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**179 SATISFIES INSPECTORS**

# BEHIND THE SCENES FOR AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

By: Technical Sgt. Jessica Q. Hill



On November 13 more than 200 people packed into the Mid Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield for the 179 Airlift Wing 2010 Awards Banquet.

Twenty-four wing members were there as nominees, with seven receiving awards. Other Airmen and their guests were present to cheer on coworkers and friends and to enjoy a night of fine food and socializing.

In addition to the Airmen and their guests, the banquet brought distinguished visitors from higher headquarters. On hand for the event were Maj. Gen. Harry W. "A.J." Feucht Jr., Ohio Air National Guard commander, Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy, tenth Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard, Chief Master Sgt. Tamara Phillips, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Ohio, retired Brig. Gen. Richard Green and retired Brig. Gen. Fred Larson, former 179AW commanders, Shadow Flight representative Jim Miller, VFW Post 3494 repetitive Larry Moore, AMVETS Post 26 representative John Amos and their guests.

After the invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Curtiss H. Wagner, the

posting of the colors by members of the 179AW Honor Guard, the POW/MIA Table Presentation and toasts, dinner was served to the waiting crowd.

Following the meal and an intermission, the awards portion of the evening kicked off. In the First category, Airman of the Year, sponsored by AMVETS Post 26, Senior Airman Frank B. Loucks V, from the Maintenance Squadron was announced as the winner.

In the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year category, sponsored by VFW Post 3494, Staff Sgt. Brian E. Davies of the Logistics Readiness Squadron was announced as the winner. Master Sgt. Christene E. Crawford from the Force Support Squadron won Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, which was sponsored by Shadow Flight.

In the Company Grade Officer category sponsored by AFA Chapter, Capt. Meghan E. Connell from the Airlift Squadron took home the award. Master Sgt. Stephen S. Powell of the Medical Group was awarded First Sergeant of the Year, while Lt. Col. Jodie A. Harvey won the Minuteman of the Year award.

In between announcing the winners of each category, door prizes were handed out to

attendees. During one of these breaks, Master Sgt. Randall E. Johnson of the Maintenance Squadron and 179AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Gregory L. Eyster were recognized for having more than 40 years of service.

Also recognized at the banquet were the organizing committee members. Senior Airman Joseph D. Harwood was recognized with the Dubina Award, which is awarded annually to a member of the 179AW Public Affairs department.

Following the awards and recognitions, Base Commander Col. Gary A. McCue noted that the banquet would be Feucht's last in an active capacity. Also, he mentioned that it would be Eyster's last in a solo active capacity. By the time the 2011 Awards Banquet is held, Eyster's replaced is slated to be picked in advance of his retirement.

When given the chance to address the audience, Muncy noted that the 179AW members are "a beacon of hope to a lot of other units." He said that many units looked to the 179AW to see how to approach their Operational Readiness Inspections and the transition to the C-27J airframes.

In his closing remarks, McCue said congratulations to the award winners and the nominees.



# AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

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NCO OF THE YEAR: **BRIAN DAVIES** FROM LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

SNCO OF THE YEAR: **CHRISTENE CRAWFORD** FROM FORCE SUPPORT COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: **MEGHAN CONNELL** 16<sup>TH</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON

1ST SGT OF THE YEAR: **STEPHAN POWELL**

MINUTEMAN AWARD PRESENTED TO **JODI HARVEY**



JODI HARVEY



FRANK LOUKS 179 MXS



BRIAN DAVIS 179 LRS



CHRISTENE CRAWFORD 179 FSS



STEPHEN POWELL 179 MDG



MEGHAN CONNELL 16<sup>TH</sup> AS

## THANK YOU 179 OAY BOARD MEMBERS

<p><b>SNCO/1ST SGT</b></p> <p>CMSGT RUFF (MDG) * LEADER          CMSGT TODD HUNT (OG)          CMSGT WENDY HUNT (MSG)          CMSGT TOM GREMLING (MXS)          CMS SELECT DAN PETERS (AW)</p>	<p><b>NCO</b></p> <p>MSGT MARC PUMALA (MSG) * LEADER          SMSGT FRED BEER (OG)          MSGT DERIK NETZLY (MXS)          MSGT STERNER (MDG)          MSGT TONY CASTELVETERE (AW)</p>
<p><b>AMN</b></p> <p>TSGT NEMITZ (AW) * LEADER          TSGT CARISA PERRY (MSG)          TSGT KENT (MXS)          TSGT MATT SLOAN (OG)          TSGT YETZER (MDG)</p>	<p><b>CGO</b></p> <p>LTC CRAMER (MSG)          LTC KORBAS (MXS)          MAJ REED (AW)          CAPT HAUPT (MDG)          CAPT HEINLIN (OG)</p>

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By: Chaplain, Lt Col, Curtiss Wagner



For most major religions, the month of December is a very significant time in their faith tradition. The traditions associated with Christmas include spending some time in a place of worship as part of the season for many people. For those who don't regularly attend services, this may be the one time of year that they attend a service. As one of your chaplains, I want to encourage you to not only to take some time to make this a part of your Christmas tradition, but to also use this season as an opportunity to reconsider the spiritual part of your life as a great resource to rely on. Maybe you exercised your faith tradition when you were younger or maybe you have had a bad experience with someone or some organization like a church. Consider this analogy: Remember some time when you were a child when your mother made a meal that was pretty much inedible or maybe burned or overcooked or not cooked enough. My mom did this once and I can remember her throwing away

the food and starting to prepare something from the beginning. Just because your mom burned the biscuits or made something that was hard to eat doesn't mean you stopped eating altogether from that point on. Of course not! You kept eating and kept giving her another chance or you would have gone hungry.

Let's face it – organized religious institutions are made up of sinful people who are not perfect. Having been a pastor for 28 years, I have seen my share of people who act in ways that certainly don't please God. I recently completed a degree where I studied how to help pastors who have been forced out of their ministry and I heard and read hundreds of accounts of people in the church who did not act in a godly manner.

Is the church perfect? No. Are all religious institutions run in a way that is pleasing to God? No. Are all the decisions they make in accordance with their sacred writings? No. Does this mean we should forget all about God and the church and religious traditions? NO! We will never find a religious organization that is perfect. I have told many people over the years in my ministry that if you find a perfect church, don't go there because then it won't be perfect anymore!

Regardless of its shortcomings, it is still a valuable place to learn, grow, develop our faith and character, make close friends, and learn how to give of ourselves to help others. If you are from the Christian perspective, which is my background, it is something so necessary for us that God even commands his followers,

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near”. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

So, in this season of Christmas, when we often think more about helping others and about our faith, I encourage you to give your faith another try. You may not find the right place for you the first place of worship to investigate, but don't give up. You didn't give up eating when mom burned the biscuits! For those who have a faith tradition, this holiday season is a special time of realizing once again all that God has done for us and all that he provided for us. Allow your faith to be a resource of hope, trust, forgiveness, and healing. It can be all those things if you give it a chance. Have a great time of renewing your faith this Christmas.

## UNDERSTANDING HOLIDAYS

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## A MOMENT OF CLARITY

*By: Chaplain David Shirtley*

There is a story in the Bible about a son that goes to his father and asks him for his portion of money he is to have before he leaves home. You may know it as the story of the prodigal son. His father gives him the money and the son goes out into the world to live. While he is out his funds are depleted and the people he shared his wealth with are nowhere to be found. Things get so bad that he ends up eating what pigs and grazing animals eat. While having a serving of corn husks he had a moment of clarity. He realizes, even the servants in his father's house live better than he was living. He decides to get

out of the pig pin and go home to his father. We all have times when our decisions don't go the way we expect. When this happens we can try hard to convince ourselves we were right instead of accepting the moment of clarity a word of wisdom that speaks to us and invites us to a fresh start. It's not easy to accept that we were wrong. That's right, WRONG!!! When we are willing to set our pride down and humble ourselves we can look forward to brighter days. Otherwise, we will most likely continue the downward spiral. We are again coming upon the end of another year. The end of one thing means the beginning of something else. This can be a time

for new beginnings for you. When the son returned to his father he did so in humility. He was willing to become a servant in his father's house. To his surprise he was not greeted with disappointment, sarcasm, blaming, threats or any other negative rejection. He was received with his fathers love. When you decide to listen in the moment of clarity you may find on the other side of your decision is a new start where love and peace are waiting for you. I pray that you will be attentive in those moments of clarity and that God's very best will be yours in this holiday season and beyond.

# 179 AW LEARNS ORI GRADE

By: Technical Sgt. Jessica Q. Hill



The months of long hours, hard work and training came down to an briefing on October 27, 2010 in the 179 Airlift Wing Dining Facility.

From Airmen to colonels, everyone at the 179AW was anxious to hear how the unit had scored on the recent Operational Readiness Inspection. Col. Shane M. Hershman and his team read the results to a waiting crowd.

After reading the individual scores in areas such as Position the Force, Employ the Force, Sustain the Force and Ability to Survive and Operate, the overall grade for the 179AW was announced as Satisfactory. The was the middle possible score on a five-step scale ranging from Unsatisfactory and Marginal to Excellent and Outstanding.

Although the overall ORI grade was Satisfactory, two individual areas were recognized as receiving Excellent grades. These areas were Command and Control during the Position the Force phase and Force Support during the Employing the Force phase.

After the overall grade was announced, superior teams and individuals were recognized by Hershman with certificates. First to be recognized was the Base Entry

Control Point Team consisting of Tech. Sgt. Benjamin D. Adkins, Staff Sgt. Nathan A. Pirc and Senior Airman Anthony Washington.

Individuals who were recognized were Major James R. Parry from the Operations Support Flight, Senior Master Sgt. John A. Gibson from the Force Support Squadron, Master Sgt. Ian D. Ball from the Force Support Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Corey T. Christopher from the Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Airman Crystal L. Collingwood from the Medical Squadron and Senior Airman Laura R. Ulmer from the Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Several individuals were coined by Hershman for their contributions to the ORI success. These people are Major Joseph F. Logan from the Civil Engineer Squadron, Master Sgt. Frederick W. Beer, IV, from the Airlift Squadron, Staff Sgt. Amanda M. Keltz from the Civil Engineer Squadron and Senior Airman Jenna C. Miller from the

Mission Support Group.

Following these presentations, Chief Master Sgt. Mark A. Dyer was coined by Hershman for his positive attitude and humor when the 179AW ORI players ran out of ammunition during the ORI. Hershman shared the story of how Dyer told his people to attach simulated bayonets, which were spoons, to the front of their empty M-16's to continue the attack on enemy forces.

In his closing remarks to the group, Hershman said, "Congratulations, you're done for five years." He also noted the he and his team were, "very impressed with the way you did your job."

After Hershman and his team left the briefing, 179 Wing Commander Col. Gary A. McCue told the audience that the ORI was difficult and not to be discouraged by the grade. "We know how good of a unit we are. Other units know how good of a unit we are," he said.

He urged members to move on from the ORI and turn their focus on to upcoming real world deployments and the RED HORSE ORI that is coming next year.





# PROMOTIONS

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CONGRADULATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

## TO BE TECHNICAL SGT.

DAVID M. LARIMER- 179 MXS  
STEPHEN ESNO- 179 MXS  
ALSIIA ALT- 179 AW

## TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

WESLEY NEW- 179 LRS  
NICHOLAS YAMAN- 179 SFS  
JOLIN KAJTAR II- 179 SFS  
FANK LOUKS V- 179 MXS  
ANTHONY OPERAN- 179 MXS  
TIMOTHY PEARSON- 200 RHS DET 1

## TO BE SENIOR AIRMAN

DANIEL BLACK- 179 MXS  
ERICK LUSS- 179 FM  
SARAH WURM- 179 FM  
KYLE BOND- 179 MXS  
TIMOTHY SEALE- 200 RHS DET 1  
KRYSTAL WHITE- 200 RHS DET 1  
PAUL APOLAN- 200 RHS DET 1  
KEITH PLAUL- 200 RHS DET 1



**179<sup>th</sup> AW & 200<sup>th</sup> RHS Det 1**  
*Annual*  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be  
hosted by Family Programs  
on **Friday, December 10, 2010**

at the  
Richland Carrousel Park,  
75 North Main Street,  
Mansfield, Ohio  
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Unlimited carousel rides, crafts, pictures  
with Santa, punch, cookies, singing, caroling  
and hot chocolate

So mark your calendar now and come out for a **GREAT**  
time and lots of fun

**(Please bring your favorite cookies to share)**



# FIREFIGHTER RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS

By: Technical Sgt. Jessica Q. Hill



On June 22, 1965, a high school student joined the local guard unit known as the 179th Tactical Fighter Group at Mansfield to be a line fireman. On September 16, 2010, John E. Goodwin retired from the 179 Airlift Wing after more than 45 years of combined military and state service.

“I knew I wanted to be a fireman. I saw an ad in the paper, so I came out here [to the base] and talked to the guys,” Goodwin said of his career selection. “I never thought I would be here this long but here I am.”

Throughout his career with the 179AW, Goodwin has served with six different fire chiefs and supported the following five airframes: F-84F, F-100, C-130B, C-130H Hercules and C-27 Spartan. During his military career, Goodwin worked his way through the enlisted ranks, achieving the rank of Senior Master Sergeant and even briefing serving as the interim fire chief in 1998. He retired militarily in 1995.

During his tenure with the wing, Goodwin helped to usher in new firefighting programs such as hazardous material training,

confined space rescue training, emergency medical service training and terrorism training, according to the citation that accompanied his recent award of the Ohio Commendation Medal. The citation noted that Goodwin served the 179AW longer than any other Airman in the unit’s history.

According to his coworkers, Goodwin did much more than just show up to work during his lengthy time at the 179AW. “He was the pillar of this department,” said current Fire Chief Senior Master Sgt. Roger K. Burton. “He genuinely cared about the department and the people.”

Burton shared how Goodwin mentored him both personally and professionally throughout his career. “He taught me to put people first and the done will get done,” Burton said. “He is a father figure.”

Goodwin always did his best to make one of the state’s oldest fire departments a better place to be, Burton said. “He dedicated 45 years to make it enjoyable to come to work. We’re here for 24 hours at a time and John tried to give his shifts a better quality of life.”

In addition to Burton, Goodwin helped to mentor other firemen who have gone on to leadership positions around the base. One of these individuals is Major Kenneth Kmetz, Force Support Officer.

Goodwin was already in a leadership position as a Master Sergeant when Kmetz joined the unit in 1987, Kmetz said. “He stayed in some form of leadership for the next 23 years,” Kmetz noted. “There was no one that he wasn’t willing to help.”

“He gave me every opportunity to progress,” Kmetz said of Goodwin’s help with his career. “He pinned

me as a Second Lieutenant.”

Goodwin was also there for Kmetz on a personal level. “I had my bachelor party at his house,” Kmetz shared. “He impacted so many people all in good ways. He’s a great guy.”

Besides helping to shape the fire department, Goodwin was also ready to serve whenever the need arose. Toward the end of his military career he volunteered for Operation Desert Storm, but was not activated.

Before he left on his last full shift as a fireman at the 179AW, Goodwin said that retiring wasn’t something he had been waiting for, but that he was prepared for it. “My age and time said it’s time to move on,” he said. “My wife has a ‘hunny do’ list and we have some travel plans.”

He said that he and his wife have a cruise booked to the Caribbean and also plan to travel through the United States. “There’s nothing holding us here except the dog and neither of us have ever gone anywhere,” he said.

Even with his travel plans and his promises to not be “one of the old guys” who stops by all the time and interrupts, as he left after his last shift firefighters were speculating how long it would take before Goodwin was back.

Burton said he guessed it would be within three days. He was right, Goodwin was back within three hours; he had forgotten a ladder. “I miss him already,” Burton noted.

Goodwin said he will miss the people at the 179AW now that he is retired. “I’ve made a lot of friends. I’ve made good memories. My whole career has been good,” he stated.

# HOMETOWN HEROES HONORED



Congratulations to the Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters who have received a Hometown Hero Award.

The 179AW passed out 229 First Tier Awards to members serving 30-179 consecutive days.; 26 Second Tier Awards to members serving 180-365 consecutive days; and six Third Tier Awards to members serving over 365 consecutive days.

To the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

I'd like to thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, and messages sent to me after Mike passed away. As you know, the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing becomes one big family once you have been there for so long or at least that's how I always felt. No matter what, someone is always nearby for support whether you are a current or retired member. Your support meant so much to me and still does during this difficult time.

I'd also like to thank the superb 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Honor Guard. Many friends, family and local citizens have told me many times how impressed they were. They talked about how professional you are and the fact that the Honor Guard was from the base I worked at! They also mentioned how impressed they were of the members in uniform who stood during the funeral service and also the pallbearers from the 179th. I'm so proud to know all of you and honored to have you at Mike's funeral. You have no idea how much it meant to me to have all of you there with me and to have so many members from the 179<sup>th</sup> attend the visiting hours.

Mike and two of my co-workers from the Maintenance Squadron all passed away within five months of each other this year and the 179<sup>th</sup> has suffered other losses this year. I often think of their families and the members of the 179<sup>th</sup>. I know our losses also affect members from the lowest to the highest ranks and that you still have to continue with your duties during these difficult times. I'm sure that isn't always easy. One of my good friends from the Airlift Squadron has told me to keep my "chin up" and "keep positive" so I try to do that and have faith that things will get easier. I think that's something we all need to do sometimes during difficult times.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Penny Schoenberger



## Please donate your pre-owned coats and toys for the 17th Annual Coat and Toy Time Drives.

Drop off donation

Building 422 by 12 December

Coats will be donated to the Friendly House on North Mulberry: They will have them cleaned and then distribute them to those in need. The toys will go to Toy Time Inc on North Diamond: They collect, make minor repairs, and ready for distribution. Families in need then have the opportunity to make a wish list for their child and volunteers fill the requests with remarkable accuracy - each child receives at least one new gift as well.

# 2010 CHILI COOK-OFF

By: Master Sgt. Lisa Haun

The CFC began in the early 1960's to coordinate the fundraising efforts of various charitable organizations so that the Federal donor would only be solicited once in a workplace and have the opportunity to make charitable contributions through their payroll deductions.

Federal employees continue to make the CFC the largest and most successful workplace philanthropic fundraiser in the world and in 2009 Federal employees raised over \$282 million dollars for charitable causes around the world.

This year the 179 Airlift Wing set its goal to donate \$20,000 or more and the State of Ohio has a goal to donate \$70,000 or more. The wings campaign wraps up December 14th so there's still time to give. On drill weekend, traditional 179 guardsmen will be able to give a cash donations. LtCol Troy Cramer said "Over the Dec UTA, the 179AW will be collecting money to be donated to the

Fisher House. The Fisher House is a non-profit organization, providing a "home away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization, illness or injury. Collection containers will be set-up in the Dining Facility and Bldg 422 at the Customer Service Counter."

To go along with the employees payroll deduction donations, LtCol Cramer, along with many other 179 personnel, helped organize an annual Chili Cook-off that was held at the Firemen's Museum on 4th St in Mansfield. Barbara Crider, the Account Specialist from United Way of Richland County said that the chili cook-off brought in additional \$1053 for the state and out of that \$553 was the 179AW portion.

This year celebrity chefs were brought in to judge the chili entries. Todd Wallace, head chef from Sweeney's, Sally and Rick Nesta, head chefs from Rocky' and Dan

Bailey head chef from Malabar Farm Restaurant. The chefs judged a total of six teams. Veteran Affairs, the Post Offices, the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security and two teams from the 179AW. And the winner was .... the Alien themed Maintenance Team. The team won the Chili Bowl and was followed by the IRS team for second best.



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<http://www2.worldbook.com/features/holidays/html/history.htm>

# welcome baby!

The 200th Red Horse, Det 1, is pleased to announce the arrival of a new pink pony into the Red Horse family. Rick and Lindsey Farwell are the proud parents of a 6 pound 7 ounce girl, Olivia Madison. Baby, Mom and Dad are doing fine!

## UNIFORM UPDATES

As the cold weather months are approaching, I would like to remind everyone what is authorized to wear as undergarments with the ABU Uniform.

- Desert Sand Turtleneck
- White, Cream, or Desert Sand Thermal Underware
- Green or Desert Sand Sleepshirt

Note : The brown sweater is not authorized to wear with the ABU Uniform. Also, the phase-out date for the black fleece liner (worn under the APECS Jacket) is 1 Oct 2010. The green fleece liner is the authorized undergarment with the APECS Jacket. The green fleece liner is authorized as an outer garment if it has the proper accouterments. Reference: Air Force Uniform Board messages.





# **AIR NATIONAL GUARD NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ACADEMY**

## **FY 2011 NCOA**

**IS IT TIME TO TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL?**

**JOIN US IN MARCH 2011, WHEN ONCE AGAIN THE SATELLITE NCO ACADEMY OPENS ITS DOORS. TAP INTO THE KNOWLEDGE BASE THAT WILL HELP YOU HONE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ABILITIES.**

**\*YOU CAN ENROLL IN-RESIDENCE EVEN IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED THE COURSE BY CORRESPONDENCE**

**THE CLASS IS FORMING NOW. SIGN UP WITH YOUR UETM USING AN AW12 (TRAINING APPLICATION) ACCOMPANIED WITH A CURRENT FITNESS ASSESSMENT FORM. EACH STUDENT WILL BE PAID A PT DAY FOR EACH NIGHT OF CLASS AT HOME STATION.**

**Requirements:**

**TSgt-NO MINIMUM T.I.S. , 7 LEVEL, PASSING FITNESS**  
(If Member is currently on a Medical Profile specific coordination is needed)

**THE HOME STATION PHASE AT MANSFIELD: 7 MARCH – 26 MAY 2011**

**PROPOSED -TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS;**

**TIME: 1800-2145 HOURS**

**CLASSROOM TBA**

The In-Residence Phase (School TLN/duty days will be assigned)

31 May - 15 June 11

**McGEE-TYSON ANGB, TN**

**(NGB REQUIRES AT LEAST ONE STUDENT REGISTERED BY 6 JAN 11, AND AT LEAST 8 STUDENTS REGISTERED BY 21 JAN 11. YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS DEPEND ON YOU TO DECIDE AND COMMIT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, NLT JAN UTA. PLEASE LET ONE OF THE CONTACTS BELOW KNOW IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING OR INTERESTED IN THIS CLASS)**

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