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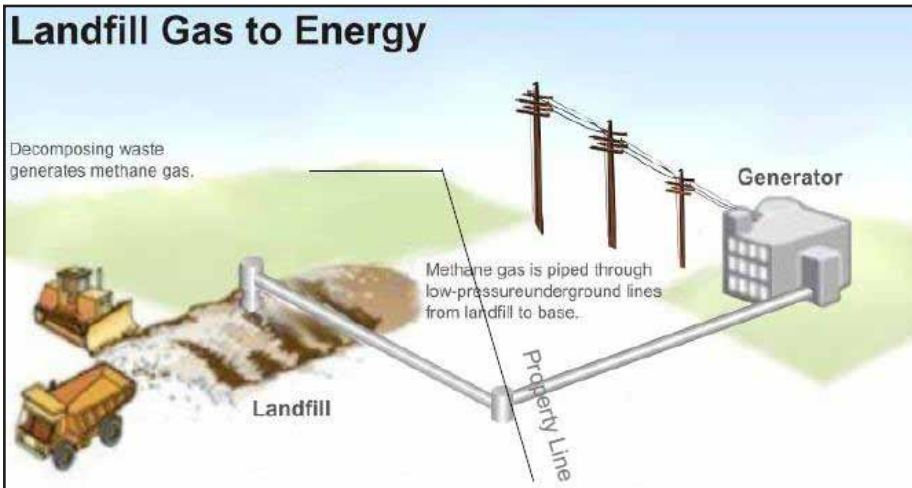
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AS FUTURE COST SAVINGS

By: Technical Sgt. Jessica Q. Hill

the area of Cairns Road.

With the LGE option, the base could even get to the point where they could put left over power onto the grid for the City of Mansfield to use. While it is not known if the base could profit financially from this extra power, it is certain that allowing Mansfield to use the free resource would help strengthen the bond between the base and the surrounding community.

“It would ultimately make us energy independent,” Cramer summed up excitedly. “This is



Landfill Gas to Energy Production Facility

The 179th Airlift Wing spends an estimated \$26,000 per month on electricity. This adds up to an annual electric cost of more than \$300,000. Lt. Col. Troy A. Cramer and the Environmental Management Office have come up with a three-phase alternative energy system that can get the 179 AW out from under this tremendous cost.

The first phase, which consists of utilizing solar and wind power, Cramer expects to be implemented within the next one to two years. Phase two would convert Landfill Gas to Energy (LGE) and would potentially allow the base to become completely self-sustaining in energy. Phase three would see a geothermal system being installed

under parking lots that are slated to be replaced in the next three years.

According to Cramer, LGE would be the best long term solution. The \$3 million price tag would be paid back in energy savings in approximately 10 years and would have a 20 year lifespan. This option already has been given a green light by Richland County Solid Waste Authority, which manages the closed Richland County Landfill. The base is currently situated partially on top of the landfill in



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something great that continues our tradition of energy stewardship by taking advantage of local resources.”



Proposed Geothermal System under Parking Lots (depicted in yellow)



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Most Americans know very little about women's military history because most documentation covers men's roles in combat. Researching information on women's roles in combat involves piecing together accounts from letters, stories, myths, and legends, instead of examining history books. There are many written records of male soldiers' non-combat roles, such as potato peeler, boot polisher, or medical specialist, but women who performed these same duties were called "nurses," not soldiers.

They endured poor living and working conditions, worked under fire, were captured and even killed during war. Their contributions have been downplayed and overlooked because they served selflessly and

Women have served the U.S. military in many capacities since the beginning of our nation, but were not given permanent military status in the armed forces until 1948. Before that time, they served during wartime as volunteers or civilian contractors. When wars ended, women were promptly discharged with little recognition or compensation. Until the early 1990's, women were prohibited from engaging in combat, although they often found themselves exposed to it.

It was never the case that women did not want to serve their country, but they had to overcome numerous barriers in order to be "allowed" to do so and be recognized. It is noteworthy that a significant portion of the American population remained an untapped resource and was discouraged or prevented from performing a difficult but necessary service because of attitudes and traditions, not because they were incapable or unwilling. Our national attitudes and traditions should not discourage anyone from contributing to the best of their abilities without interference.

**From the beginning of time, nothing
was accomplished without
Women...and nothing has been
ignored more than their
accomplishments.
B.A. Wilson**

Department of Defense. Lesson Plan, "Women in the Military". Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick AFB, FL

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By: Chaplain, Maj. David W. Shirley



A Poem for Wingman

I often wonder if anyone cares
Will you show concern for me wingman?

I want to talk, lend me your ears.
Will you listen to me wingman?

I came to work feeling depressed and low
Will you encourage me wingman?

I lost my home and job, I have nowhere to go
Will you direct me to help wingman?

I am in need of direction and very unsure

Will you share your wisdom wingman?

I am new to the unit and a bit immature
Will you mentor me wingman?

I need a wingman because you help me to
make it

I need a wingman because you help me
believe

I need a wingman because you get me
through tough times

I need a wingman because I draw strength
from you

TELL THE TRUTH By: Chaplain, Maj. David W. Shirley



Most people have heard the statement, "The truth will set you free." This declaration of freedom is familiar. Truth is described in the dictionary as the true or actual state of a matter. WOW! I like the word actual because it means real, genuine and authentic. In material goods when something is deemed real, genuine or authentic the item is very pricy. Advertisers use these words all of the time to convince us that we are getting a true or genuine article. Truth costs a lot. It cost so much that not a lot of folks buy it. We can tell the truth from a position of love for others. We can tell the truth by knowing and being who we truly are. No false face or phony behaviors. Have you ever been around when people turn

into parrots? To fit in they talk and act like the popular person in the circle. We can tell the truth by sharing with the people we love how we feel rather than saying one thing out loud and another thing in our minds. When I was 13 years old a good friend of mine pulled me aside and asked me if I put on deodorant. I asked her what it was and she proceeded to tell me. She told me in a nice way that I was a smelly teenage boy that needed to get my hygiene straight. It wasn't easy for her to tell me and it wasn't an easy message to receive but it helped me in a big way. The step she took to tell me the truth was much better than the alternative of talking behind my back and smiling in my face. I remember I was playing basketball with a pair of socks and using the curtain rods as my hoop. In the middle of one of my jump shots I faded a little too much. I bumped the wall, knocked my mother's picture down and the frame broke. In my house everybody

knew what came next. Leading up to my mother coming home my brother and sisters kept reminding me of how much trouble I was in. I worked on a few stories in my mind that could explain the picture falling and might keep me from the beat down I had coming. In the middle of my planning something stopped me in my tracks. It was my conscience and it was eating me up inside. Tell the truth is all I heard. I sat down on the couch in anticipation of my mother's arrival and when she came into the door I met her. I courageously told her the truth about what had happened and low and behold, I got a real, genuine and authentic beat down. Truth is not always easy but it's right. Although I had a consequence I felt good about being honest. When we tell the truth it lays a solid foundation under us and we won't trip or stumble over lies and deceptions. Rather, we walk on solid ground that doesn't have to be supported. Truth stands alone.



AIR FORCE SAFETY AWARD PLAQUE WINNERS FOR 2010



ACC 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB VA
7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB TX
9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB CA
57th Wing, Nellis AFB NV

AETC 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB MS
80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB TX
86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin
AFB TX
325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB FL
50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus
AFB MS
48th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus
AFB MS
97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB OK

AFGSC 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB WY

AFMC Center of Excellence Test Operations Team,

Edwards AFB CA
Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB FL

AFRC 446th Airlift Wing, JB Lewis-McChord WA
339th Flight Test Squadron, Robins AFB GA
10th Flight Test Squadron, Tinker AFB OK

AFSPC 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB FL

AMC 19th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB AR
22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB KS
305th Air Mobility Wing, JB McGuire-Dix-
Lakehurst NJ
311th Airlift Squadron, Peterson AFB CO
317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB TX
92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB WA

ANG 122d Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne IN
179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield OH

Job & Education Fair

Saturday, April 9th
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Job & Education Fair is VSC's second annual event on education and career benefits. The goal is to help Summit County veterans access information to assist with job searches and educational opportunities.

VSC will host representatives from:

- ★ AMVETS Career Center
- ★ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- ★ Local colleges and universities
- ★ Local companies

Topics will include:

- ★ Post 9/11 G.I. Bill
- ★ Montgomery Bill
- ★ AMVETS education options
- ★ How to ace an interview

The Job & Education Fair will provide veterans with an overview of the various benefits and services available.

*Veterans of all ages are encouraged to attend.
Dependants of veterans are welcome.*

Space is limited.
Interested attendees must
register by April 4.

Call **330-564-1492** or visit
www.VSCsummitOH.us
to register.



1060 E. Waterloo Rd. ★ Akron, OH 44306
330-643-2830

www.VSCsummitOH.us

MILITARY INJURY RELIEF FUND

The Military Injury Relief Fund (MIRF) provides grants to service members injured in the line of duty, which includes Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), while serving under Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The grant amount will vary, based on contributions from Ohio taxpayers collected for the tax year and number of grants approved.

Previous year grants have been in the \$500 to \$1,000 range. The veteran may apply for the grant each fiscal year (July 1- June 30). MIRF is exempt from Federal and State Taxation.

As with all veteran benefits, your County Veterans Service Office can assist you with any questions

you may have. Applications for this fund may be completed at any of the 88 offices. The application is not available online.



Please find the contact information for your County by going to: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?TabId=58>.

For more information contact

your County Veterans Service Office or call the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at: 1-888-296-7541 (option 5) or visit their website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/new/mirf.stm>.

First time applicants must submit all required documents with their application. If you applied for the MIRF and were approved in the past all you need to submit is your application with a checkmark in the box "Supporting Documents Already Submitted and Approved Last Program Year".

All applications need to be mailed to the following address:

ODJFS/Veteran Services/

Attn: MIRF

P.O. Box 1618

Columbus, OH 43216-1618

FROM THE STATE COMMAND CHIEF

*By: Chief Master Sgt.
Tamara R. Phillips*

Occasionally, I run across information that I think would be great information for the readers of your newsletters. Some of the information may be duplicates so I'll apologize for that now. However, I want to make sure information is getting the attention it deserves and that your readers are receiving the benefits of the information. If you don't generate a newsletter... perhaps the information could serve as talking points during unit meetings. All that being said, my first input to you is below.



location-based services. As more airmen and their family members use smartphones to take pictures and access social networking sites, they could be inadvertently posting information showing the exact geographic location of their home, work location, or daily travel patterns through technology known as "geotagging."

Many phones are automatically set up to capture this information by default, and users will have to navigate through their phone settings to disable this function.

For more information, see the top 10 tips for social media on page 17 of the "Social Media and the Air Force" handbook available at www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-091210-043.pdf.

AF Issues Geotag Warning

The Air Force is cautioning airmen against geotags and



FEB / MARCH PROMOTIONS

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CONGRADULATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

TO BE SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

CHRISTINE E. CRAWFORD - 179FSS
 MARY K. SKOMROCK - 179FSS
 KATHLEEN M. CYPLERT - 179AW

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT

JODI M. WELCH - 200RLS
 WILLIAM D. HUDDLESTON - 179OSF
 ROBERT E. RICHARDS - 179MXS
 SCOTT S. HAYWOOD - 179FSS

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

CHRISTOPHER A. ENSMAN - 179AW
 MOLLY A. IRWIN - 200RLS
 ROBERT R. COMER - 179 LRS
 NICHOLAS J. KAUFFMAN - 179 FSS

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 GALEN M. SCHUMM-179 MXS
 DONALD P. MILLER-179 MXS
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 BRANDON M. CROSBY-200 RLS
 COLTON L. ROONEY-200 RLS
 BRUCE ZOLLA-200 RLS
 MARC A. CARLE-200 RLS
 CORY R. MATOUSEK-179 AMXS
 DANTE D. CHEATHAM-179 AMXS
 NICHOLAS M. ALEXANDER-179 SFS
 ABIGAIL L. GEIST-200 RLS
 RYAN J. DALTON-200 RLS
 CRAIG D. NOEL-200 RLS
 ERIKA R. AVERS-200 RLS
 JESSE A. LAPOINTE-200 RLS
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