

## Troy alumnus joins elite group of pilots



U.S. Air Force Capt. Todd Moenster is taking Trojan spirit to new heights.

Moenster, a Troy University alumnus, recently completed his first flight in the Northrop B-2 “Spirit” stealth bomber (shown above), joining an elite group of pilots.

Only 12 pilots are accepted into the stealth program each year. With his selection and subsequent flight, Moenster became “Spirit 357” as only the 357th person ever to fly this one-of-a-kind aircraft.

While that top-flight achievement



**Capt. Todd Moenster displays his Trojan spirit, bearing a license plate that accompanied him on his first flight aboard the Northrop B-2 “Spirit” stealth bomber.**

sets Moenster apart from the majority of pilots, he soon will join an even more elite group, becoming only the 230th qualified pilot in the stealth bomber. To put this in perspective, more people have been in space than have piloted the B-2.

Valued at \$2.2 billion, the B-2 is the world’s most expensive aircraft and America’s premier long-range strategic bomber.

Moenster, whose callsign is Eddie, was selected for this position after flying the B-1 “Lancer” at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, from 2001-2005.

While serving at Dyess, Moenster completed his master’s in International Relations through Troy University’s Distance Learning Program (2004). He also holds a degree in Political Science from the United States Air Force Academy (1999).

Moenster is a native of St. Louis, MO. He is currently stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO, in the 394th Combat Training Squadron.

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**Opposite Page: Moenster is shown with his instructor pilot Lt. Col. Frank "Vooter" Cavuoti (Spirit 78).**