft.



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C-121 Constellation, 1968: The C-121A was the military variant of the commercial Model 749 Constellation. Between 1948 and 1955 the USAF ordered 150 C-121As for use as cargo/passenger carriers, executive transports, and airborne early warning aircraft. As a troop carrier, they could carry a maximum of 44 passengers. Military use of the "Connie" spanned three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam and they were used extensively by both military and civilian airlines until the early 1960s. In addition, in 1967, an RC-121 was the first aircraft to provide Airborne Warning and Control intercept information to an Air Force fighter intercepting and shooting down a MiG over Vietnam.





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**C-140 Jet Star, 1987-1990:** The 1866th Facility Checking Squadron came to Scott AFB to perform flight inspections world-wide for DoD navigational aids/radar facilities on non-assigned Federal Aviation Administration C-140 Jet Star on Scott AFB controllers. The unit brought with it four C-140A Jet Stars.



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**C-29 Hawker, 1990-91:** This performed in-flight wartime/peacetime/contingency inspections and evaluations of Air Traffic Control systems and procedures (e.g., instrument departures, arrivals, and approaches). The aircraft ensured navigational aids provided safe guidance for instrument flight, especially at night or adverse weather. and light cargo transport. The C-12 took its maiden flight on Oct. 27, 1972, and entered service with the Army in 1974. The aircraft can accommodate a maximum of two crew and 13 passengers or 5,000 pounds of cargo. More than 300 of these aircraft are currently in service with the armed forces. The C-12 Huron is the mainstay of operational support airlift.

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**C-21, 1984-Present:** The 375th received its first C-21As from Gates Learjet during flight line ceremonies at Scott. The C-21A operational support airlift units dispersed in 1993 as part of the objective wing reorganization. But they were reconsolidated under the 375th Airlift Wing again in 1997.



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**C-40 Clipper, 2007-present:** The 54th Airlift Squadron activated on Scott AFB as an active associate unit to fly C-40C aircraft assigned to the 932nd Airlift Wing.



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**KC-135R, 2009-present:** The 906th Air Refueling Squadron moved from the 319th Operations Group, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., to the 375th Operations Group, Scott AFB. The 906th became an active associate unit flying the KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard.



# **INSTALLATION COMMANDERS**



Capt. Jack W. Heard was the first commander at Scott and had the shortest tenure, Aug. 14-30, 1917.

The following officers commanded the installation since 1917.

• Capt. Jack W. Heard: Aug. 14, 1917-Aug. 30, 1917

• Maj. George E. A. Reinbrug: Aug. 30, 1917-Oct. 2, 1917

• Lt. Col. James E. Fechet: Oct. 2, 1917-Jan. 10, 1918

• Maj. George W. DeArmond: Feb. 28, 1918-April 11, 1918

• Maj. John B. Brooks: April 11, 1918-June 1918

• Lt. Col. Augustine Warner Robins: June 1918-Oct. 1, 1918

• Maj. Henry Abbey, Jr.: Oct. 11, 1918-Oct. 11, 1919

• Capt. Junius H. Houghton: Oct. 11, 1919-Sept. 25, 1921

• Maj. Frank M. Kennedy: Sept. 25, 1921-Feb. 1, 1922

• Col. Chalmers G. Hall: Feb. 2, 1922-March 15, 1923

• Lt. Col. John A. Paegelow: March 15, 1923-June 1, 1933

• Maj. Norman W. Peek (interim):

June 1, 1933-August 1933

• Lt. Col. Frank M. Kennedy: Aug. 3, 1933-March 1, 1937



Lt. Col. John A. Paegelow was the longest serving commander at Scott from March 15, 1923-June 1, 1933.

• Col. Arthur G. Fisher: March 1, 1937-July 7, 1940

• Brig. Gen. Wolcott P. Hayes: July 8, 1940-Feb. 13, 1944

• Col. John P. Temple: • Col. W Feb. 13, 1944-March. 14, 1944 (interim):

• Brig. Gen. Sheplar W. FitzGerald: March 14, 1944-July 12, 1944

• Col. John M. Davies: July 12, 1944-Aug. 3, 1944

• Col. Thomas W. Hastey: Aug. 3, 1944-Jan. 12, 1945

• Col. Joseph E. Barzynski (acting): Jan. 12, 1945-Jan. 22, 1945

• Col. Neal Creighton: Jan. 22, 1945-Dec. 3, 1946

• Brig. Gen. Donald F. Fritch: (interim): Dec. 3, 1946-Oct. 1, 1947 April 28

• Brig. Gen. Emil C. Kiel: Oct. 1, 1947-July 18, 1949

• Brig. Gen. John F. McBlain: July 19, 1949-Oct. 1950

• Col. Alban B. Ogden, Jr. (acting): October 1950-Oct. 28, 1950

• Col. George W. Pardy: Oct. 28, 1950-April 25, 1952

• Col. Robert F. Fulton (acting): April 25, 1952-May 2, 1952 • Col. Kenneth A. Cavenah (interim): May 2, 1952-Aug. 10, 1952

• Col. Carlisle I. Ferris: Aug. 11, 1952-July 11, 1955

• Col. William E. Davis, Jr. (interim): July 11, 1955-July 26, 1955

• Brig. Gen. Wentworth Goss: July 26, 1955-July 31, 1957

• **Col. William D. Cairnes:** Aug. 1, 1957-May 23, 1958

• Col. William C. Armstrong: May 24, 1958-Oct. 25, 1963

• Col. William E. Nix: Oct. 26, 1963-May 31, 1964

• Col. James J. Hayes: June 1, 1964-April 27, 1965

• Col. Felix G. Brenner nterim):

April 28, 1965-July 18, 1965

• Col. WaLt.er F. Derck: July 19, 1965-Aug. 7, 1967

• Col. Gilmer E. Walker, Jr.: Aug. 7, 1967-Aug. 1, 1969

• Col. Geoffrey R. Ford (interim): Aug. 1, 1969-Aug. 5, 1969

• Col. Oliver W. Lewis: Aug. 6, 1969-March 31, 1970

• Col. Kenneth B. Clark: April 1, 1970-May 19, 1971

• Col. Charles E. Shannon: May 20, 1971-April 27, 1973



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Gen. Darren McDew is the only person to have commanded the 375th (Jan. 31, 2002-July 14, 2003), 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command.

> • Col. Sharman R. Stevenson: April 28, 1973-Feb. 16, 1975

• Col. David M. Hall: Feb. 17, 1975-Feb. 4, 1976

• **Col. Maurice C. Padden:** Feb. 4, 1976-June 1, 1978

• Col. E. Wayne McLamb: June 1, 1978-May 31, 1979

• Col. Peter A. Land: May 31, 1979-June 5, 1981

• Col. Gary K. Spencer: June 5, 1981-July 25, 1983

• Col. Louis V. Pelini: July 25, 1983-May 25, 1984

• Col. George R. Dixon: May 25, 1984-Nov. 15, 1985

• Col. Edward A. Glowatski:

Nov. 15, 1985 - Oct. 31, 1986 • Col. Reuben T. Dixon, Jr.:

• Col. Thomas E. Diamond: Oct. 22, 1987-March 17, 1989

Oct. 31, 1986-Oct. 22, 1987

• Col. Charles W. Bradley: March 17, 1989-April 21, 1989

• Col. John R. Wingfield III: April 21, 1989-May 10, 1991

• Col. Daniel J. Coonan III: May 10, 1991-Dec. 1, 1991

• Brig. Gen. Dwight M. Kealoha: Dec. 1, 1991-June 16, 1993



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Col. Laura L. Lenderman is the current commander, beginning her tenure on Aug. 3, 2015.

• Brig. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge: June 16, 1993-Dec. 30, 1993

• Col. John D. Hopper, Jr.: Dec. 30, 1993-Nov. 2, 1994

• Brig. Gen. David R. Love: Nov. 2, 1994-Nov. 21, 1995

• Col. Michael W. Wooley: Nov. 21, 1995-May 20, 1997

• Col. Thomas P. Kane: May 20, 1997-Aug. 11, 1998

• Col. Bradley S. Baker: Aug. 11, 1998-July 29, 2000

• Col. Thomas E. Stickford: July 29, 2000-Jan. 31, 2002

• Col. Darren W. McDew: Jan. 31, 2002-July 14, 2003

• Col. Barbara J. Faulkenberry: July 14, 2003-Jan. 7, 2005

• Col. Raymond J. Rottman: Jan. 7, 2005-May 22, 2006

• Col. Alan L. Hunt, Jr.: May 22, 2006-Aug. 18, 2008

• Col. Gary P. Goldstone: Aug. 18, 2008-June 30, 2010

• Col. Michael J. Hornitschek: June 30, 2010-May 18, 2012

• Col. David L. Almand: May 18, 2012-June 14, 2013

• Col. Kyle J. Kremer: June 14, 2013-Aug. 3, 2015

• Col. Laura L. Lenderman: Aug. 3, 2015-present

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had earlier coordinated 61 aeromedical missions to bring 357 former POWs back to the U.S. During this time, the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing activated, and soon added a fleet of C-9A Nightingales as the backbone for the worldwide aeromedical evacuation system.

Today the 375th is home to one of four active duty aeromedical evacuation squadrons in the Air Force, and is also responsible for training all Air Force AE crews at its geographically-separated unit—the 375th Operations Group Det. 4—located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Det. 4 standardizes qualification training for all reserve, guard, and active duty flight nurses and aeromedical evacuation technicians.

Because of advances in both medical techniques and the Air Force's quick response capabilities, wounded servicemembers have "an incredible 98 percent survival rate" if they reach the aircraft with a heartbeat, with an average return time of a patient to the U.S. under 72 hours.

This is a dramatic increase from the Dessert Storm survivability rate, which was 75 percent—taking an average of 10 days to return.

In Vietnam, the survivability rate was 75 percent, taking an average of 45 days.

#### OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT

In 1978, the 375th gained another mission: Operational Support Airlift. Scott had received its first T-39A Sabreliner in 1962 and had since been managing a dispersed continental fleet of 104 Sabreliners flying a combined 92,000 hours per year. Even though the T-39As were phased out in 1984, the operational support airlift mission continued with the arrival of C-21A Learjets. The 375th continues flying this mission today, as well as hosting the only formal training unit for C-21 pilots.

As the 375th reorganized during the 90s, it transitioned to an Airlift Wing and then in 2009 became an Air Mobility Wing in conjunction with a new "active associate" partnership with the Illinois Air National Guard's KC-135 refueling mission. The wing also enjoys a Total Force Association partnership with the Air Force Reserve's 932nd Airlift Wing in flying the C-40 aircraft for senior leader airlift missions for the DoD. Scott AFB serves as one of six locations in AMC and one of 10 throughout the Air Force where TFA efforts currently exist.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Since the very beginning, the surrounding communities have played an important role in the

success of Scott Air Force Base, and community relations remain strong 100 years later. Scott AFB is the largest employer in Southern Illinois and the 4th largest employer in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Every year, the base injects over \$3.5 billion dollars into the local economy and positively impacts over 13 counties in the surrounding areas. Today, Team Scott remains deeply connected to the surrounding communities and works hand-in-hand with local government and civilian organizations on a daily basis.

From security forces and firefighters responding to crises outside the gates when requested during times of mutual aid to medical residents saving lives in the local hospitals, to servicemen and women volunteering across the region, Scott personnel are passionate about making a positive difference and continuing to grow community partnerships.

The men and women serving at Scott are grateful to the surrounding communities, for they could not successfully accomplish the past centuryworth of missions without their tremendous support.

#### **CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE & AIRSHOW**

The kickoff celebration is just one way the base plans to celebrate. There will be many other centennial events through the year both on and off base, but the largest public event on base will be the 2017 Airshow and Open House that's set for June 10-11 featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. To stay updated on this and many other events and happenings around the base, please visit www.scott.af.mil, which also has quick links to all of Scott's social media platforms.

In addition to the installation's 100th Birthday, Scott AFB also is acknowledging 2017 as the 30th Anniversary of U.S. Transportation Command.

(Additional information provided courtesy of the 375th AMW History Office)



Graphic by Karen Petit

Pictured is a map of historic sites around Scott. Information on each is listed in the text below.

# HISTORIC LANDINARKS Scott showcases airpower legacy





The A/TA Hall of Fame Walkway



Airship hangar



The Essex House



Courtesy photo

Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., the Sports Center's namesake.

#### **DIXON VISITOR'S CENTER**

Bldg. 7

In 2016, Scott AFB named the Visitor's Center after former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon, who passed away at his Fairview Heights home in 2014. Through the Dixon Visitor's Center, the former senator continues to welcome those to the very base he championed for throughout his life. After serving in World War II, Dixon became police magistrate of Belleville at the age of 21, sparking his political career.

Dixon served in the state House of Representatives and Senate, as well as the treasurer and secretary of state for Illinois. In 1981, he was elected into the U.S. Senate where he served until 1993. President Bill Clinton appointed Dixon to chair the 1995 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission, where Dixon helped save \$19 billion and defended the base's existence.

#### **HOSPITAL/CLINIC**

Scott's hospital was opened in 1958 after nearly four years of construction. It was built with reinforced concrete, is fire-proof and tornado-proof, and occupies three acres of land. Later, due to Base Realignment and Closure actions, the medical center was re-designated as an ambulatory care clinic, with emergency services and medical partnerships moving to facilities in the local community.

#### AMC HEADQUARTERS

The current Air Mobility Command Headquarters building was completed in 1972. In 2016, the Air Force announced its history would consolidate with Headquarters Military Airlift Command, thus tracing its lineage back to May 29, 1941, and the Air Corps Ferry Command. This consolidation makes AMC the oldest major command in the Air Force.

#### 375TH AIR MOBILITY WING HEADQUARTERS, BLDG. P-3

The large building west of the parade field is the 375th Air

Mobility Wing Headquarters. Originally, it was built as the General Headquarters for the Air Force, but with the breakout of World War II, Scott Field instead continued its role as a training station. The motto of the 375th AMW is "Desuper Adiumentum" or "Help From Above."

#### ESSEX HOUSE

The Essex House was originally constructed in 1939 to accommodate the bachelor officer quarters and messing. It has been both an Officer's Club and a dining facility.

#### A/TA HALL OF FAME

The A/TA Hall of Fame Walkway showcases extraordinary people who have shaped the concept of Air Mobility. The A/TA memorial makes up the center portion of the walkway, sitting between a section of the Berlin Wall which was unveiled and dedicated in 1991, and a 9/11 memorial which includes a steel beam from the ruins of the original World Trade Center.

#### **18TH AF HEADQUARTERS**

Building P-4 is the headquarters for 18th Air Force. This building was originally built as the base hospital in 1939 and was quickly deemed inadequate to support the needs of the WWII Army Air Force. As a result, it was also previously occupied by 23rd Air Force (under AMC) and TRANSCOM.

#### BLDG. 7

Today Bldg. 7 houses the Area Defense Council. As the oldest building on the base, it was originally used as a helium storage area, which was used by balloons and airships during its lighter-than-air era. The building, at different times, housed a barber shop, dry cleaner, and a library.

#### HANGAR 1 & THE AIRSHIP HANGAR

On Oct. 21, 1921, Scott acquired a new mission—that of a lighter-than-air station. Back then, it was common to see huge

airships floating across the sky. When one came in to land, nearly 100 men helped to bring it into the airship hangar. This hangar was an immense structure, the second largest of its kind in the world. Its dimensions measured 810 feet in length, 206.5 feet in width, and 178 feet at its highest point. Capt. Hawthorne C. Gray, a pioneer in pushing the ceiling of the earth's altitude ever higher into the earth's atmosphere, was assigned to the Scott Airship School in 1923. In Gray's first attempt on March 9, 1927, he reached an altitude of 28,510 feet which exceeded the existing American altitude record.

#### USTC

Building 1900, which houses U.S. Transportation Command, was completed on Oct. 19, 1991. TRANSCOM is a combatant command whose mission is to coordinate worldwide logistical movement between all branches of the Department Of Defense. This command was created as a solution to logistical problems that were faced during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

#### **BLDG. 1948**

This building was part of the base's growth during the early 1970s. It first housed the old NCO club, then the Dining Hall and then after extensive renovations now houses the satellite pharmacy, the First Term Airman's Center and part of the 618th Air Operations Center (TACC).

#### JAMES SPORTS CENTER

At first, the James Sports Center was simply called the "new" gym after its completion in 1975. However, in 1979 the building was rededicated to the memory of Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., who was an eloquent speaker on the subjects of Americanism and patriotism. He was also the first African-American four-star general in the U.S. Air Force and the DoD, and served as the vice commander of then-Military Airlift Command from 1974-75.

#### FLIGHTLINE

Today, the flightline consists of one long runway with a length of 10,000 feet, which wasn't built until 1941.

The original Scott Field had no runways at all. Instead, planes landed and took off on a landing circle, which was 1,600 feet in diameter with a 65 foot smaller circle made of cinders inside it.

The flight tower was located on the small cinder circle, along with a megaphone, wind vane, and shelters for fliers waiting to take their turns at the controls of a Standard Trainer or JN-4D Jenny aircraft.

In the beginning the Standard Trainer airplane, which arrived unassembled, was used. Later, students flew the Jenny. Early airplanes were made of wood and cloth and were glued and wired together. Flying in those days was quite hazardous, and a number of Scott pilots lost their lives in accidents. Soldiers looked on the light side and enjoyed (or endured) goodnatured teasing about their flying exploits.

For instance, Scott Field's 1918 yearbook makes reference to "Lieutenant Creedon, who made history by making one landing on two roofs!"

Also immortalized in the yearbook were Lieutenant Wheat, who specialized in landing in wheat fields; Lieutenant Niblack, who "scraped every roof in Belleville"; and Lieutenant "Slim" Lycan who "cussed more than he flew." Despite many challenges in the early years of aviation, Scott successfully accomplished its wartime mission in training over 500 pilots and mechanics by the end of World War I.

#### STREET NAMES

• **Birchard Street:** Birchard St. was named in honor of Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, who was Vice Commander of the Military Air Transport Service, or MATS, from 1963-66.

• Watnee Street: This street is named in memory of Col. Lloyd H. Watnee. It is quite appropriate that Watnee Street is located across from the old Air Force Communications Command building because Watnee was the first commander of the Army Airways Communications System (1941-43).

• Goettler Street: Goettler Street, named after 1st Lt. Harold E. Goettler who was a World War I pilot posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

• Martin Street: Martin Street is named in remembrance of Capt. Duane V. Martin who received the Air Force Cross and Purple Heart for extraordinary heroism as a helicopter pilot attempting to rescue a downed USAF pilot in North Vietnam on Sept. 20, 1965;

• Pitsenbarger Street: Pitsenbarger Street commemorates the heroism of Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger, who received the Air Force Cross (posthumously) for extraordinary heroism when he sacrificed his life to ensure the rescue of wounded combatants in Vietnam in 1966. His award was upgraded to the Medal of Honor in December 2000.

• King Street: Chief Master Sgt. Charles D. King posthumously received the Air Force Cross for extraordinary heroism as a Pararescue man in recovering a downed USAF pilot in Southeast Asia in December 1968.

• Goettler Street: In the course of a mission to drop supplies to a battalion of the 77th Division during WWI, 1st Lt. Harris Goettler's DH-4 biplane was brought down by enemy rifle and machine gun fire from the ground, resulting in his death. During numerous attempts to air drop critical supplies, showed the highest devotion to duty, courage and valor.

• Scott Drive: It was named after Cpl. Frank S. Scott, who was killed in the crash of a Wright Type B aircraft piloted by Lt. Lewis C. Rockwell. Lt. Rockwell also perished in the crash and is the only person an Air Force Base has been named after.

# **SCOTT AFB: THEN & NOW**

### 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron





In October 1957, Scott Air Force Base realigned from Air Training Command to the Military Air Transport Service with a priority on aeromedical evacuation. The 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is one of four active duty AE squadrons and they train, mobilize, and deploy aboard C-130, C-17, C-21, and KC-135 aircraft.

Air Ops



Courtesy photo:

Scott Field began as an aviation-training field for World War I pilots in August 1917 when the 11th and 21st Aero Squadrons from Kelly Field, Texas arrived. The first flight from Scott Field occurred on Sept. 2, 1917. Scott Air Force Base, home to the Air Mobility Command, is also the headquarters of the U.S. Transportation Command and coordinates transportation across all military services.



### Air Mobility Command



Courtesy photos

The Military Air Transport Service was re-designated as Military Airlift Command in 1966. Today, it is the Air Mobility Command, providing global air mobility at home and around the world.

## 375th Communications Group





Courtesy photos

The communications training era began in Sept. 1940 with the opening of the Radio School, which trained over 150,000 Airmen. By 1959, the remaining courses were either phased out or relocated. Currently, the 375th Communications Group supports the mission of the 375th Air Mobility Wing in its global reach mission by providing command, control, communications and computer support to the Department of Defense.

### Commissary







### DFAC



Courtesy photos

Several base commissary facilities, including the main one in building 56, were consolidated and opened in a single base commissary in the newly renovated cold storage plant, Bldg. 1961. The Commissary ranks first for non-pay benefits with military patrons and still offers overall savings of more than 32 percent compared with retail stores.

# Pharmacy





Courtesy photos

In 1943, the Scott Field hospital pharmacy supported the base's population of 20,000. The 375th Medical Group's pharmacy priority is its patrons and finding better ways to serve them in their time of need.



Building 700 was once Scott Field's 600-man mess hall in the 1940's. The staff at the Nightingale Dining Facility at Scott Air Force Base host approximately 200 customers during lunch and 500 total between breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Nightingale Inn is an award-winning facility having been named the Best in AMC and Best in the Air Force.

### Scott Club





Courtesy photos

The Scott Event Center, once known in the 1940's as the Service Club, provides a place for Team Scott to unwind while enjoying great food and entertainment for breakfast, lunch, and dinner or special events.

### **375th Security Forces**





Courtesy photo:

Evolving from the Air Police in the 1950's, the 375th Security Forces Squadron's mission has stayed the same: to provide security and law enforcement services to the Scott Air Force Base community while meeting worldwide mobility requirements.

# Bowling



Courtesy photos

The bowling center on base is always a popular destination for service members looking for entertainment, such as those shown in this in this 1943 photo of a bowling tournament at Scott Field. In 1972, Scott AFB received its current bowling center located in Bldg. 1934, which at the time was a 16-lane facility. Since then, it has been updated to include 24 lanes and the Spare Time Grille, a popular local eatery.

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like about Scott AFB are the career opportunities, diversity, and the many activities and events that are offered."

"I like that Scott AFB has an active EOD unit, I really feel safer knowing that the AMC "Showcase EOD Flight" is here keeping us safe!" "I like how beautiful it is each season with the landscape and scenery. All the way along the main road, up through the old gate to the flight line, and all through the base. I like the old buildings which add so much character. I like that Scott is in the Midwest where it is still relatively secluded from the city."

WE ASKED

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"Scott Air Force Base is not just our largest employer in the County, but Scott's impact is felt throughout the fabric of our County. From its economic impact to the value of military retirees that fabric and impact remains strong."

"Scott Air Force Base is about family, community, traditions, and the history of not only the Air Force, but the State of Illinois."

**100 YEARS** OF GROWING BRANCHES ON THE SCOTT FAMILY TREE. I'M THANKFUL TO BE A LEAF

"What I like about Scott AFB is the high number of retired military members who continue to serve as civil servants or contractors. They bring a wealth of experience and service oriented work ethic in support of our missions." "What I like about Scott Air Force Base is the amount of social events offered across our base and local community. Towns go out of their way to provide top-notch entertainment and memories."



"Scott Air Force Base is great. My family is located close by and there are many activities to do in the local area."

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. [I] WAS AT SCOTT AS A **DEPENDENT** AND STATIONED THERE ON ACTIVE DUTY **TVVICE**  1B

# AND CALL THIS PLACE HOME.





SCOT: IT'S THE REASON I HAVE MY HUSBAND. THIS IS WHERE HE WAS STATIONED WHER HE WAS STATIONED WHEN WE FIRST "One of the best things about Scott AFB is the amount of time spent on base beautification."

"I love everything about Scott Air Force Base, especially the heritage side of the base. I have the fondest memories of swiming in the pools, playing golf on the course, riding bikes around the base, bowling at the bowling alley, eating Sunday brunch at the club and Mongolian BBQ, fishing at Scott Lake, seeing the space shuttle land in the early 1980's, hearing the

C-90 take off and land. So many memories, too many to count."



I MEAN, WHAT CAN I SAY? SIMPLY SIMPLY PUT... SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE IS HOMF