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Off we go
Into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come,
Zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em now, give 'em the gun!
Down we dive,
Spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame
Or go down in flame.
Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

479th Student Squadron
Change of Command Ceremony

Lt Col Humberto Centeno
Assumes Command from
Lt Col Cathyrine Armandie
9 June 2023
Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL
Colonel Patrick Dierig is Commander of the 479th Flying Training Group at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida. The Group includes four squadrons, 325 personnel, forty-five T-6 Texan II and T-1A Jayhawk aircraft, and trains over 300 Combat Systems Officers (CSOs) each year for the United States Air Force. Col Dierig graduated from Xavier University in 1999 and commissioned from USAF Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, in 2001. He attended Undergraduate Navigator/EWO Training at Joint Base Randolph AFB, Texas, and went on to fly the AC-130U at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Col Dierig has served as Commander, 14th Weapons Squadron, and as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he advised the Chairman on foreign and domestic engagement strategy to advance national security directives. He is a Master Navigator and Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) with more than 2,600 flying hours in the AC-130U and MC-130H.

Lieutenant Colonel Cathyrine Armandie is Commander of the 479th Student Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Florida. The 479th is responsible for 70 active duty and civilian instructors supporting more than 450 students attending Undergraduate Combat Systems Officers Training (UCT). Lt Col Armandie graduated from the University of California Irvine and commissioned via Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in 2004. After commissioning, she attended Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (JSUNT) at NAS Pensacola, earning her wings in 2006. Lt Col Armandie went on to fly the F-15E at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. She has served as the Chief of International Agreements, USAFE, and later, the Chief of Rated Diversity, Headquarters AETC, where she oversaw the execution of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force’s Rated Diversity Improvement strategy. She is a Master Combat Systems Officer with more than 1,600 hours in the T-1A, F-15E, and MiG-21.

Lieutenant Colonel Humberto Centeno is the Director of Operations, 451st Flying Training Squadron, NAS Pensacola, Florida. The 451st Flying Training Squadron conducts advanced Combat Systems Officer (CSO) training for more than 350 officers in advanced navigation, electronic warfare and weapon systems employment. Lt Col Centeno enlisted in the Air Force in 2000 as a Satellite Communications Technician before he was commissioned in 2006 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarkson University. He became a Student CSO and he earned his wings in 2007, going on to fly in the U-28A and the AC-130W while stationed at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Prior to his current position, he was the Exercise Branch Chief, Joint Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Lt Col Centeno is a Senior Combat Systems Officer with more than 3,200 flying hours in the U-28A, AC-130W, and the T-1A.