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C-27J SPARTAN *Conversion Ceremony*

14 AUGUST 2010



C-27J SPARTAN

AUGUST PROMOTIONS

NEW COLONEL

Lindsey A. Whitehead – 179 MXG

NEW CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Daniel E. Peters – 179 AW

NEW TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

Lori M. Carpenter – 200 RHS Det 1

Toby R. Cline – 200 RHS Det 1

Erik C. Moore – 200 RHS Det 1

NEW STAFF SERGEANTS

Scott A. Shondell – 200 RHS

Daniel Sublett – 200 RHS Det 1

Christopher M. Tadijanac – 179 CF

NEW STAFF SERGEANTS - Cont.

Chad M. Young – 200 RHS Det 1

Karen E. Zaunscherb – 179 MXS

NEW SENIOR AIRMEN

Andrew J. Beard – 179 MXS

Holly N. Davison – 200 RSH Det 1

Kyleen S. Dennison – 179 MDG

Natasha M. Grau – 179 MDG

Ross V. Kauffman – 200 RHS Det 1

Zachary J. Maxey – 179 MXS

John A. Vidonish Jr – 200 RHS Det 1

NEW AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Davina R. Shirley – 179 FSS

179TH AIRLIFT WING

PRESENTS

THE C-27J SPARTAN

Conversion Ceremony

1947 Harrington Memorial Rd. Mansfield Lahm Airport Mansfield Ohio

14th day of August 2010

*at two o'clock
in Hangar 102*

THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED FOR THE OFFICIAL CONVERSION CEREMONY FROM THE C130 HERCULES TO THE C27J SPARTAN. THE 179TH HAS SERVED WITH THE HERC SINCE 1976 MAKING THIS A PROUD AND HISTORICAL MILESTONE CELEBRATING BOTH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW MISSION AND THE FINALE OF THE HERC'S TENURE IN MANSFIELD.

R.S.V.P to TSgt Lisa Athy 419-520-6116 DSN: 696-6116

179TH AW WILL MAKE NATIONWIDE ANG HISTORY BY CHANGING AIRCRAFT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

By Capt. Nicole L. Ashcroft
179th Chief of Public Affairs

Ohio National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, invites you to join him on Saturday, August 14, 2010 as the 179th Airlift Wing makes a historical change in aircraft from the C-130 Hercules to C-27J Spartan during a Conversion Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. in Hanger 102. The 179th Airlift Wing will be the first base in the Air National Guard to begin this new C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft Mission.

A multitude of distinguished visitors will join Maj. Gen. Wayt to celebrate this historical ceremony; some of those include:

Senator George Voinovich

Senator Sherrod Brown

Congressman Jim Jordan

Mr. Don Culliver – Mayor of Mansfield

Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt – Air National Guard (ANG) Director

Maj. Gen. Harry “A.J.” Feucht, Jr. – Ohio Assistant Adjutant General for Air

Maj. Gen. Thomas Haynes – ANG Assistant to the Air Mobility Commander

Brig. Gen. Robert Boggs – Ohio ANG Chief of Staff

Col. Gary McCue – 179th Airlift Wing Commander

Col. Mark Foringer – Systems Program Office

Mr. James Burkhardt – Platform Integration Division President at L-3 Communications

Since the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), in which the 179th Airlift Wing was slated to be closed, local community, base, National Guard Bureau and government leaders rallying together in order to show the BRAC board the tremendous value offered by the 179th Airlift Wing. As a result of their fortitude and tenacity, our base was given a new mission; instead of flying C-130s, we would fly C-27J Spartans. This historical change in missions will occur Saturday as our last C-130 sits next to the new C-27J.

What to expect during ceremony...

- The ceremony will last for approximately one hour.
- Coins and mugs will be sold in the hangar for \$5.00 each
- Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.
- Media will be abundant; if you have questions or need assistance, call your Public Affairs Officer at x420 or via cell 614-753-5394.
- It will be very warm so drink plenty of water before, during and after the ceremony - safety first
- We will have a C-27 Spartan for the ceremony; this is not our aircraft, it is a loaner
- The event isn't open to the public, although families are invited
- Enjoy the ceremony - this is one of the most historic days we've celebrated in our 62 year history - coming off the BRAC list five years ago to securing the newest aircraft in the AF inventory is a testament to the outstanding character, commitment, and dedication of the airmen on this base - so while the DVs will be present and giving speeches about the success of the C-27 coming to Mansfield, take solace in knowing these planes and this mission are here because of you. Thanks for this new mission and have a great time at the ceremony.

Pryor family named 2009 Ohio Adjutant General's Family of the Year

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

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Pryor, his wife, Master Sgt. Sheila Pryor, and their family were recently named as the 2009 Ohio Adjutant General's Family of the Year. They were nominated for the work they do in support of the 179th Airlift Wing (AW) and the 200th RED HORSE (RH).

According to Faline Rowland, 179 AW Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager, who nominated the Pryors, the family stood out because of their strong devotion to the units. "They are always at all of the event, helping out in any way that they can, and always asking if there is more that they can do," Rowland said.

Showing her typical humbleness, Master Sgt. Pryor said of winning the award, "I am so very proud for my husband to receive such an amazing honor while he is deployed." Chief Master Sgt. Pryor is current deployed with the 200 RH troops in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Southeast Asia. According to his wife, Chief Master Sgt. Pryor's response to the



honor was simply, "This is what we do."

"We are just truly proud to be a small part of the amazing things that our unit represents. Our son [Senior Airman Jarrod Pryor] is part of the unit, our daughter [Karissa Pryor] is working with recruiting now to join, and our youngest [Macey Pryor] cannot wait to graduate; as she is planning on Active Duty Air Force. We all greatly enjoy getting the chance to get involved and make a difference," Master Sgt. Pryor stated.

Rowland said the Pryors make her job easier by always being ready and waiting. "I ask and they are there. What more can you ask for," she noted.

During the year for which they were nominated, Master Sgt. Pryor deployed for four months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Noble Eagle (ONE); leaving behind her husband and daughter, Macey. During this time, Chief Master Sgt. Pryor continued to support families of the 179 AW and the 200 RH while preparing for his own upcoming seven month deployment.

Upon Master Sgt. Pryor's return, Chief and Macey helped with the Welcome Home Ceremony, which marked the return of more than 80 members of the 179 AW from their



deployment. While military members in-processed, they spent time bonding with the families while providing them lunch and comforting conversation.

In July, Master Sgt. Pryor and Macey worked with the Family Readiness Group on the annual summer "Fun in the Sun" event held at Infield in Lexington. The event was a huge success with attendance of more than 600 military members and their families. She was also an instrumental organizer in the 2010 MLMF Scholarship Golf Outing. Additionally, her creative fliers and e-mails ensured a memorable Annual Children's Christmas party; which was attended by more than 250 children and their families.

As the time grew near for Chief Master Sgt. Pryor to deploy, Master Sgt. Pryor again stepped up to the plate; however this time it was to help form the new Family Readiness Group for the 200th RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1. With her Family Readiness knowledge, caring nature and outgoing personality, Master Sgt. Pryor was the perfect person to help

these military members and their families, according to Rowland. "Not many families are that committed," she said.

Even with their level of commitment and willingness to be on-call when needed, the Pryors wish they could do more. Master Sgt. Pryor said, "I only wish there were more hours in the day to do more for our families. When a military member is deployed, the greatest thing we can do is ease their minds so they can focus on the mission."

When asked to describe what Family Programs means to her, Master Sgt. Pryor said, "[It is] making sure their family members have support and resources made available to them. Being part of it is so humbling," she said. "We get to meet so many amazing families! And just one little smile at an event that takes weeks to plan, negotiate, navigate and organize becomes priceless in my heart. I am blessed to be able to help."

Rowland pointed out that this is not the first time the 179 AW has been recognized with an Adjutant General's award. She said that the wing has won Commander of the Year twice, Liaison of the Year, Family Readiness Group of the Year, and now Family of the Year.



"Stop and think about it, the competition is huge between the four wings and GSUs [Geographically Separated Units]," Rowland said. "[The state has] great programs and we all have great people; but this year, our Family was the best."

Rowland said she is very excited the Pryors were awarded such a great honor and predicts this will not be an isolated occurrence. She hopes to see more 179 AW and 200 RH winners recognized in the future.

August UTA menu

SATURDAY

Yankee Pot Roast
Lemon Pepper Fish
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Red Potatoes
Buttered Noodles
Peas
Corn
Salad
Key Lime Pie

Ice cream- Mint Chocolate Chip/Vanilla/or Raspberry Chocolate Chunk

OR GRAB & GO BOX LUNCHES WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TURKEY, HAM OR ROAST BEEF.



SUNDAY

Catered by Subway. Your choice of Turkey, Subway Club, Ham, BMT or Tuna; Available on Italian or Whole Wheat bread.



Women's Equality Day

Aug. 26, 2010

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

The ratification of our Constitution's 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920, marked a turning point for America as women were guaranteed the right to vote. On **Women's Equality Day**, we celebrate this milestone and pay tribute to the inspiring individuals who stepped forward and asked our Nation to live up to its principle of equality for all.

The struggle for women's rights is a story of strong women joining together to break down the barriers to equality. With courage and determination, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and other suffragists inspired generations of women and helped change the path of our Nation's history. The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 sparked a mass movement for women's voting rights that gained support from women of all ages and backgrounds. In 1890, Wyoming became the first State whose constitution allowed women to vote, and by 1918, women could vote in 14 additional States. Two years later, women secured nationwide suffrage with the passage of the 19th Amendment. By demanding participation in the democratic process, these visionaries helped spread freedom, justice, and hope for generations to come.

Women today are continuing the suffragists' legacy of leadership and strength. They are shaping the future through their contributions to all aspects of American life, including science, law, business, education, athletics, and the arts. They are serving our Nation with honor and distinction in our Armed Forces. American women have served as examples for women in other countries in their efforts to increase their participation in civic and political life. Our Nation remains committed to advancing the equality of women the world's newest democracies and fighting threats to women around the globe.

Airman Spotlight

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

The next time you need a new ID card or need to update changes to your family or location who will you go see? The obvious answer is Customer Service in Building 422, but with several new faces at the front counter many people do not know who is taking care of them.

One of the ladies you may meet when you visit the Customer Service counter is Airman 1st Class Dominique A. Collins who has been with unit since she joined the Air National Guard in December 2007. Collins joined the 179th Airlift Wing due to its proximity to her school, the University of Akron, the tuition assistance and to serve with her friend Senior Airman Natalie M. McGhee, who works in the Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The traditional guardsman is double majoring in History and Mid-Level Education. She will be graduating with one degree next year and finish her second degree in 2012. After she completes her degrees, she plans to go for her Master's degree and teach either Language or Social Studies to middle school aged children.

When she is not busy with her studies and the guard, Collins works as a Home Health Aide. Her duties include helping elderly clients with daily household chores, such as cooking, bathing, cleaning and grocery shopping. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her sorority sisters, playing Wii Resort and shopping.

She said her favorite guard memory is when she would not let her Force Support Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Troy A. Cramer, into her building during the April 2010 Position the Force exercise.

Another new face at the Customer Service counter is Airman Brandi M. Rogers who has been in FSS since she enlisted in October 2008. Rogers joined the Guard for the opportunities that all available after college graduation. She said she choose the 179th AW because the personnel on base are "really cool."

Like Collins, Rogers also attends the University of Akron where she is majoring in Journalism and plans to graduate in the spring of 2011. She would like to pursue a commission in Public Affairs at a guard base or become an editor of a publication after she graduates.

When she is not busy at school, Rogers works at Body Central, a female fashion store in the Chapel Hill Mall. She is also a member of a sorority at her college, but not the same sorority as Collins. "We are the only two from our sororities who get along," she said of the rival sororities.

Rogers is a self-described "book worm." She considers herself a big nerd and a whiz in the kitchen. "I cook a lot of full course meals," she boosted.

In her pursuit of her Journalism degree, Rogers has been published in various high school and college publications. She is most proud of being published in her university's Bucktelite publication.



Rogers said she is very open and welcomes people who would like to get to know her to stop by Building 422 and have a chat. "Go Bengals," she said. "That will give people plenty to talk to me about."

"We are very well trained and really know what we are talking about," she said about the Customer Service personnel. She said they want people to feel confident in the answers they receive when they come for help or guidance. Collins, Rogers and the rest of the Customer Service team are ready for people to come with their Personnel needs and test their training and skills.

HEAT STRESS PREVENTION

Summertime at Mansfield means hot, humid weather and potential for heat stress injury. Heat stress is the combination of environmental and physical work load factors that constitute the total heat load on the body. Factors such as your activity level, air temperature, radiant heat (sunlight), air movement, and relative humidity all contribute to this heat load. To measure the potential for heat stress injury, the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) index is used. This is *different* from the heat index or effective temperature mentioned on TV or in the paper as they only account for temperature and humidity.

The 179 MDS/Bioenvironmental Engineering Office measures the WBGT periodically throughout the work day when the outside ambient temperature reaches 85F. The current WBGT index is provided to Maintenance Control, Civil Engineering, and Red Horse. It will also be posted on the 179 Environmental CoP, scrolling news ticker at this link: <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=AN-OT-02-28>

Medical problems that can result from heat exposure include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

HEAT CRAMPS are painful cramps in the stomach, arms or legs caused from excessive loss of salt from the body. First aid is to move to shade, loosen clothing and slowly drink water.

HEAT EXHAUSTION is due to excessive body loss of water and salt and causes profuse sweating, weakness, nausea, and pale/damp skin in the individual. First aid is to move to shade, remove clothing, cool body with water and fan, slowly drink water and get medical attention.

HEAT STROKE occurs when the body can no longer rid itself of heat. The individual has hot, flushed, dry skin; extreme weakness; confusion and possible loss of consciousness. This is a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, cool body and get to medical care.

Heat stress injury is easily preventable through education and countermeasures. Supervisors and personnel should know the signs and symptoms of heat injury, wear loose clothing, drink plenty of water (non-caffeinated drinks), modify work schedules and pace, and if new to the area be given time to acclimate to our hotter climate.

Use the following WBGT chart to guide your activities:

Heat Condition (Also Flag Color)	WBGT INDEX (Degrees Fahrenheit)	WATER INTAKE	WORK/REST CYCLE (Outdoor Work)
NONE	78-81.9	.75 Quarts/hour	No Limit
GREEN	82-84.9	.75 Quarts/hour	50/10 Minutes
YELLOW	85-87.9	.75 Quarts/hour	40/20 Minutes
RED	88-89.9	.75 Quarts/hour	30/30 Minutes
BLACK	90 & Above	1.0 Quarts/hour	20/40 Minutes

Rest means minimal physical activity, i.e. sitting or standing, accomplished in the shade or indoor environment if possible.

REMEMBER, heat injury can happen to anyone but it is easily preventable with the use of the information available and a little common sense. Questions regarding heat stress can be directed to the Bio Office at 278 and 534.

AFPAM 48-151, Thermal Injury Prevention and your 10-100, Airmans Manual can also be referenced.

Go organic

By Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy J. Camarata
179th Equipment Maintenance Branch Chief

Fast approaching, the C-27J will be certified to perform operational missions and enter ANG inventory. As our crews begin parking C-27s on the ramp, amongst the crowd will be contractors from L-3 Vertex; which is a subsidiary of the prime contractor for the C-27J, L-3 Communications. L-3 Vertex will be providing logistical support for the incoming aircraft and will be operating out of various buildings in the maintenance complex, as well as supply. The proper term for this activity is Interim Contractor Support (ICS).

ICS is defined as a planned, temporary contractor support method used to provide all or part of the logistics support for a system, subsystem, or equipment item for an initial period of time from first production article delivery until an organic or permanent contract capability, i.e., Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) capability is achieved.

ICS accompanies new acquisitions when the projected cost of setting up organic capability at the time operational support is first required is excessive due to uncertainties in the type or level of support required, or the resources

required to establish an organic capability will not be available until after operational support is first required because development, production, and/or deployment phases do not allow enough time.

The ICS contract was awarded in June 2007 and runs through June 2012. The long-term sustainment and training strategies will be presented based on data from a Business Case Analysis which was ordered to evaluate & provide findings on the optimal means for long term sustainment. The six major areas of concern are:

- Airworthiness Certification
- Aircrew Training
- Organizational Maintenance
- Maintenance Training
- Depot Maintenance
- Supply Support

The BCA has been completed and delivered. An Executive Forum comprised of a variety of Air Force offices will be rendering the final decision on the method of sustainment (contractor, organic or a combination of the two) for these areas within the coming months.

Exactly as defined, ICS is a temporary solution to minimize risk to the acquisi-

tion. Formality aside, what does “interim” mean to us?

Throughout ICS, there is a certain level of organic capability necessary to support the C-27J, as was the case with C-27A operations under the CLS construct. The particulars of the organic support requirements are still being determined, but overall; most maintenance functions will be tasked; some not seeing a depreciable workload from current state, whatsoever. The contractors are deployable, and will support all deployments until we have enough trained ANG mechanics to support the mission.

At this point in time, multiple contracts provisions are being exercised relevant to organic sustainment. When the formal decision is reached, a deliberate transition plan will be initiated to facilitate the conversion from ICS to organic.

We have overflow C-130 work and various other assignments that will allow us to remain focused and proficient, and we’re looking forward to C-27J conversion training.

This’ll all be ours some day. L-3’s “interim” is to maintain the aircraft; ours will be to learn it.

Welcome to the Family

Name: Braddock Burton

Birthday: June 7, 2010

Parents: Roger and Jamie Burton





Marriage Enrichment Retreats

WHAT'S NEW!

- Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage (LYW)
- Optional Friday Night Arrival

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 26300 Harvard Road
 Warrensville Heights, OH 44122

19-21 March: Salt Fork State Park

30 July – 1 Aug: Maumee Bay State Park

2010 LYW DATES & LOCATIONS

1-2 May: Hilton Garden Inn
 3498 Pentagon Park Blvd.
 Dayton, Oh 45431

21-22 August: Hilton Polaris
 8700 Lyra Dr.
 Columbus, Oh 43240

2010 LINKS DATES & LOCATIONS

24-25 April: Netherland Plaza
 35 W 5th St.
 Cincinnati, Oh 45202

16-18 July: Quail Hollow Resort
 11080 Concord Hambden Rd,
 Painesville, Oh 44077

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Strong Bonds Marriage Retreats are not intended to be a substitute for marital counseling, nor is this group therapy. Instead, you'll gain practical information based on world-class curriculums developed from years of research. As a couple, you'll practice relationship-building skills, as well as share intimate moments.

The retreats are designed to strengthen relationships, inspire hope and rekindle marriages. You and your spouse will gain skills that fortify your marriage as you enjoy a time of relaxation, recreation, fellowship, and fun. Three curriculums are currently offered:

PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program)

PREP stands for Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program. PREP is a skills based curriculum designed to help partners say what they need to say, get to the heart of problems, and increase their connection with one another. Couples also learn the secrets of keeping busy lifestyles from crowding-out the fun in your relationship.

PREP teaches couples effective communication skills and how to avoid the communication danger signs that can lead to marital discord. Couples discover how to express concerns constructively. These communication skills are foundational for every successful marriage.

LINKS (Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing, Knowledge & Skills)

Falling in love is easy... staying in love is an art. While the communication skills learned in PREP are foundational, the LINKS Program teaches couples the skills they need to nurture a lasting love.

The LINKS Program shows couples how to regularly revitalize the dynamic links of their marriage with the Relationship Attachment Model (R.A.M.). This model illustrates how couples grow closer by meeting one another's needs for an open, trusting, and fulfilling relationship.

LYW (Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage)

Viva La Difference! Gain fresh insight into why men and women see life so differently. In Laugh Your Way helps couples deal with tough issues in a way that is fun and non-threatening. Laugh Your Way's great content and unique approach has yielded one of the highest success rates in the country.

You will Laugh Your Way through this retreat with Mark Gungor's video based messages. Topics include "The Tale of Two Brains" and "The #1 Key to Incredible Sex". Your presenter will facilitate the weekend and walk your group through the entire Laugh Your Way experience including the insightful Flag Page program.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS : Military members are not required to be on orders; however spouses will be reimbursed for travel outside the commutable area. Hotel accommodations will be reserved & paid by the program. All meals are provided. Couples are responsible to pay for any incidentals such as room service and movies. No child care is provided. Dress is business casual.

SCHEDULE: This year, an optional Friday night arrival has been added. Registration begins at 7PM with a brief program from 8-9PM. Friday night arrival is optional for all events except for the following events (Mar 19-21 Salt Fork, July 16-18 Punderson, Jul 30- Aug 1 Maumee Bay). (Due to contract obligations, Friday night arrival is mandatory for these three events.)

The event continues Saturday morning at 9AM and will conclude in time for you and your spouse to enjoy a relaxed evening on your own. Sunday's session begins with breakfast and runs from 9AM to 12PM.

REGISTER AT

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