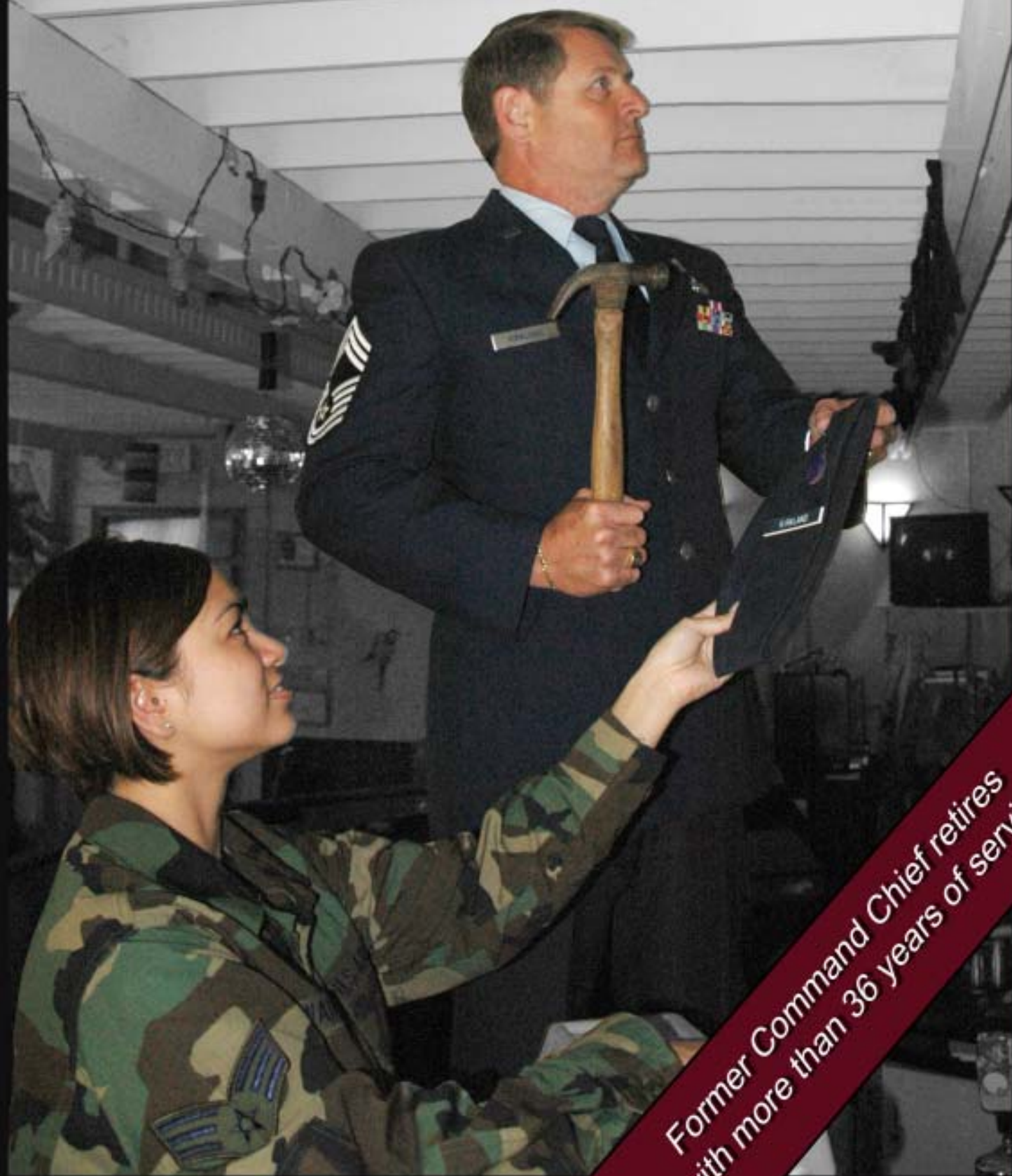


# THE Airstream



Former Command Chief retires  
with more than 36 years of service

## Connecting family to our important mission

**Colonel Timothy J. Thomson**  
Commander

Contained in Lt. Gen. Bradley's latest AFRC Vision pamphlet titled, "One Air force. Same Fight. . . . An Unrivaled Wingman," one of the "vision vectors" in this pamphlet reads as follows:

"The family-employer Reserve triad will remain central to our identity as an Unrivaled Wingman."

What this means is that we will never take for granted the critical role families and civilian employers play in enabling our members to serve. Therefore, we have to nurture and cherish our own family relationships in a constant effort to make sure our families are familiar with, supportive of and connected daily to our participation as Reservists in service to our nation.

With this AFRC vision in mind, our upcoming Family Day scheduled for July 15 is not just a picnic or an excuse to come to the base. It is part of the much needed effort where we allow our families to become connected to our important mission at Youngstown ARS and beyond. I encourage you to let your families see the important work that you do

and meet your fellow Reservists. Talk to them about your experience here at Youngstown and deployed with our Air Force, Navy or Marines worldwide. Let them see the level of responsibility you have and the proud way you perform your duties every drill weekend and when directed to active duty away from this station.

Family Day at Youngstown will be a great event, not because of the great food and all the activities, but because your family will have a greater appreciation for what all of you do in defense of our great nation every day you change from your civilian attire and become a Reservist.



**Col. Timothy J. Thomson**

## Reap the rewards from being uncomfortable

**Capt. Brent J. Davis**  
Public Affairs Officer

I've had several people approach me as to why I haven't submitted a column about my deployment experience last Fall and Winter. I really had no good reason why not to write one. PAs write stories on the 5Ws: Who, What, when, where and why. So, here they are.

I volunteered to deploy specifically to put myself in a new and uncomfortable situation to help me grow in my career as well as see how I could adapt to a completely new environment. In this case I left a wing level Public Affairs role to run Public Affairs media relations at the headquarters level in the Combined Air Operations Center at Al Udeid AB, Qatar.

I was thrust into a situation to learn quickly

and jump in with both feet working with PAs throughout the AOR assisting them in getting international media in theater to capture their stories.

In doing this I realized how strong our media relations are at the 910th. It certainly was a worthwhile experience working with big leaguers such as the New York Times, USA Today, FOXNEWS, Night Ridder, Reuters, Jane's' Defence Weekly and many others. It was a stretching experience to establish a rapport while trying to be influential with unfamiliar news media representatives.

One thing I quickly learned was that they came to me with a set agenda and I was very limited as to how much I could influence them in covering a story with a USAF "positive" news story angles. I basically influenced where

I could and pressed on.

One of my goals set before deploying was to look for opportunities to mentor young Airmen and "pay forward" what so many have done for me for nearly 20 years.

After my work shift I visited with numerous Airmen at the pavilion spawning dozens of great conversations with them. It was a continuous win-win as we learned so much about each others values and interests.

Volunteer and deploy at least once. For me it was kind of like being on a pro football "reserve" team for many years and finally getting to really play in the game. Only this is quite the real deal and the stakes are high. So, put yourself in an uncomfortable situation and deploy. You'll likely surprise yourself at how well you'll adapt, overcome and influence others.

## Chaplain talks about importance of dedication to duty

**Chaplain (Colonel) Paul R. Milliken**  
Senior Chaplain

In Tim Bowden's book *One Crowded Hour*, he tells an amusing story about an incident having taken place during the 1964 confrontation between Malaysia and Indonesia. A group of Gurkas from Nepal were asked, should the need arise, if they'd be willing to jump from transport planes into combat against the Indonesians. The Gurkas, never having been trained as paratroopers, had the right to refuse the request. Congenial by nature, the Gurkas normally agreed to almost anything, but on this one occasion, they respectfully declined.

The following day, one of their senior NCOs sought out the British officer having made the request, and indicated the Gurkas had reconsidered and would, indeed, be willing to jump . . . *under certain conditions*.

"And what might those be?" inquired the surprised Brit.

"We'd be willing to jump if the landing zone is marshy or, at least, reasonably soft. We also respectfully request the plane fly as slowly as possible and at an altitude not in excess of 100 feet."

"My good man," said the Major, "we always fly slowly when dropping troops, but jumping from 100 feet would prove disastrous, because from that altitude your parachutes wouldn't have adequate time to open."

"Parachutes," repeated the Gurka somewhat surprised, "Oh, that's alright then. We'll jump anywhere with parachutes. You hadn't indicated that in your original request."

Wow — talk about dedication to duty That story made me think about the commitment our families require. I mean, how far would you NOT be willing to go in caring for and supporting your loved ones? With that kind of commitment and devotion, our families will surely thrive.

## Maintenance Squadron welcomes new superintendent

**Capt. Andrew R. Holko III**  
910th Maintenance Group  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

The 910<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron announces the assignment of Chief Master Sergeant Garry E. Horton to the position of Maintenance Squadron Superintendent following the retirement of Chief David L. Weaver.

Chief Horton comes to Youngstown from the 926th Fighter Wing, NAS JRB New Orleans, where he was the Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent responsible for the production and maintenance of 17 A-10 aircraft.

After enlisting in 1971, Chief Horton has held numerous aircraft maintenance positions in the Air Force Reserve including C-130 Crew Chief, Job Control Specialist, Logistics Technician, Maintenance Control Supervisor, Maintenance Operations Flight, and Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent.

The Chief has been assigned to numerous positions both stateside and at overseas bases



Capt. Andrew R. Holko III

**Chief Garry Horton, recently appointed as the new superintendent for the 910th Maintenance Squadron says that people are what makes each new assignment special.**

including Clark Air Base, Philippines, and Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand.

When it comes to the Chief's philosophy on work ethics, it should be pretty easy to understand.

"I'm a firm believer in keeping our aircrew and maintainers safe by doing our job correctly and staying in compliance with Air Force technical data, directives, and standards. We have a lot of responsibilities to care for the people and resources in our care," said the new maintenance squadron superintendent.

"Every day brings new adventures and circumstances and it's up to us as to how we handle them," he added.

Chief Horton was raised in Fair Oaks, Calif., and graduated from Del Campo High School there in 1971. He holds an Associates Degree in Business from Los Angeles Metropolitan College, Calif.

When not at work, the Chief enjoys spending time with his wife, golfing, camping, diving, bowling, and more golfing.

When asked what his most memorable assignment was he said "The one I'm currently in. Every place I've been at the last 35 years has brought special memories. It's all about the people. What I have experienced here and the reception I've received from the wing has been absolutely phenomenal," he said.



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### On the cover...

*CMSgt. Dennis Kirkland, former Command Chief of the 910th Airlift Wing, prepares to nail his hat to a beam at the base club as part of a local tradition for long-time members of the unit after his retirement ceremony June 4. SrA. Jessica Walker, a personnel specialist here, assists him in the honor. Chief Kirkland retired with more than 36 years of service. Photo illustration by TSgt. Ken Sloat.*

# New service dress prototypes pique interest

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform. Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services. One senior airman said, “the current uniform resembles a



Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

**Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, a member of the Air Force uniform board, models a prototype of the Hap Arnold heritage coat.**

cheesy business suit.” A staff sergeant said, “think world’s most dominating air power, not CEO,” and another described it as a “cheap leisure suit.” Other comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force’s history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, “I want to look good and be proud of my AF heritage.” Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. “We need something that distinguishes us as proud members of the U.S. military.” The Air Force began exploring these ideas by producing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years. A more formal survey soon will



Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

**SMSgt. Sgt. Athnos shown wearing a prototype Billy Mitchell heritage coat.**

provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments. “We’ve been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more ‘military,’ and less ‘corporate’ look and feel, something more reflective of the Air Force’s heritage, and its role as a professional military organization,” said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. “The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell’s Air Force,” General Allardice said. The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes. “We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initiative.

We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform,” said General Allardice. “We want to make sure our uniforms, all combinations, meet our current and future needs.” This process will use the standard Air Force Uniform Board process and as with the Airman’s Battle Uniform, Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look. The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process.

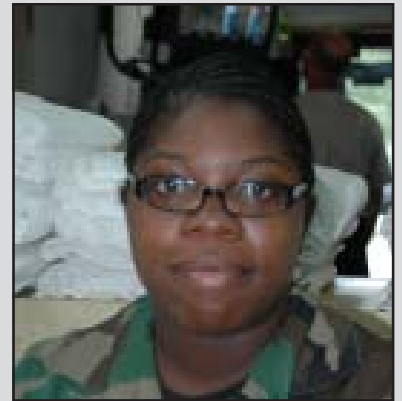
## What do you think?

*Which uniform do you like best?*



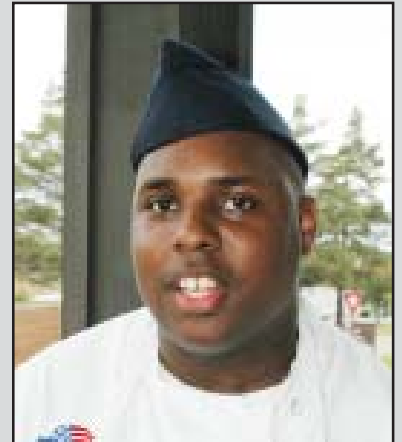
**SSgt. Sidney R. Wolfe, Hydraulics**

*“I like the Hap Arnold. It looks more like the original Army Air Corps from the World War II era. Plus, it looks more comfortable.”*



**SrA. Cassandra Smith, Services**

*“I like the Billy Mitchell. It’s different. I like the collar and the pockets as well. The buttons go all the way down.”*



**SrA. Marcus Henderson, Services**

*“I like the Billy Mitchell because it has a futuristic ‘Star Trek’ look.”*

# 'Safety first' message hits home for Reservist

**Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat**  
Public Affairs Specialist

It was a sunny Sunday morning. The three-day holiday weekend was just getting into full swing.

Since he had a few hours before his afternoon plans were set to begin, he decided to take the warm May sun up on its invitation to take his motorcycle out for a ride.

After putting on his leather pants and leather jacket, he pushed his hands into padded leather gloves and straddled his 600 cubic-centimeter motorcycle. He pulled a full-face helmet down over his head and rode off.

Less than a half-hour later, he was he was being loaded into an ambulance.

"I remember...a couple of the turns...then I remember the paramedics trying to put me on a backboard," said Allan Navecky III, a Lockheed Martin contractor assigned to the 910th Communication Flight here.

As he was being lifted into the ambulance he struggled to remember the events leading up to the accident. He heard one of the paramedics tell him he'd probably be dead if it weren't for his helmet.

"I learned a lot about riding from my dad," he said. Especially, he explained, the importance of doing it safely.

"The doctor pretty much said that if he hadn't been wearing his gear he may not have survived," said his father, Master Sgt. Allan Navecky Jr., a ground safety manager assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing here.

After spending one night in the hospital the younger Navecky was released with a broken collar bone and a fractured shoulder blade. He was back at work a week later.

His father, – a 32-year motorcycle rider himself – is thankful that his son paid attention to the motorcycle riding safety tips he shared with him over the years.

"It's probably one of the few times in his life he actually listened to what his father had to say," joked Sgt. Navecky.

It was a decision that likely saved his life.

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, in 73 percent of the 177 motorcycle fatalities in 2005 not wearing a helmet contributed to the rider's death. Also, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reports that of the 134 Ohioans killed in motorcycle accidents in 2004 just 36 were wearing helmets.

Ohio is one of 30 states that allow motorcyclists to ride without a helmet. In Ohio, only riders

complete either a Basic or Experienced Rider Course prior to registering a motorcycle on base. These courses are taught by "RiderCoaches" trained and certified by The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, a not-for-profit organization sponsored by motorcycle manufacturers and distributors. It is widely regarded as a leader in motorcycle rider education.

Both of the MSF courses are designed to help motorcyclists improve their skills through practical riding experience in a closed-course, such as a parking lot staked out with cones.

In addition to the hands-on riding experience, the Basic Rider Course covers protective gear, rider responsibility, motorcycle inspection and care. It is designed for someone who has never ridden before. The goal of the basic course, according to Sgt. Navecky, is to give students the equivalent of six months worth of actual riding experience.

New riders, according to Sgt. Navecky, are most likely to have an incident within their first six months of riding. The two-day long basic course gives new riders a safe environment to learn some foundational lessons, he explained.

The experienced rider course is typically about six hours of closed-course riding and focuses on advanced techniques such as managing traction, stopping quickly, cornering and swerving.

Sergeant Navecky is scheduled to complete the certification training required to become an MSF RiderCoach. Once he completes the nine-day course at Andrews AFB, he will be certified to teach both the basic and experienced rider courses anywhere in the country. The plan, he said, is to set up a range here on base and begin offering, as a minimum, the Experienced Rider Course before the end of the year.

"If we save one base rider from going down, it will have been worth it," he said.

But rider protection is still important.

"Motorcycle riding is inherently dangerous," said the younger Navecky. While he admits there a lot of things riders can do to reduce the risks, they should understand that no matter how prepared riders are, accidents can still happen.

"There's an old mantra among riders," he said, "dress for the crash not for the ride."



**Shown in a photo taken by his father, the younger Navecky's motorcycle shows the severity of its damage from the May 28 accident.**

younger than 18 years old and first-year riders are required to wear helmets.

Although the state of Ohio allows most riders to decide whether or not they wear helmets, the Department of Defense does not.

To drive on Youngstown Air Reserve Station, military riders are required by DOD regulation to wear full-face helmets with eye protection, full finger gloves, long sleeves with brightly colored outer garments and sturdy shoes. In addition to the gear, the DOD mandates that military riders successfully

## 910th cornerstone retires after more than 30 years at YARS

**Capt. Brent J. Davis**  
Public Affairs Officer

It's been said that you can tell a lot about a person by their conversations. Some may argue that this also holds true by the way a person's office is decorated. If you walk into Chief Master Sgt. Lori Stone's office at base training, you'll likely notice an overwhelming sense of patriotism shown by various red, white and blue wall hangings. You'll also see the Chief's Creed along with several busts of Indian Chiefs proudly on display. And at the desk sits a passionate red-head called "Lucy" by many, relating her outgoing personality and zeal for life, to that of the classic television character.

In 1951, a five-year old girl named Lorain Jensen looked to the Youngstown skies watching the planes pass overhead while dreaming of being part of the newly formed U.S. Air Force.

Fast forward to 1965. The first U.S. combat troops arrive in Vietnam. By the end of the year, 190,000 American soldiers deployed to Vietnam. The Sound of Music was an instant hit and was one of the top-grossing films of 1965 and remains one of film's most popular musicals. Federal debt was only \$322.3 billion and the cost of a first-class stamp was only a nickel. And Lori Jensen enlists in the Air Force chasing after her dreams.

Lorain Jensen, now known as Lori Stone, attended Basic Military Training School in August 1965 at Lackland AFB as part of only two percent of females allowed to join the Women's Air Force (WAF.) She and the other recruits continuously chanted the lyrics to The Animals hit anthem "We've got to get out of this place," until they passed through the "Gateway to the Air Force" and onto the real Air Force.

Airman 1st Class Lori Jensen received direct duty personnel training at her first duty assignment at Keesler AFB, Miss. She was reassigned to Clark Air Base, Philippines before being discharged from active duty in 1967 because, at that time, pregnant Airmen were not allowed to continue serving.

Lori took an eight-year break from her military career to raise her two girls. She then joined the Air Force Reserve's 910<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group in January 1975 as the first female traditional enlisted Reservist.

"It seemed everyone thought I would only last 12 months after joining the 910<sup>th</sup>," she said. "They figured I joined to look for a husband, then leave - and they thought wrong," she concluded.

In August 1977, Lori was selected as the maintenance squadron training Air Reserve Technician (ART) becoming the first female to be hired into that position. This was the first time the Air Force allowed female applicants to pursue the maintenance training position because until that time only men could fill any maintenance position.

"Lori really got a grip on the maintenance training program," said Senior Master Sgt. Joe Hollobaugh, 910<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight chief. "She made the path for training a lot easier to everyone to follow and her road map to training was the best," he added.

Lori also completed her bachelor's degree in Political Science at Youngstown State University in 1977 helping her to qualify for the ART position.

"We both went through the entire degree program at YSU and graduated," said Sergeant Hollobaugh. "Her thing was that if you're learning in the Air Force then broaden your horizons in college too," he concluded.

Lori furthered her career by being selected as the wing training ART in October 1982.

The pinnacle of her career was receiving a promotion enhancement program (PEP) promotion to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in April 1992.



Chet DelSignore

**A blast from the past. From July 1987, SMSgt. Lori Stone discusses educational benefits with MSgt. Ken Thomas, AB Bryan Ripple, MSgt. Ed Shelatz, A1C Drew Tancer and MSgt. Gary Yonchak.**

"Even though I was the first female ART to be promoted to Chief at the 910<sup>th</sup>, I'm really proud of this accomplishment because I had to compete for the rank before a review board just like on active duty," said Stone.

Lori, widely known as the fiery energetic red-head of the base, has poured her heart and soul into many important programs at Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

In 1978, she was elected president of the civilian welfare council leading a variety of fundraisers including pop sales at many base air shows. In 1988, she was instrumental in helping develop the Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Development Program (NCOLDP). The 910<sup>th</sup> was selected as one of only five test sites within the Air Force Reserve according to Stone.

"Back then, General Sherrard really wanted Reservists to have more opportunities like this to build better leaders," said Stone. "I always stressed to the students over the years the importance of never thinking of themselves as "just a Reservist", rather, they're a critical part of the Air Force that makes America the greatest country on Earth," she concluded.

Lori volunteered to support many worthy programs to include military balls, blood drives and Family Day children activities, to name a few.

Maj. Robert M. Hudson, 910<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight Commander recalled when Lori was first assigned to base training.

"Lori Stone along with Chief Norm Vasil (USAFR Ret.) helped instill the idea of getting the job done but also enjoying what they were doing. I remember her saying if you love the job you will enjoy the fruits of your labor. Chief Stone helped me to shoot for being the best as an NCO and she was there to see me go from a Staff Sgt. to the rank of Major in the Air Force Reserve," said Maj. Hudson.

On the wall beside Lori's desk hangs a lithograph that reads "Successful is the person who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the Earth's beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves." Chief Lori Stone has personified those words as a proud member of the 910<sup>th</sup> for more than 30 years. She retired from the Air Force Reserve on June 1.

"If you believe in yourself you can achieve anything because it comes from within," she concluded.

## Former Command Chief retires from 36-year career

**Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple**

NCOIC, Public Affairs

Retired Chief Master Sergeant Dennis Kirkland says he'll never forget driving his white 1967 Chevrolet Impala through the gate here at Youngstown Air Reserve Station June 10, 1970 to start his career in the Air Force Reserve at the young age of 18.

His career turned out to be a long and distinguished one—spanning 36 years, with all but 2 ½ of those years served with the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

Dennis grew up in the nearby small town of Newton Falls, Ohio. One of his brothers was serving with the Army in Vietnam and another was a soldier in the de-militarized zone of Korea. Both of them wrote to Dennis and urged him to join the Reserve so he decided he would serve his country as part of the 910<sup>th</sup>.

“The memories will be in my mind forever. The Air Force Reserve has been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling things I have done in my life,” said Chief Kirkland.

His determination to be successful has been evident both in the military and in his civilian capacity as a Citizen Airman. After graduating from Newton Falls High School in 1969, Dennis began working for his hometown as a street department laborer. He worked for the city for 30 years in various capacities, constantly taking on more responsibility, eventually retiring as City Manager in June 1999.

In 1970 Airman Kirkland's first military assignment was in Base Supply on the street side of Hangar 305 for five years until his position was eliminated in 1975 due to a change in the mission from the Cessna trainer aircraft to the A-37 fighter jets. He then began working for Services at lodging, the fitness center, and was also the Combat Support Squadron On-the-job Training Manager as an additional duty.

Another career field change happened in 1980 when he transferred to the medical supply field. He became the first sergeant for the medical squadron in 1981, and held that position as an additional duty for 10 years until 1991. In 1987 he became a medic and March 1990 marked an important milestone for him when he attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

With 10 years of experience as a Chief on his resume, he was chosen by retired Air Force Reserve Brig. Gen. Michael F. Gjede, former commander of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, to be the Command Chief of the 910<sup>th</sup> in January 2000. After two years representing the enlisted personnel of the 910<sup>th</sup>, the Chief decided it was time to expand his horizon a little further and applied for and was selected in Jan. 2003 to be the Command Chief of 4<sup>th</sup> Air Force, with headquarters at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. In this capacity he represented more than 26,000 Airmen at 20-plus bases and Geographically Separated Units.

Chief Kirkland held the 4<sup>th</sup> AF Command Chief position until June 2005 when he made the decision to return to the 910<sup>th</sup> as a special assistant to the commander. During his last year with the 910<sup>th</sup>, the Chief had a lot of responsibility helping the wing prepare for the November 2005 Unit Compliance Inspection and assisting Chief Bob Glus, command chief of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing with the quarterly and yearly award boards.

For people who have known Chief Kirkland for a long time, it's no surprise that Chief Kirkland has done so well in his life.

Robert Milich, a Youngstown Municipal Court Judge, and retired Air Force Reserve Lt. Colonel, has known Chief Kirkland since 1972 when they first worked together here.

“I've always known Dennis to be a quick study, a go-to kind of guy,”



Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

**Chief Kirkland thanked his wife Debbie for her years of supporting him while he was away from home on military duty.**

said Judge Milich. “It's rare to find someone who has such a technical knowledge of so many things and great managerial skills at the same time,” he said while reflecting back over the years.

“I'm sure Dennis will keep busy in his retirement. He's only 54 and has a lot of energy. I can't see him just going fishing and not keeping involved in some manner,” he said.

Throughout his career Chief Kirkland has met a lot of people and made some great friends.

“I'd like to thank everyone for their friendship and camaraderie. “But most of all, I would like to thank my wife Debbie and my kids for putting up with me being gone so much and missing the many important dates in their lives,” said Chief Kirkland.

Chief Kirkland held many important positions over the years in the Air Force Reserve. His advice to young Airmen looking ahead toward their own careers is simple.

“Our young people should set their goals high and aim for them every day. They shouldn't let anything stop their progression. Sometimes we have to move or retrain to advance, but the opportunities are there. You have to reach out and grab them.”

This would be some good advice based upon the success of retired Air Force Reserve Chief Master Sgt. Dennis L. Kirkland.



Courtesy photo

**Eighteen year-old Airman Dennis Kirkland joined the Air Force Reserve and became a member of the 910th in 1970. He never imagined it would turn out to be a 36-year career.**

## Stolen VA records: Airmen urged to be vigilant

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit and themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran's records from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced over the weekend that the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release. Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been included in the data theft, according to the VA release June 7.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes. However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special Web site at [www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo](http://www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo) and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so they can take the appropriate steps.

Tips on how to watch for suspicious activity include the following:

— Closely monitor your bank and credit card statements for fraudulent

transactions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early.

— Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report, which tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. This action may cause some delays if you are trying to obtain new credit.

— It is only necessary to contact one of three companies to place an alert. That company is then required to contact the other two. The three companies are Equifax (800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian (888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion (800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)).

Once the fraud alert has been posted, you are entitled to free copies of your credit reports. Review these reports for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted or accounts you didn't open. The alert can be renewed after 90 days.

Airmen are advised to take the following steps if they discover fraudulent accounts or transactions:

— Contact the financial institution to close the fraudulent account(s) that have been tampered with.

— File a report with the local police department.

— File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by phone at 877-438-4338, online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), or by mail to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Additionally, Family Support Centers across the Air Force are prepared to assist anyone with questions regarding identity theft or similar financial concerns, Air Force officials said.

Additional help can be found online at:

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

[www.privacy.ca.gov/sheets/cis3\\_english.htm](http://www.privacy.ca.gov/sheets/cis3_english.htm)

[www.co.boulder.co.us/da/consumer/idtheft.htm](http://www.co.boulder.co.us/da/consumer/idtheft.htm)

## 910th hosts Air Force On-Scene Commander course

**Capt. Brent J. Davis**  
Public Affairs Officer

The 910th Airlift Wing hosted the Air Force On-Scene Commander Course May 30-June 3, here, for the third time since 1998.

The training is required for any individual the wing commander appoints as an on-scene commander.

"We do train everyone from executive officers to firefighters to any type of commander that the wing commander wants," said Neil Krosner, Air University On-Scene Commander Course instructor.

The course covers media relations, roles of each member of the Emergency Operations Center/Disaster Control Group, and offers table-top exercises to allow practical application of the training received. Props were added as well as volunteer actors to play an irate spouse and pushy news media reporters and videographers adding realism to the exercises.

"I was asked to play the irate spouse during

the crash response exercise and when I arrived and got into the role, the students at first ignored me so naturally it made it easier to be upset in character," joked Paula Latessa, lodging assistant supervisor.

The three and a half day course concluded with an opportunity to experience some hands-on training with the Youngstown Air Reserve Station Fire Department.

Base firefighters, led by Assistant Chief Kurt Herald gave students an up close hands-on experience by allowing them to don fully encapsulating HAZMAT protective suits, self-contained breathing apparatus, firefighter bunker gear and discharge water from hand lines and P-19 crash response vehicle turrets.

"I was really surprised at how much the response gear weighed," said Maj. Lawrence V. Killpatrick,



Courtesy Photo

**Assistant Fire Chief Kurt Herald assists Maj. Lawrence Killpatrick during fire training orientation at the OSC Course here.**

910th Maintenance Officer. "Through this experience I've developed an appreciation for the initial responders and what is involved in responding wearing the protective gear, dealing with work and rest cycles," he concluded.



## Wear of AFRC patch becomes mandatory Oct. 1

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga – Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

These people, who include those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center, can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command.

The AFRC patch will go on the right breast pocket. Unit commanders may approve the wear of one sewn-on, subdued patch on the left breast pocket, either a numbered air force, wing or squadron organizational patch. That patch will be centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

People assigned to the area of responsibility will follow the guidance prescribed by that combatant command.

AFRC officials approved the purchase of the patches last year, and most units have already received funding to buy them. (AFRC News Service)



## Mess Dress uniforms available to rent

Instead of spending big money to buy a Mess Dress uniform for a special event, reservists may consider the option of renting one.

One place of business that may be considered for renting a Mess Dress uniform is Shinbaums Uniforms, located at 1951 Bell St., Montgomery, Ala., 36104. This business may be reached at 334-265-0552 (both voice and fax.)

The cost is as follows: \$50 rental + \$15 shipping, which includes the following:

Mens - Shirt, Pants, Jacket, Cumberbund, Rank, Bow tie, Studs & links.

Womens - Skirt, Jacket, Blouse, Cumberbund, Tie Tab, Rank (will include Studs & Links when they become mandatory this fall)

To order, call, write or fax the following information at least two weeks in advance of the event:

Men - neck size, sleeve length, waist size plus 1", coat size (use civilian not military), inseam and arm length (top of jacket seam to bottom of wrist). Include rank.

Women - AF blouse size (shirt), Arm length, waist size, hip size and outseam (top of waist to top of toes). Include rank.

This business will also put together your mini medals for the cost of the medals, with no set up fee. These are not a rental, they're yours. Most medals cost: \$6.50 each. Medals like the Kuwait Medal or Joint Service Commendation medal cost \$10.50.

This business will try to have you receive the mess dress early enough to verify fit and allow wrinkles to fall out from being in a box. If for some reason the uniform fit is improper they will send another one. When asked how early, the response was usually the Wednesday before the event. The business expects the rental to be shipped back to them the first business day after the event.

All officers are expected to wear a mess dress uniform at the 910th Airlift Wing Military Ball Nov. 4, 2006. Enlisted members may wear the semi-formal uniform or the mess dress uniform.

No federal endorsement of the business mentioned in this story is implied. The information is provided purely on an informational basis.

## Pentagon announces senior officer moves

WASHINGTON – Air Force Reserve Command officials in the Pentagon announced several senior officer moves this spring.

Those announcements included the following:

Col. Steven J. Chapman from commander of the 913th Airlift Wing, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., to commander of the 919th Special Operations Wing, Duke Field, Fla.

Col. Mark Kyle from commander of the 919th SOW, Duke Field, to deputy director of operations, J3 (Defense Support to Civil Authorities), U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. Colonel Kyle is a brigadier general selectee.

Col. James L. Kerr from commander of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale AFB, Calif., to commander of the 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J. (AFRC News Service)

## PT uniforms mandatory in CENTCOM AOR

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force reservists deploying to or traveling in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility can now look forward to being more uniform more often.

Effective June 10, the Air Force physical training uniform will become more common as the wear of civilian PT gear will no longer be allowed in CENTCOM locations.

According to Air Force messages, the new policy is being coupled with a five-year, phase-in plan to provide enlisted reservists with the official PT uniform.

The plan, which took effect in October, places members of Air Force Reserve Command in categories as to the urgency of need.

For example, Airmen who are deploying to areas of responsibility where the uniforms are available will be some of the first people to get them.

The next groups of people to get the uniforms are those activated in a contingency overseas and those projected to deploy to the AOR.

The remaining people will be issued uniform as funds permit.

Unit clothing monitors will help purchase the PT uniforms. To get a uniform, the Army Air Force Exchange Service requires proof of deployment from the unit deployment manager or commander.

For reservists who are not near an AAFES clothing sales store, the unit clothing monitor can make arrangements for the uniforms to be bought online.

The plan does not apply to officers. They have to buy the uniforms at their own expense as inventories allow.

Enlisted people who buy their own uniforms will not be reimbursed.



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy

**Airmen from the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron at Ali Base, Iraq, are led by their commander, Maj. Stephen Sweeney (front), and their first sergeant, Master Sgt. Randy Herauf (far left), in a flight march after a morning physical training session on Thursday, June 1, 2006.**



Back row, from left: TSgt. Aaron L. Miles, singer; MSgt. J. Leroy Wilson, NCOIC/drummer; TSgt. Rob Walker, musical director/guitar player; front: first two people no longer with the band; SrA. Terry Grace, bass player, not shown; TSgt. Darryl McEachin, keyboard player.

## Reserve Generation to rock the house during Family Day and Military Ball events

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's popular music group, Reserve Generation, is scheduled to entertain unit personnel and family members during the 910th Airlift Wing Family Day, July 15 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station and the 910th Military Ball, November 4 at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman. Tickets to the Military Ball are now on sale from any unit First Sergeant. Tickets cost \$25 each for E-1 to E-6 and \$35 each for E-7 and up. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, will be the featured speaker for the evening, and Brig. Gen. Tim White, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the SAF/PA director, as well as news anchor for Cleveland's Channel 3 (WKYC) 6 p.m. news will be the Master of Ceremony.

Reserve Generation entertains thousands

each year, performing an intriguing mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz, and country. They also perform hits from the 60's to today's Billboard Magazine Hot 100 listing to include rock, rap, and hip-hop. Their incredible versatility and energetic approach to designing concise musical presentations for each performance always reach an enthusiastic response from all audiences.

Reserve Generation has performed for special events and festivals all over America. One of the group's highlights included an appearance on TNN's "Nashville Now." They have also performed for troops in Honduras, Turkey, Italy, the Azores, and for dignitaries such as U.S. Ambassadors to Azerbaijan and Bulgaria. Each year the members of Reserve Generation take to the road with them their "Drug Free" show to educate elementary and

middle school students on the dangers of drugs.

The members of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve are professional Air Force musicians working in support of the Air Force Reserve and Air Force Recruiting and community relations objectives.



# NEWCOMERS

Staff Sergeant Timothy D. Jones, 910th Communications Flight  
Staff Sergeant Myles C. Fetterhoff, 910th Medical Squadron  
Staff Sergeant Kimberly A. Matthews, 910th Medical Squadron  
Staff Sergeant Thomas D. McGranahan, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Staff Sergeant Ronnie L. Robbins Jr., 910th Medical Squadron  
Staff Sergeant Jeffrey M. Scott, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Staff Sergeant John P. Teevan, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Gary R. Baker, 910th Medical Squadron  
Senior Airman Dale E. Cleugh, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Airman Lori L. Decost, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Jack A. Greenfield, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Eric L. Mummey, 773rd Airlift Squadron  
Senior Airman Daniel J. Orient, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Airman Ruben A. Pedraza, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Antonio S. Sbrocca, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Airman Raymond A. Selman, 910th Medical Squadron  
Senior Airman Shelia M. Smith, 910th Mission Support Flight  
Senior Airman Jason L. Turner, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Airman Rufus R. Vaughn, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Denise Williams, 910th Airlift Wing  
Airman 1st Class Stephanie M. Blalock, 910th Medical Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Matthew J. Burke, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class William D. Chappell, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Nadia D. Costick, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Jillian E. Cross, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Clarence E. Dowlen, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Timothy A. Flynn, 910th Maintenance Operations Flt.  
Airman 1st Class Mark A. Giangiordano, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Erin M. Gillette, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Matthew J. Gurto, 910th Operations Support Squadron  
Airman 1st Class James R. Johnson, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Steven M. Kane, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Matthew D. Korb, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Ashely M. Lyle, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Kristian M. Margo, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Dominic R. Martini, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Amanda L. Morgan, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Nathan A. Mosher, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Rebecca L. Ross, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight  
Airman 1st Class Jessica A. Strumbly, 910th Maintenance Operations Flt.  
Airman Justin K. Sanderson, 910th Medical Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Matthew J. Schwartz, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Jessica M. Syverson, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class James A. Waddle, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Tarryn D. Williams, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Maurice M. Wingfield, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Daniel R. Yates, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Airman Paul L. Hight, 910th Communications Flight  
Airman Gina L. Kirn, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman Rachel C. Loach, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman Christy L. Sexton, 910th Services Squadron  
Airman Diago D. Smith, 910th Maintenance Squadron

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# PROMOTIONS



Brian R. Perry, 910th Maintenance Squadron



Dennis W. Brown, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Curtis I. Hall II, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Edward T. Shaffer, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Brenda L. Zickefoose, 910th Operations Support Squadron



George E. Hutchison III, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Calvin T. Marshall, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Barbara A. Sawicki, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron



Adam J. Baker, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Nicholas M. Bargiband, 773rd Airlift Squadron  
Randy P. Groves, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Kassandra S. Hensel, 910th Medical Squadron  
Christopher A. Hornick, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Kathleen D. Kilbane, 910th Medical Squadron  
Jessica L. Paradis, 910th Airlift Wing  
Jacqueline R. Toth, 76th Aerial Port Squadron



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Sean A. Flynn, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
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Marlene R. Medvec, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Eric A. Porth, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Jordon R. Smith, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Sara M. Tabora, 910th Maintenance Squadron



Elizabeth A. Bowersock, 910th Medical Squadron  
Jodi L. Gillespie, 910th Medical Squadron  
Mark J. Matzye, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Shawn A. Raymond, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Chadler W. Roth, 757th Airlift Squadron  
Jeffrey L. Smith, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Andrew J. Siefert, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

# RETIREMENTS

Col. Robert W. Belknap, 910th Airlift Wing  
Lt. Col. Steven G. Olson, 757th Airlift Squadron  
Maj. Thomas C. McMaster II, 910th Medical Squadron  
Chief Master Sgt. Dennis L. Kirkland, 910th Airlift Wing  
Chief Master Sgt. Jane L. Stone, 910th Mission Support Flight  
Chief Master Sgt. David L. Weaver, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Delbert E. Ripley, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Master Sgt. Albert A. Chiaberta, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Master Sgt. Andrew C. Jones, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Master Sgt. Steven J. Szabo, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Joseph T. Cisar, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Leslie B. Hawkins, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Timothy J. Moran, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

# "Proud Heritage, Tradition of Excellence"

## 910th Airlift Wing Military Ball

Saturday, November 4, 2006  
Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center  
7440 South Avenue  
Boardman, Ohio 44512



**Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley**  
Chief of Air Force Reserve  
and Commander, Air Force  
Reserve Command

**6 p.m. Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)**  
**7 p.m. Dinner**  
**8 p.m. Keynote Speaker:**  
**Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley,**  
**Chief of Air Force Reserve**

*Join Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Commander of Air Force Reserve Command as we pay tribute to the Proud Heritage and Tradition of Excellence of the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing while enjoying the sights and sounds of "Reserve Generation" from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve*

**Tickets are on sale now at the Public Affairs office and from each unit commander or First Sergeant. E-1 to E-6, \$25 per ticket; E-7 and above, \$35 per ticket; base civilian employees, \$35 per ticket**



## Military Ball themed "Proud Heritage, Tradition of Excellence"

**Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple**  
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Those attending the 910th Military Ball Nov. 4 at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman, Ohio will be able to enjoy an appearance by one of the nation's premiere military bands.

"Reserve Generation," part of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve will entertain the audience during the evening as the theme of "Proud Heritage, Tradition of Excellence" is recognized for the 910th Airlift Wing.

The significance of the event will be highlighted by Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and Commander of Air Force Reserve Command, who will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Tickets are on sale now at the Public Affairs office or from each unit commander or their designated ticket salesperson for the prices indicated on the advertisement above.

The attire for the evening is the Mess Dress uniform for officers, the Mess Dress or Semi-Formal Dress Uniform for enlisted personnel, a formal suit or tuxedo for male civilians or a formal dress for the female civilians. For

anyone who doesn't own a Mess Dress Uniform, there is an option to rent one (see Page 9 for details.)

Contact the Public Affairs office at 330-609-1236 for more information about the event.

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