

THE Airstream



910th Airmen begin preparations for ORI in 2008

FROM THE TOP

Now is our time to prepare and be ready for the 2008 ORI

Col. Timothy J. Thomson
Commander

The defense of our nation demands that all military members constantly seek the right priorities at the right time. One of this wing's top priorities for the next two years is to prepare for our March 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). Everyone here will contribute to preparation, even those who do not participate in the actual ORI event.

Many of you have been through an ORI before. That experience will serve us well. At the same time, every ORI is different. Variables like the ground rules, scenario and sequence of events change in the time interval between these type of inspections. The current world situation has caused the Air Force to make many changes in the way we deploy, employ and redeploy and the ORI will incorporate as many of those changes as possible. We are "Expeditionary" now and inspections will evaluate that aspect of our capability.

The single biggest unique aspect to an ORI is the people involved. The group that represents the 910th in its next ORI will be made up of many people who did not participate in this wing's last ORI. The only thing similar to 500 people in an ORI event is a

rotation into the AOR. For an ORI though, we will be the first unit into the location. It will be demanding and success will not come without preparation, cooperation and a sense of urgency. As Col. Michael Marques, 910th Inspector General, recently pointed out; "It takes three group events for a diverse group of personnel to change from a group to a team." We must have a team to succeed in our ORI.

Our first ORI team building event will be this summer. Approximately 350 people from this wing will mobilize, deploy, employ, train and redeploy during an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) to Volk Field, Wis., from August 23-27.

This ORE and the two we will do in 2007 will affect this wing's UTA schedule and each member's personal schedule. Our August "A" UTA will be normal but ORE inputs will be part of it. Our September UTA will be a "lite" UTA since many personnel will use their August and September UTA days to be part of the ORE. More will follow as we get closer.

The decisions that are made will require flexibility from all of us. Seek information and solutions through your chain of command to avoid being misdirected and to get your issues addressed.

Now is the time for all members to do the following: Understand that Readiness and

deployment procedures will become part of every UTA. Keep your supervisor and Unit Deployment Manager informed as to your ability to deploy.



Col. Timothy J. Thomson

"Review for understanding" a portion of AFMAN 10-100, your Airman's Manual, every month (especially the MOPP and FPCON procedures.) Pack a bag with 45 days of personal items that you would deploy with. Coordinate with your employer as far ahead as possible.

The command and supervision of this base is going to make sure we are prepared to do well in our ORI. The alternative to not doing well is a make-up ORI and is unacceptable.

This Wing is an exceptional part of the Air Force and our OREs and ORI are opportunities to improve and verify to the rest of the Command what we already know.

Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise

Maj. Carolyn Milkovich
Commander, 910th Military Personnel Flight

I know you have all heard the phrases "raising the bar" and "exceeding the standard." Our goal needs to be to strive for these whenever we can. When and if you begin to feel complacent, if you are going with the flow or are trying to stay on top of everything, look to reading some books and articles within "Lincoln on Leadership," The "21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader" by John C. Maxwell, and "The Situational Leader" by Dr. Paul Hersey.

Getting to the next level is what will help to build a better future for our young troops and pave the way for them and in turn they will strive to new standards of excellence for the organization. When Maj. Robert Hudson, commander of the 910th Mission Support Flight, Master Sgt. Richard Lyle, first sergeant of the MSF, and I attended the First Sergeant/Senior ART/Squadron Commander's conference at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in February, we were given a small book. It was called "Learning to Lead" by Robert Heller- a small book, but very direct. "Maintaining and exceeding standards is an on-going process involving everyone. Encourage your staff to analyze problem areas and to work together to find solutions. Involve them in looking for ways to improve products, processes, and performance and, if extra skills are needed, arrange the necessary training. This approach not only generates ideas and innovation, but creates an atmosphere of participation and increased motivation which in turn results in raised quality standards.

Before you or your staff can achieve quality, you need to be very clear about your own expectations regarding how things should be done and the standards of performance that must be reached. Once you have defined these expectations you



Maj. Carolyn Milkovich

can communicate them clearly to your staff, emphasizing your own commitment and the fact that achieving excellence is everyone's responsibility. Define a strategy- seek to uphold the mission, vision, values and direction."

There is a picture on my wall entitled "Excellence." It states "Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise; risking more than others think is safe. Dreaming more than others think is practical and I really love this one - expecting more than others think is possible. It's the only way we can define and set the stage for those who will follow our lead.

New cell phone restriction affects driving procedures on base; in government vehicles on, or off-base

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

People who use a cell phone while driving their vehicles on Youngstown Air Reserve Station should be prepared to obtain a hands-free device in order to continue doing so according to a new cell phone restriction the Air Force has implemented for drivers.

As of Feb. 27 of this year, drivers are not allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands free device. This policy is part of the Department of Defense's Joint Traffic Guidance.

This restriction also applies to all government owned vehicles, or GOVs, at all times. No GOV drivers are permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device on or off base.

"From a safety viewpoint, the use of a cell phone while driving is another distraction to the driver. It's not the only distraction to the driver, but it is a distraction that creates a driving hazard," said Mr. Michael Norris, ground safety manager for the 910th Airlift Wing.

"Any driving hazard could contribute to an accident. An accident is by definition unplanned, which usually means there is a very short time to react to an unplanned situation," he said.

"DOD and the Air Force have put this policy out and we will be enforcing the policy as soon as we incorporate it into the 910th Traffic Control Plan," said Maj. Ron Coburn, commander of the 910th Security Forces Squadron.

"Many of us have seen cell phone users operating vehicles and some have even experienced driving behind an unsafe driver talking on a cell phone. We are committed to providing the personnel assigned or visiting the 910th a safe environment. We ask that everyone work with us on this new policy as we would hate to see personnel lose their driving privileges on base by being assessed too many points," he said.

Air Force Instruction 31-201 (I), following guidance in DOD Instruction 6055.4 "DOD Traffic Safety Program," will restrict the use of cell phones while driving. Only cell phones with hands-free devices will be allowed for use by drivers. This guidance also allows the Air Force to use portable breath screening devices as long as they conform to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards.

The Defense Department's joint traffic document states:

"Vehicle operators on a DOD Installation and operators of Government owned vehicles shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device.

"The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by SrA. Brian Ferguson

As of Feb. 27, drivers are not allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device. The change is being incorporated here.

devices (except for hand-free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited. Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles, and human speech. DOD component safety guidance should note the potential for driver distractions such as eating and drinking, operating radios, CD players, global positioning equipment, etc. Whenever possible this should only be done when the vehicle is safely parked."

Using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device will be considered a "primary offense." This means violators will be able to be stopped solely for this offense.

Drivers at Youngstown ARS who violate this cell phone driving restriction will be given three assessment points against their driving records. Drivers should be aware that if two or more violations are committed, even on a single occasion, a ticket may be given to the driver for each violation.

"Cell phones have come a long way and with the fact that nearly everyone owns a cell phone now, a change is required. Personnel should always stay focused on their driving and what is going on around them and not be focused on any other potential distractions in the vehicle, including the cell phone," said Maj. Coburn.

Questions pertaining to this policy should be addressed to the Security Forces Control Center at Ext. 1277 or 1299 and someone will return the call to provide clarification.

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On the cover...

Tech. Sgt. Martin Fortney, a liquid fuels specialist with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, performs maintenance on an aircraft fuel pumping system on base while wearing full chemical protective gear in MOPP 4, demonstrating his Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) in a chemically contaminated environment. All 910th reservists will receive extensive ATSO training leading up to the ORI in early 2008. Photo by MSgt. Bryan Ripple.

“Of the Year” luncheon honors AFRC top winner

By Airman 1st Class Ann Jefferson
Public Affairs Specialist

The same weekend Hollywood rolled out the red carpet for the Academy Awards, the 910th Airlift Wing honored its own stars at the annual awards recognition luncheon at the Eagle’s Nest Club March 4. All “Of the Year” nominees and selectees from 2005 were invited to attend the event, as were other recognition winners from various AFRC, Air Force and USO 2005 competitions.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert V. Glus Sr., command chief master sergeant of the 910th Airlift Wing and master of ceremonies, explained how the “of the quarter/of the year” nomination process works, that enlisted awards are given per each calendar quarter while officer awards begin the third quarter of the year prior (third quarter 2004, for this year). One from each quarterly award category is then chosen as the annual winner.

Chief Glus recognized all nominees, saying, “It’s an honor just to be nominated by your squadron – you ought to be awfully proud of that.”

The chief then called the “Of the Year” selectees forward to receive their awards from Col. Timothy J. Thomson, 910th Airlift Wing commander. Each honoree received an engraved model of a C-130; an impressive medallion from USAA; gift certificates from the base credit union, the Army Air Force Exchange Service and Ohio State Sen. Marc Dann’s office; a \$100 savings bond from the 910th Airlift Wing Services Division; and a Wing coin.

The ceremony spotlighted an extra special award recipient. Capt. Raymond W. Gale, 910th Performance Planning Officer, was not only the Third Quarter 2004 Company Grade Officer selectee and 2005 Company Grade (formerly called Junior) Officer of the Year winner from the 910th Airlift Wing. Ultimately AFRC then chose Capt. Gale as its top “Of the Year” selectee, for which Lt. General John A. Bradley, AFRC commander,



A1C Ann W. Jefferson

From left, Capt. Raymond Gale, Master Sgt. Rene Noel, Tech. Sgt. Bill Mcadoo and SrA. Kathy Winner display the trophies each of them won for being named “Of the Year.”

presented him with an impressive plaque at the Reserve Officers Association convention in February. Colonel Thomson re-presented the plaque at the awards lunch. The 22nd Air Force also named the captain as its Performance Planner of the Year and has nominated him for the AFRC competition.

An impressive group of 22AF and AFRC recognition award recipients also stepped front and center for a Wing coin and photo with the colonel.

Colonel Thomson remarked, “It’s a commander’s dream to have wing personnel like yourselves. This is both an individual and team effort; folks wouldn’t be successful without a good team behind them – consider that.”

Captain Gale echoed the colonel’s sentiment when receiving his AFRC award: “I don’t know where I’d be without my family and Colonel Thomson. You don’t do this alone. Thanks to all of my peers.”

The fine meal was courtesy of the Air Force Association, Base Community Council, the Chiefs Group, the First Sergeants Council, and the local Reserve Officers Association #41.

New Visitor Center improves security, service



MSgt. Bryan Ripple

Darlene Hewitt, a Security Assistant with the 910th Security Forces Squadron, assists retired Navy Petty Officer Jay Enger. Mr. Enger is just one of more than 3,000 people that are likely to require passes or decals annually.

By Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

A newly constructed Visitor Center opened its doors to customers here March 20 as part of nearly \$2 million worth of headquarters funded improvements to base security.

The Visitor Center, which cost about \$630,000, was funded by Air Force Reserve Command as part of a \$1.8 million redesign of the main gate area.

One of the measures that improves security is a traffic plan that immediately directs unregistered vehicles to the Visitor Center rather than allowing them to enter the base prior to registration, said Darlene Hewitt, a Security Assistant with the 910th Security Forces Squadron here.

The 1,400 square-foot facility, which took about five months to construct, will not only increase security measures for the base, but should also make customers more comfortable while waiting for assistance, she said.

The old facility didn’t do much to make people comfortable while they waited, she said. The new one has a customer waiting area with chairs and should eventually have a cable ready television and vending machines, she said.

Visitor Center personnel are responsible for issuing temporary passes, long-term passes, permanent decals as well as restricted area badges and Geneva Convention Cards for personnel at Youngstown ARS.

“They have to see me,” she said with a smile.



Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Tech. Sgt. Shawn David McCowan
Public Affairs Specialist

Four-out-of-five people in 910th Services said Henry Shaffer really got under their skin at some point.

Five-out-of-five said he was an irreplaceable asset to the Services team.

Senior Master Sgt. Henry Shaffer, a Services Supervisor at the 910th Airlift Wing, never had his sights on Services when he began his Air Force career as a Reservist, but he was driven to take care of his co-workers. In 1983, he joined the Air Force Reserve and had aspirations of being a flyer.

He applied for a commission, but the age cutoff was quickly approaching. Delays in the approval of his commission caused him to miss his deadline... just before the cutoff age was moved. Although he was demoralized at first, he moved on. He transferred to active duty and traveled the world as a part of Services.

"I'm not sure I'd still be so happy doing this if I worked in operations. This is a better fit for me. I just didn't know it then," said Sergeant Shaffer.

After years of globetrotting he returned to America and the Reserve. For years he was an Air Reserve Technician in Services, working full-time in his element. He brought with him his various skills; besides bringing back a black-belt and starting a self-defense school in the area, he also brought dedication to the people he works with, an unbeatable work ethic... plus an aggressive management style and a cynical humor that people both resent and respect.

Master Sgt. Charles Lozowski, the dining facility manager, says it's a love-and-hate relationship.

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Editor's Note: This is the fifth of a six-part series about 910th Airlift Wing individuals whose efforts have had a truly significant impact on those around them and personify our Air Force Core Values.

Services before Self

SMSgt. Henry Shaffer, a supervisor at the 910th Services Sq., carries with him much of the corporate knowledge about Services many of his co-workers say can't be replaced.

"He knows this job like no one else. Almost everyone here calls him a walking regulations book. The guy can get on your nerves because he's so forward and no-nonsense, but I wouldn't trade him for anyone," said Sergeant Lozowski.

Maj. Stephanie Welhouse, Services commander, couldn't say enough about his skills.

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Maj. Stephanie Welhouse
Services Squadron Commander

"He lives, eats and breathes Services. His passion for duty and country and his job are evident in everything he does. His reliability has been very helpful and appreciated," said Maj. Welhouse.

Capt. Thomas Latsko, Services manager, says he's the last word on both his career field and Air Force Instructions.

"He is one of the greatest assets of the wing. He really is the trusted go-to man when any of us need information about Services issues."

Sergeant Shaffer recently moved to Colorado and began working for the Air Force Academy as a DOD civilian. He has returned to traditional Reserve status, but his work ethic and know-how still serve the 910th like he'd never left.

ORI: First step is practice

MOP

TSgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

During a four-day period in August more than 350 members of the 910th Airlift Wing are scheduled to participate in what will likely be the first of three such practice deployments to help prepare for the Operational Readiness Inspection in 2008.

The base-wide exercise, set to begin Aug. 24, is expected to deploy nearly a quarter of the reservists assigned here to the Combat Readiness Skills Training Center at Volk Field, Wis.

According to Capt. Raymond Gale, Chief of Performance Planning, scheduling for the August exercise should involve people who are expected to be able to participate in the ORI.

It's smarter, the Captain explained, to involve someone who is a lesser skilled Senior Airman now but will be a highly skilled Staff Sergeant during the ORI rather than a highly skilled Chief Master Sergeant who is likely to be retired in two years.

The exercise will simulate the wing being deployed to set up flying operations at a forward operating location.

"We're using the building block approach," said Capt. Gale.

According to the Captain, each of the three exercises will build on the previous exercise and encompass more of the items that the 910th will be inspected on. He said he expected the final "fly-away" exercise may be more challenging than the actual ORI.

This exercise in August will focus on the deployment and redeployment phase of the ORI, said Senior Master Sgt. Lou Martsolf, NCOIC of War Plans and Mobilization.

For now, explained Sergeant Martsolf, the focus should be on demonstrating the capability to move our people efficiently and safely from here to there and back again.

The next exercise, tentatively scheduled for spring of 2007, will likely be more in depth and could even include one or more other units, he explained.

The 910th AW is scheduled to participate in the ORI in March 2008 along with units from Missouri, Nevada and Minnesota.

"This is the time," explained Capt. Gale, "to recognize and fix problems."

Others agree.

The process of a group becoming a team, explained Col. Michael Marques, Wing Inspector General, isn't likely to happen overnight.

"It takes about three cycles to behave as a group," he said. "If we don't start now, we won't get these cycles in and we'll be graded accordingly."

The time at Volk Field will likely be used to teach wartime survival skills such as emergency medical care and training on unexploded ordinance, said Capt. Gale.

"I think it will be a full day," he said.

The training center at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis., began operating in 1992. Since then, more than



MOPP 1



MOPP 2 : Used in pre- or post-attack occur with little or no warning or suspected and higher levels of alert. The overgarment, overboots and protective mask and gloves are

MOPP 0



MOPP 1 : Used in periods of increased alert when an NBC attack could occur with little or no warning. Overgarment and field gear are worn while overboots, protective mask and gloves are carried.

MOPP 0: Used in periods of increased alert when the the enemy has a nuclear, biological or chemical offensive capability. Field gear is worn while overgarment, overboots, gloves, protective mask and gloves are ready for immediate donning.

MOPP LEVEL	FIELD GEAR	CLOTHING
MOPP 0	Worn	Carried
MOPP 1	Worn	Worn
MOPP 2	Worn	Worn
MOPP 3	Worn	Worn
MOPP 4	Worn	Worn

Cleaning after use adds safety

60 units and over 35,000 personnel have been trained there. Their mission is to train units to deploy, survive and operate at a forward location.

Units with wartime missions typically undergo ORIs at least once every five years to evaluate their wartime readiness. Units are given one of five ratings: outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory. Air Force Reserve units receiving an unsatisfactory rating are rescheduled for inspection 18 – 24 months later.

“We want to be ready and execute the scheduled inspection only once,” said Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing.

“I don’t think any one wants to do it again, so let’s get it right the first time.”

TSgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

The old adage about a few minutes of work now saving hours of frustration later might easily have been said about the MCU-2 series protective gas mask. It certainly applies.

The few minutes required to clean the protective mask after each use will not only prolong the life of the mask, but may also make it safer to use, said Mr. Michael Presco, Readiness Program Specialist.

Without regular cleanings the sweat, dust and other types of filth can collect underneath the nose guard. If left unchecked this could damage the mask as well as pose a health threat to the wearer, he said.

“If you don’t clean it you’re going to end up with some kind of bacteria in there,” he said.

Each time the mask is used it should be

cleaned thoroughly.

The best way to clean the mask, according to Mr. Presco, is to remove the canister and actually dip the entire mask in a warm soapy water. Totally immersing it and then letting it air dry is the best way to ensure the mask is clean, he said.

If time or resources are unavailable to immerse the mask in soapy water then simply wiping it clean inside with warm water is much better than doing nothing, he said.

In the early years it was recommended that these masks be cleaned with alcohol. Over time this changed because it was discovered that the alcohol was causing the lens to turn yellow.

While this won’t impair its ability to protect the wearer from chemical threats, it may make reading the M-9 chemical detection tape difficult, he explained.

According to Mr. Presco, many people - even those who otherwise do a good job cleaning their mask - sometimes forget to clean the drinking tube.

“If your drink tube is plugged up or broken, you’re in trouble,” he said.

Cleaning the drink tube is a simple process he explained.

Put some water in the canteen and flush the tube back through the mask. Adding a few drops of standard bleach to the water will sanitize the tube at the same time he said.

People should remember, he points out, that keeping the mask clean is the user’s responsibility.

MOPP 3



MOPP 3 : Used in pre- or post-attack when an NBC attack could occur with little or no warning or when contamination is present or suspected and higher levels of protection are not required. Overgarment, protective mask, hood, overboots and field gear are worn. Gloves are carried.

MOPP 4



MOPP 4: Used in pre- or post-attack when an NBC attack could occur with little or no warning or when contamination is present or suspected and higher levels of protection are not required. Overgarment, protective mask, hood, overboots, field gear and gloves are worn.

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FOOT WEAR	MASK/ HOOD	GLOVES
Carried	Carried	Carried
Carried	Carried	Carried
Worn	Carried	Carried
Worn	Worn	Carried
Worn	Worn	Worn

Reserve and Guard run deployed personnel ops

Maj. Ann P. Knabe

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — Guard and Reserve members provide many support roles in Personnel Support in Contingency Operations, or PERSCO, around the region.

However, this rotation, Reserve component servicemembers comprise more than 95 percent of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing PERSCO team.

“We’re not sure why it happened this way,” said Senior Master Sgt. Gary Yonchak, PERSCO superintendent and first sergeant. “But, it’s really neat to see us all coming together under one roof, getting the mission done.”

Sergeant Yonchak is a reservist from the 910th Mission Support Flight based at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. He said about half of his troops here never deployed out of the continental U.S. before this tour.

“The (Reserve component) volunteers have the same qualifications as active duty, but they also bring unique assets to the fight,” he said. “We have a wealth of experience and depth in our jobs. Many of our folks have completed 15 to 20 years of service.”

With 34 years of service, Sergeant Yonchak represents the more experienced Reservists. At the other end of the spectrum is Airman 1st Class Andrena Cleek, also from Youngstown ARS, who just reached 18 months in service.

Just as their years in service vary, so do their backgrounds. Master Sgt. Becky Napierala, a member of the 120th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont., works full time for the U.S. Postal Service. She applies her customer service skills to handle thousands of people transferring through Southwest Asia. Sergeant Napierala thinks there’s a distinct advantage in having Reserve component and active duty mixed in one deployed PERSCO team.

“We all learn different ways of doing things,” she said. “We pick up best practices, put them in place here and take them back to our home units.”

The team’s mission is simple: account for the whereabouts of people deployed and incoming transients. This includes arrivals, forward deployments and returns home. If any base personnel go to Iraq, Afghanistan or the Horn of Africa for temporary duty, PERSCO tracks them.

“We’re the eyes and the ears for the wing commander when it comes to



Courtesy photo

SMSgt. Gary Yonchak, Lt. Dominic White, MSgt. Korene Rooks, and A1C Andrena Cleek keep track of deployed personnel in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

people,” Sergeant Yonchak said. “Sometimes it gets downright crazy, like when we experience a surge of transients during a rotational swap. We had aircraft coming and going with passengers around the clock. In one week’s timeframe, we met, greeted and informed thousands of people.”

Since the first of the year, the team has processed more than 15,000 people. The team works two shifts, keeping the processing area staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We have a distinct advantage working with people coming from different units and different civilian jobs,” said Senior Airman Sabrina Harden, a Guard member with the 141st Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base. “The 379th PERSCO team represents a diverse bag of talents from every sector of life. That’s what makes us work so well together as a team and work well with the people we serve.”

President asks for more money, Air Force Reservists

WASHINGTON – The president’s proposed defense budget for next year seeks \$4.1 billion in funding for Air Force Reserve Command and an end-strength of 74,900 reservists.

The fiscal 2007 request covers the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. It asks for 900 more Air Force reservists than the 74,000 authorized this year.

The president sent his overall defense budget request of \$493.3 billion to Congress Feb. 6. The Air Force portion of the Department of Defense funding is \$130.4 billion.

In the president’s budget, the Air Force Reserve requests funding for three separate appropriations – operation and maintenance, reserve personnel, and military construction.

Most of the AFRC portion of the FY 2007 President’s Budget request – \$2.7 billion – is for O & M funds to train, organize and administer the command. The Air Force Reserve received \$2.5 billion in O & M funds this year.

In 2007, another \$1.36 billion goes to the reserve personnel appropriation for military personnel participation and training requirements. This funding includes a military pay raise of 2.2 percent. It also covers adding another 476 traditional reservists and 424 full-time Active Guard and Re-

serve reservists.

The requested reserve personnel appropriation represents a \$72.6 million increase compared to that received for this year’s reserve personnel appropriation.

Requested funding for military construction in FY 2007 is \$44.9 million. These funds are to pay for five major projects in four states.

This year the command is getting \$105.9 million for military construction, which includes major and minor projects, and planning and design. Last year the president had recommended \$79.3 million, but Congress added \$26.6 million more to fund five additional projects.

Finally, Congress added another \$57.8 million to help the Air Force Reserve in fiscal 2006 – \$30 million in the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation and \$27.8 million in aircraft procurement with the Regular Air Force.

Congress uses the president’s budget as a blueprint to draft appropriations legislation. After both houses of Congress approve their versions of the bill, the two versions go to a joint conference committee to resolve differences in the two bills. After both houses of Congress approve the reconciled version of the bill, it goes to the president to be signed into law.

Air Force Assistance Fund Drive coming

The Air Force Assistance Fund Drive is coming around pretty soon. It is not part of the Combined Federal Campaign and is the other AF sanctioned fundraising drive. Youngstown Air Reserve Station has been an incredible supporter of the Fund Drive in recent years. This says a lot about the community spirit in which we thrive.

The return on investment for Air Force Assistance Fund donations is excellent. In the 2005 calendar year, the Air Force Aid Society paid out \$6,028 in loans and \$500 in grants to Air Force personnel in the YARS community. In addition, \$188 of Bundles for Babies, \$3,600 in phone cards, and \$773 in child rearing books and magnets were given out via the Family Support Office. In total the Air Force Aid Society gave out, Air Force wide is \$21.6 million to over 30,000 people. The total support given to the YARS community exceeded \$11,000 in 2005, several times over the amount we donated to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The Air Force Assistance Fund Drive also allows for donations to the Air Force Enlisted Village Widow's Fund (<http://www.afenlistedwidows.org/>), Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund (<http://www.afvw.com/>), and the Gen and Mrs Curtis Lemay Foundation. Both of the Widow's funds allow widows to live in the Air Force Villages for retirement and care. The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis Lemay Foundation provide monetary assistance to retiree widows (<http://www.lemayfoundation.org>).

The Air Force Assistance Fund provides the means to help our fellow Airmen through the entire life cycle of duty to retirement. Details on the fund drive will be coming out soon. In the meantime, check out these organizations and consider donating.

For more information, contact the Family Support Office at (330) 609-1201.



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Wing emphasizes diversity

About 25 base employees and military members attended the annual 910th Airlift Wing observance of Black History Month Feb. 22 at the Eagle's Nest Club on base. Around 30 young people from the Ebenezer Timekeepers Drum & Flag Line group in Youngstown performed at the observance. Mr. Benjamin L. McGee, who served as Superintendent of Youngstown City Schools from November 1997 to June 30, 2004, was the guest of honor and keynote speaker at the event. The Eagle's Nest Club staff prepared a luncheon buffet that featured various ethnic food items. The theme of the program this year was "A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Organizations.

Career Development Course incentive program can shorten UTA weekend

What would you be willing to do if you could cut your UTA hours short one weekend? How about studying harder for your Career Development Course (CDC) tests?

The 910th Airlift Wing Recognition Program has instituted a new incentive program, according to Chief Master Sgt. Jane L. Stone, chief of the education and training flight. Those Airmen who score 90 percent or higher on their CDC tests will receive a two-hour pass for the end of an UTA. Education and Training will also send special certificates to Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, for his signature, which he'll forward to group commanders for presentation.

Chief Stone explained the purpose of this acknowledgement program is to "recognize the importance of doing well on the tests and thank them."

"The Airmen have to do a lot of studying on their own. Supervisors need to make time for trainees to fit in training between their military and civilian jobs," she said.

Units can still have their own recognition programs, though, in addition to this, Chief Stone noted.

For more information, contact the 910th Education and Training Flight office at (330) 609-1230.

Red Cross emergency notification procedures explained by Family Support

When something significant happens to our family during a deployment, TDY, or school, the first thing any of us want to do is go home and "fix it," and be with family. The reaction is entirely understandable.

However, going home is not always possible. That decision is entirely up to the commander at the deployed location, TDY or school. A solid Red Cross message with good information helps the commander fully weigh the merits of the situation fairly against the needs of the mission.

To get that Red Cross message out in a timely manner, the family around the emergency must contact the Red Cross office nearest them. Rather than look up a bunch of numbers, it works well to know one number, 877-272-7337. Called from a landline, the number will rotate callers to the nearest Red Cross office.

Once talking to the Red Cross, the family member needs to be able to tell them the military member's full name, rank, deployed/TDY location, a phone number there (if they have that,) the home station unit, and the name and phone number of the person who can verify the emergency. The Red Cross will have to verify the emergency. Given this era of HIPAA, it is wise to let the verifying official know that medical information related to the emergency may be released to the Red Cross. The family member caller will want to ask for the case number assigned to the message.

Family members and the military member are not to make travel arrangements and should never assume it is a given that the member can go home. Sometimes they don't. Once the message is verified and passed on to the temporary location, the member can work with the unit first sergeant and the PERSCO team to develop travel arrangements. It is frustrating to wait, but it often saves money and miscommunication hassles without losing time.

If the family needs support, information or some kind of assistance in the meantime or they are not clear on how to establish a Red Cross message, they are more than welcome to call Family Support for help. Likewise, if the deployed/TDY member has a concern and would like help for the family or information/help for themselves, Family Support stands ready. Family Support can be reached at DSN 346-1201 or (330) 609-1201, after hours emergency is (330) 233-2128.

LRS upset of "MAXX" highlights busy volleyball action

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High flying volleyball players participating in the 2006 Esprit De Corps volleyball tournament leaped into action during the March UTA.

Both sides of the fitness center court were set up for play as six games were scheduled. In a first round game, the "Force" from the 910th SFS was scheduled to play the MXS "Maxx." When game time arrived, the "Maxx" caught a break as the "Force" was not with SFS because they had to forfeit their game due to lack of players showing up.

In the other bracket, the AW/MSG "Wingers" put forth a solid team effort in their first-round games against the 910th Communications Flight team posting wins of 25-23 and 25-21. The AW team featured the high-flying Khalid Mulazim of the Finance office. Khalid's seemingly effortless ability to reach four feet above the net helped block many shots from the Comm Flight team and score several points for AW/MSG. Lisa List and Kathy Winner, scrappy team players from the JAG office and MSF were all over the court, setting up their teammates with good shot opportunities and outstanding serving skills. John Woods of the recruiting staff utilized his athletic prowess up front along with Khalid to form a strong front line that scored points for the AW team. Paul Milliken and Herman Klarr from the Chapel and Tom Ruskin from Family Support added their team spirit and never-give-up mindsets to complete a well-rounded AW team.

In the AW-76 APS second-round match-up, fatigue may have played a role in the AW team's fall as they dropped two consecutive decisions 25-17 and 25-9 to the aerial port squadron's "76ers." In the other second-round game, the OSS "Dark Horses" moved to the next round with 25-13 and 25-12 wins over Services. Daryl Hartman punctuated the first win against SVS with a resounding spike. Vic Smith added several points for OSS with strong serves that SVS just couldn't handle.

There won't be any fools on the court April Fools day when the OSS "Dark Horses" take to the net against the "76ers" of APS and the LRS team faces the CES "CvEnS" in semi-final games to determine who will be in the championship game at 7 p.m. April 1.

On the other side of the court, the CES "CvEnS" defeated "TeamMed" from MDS in both of the early games by scores of 25-19.

Medical Squadron got clipped by "CvEnS" in a two-match defeat. "CvEnS" only took a few minutes to holster the "TeamMed" team into a



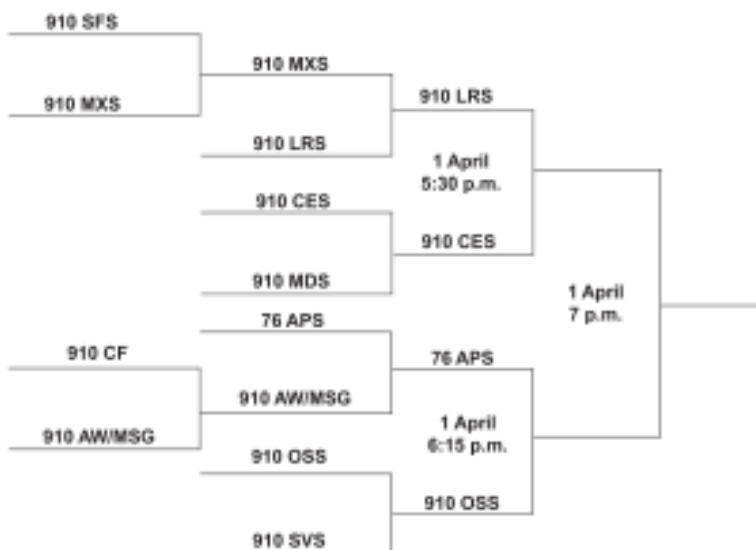
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Tom Ruskin (white shirt) of the AW team goes high above the net to block a shot by a "76ers" player during tournament play.

two point deficit. They continued to dominate "TEAMMED" for most of the first match. "TEAMMED" rallied to return from a 12 point deficit nearly taking the lead. But, after missing a few opportunities to score they had watched the coffin nails seal their fate as "CvEnS" romped to a 25-19 victory in the first match.

Match two was clearly a dance that "CvEnS" played the music for. "CvEnS" leaped into control with set-ups and spikes that drove the battered "TEAMMED" team to defeat. But, like a dying person's last gasp for air, "TEAMMED" struggled and even managed a few sparse

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Esprit De Corps Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
MXS "Maxx"	870
76 APS	690
910 OSS	550
910 CES	530
910 AW/MSG	490
910 SVS	470
910 MDS	425
910 LRS	275
910 SFS	85
910 CF	75

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22 AF seeks Command Chief



22 AF is seeking individuals who would like to apply for the position of 22 AF Command Chief Master Sergeant. If you are a chief or SMSgt. eligible for immediate promotion, you may apply. Contact CMSgt. Bob Glus Sr., 910th Command Chief, at ext. 1150 for details on how to apply. Applications must be received by 22 AF by May 22.

1-2 April UTA
Pay Date: 12 April



MSgt. Bryan Ripple

Khalid Mulazim, of the Wing Staff/MSG team, seems to glide effortlessly several feet above the net to deliver a shot

against Robert Zhender and the Aerial Port "76ers" team during Esprit De Corps volleyball action in March.

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victories during the game -- like Steve Lachendro's airborne block that turned into a slam dunk on top of the heads of a surprised "CvEnS" team. But, in the end, "CvEnS" had the skill and drive to take the second match 25-17 game and earn a seat in the April games.

LRS earned a bid in the volleyball finals after winning a hard-fought -- and surprising - victory over the "Maxx" volleyball dynasty. "Maxx" capitalized on LRS's slow start by pulling themselves into a 7-point lead almost immediately in game one. The LRS found themselves corralled into a losing position when "Maxx" commanded a 7-point lead throughout most of the game. It ended in a 25-15 victory for "Maxx."

The second game seemed to prove that the LRS was not willing to drink from the loser's cup without a fight. They pushed back hard, struggling against a nearly overpowering "Maxx" offense, to claim a victory in the second game defeating the "Maxx" in a 25-15 romping.

The third game -- only required when the both teams claim a victory in the first two games -- was played as a sudden death match with play limited to 15 points rather than 25. LRS opened it up by almost immediately claiming a four-point lead that they huddled around right to the end of the game. They claimed the victory with a 15-10 defeat of "Maxx."

On April 1, the LRS team will find out if they can ride the momentum from their upset win over the "Maxx" to a title game appearance. But standing in their way will be the CES "CvEns," who will surely be bringing their "hammer and nails" attitude and power to the court.

Who will be the king and who will be the April Fools joke on April 1?



TSgt. Ken Sloat

Shawn White of the "Maxx" jumps to hit what was likely to have been a point-earning return back at several LRS players.

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