

Little Rock Air Force Base Honorary Commanders Program



Honorary Commanders tour of the 19th Airlift Wing Nov. 6, 2014



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PROGRAM INTENT:

- The intent of the Honorary Commanders (H/CC) Program is pair up base leadership with community leaders who have a limited/no knowledge about the Air Force, its mission and Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB) and our mission. Civilian participants will be selected from among non-federal elected or appointed officials, mayors, chamber of commerce-type group members, principals of local schools, Military Affairs Committee members, business leaders and others who, because of their position or influence in the community, can positively impact public support for the base. Selected honorary commanders should represent a cross-section of the entire community. Nomination forms list qualifying factors.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- The program allows for frequent opportunities to visit Little Rock AFB and learn about the mission, to participate in base functions and to express your views on issues of mutual concern. The program includes tours of the three assigned operational wings (19th Airlift Wing, 314th Airlift Wing and the 189th Airlift Wing) and a flight in a C-130 aircraft, if approved by higher headquarters. If approved, we request a waiver to open the back ramp while in flight to perform a tactical air drop over one of our drop zones within the state. This makes it more realistic - after all, we are the Home of C-130 Combat Airlift and our mission includes dropping supplies or troops in areas that are not easily accessible.

BENEFITS:

- This is an excellent way to gain a better understanding of the mission here at Little Rock Air Force Base and build a partnership that can help our communities plan for and move into the future. If you're interested and have time to commit to learning and becoming our voice in your community, this is the perfect place to start.

TERM LENGTH:

- The Little Rock AFB H/CC Program is a voluntary program with a maximum three-year term limit. It is designed to build and maintain solid, mutually beneficial partnerships between local communities and Little Rock AFB. However, H/CCs can resign or get dropped from the program at any time, if the program isn't a good fit.

COMMITMENT:

- If selected, an H/CC should be included in unit functions as much as possible, providing a hands-on experience in the program. They should be invited to be a part of their assigned unit and attend not only business functions such as unit ceremonies and meetings, but family functions as well, i.e., Christmas parties, unit picnics, and other such unit events. In addition to the tours of each operational wing, the H/CC will be invited (by the Protocol Office) to base-wide events such as awards ceremonies, Welcome Home Warrior events and changes of command. Which events the H/CC attends is optional. H/CCs should make every effort to be involved and attend at least one event per quarter, but are encouraged to attend as many events as possible so as to gain knowledge and build a strong partnership with their military commander, unit personnel and Little Rock Air Force Base. Lack of commitment undermines the program's intent and H/CCs should drop from the program if they are unable to actively engage with their commander. We understand mission comes first, so dropping from the program does not create a poor reflection of you or your business. All questions, concerns or issues about the overall program should be directed to the 19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office. Commitment and feedback is essential to the success of this program. The base H/CC Program manager is Cheri Dragos-Pritchard.
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