

THE Airstream



Reservists' bosses aim high during Employer Awareness Day

Veteran's Day is special for a whole lot of reasons

Colonel Timothy J. Thomson
Commander

Veteran's Day is special to me not only because of the millions who have served before us in so many ways to preserve our freedom, but because of one important senior citizen--my father, who is a surviving World War II veteran. My father was a Tech. Sergeant in the Army Signal Corps and deployed to Britain and France in 1944. In his capacity as a recording and radio specialist, he made recordings of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's address to the 101st Airborne Division following the Battle of the Bulge. Additionally, he made recordings of Bob Hope's visit to the troops in 1945. After the war, he participated in the recording of the Nuremberg trials for Nazi war criminals in Munich before separating from the Army in late 1946. Dad never carried a weapon overseas until he was issued an M-1 Carbine while stationed in Paris during the Battle of the

Bulge, and he never fired a shot in combat, but I am still very proud of his contribution and service to our nation.

I'm sure many of you still have many living relatives, neighbors and friends who are as Tom Brokaw calls "the greatest generation," those who served in World War II. Veteran's Day is a great opportunity to talk to these great Americans and hear their stories, to honor them and thank them for their service. If you don't, you may not have many more chances, as our World War II and Korean veterans are dying in great numbers every month. Shake a veteran's hand and thank them for their service to our nation on Veteran's Day.



Col. Timothy J. Thomson

Let us not fall into the bad habit of worshipping the average

Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Rohan
Wing Chaplain

We are a nation that worships the "average." We hear the word constantly; income averaging, the Dow Jones average, batting average, industrial average, the average American, the average husband, the average wife, the average child, etc.

Averages are dangerous as was discovered by the statistician who started to wade across a river whose average depth was two feet. He drowned in water twelve feet deep.

A story is told of what would happen to an army if the quartermaster selected 12,000 men, measured the size of their shoes, and discovered that the average shoe size--nine--the infantry would never be able to march!

Joseph Wood Krutch said once, "Instead of demanding only that the common man may be given an opportunity to become as uncommon as

possible, we make his commonness a virtue, and even in the cases of people in high positions, we sometimes praise them for being nearly indistinguishable from the average man on the street."

We have made a virtue of the average. It has replaced the Bible and almost every other norm. What is average has come to mean what is normal; what is not average abnormal. So we spend millions of dollars each year on the Gallup Poll because we need to find out what the average person thinks and does. The average has become our false god.

When God call us "Light" and "Salt" He has in mind above average people.



Chaplain Dan Rohan

Each Airman in the Air Force is an ambassador

Staff Sgt. Angela Shepherd
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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) —

Most Airmen, regardless of rank or Air Force specialty code, have been asked by a family member or a civilian at one point or another: "So, what type of airplane do you fly?"

That happens because many people don't know much about the military. They assume because we're in the Air Force, and the Air Force flies planes, we all must be pilots.

That same kind of mentality leads to community citizens thinking the entire Air Force is bad just because they had one bad experience with one Airman downtown or saw one Airman do something foolish. Whether they see the Airman speeding, driving erratically, littering, blaring his or her music, acting rude and disrespectful to someone, or acting out in some other way, they automatically assume the worst about the rest of us.

When you're in the military, it's easy for a civilian to pick you out of the crowd, even if you're not in uniform. Several things give us away: the Defense Department decal on our windshields, our out-of-state license plates, our haircuts, our Air Force decorative stickers on our cars, even

just the way we carry ourselves. They know who we are. So don't think you're not identifiable as an Airman just because you're not in uniform.

And protecting our image is crucial to our success. A big part of any military unit's success comes from the support it receives from the community.

Fortunately in many communities, there is a great relationship. A lot of that comes through the programs that bring base and community leaders together, allowing them to get to know and understand each other.

But not every regular citizen gets to see the base, learn its mission and meet military people like their leaders do, so that's why our behavior in the community is so important.

We need to keep in mind that while, yes, we pump a lot into their economy, we are the guests here. They are the ones who are gracious enough to have us, to put up with the loud jet noise, and to tolerate our middle-of-the-night war games.

Think about it this way. If you were staying with a friend's family, relative or someone else, would you act like an idiot or would you be polite?

Your base probably has a great relationship with the community. Don't jeopardize what past and current generations have worked so hard for by acting foolish.

Air base hosts Air Force JROTC encampment

Maj. Stephanie Welhouse
JROTC Encampment OIC

For the 12th consecutive year, members of the 910th Airlift Wing led dozens of inner city teenagers through a grueling test of endurance, patience and selflessness.

About 44 Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from East High and East Tech High Schools in Cleveland and Green High School in Akron, Ohio participated in an encampment held here Sept. 20-24.

Fifteen Airmen assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing volunteered to run the program in an effort to teach them valuable life lessons many of which involved physically challenging teambuilding exercises including completing an obstacle course as a flight of 10 cadets competing against other flights. They also attended classes on Diversity, Setting Goals and Dealing With Adversity. They spent numerous hours learning drill and ceremony as well as talking to the staff about their options and plans for life beyond high school.

“I learned a lot and am happy to be here even though my body aches. I have learned to do my best at all times and that being stubborn gets



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Brent Davis

SrA Tish Sugick loudly motivates a cadet in pushing her beyond her limit of performing sit-ups during the five-day encampment.

you nowhere,” said Cadet Cassandra Perry.

Most of the cadets are inner-city teens living in poverty. They live in neighborhoods with seemingly hopeless outlooks on life. Many grow up in broken homes with little or no care and often fend for themselves. The encampment is designed to prepare them for the real world with real opportunities with the aim to show them that success results from achieving goals.

Reservists took of role of Technical Instructors similar to what they experienced at Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

“I love my Technical Instructors and can’t wait to join the Air Force,” said Cadet Cordaro James.

It’s very rewarding to watch the positive transformation of the cadets in such a short period of time. The military bearing, attention to detail and teamwork they discovered they had will aid them regardless what they choose to do in life.

The event wrapped up Sept. 24 with a graduation ceremony presided by Col. Anna Schulte and Col. Ralph Romine. The ceremony afforded an opportunity to recognize those cadets that shined far above their peers. Cadets were recognized as most outstanding, most improved, top officer, top enlisted and overall distinguished graduate.

The next JROTC encampment is scheduled for September 2007.



U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Monica Carter

“Shepherds” attempt to corral “blind sheep” using only verbal sounds, but not words, in this cadet leadership exercise.

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On the cover...

Tech. Sgt. William McAdoo, a marksmanship instructor at the 910th Combat Arms Range, shows employers a M-4 Carbine during Employers’ Awareness Day held here Oct. 14. U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple.

With a 36-year career now complete, 757th First Sergeant

Retires with a lifetime of memories

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
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A wiry eighteen year-old named Wally Wieclaw graduated in June 1970 from Ravenna High School in Ravenna, Ohio. In October of that year, just a couple months after graduation, he decided to make a big decision with his life and join the Air Force Reserve.

The day after Christmas 1970 was his first day of basic training. On that day, he had no idea he would be retiring 36 years later from the very same unit he was joining.

“I had a neighborhood friend named Joe Pischera, who owned a garden store in town,” said Master Sgt. Wally Wieclaw, first sergeant for the 757th Airlift Squadron. “I used to spend a lot of time at the store hanging out with Joe. There was a major from the base who used to come in and talk to us about the Reserve unit here and we decided to come on out to see what it was about. We did and we both went up to Cleveland for our physicals. I passed mine, but he didn’t,” said Sergeant Wieclaw with a look of remembrance on his face.

After basic training Sergeant Wieclaw attended technical training at the Ground Radio Repair School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. When he arrived back here at home station, mission requirements required that he cross-train into the old 702 Administrative Specialist Career field via CDCs with the 757th Tactical Fighter Group. His first assignment here was with the 757th Orderly Room and he completed his first UTA in November 1971.

“At first, I thought I would serve six years and be done with it,” he said. “I got married in 1974 and the extra income was good. In the beginning though, I made about \$24 for a UTA as an A1C,” he said with a grin.



Courtesy photo

A happy “Buck” Sergeant Wally Wieclaw back in the 1972 timeframe. Sergeant Wieclaw has served with the 757th his whole career, spanning a 36-year timeframe.



Courtesy photo

MSgt. Wieclaw on the beach in Puerto Rico in June 2000 during his first trip there for the Coronet Oak rotation since the mission moved there from Panama.

He continued to serve with the orderly room until July 1981 when he moved over to squadron operations still performing administrative functions. In November 1982 he became a flight records clerk.

After 14 years of administrative support to the flying squadron, Sergeant Wieclaw was selected in August 1985 for the position that would become his destiny with the Air Force Reserve—that of First Sergeant for the 757th. He has held this same position for 22 years, longer than any other person currently serving as a first sergeant of a unit here at the 910th Airlift Wing. He was selected by then Lt. Col. Ed Koporc, the squadron commander at the time. Since joining the 757th, Sergeant Wieclaw has served with 17 squadron commanders—10 of them as the first shirt. Now, 36 years after joining the Air Force Reserve, he officially retires as of Nov. 1 and will be honored by family, friends, and past and present co-workers at the 910th during a retirement ceremony held in his honor Nov. 5 at the base.

Looking back over his years with the 757th, the 54 year-old said “I’ve met and worked with a lot of very good people here. Someone that really stands out in my mind is Senior Master Sgt. Susie Kintz. She’s the



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Master Sgt. Wally Wieclaw has served as the First Sergeant of the 757th Airlift Squadron since August 1985, longer than any

backbone of the unit and has been a center of information for me,” he said.

Sergeant Kintz, aviation resource management superintendent for the 757th, has worked with Sergeant Wieclaw since 1982 and said “It’s going to be hard for me to see Wally leave here. We go back a long way and he’s always been there for me.”

Sergeant Kintz also knows how much importance her first sergeant has placed in looking out for the Airmen of his squadron.

“He’s a real people person, never harsh with anybody and I’ve seen him help people get through some really difficult situations,” she said.

Years ago, when the A-37s were the aircraft flown from Youngstown ARS, the whole base would pack up and be on annual tour at the same time for two weeks.

“We had great camaraderie back then. Everyone on base knew everyone for two weeks,” he said.

After years of completing two-week annual tours, UTAs, and mandays here and there, it didn’t seem likely to Sergeant Wieclaw that he

other individual currently serving as a first sergeant for a unit assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing. He retires effective Nov. 1.

would ever be activated and deployed. That changed Feb. 28, 2003 when he was activated for Operation Joint Forge. Soon after activation, a health problem surfaced that caused him to be deactivated March 16, 2003. That situation didn’t keep him down long though, and he was reactivated Dec. 1, 2003. He deployed to Kyrgyzstan from July 8, 2004 to August 5, 2004 to support Operation Enduring Freedom, and to Germany from Aug. 17, 2004 to Sept. 2, 2004 for Joint Forge again and was eventually deactivated Oct. 6, 2004.

“This has been a big part of my life for 36 years. A few years ago, I never thought this day would come,” he said as he looked around his office reflecting on his experiences and the people he’s met.

“I always took pride in looking out for my people and I’ve learned to deal with people better, do a lot more listening, and ensure people are treated fairly,” he said.

The responsibilities of first sergeant for the 757th now belong to Senior Master Sgt. Doug Shepard who has been selected to become the squadron’s first shirt.

Sergeant Wieclaw and his wife Sharon live in Akron, Ohio and he plans to continue working in the stockroom for the rock/drill division of Furukawa USA, Inc. An avid fan of the Cleveland Browns, he publishes a Web site for the Akron area Browns backers and also likes to go bowling and golfing in his spare time.

During the past 36 years Sergeant Wieclaw has worked with and mentored many Airmen here and he’s likely the reason many other Airmen remain dedicated to their careers today. His presence will surely be felt by those still serving for years to come, and the memories of his fellow reservists will always remain with him.

“We had great camaraderie back then. Everyone on base knew everyone for two weeks.”

Master Sgt. Wally Wieclaw
757th Airlift Squadron First Sergeant

Bringing 'his story' home

Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

After more than 60 years their closure consisted of a black and white photograph and some battlefield stories.

For one Reservist that wasn't enough, and thanks to his diligence, the process of bringing closure to his family brought him in touch with his past, present and future.

For Staff Sgt. Brian Starr, an Air Cargo Transportation Craftsman with the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, photographing the final resting place of his uncle who killed in action in World War II was a defining moment in his call to the Profession of Arms.

His uncle, Pfc. Harold Reynolds Starr, known as "Ren" to his family, was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously after being killed in action Dec. 11, 1944, just days before the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge.

He was killed during the fierce fighting that followed the liberation of France less than a month before. According to information supplied to the family by the U.S. Army at the time, he and several other Soldiers were sheltered in a house. A blast tore through the



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Brian Starr kneels next to his uncle's grave marker at Lorraine American Cemetery.

window he was standing near and Pfc. Starr was decapitated and died instantly.

"His father was in denial," said Staff Sgt. Starr.

"He was going to ask to have the casket opened (because) he didn't believe his son had died," Sergeant Starr explained.

The father's family, believing that the sight of hisson's decapitated body would be too much for him, chose to bury Pfc. Starr in France near where he was killed.

Older members of Sergeant Starr's family

have told him that while they don't remember hearing the father talk much about his fallen son. What they do remember is that for the rest of his life, the grieving father devoted a spot on top of the family piano in the living room to a picture of his son.

Another of the Starr sons was serving in France at the time and was able to locate his brother's gravesite and photograph it for the family before he left France in 1945. Until 2006, his photo and description of the cemetery were the only good information the family had about where their fallen hero was buried.

The journey to the gravesite started for Staff Sergeant Starr last year then the choices for annual tour were posted at the Aerial Port Squadron.

When the opportunity to take his annual tour at Ramstein Air Base occurred, Sergeant Starr immediately recognized the opportunity to visit his uncle's final resting place.

"I told my father about six months before he passed that if I ever got the chance to go to Germany I would find his brother's gravesite," he said.

His father, who died in Jan. 2006, was the last of the World War II veterans in the family to pass, he said.

During his first week in Germany Sgt. Starr and some co-workers decided to use a day off to drive to where they thought the cemetery was located. Unfortunately, his directions were wrong and after spending the day looking for it, they had to return to base unsuccessful.

"The first day when we drove around France for six hours we couldn't find it because we didn't have the right information," he said.

Luckily, they got one more chance.

A German who befriended him was able to help Sgt. Starr locate the correct cemetery and with a lot of

support from his supervisors, he was able to arrange another trip the day before they were scheduled to leave Germany. "Once I found out where it was I made it a mission," said Sergeant Starr. "I had to find the graves before we left. I knew this would be my only opportunity."

As it turned out the cemetery was just less than an hour drive from Ramstein AB, he said.

The original cemetery, which was established in 1945, was located a little more than a mile from the current location just outside St. Avold. Due to the desire for a better permanent location a 113

acre site north of St. Avold, France was chosen to replace the original cemetery. The Lorraine American Cemetery, the largest American World War II cemetery in Europe, was completed and dedicated in July 1960. The cemetery at Lorraine is one of 24 American burial grounds on foreign soil, proving a final resting place to almost 125,000 American war dead.

"When we got there, I got out of the vehicle...I couldn't believe we found it," he said. "I was relieved that I finally found it and that I'd be able to take something home to show everyone what no one else was able to see," he said.

"It was incredible," he explained.

For others who helped him, it was equally as rewarding.



Courtesy Photo

Corporal George Starr, shown here kneeling at his brother's grave sometime in 1945, was the only member of the Starr family to have seen the site.

Tech. Sgt. Shauna Morris, an Air Cargo Specialist, also assigned to the 76th Aerial Port Squadron was part of both trips. For her, the gravity of Americans fighting and dying overseas was powerful.

"I feel a new kind of respect for our deceased servicemembers," she said, admitting that the rows of silent white crosses made her feel proud as well as angry and sad.

For Sergeant Starr, it's about giving his family some answers. The ability to bring back photos and stories that gave his family a look at the final resting place of one of their own, buried several thousand miles from home was a powerful accomplishment, he said.

"It gives some answers to the family," he said. "It's like being able to bring back the remains," he explained. Pausing to compose himself, he added, "I only wished I could have brought it back for my father."

Local Civil Air Patrol cadet earns top honors

Capt. Brent Davis
Public Affairs officer

A future leader is emerging from the Mahoning Valley and Youngstown Air Reserve Station; a teen who has committed to learning, serving, following and setting the standard.

Cadet Lt. Col. Nathan P. Kish, a senior at Salem High School and senior cadet leader with the Civil Air Patrol's Youngstown Air Reserve Composite Squadron has been a part of the CAP since he was 12 and after more than five years of dedication was recognized October 2 for earning the General Carl A. Spaatz award.

Cadets can qualify for this prestigious award after devoting an average of five years to progress through 16 achievements in the CAP cadet program. Along the way, they develop self-discipline, a strong sense of personal responsibility, the ability to lead and persuade and the foundation necessary for pursuing a career in aviation, space or technology.

"I began as a follower and developed over time as a cadet NCO into a leadership role and by the time I reached the cadet officer ranks I learned to delegate," said Cadet Kish.

On average, only two cadets in one thousand earn the coveted Spaatz Award and they earn the rank of cadet colonel. Since the award's inception in 1964, the Civil Air Patrol has presented the Spaatz award to only 1608 cadets nation-wide, including 53 from the state of Ohio.

Cadet Kish was promoted to the rank of colonel and presented the award on October 2 along with a Congressional proclamation from U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan.

"I am happy to honor Cadet Nathan Kish, who exemplifies the leadership qualities we need to see in our young people. His commitment to his country and to his squadron is an example to be followed. He has shown great determination in earning this coveted award and is to be congratulated," said Congressman Tim Ryan.

"I'm very thankful to have the Congressman here and really appreciate everyone who put this ceremony together for me. I'm honored," Cadet Kish said.

Cadet Kish graduates from Salem High School in June 2007 and plans to pursue a career in the military. He currently maintains a 4.1 grade point average in school due to his enrollment in advance placement classes.

"My goal is to have some fun during my senior year while maintaining my GPA and to pursue an appointment at West Point Military Academy so I can eventually lead soldiers in the Army," he said.

Spaatz award recipient cadets are expected to serve as role models for junior cadets, and become leaders in their communities as they enter adulthood. The first recipient of the Spaatz Award, Douglas C. Roach, became a pilot with the Air Force Thunderbirds.



USAF Photo by Capt. Brent Davis

Cadet Lt. Col. Nathan P. Kish, a senior Civil Air Patrol cadet with the CAP's Youngstown ARS Composite Squadron, is promoted to the rank of cadet colonel during a special award ceremony held here Oct. 2. Congressman Tim Ryan and CAP Lt. Col. Roger Middleton slide on his new "full bird" rank.

Reservists' kids make great CAP cadets!

Youth ages 12 to 21 have a great opportunity to learn followership, leadership and make a difference by participating in community service. In addition, they can participate in search and rescue and humanitarian missions, learn to become radio operators, be proficient in CPR, model rocketry, flight training, glider and powered, physical fitness, sports and much more. Cadets earn rank similar to that of the U.S. Air Force as well as ribbons and medals for completing various achievements. Many times the CAP cadet experience becomes a natural segway to a rewarding military career. The program is open to all interested youth so cadets are encouraged to invite friends to join.

Meetings are held at Youngstown Air Reserve Station Monday nights at 7 p.m.

For more information about this exciting opportunity contact Ted Pifer at 330-369-5056 or 330-609-1203





Boeing photo

A specially modified C-130 Hercules takes off from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Sept. 19, for its initial test flight. The Hercules was modified under the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program which included a comprehensive upgrade of the avionics system that increases situational

awareness for the warfighter tenfold over old analog cockpits, dramatically increasing information available to aircrews at a glance, simplifying tasks and decreasing workload. This aircraft was once assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

C-130 AMP flies for first time

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — A C-130 Hercules with a comprehensive avionics modification completed its maiden flight Sept. 19 from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The C-130 Avionics Modernization Program aircraft provides upgrades for C-130s at one-seventh the cost of a new, basic C-130J aircraft.

The aircraft's new avionics system features digital displays and the Boeing 737 commercial airliner's proven flight management system, which provides navigation, safety and communication improvements to meet Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management, or CNS/ATM, requirements. The CNS/ATM upgrade will allow the C-130 fleet to be deployed worldwide.

Piloted by Maj. Frank Delsing from Edwards AFB, Calif., and Mike Leone, a Boeing test pilot based in St. Louis, the AMP-modified C-130, designated H2, flew its initial flight for approximately three hours over Texas.

The aircraft is the first C-130 to undergo trial installations. Boeing inducted the aircraft in January 2005, after accepting it at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. The aircraft had been assigned to

the Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio prior to being transferred to the Reserve's 908th Airlift Wing. Boeing also has inducted the second aircraft, H2.5, and has begun the modification process.

The enhanced digital avionics increase situational awareness for the warfighter tenfold over old analog cockpits, dramatically increasing information available to aircrews at a glance, simplifying tasks and decreasing workload. Upgrade commonality brought by the AMP offers additional flexibility in assigning aircrews regardless of the model design type.

In addition, the C-130 AMP meets U.S. Special Forces requirements while the basic C-130J requires additional mission equipment enhancements.

The Air Force initiated the C-130 modification program to reduce the number of C-130 configurations in the fleet, including highly specialized versions in service with the Air Force Special Operations Command. Navy, Marines and international customers will be able to leverage work accomplished on the Air Force program to ensure their C-130 crews have the most capable C-130 aircraft available.

AFRC to operate with more reservists

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force Reserve Command will have a slightly larger force in 2007.

The fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President George W. Bush Sept. 29 funds an end-strength of 74,900 reservists. That is 900 additional reservists compared to the fiscal 2006 end-strength of 74,000.

The new legislation also approves 10,214 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,707 full-time active Guard and Reserve members.

The defense bill funds a 2.2 percent across-the-board military pay raise for active and Reserve forces as requested in the president's budget earlier this year.

From this act, AFRC receives about \$1.26 billion for its Reserve members appropriation and approximately \$2.56 billion in operation and maintenance funds to run the command.

The amounts for military construction funding, RPA funds for basic allowance for housing, and O&M funds for facilities sustainment, restoration and modernization will be finalized at a later date when the Military Quality of Life/Veterans Affairs bill is passed.

Safety office issues fall advisories

The 910th Airlift Wing Safety office reports that during the 101 Days of Summer, the wing had no Class A or B reportable accidents, but there were two class C (both loss time) accidents and 13 other reportable incidents.

During October, November, and December and early January there are five federal holidays, and some important religious days, and a lot of hustle and bustle and celebration. There is also Halloween, Election Day, Sweetest Day, Smoke Free Day, and some other designated observance days. Be prepared and use Risk Management.

In addition there is also hunting season which means deer season. Archery season for deer is going on already. This means there will be folks in the forest and the deer will be on the move more. In addition, for deer this is also their rut season, which means they have a tendency to act stranger than normal. Beware while driving. Remember deer don't read road signs but they do tend to use the roads. Also, when you see one cross the road beware there is a real good chance there will be more behind or it just may decide to turn around. Some people tie deer to their cars to transport them home after they "bag" them, but "bagging" them with the car doesn't do the car any good and can get really expensive. Drive accordingly.

For more information about ground safety, contact Mr. Michael Norris, wing ground safety manager, at 330-609-1391.

Intramural racquetball and tennis coming

Any personnel desiring to play Intramural Racquetball and Tennis are asked to contact Tech. Sgt. James Pegg, Intramural Sports Director or Senior Airman Danny Gross, Asst. Intramural Sports Director. The tournament will be for doubles and the season for Racquetball is from January 2007 to April 2007. Tennis will start from May 2007 until August 2007. Points for tournaments will depend on how many personnel sign up. Unit members interested in participating in these sports may contact Sergeants Pegg or Gross at 330-609-1021 to sign up.

Did ya know?

America's first motel (a word, by the way, that was derived by combining the words "motor" and "hotel") opened in 1925 in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and cost not quite \$3 per day. As a sign of how times change, consider this: In 2004, the average cost of a motel/hotel room was \$86.24 per day.

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MPF announces ID card hours

The 910th Military Personnel Flight reminds customers that ID card hours during the week are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On "A" UTA weekends, the ID card hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the "Alternate" UTA weekend ID card hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kelly Turner, chief of customer service at 330-609-1095.

Base lodging rates increase Oct. 1

The base lodging rates increased Oct. 1. The new rates are \$33 per night for the VAQ/VOQ rooms and \$40 for the DV rooms. For more information, contact the lodging staff at 330-609-1268.

Base firing range trespass notice

The base firing range is located at Building 530 on Twining Road. There is a flag pole and a rotating beacon located at the entry to the facility. Whenever the 18-foot red streamer is flying and/or the rotating red beacon is on, firing is in progress. Trespassing is strictly prohibited near and around the firing range during weapons firing. It is not only illegal but also dangerous because of gunfire. If you have a valid need for entry when firing is in progress, you must first check in at the Combat Arms office or classroom prior to proceeding to the firing range. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. William McAdoo, 910th Security Forces at Ext. 1477 or the Security Forces Control Center at Ext. 1299. This announcement meets the intent of AFI 36-2226, AFRC SUP 1, Paragraph 5.4.4., Combat Arms Program.



Wing has 1,400 potential recruiters

The Air Force Reserve's "Get One" program is still active and the 910th Airlift Wing Recruiters can use your help finding new members for the wing. If you know of someone who you think would be a good fit for the Air Force Reserve, please have them contact one of the following members of the 910th Recruiting Staff:

Senior Master Sgt. Alexander Brown, senior recruiter, 330-609-1394 (base office); Mrs. Helen Mintern, secretary, 330-609-1374 (base office); Master Sgt. Hal Bradshaw, 330-609-1018 (base office); Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Ossman, 330-609-1323 (base office), Master Sgt. Randi Baum, 46 South Summit St., Akron, Ohio 44308, 330-376-1631; Tech. Sgt. John Wood, 24674 Euclid Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44117, 216-531-4700; and Tech. Sgt. George Hamilton, 300 Broadway, Suite 203, Lorain, Ohio, 440-245-1345.

Maintenance dismantles Med Squadron, AW/MSF teams to win championship

Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

The 2006 intramural football season came to a close on a crisp autumn evening Oct. 14 as the Maintenance Squadron dismantled two determined competitors to take first place with a shut-out in the sudden death base-wide competition.

Medical yields to Maintenance

The first game pit Maintenance against the Medical Squadron. Perhaps thinking this was their chance to get revenge on the Medics for the routing they took in softball, the maintainers came on strong and stayed tough the entire game proving their total domination. Maintenance demonstrated quickly that, under the leadership of quarterback Les Parkey, they had the ability to move nearly freely down the field and thanks to the sticky hands of receivers like Michael Golden, Rod Runnion and Ed Peggs, they were able to move down the field without much encumbrance from the Medics at all.

Within just 10 minutes of the opening whistle, Maintenance was on the score board in what soon shaped up into a thorough spanking of the Medics. Touchdown after touchdown came as a result of the Maintainer's quick fire air game. By the halfway point maintenance already had a 20-0 lead over the medics.

The medics fought hard and even managed to stop one or two of the maintainer's drives, but overall there was little cause for them to celebrate. The Medic's quarterback Scott Smith tried to put it together for them but it just wasn't their day.

Maintenance romped up and down the field dragging the poor hapless medical squadron with them like a sleepy little rag doll.

It ended terribly for the hard-working medics in a 32-0 mauling.

Championship is decided

The final game set up a battle between the AW/Mission Support Group team, – who was automatically advanced due to a forfeiture from the Operations group – and the battle hardened maintenance squadron.

Maintenance came out slower for this their second game, taking an entire ten minutes to get on the score board.

The AW/Mission Support Group put up a good passing defense but still couldn't stop the powerful arm of Les Parkey. A short screen pass followed up by the two-point conversion got them on the board quickly with an 8-0 lead.

AW/MSF tried to fight back with their own successful passing campaign but maintenance's Alan Warrick, nearly indispensable in the



Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

The stars came out at night when the victorious Maintenance Squadron team members received their trophy.



Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

The athletic prowess of wide receiver Michael Golden was key to the Maintenance Squadron's success.

backfield, slapped down two passes that would surely have set up a much needed score by the underdogs.

Again the unbeatable arm of Les Parkey came to the maintainer's rescue as he once again found the hands of Michael Golden at the end of a 65-yard pass. Another successful two point conversion brought the score to 16-0 at the half. After yielding several yards to an off sides penalty, AW/MSF let Les Parkey drop a pass into the arms of Rod Runnion once again for a 24-0 lead.

Costly interceptions hurt the challenger's well intended efforts to move the ball.

Maintenance's Adam Schatschneider scooped up a critical pass interception and darted nearly 60 yards to move the score to 30-0. A quick two-point conversion made it an even 32-0.

With just moments remaining to play, Maintenance's Rod Runnion grabbed yet another pass and sauntered into the end zone to bring the final score in this decidedly one-way game to 38-0.



Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Try as they might, the AW/MSF team just couldn't outrun the talented MXS team. Here, Shawn White catches up to the Wing's Lafayette Smith on a play.

Air Force leaders to discuss new 'Cyber Command'

Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

10/5/2006 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to “deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace.”

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new “cyber command,” to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

“To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war,” the general said. “We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force.”

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force’s role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

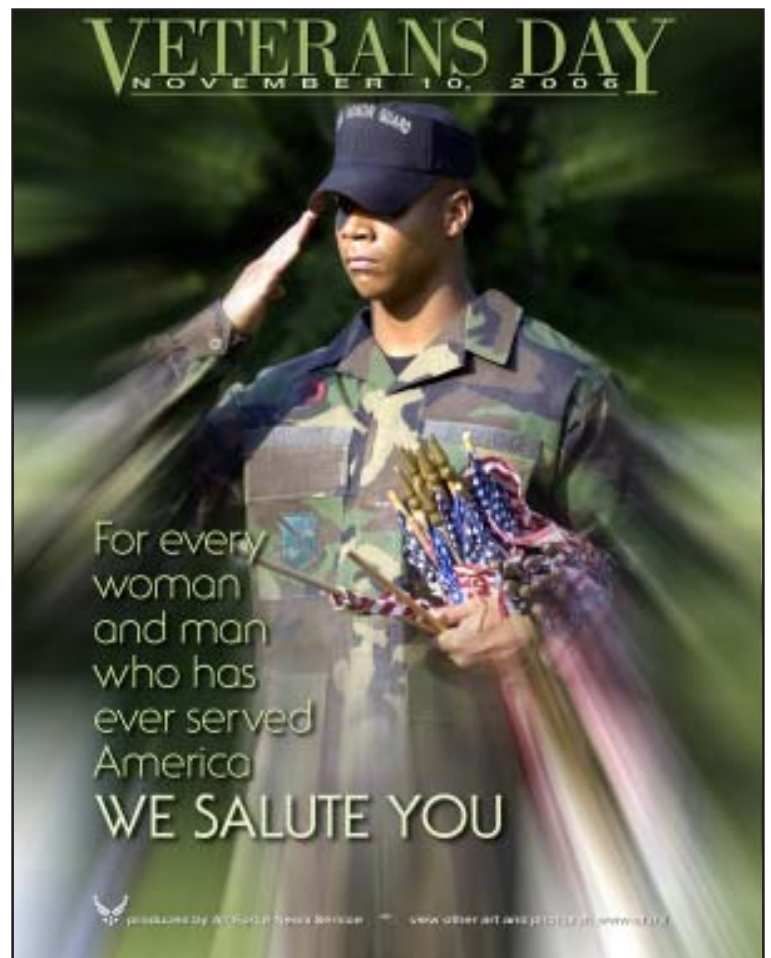
“The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and fight,” she said. “Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century.”

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain — a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

For the rest of the story about the Air Force mission in the cyber domain, visit www.af.mil/news.



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NEWCOMERS

Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Lis, 910th Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. John L. Marra, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Scott A. Miller, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Daniel M. Dylag, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Michael D. Fillinger, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Senior Airman David C. Grant, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Brian E. Mitchell, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Senior Airman Corey J. Stafford, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Daniel L. Wyatt, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman 1st Class Judge Allen, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Michael J. Croucher, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class James L. Dawson, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Heather Y. England, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class Kristina N. Hajek, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman 1st Class Sameer H. Haleem, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Dustin M. Honious, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Nathan I. King, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Trevor C. Merrow, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class Andrew S. Kirby, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Airman 1st Class Andrew S. Straub, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class Bessie E.L. Wellnitz, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class Michael L. Zakrajsek, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman Steven R. Hood, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Airman Jeremy R. King, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Derryl J. Schenk, 910th Medical Squadron

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Civilian bosses offered inside look at Reserve mission

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On national Boss's Day, celebrated each year Oct. 16, most employees give their bosses a card, take them out to lunch or pitch in for a group gift. But how many can say they gave their employers a chance to take a flight for an upclose look over one of the seven natural wonders of the world? Reservists at the 910th did just that when their civilian employers they nominated to attend Employers' Awareness Day held here Saturday, Oct. 14, took a C-130 trip over magnificent Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Canada ... and that was just part of the day's events.

Sixty-five employers arrived on base for a continental breakfast, a briefing at the base Operations building, a two-hour flight up to the Falls and back. That was followed by a luncheon at the Eagle's Nest Club here, where the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve presented employers with certificates of appreciation.

Next, the group made stops at the Aerial Spray hangar, and then took self-guided tours of the Avionics, Engine, and Survival Equipment, or parachute, shops.

The schedule ended with an opportunity for the employers to meet with the Reservists who nominated them and visit their respective workshops. This was a great opportunity for the airmen to show where they work and what they do while they're in uniform serving the nation. It also gave the outside community an inside look at the Air Force Reserve and a chance for the unit to say "thank you for your support."



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Employer Melissa Longstreth shares a view of the falls with MSgt. Charles Walker, flight engineer with the 773rd Airlift Squadron during the employer orientation flight.



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MSgt. David Hartman demonstrates that parachutes aren't just stuffed into a backpack.



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TSgt. Dan Bryant explains some of the technical aspects of the Comm/Nav shop.



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Left; Retired Brig. Gen. Mike Gjede explains the ESGR Five Star Statement of Support to the employers with more than 40 being signed during the event. Right; employers listen to a presentation by SMSgt. John Daniels of the Aerial Spray Maintenance Shop.



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