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Baby Girl delivered on 701st Airlift Squadron C-17

On 23 August 2021, the 701st Airlift Squadron crew departed Kabul enroute to Qatar with a plane load of refugees. TSgt Leah Schmidt, loadmaster, soon realized an Afgan woman in the rest room was in labor. Flight nurse Captain Leslie Green of the 375th Squadron took over. "We did not have a lot of supplies" Green said, "so we did the best we could." That included using a lanyard from Schmidt's flight suit to tie off the umbilical cord. It was the first time Green had ever helped deliver a baby she told FOX News. The baby came out crying and seemed to be doing well. She was named after the C-17's crew's call sign, Reach. The pilots, circling the airfield and waiting for their turn to land, called the tower to report a medical emergency and requested permission to touch down and to be met by EMT's. "It was the smoothest landing I've ever seen Captain Conner make, so it was perfect" said Lt Colonel Wesley Adams, another pilot with the 701st. The only reason this mission was successful like it was is because of the crew Captain Conner said. "We've been flying together for so many years, and we do have a couple of members that aren't permanent with us (including Green), but I've never seen a crew stand up to a situation more than these guys and gals have done."

FOX News and the Charleston SC Post & Courier

The USAF & USAFR are cranking out a full C-17 flight from Kabul every 45 minutes, using a single runway in enemy territory non-stop, 24 hours a day. This has literally never been accomplished before in aviation history.

Chief Dick Fuller laid to rest on 25 August 2021

Chief Dick Fuller's daughter, Margie Fuller Levander, spouse of SMSgt (ret/ART) Bradley "Brad" Levander, had this to say about her Father:

It warms my heart to know how many people understand what a wonderful man he was. Once again, words can't express how grateful I am for the wonderful things you said in your July newsletter. Thank you so much Del for all your support. Yes, the wake from the service on Saturday was well attended. My Dad was well respected and admired through everyone he came in contact with. We were able to put him in his final resting place on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 at Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort SC. I think he would have been pleased on how everyone attended his celebration of life and the entire military services we had for him.

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Guest book: www.legacy.com/funeralhomes/south-carilina/

Donations to the 315th AW Alumni Association to honor CMSGT (ret) Dick Fuller as of 13 August 2011 is \$275.00 collected.

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In accordance with our legacy and as prescribed by Chief Fuller, it has always been in tradition to say our final words with a *Final Fly-By*. Roger that, and here it is:

Final Fly-By

CMSGT (ret) Richard R. "Dick" Fuller, 707th Airlift Squadron Flight Engineer Chief, passed on 15 August 2021 at the age of 78. He is survived by Maxine Fuller, his daughter Margie Levander and son-in-law Brad of North Charleston, SC; two grandchildren, Brad Levander, Jr. (Kaleigh) of Goose Creek and Thomas Levander of N. Charleston; one great-grand daughter, Rory Levander. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Smith. A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting the funeral home's website at: www.jamesadyal.com

Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.

Del Oxford, Communications

