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Historic Deployment for 179th



AROUND THE 179TH

1. Col. Howard and Faline Rowland shake hands with Larry Monica of McDonald's. They are donating a portion of value meal purchases to the 179th AW and 200th RHS.



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2. Col. McCue hands off the guidon to Col. Howard as he assumes the position of Vice Wing Commander.



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3. Col. Burkett signs paperwork during his commander swear-in. He will be assuming command of the Maintenance Group.



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4. Airmen from the 179th work on the processing line for the deployment of 179th and 164th AS personnel.



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photo by: Master Sgt. Lisa Haun

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AROUND THE 179TH



photo by: Staff Sgt. Joe Harwood

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5. Friends, family and 179th members gather for Col. Lewis' sendoff in July.

6. Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Brigadier Gen. Mark Bartman, addresses members during the Ask,

7. Australian Air Force members visit the 179th Airlift Wing and met with members of the 164th Airlift Squadron .

8. Col. Lewis salutes Col. Mccue during an award presentation at his going away get together as former wing commander, Brigader Gen. Mark Stephens, and Col. Whitehead look on.



photo by: Staff Sgt. Joe Harwood

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HISTORIC DEPLOYMENT

FOR 179TH AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

STORY BY: 2ND LT. HOLLI SNYDER
PHOTOS BY: MASTER SGT. LISA HAUN

AIRMEN FROM THE 179TH AIRLIFT WING MADE AIR NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY, JULY 26, BY DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE C-27J SPARTAN, ONE OF THE AIR FORCE'S NEWEST AIRCRAFT.

THIS JOINT MISSION IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH AIRCREW FROM THE 179TH AW AND SOLDIERS FROM THE OKLAHOMA AND GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD. THEY WILL BE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 159TH COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE FROM FORT CAMPBELL, KY. IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE ARMY FOR AIRLIFT AND AIRDROP OPERATIONS.

"THE 164TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON IS THE FIRST OPERATIONAL UNIT TO CONVERT TO THE C-27J AND IT HAS BEEN THE HARD WORK OF THE 164TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 179TH AIRLIFT WING, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, L-3 COMMUNICATIONS AND ALENIA TO MAKE THIS DEPLOYMENT HAPPEN," SAID LT. COL. DARREN HAMILTON, 164TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON COMMANDER.

AIRMEN FROM THE 179TH AW HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT SINCE THE CONVERSION FROM THE C-130 HERCULES TO THE NEW C-27J SPARTAN LAST YEAR. AIR FORCE AND ARMY AIRCREW MEMBERS HAVE UNDERGONE 12 WEEKS OF TRAINING AT WARNER



ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GA. AND AN ADDITIONAL 120 DAYS OF JOINT OPERATIONS SEASONAL TRAINING TO BECOME FULLY MISSION QUALIFIED ON THE NEW AIRCRAFT.

THE 179TH AW IS ALSO MAKING HISTORY WITH A NINE MONTH OVERSEAS ROTATION AS OPPOSED TO THE TYPICAL FOUR TO SIX MONTH AIR FORCE DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. MANSFIELD'S UNIT DEPLOYED IN 2009 WITH THE C-130 H TO LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR THIS JOINT OPERATIONS DEPLOYMENT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE ARMY'S TIME SENSITIVE MISSIONS.

"I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF THE FOLKS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSISTED WITH GETTING THESE PLANES OUT THE DOOR," SAID COL. GARY

MCCUE, 179TH AIRLIFT WING COMMANDER.

ADDITIONAL AIRCREW MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING TO BECOME MISSION QUALIFIED ON THE NEW C-27J SPARTAN AIRCRAFT FOR STATE, FEDERAL AND OVERSEAS OPERATIONS.

THE C-27J SPARTAN IS A TWIN TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT WITH A SHORT TAKEOFF AND LANDING THAT CAN PROVIDE ACCESS TO AIRSTRIPS OTHERWISE UNREACHABLE BY FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT.

THE 179TH AW WAS THE FIRST UNIT IN THE AIR FORCE TO RECEIVE THIS NEW AIRCRAFT.

2011 MLMF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

STORY BY: AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEPHANIE CARROLL
ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY: STAFF SGT. JOE HARWOOD



Every year the Mansfield Lahm Military Families Scholarship Program awards scholarships to children, grandchildren, or spouses of an active or retired 179th Airlift Wing member. To submit an application, they must write a letter explaining their desires for continued education, goals and objectives for their future, and tell what getting this scholarship would mean to them. A panel of judges ranks the applicants and grants are awarded based on scholarship, character, leadership and need.

This year, six \$750 scholarships were awarded. The MLMF Scholarship Committee wishes these individuals the best in their future endeavors and congratulates them on the accomplishments they have already achieved.

Ms. Cortney Mruk, the daughter of TSgt David Mruk of the 179th Maintenance Squadron, has recently graduated from Revere High School in Akron. Cortney will be attending Kent State University to pursue a degree in Middle Childhood Education.

Ms. Michelle Jones, the wife of Chief Master Sgt. Larry Jones, 200th Red Horse Det. 1, is currently a freshman attending Mt Vernon Nazarene University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Mr. Taylor Thomas, the son of Lt. Col. Todd Thomas, 179th Operations Group, recently graduated from Lexington High School and plans on attending Miami of Ohio University to study Dentistry.

Ms. Sarah Nagy, the daughter of MSgt Stephanie Nagy, 200th Red Horse Det.

1, recently graduated from Buckeye Local Schools in Medina. Sarah plans on attending Ashland University to pursue a degree in Dietetics.

Ms. Monica Clevenger, the daughter of Master Sgt. Beth Kilgore, 200th Red Horse Det. 1, plans on attending Malone University to pursue a career in Child Psychology.

Ms. Elizabeth Holsopple, daughter of Maj Kent Holsopple, 179th Logistics Readiness Squadron, recently graduated from Centerburg High School in Centerburg. Ellie plans on attending Wright State University to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Family Day 2011

Story by: 2nd Lt. Holli Snyder

Photos by: Staff Sgt. Rob Koehler and Staff Sgt. Joe Harwood



Family and friends gathered at the 179th Airlift Wing, June 12, for Family Day 2011. Members were able to bring their families, dress down and take a day off from their normal duties to partake in fun activities across the base.

The events held included a family fun walk, which also helped to promote fitness for members and their families, pictures in front of the new

C-27J Spartan, a silent auction, bounce houses, computer games, and family movies.

There were representatives from the Civil Air Patrol, local Veterans of Foreign War posts, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Also participating was the base fire department, which had their fire trucks on display and demonstrated to children how to escape from a building that is filled with

smoke.

This year's Family Day was coordinated through Faline Rowland, the Family Programs coordinator for the 179th AW in conjunction with many other entities on and off the installation. This event encourages unit members to bring their family and friends for a day of fun at their home station.





Family Day
2011





Donna Baki

A world class volunteer

Story by: Faline Rowland
Airman and Family Programs Coordinator

Donna Baki goes above and beyond for the 179th Airlift Wing and the 200th Red Horse Squadron Det. 1. Her tireless efforts have earned her three awards this year including Volunteer of the Year.

In April she was named Adjutant General's 2010 Air Volunteer of the Year for Ohio. This prestigious award is normally presented at the State Family Readiness and Warrior Support

Conference held every April. But, since State Conference was cancelled in April, Donna has not yet been presented with that award. She will be presented with her award October 22 at the 179th Annual Awards Banquet that is being held at Café Main.

In May, Donna was awarded the American Red Cross Spirit of the American Red Cross Hero

Award.

In July, Donna was named National Guard Bureau Region 5 Volunteer of the Year. Donna received this award at the NGB 2011 National Volunteer Workshop and Conference that was held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Donna was accompanied on stage by the Adjutant General of Ohio, Maj. Gen. Debbie Ashenhurst. The award was presented by Chief, National Guard Bureau, Gen. Craig McKinley.

OUTSTANDING AIRMEN

624/2011 - TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan -- Every week, a member of the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing is selected as the Warrior of the Week. This individual is recognized based on outstanding performance, good conduct, work ethic and most importantly, for a job well done.

Meet the Warrior of the Week - Staff Sgt. Denise Pfahler, 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron mortuary affairs NCOIC, deployed from the Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, Ohio. She grew up in Attica, Ohio.

Here's what Sergeant Pfahler has to say about herself and this deployment to the Transit Center at Manas.

What do you do on a daily basis at Manas? I work in the 376th EFSS mortuary affairs NCOIC, flight chiefs' office supply representative and vehicle control NCO, along with the other things I am tasked with daily. This allows me to have a hand in all of the facilities we operate on base and to be an important asset in the EFSS mission.

What do you enjoy about being at the Transit Center? The population of permanent party personnel at Manas allows for a small, tight-knit community that gives off an at-home feel. Though, with the amount of transient personnel coming through, it also gives the opportunity to meet new faces, hear different stories, and enjoy the heartbeat and energy Manas encompasses with its fast-paced mission.

Why did you choose to serve in the military? I felt as if I knew what I wanted to do career-wise since I was young. In searching for a way to pursue that career the Air National Guard made it possible to train and experience the mortuary field as I pursued it in college. The two paths I was taking seemed to merge and I've had the passion to tie the two together ever since.

How do you feel about your contributions to the Transit Center mission and current operations in the AOR? Because I play a sort of "liaison" role within different EFSS

facilities, and between EFSS and other squadrons, I have the ability to assist in our squadron's mission by providing needed assets. Those assets directly contribute to the troops coming through the Transit Center and their well-being. With the mortuary detail I have been involved with here, I can think of no better mission to be a part of than sending our Fallen Warriors home with the respect they and their loved ones deserve.

Family: Mother, father, four sisters and a brother

Time at Manas: 2 months

Time in military: 7 years in July

Greatest accomplishment: Being accepted into West Virginia University's Pathology Assistance Program, to obtain a master's degree and pursue my goal of conducting autopsies and biopsies.

Goals you want to achieve or meet while here: Fitness Self-Improvement: Run the half marathon in September. Job: Maintain and improve networking with other squadrons this job has allowed me to create for EFSS. Also, to supply the squadron with what it needs to enhance the morale of troops coming through the Transit Center and to leave it one step better in all aspects than we found it. Academic Self-improvement: To focus on self-improvement in the field in which I study. A deployment can be demanding, but there is no better time to review prior academic material in order to better prepare myself for the next career step.

Hobbies: Basketball, weight-training, running, drawing, painting and listening to live music

Your best habit: Health and fitness

Favorite Quote: "If you don't believe in yourself, you defeat yourself."

Favorite movies: Million Dollar Baby and 300

Who is your favorite mentor and what did you learn from him/her: My mother, who always taught me that one could achieve anything when their heart was full of passion, drive and the pursuit of their own true happiness.

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why: My one hour would be spent with Marie Curie. She, being the first female modern world scientist, allowed her mind to curiously discover what was unknown. I believe one hour with her would provide much advice in chasing what needs to be chased, and leave a feeling of motivation and self-innovation that the average person cannot instill onto another.

Story by: 376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs



OUTSTANDING AIRMEN

Staff Sgt. Mike McQuillen proves that an Airman is never off duty. A member of the 179th Airlift Wing, he did not expect to use any of his training on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Staff Sgt. McQuillen was simply enjoying a day at the pool with friends at Eagle Point, Mifflin, Ohio. Suddenly, someone shouted for help. There was a lifeless man in the pool in clear need of help. In situations like this, the average ...person might freeze. McQuillen and his friends quickly reacted to remove the victim from the water. The man was turning purple and had become unresponsive without a pulse. Time was running out.

McQuillen acted quickly and began to perform CPR. After receiving an initial response, he turned the victim on his side and allowed some water to escape. Unfortunately, the vital signs were again absent. As the man lay unconscious, McQuillen



repeated CPR and managed to regain a pulse and signs of breathing although the man remained unconscious. McQuillen then covered the man to keep him warm and monitored him until the rescue squad arrived to transport him to a hospital. Deputy Mifflin Fire Chief Fred Kauser reported that the victim survived and fortunately seems to be recovering well.

It takes a special act of courage to take charge of a situation when a life depends on it. Let us all recognize Staff Sgt. McQuillen for his ability to step up and represent himself and the Air National Guard as an honorable citizen soldier and protector of his fellow man.



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