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Command Insight

By Col. Gary A. McCue
179th Operations Commander

Three months ago marked the 6th anniversary of the start of offensive actions against the regime in Iraq. This means that any Guard member new to the unit during this period has spent their entire enlistment during war. And really, anyone having joined since September 2001 has served entirely during war.

This is pretty amazing. There is a large percentage of folks in this unit who have a much different perspective on what it means to serve in the Air Guard. For them, it is a matter of “when” and not “if” they are going to be activated. I can recall many a rally speech by commanders, telling us to be ready because the day would come when we’d be called. And, those of us having served during peacetime, dealt with a much different perspective on what we do. Yes, throughout the ‘90s we participated in Operations Southern/Northern Watch, as well as the Balkans campaign, but this was rather benign compared to what we are involved in today. We were a strategic reserve, and today’s recruits are part of something that looks and acts very differently than the Cold War model upon which we existed.

We are an operational reserve and will be for the foreseeable future. I know folks who served an entire 20-year career without going to war, and we have started the clock on the careers of Guardsmen who may very well serve 20 years without seeing peace. Their Air Force and Air Guard will require much more from them. They will deal with separation from family as a matter of course. Time and again job, school, and lives will be put on hold. The stress of a “part time job” will certainly factor into life’s decisions. The goal of senior DoD leadership is to take care of our people, in order to ensure a strong, dedicated volunteer force. The alternative is unacceptable. If we “damage the goods” by losing focus on our people, we will be left with a hollow force.

Things look very promising for this great unit, and it is up to each of us to remain focused on mission and safety. Operations tempo is high and shows no sign of decreasing. Stay connected to the



idea that we are here to support each other, be a strong and reliable Wingman, and speak up when something appears as it should not be.

In troubling times, such as we find ourselves, society looks to us for strength and resolve. They are counting on us to do our job.

JUNE PROMOTIONS

NEW SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS

DENNIS V. KARL - 164 AS

NEW MASTER SERGEANTS

DAMIN A. CAPPEL - SVF
JEFFREY E. FULLER, II - MXS
DENNIS R. GARRISON - MXS
RACHELLE E. NEWSON - SVF
MARK D. STEINBRUNNER - AMXS

NEW TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

MARK R. SCHNEIDER - 200 RH
ADAM J. FRILEY - 200 RH
DAVID J. AMERT - 200 RH DET 1
JAMES C. BOYD - 200 RH DET 1
LISA M. CHANNING - AW

NEW STAFF SERGEANTS

SHAWN A. ROEDER - CES
NATHANIEL J. KOONTZ - AMXS
GUILLERMO MALDONADO - 200 RH
AARON R. SANTMYER - 200 RH DET 1
ANDREW J. SKOMROCK - 200 RH DET 1
AARON J. ROGERS - 200 RH DET 1

NEW SENIOR AIRMEN

BRYAN V. RHODES - AMXS
ALEXANDER M. AMSTUTZ - MXS
ADAM C. HOBSON - MXS
WILLIAM L. CRAUN - 200 RH
JACOB S. MOTTAYAW - 200 RH DET 1
BRANDON M. REED - MXS

Reflection from the Chaplain Section



Busy, busy, busy...

By Chaplain, David W. Shirley
179th Chaplains Office

Has anyone noticed how fast time is moving lately? Even more we are required to keep up or get left behind. You wake up in the morning with a variety of tasks to complete. We have places to be, children to pick up, calls to make, letters to mail, doctors appointments, the unexpected visitor, the plain to catch, the workout to get in.etc. We just finished the UCI and we are already talking about the ORI in 2010. Some of you have schedules that span from the early morning hours

to the late midnight hour and you get right back up the next day and do it again. Some of you have not had a day off in three months. The good news is that we are resilient, flexible and adapt well. I have seen and heard from many of our members just how busy life is. I want to encourage you to take a moment to step out of the fast lane and spend some quality time taking care of yourselves; heart, mind, body and soul. We all have things to do

and much of it is absolutely essential but if we don't take care of ourselves we won't be around to take care of anything else. Busy is good when you balance it with rest, relaxation, friends and family. You are most valuable when you love yourself enough to take care of you.

Chiefs Corner

“What do you get out of AFI 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure?”

By Chief Master Sgt. Richard A. Schuller
179th Security Forces Squadron

Did you know the “little brown book”, officially known as AFI 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure, has been updated? This past February the guidance for our enlisted ranks was published with some interesting updates. First, it introduces the Air Force development construct and institutional competencies that, as the book points out, applies to *all* Airman, regardless of their specialty because we are Airman first, specialists second. It reinforces the Air Force core values as a reminder that they form the basis for all our actions. What I find most interesting is in the following chapters of responsibilities for our three tiers, Junior Enlisted Airman, NCO and SNCO. Many of the Junior Enlisted and NCO chapter's opening paragraphs have the same opening sentences. The SNCO chapter simply states SNCO's must meet all NCO responsibilities and therefore all responsibilities apply. Sure, there are a few more words at the end of the paragraphs in the NCO chapter but isn't it interesting that what this commonality tells us

in the beginning of the paragraphs? There is no difference what rank you are, the responsibility to accept and execute all duties, instructions, responsibilities and lawful orders in a timely and efficient manner; detect and correct conduct and behavior that may place yourself or others at risk, understand and demonstrate the institutional and occupational competencies required to accomplish the mission (technically ready, physically ready, mentally ready); meet all pre-deployment requirements; know and understand the Wingman concept; demonstrate effective followership; and continue professional development through on- and off-duty education, apply to ALL Airmen.

There is much more to read and understand so why not contact your First Sergeant or Chief and get a copy to read, or better yet, read it online at e-publishing.af.mil? It's part of your duty and well worth your time.

The challenge of excellence

By Col. Mark L. Stephens
179th Base Commander

I'm very pleased to say we won the Tappan Memorial Trophy for superior performance among the four Wings in Ohio and the Individual Readiness Award for the second year in a row. What a fantastic accomplishment! We are well on our way to another great year having already received:

ANG OUTSTANDING AVIATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE YEAR

ANG OUTSTANDING MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT OF THE YEAR

ANG OUTSTANDING COMMAND POST OF THE YEAR

ANG ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

AIR FORCE THOMAS D. WHITE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CLOSING THE CIRCLE AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD



I hope to hear soon about our submission for the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award; I think we have a good shot. Keep your fingers crossed.

Now you may be asking yourself, "OK so we won some awards, what's the big deal?" Well from where I sit the big deal is that great folks doing great work deserved to be recognized for it. However, it doesn't just happen. It takes time and energy to submit for these awards but no one is going to do it for us. So the moral of that story is know what awards are out there and take the time to submit your deserving folks and sections. This is an essential ingredient in making sure we keep our culture of excellence alive.

I have written to you all before about our culture of excellence and it is clear that each and every one of you is doing your part to keep this culture alive and well. I couldn't be prouder. We have won the Tappan 11 times since its inception in 1977 but never more than twice in a row. As a matter of fact no one has won this coveted award more than twice in a row. So there is the challenge, let's win this for the 3rd time in a row and due what has never been done before! Are you up for the challenge?

Significance behind the Tappan Award...

By 1st. Lt. Nicole L. Ashcroft
179th Chief of Public Affairs

Many people wonder what the meaning is behind the coveted "Alan P. Tappan Award." Who is the man behind this distinguished honor? Do you know that this is a particularly special award for the 179th Airlift Wing because he was instrumental in forming the unit?

Col. Alan P. Tappan chaired an advisory committee whose goal was to bring an Air National Guard Unit to Mansfield; which came to fruition on June 20, 1948 with the federal recognition of the 164th Fighter Squadron. Not only was he a leader in organization and growth of the Ohio Air National Guard, but he was also an industrialist, veteran of three wars, and distinguished citizen.

Tappan began his military career in 1916 with Company M, Ohio National Guard, serving on the Mexican Border. After graduating from flying school in 1918 as a 2nd Lt., he was assigned as a

Flight Instructor and Pursuit Pilot. He was released from active duty after WW I then served during WW II in European Theatre and Washington, D.C., where he advanced to the rank of Colonel. During his career, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for personally directing plans for first mass production of helicopters and for outstanding achievements as Executive Officer, Materiel Division, Air Force Headquarters.

He was a man dedicated to the highest standards of performance throughout his military and civilian careers. Tappan strode toward excellence throughout his career; which is why the award has been bestowed in his honor to the "best of the best" for many years. It is because of **your** excellence at the 179th Airlift Wing that the coveted Alan P. Tappan Award has once again been received.



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**THE CLASS IS FORMING NOW. SIGN UP WITH YOUR TRAINING MANAGER
USING AN AW12, ACCOMPANIED WITH A CURRENT FITNESS ASSESSMENT
FORM. (NEED 8 STUDENTS SIGNED UP NLT END OF JULY UTA)
EACH STUDENT WILL BE PAID A PT DAY (4 HOUR PERIOD) FOR EACH NIGHT
OF CLASS AT HOME STATION.**

REQUIREMENTS:

TSGT-NO MINIMUM T.I.S. & 7 LEVEL

(If Member is currently on a 422 Profile specific coordination is needed)

**THE HOME STATION PHASE AT MANSFIELD: 8 SEPTEMBER TO 24
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Providing Community Support

By 1st Lt. Nicole L. Ashcroft
179th Chief of Public Affairs



On a sunny spring afternoon, approximately 150 members of the 179th Airlift Wing volunteered to provide community support throughout the local area during their annual Earth Day event on May 13, 2009.

Members worked at 14 project sites throughout Richland, Crawford and Morrow counties. Project locations included:

- o Wynford Elementary; located in Bucyrus
- o Park Ave. Elementary; located in Mt. Gilead
- o Madison South Elementary; Mansfield
- o Eastview Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o Woodland Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o John Sherman Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o Springmill Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o Brinkerhoff Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o Prospect Elementary; located in Mansfield
- o Discovery School; located in Mansfield
- o Western Elementary; located in Lexington
- o Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center; located in Mansfield
- o Shelby YMCA; located in Shelby
- o Bellville/Butler River Cleanup

The project primarily focused on outdoor beautification to include weeding, planting, and mulching. This was an opportunity for volunteers to actively work with local community members because all school locations included student participation.





Photos by Master Sgt. Lisa A. Haun and Senior Airman Joe D. Harwood

179th shines again...

Selected as ANG Unit Command Post of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Q. Hill
179th Public Affairs Journalist

One of the most unknown offices at the 179th has brought home another award to the unit. Command Post, which is located in the Communications hallway of Building 164, earned the title of 2008 Air National Guard Unit Command Post of the Year.

Command Post members were quick to point out that the award is most likely the result of their great camaraderie and the deployments of more than two-thirds of the office. “We have a good team. Good training with a good team,” said Lt. Col. Bob J. Bennington, Command Post Commander.

He said that although the team is young, they are eager to learn and serve; which he believes has greatly helped them to win the award. “They may be new, but proficiency grows quickly. They have a great sense of volunteerism and now they are getting real world OJT [on the job training],” Bennington added.

He noted that the team has blended together nicely, which has helped them over the hurdle they face of being a young group. “We have faced a lot of challenges that have helped to mold us together,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Ensman, Command Post member.

As one of the newest members of the Command Post, Airman First Class Jeemin Taylor said she is very excited to jump into the mix to help the Command Post continue to stride toward excellence. “We have very good supervisors who make sure everyone gets what they need to get done,” she said.

While the supervisors in Command Post are busy providing trainees the tools they need, they are also demanding things like excellence from the trainees too. “[Master Sgt. Jamie E.] Stover demands that CDCs be completed quickly and above average scores,” said Bennington. The members are asked to try for a minimum of a 90% on their tests.

While they do strive for excellence in testing and in their careers, according to Ensman, Command Post members were not striving for any award when they received one. “We just accomplished so much this year and the right people noticed it,” he said.

Emergency management training exercise

By Senior Master Sgt. Mark A. Manbevers
179th Emergency Manager

During the May 2009 UTA, were you wondering what was going on behind the Aerial Port Building? Why were people in masks and holding test equipment?

The answer is that the 179th CES/CEX Readiness and Emergency Management (REM) Flight developed and performed a suspicious package exercise. The REM Flight proceeded to make initial cordon recommendations, set up the Mobile Emergency Operation Center (MEOC), Responder Staging Area (RSA), Downwind Hazard Array, and a DECON station. Complete Site Survey, Cordon reduction and expansion, facility assessment, sample

collection and identification, and chain of custody operations were all part of the training. Finally the team made recommendations for site mitigation. Teams were then tasked to identify the unknown substances using some of the new advanced equipment that is being purchased by the Air Force today.

All of the planning and execution was done in accordance with new TTP’s. Many members of the flight also received training on the new MSA FireHawk M7 Responder Air Masks. This exercise will prove invaluable in preparing the flight for real world emergencies, future inspections and deployments.



Photo by Airman First Class Joe D. Harwood

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