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Command Insight

Keeping your cup full

By Col. Gary McCue
179th Operations Commander

When I was a young Second Lieutenant in flight school, I came in for a debrief from a pretty rough ride. I sat dejected and waited on the instructor to come in and re-live the sortie, in excruciating detail. Quietly, he sat down and placed two large Styrofoam cups on the table. He told me that life hands us two cups, one for luck and one for skill. At the beginning, the cup of luck is full and the cup of skill is empty. The trick is to fill the cup of skill before the cup of luck runs out. He said, "At this point Lt McCue, your cup of luck is only about half full, and the other cup is still empty. You had better get something into cup #2 before #1 dries up." These were sobering words; and I've never forgotten that debrief.

We've certainly used a fair amount out of our cup of luck at the 179th. The news of our future has only gotten better since Friday, May 13, 2005. However, I'm convinced that it's the skill of the men and women here that has secured our future. This past "summer of inspections" has proven that. We passed them all with pride and professionalism, exhibiting the culture we hold so dear – that despite the challenges of BRAC, deployments, etc., we here at Mansfield continue to focus on the mission. Our skills are top notch because we have NEVER taken our eye off the ball.

We can never give up, ever. And, our greatest challenges are just around the corner. This past summer, and indeed the past three years, will pale in comparison to the next three to five years. We will lose airplanes, just as we are gaining others. We will transition to flying and maintaining two different weapons systems within a five-year period. Just when we feel comfortable



with our newly acquired skills, change will be upon us. It is gonna be tough. It is gonna be frustrating and uncomfortable. I also believe we make our own luck, so with the positive outlook daily evident in our Airmen, we can move forward.

I challenge each of you to imagine how this will unfold. Think of how you can handle this uncertain future; and use all your skills to control what you can and roll with what you cannot. Focus on the cup of skill and keep it full. If you keep this cup full, we may not have to use too much of the other.

Don't forget to take care of each other.

DON'T BE "THAT GUY" BY FORGETTING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS UTA WEEKEND

Set your clocks back one hour when going to sleep Saturday night...to ensure you don't start your day an hour earlier than planned on Sunday, November 2, 2008.



Chiefs Insight



What's your story?

By Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Bellino
179th Maintenance Squadron

Wayne Dyer said "If you change the way you look at things, things you look at change."

Have you ever experienced that? Ever notice that your attitude (for the better or for the worse) is exactly how it effects what you are doing?

You have the power to make things better. If you think of change as positive, it can result in something positive.

You can't always choose the situations you face, but you can choose how you handle it mentally. No one but you controls your thoughts. No one can force you to feel down, and no one can force you to feel upbeat. You decide your thoughts and emotions. Only you have that power. It is merely a choice you make.

Stephen Covey said "Begin with the end in mind." How would you like things to be? Are you looking for things to give thanks for from the minute that you wake

or are you still waiting for 'the good things' to make themselves known at the end of the day? Envision how you would like your story to be told. Is your story of defeat or is it of hope?

Your first reaction to a situation doesn't have to be your lasting reaction. Remind yourself to hold your negative comments; suspend your judgment; gather information; and clarify your expectation of how you want the situation to be. What story are you telling?

Negativity breeds negativity. What goes around comes around. You reap what you sow. So what is your harvest going to be? Are you harvesting wondrous anticipation of doing something new or dread of doing something new? What story are you telling?

Don't go back and try to figure it all out – just go forward. Too much time and energy is wasted when you try to figure out

what went wrong. You just need to go in the direction you want to go. If your navigation system told you to make a U turn to get you to your destination; should you scratch your head, slow down, pull over, stop and figure out why you need to make a U turn? Or should you just make the turn and go toward where you want to go?

"Change is the essence of life. Be willing to surrender what you are for what you could become." - Anonymous

It is up to you how your story is told.

Utilize "Arrive Alive" to return home safely this holiday season

Let's say you are at a wing function or a local drinking establishment and you realize you have consumed too many alcoholic beverages to be able to safely drive home or back to your hotel room. What do you do now?

Your coworkers, friends and leadership at the 179th Airlift Wing are hoping you will choose the responsible option of calling the Arrive Alive hotline provided by the base fire department. By calling this local number during a drill weekend, you are ensuring yourself a safe ride back to your local home or hotel room.

Hotline organizers want you to know that this ride is only good to get an intoxicated member to where they can safely spend the night. It is never to be used individuals looking for a free ride to the next drinking spot.

If you ever find yourself in need of the Arrive Alive services, do not fear reprisal. No record or list of names is kept by the hotline organizers. However, if an individual becomes a "frequent flyer" by consistently using the hotline services, the individual's first sergeant may need to be notified of a potential issue.

Anyone needing to contact the Arrive Alive hotline can do so by calling [\(419\) 520-6392](tel:4195206392). This number can also be found on the drill wallet cards.

If you ever find yourself in this situation, please choose to take the assistance provided by your fellow wingmen. Do not let the situation escalate into one that you or someone else cannot walk away from.

Reflection from the Chaplain Section



By Chaplain, Lt. Col. Curtiss Wagner
179th Chaplains Office

Many of the holidays that we observe in our country have been commercialized to the point that the original purpose of the holiday seems to fade in significance. The holiday that we observe in November is probably the least commercialized observance we have.

Long before our country was officially formed, in December of 1620, a group of 102 people came here from England to seek religious freedom and start a new life. It was a dangerous journey of 65 days across the storm tossed Atlantic Ocean. They arrived in Massachusetts, although their plan was to come ashore in Virginia. They faced freezing temperatures, no food, and no shelter when they finally got off the ship. During that first year over half of the original group had died.

While many people would have been ready to give up, they kept going and a small group survived that first winter. Eventually it got warmer and they learned from the American Indians how to hunt and fish and plant crops. That fall after their harvest, they paused to celebrate and to give thanks to God for helping them make it to that point.

Our holiday of Thanksgiving involves some of the same elements of eating and

being with family members and we have added other things like football. But many times we leave out the real meaning of this holiday - being thankful for the richness of blessings that we enjoy. Instead we often tend to take what we have for granted and we don't realize all that we have to be thankful for.

Are you ever thankful for your health? Are you thankful that you can see and hear and taste and touch and smell? We do these things every day and take them for granted. Are we thankful that we have a warm place to live and food to satisfy our hunger? Many people all over the world do not have these basic necessities of life. In contrast, in our country, we struggle with obesity because of our abundance.

Are you also thankful for the freedom that we have in this country to worship any way we choose, the freedom to travel anywhere in this country, the freedom to say and think what we feel is important, and the freedom to vote and have a part in our political process? If we never go to a country where people don't have these privileges, we probably take them for granted because this is all we know.

Usually we tend to do a much better job at complaining about what we don't



have than being thankful for what we have. We compare what we have to people who have much more rather than those who have much less. Many people seem to be obsessed by something they don't have rather than appreciate what they do have.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity that our government gives us to take a day out of the year to give thanks to God for his blessings on us and our country. It is a time to realize how blessed we are as we thank the source of our blessings.

As you celebrate this holiday in a few weeks, don't just get caught up in the food, football, and family activities without taking at least a few moments to think about all that you have to be thankful for. Not only is this a humbling exercise, but it also helps us not to be selfish and self-centered. In fact, if you realize how blessed you are, why not even consider how you or your family could share some of your blessings with someone who is less fortunate this holiday season.



Honoring a legacy of excellence

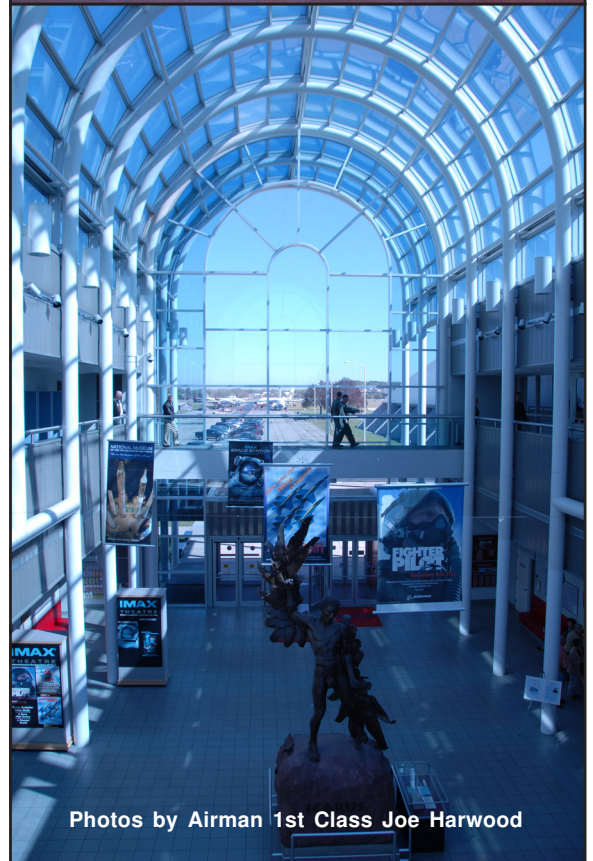
By 1st. Lt. Nicole Ashcroft
Chief of Public Affairs

Approximately 25 members of the 179th Airlift Wing, retirees and distinguished visitors traveled to Wright Patterson Air Force Base on Thursday, October 9, 2008 to place a wreath at the 357th Flight Group Memorial in recognition of their 60th Anniversary. The memorable day began with a tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force's Restoration Department, followed by a tour of the museum and ended with a memorial service at the 357th Fighter Group monument.

The 357th Fighter Group monument was placed in the Memorial Park because of the distinguished accomplishments of the "Yoxford Boys" who were renowned flying aces during World War II. It was upon their outstanding combat accomplishments that the 179th Airlift Wing was founded. Members of the 179th Airlift Wing were honored to participate in the memorable day of paying tribute to the 357th Fighter Groups phenomenal legacy of excellence.

The 179th Airlift Wing's own legacy of excellence began when the 357th broke into three Ohio Air National Guard units. The 362nd located in Springfield, Ohio; now the 178th Fighter Wing. The 363rd located in Mansfield, Ohio; now the 179th Airlift Wing. The 364th located in Columbus, Ohio; now the 121st Air Refueling Wing. It is because of this rich heritage and lineage that the 179th Airlift Wing unveiled its "60th Anniversary C-130" during the 60th Anniversary celebration held in June.

The outstanding heritage that the 179th Airlift Wing was founded upon must never be forgotten. We remembered it with the painting of our 60th Anniversary C-130. We remembered it when we held our 60th Anniversary celebrations. We again remembered it when we paid tribute to our founding 357th Fighter Group. As we move into a new year with the markings being removed from our special anniversary aircraft and the fresh memories of our celebrations slipping away, leadership asks that you not forget the legacy of excellence in which we were founded. A legacy that each member of the 179th Airlift Wing continues to carry forward through the outstanding work provided daily.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Harwood



"Shoo Shoo Baby" of the 357th Fighter Group.
Photo from the National Museum of the USAF



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REQUIREMENTS:

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 - **48 MONTHS TIME-IN-SERVICE (TIS) PRIOR TO THE CLASS START DATE (OR)**
 - **42 MONTHS TIME-IN-SERVICE (TIS) AND HOLD A 5-SKILL LEVEL IN THEIR PRIMARY AFSC**
 - **IF MEMBER IS CURRENTLY ON A 422 PROFILE – PLEASE COORDINATE**

THE HOME STATION PHASE AT MANSFIELD: 18 MAY – 05 AUG 2009

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TIME: 1900-2145 HOURS (TO ACCOMMODATE CENTRAL TIME ZONE UNITS)

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OR YOUR UNIT TRAINING MANAGER

My year with the Afghan National Army

By Master Sgt. Rick Brenly
179th Maintenance Group

I think every story begins with, “doing more with less”, and this has been my most challenging task to date. This started back in January at Ft. Riley, Kansas. All Army ILO tasking (In-lieu of) must complete CST (Combat Skills Training) when they go “outside the wire.” We received training in (Army style I might add) convoy driving, mounted and dismounted patrol and engagement (kicking down door stuff, which we do not do here), weapons training (M-4, M-9, M240, M249, 50 cal, MK-18, and 20 different foreign weapons) familiarization training and firing, communication (various radios, Sat phones, Blue Force tracker (GPS), map reading, etc), CLS training (Combat Life Saver which goes way beyond SABC; we started IV’s and such), language class (Dari), and other various classes.

Since my arrival, our team has almost tripled in size, as we now not only mentor/advise the ANA but have added the ANP (Afghan National Police) to our plate. We convoy approximately 4 kilometers each day to mentor/advise the ANA. Our mentor/advisor sessions start out with greetings exchanged and small talk about how they and their family are doing; which is customary in their culture. Also customary is serving Chi (tea) which, during the cold months, is quite welcome. As much as we would like to see things done differently, it just is not the nature of the Afghan people to do them the way we (Air Force) would do it.

We continually work to increase the basic education that the Afghans receive. Currently they are offered three six month courses which are taught at the Central Workshop. At the end of course, the workers will test in the Kabul public school system. Many of them are then placed in 7th through 9th grade based on their test score. However, the weight is placed on the individual if he chooses to continue his education. The majority of the Central Workshop employees are blue collar laborers and they can’t afford to not earn a salary while they continue their education. Therefore, they choose to work and they stop their education



once the third course is complete (Dari Literacy/Math/religion classes).

So, we have had to adjust our way of thinking to better meet and fulfill our mission of helping them. Trust me, we have tried to cram our way of doing business into them, but if it’s not something that they had a part in (buy-in), they will not acknowledge or participate in the new process that we have worked to create.

This is definitely not your typical deployment, but an experience that you will never forget. I would encourage anyone that is thinking of trying something different to email me (Richard.K.Brenly@afghan.swa.army.mil) with any questions (it may not necessarily have anything to do with your AFSC).



Native American Heritage Month



November 2008

Native Americans have been actively involved in serving in the military since the Revolutionary War. They desire to serve their country and community to protect the rights, lands, and dignity of their respective tribes. Indian communities have traditionally supported their men and women warriors regardless of the policy that sent them to fight. The Native American contribution to military service has been invaluable, particularly when looking at their language as a weapon.

Code talkers, as they were called, were fluent in both Navajo and English and were tasked with sending messages that would be undecipherable during WWII. There were originally 29 code talkers sent through Marine boot camp that were tasked with constructing an alphabet to spell out words for which no code terms could be devised. Words were taken from nature and had logical connections with military terms and place names. By the end of World War II, the Navajos had developed 411 terms that the Japanese were unable to decipher even a single syllable from thousands of transmitted messages. Each code talker was assigned a bodyguard who was ordered to protect the code at all costs. The code was such a valuable asset that it was classified for 23 years after the end of World War II. Upon declassification in 1968, the nation finally realized the valor and contributions made by these brave Americans. On August 14, 1982, by House Joint Resolution 444, Congress designated this date as National Navajo Code Talkers Day.

Today, **Native Americans** continue to serve their country with pride. As a native people, they have given their life over to end terrorism. Native American Heritage Month provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of this proud people.

Annual Mansfield Lahm Military

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Cauvel
Public Affairs Journalist

The 8th Annual Mansfield Lahm Military Families Golf Tournament, held on Aug. 8, 2008, was a great success according to organizational chairman, Lt. Col. Timothy G. Korbas.

The four man scramble was so popular that teams had to be turned away because the maximum number of allowed teams was reached before the event. All participating teams received a forest green golf shirt and 179th Airlift Wing logo golf balls, as well as other donations.

Lunch was provided for the golfers on the Pebble Creek Golf Course in Lexington. Also, a catered dinner was provided by Fat Daddy's BBQ following the event.

During the tournament, Nicole Wagoner hit the shortest drive on Hole #1. The men's Long Drive winner on Hole #7 was Kelly Ruff. The women's Long Drive winner was Heidi Bunker on Hole #9. Duncan MacFarlane took home the Long Drive honors for Hole #10. The long putt winner was Randy Crouse for his work on Hole #18.

At the end of the tournament, three teams ended with a score of 13 under par. To determine a winner, a 'scorecard playoff' was held. This involved comparing the teams' results with the course and hole handicaps. The top three teams placed as follows:

1st Place

Kevin Kieffer
Mike Hauphricht
Jason Dunkel
Tim Eames

2nd Place

Carl Stehle
Duncan MacFarlane
Andy Stehle
Kevin Wiseman

3rd Place

Josh Lenneman
Paul Wolcott
Steve Cochran
Ted Macaulay

Next year's golf tournament is slated for Sept. 11, 2009. Be sure to sign up early to ensure your team gets a chance to participate in the fun and win prizes. Participation is open to employees and friends of the 179th Airlift Wing, active and retired Ohio National Guard members, their families, and local businesses.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Koehler

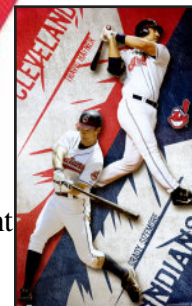
Families Golf Tournament



The following items were raffled off during the tournament:

1. One year Mansfield YMCA membership
2. Kalahari Queen Package and 6 water passes
3. Belterra stay and golf for two
4. Cleveland tickets/night stay/dinner @ Hard Rock Café
5. Womens Package-2 massages/numerous items
6. Cleveland tickets/shirts/blanket/ Cribbs autographed hat and pennant
7. Haring Jewelers gift certificate
8. Hampton Inn stay/Logans dinner for two/ movie passes

Proceeds were donated to the 179th MLMF scholarship fund and other activities.



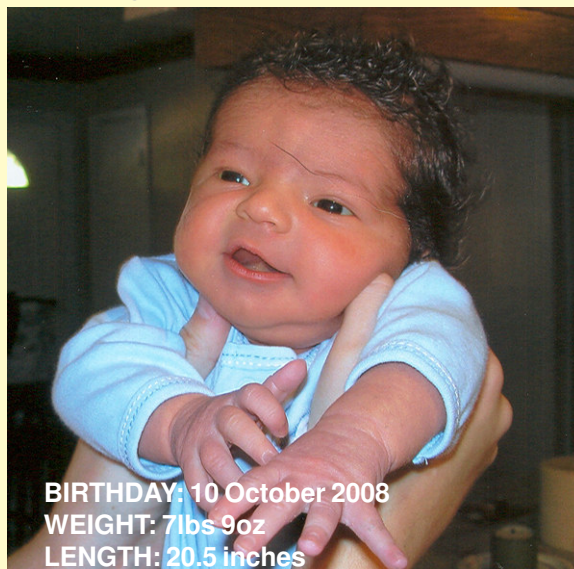
Welcome to the 179th family!

Hazelle Marie Cordrey



BIRTHDAY: 1 August 2008
WEIGHT: 6lbs 13oz
LENGTH: 20 inches
PARENTS: Joseph and Ronica Cordrey

Benjamin Jean Brockman



BIRTHDAY: 10 October 2008
WEIGHT: 7lbs 9oz
LENGTH: 20.5 inches
PARENTS: Diane and Dustin Brockman
GRANDPARENTS: Mark and Cindy Shoaf



Airman Spotlight

By Airman 1st Class Dustin Edgell
 Public Affairs Knowledge Manager

Senior Airman Nick Kauffman has been a traditional guardsman attached to the 179th Services Squadron for the past 5 years. Kauffman joined the guard because he wanted to make something of himself. He also thought that it would be a great way for him to advance his career with the college tuition assistance.

In the civilian world, Kauffman attends the University of Ashland as a full time student while majoring in Integrated Social Studies, with plans to become a teacher. Hobbies that Kauffman enjoys include: hunting, fishing, and spending time with his friends and his fiancé. Kauffman is an athletic individual who has competed in sports throughout his life; such as football and wrestling, which are his two favorites.

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