



# THE DANG TRUTH

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## Bilateral exercise Cope Taufan 23 successfully completed in Malaysia

*Story by 1st Lt. Samantha Perez, 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*



TUDM SUBANG, MALAYSIA -- Aviators, maintainers, jumpers, and mission support personnel from the Royal Malaysian Air Force and the 142d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron stand for a photo on the flightline at TUDM Subang, Malaysia prior to a four-ship C-130 formation mass personnel airdrop mission during Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23. 241 US and Malaysian jumpers parachuted onto a planned drop zone. Fifty-seven members of the 166th Airlift Wing were in Malaysia supporting this exercise. COPE TAUFAN is a USPACAF-sponsored joint/combined large force employment exercise with the Royal Malaysian Air Force and the United States Air Force. CT23 is designed to improve U.S. combined readiness and interoperability. CT23 reinforces USPACOM Theater Security Cooperations (TSC) goals for the Southeast Asian region, and demonstrates U.S. capability to project forces strategically in a combined/joint environment. (courtesy photo)

### 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

13 Oct. 166 AW Trunk or Treat

### DEVELOPMENTAL EVENTS:

4 Nov MXG 0900-1030 at Main Hangar  
POC: CMSgt Heuyard

Airmen from the U.S. and Malaysian Air Forces marked the successful completion of 12 days of bilateral training and increased mutual cooperation during the Cope Taufan 23 (CT23) closing ceremony at Royal Malaysian Air Force P.U. Butterworth, Sept. 29, 2023.

A long-standing bilateral U.S. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)-sponsored Field Training Exercise conducted with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), CT23 focused on enhancing mutual cooperation and building on existing capabilities, aircrew tactics and force employment. This year's event ran

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...And *that's* the DANG Truth!



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NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del. -- Members of the 142d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron prepare to board a C-130H3 Hercules for the long flight to Malaysia on 5 September 2023. Two aircraft from the Delaware Air National Guard were assigned to participate in Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23, a month-long bilateral exercise designed to improve interoperability with our allies in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Mr. Mitch Topal)



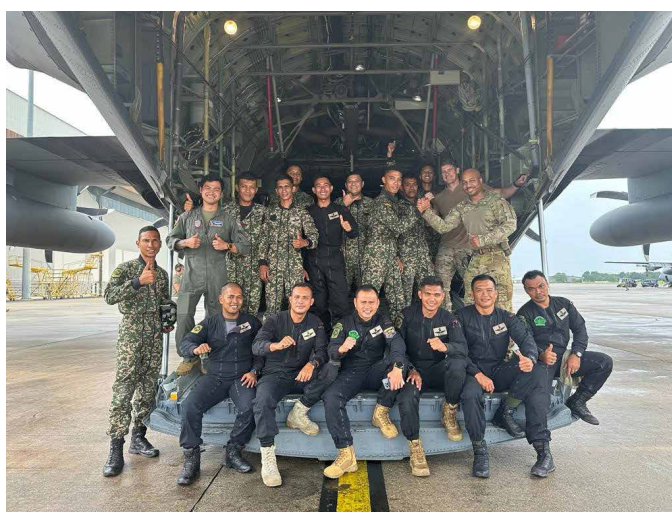
Captain Clayton J. Belcher, 142d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Aircraft Commander, discusses coordination items with Royal Malaysian Air Force counterparts prior to a C-130 mission during Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23. (courtesy photo)



Members of the 142d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and the Royal Malaysian Air Force in front of a 166th Airlift Wing-assigned C-130H3 on the flightline at Subang Air Base during Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23. (courtesy photo)



A C-130H3 Hercules performs an air drop during Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23. (courtesy photo)



142d Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and Royal Malaysian Air Force loadmasters and jumpmasters celebrate onboard a USAF C-130H3 after a successful four-ship C-130 formation personnel airdrop during Exercise COPE TAUFAN 23. (courtesy photo)

from Sept. 18 - 29 and marked the first iteration of the exercise since COVID-19.

"Our crews both on the ground and in the air challenged themselves to improve their skills, and they have clearly succeeded," Brig. Gen. Sarah H. Russ, PACAF mobilization assistant to the director of strategy, plans, programs, and requirements said. "These...days of practice and fellowship have improved both our Air Forces, and we are now better prepared for future missions."

Primarily a fighter centered exercise, CT23 focused on tactical mobility and provided an excellent opportunity to improve combined readiness and interoperability between the U.S. and Malaysia. It allowed for the exchange of techniques related to air superiority, tactical airlift and airdrop, military police practices, and tactical medical processes.

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Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) prepares Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES) Aircrew CBRN Equipment (ACBRNE) for future deployments and bid missions. (courtesy photo)



Twenty-man life rafts and survival accessory kits recently inspected and packed by AFE. Shown in containers ready to install into the wings of our newly gained C-130 H3s. (courtesy photo)



AFE is responsible for the inspection and rigging of back style automatic emergency parachutes for personnel emergency egress. (courtesy photo)



AFE cleaning and inspection of aircrew helmets, oxygen masks and quick don emergency oxygen masks are crucial to ensuring equipment integrity, communication and functionality. (courtesy photo)

During the closing ceremony, RMAF Brig. Gen. Rozainy bin Ahmad Rapiee briefed on this year's exercise accomplishments, and stated that the exercise demonstrated remarkable dedication to the nations' partnership.

"Both Air Forces [were] able to collaborate to develop a comprehensive co-agreed operation procedure that will guarantee the safe and efficient conduct of combined air

operations," Rapiee said. "It is essential to perpetually review and update the operation procedure to ensure that it remains relevant and valuable as the operational environment, capabilities, and requirements."

Total participation included more than 70 U.S. military personnel, F-16s from the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and C-130s from the Delaware Air National Guards' 166th Airlift Wing, New Castle Air National

Guard Base, Delaware, alongside RMAF personnel, SU 30MKM, HAWK, F/A18D, C130H, A400, and EC725.

"I am proud of the many accomplishments during this exercise and believe strongly in the importance of our relationship," Russ said. "I look forward to further combined training opportunities in the future and for the many ways that we will continue to work together to ensure a free & open Indo-Pacific."

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# Cope Taufan 23 by the Numbers



Large formation of Exercise COPE Taufan participants from the USAF and Malaysian Air Force. (courtesy photo)

## 142d Expeditionary Airlift

### Squadron personnel:

- 166 AW: 57 (OG, MXG, MSG, Wing Staff)
- 180 FW: 1
- 189 AW: 1
- Regular AF: 11
- Civilian: 1

### Metrics:

- Total exercise sorties: 14 (tactical airdrop, tactical airland, actual personnel static line/ HALO, cross country, High-Value Air Asset Protection, aircrew proficiency)
- Total exercise hours: 23.4

- Delaware to Malaysia deployment: 12 sorties / 80.1 hrs
- Malaysia to Delaware redeployment: 12 sorties / 80.1 hrs
- Total CDS airdropped: 6
- Total HE airdropped: 1
- Total jumpers: 123 (120 Malaysian, 3 US)
- Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs) in Night-Vision Goggles usage, Aeromedical Evacuation operations, Medical operations/ TCCC, Low-level formation planning



# U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENTS AID MANHUNT

*Lockheed P-3 Orion Long Range Tracker parks at Delaware Air National Guard flightline*

*Story by Mr. Mitch Topal, 166th AW Public Affairs*



NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del.— U.S. Customs and Border Protection P-3 Orion stops at the 166th Airlift Wing's flightline, 7 September 2023. Agents were dispatched to assist in the manhunt for escaped fugitive Danelo Cavalcante who broke out of prison in Chester County, Pennsylvania on 31 August. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Mr. Mitch Topal)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) dispatched an Air and Marine Operations (AMO) Lockheed P-3 Long Range Tracker crew to transport a U.S. Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) team to Pennsylvania in an effort to locate and apprehend convicted killer Danelo Cavalcante. They arrived at the New Castle Air National Guard Base on September 7, where they joined Pennsylvania state and local law enforcement officers to continue the manhunt for the fugitive, who escaped from a Pennsylvania prison nine days earlier. The BORTAC team and an AMO Ground Tactical Air Controller (GTAC) agent who coordinated air support were instrumental in Cavalcante's dramatic capture while working with federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations on September 13.

This rare visit by a Lockheed P-3 Long Range Tracker is a historical first for the 166th Airlift Wing and turned some heads as it taxied into its spot on the flightline next to its cousin, the Lockheed C-130H Hercules. The Delaware Air National Guard is always ready to assist in multi-jurisdictional efforts to keep our state and Nation safe from both foreign and domestic threats. We were happy to provide a secure location for the P-3 while the agents prepared to apprehend the escaped criminal.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) operates the P-3 Long Range Tracker (LRT) aircraft which performs a wide variety of operational missions, especially those that require long station time overhead, hemispheric range, and missions throughout all weather and environmental conditions. The versatile P-3 also serves as a force multiplier in joint operations with local, state, and federal partners for National Special Security Events and consequence management efforts.

The P-3 LRT aircraft is a high-endurance, all-weather, tactical turbo-prop aircraft. They are primarily used to conduct long-range aerial patrols and surveillance missions along the U.S. borders and in drug transit zones in Central and South America.

P-3 LRT aircraft often fly in tandem with the P-3 AEW. In order to take advantage of both aircraft's strengths, the P-3 AEW detects and tracks multiple targets and the accompanying P-3 LRT intercepts, identifies, and tracks those targets.

In Fiscal Year 2020, AMO P-3 crews contributed to the seizure or disruption of 111,134 pounds of cocaine.

# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

## SrA Zainab Maria Young 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**M**y name is Zainab Maria Young. I am currently a Senior Airmen in the Delaware Air National Guard and am about to complete four years in the Air Force this September. The younger version of me would have never imagined myself being in this position, but I am so grateful for this incredible journey.

I am originally from Lincoln, Nebraska – born and raised. My mother is from Guatemala and my father is from Iraq. I grew up in a family of six, with an older brother to look up to and two younger siblings to inspire. I was first introduced to the word “military” from my father; he came overseas as a refugee with my uncle, who both fought in the Iraqi Army. I grew up hearing stories from him, but the one that still sticks to this day – a bullet wound which went through his left leg, and a scar to remember it by.

High school me had imagined myself becoming a marine biologist, working on the coast and studying wildlife. I vividly remember sitting in my Career and Life Management class my freshman year and our teacher told us we had an upcoming project. This was the project that changed my life. We had to job shadow an individual in a career that we were interested in. I had remembered that my dad was in the military, so I decided to follow in his steps. I had an eighth-grade teacher, whom I loved dearly, and I remembered her husband worked in the Air Force. She had always mentioned that I could reach out to him for advice, so I did, and we had set up an appointment. That day that I went on a military base for the first time was the best experience. I loved learning about the aircraft, finding out all the possible jobs that I could choose from, and hearing that it paid for my college? That was too difficult not to pass up!

A few years went by, and I found out that a person near and dear to my heart – my godfather – had also been in the

Air Force. He had spent years traveling the world with my godmother in active duty and retired as a Colonel in Intel with the Nebraska Air National Guard. That was my final push in my decision to join.



I had decided to join the Nebraska Air National Guard. After speaking with the recruiter and taking my ASVAB, I had several options to choose from ... the one that stood out the most – Materiel Management. Personally, what made it easy to say yes to them, was the hospitality! My superintendent there was amazing, explained in great detail what the job would entail, and how it would work after tech school! I was sold and so thrilled!

A year after I enlisted, I was finally sent off to BMT, where I met my husband of three years now! We got married and as an active-duty member in the Air Force, he was sent off to his first duty station which was McGuire Air Force Base. I was back and forth between New Jersey and Nebraska, and I was getting settled into our new home, when my husband and I decided I needed to transfer. The only issue was that New Jersey was all slotted up for positions in the Guard. So, I called the next best place – Delaware. I have been here for two years now and have recently accepted a full-time position. It has been an amazing journey since! I'll never get over how supportive and caring this unit is and am so grateful for making the decision to join Supply.

As far as future goals, I plan to follow in my godfathers' footsteps – I am working on receiving a bachelor's degree to commission and become an officer. I plan to do the full 20 years and maybe some! The military has given me amazing opportunities, wonderful friends, and a stable vision for what's to come! I am so grateful for everything that I have received and am excited to see what lies ahead for me.





# Promotions & Retirements

October 2023

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## Promotions

Amena J. Backoulastello to TSgt

Ashley E. Flood to TSgt

Isabel Ac P. Lacerona to TSgt

Ariana Bernal Cruz to SSgt

Veronica K. Rodriguez to SSgt

Quisean T. Robinson to SSgt

Nathan H. Stauffer to SSgt

## Retirements

TSgt Alonzo L. Chapman 166th AW Public Affairs

# Mentorship Program – Speed Mentoring Event

By Senior Master Sergeant Faith C. Fleischman  
166 AW Human Resource Advisor



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We are continuing our voluntary wing-wide Mentorship Program with a speed mentoring event for the wing during November's RSD. Mentoring helps mentees develop new skills, become better problem-solvers, become better acclimated to their work environments, and have an example to look up to. For mentors, this is a great way to practice leadership and development skills. This mentorship program and all events are available to anyone interested in the Wing. The sign-up process is easy! Please contact me or CMSgt Chena Williams for the questionnaire or swing by my office.

Benefits of mentorship in the workplace for mentees include greater self-confidence, self-awareness, job satisfaction, and a great way to reach your goals. Benefits for mentors include greater self-confidence, improved communication skills, job satisfaction, and not to mention EPR bullets! Mentoring also benefits the Air National Guard and our Wing, by diversifying leadership, knowledge sharing, improved job satisfaction, and better retention rates.

Did you know in a five-year study of 1,000 employees (Gartner 2006), mentees were promoted five times more often than those not in a mentoring program, retention rates were higher for both mentees and mentors than for those who did not participate in a mentoring program. 84% said mentors helped them avoid costly mistakes, 84% became proficient in their roles faster, and 69% were making better decisions.

If you'd like to learn more about the Mentorship Program, how the HRA can assist you, or would like to schedule training for your Section or Squadron please stop by my office or send me an email. Also, don't forget the HRA Diversity & Inclusion series courses are offered to the Wing every Saturday or Sunday of RSD. Check the RSD Plan and monthly email for locations. See you there!

Human Resource Advisor: Diversity & Inclusion Wing-wide Courses		
	Times TBD	Times TBD
FY24	Saturday	Sunday
October	NO HRA CLASSES SCHEDULED	
November	MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - SPEED MENTORING EVENT	Coaching/Mentoring Methods
December	Conflict Management	HOLIDAY PARTIES
January	SENIOR LEADERS CONFERENCE	Communication Across Generations
February	Microaggressions	
March	Understanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Four Lenses - Understanding Others Personalities
April	Navigating Leadership Challenges	
May	MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - PANEL MENTORING EVENT	Coaching/Mentoring Methods
June	Unconscious Bias	Emotional Intelligence
July	NO RSD	
August	Leadership & Effective Communication	
September	Managing Stress & Resiliency	
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# Feathers of the Wing

A historical perspective by BG (Ret.) Kennard Wiggins, Curator of the Delaware Military Museum

## Trans-Atlantic Record Set



Del ANG crew fights hydraulic failure during Mildenhall approach. (Illustration by Sgt James Wyeth)

*From the November 1969 DANG Truth:*

Near the end of October a DelANG C-97 was the first of its kind to fly across the big Atlantic pond, non-stop. Commanded by Captain Judson Wooding, the plane proceeded to another first during the flight.

Stopping at Rhein Main Germany, to pick up a “corridor pilot” C-97 No. 928 flew to Berlin. This is one of the few times an Air Guard plane has ventured into this restricted airspace. Navigator Major Phillip Goettel helped pilots Wooding and Major Richard Hazell and 2nd Lt Craig Obeck effect the difficult approach into West Berlin. The landing entailed two passes over “the wall” to an airfield originally built by the Nazis during WWII.

Although the flight was a first, the plane's mechanical performance was less than first rate. After one abort because of a lost engine, the crew got in another plane (No. 928). Nine hours over the ocean a pump failed on engine number three and they had to depressurize the hydraulic system. With no hydraulic pressure they would have to make an emergency landing at Mildenhall, England.

A plane with no brakes, power assist to the rudder,

windshield wipers, and no steering on the nose wheel is not the easiest to land. Captain Wooding admitted that he was worried that night as he let the empty airplane down into the rain over London. As they approached Mildenhall, Major Hazell began pumping the hydraulic system by hand. Flight Engineer Roger Lambeth poured extra fluid into a small auxiliary tank by the co-pilot's seat. As Major Hazell worked the other crew members strapped themselves down.

The plane touched down the rainy runway and the engines were reversed. They stopped before a casting nose wheel complicated taxiing and the airplane was towed off the runway. The crew proceed to Berlin where they picked up a mock-up of the LEM module plus an Apollo 8 capsule. They headed south. Over France engine number two began to backfire. Touching down in Athens Wooten and Lambeth again climbed out to carry out repairs. They changed a carburetor and a cylinder. Captain Wooding said they would still be there were it not for the two engineers. Both men logged 80 hours CT time (overtime) during the eight-day mission. Dropping the displays in Tehran, Iran, for the Iran Trade Fair, The DelANG crew turned for home.



**Airman & Family Readiness Program**  
**302-323-3327**

# 166 AW Trunk or Treat

Prize for the best decorated car!

MUST have a valid DOD ID to participate and enter on the base.



DATE: Friday, 13 October 2023

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: 166 AW DEANG

OVERFLOW PARKING LOT

Be there or be SCARED

To register please contact:

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# ANNUAL FALL FAMILY FUN EVENT

Hosted in partnership by DNG-J9 & DNG Youth Foundation



## SATURDAY, OCT 28, 2023

### 1500-1700 hours \* COOK FAMILY FARM

3300 Frazer Road, Newark, DE 19702

**TREATS | FACEPAINTING | BARNYARD ANIMALS | BONFIRE | PUMPKINS | SMORES | HAYRIDE**

Join us for our **Biggest Event of the Year** – our **FALL FAMILY FUN!** Fall is a favorite time of year at the Farm! Enjoy a hayride through the fields or hangout with the barnyard animals. Climb the giant slide and race on your favorite tricycle. Warm up by the bonfire and roast your s'mores!

Kids are encouraged to come in **costume and Trick-or-Treat** through the J9 Program tables! Come for the fun and facepainting! Our Guard Kids will pick their perfect Jack-Be-Little pumpkin and decorate! And of course, we will have treats for all!!



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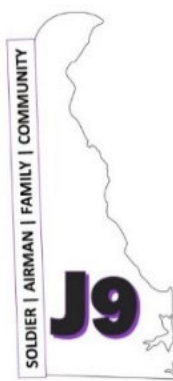
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*The event is at no cost and open to all ages of our current DE ARNG and DE ANG dependent children, along with their parents/guardians.  
Parents/guardians must accompany their children.*

**All the Fun is funded by the nonprofit ~ DNG Youth Foundation**

The event is put on with the support of our Community Partners



For questions, contact your Family Readiness office:

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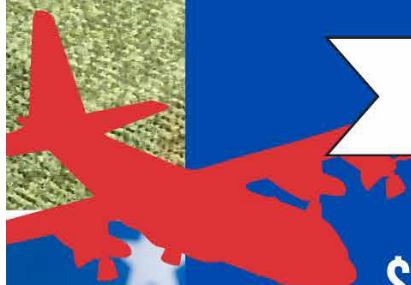
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