

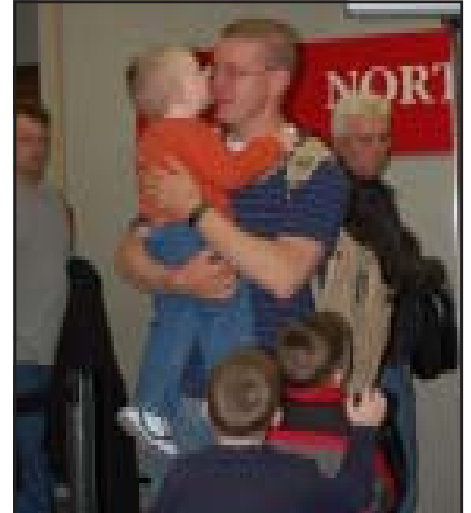
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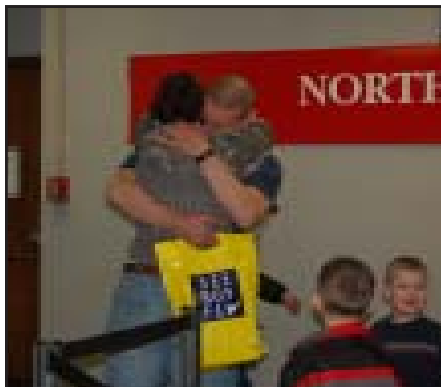
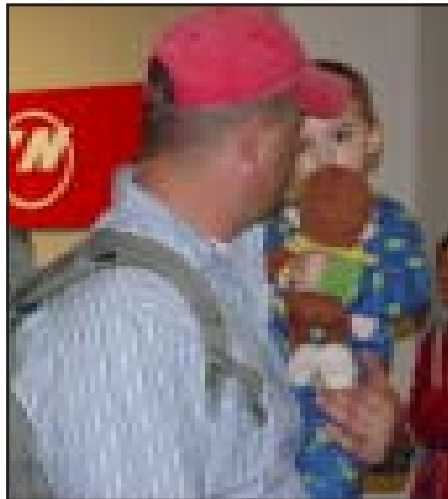
## WELCOME HOME 179TH SFS MEMBERS



On March 2, 2007 members of our Security Force Squadron returned home from a six-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 13 returning members are:

SSgt Jamie Bishop  
SSgt Jared Bohley  
SSgt Kevin Brown  
SSgt Jason Brant  
MSgt Michael Jones  
SrA Nathaniel McNary  
SrA Brandon Melley  
SrA Nathan Pirc  
SrA Donovan Platte  
SSgt Michelle Roark  
TSgt Kevin Steele  
SSgt Randy Velemirov  
TSgt Chad Williams



## OHIO FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL TO HOST TRIBUTE CONCERT



Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, Inc. is pleased to announce a tribute concert and other various events to raise funding for the construction of the memorial and for their children's scholarship fund, which will honor all Ohio men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the Fight Against Terrorism.

LeAnn Rimes, Mark Wills, and Saving Jane will headline the benefit concert to be held on Saturday June 23, 2007 at Crew Soccer Stadium. McGuffey Lane and LoveSick Radio will also perform. Tickets are currently available to the **general public** and to **all service members via the ticket order form located at [www.ohiofallenheroes.org](http://www.ohiofallenheroes.org)**. **All service personnel and their families are encouraged to attend because our goal is to fill the stadium.**

Ohio Fallen Heroes, Inc. will have representatives available at certain upcoming drill weekends to promote the events and sell tickets. Tickets are \$ 25.00 per person and can also be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) beginning April 1, 2007.

The concert will also serve as the ending point to a charity motorcycle ride sponsored by A.D. Farrow Harley Davidson that will begin with registration at 10am at the retailer's new location at I-71 and State Route 36/37 in Sunbury.

The Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, Inc. is also sponsoring a raffle to raise additional funding. Tickets may be purchased to win a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 4x4 and a 42" plasma television. More information regarding the raffle can be found at [www.ohiofallenheroes.org](http://www.ohiofallenheroes.org).

The Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, Inc. is a 501©3 organization that was formed to raise funding for Ohio's official memorial honoring Ohio service personnel who have lost their lives in the Fight Against Terrorism. The memorial is the only state recognized project honoring members from all branches of the military. To this date, 152 Ohio soldiers have passed. Each soldier will be memorialized at the site with a granite cross. An official dedication of the memorial will be held on Saturday June 30, 2007 at 4pm.

## Buckle up

By SMSgt Thomas J. Musille  
Ground Safety Manager

As the Safety Manager for the past twenty years, I have investigated several vehicle accidents involving members of our unit. In every case, the members that were wearing their seat belts came away from their accidents with little or no injuries. In two cases where fatalities occurred, the members were not wearing a seat belt.

Vehicle manufacturers have invested a lot of resources in designing their vehicles to provide protection for the driver and passengers. In a crash, the vehicle is designed to absorb the forces of the crash while still providing a protected, cushioned space inside the vehicle. People who are not buckled up run the risk of being thrown from the vehicle during an accident and negating the protection designed into the vehicle.

Driving a vehicle on America's streets and highways is probably the most dangerous thing a person does every day. It only makes sense that they would do whatever they can to protect themselves. The best protection they have in the vehicle is the seat belt.

## Monthly Spotlight

By Laura Brown  
Public Affairs IM

A1C Jenna Wenzel and A1C Holly Krzeminski decided to join the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift wing nearly one year ago for the educational benefits and to follow in the footsteps of their family members that are also military members.

Wenzel has an older sister that is in the air guard while Krzeminski's father and sister are in the active duty Army.

Wenzel stated that she liked the energy she feels out here at the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

Krzeminski likes the change of pace that coming out to the base gives her from her everyday civilian job.

One thing that most would say is

unique about their friendship is that they went to basic training at different times and both had the same MTI team and dormitory.

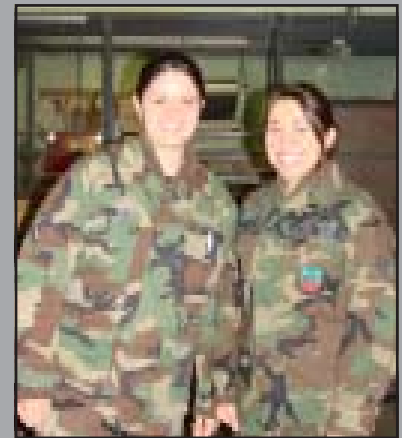
Both A1C's now call the Traffic Management Office home when they come to the base for UTA's.

A1C Wenzel is currently attending nursing school at Kent State and A1C

Krzeminski is currently working at Ashcroft & Oak Jewelers.

They said they are learning very quickly in the TMO shop.

They said their most memorable moment occurred a few drills back when they took the shop into their own hands and acci-



dentally shipped some items through the wrong carrier. They laugh about it now and vow never to make that mistake again.

A1C Wenzel and A1C Krzeminski say they are looking forward to the upcoming deployment to Hawaii in April.

# Command Insight

By Col. Bill Waldron  
179th AW Vice Commander

For the past few years, it's would have been hard to pick up any Air Force or Air National Guard publication that didn't make some mention of a program called AFSO21.

The acronym stands for *Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century* and, with the 179th once again in the lead, it's coming to the Ohio ANG!

The Senior Leadership Team set out a commitment to "Improve capabilities and efficiency by applying *Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century* (AFSO21) to selected 179AW processes" in its 2007-2009 Wing Flight Plan<sup>1</sup>, which was released across the wing in final form during the March 2007 UTA.

What's AFSO21 about? Is it Quality Air Force (QAF) come back to haunt us?

The answer to the second question is a definitive NO.

AFSO21 uses many of the tools and techniques of QAF, but is much more results-foc-

used. Training is given only at the appropriate level and at the appropriate time, allowing for rapid and focused improvement of end-to-end processes. Teams are empowered by the process owners to *make necessary changes on the spot*. AFSO21 teams don't meet and talk, *they meet and do*.

Our Flight Plan explains the "why" of AFSO21. We live in an era characterized by the highest operations tempo ever, rapid and significant mission changes and strained resources.

We clearly have to find better ways to meet and balance these demands as efficiently as possible.

AFSO21 takes a look at our key processes from end-to-end, gets rid of wasted motion and non-value-added work, and stimulates creative solutions to a host of other process problems. And remember, it's all about results.

We are currently working with the ANG AFSO Directorate to arrange an AFSO *Rapid Improve-*

*ment Event* (abbreviated RIE) in our Maintenance organization within the next five to six months.

We've proposed an end-to-end look at our Isochronal Maintenance Process (ISO), where any improvement in wasted motion can equate to increases in aircraft availability, a clear and necessary benefit given the continuing demand for airlift capacity across the Air Force. The project is in initial coordination now, and we will keep you posted as it takes shape.

We're convinced that AFSO21 provides a powerful addition to our toolbox as we deal with the challenges that lie ahead and we intend, as our Flight Plan says, to lead the way in using it here at the 179th.

If you'd like to know more about AFSO21, check out the ANG AFSO21 Community of Practice at <https://wwwd.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AN-OP-00-36>.

## Happiness Will Follow You

By Chaplain Bob Jackson

There was an old alley cat watching a young kitten chasing its tail, round and round. The old cat ambled up to the kitten and asked, "Tell me, what are you doing?"

The kitten replied, "I just finished Cat Philosophy School. In my studies I discovered that there are two important things for a cat. First, that happiness is the most important thing for a cat. Second, that happiness is located in one's tail. So I've figured out that if I chase it until I've finally got a hold of it and get it in my mouth, then I'll have eternal happiness."

The old cat mused, "You know I'm just an alley cat, and I haven't had the opportunity to attend the prestigious Cat Philosophy School like you. I've just wondered around alleys all my life. But you know, it's amazing, I've kind of learned the same thing. I've learned that the most important thing for a cat is happiness and, indeed, happiness is located in my tail."

"The only difference between you and me is that I've discovered that if you go about your business and do the

things that are important to you, happiness will follow wherever you go."

Education is a wonderful gift and a great advantage, but wisdom and happiness are not things we catch or find rather they follow from our experiences and choices. My life experiences lead me to the conclusion that life with out faith leads to frustration (chasing your tail). Sincere faith leads us to love God and our self (God's creation) and that what is important is to give of ourselves in service to others. It is in the struggles and joys of faithfully exploring the alleys life leads us down, that wisdom and happiness form within us.

One of the alleys that I had not expected on my life journey was the 179th AW. The experiences and friendships of these past eighteen years have impacted my life profoundly. Serving with you and your families has been a privilege and a blessing that have given me treasures of wisdom and happiness which are always with me.

April drill will be my last Sunday Mass at the base. From then until I retire in September I will be pulling drills on weekdays and occasionally the Satur-

days of drill weekends.

I sincerely thank God for the opportunity to meet so many fine, dedicated people and their families. We have talked and prayed, laughed and wept, celebrated and mourned, be-moaned problems and discerned solutions, discussed our differences and recognized the bonds that make us one. I am a better person for having seen and experienced the wondrous diversity and resiliency God has created in the human family.

While I will be retiring from the military, I will not be retiring from ministry. Please contact me if I can ever be of service or to say hello. The head of the seminary would always remind us before vacations that "There is no vacation from vocation". Our vocation, our "business", the thing that should be truly important to each of us and defines us as human (made in God's image) is how we care for one another.

It is by using our life and talents in service to others that we form within our soul a happiness that will follow us wherever we go, even to eternity. It is truly "treasure stored up in heaven".

God bless you all!!!





# 179th Airlift Wing Family Readiness

Material contributed by Faline Rowland

**Your** Family Readiness and Support Group is in need of your help. As you know, we sponsor activities through out the year as well as support our members and their families before and during deployments and when they return home.

We are able to do these activities and show our support because of volunteers. Yes, volunteers just like you!

This is going to be an exciting year for the 179th, we have activities planned, but are always looking for new ideas. We have quarterly meetings for the Family Readiness and Support Group (these are held quarterly on Sunday of the UTA @ 2:00 in building 422), and this is where we “brainstorm” for up and coming events.

We are in need of volunteers, they can be any family member; mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa or friend. There are times we need several people to help out; do you belong to a civic, school or a church group looking to help in the community? If so, think about us.

We understand that not everyone has time to volunteer. Each family has their own set of dynamics, commitments, travel time, family obligations or other activities. But if you have any time that you’d like to volunteer to help with your Family Readiness and Support Group, we need your help! Maybe you could bake some cookies, call a family of a deployed member to say “hello” or think of fun events for our families. We’ll take any suggestion and any help.

**Here is the 2007 calendar of events planned for this year (events and meetings):**

- 22 Apr 07 – Volunteer Meeting**
- 10 Jun 07 – Motorcycle Fun Run**
- 15 Jul 07 – Volunteer Meeting**
- 11 Aug 07 – Buck’s Infield**
- 07 Sep 07 – Annual Golf Outing**
- 14 Oct 07 – Volunteer Meeting**
- 26 or 27 Oct 07 – Annual Halloween Party**
- 30 Nov 07 – Annual Children’s Christmas Party**

If you have any questions, please contact  
 Donna Baki at 419-362-4045 or  
 Faline Rowland at 419-520-6600

Look for more information in the upcoming months for more information on all of our events.

## NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

As of Jan. 23, citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda are required to present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air from any part of the Western Hemisphere.

This change in travel document requirements is the result of recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission, which Congress subsequently passed into law in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

The purpose of the initiative is to strengthen border security and ease entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors by providing standardized, secure and

reliable documentation which allows the Department of Homeland Security to quickly, reliably and accurately identify a traveler.

All active duty members of the armed forces traveling with military identification will be exempt from the requirement to present a valid passport when entering the United States.

Military family members, Department of Defense civilians, and DOD contractors of the U.S. military must present a valid passport. No exceptions will be made even if entering through the United States through a U.S. military base.

The passport requirement does not

apply to U.S. citizens traveling to or returning directly from a U.S. territory. U.S. citizens returning directly from a U.S. territory are not considered to have left the United States and do not need to present a passport.

U.S. territories include the following: Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

For more information, visit the Foreign Clearance Guide at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>.

(Courtesy of 36th Wing Military Personnel Flight)

# Class and Support Group Newsletter

and, Family Readiness Coordinator



## PROGRAMS ALLOW DEPLOYED AIRMEN TO E-MAIL, CHAT WITH FAMILY

by Roger Drinnon  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Air Force officials continue to provide deployed Airmen and their families with Web-based communication tools, allowing e-mail and instant messaging from virtually anywhere in the world. The Air Force Instant Messenger and Global Internet Mail programs help ease the stress of deployments by keeping family members in touch with their deployed spouse, mom or dad.

“These programs have been around for a while,” said Ivera Harris, chief of family matters for Air Mobility Command. “AFIM and GI Mail are tremendous morale builders. These communication tools (also) allow deployed members to stay in touch with extended family and friends such as parents, grandparents, and fiancés.

AMC leaders want to increase awareness of existing programs among Airmen and their family members.

“Leadership is engaged at all levels in getting the word out,” said Ms. Harris. “Additionally, the Airman and Family Readiness Center staff includes this information in pre-deployment briefings, deployment packages, newsletters and other marketing avenues.”

Air Force Family Support agencies continually seek feedback from Airmen return-

ing from deployments regarding communication with family members in order to assess programs like AFIM and GI Mail.

“Our Airman and Family Readiness Center provides reintegration briefings to all returning members,” said Master Sgt. Deb Teague, readiness NCO for the 375th Mission Support Squadron’s center. “During these briefings, we ask what helped with keeping in touch with their families (during deployment).

Besides the weekly ‘morale calls,’ many members raved about the easy access for family members and how great the instant messaging is through (AFIM).”

AFIM is accessed via the Air Force Portal, and it enables real-time instant messaging with other portal users, including family members. The program alerts users when their contacts are on line and allows families to communicate through private, online chat areas. AFIM enables one-to-one messaging as well as simultaneous messaging to multiple contacts.

In addition to AFIM, deployed Airmen and some family members have the option of communicating via the GI Mail Web-based e-mail service.

GI Mail is for Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System-verified Department of Defense employees — active duty,

Guard, Reserve, civil service, and their authorized family members. However, current directives prohibit dependent children from using this service. GI Mail provides registered users with a portable e-mail account, accessible from any computer with Internet access and Web browser software. The program is secure and free of commercial advertising, but Airmen must adhere to their respective operational security guidelines while using GI Mail.

Sergeant Teague said she hopes deployed Airmen and their families take advantage of AFIM and GI Mail during deployments.

“We continually stress the importance of communication among families and (AFIM) and GI Mail are successful tools available to both military and families at no cost,” she said.

### To access AFIM:

- Go to <http://www.my.af.mil>
- Under the heading, “Friends and Family,” click on “Access Friends and Family.”
- A tutorial is available for new users to establish their login.

### To access GI Mail:

- Go to <http://www.gimail.af.mil>
- Enter your GI Mail user name and password (if already registered)
- New users click on the “Sign Up” icon to register and establish their login

Whether its help with child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information, or resources needed for special circumstances, Military OneSource is there for military personnel and their families... 24/7/365!

The service is available by phone, online and face-to-face through private counseling sessions in the local community. Highly qualified, master’s prepared consultants provide the service. Personalized consultations on specific issues such as education, special needs, and finances are provided at no cost to you. Customized research detailing community resources and

appropriate military referrals are offered at no cost.

The interactive Web site includes locators for education, child care, and elder care, online articles, referrals to military and community resources, [financial calculators](#), and live online workshops called [Webinars](#). Additional resources include [brief videos](#) of consultants addressing common issues such as communicating as a couple, budgeting and managing anger.

Face-to-face counseling sessions focus on issues such as normal reactions to abnormal situations (e.g. combat), couples concerns, work/life balance, grief and loss,

adjustment to deployment, stress management, and parenting.

Members seeking counseling will receive up to six counseling sessions per issue at no cost to them. To access a counselor in your local community, individuals may call a Military OneSource consultant directly and they will hook you up.

Military OneSource is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families.

This is a great resource – try it!



# Firefighters honored by ANG

By SSgt Jessica Cauvel

“The 179<sup>th</sup> Fire Department, like most, has had a cyclical history of performance – satisfactory ratings rising to excellent ratings and falling as far as a marginal in the eighties. With integrity and newfound leadership, this department has deeply examined that history and chosen a future of excellence.”

This is how leaders of the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Fire Protection Branch chose to describe themselves in their nomination packet for the Chief Master Sergeant Ralph E. Sanborn Award. This award is given annually to the best fire protection program in the Air National Guard. The 179<sup>th</sup> brought the award home this past year.

This is not the first time the 179<sup>th</sup> fire fighters have been recognized for their hard work and dedication to their dangerous job. The 179<sup>th</sup> fire department has earned an outstanding rating at Silver Flag training. Also, this past year, AMC IG inspectors called the 179<sup>th</sup> fire department the best they had seen in the Air National Guard.

While participating in the IG inspection, they maintained 100% firefighter accountability at all times. This is a feat that the IG team had never witnessed before, which earned them an outstanding rating.

During last years four-month Iraqi Freedom deployment 12 base fire fighters were part of a team responsible for more than 400 emergency calls. These calls included fire and medical calls, in-flight emergencies, and

hazardous material calls.

At the time when the firefighters were being evaluated for the award the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing was facing an uncertain future due the pending BRAC realignment. Even with the uncertainty, the 179<sup>th</sup> fire fighters, both civilian and military, pressed on by doing their best regardless of the shaky outlook for their base.

“To get that level of commitment and performance from people who know they might not have a job, that’s the kind of selflessness, the service before self, attitude that we look for in the Air Force. They guys just demonstrated that at a tremendous level,” said fire chief Senior Master Sgt. Bradley L. Williams. “I think that speaks volumes for our guys,” he added.

Despite the BRAC concerns hanging over their heads, the 179<sup>th</sup> fire fighters have had the safest and most successful year in the unit’s 58 year history. Thanks to a great joint effort by both state and military fire fighters the base had a \$0 loss due to fire losses.

“These guys are just plain good,” said Williams when asked his thoughts about how the 179<sup>th</sup> fire department has been excelling.

Many of the firefighters are pulling duty at the station through the week in civilian status and are also guard members drilling on the weekends, said Williams. Also almost all of the civilian fire fighters who are not currently active on the Guard side have been in the Air Force as firefighters in the past, he added.

Having these people who know both sides has helped to ensure a smooth transition at the



Fire chief SMSgt Williams talks with Brig. Gen. Boggs about recent award.

station from it being mainly guard controlled on the drill weekends to being mostly civilian controlled throughout the week, said Williams.

One new area that the firefighters have undertaken, that they believe helped to earn them their recent award, is a mutual aid service with the city of Mansfield. This meant that in addition to being on call for emergencies here on base, the 179<sup>th</sup> fire fighters are also on call to assist Mansfield city fire fighters with off-base emergencies. This additional tasking adds an additional 5 to 7 runs per month.

The extra runs help keep the firefighters smart and hone their skills. They also allow the base to further its community relations, said Williams.

This year, the fire department will no doubt continue its tradition of excellence as it merges with the 5694<sup>th</sup> Army firefighters. The new joint service fire station is slated to be built this spring.

# Playoff teams get ready to hoop it up

Starting at 4 p.m. Saturday of April’s drill the 179<sup>th</sup> Sports Committee will be hosting its basketball playoffs.

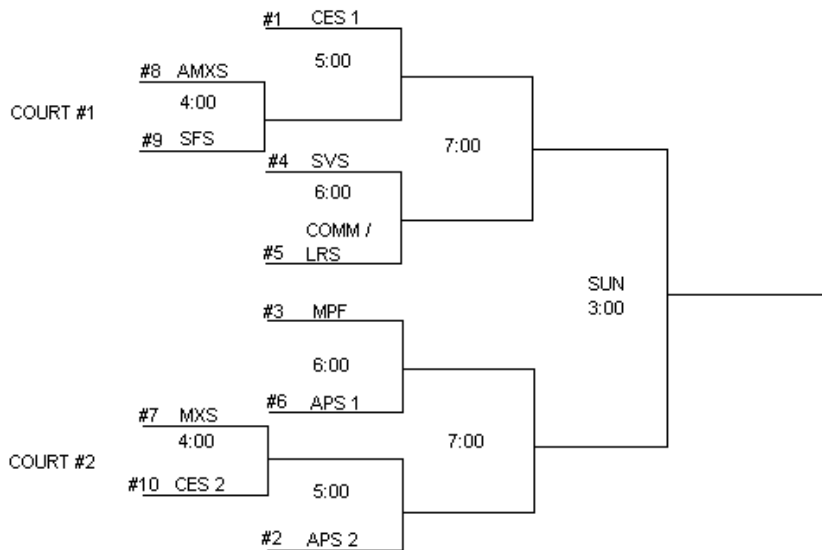
The games will be held at the Ontario High School.

A concession stand will be open with hot foods and cold drinks.

All base members and their families are encouraged to attend these exciting matchups.

The championship game will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday of April’s drill with a trophy presentation to follow.

Come on out and show your support for your squadron!



# Pay differential

Did you all know that the Department of Defense officially kicked off the Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP) on August first. The first payments under this program took effect in the September 1st paycheck of eligible members of the Reserves and National Guard.

The Reserve Income Replacement Program was developed to provide specific payments to eligible members

of the National Guard and Reserve who are *involuntary* serving on active duty (the term active duty includes full-time National Guard duty) and who are experiencing a monthly active duty income differential of more than \$50.00, as determined by the member's Service Secretary.

The RIRP can not exceed \$3,000 monthly but may be very beneficial for our Guardsmen and women who face a



reduction in income upon being activated and mobilized. For more information on this financial subsidy program please visit:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/guardandreserve/a/rirp.htm>

## A thank you letter from the Shambaugh



Dear 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing,

Our family would like to thank all of you for your love and support during our time of need and sorrow. We could not have made it through the couple of months if wasn't for all of you. We would also like thank you for all the prayers, cards, donations, and flowers that we have received. This show of support from all of you is truly amazing. We are honored and speechless to say the least. Words can never express the feeling that we have for all of you. DJ touched many people in his short life, but we guess we just didn't realize how many. This journey that we have begun will not be an easy one, but we know that with the support from all of you that we will not be alone. So again from the bottom of our hearts we thank each and every one of you.

All our love,  
Dave, Anne & Danny Shambaugh



# Exciting updates for Mission Driven Mentoring

By SMSgt. Randy Dunham  
Human Resource Adviser

There's good news and better news regarding the Mission Driven Mentoring program at the 179<sup>th</sup>. The Web-based software used to manage progress in the initiative is gone – a victim to COMPUSEC and software compatibility issues. The better news: The new Web-based management tool has been moved to the Air Force Portal (<https://www.my.af.mil/>) and provides cradle-to-retirement career planning – something Guard members can use no matter where they're assigned or who their boss might be. And, it's more user-friendly than the old software.

The new management program is called My EDP – which appropriately means My Enlisted Development Plan. It's a road map that outlines progression for an Airman from slick sleeve to chief master sergeant. Complete details about how to register for My EDP is found on the Wing intranet at [https://wing.web/mission\\_driven\\_mentoring.htm](https://wing.web/mission_driven_mentoring.htm).

Those already in the MDM program will only have to register on the AF Portal and the My EDP site to track progression. The registration process takes from three-to-five minutes and is as simple as

the Airman wants to make it. Members participating in the program should have received an email with clear instructions on how to register and move forward.

An Airman does not have to participate in the MDM program to use the MY EDP system. However, it is strongly encouraged by Guard leadership to be a volunteer for the mentoring initiative.

The EDP on the AF Portal is broken down into three modules: Education and Training, Leadership, and Job Experience. The EDP will allow Airmen to develop professional goals, draft a plan to achieve those goals, and track their progress in a personal journal with an embedded calendar. Mentors will be able to view a protégé's progress and add comments for guidance. After logging on to the home page at <https://www.my.af.mil/> you will find a link to EDP in the "top viewed" column under "featured links". If you have not created an AF Portal account, you'll need to do the necessary registration steps provided on that site. It is important to note Airmen cannot request guidance from potential mentors unless supervisors and those willing to be mentors have created their own EDP. In other words, career planning for Airmen will not be effective, unless supervisors

and mentors register in EDP on the Air Force Portal

Other features of EDP allow Airmen to participate in online forums open to all Air Force enlisted members and maintain a personal library. Once enrolled, supervisors and mentors can participate in all phases of an Airman's development. Although some sections of the EDP are geared primarily toward active duty members, the ANG is actively working on creating more relevant options for our members.

The EDP has direct links to appropriate AFIs, Air Force Doctrine, and other information required for career development. EDP is also linked to the Virtual MPF.

The Air National Guard continues to encourage the practice of mentorship outside the chain of command, while recognizing that mentorship will also occur within the chain of command through the formal feedback system. The EDP provides members with access to either process. All enlisted supervisors and those who would like be mentors are encouraged to register. *(Note: some information for this article was provided by the New York Air National Guard HRA community)*

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# Are you a member of the team?

Story & Photo by TSgt Matt Dille  
APS Public Affairs Representative

There are many components to successful organizations, both in the civilian world and in the military. If you were recently in a promotion interview the subject of teamwork was no doubt broached by someone. Most are sure to speak of teamwork as an important cog in the total force concept.

Do most of us give lip service to teamwork or do we truly believe and nurture it? As supervisors, do we use our positional and personal power to inspire and get the most out of our subordinates? Or, do we give an order, walk away and just hope there's nothing to fix later. As team members, do we act in a manner that is in the best interest of those around us? Or, do we complain and hope the next guy takes care of it.

There are a million books, lectures and self proclaimed "experts" in this field. However, there is a component to teamwork that doesn't take a genius to figure out. That is the act of camaraderie. The simple act of

showing up for team functions, outside of the workplace, often goes a long way in strengthening the team bonds of any organization.

Many of us have known a team member or a supervisor who speaks glowingly of working together. However, the only time you hear or see this person is in the office during work hours. You may have never been introduced to their spouse or even know what city they live in. But rest assured, at 4:30 they are gone, only to be seen next month.

I have had the honor of working within a squadron that prides itself on camaraderie. We have had so many weddings, parties, sporting events and even vacations together that these individuals are indeed part of my family.

The point is to be truly conscience of how important you are, not only at work but outside of the gate as well. Regardless of rank, you have the power to make your team better and outside of the workplace provides an excellent opportunity. Strong teams do

not just develop overnight they are built piece, by piece. Building camaraderie, other than just one weekend a month, is often overlooked. But, in the end it will act like superglue bonding your team together.

So, the next time you have an opportunity, see what the rest of the "guys" are doing. Nine times out of ten you will have fun. Especially if you get to watch the Buckeyes beat up Michigan!



A group of 179<sup>th</sup> Aerial Porters get together in Columbus, Ohio on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2006.

## CE chief moving on after 35 years

The year is 1971. The Vietnam War is still on and a draft is in place. One young man who is looking to enlist has been on the wait list for openings at the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing for several months. Now, he is going to be drafted by the Marine Corps. His lottery number for the draft is #11, so he is sure he is going.

Not wanting to join the Marines, he again contacts an Air Force recruiter. Just two days after taking his armed forces physical he receives a call asking if he is still interested in joining the 179<sup>th</sup>. The very next day he goes to discuss his options with the 179<sup>th</sup> recruiter. He enlists and is sworn in that same day as an exterior power linesman.

In February, we said goodbye to this young man who we know as Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth C. Wolf. He retired out of the Civil Engineering Squadron (CE) after 35 years of military service.

Wolf leaves behind many friends and family, including three of his children who are currently members of the 179<sup>th</sup>, where he spent the bulk of his career. His oldest son also followed in his footsteps, but then decided to go the active duty route.

Wolf's lengthy career has taken him to many locations over the years. In 1974 and 1975 he was part of a special engineering team for the guard bureau. This team took him down to Charleston, S.C., over to Kansas City, Mo., and up to Plumbrook, OH.

In 1975, Wolf was hired as a technician by the

179<sup>th</sup> as a production controller in CE. He worked with CE for 22 years until his recent retirement.

After much thought, Wolf said his favorite assignment was 1989- 1990. During this time, he was tasked to construct a radar site in the Bahamas to help fight drug trafficking in the area. All of the building materials were purchased in Mansfield and then transported by C-130 down to the build site. These transport rotations lasted for almost a full year.

When the time came for Wolf's children to decide if they wanted to join the military, he let them make their own choices.

"I really didn't push them. They each made their own decision, but I'm proud that they did [join]. I think what they saw is that I had a lot of fun. I really enjoyed my job and my association out here. They saw that and they wanted to be a part of that," said Wolf.

"This really does become family," said Wolf. He said he will miss the people the most as he leaves.

Wolf is hoping to get into another career, but is enjoying having time available to be choosy about his next path. "I'm not going to work at McDonald's," he said jokingly. "I hope," he added.

"Across all those years, our performance and inspections, our way of doing business, the reputation that goes along with this base is just absolutely great and it's been consistent. It's a challenge to maintain it there. That isn't sitting still.



Col. Stephens congratulates CMSgt Wolf on his retirement.

That's always moving forward and constantly improving. It takes a large group effort," said Wolf regarding what message he would like to pass on as he leaves. "Just keep working at it. Just keep chipping away," Wolf added.

We thank Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth C. Wolf for his dedicated service here at the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. Although your legacy will remain, you will be truly missed.

### March 1, 2007 PROMOTIONS

SMSgt John A. Gibson	MSF
MSgt Bradley E. Weaver	LRS
TSgt Rebecca Ratliff	LRS
TSgt Mitchell L. Poffenbaugh	CES
SSgt David L. Stephens	AMXS
SSgt Gary A. Divito	SFS
SrA Ryan J. Davis	SFS

## Tired of CDC's...Can't get away for 5 weeks... CHECK THIS OUT!

Qualified Airmen can attend Satellite Airman Leadership School (ALS) program at home station two nights per week and receive full in-residence credit.

As a Satellite EPME student you will:

- Professionally develop yourself for leadership opportunities
- Fulfill a requirement for future promotion opportunities
- Receive one paid PT day for each night of class
- Complete 9 hours CCAF credit for ALS

Everyone I talk with complains about doing PME through correspondence, and almost everyone I know that has attended PME in-residence proclaims it was a positive experience! Now is the time to bring back Satellite distance learning to the 179<sup>th</sup>.

We have our Satellite NCO Academy up and running! Our next opportunity will be to offer an ALS class this summer. The home station phase begins 22 May 07 – 9 Aug 07 (Tuesday and Thursday nights each week) – followed by two week in-residence phase 12 – 24 Aug 07.

This is a fully NGB funded course that requires you to complete a 179<sup>th</sup> training request form (see your unit training manager (UTM)).

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Hold the rank of Senior Airman
  - Have
    - o 48 months time-in-service (TIS) prior to the class start date (or)
    - o 42 months time-in-service (TIS) AND hold a 5-skill level in their primary AFSC
  - Be recommended by supervisor and squadron commander
- Members must be in military status and meet standards of AFI 36-2301(para 3-6c), AFI 36-2903, AFI 40-502, and ANGM 36-2301

- Fitness is done 3 days per week
- Fitness includes running, crunches, and pushups
- All AF 422's must be pre-coordinated through EPME Commandant before attending.
- Wear of the AF fitness uniform is mandatory. It will be worn IAW the published guidelines

You may attend ALS in residence even if you have completed it in correspondence.

I highly encourage all eligible airmen to contact your UETM, CMSgt. Greg Eyster, CMSgt. Scott Vail, or SMSgt. Steve Mock to get all the answers to this career broadening experience. Interested members are welcome to stop by the UTAH room any Tuesday or Thursday evening to observe our current NCOA Satellite class.

GREGORY L. EYSTER, CMSgt. OHANG  
Command Chief

### SATELLITE NCO ACADEMY IS IN SESSION AT THE 179<sup>TH</sup>

By CMSgt Gregory L. Eyster  
Command Chief

Professional Military Education (PME) in residence is a reality at the 179AW. Opening night, Tuesday 27 February, 12 dedicated TSgt's were in their seats as the broadcast began. One way video and two way audio links present exactly the same curriculum to our students at Mansfield as in the traditional in-residence course. For two nights each week for 12 weeks, these students will be challenged to excel in the Non Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) graduate attributes of a Military Professional, a Combat Leader, a Unit Manager, and a Managerial Communicator.

During the introductions all of the participants had different personal and professional reasons for stepping up to this challenge. In general, all wanted to improve their leadership potential, their ability to make a difference, and their value to the 179AW, the State, and the Nation. Some

had tried the correspondence course and found it to be lacking. Many have accelerated college experience, and saw this forum as a convenient means to accomplish their in residence education. The additional benefit of close interaction with a group of peers from within their own unit, along with the facilitator staff, adds a unique local perspective to the experience.

Class members encourage their commanders, supervisors, and co-workers to stop by our outstanding training facility in the UTAH room to observe and become familiar with the potential of this educational experience. Class is in session every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 1800-2200. Facilitators, CMSgt. Eyster, CMSgt. Vail, and MSgt. Bishop, welcome any questions or comments about NCOA or our upcoming Airman Leadership School.

# THE HOLOCAUST



During World War II Nazi Germany and its collaborators murdered approximately six million Jews. The Holocaust is the name used to refer to this systematic, bureaucratic, and state-sponsored campaign of persecution and murder. Beginning with racially discriminatory laws in Germany, the Nazi campaign expanded to the mass murder of all European Jews

During the era of the Holocaust, the Nazis also targeted other groups because of their perceived "racial inferiority": Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and some of the Slavic peoples (Poles, Russians, and others). Other groups were persecuted on political and behavioral grounds, among them Communists, Socialists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and homosexuals.

"Holocaust" is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis came to power in Germany in January 1933. The Nazis frequently used euphemistic language to disguise the true nature of their crimes. According to this vocabulary, Germans were considered "racially superior" and the Jews, and others deemed "inferior," were "life unworthy of life."

In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at over nine million. Most European Jews lived in countries that Nazi Germany (the Third Reich) would occupy or influence during World War II. The Nazis established concentration camps to imprison Jews, other people targeted on ethnic or "racial" grounds, and political opponents. Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, beginning World War II. Over the next several years, German forces conquered most of Europe.

By war's end, close to two out of every three Jews in Europe had been murdered by Nazi Germany and its collaborators in the massive crime we now call the Holocaust.

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