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Retired Col. John "JB" Stone visits Nellis AFB to present Red Flag-Nellis award in his honor

by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades
Nellis AFB, Nev.

Retired Col. John "JB" Stone presented the Capt. John Stone award for "Outstanding Mission Commander" to Capt. Paul "Bullet" Young, a pilot assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., during the Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 culmination ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022.

At age 85, Stone visited Nellis for two days before presenting this award, which has been given out after every Red Flag-Nellis since 2014. This is the first time that Stone himself has presented the award.

"I must say, I'm honored and flattered to be invited to come talk to this group," said Stone in his speech to participants of Red Flag 22-3. "I didn't know if I was in the right Air Force when I started hearing all the stuff that you guys could do and how you do it with such ease."

The Capt. John Stone award showcases one exceptional blue-force pilot and their contribution to the exercise. Young not only demonstrated this above his 26 other



Air Force photographs by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades

Capt. Paul Young, a pilot assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson, N.C., accepts the Capt. John Stone award for 'Outstanding Mission Commander' by its namesake, retired Col. John "JB" Stone, during the Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 culmination ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022. The Capt. John Stone award is the mark of influential and quintessential planning that will lead the Air Force into surpassing its near-peer challengers.

mission commanders but also exhibited improvement in mission planning and problem-solving, a key component of Red Flag-Nellis.

"Red Flag training prioritizes 'first-timers combat missions, mission commander upgrades, and flag unique experiences that contribute to the highest readiness levels,'" said Col. Jared Hutchinson, 414th Combat Training Squadron, commander.

The significance of Stone and this award predates the first Red Flag in 1975 with Operation BOLO. Operation BOLO was a masterful and strategic plan that destroyed half of the North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighter force in 1966. During that time, disgruntled talk of the same repeated plan created a new way of thinking and planning.

"The idea was to do something new instead of the standard plan," said Stone. "The best thing we could do is change their idea about shooting down American airplanes."

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Participants from Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 sit with retired Col. John "JB" Stone, for the final remarks and the Red Flag culmination ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 29, 2022. Stone is the namesake of the Capt. John Stone award for "Outstanding Mission Commander" that is awarded to an exceptional blue-force pilot for their contribution to the exercise.



Retired Col. John "JB" Stone, the tactician behind Operation BOLO, and his son, retired Col. Jon Stone, watch preflight checks during Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 29, 2022. John Stone was the tactician behind Operation BOLO, a mission during the Vietnam War that destroyed half of the North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighter force in 1996.

CCAF electronic transcripts now available

by Benny Seawright

Maxwell AFB, Ala.

For the first time in its 50-year history, the Community College of the Air Force is now offering Electronic Transcripts Delivery through Parchment, a digital credentialing service agency.

This is the first time CCAF has been able to offer this in its 50-year history.

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'Communication and Information' career field changes name

On July 1, 2022, the "Communication and Information" career field changed its name to "Cyberspace and Information Technology."

"The career field name is in sync with the on-going shift in mission and overall focus of the cyberspace career field including military (officer and enlisted) and civilians," said Lauren Knausenberger, Department of the Air Force

chief information officer. "The career field is transforming to a cyberspace mission that's enabled by information technology and all of its digital components."

At this time, no occupational series will be added to or eliminated from the career field's current exclusive or shared series and there is no occupational series impact to other career fields.

Additionally, the Cyberspace and Information Technology career field is working to implement and code cyber positions as defined by the Department of Defense Cyber Workforce Framework.

Some Department of the Air Force cyber positions also transitioned to the new Cyber Excepted Service structure to assist in tracking and retaining cyber talent in Department of Defense.

"It is an exciting time for the Cyberspace and Information Technology Career Field as we continue down the path of digital transformation where the cyberspace domain enables all we deliver for the warfighter," Knausenberger said. "This new name encompasses all we do and aids in the recruitment and retention of the cyber and IT talent we need to meet today's missions."

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In short, Stone devised a tactic to imitate an F-105 Thunderchief bombing formation. This allowed Col. Robin Olds, the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing commander at the time, to lead a group of F-4 Phantom IIs that destroyed about half of the opposing operational forces.

With such history, the Capt. John Stone award is the mark of influential and quintessential planning that will lead the Air Force in surpassing its near-peer challenges. To have the namesake present this award is an honor that only occurs at Nellis Air Force Base.



Air Force photograph by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades

Retired Col. John "JB" Stone, the tactician behind Operation BOLO, and his son, retired Col. Jon Stone, pose in front of an F-22A Raptor assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va., during Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 29, 2022. John Stone was at Nellis to present the Capt. John Stone award for 'Outstanding Mission Commander' for the first time.

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SecAF visits Nellis Air Force Base, touts Warfare Center role in future fight

By Airman 1st Class Makenna Gott
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Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall visited Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to see the culmination of Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 on July 28, 2022.

For 47 years Red Flag participants have been presented with the latest in adversary tactics and the most challenging training scenarios to ensure their survivability in real conflict, and Red Flag 22-3 took that tradition to a new level by presenting warfighters even tougher problem sets focused on peer competitors' capabilities.

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Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Zachary Rufus

Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall is greeted by Maj. Gen. Case Cunningham, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gene Jameson, USAFWC command chief, upon arrival at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022. Kendall and his team visited multiple units at Nellis to meet total force Airmen and learn more about current operations and concerns.

Secretary of the Air Force visits Creech

by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea
Creech AFB, Nev.

Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall visited the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., July 29, 2022, to learn firsthand the base's importance in remotely piloted aircraft innovation.

Kendall's conversation with Creech leaders focused on the continuous effort to establish Next Generation Air Dominance through investing in technology, mechanics and the people who provide mission support.

"Our weapon system is the RPA

Triad: Airmen, Aircraft and Infrastructure," said Col. Eric Schmidt, 432nd Wing/432nd AEW commander. "Airmen are the most critical part of the Triad and we have taken steps to prepare the Hunters for the future fight."

Part of that preparation includes alleviating the operational and emotional stress that RPA Airmen incur as a result of their hard work. Because of their skill, they experience a high demand for support from Combatant Commanders. Maximizing performance by ensuring peak mental health is a key function of the Human Performance Team.

The HPT, a unique team of Op-

erational Psychologists, Aerospace and Operational Physiologists (AOP), Flight Surgeons, and a Religious Support Team (RST) identified for RPA support, represent specialty areas of stressors that RPA crews may face.

"We've found that by having support embedded in units, the providers are able to build better relationships, gain trust, and have a better understanding of the mission," said Chaplain/Maj. James Taylor, the HPT flight chief. "This allows our providers to be more proactive than reactive with their support."

Based on the positive feedback generated from integrated support units, steps

have been taken to further expand such initiatives. Creech looks to introduce the True North program, which embeds providers and spiritual leaders within squadrons and groups where they are most needed.

"There are four pillars of the resilience model: mental, physical, social and spiritual," said Master Sgt. Peter Berger, the HPT superintendent. "We must have equal focus on each pillar to ensure that Airmen realize their full potential."

The Wing has also begun the process of incorporating an Operational Support Team, an embedded medical team that aims to provide on-site care, training and preventive fitness. The quicker an Airman can have their physical needs addressed, the better equipped they are to face operational challenges.

"The care of all types provided to our Airmen at Creech is responsive and professional. These Airmen carry out their duties with expertise and dedication, but these responsibilities create stress and other concerns," Kendall said. "The embedded resiliency support we provide is designed to ensure that Airmen have ready access to care for all their mental, spiritual and physical health needs," Kendall said.

The visit wrapped with Kendall personally meeting with five exceptional Airmen and coining them to recognize their accomplishments and dedication to duty.

"It was inspiring and humbling to meet with these dedicated Airmen who are constantly looking for innovative options and new ideas to improve RPA operations," Kendall said.



Air Force photograph by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea

Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall poses with Airmen assigned to the 432nd Wing/432nd Expeditionary Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., July 29, 2022. Kendall participated in a roundtable discussion to listen and respond to their questions and concerns.

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“We have a high-end peer competitor problem now, and these exercises are enormously valuable in getting people ready to take on that challenge. Our response to this challenge also includes agile combat employment as part of our approach to dealing with the high end threat,” Kendall said.

Before this iteration of Red Flag, the 65th Aggressor Squadron was re-activated to provide dedicated fifth-generation adversary air for our forces and allies to train against.

“It’s critically important that we have training that emulates the kind of adversary that our Airmen might actually have to face,” Kendall said.

During his visit, Kendall learned about the mission of the 414th Combat Training Squadron, Red Flag, and also toured various facilities including the Virtual Test and Training Center, the Shadow Operations Center-Nellis, and the 59th Test and Evaluation Squadron’s Data Lab.

“I saw a lot here that is going to influence where we’re going,” Kendall said. “We’ve long had an advantage in the sophistication and robustness of our training, I saw some examples of that while I was here.”

Kendall emphasized, “I also saw

some things that are pointing out the direction to the future and where we need to go to advance our capabilities even further.”

The Secretary also applauded the US-AFWC’s Pacing Challenge Campaign Plan as vital to focusing test, training and tactics development on the future fight.

“The USAF Warfare Center ensures Airmen have the best integrated and advanced training, most capable and operationally agile equipment, and most effective tactics available to conduct joint, all-domain combat operations,” Kendall said.



Air Force photographs by Senior Airman Zachary Rufus

Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall greets Tech. Sgt. Jeromy Vranknen, IT specialist assigned to the 31st Combat Training Squadron, during SecAF’s visit to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022. Kendall and his team visited multiple units at Nellis to meet total force Airmen and learn more about current operations and concerns.



LEFT: Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall coins Staff Sgt. Alicia Thomas, 99th Air Base Wing food service shift leader, during his visit to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022. Kendall and his team visited multiple units at Nellis to meet total force Airmen and learn more about current operations and concerns.

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MQ-9 showcases capabilities to Joint Force during first-time Valiant Shield participation

By 1st Lt. Lindsey Heflin
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The 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., recently validated the MQ-9 Reaper's agility and proved mission relevance to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Joint Force through their participation in the Valiant Shield exercise.

Valiant Shield provides a versatile venue to test current and new technologies and platforms through integration across U.S. forces. This marks the first time an Operational Test MQ-9 participated in an exercise of this magnitude.

The primary objectives of the MQ-9 OT team during the biennial event were to prove Reaper Agile Combat Employment in the Pacific Theater, integrate with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense's experimental division's killchain acceleration effort, and test maritime capabilities and integration tactics. Additionally, they set out to evaluate long-range hellfire employment and assess an Electronic Support Measures pod, Command and Control Common Operating Picture integration, and the Cavok Tactical Situation Display for aircrew.

During the exercise the 556th TES conducted 24/7 operations for 19 days straight over an area spanning 9,000 miles; from Creech to three separate operating locations in the Pacific.

Aircrew conducted all sorties from Creech using

Satellite Communications for all taxi and airborne procedures. The singular exception was a specific Line-of-Sight recovery test used to validate the Ruggedized Aircraft Maintenance Test Stand's ability to take control and command the landing of an arriving lost-link aircraft. This test concluded by taxiing the aircraft back using the enhanced-taxi capability inherent in the new 2410 flight software version under control by the RAMTS.

"The ability for the plane to land itself lost-link was validated upon initial arrival to Andersen AFB with the

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Air Force photographs MQ-9 showcases capabilities to Joint Force during first-time Valiant Shield participation.



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crew on the RAMTS passively monitoring,” said Lt. Col. Michael Chmielewski, 556th TES commander. “Throughout the exercise, the RAMTS was the only equipment used to generate all sorties. No traditional Launch and Recovery equipment was used.”

A notable sortie that took place during the exercise included the MQ-9 RACE team’s ability to set up operations in Palau with 1.5 pallets of equipment and ten personnel. Utilizing a U.S. Marine Corps Forward Area Refueling Point, the team generated three sorties over the course of 28 hours with the average time on the ground just over an hour.

After the aircraft took-off on its final flight from Palau, the personnel and equipment were then loaded on a C-17, flown to Guam, and were used to land the same OT

MQ-9 they originally launched from Palau when it returned from its sortie.

“The first-ever landing and departure of an MQ-9 unmanned aerial vehicle sends a clear message about our ability to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific,” said Ambassador John Hennessey-Niland, U.S. Embassy Palau. “USINDOPACOM’s Valiant Shield 2022 exercise was a huge success, demonstrating America’s commitment and capability to defend Palau.”

The combination of MQ-9 persistence and multiple intelligence gathering sources and capabilities during mission execution proved valuable to the Joint Force in accelerating the killchain through the Find-Fix-Track phases.

One of the most prominent accomplishments for the MQ-9 community was the first-ever connection from an Electronic Support Measure pod to the C2 Common Operating Picture integration lab. Data col-

lected by the pod was pushed to the theater common operating picture and the Air and Space Operations Center, connecting everyone on the network across the theater. Information from the C2 Common Operating Picture was also pushed to the MQ-9 ops cell and aircrew, enhancing target area awareness.

“The ESM pod and integration with a C2 Common Operating Picture are emerging capabilities that were assessed for MQ-9 utility in Valiant Shield,” said Chmielewski. “The ESM pod proved its ability to give the MQ-9 an all-weather, long-range sensor capable of finding, fixing, and tracking targets of interest to enhance situational awareness and provide actionable targeting solutions as part of the Joint killchain.”

Valiant Shield demonstrated the ability to use current capabilities to make the MQ-9 agile and mission relevant in USINDOPACOM by proving the MQ-9’s ability

to fit into the Agile Combat Engagement concept of employment in theater.

Applying Reaper Agile Combat Employment tactics today and not solely reserving them for future use in major combat operations creates opportunities to build partnership capacity and provide temporary operating locations, ultimately maximizing collection times in different portions of the vast Indo-Pacific Theater.

“Future capabilities, with continued development, show promise for automated features on the leading edge that will feed the battlespace picture, accelerate the kill-chain, and increase the targeting process lethality,” said Chmielewski.

Successful MQ-9 mission execution in Valiant Shield involved enterprise support from Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, U.S. Marine Corps, and private sector organizations.

Designs become reality

Members of the 547th Intelligence Squadron, as well as personnel and contractors from the Nevada Test and Training Range, toured the NTTR to see how their designed targets were brought to life.

These targets aid NTTR users during training missions by providing a realistic experience and outcome.



LEFT: All Source Intel Analysts, assigned to the 547th Intelligence Squadron, and Nevada Test and Training Range personnel explain the importance of the intelligence representative targets at the NTTR, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022. Working with the NTTR, All Source Intel Analyst assist and advise commanders on mission planning.



LEFT: John Holland, Nevada Test and Training Range EOD technician, speaks with a contractor who built intelligence representative targets at the Nevada Test and Training Range, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022.



Nevada Test and Training Range personnel and All Source Intel Analysts, assigned to the 547th Intelligence Squadron, talk about the capabilities of Synthetic Aperture Radar Map Target Area at the NTTR, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022. The NTTR provides the warfighter a flexible, realistic and multidimensional battle-space to conduct testing tactics development and advanced training in support of U.S. national interests.



Nevada Test and Training Range personnel and contractors survey and inspect intelligence representative targets during a tour at the Nevada Test and Training Range, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022. The designs of the intelligence representative targets that the analysts created were brought to life by the contractors and NTTR personnel to assist users of the NTTR during training missions for realistic experience and outcome.



John Holland, Nevada Test and Training Range EOD technician, speaks with All Source Intel Analysts, assigned to the 547th Intelligence Squadron, about the intelligence representative targets at the NTTR, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022.



All Source Intel Analysts assigned to the 547th Intelligence Squadron look at the intelligence representative targets that they designed at the Nevada Test and Training Range, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022. Working with the NTTR, All Source Intel Analyst assist and advise commanders on mission planning.



Lt. Col. Cary McCreary, Nevada Test and Training Range deputy of operations directory, shows off a soon-to-be recycled piece of debris during a tour of the NTTR, Nev., Aug. 5, 2022. Any money made from selling the recyclable materials are then put back into the NTTR funds to purchase equipment.

Strength through partnership: United Kingdom Space Command visits Nellis AFB



Col. Daniel J. Lehoski, United States Air Force Weapons School commander, stands for a photo with a delegation from UK Space Command, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Aug. 3, 2022. UK Space Command stood up on 1 Apr 2021 at Royal Air Force High Wycombe. A Joint organization, it draws from all three services as well as civil service, industry, and academia. The command is responsible for defense space operations, capability and training.



Air Vice Marshal Paul Godfrey, commander of United Kingdom Space Command, lead a delegation to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Aug. 3, 2022. Godfrey is the inaugural Commander of UKSpace Command which stood up on April 1,2021,at Royal Air Force High Wycombe.



Col. Daniel J. Lehoski, United States Air Force Weapons School commander, walks with Air Vice Marshal Paul Godfrey, Commander United Kingdom Space Command, during a flight line tour for a delegation from UK Space Command, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Aug. 3, 2022. Nurturing relationships with allied partners remains a top priority for Nellis AFB and Air Combat Command.

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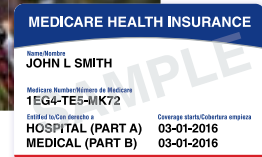
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