





Col. Schulte bids farewell to wing after six years

Col. Anna M. Schulte 910th Maintenance Group Commander

I have had a wonderful six years serving as the Maintenance Group Commander. I was very proud to be selected by Brig. Gen. Gjede for this prestigious position and even though I look forward to a new challenge leading the 445th MXG and relearning the C-5, I am sad to leave you, my 910th family.

Through these six years the 910th has definitely lived up to its reputation for excellence and dedication, I feel lucky to have shared in this.

To the MXG, as your commander, I hope I have lived up to my promise of support and leadership. As they say "Walk in another man's shoes." I have shared the separation of those when the unit was activated. The support of our families was an important factor in allowing

you to serve admirably in the Global War On Terrorism. I have shared the pain of lost loved ones and comrades - nothing brings a family closer than in sorrow.

But the excitement of Airmen coming home, knowing they have met and exceeded the challenge and receiving a Hero's welcome from the families, military family and the community has brought the greatest joy and pride, and lives on in my memories.

The challenges continue for this unit and the ORI is looming on the horizon. Col. Jane Kitchen will be a great new commander and a team player ready to lead the MXG.

I will miss my friends in the 910th Airlift Wing; the C-130 and its missions; and above all, the 910th Maintenance Family. I wish you all success in your future endeavors, and know that our paths will cross again, the AFRC world is small.



Col Anna M. Schulte I leave you with a familiar phrase — "HAVE A GOOD ONE!"

Promotion ceremonies – A tradition worth celebrating

Lt. Col. Andrew Gale

42nd Communications Squadron Commander

Promotion - a truly momentous occasion.

As the promotion order states, it shows the Air Force believes in your abilities to perform at the next higher grade. It is a reward for hard work, dedication, discipline and sacrifice.

It is exactly the type of event that should be celebrated, yet many people opt to forego a promotion ceremony. They don't want to inconvenience others or make a big deal about them. While these feelings are understandable, these individuals have missed the point – this ceremony isn't just about them.

Although the promotee is certainly the focus of the ceremony, I contend the event itself is as much about tradition and the attendees as the honoree.

It is military tradition to celebrate achievements, whether they are part of a team or an individual event. These celebrations take many forms and are intended to motivate others to excel and to perpetuate our values of service before self and excellence in all we do. The promotion ceremony is no different. At this event, we will heap praise and recognition upon the promotee, hopefully in such a manner as to inspire the audience to strive for their own goals.

Commonly overlooked is the fact that these ceremonies are as much about the attendees as the promotee. Let's face it, rarely, if ever, are great accomplishments attained single-handedly. In attendance at the ceremony will be coworkers who helped the promotee with that big project, picked them up when they were down, or helped explain the finer points of some technical issue. There will be supervisors who mentored, trained, educated and motivated the promotee, often pushing him to accomplish that which the promotee believed impossible.

Most importantly, there will be family, who sacrificed with the promotee to help him reach his goals. Attendees have a stake in the promotee's accomplishments - they take just as much, if not more, pride in the promotion for it validates their confidence and investment in that person.

Skipping the ceremony deprives these deserving individuals of an opportunity to share in the celebration of a great achievement in which they have played a major part.

The next time you or your co-worker finally gets that promotion, ensure a ceremony happens. Not only is it an important tradition that enables us to reinforce our core values, but also it is an opportunity to celebrate with and thank those who helped make the event possible. None of these things are an inconvenience.

Employer Awareness Day scheduled for September

Do you have a supportive civilian employer? Perhaps your employer doesn't really understand your role as an Air Force Reservist? In either case, consider inviting your employer to the 910th's annual Employer Awareness Day scheduled for Sept 15, 2007. This day promises to be fun and informative especially for those who have never participated.

A C-130 orientation flight is scheduled as well as a lunch at the club provided by the Ohio Committee for the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The day will conclude with a base

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tour and a few stops at various workcenters.

Inviting an employer is easy. Simply complete "The Airstream" insert and mail in it or drop it off at

the Public Affairs office. You may invite up to two people but they must be in your direct line of supervision. If

you have a boss who you feel is worth recognizing, consider completing a My Boss is a Patriot award nomination. This may be accomplished online by

mission and he or she may receive higher levels of recognition at the state or na-

tional level. Regardless, those who

are invited to Employer Awareness Day will automatically receive a My Boss is a Patriot award certificate.

going to www.esgr.org. If your boss has gone above

and beyond in supporting you as a Reservist, con-

sider writing a narrative online along with the sub-

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PAGE 3 910th, local firefighters pool resources to flow through water supply exercise

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Fire department personnel from the 910th and local civilian fire departments conducted a Joint Base and County Fire Department Water Supply Exercise here April 14.

The purpose of the exercise was to familiarize fire department personnel with the procedures and skills needed to supply base fire department vehicles with water in three scenarios: when the base hydrant system is out of service, when water supply through the base hydrant system is not sufficient to support fire ground operations, or when an aircraft crash has occurred in a location where hydrants are not available for water supply.

This training was required certification for Reservists and required training for the base's civilian fire department employees, said Andy Matejcic, a civilian firefighter here. Fourteen volunteer fire departments with 65 total personnel participated, as well as five Reservists.

Training operations involved several stages. First, pump trucks drew water from ponds on King Graves Road. The water went through a filter on the pump truck to remove as much debris. Those pump trucks then filled tanker trucks with the water by using hoses that personnel attached to the tankers as they pulled up. Once the tankers were filled, they were driven to the base, onto the flight line and backed up to a portable tank, or drafting pool, to dump the water. When emptied, the tankers traveled off base to refill and repeated that process continuously.

After the pools were filled with water, it was siphoned to the draft engine, a stationary fire truck that was the source from which the crash tank drew water through a hose. Then the crash tank, or P-23, would discharge water from a roof turret onto a grassy field by the flight line that served as an imaginary aircraft crash scene.

Scott Anderson, a 910th civilian fire captain and an assistant chief for the Middlefield Fire Department in Geauga County, was acting as the Water Supply Sector Officer and Incident Commander. He said as the exercised progressed, water was pumped from the crash tank first at a rate of 250 gallons per minute, then 750 gallons, and 1,500 gallons at the end. The goal



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A draft engine pumps water from a drafting pool through a hose connected to a crash fire truck on the flight line during a water supply exercise here April 14. In the background, Tim Wertz, a civilian firefighter with the 910th, releases water from a tanker truck into a second drafting pool.

was to maintain water flow for one hour.

"The idea is, if one of these birds comes down, can we put out the fire in time?" said Tim Wertz, a civilian firefighter here working on the flight line.

Anderson said the training allowed firefighters assigned to the base and those from the local community to pool resources as part of training. The 910th does not have fire department tankers, and the local fire departments don't have P-23 crash trucks, so the joint exercise allowed the two sides to have hands-on training with otherwise inaccessible fire vehicles.

"This practice for our guys is held in different locations every second Saturday each month, but this was the first time this exercise was held at the base," said Anderson.

He added that the training also was useful for those 910th firefighters deploying in areas where water supply from a hydrant system may not be available making it necessary to draw it from nearby ponds, rivers and other sources of water.

An on-base debriefing immediately followed the exercise. Anderson said the 910th fire department wanted to thank all who assisted in making the exercise happen.

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On the cover...

Senior Airman Maria Naylor, a 910th firefighter, releases water from a Johnston Township Fire Department tanker into a drafting pool on the flight line during a water supply exercise here April 14; see story above. U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ann W. Jefferson

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ORI prep: Split MOPP levels divide base

Different MOPP zones allow mission to continue

During the May Readiness Safeguard exercise at Volk Field, Wisc., wing leadership will implement split MOPP operations to reduce the inefficiencies and mission degradations that result from a "one base, one response" reaction to specific CBRNE threats. This allows the wing commander to keep personnel in contaminated zones in MOPP 4 while the remaining uncontaminated zones can go into a reduced MOPP level.

This minimizes the impact on personnel in uncontaminated areas following a chemical or biological attack. Pre-determined chemical zones and/ or air base defense sectors are used to quickly and accurately communicate split MOPP decisions.

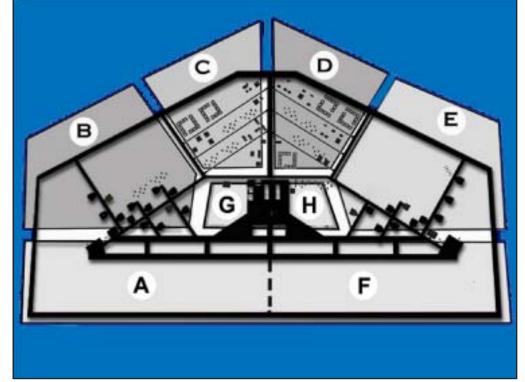
Some exercise members may find themselves working in a chemical hazard zone after an attack. When contamination is present and movement of the individual to another sector/zone is required, authorization must come from the UCC or higher authority.

Established transition points control the movement of personnel between contaminated and uncontaminated areas. These transition points will have instructional signs that direct the individual's actions.

10-Foot Rule

When advised that assets from a contaminated zone are to be moved to an uncontaminated area, the10-foot rule will be in effect.

The 10-foot rule addresses the potential presence of residual contamination originating from relatively non-porous equipment surfaces such as



painted or bare metal and glass (*vehicles and/or power equipment etc.*). It's crucial for everyone to mark all assets that are contaminated.

There are two phases associated with the 10-Foot Rule. **Initial Phase**: Personnel will remain in MOPP 4 whenever they stay within 10 feet of the contaminated equipment for more than a few seconds. **Follow-On Phase**: (generally 24 hours following the attack) Personnel will use gloves of any sort (*i.e.*, *leather*, *rubber*, *cloth*, *etc.*) when operating on or handling the contaminated equipment. The information you need to prepare for the ORI is at your fingertips. It's in your **Airman's Manual**! See **Page 34-35/ Section 2/ Deploy** in your **Airman's Manual (AFMAN 10-100), Split-MOPP concept** Ref AFH 10-2602 **and Split-MOPP** for more information!

Use the **S-A-L-U-T-E** report as a quick and effective way to communicate enemy information up the chain of command.

Size: The number of personnel/vehicles seen or size of an object.

Activity: Enemy activity (assaulting, fleeing, observing).

Location: Where the enemy was sighted. Use a grid coordinate or readily identifiable visual reference point.

Unit/Uniform: Distinctive signs, symbols or identification on people, vehicle or weapons (numbers, patches or clothing type).

Time: Time the activity was observed.

Equipment: All equipment/vehicles associated with the activity.

See *Page 95/ Section 4/ Fight* in your Airman's Manual (AFMAN 10-100), Reporting an Attack, Ref AFH 31-302 for more information!



Use S-A-L-U-T-E to quickly and effectively report information about enemy actions...

Balad Air Base, Iraq – EOD Flight Airmen handle great responsibility, take on dangerous duty

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple 332nd AEW PA Office Superintendent

Editor's Note: Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, public affairs NCOIC for the 910th Airlift Wing, provided this story while deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Airmen assigned to the 332nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight have a very special mission – helping keep their fellow Coalition Forces safer.

Most would agree it takes nerves of steel and a very steady hand to do the work these Airmen do. After all, getting anywhere near an IED isn't something most people want to do.

Airmen from the EOD flight put their extensive combat training and experience to the test every day of Operation Iraqi Freedom while handling these types of devices. When they're not on a mission, they keep busy maintaining their equipment, vehicles, and robots for their next time out, or they're destroying Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs) from in-direct fire attacks or munitions that have exceeded their shelf lives.

"This is my third deployment to Iraq since the start of the war in 2003. I'm amazed at how the battlefield is ever changing. We get smarter, but so does the enemy. It's a crazy 'Cat and Mouse' game. Sometimes we win, sometimes the enemy does. Thankfully, we win a lot more!" said Master Sgt. Michael Pitts, deployed here from the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD flight, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

These Airmen have two distinct missions, one on base and one outside the wire. They are here on six-month deployments, which are more like eight months when you include their mandatory Combat Skills Training (CST) and the Global Anti-terrorism and Operational Readiness (GATOR) training that prepares them for "outside the wire" work.

Their EOD missions vary from day to day. One day their teams might respond to unexploded ordnance on base, or provide damage assessment to buildings and equipment after an indirect fire attack. The next day, they may head off base to perform their Army "inlieu-of" mission. This can range from rendering safe IEDs that have shutdown a convoy route, to conducting a post-blast analysis on coalition vehicles struck by IEDs.

The latter mission can be the most difficult to perform.

"We see ... the personnel who were injured or killed in these attacks. It's hard to focus on *May 2007*



U. S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Senior Airman Ryan Manzi 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, Explosive Ordinance Disposal team, primes an explosive charge set to destroy unserviceable aircraft flares and various small arms at Balad Air Base, Iraq, Mar. 20, 2007. Balad EOD disposes of unserviceable, excess, or dangerous ordnance by fabricating explosive demolition charges in a controled environment. (Released)

the task at hand seeing all the destruction, but we have to. The intelligence we gather from these incidents and others allows us to gain valuable intelligence on how the enemy operates," said Sergeant Pitts.

The equipment and vehicles EOD Airmen have used over the years have evolved to keep up with the ever-changing requirements of the tactical battlespace. Armored vehicles have evolved from standard armored Humvees in early 2003, to the Joint EOD Rapid Response Vehicle (JERRV) currently in use today. The JERRV is a massive vehicle that allows EOD teams to safely travel to and from an incident site and allows them to vary operations in and around the vehicle during a call. Inside the armored EOD vehicle, there is room for the EOD team, their robots, and all the other gear needed to work outside the wire, including their 70-pound bomb suits. The JERRV also has multiple optical camera capabilities providing day and night vision, as well as forward looking infra-red technology that allows EOD Airmen better visibility of their surroundings.

Senior Airman Stephen Ohge is deployed from the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD

flight, Anderson AFB, Guam, and operates the new joy stick controlled technology provided within the JERRV as easily as a young person playing a favorite video game.

"Cutting-edge technologies are paramount to today's EOD operations outside the wire," said Airman Ohge. "As new equipment emerges and is integrated into our career field, situational awareness and efficiency are intensified; this results in not only a more cognizant and rapid response, but also an immeasurable increase in our mission capabilities," he said.

"Since our initial employment of our optical systems, we have spotted multiple triggermen and aided our security in the capture and exploitation of these individuals. This is just one of the many benefits we have experienced thus far. These systems also assist our use of robots for remote reconnaissance and disruption of IEDs, directly relating to a decrease of time spent in a kill zone. We're very lucky to have such an amazing apparatus to perform our duties," he added.

For the continuation of this story, go to the 910th AW public Web site at www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil



Four teams from the 910th will be among more than 55 teams from the United States and overseas participating in Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2007 July 22 – 28 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The competition focuses on readiness and features airdrop, air refueling and other events showcasing security forces, aerial port, maintenance and aeromedical evacuation personnel.

The 910th teams from maintenance, aerial port, security forces and operations are among 45 teams from the United States including three from the Marine Corps and one from the Coast Guard. Teams from the countries of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates will compete as well. Nineteen other countries are sending observer teams.

The 910th is the only reserve component C-130 wing to compete in this year's event.

"This is a feather in our cap. With our ongoing aerial spray missions and ongoing flights, for us to be able to gather the volunteers to get this done says a little about the 910th and the people that make up the 910th," said Lt. Col. Larry Killpatrick, 910th Maintenance Squadron commander.

Although the last biennial competition took place in June 2005 at McChord AFB, the 910th has not sent teams to the event since 2002 due to the increased ops tempo in recent years.

"It's good news to hear we're going back to the Rodeo," said Col. Killpatrick.

While the operations tempo remains high, Maj. Gen. Scott Gray, USAF Expeditionary Center commander and Rodeo 2007 commander, says it's important that AMC continue this key event.

An important benefit of the Rodeo is increased cooperation among international air mobility forces. Collectively, the ultimate goal of the competition is to develop and improve techniques and procedures that enhance air mobility operations. Spirited competition furthers that aim, while strengthening the mutual goals and bonds of friendship developed between competing teams.

The 910th Airmen preparing to participate in the event show "no dread" at the thought of competing against teams from across the country and around the world said Col. Killpatrick.

"They are rarin' to go, ready to show their stuff and can't wait for it to start," he said.

The Rodeo began in 1962 as a combat skills competition designed to develop as well as improve techniques and procedures, enhance air mobility operations and promote esprit de corps. In 1979, the competition expanded to include international air mobility partners. The Rodeo, a military training event not open to the general public, tests the flight and ground skills of aircrews as well as the related skills of security forces, aerial port operations, aeromedical evacuation, and maintenance team members. The event also provides valuable joint and combined training for all participants.

Col. Killpatrick said the 910th teams are hard at work preparing for the competition in every aspect from being "Fit to Fight" to preparing the aircraft. As the teams ready themselves and their equipment for the event, the 910th Maintenance Squadron commander is confident about being successful in the upcoming Rodeo.

"I have every reason to believe that our teams will come out in 1st, 2nd or 3rd (place) in the competition," said Col. Killpatrick.



July 22 - 28, 2007 McChord AFB, Washington

Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight: Here we grow again



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Master Sgt. Michael Birmingham, an avionics technician in the Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight, works on a laptop to locate satellites utilized by a new Global Positioning System being tested to replace the units currently used in the 910th's aerial spray aircraft. The new GPS units being tested by the Avionics Flight are part of a \$2.6 million upgrade in the equipment used in aerial spray operations. Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr. 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight is expanding with the addition of nine traditional Reservist positions and \$2.6 million worth of new and additional equipment. The new TR slots mark the first time the maintenance flight will receive part-time help in completing its ongoing mission. The new and additional equipment will modify two more aircraft for the aerial spray mission and upgrade vital mission components both in the aircraft and on the ground.

Senior Master Sgt. John Daniels will soon have some new weekend help in his shop. He is the Flight Chief for the Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight, which up until very recently was not authorized for any traditional Reservist positions. Senior Master Sgt. Daniels welcomes the additional hands-on assistance.

"They will certainly enhance our capability to meet mission requirements for 24-7 aerial spray operations," he said.

The Chief said with funding from Congress, led by valley Congressman Tim Ryan (D-17, OH), the new TRs will have some new equipment to work on as well.

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MVP: Model volunteer/parent



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ann W. Jefferson Senior Master Sgt. Steven G. Bennett, an air transportation manager with the 76th Aerial Port Squadron here, accepts the 910th's 2007 Volunteer Excellence Award from Janice Barnes, 910th Family Support Director, at an aerial port squadron formation here during the April UTA. Sergeant Bennett was recognized for his outstanding service to his hometown of Hudson, Ohio, devoting more than 300 volunteer hours annually as director of the city's youth soccer program, which consists of 800 children in grades K-12 making up 70 teams. In addition, the sergeant also contributes more than 50 volunteer hours per year for the YMCA Princesses Parent-Child program in Hudson, Stow and Kent, Ohio, which is a group developed to build relationships between 250 fathers and their daughters. Barnes said Sergeant Bennett is a model for other parents on how to parent well.

> For more on this story, go to the 910th public Web site at www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil.



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Members of the 910th Operations Group celebrate winning the 2007 Volleyball Tournament here during the April UTA. Front row: Gary Dodge, Vic Smith, John Kelly and Jim Haupt. Back row: Jeff Vandootingh, Daryl Hartman, Phil Townsend and Khaleef Graham. The score shown of the last game in the match is a *bit* exaggerated – it was actually 14-25 against Civil Engineer Squadron.

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Steelhounds share ice with 910th at playoffs



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Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, meets with Mr. Joe Gregory, Youngstown Steelhounds General Manager, about the team's winning season and building strong relations with the club, part of the Central Hockey League (CHL).

(Top Left) Master Sgt. Randi Baum, an Akron recruiter for the 910th Airlift Wing, enjoys a slide on a Hummer while throwing Air Force Reserve T-shirts to Steelhounds fans during the April 5 playoff game against the Colorado Eagles.

(Bottom Left) The 910th Honor Guard proudly displays the colors during the singing of the national anthem. From left to right: Senior Airman Christopher Brooks, Master Sgt. James C. Samples, Tech. Sgt. Les Parkey, and Staff Sgt. Scott Smith.

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