

# 117<sup>th</sup> INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Birmingham, AL

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OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Mass. – As the wing embarks on establishing a new tradition of excellence at Otis, 13 members of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Wing recently returned from training at Goodfellow AFB, TX, sporting hard earned intelligence badges. They completed their career development courses in short order and were then deployed to Alabama for 90 days of specialized training and certification. “They have completed six months of training at Goodfellow Air Force Base and are supporting U.S. Central Command (from) Alabama,” said Master Sgt. Ed Veneto, intelligence flight supervisor. Veneto graduated from Goodfellow Air Force Base and is an electronic systems analyst. “The training is commensurate with an Airman going overseas,” said Veneto. The members are tasked in an air and space expeditionary force rotation with a unit line number. “Even though they are going to a stateside base to do a manning assist and get some certifications from the 117th Intelligence Squadron in Alabama, they are technically supporting a U.S. Central Command Air Forces pre-deployment. They have to be 100 percent overseas deployable to take these Unit Line Numbers. They technically could be forward deployed from that location,” said Veneto. LTC Dave McNulty, 101<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron commander, described the training process as a journey and is proud of their performance thus far. “Col Anthony Schiavi handed out 17 coins last month to our honor graduates,” said McNulty. “Five different specialties are awarded at Goodfellow Air Force Base, and we have had at least one distinguished graduate from each of those courses.” McNulty is impressed with the commitment of the group. “They returned from Goodfellow Air Force Base, cranked out their CDCs within 60 days and headed down to Alabama,” he said. The deployed Airmen faced additional challenges due to the fact that their coursework is classified, forcing them to study at the vault at Otis or at a sensitive compartmentalized information facility at Hanscom Air Force

Base. During the first 30 days, Airmen take open- and closed-book tests and a “check ride” with the mission examiner. “The process is similar to a pilot going through his or her training – you have to know your academics as well as be able to demonstrate proficiency in the actual task,” explained McNulty. The deployment requires each individual to be Title 10 active duty, as they will be making “kill chain” decisions. The 13 Otis Airmen were embedded as members of the 117<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron for the 90-day duration of their training. McNulty is mindful of the diligent efforts of the newly minted intelligence Airmen as well as the sacrifices of their families. “We know family members are putting up with a lot with these deployments, and we appreciate their support,” said McNulty. “It’s a team effort. The logistics readiness folks, Senior Master Sgt. Joann Letourneau and 2LT Jenn O’Connell, have done an outstanding job,” said McNulty. As the mission moves forward, Otis Airmen continue to excel in their training and are poised for this vital undertaking. “It is great to see people showing up with their intelligence badges. They have worked hard getting through Goodfellow Air Force Base, completing their CDCs and going to a formal training unit,” said McNulty. “It is fantastic to see it taking shape.”2009

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