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- Nicholas Reinke,
  123rd Student Flt.
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**STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)**
- Bryan Ala,
  165th Airift Sq.
- Christopher Brawner,
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- Nicholas Hartsell,
  123rd Services Flt.
- James Kettery,
  123rd Airift Control Flt.

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- Senior Airman Kathleen Blum,
  123rd Medical Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Russell Decker,
  123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Master Sgt. Angela Haagen,
  165th Weather Flt.
- Master Sgt. Ronald McAlister,
  123rd Aerial Port Sq.
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  123rd Communications Flt.
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305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

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This final flight marked the end of nearly 40 years of service to the nation by C-141s and their crews.

“If you look at the sum total of its history, it’s remarkable,” said Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command.

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Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, flew one of the two final aircraft with an aircrew from the 6th Airlift Squadron.

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By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Citizen Airmen serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve must follow the same rules governing political activity as their active-duty counterparts.

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The Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, “Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty,” gives guidance to all military branches and is the source for AFI 51-902.

Political activities of civilian federal government employees fall under the guidance of the Hatch Act, and the Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5000.7-R, Chapter 6, “Political Activities.”
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But one of the most valuable features of unmanned vehicles and remotely piloted aircraft, Secretary Roche said, is that
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Weather

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