

THE Airstream



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FROM THE TOP

Commander: Ties of our military service bind us

Col. Karl McGregor
910th Airlift Wing Commander

As 2009 comes to a close, I am reminded of both the transiency of our service time together and the deep binds that service engenders.

In November I was asked to speak at a World War II Veteran's Day event in Warren, Ohio. In the audience were several dozen World War II veterans including a Bataan Death March survivor.

It was deeply humbling to look at their faces and understand what they had experienced in a horrific war. I spoke to them of our nation's pride in them, of their honor and courage, but most of all I thanked them for their sacrifice. After the speech, as I mingled with them, it became obvious that they were deeply proud of their time spent in the service of their country and that service was one of the defining moments of their character. They were the first to stand and pay respect when the flag passed, the first to volunteer in their communities and the backbone of any event that has included them. They told me they miss the camaraderie and their comrades from those days, the daily structure, the quality leadership, the sometimes grim humor, but "probably not the food." Lucky

for us, the food has gotten better.

I do not believe that it takes a horrific world war to develop the conditions for this kind of brotherhood.

I see this brotherhood in the eyes of the men and women I serve with at Youngstown every day. There is pride in the job and pride in each other that comes from a shared experience that binds us back to the Colonial Minutemen and General Washington's Army.

For me, I clearly remember the crews I flew with and the associated excitement of the missions from Just Cause in Panama, to Desert Shield and Storm, to the last eight years of keeping the terrorists off American soil. There is a comfort in knowing that my military family always has my back. They can be counted on regardless of the situation because of the special bond of trust we share that was forged on deployments supporting Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, at base events and through our common, acronym-laden language. It is this bond that keeps us coming back, engaged and operating at the highest performance levels.

As we approach 2010, many things may change, but the long line of service stretching back and reaching forward will remain steady and constant. Every American generation gives its best and brightest in the service of an ideal.

America is still the land of the free because



it is also the home of the brave. Our founding fathers would not recognize the profession of arms as it exists today, but they would recognize our all-volunteer force and the call to participate that brings us into the service of freedom.

Chaplain urges Airmen to cherish, focus on 'what really matters'

Capt. Scott Campbell
910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

The reminders of the busiest time of the year for retailers are showing up all around us. As a matter of fact, it started back in September when I noticed Christmas trees in one of these places. September? You have got to be kidding me! I overheard one little boy say, "Mommy, I want this for Christmas."

These retailers have accomplished what they set out to do. They reach into our pockets earlier and earlier, so we will spend more on things we don't really need.

Last year I heard an amazing statistic that claimed Americans spend \$400 billion each year on Christmas gifts. With that kind of money we could pay off our national debt, but why would we do something like that? I also heard that it would only take \$10 million to provide clean water for everyone in the world. Which would I rather have? Clean water or a tie that I really don't need? I think that if it really came down to it, I would choose clean water.

Why do I share this with you? To try and convince you not to buy gifts for your family and help solve the lack of clean water in the world? No, I only try to bring an awareness of what really matters as we enter into the season of your religious faith. As a Protestant chaplain, mine, of course, is Christmas and the belief that Jesus



Christ was born into the world to save me from my sins and that I celebrate his birth on December 25.

For other religious faiths, you may have celebrations with different meanings. I encourage you to celebrate these important days of your faith background.

So I ask, what is important to you? Each of us have something of great importance in our lives. It just may be to help solve the water problem in

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- Chaplain Scott Campbell

Africa. Or it may be spending time with your family. Last year, I was spending the Christmas season preparing to deploy, and this year I look forward to being with my family. I would like to encourage you to take time this year by doing the things that will make a difference in what really matters. Spend time with your family, make gifts like we used to, visit someone at a nursing home or whatever may be placed on your heart.

I pray that this year would be a great year of celebration and joy filled with laughter and memories that you will cherish and hold onto dearly for years to come. Make this year more than just a necktie that will be put into a drawer and forgotten.

CITIZEN AIRMEN AT WORK



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

910 SFS troops engage OPFOR during training exercise

Citizen Airmen assigned to the 910th Security Forces Squadron fire their weapons from behind a barrier to engage Opposing Forces (OPFOR) during a training exercise held on Perimeter Road at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, November 8. The SFS troops went through a series of stations designed to test their proficiency in combat skills. These scenarios allowed the participants to react to enemy fire and ambushes while moving as a member of a fire team, clear buildings and carry a casualty out of a combat area as well as test other needed skills. The exercise involved the use of blank ammunition, artillery simulators and smoke grenades to heighten the realism for the 910 SFS troops as observers then move through the approximately mile-long course.

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On the cover...

Photos featuring the 910th Airlift Wing's rotation "B" deployment, October 12-31, 2009, for Joint Enterprise. More than 70 Citizen Airmen from YARS journeyed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to provide airlift capability to locations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr. See more on page 4.

910th deploys to Germany for Joint Enterprise

YARS Citizen Airmen join 38th EAS at Ramstein AB to airlift cargo and personnel

Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
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Citizen Airmen from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station joined forces with Servicemembers from across the United States—including Niagara, N.Y., Savannah, Ga., St. Joseph, Mo., and Colorado Springs, Co., to form the 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron for a three-month deployment to Germany.

The 38th EAS, operating out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was formed to support airlift mission requirements in the U.S. Europe Command (EUROCOM), U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Theaters of Operations.

C-130 Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft from the various wings comprising the 38th are currently responsible for 95 percent of the airlift capability in Europe and Africa, said Arkansas Air National Guard Lt. Col. Richard McGough, the acting commander for the 86th Operations Group, based at Ramstein.

“The reason for these missions is to improve relationships with the other countries,” said Lt. Col. Rick Richard, 38th EAS commander also assigned to the Arkansas Air National Guard.

Aircraft flight crews, maintenance personnel and support staff worked together to launch and recover a stream of C-130s traveling to and from a variety of destinations including Bosnia, Israel, Turkey, Afghanistan, Moldova, Republic of Georgia, Djibouti and Italy.

The 910th Airlift Wing supported the airlift missions, part of Operation Joint Enterprise (OJE), by sending approximately 250 Airmen and two aircraft in four rotations between the end of September and beginning of December 2009.

OJE grew out of airdrop operations to provide humanitarian support to civil war victims within Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Republic of Yugoslavia in the mid-1990s, and was later expanded to include support of missions across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Rotation “A” from YARS flew missions to Turkey, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom and completed its work as a second group of YARS Citizen Airmen hit the ground in

Germany October 14. The second rotation of Airmen, known as rotation “B,” conducted airlift missions in eastern Europe, northern Africa and the Middle East. Rotation “B” flight crews flew more than 130 hours and approximately 30 operational flights.

Lt. Col. Ken Saunders, rotation “B” mission commander and commander of the 757th Airlift Squadron, said the veteran deployers among the personnel attached to the 38th EAS helped get the job at hand completed.

“The experience of our people who have been on previous rotations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East are invaluable in getting this mission done for us,” said Colonel Saunders.

“We got all of our missions accomplished even though many of our folks were sick,” said Colonel Majia, acting commander for YARS rotation “A” assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron.

The final rotation of YARS Airmen is scheduled to return from Germany in mid-December.



Photo by Senior Airman Brenda Haines

YARS Reservists walk toward a C-130H aircraft on the flightline at Ramstein AB, Germany, Oct. 16, in preparation for their return flight home. These Citizen Airmen are among more than 70 Servicemembers from YARS supporting the first rotation of Joint Enterprise.



Photo by Senior Airman Brenda Haines

Tech. Sgt. Robert A. Pierce, a YARS aerospace propulsion specialist, checks the engine compartment of a YARS C-130H at Ramstein AB, Germany, Oct. 20.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Master Sgt. Bryan Watson, a loadmaster with the 757th Airlift Squadron, directs the driver of a “K-loader” at Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel, Oct. 25.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Harry E. Hagarman, a crew chief assigned to the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, uses a flashlight to illuminate the nose wheel of a C-130H aircraft during a post-flight inspection on the flightline at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, October 20.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

The aircrew of a YARS C-130H looks through the cockpit windows as they land their aircraft on the runway at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, October 25, following a successful Joint Enterprise airlift mission.



910th aerial spray **battles** bugs at Parris Island

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker

910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

No-see-ums, sand fleas and flying teeth are all names for the same pest, the biting midge. These insects have been a nuisance to many Marines at Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, S.C.

Similar to the weather, everyone gripes about them but what can be done?

This is where "bug docs," Majors Mark Breidenbaugh and Karl Haagsma come in. They are entomologists with the 757th Airlift Squadron at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, home of the only large fixed-wing aircraft aerial spray unit in the Department of Defense.

Since 1992 YARS has been conducting the aerial spray mission. While the primary aspect of the spray mission is pest insect control, the unit also has the capability of applying defoliants to areas such as artillery and bombing ranges and aiding the Coast Guard and other agencies in oil spill containment. The 910th has been called upon during the aftermath of hurricanes to provide relief to residents of several gulf coast states from overpopulations of mosquitoes and other nuisance insects. Airmen and aircraft from YARS sprayed more than 3 million acres following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike.

The 757th was at Parris Island, Oct. 5 to 9, to conduct their annual aerial spray mission to help combat the overwhelming biting midge population that has plagued the area. This year, they tested a new weapon in the battle.

This weapon is a new product called Duet, a two-stage insecticide. Duet's first stage is designed to excite the pests into flying, making them susceptible to the second stage, or killing stage, of the product.

Duet was previously tested, with some success, against mosquitoes, said the entomologists. The Parris Island mission tested the potency of the product against biting midges.

The aerial spray mission normally uses an insecticide known as Dibrom, which requires the mission to spray twice. The first application would

exterminate the adult population; the second would destroy the juvenile population that had matured. The goal of the new product was to reduce the insect population with one spray application.

For Marines at the depot, relief from the biting midges provided by the spray mission was welcome.

"We celebrate the arrival of the spray mission," said Tim Harrington, the deputy natural resources and environmental affairs officer.

"I hate them," said Cpl. Sara J. Hill, a supply specialist assigned at Parris Island. "They eat and eat, and they bite and bite, and when they bite, I welt."

The success of the aerial spray mission is measured by the reduction of training time lost due to infection or illness by Marine recruits, said Staff Sgt. Andrew F. Causey, a Parris Island drill instructor.

The recruits are not allowed to scratch bites and neither are the drill instructors, said Sergeant Causey. If a bug bite is scratched, it increases the chance that it will lead to an infection known as cellulitis. If left untreated, the infection could become life threatening.

The objective of the aerial spray mission seemed straightforward, however, there were obstacles.

In this case, the weather deteriorated as soon as the 757th arrived at Parris Island. According to Major Breidenbaugh, high winds rendered the results of the Parris Island spray mission inconclusive. Additional trials are planned for spring 2010 to better gauge the effectiveness of the new product.



Marine recruits (above) practice combat maneuvers at Parris Island Recruit Depot, S.C. Recruits and instructors at the depot are continually plagued by nuisance insects. A close-up of the arm of a Marine stationed at the depot (below) shows numerous welts left by biting midges.



Photo by Maj. Brent Davis

A YARS C-130H Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft applies an insecticide spray to combat biting midges at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot October 6. This aerial spray aircraft releases the product from 150 feet above the ground to ensure maximum coverage of the target area and provide relief to the Marines at the depot.

AFRC commander sends holiday wishes to Airmen

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.
Air Force Reserve Command Commander

As we enter the holiday season and prepare for the new year, I want to thank you, your families and your employers for the many sacrifices made this year for our great nation.

The holidays provide all of us an opportunity to thank our friends and families for their support throughout the year.

To the men and women who are able to celebrate the holidays with friends and family at home, I ask that you remember the hundreds of brave Citizen Airmen who are observing the season under much different circumstances.

More than 1,200 of our Air Force Reserve warriors are serving overseas with incredible distinction in global operations from the deserts of Iraq and Africa to the mountains of Afghanistan and South America. I ask the entire Air Force Reserve family to keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as we eagerly await their safe return.

This past year much has been asked of you, and you have met every challenge without reservation.

In the coming years, we will face many more challenges as Air Force Reserve Command becomes a fully operational command. We will be more directly involved in meeting the needs of combatant commanders overseas. I have every confidence that you are up to every task and will exceed all expectations.

Dee and I wish you and your families the very best during this festive time and for 2010!

(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

YARS remembers fallen navigator

Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. David Ronald Wiles, 52, a resident of Cortland, Ohio, and a navigator with the 757th Airlift Squadron, passed away in Cleveland, Nov. 1.

A memorial service honoring Colonel Wiles is scheduled at YARS during the December UTA including a fly by of two aircraft.

A celebration of Colonel Wiles' life was held Nov. 6, at the chapel of Somerset Undertaking and Crematory in Somerset, Ky., with a military service performed by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Colonel Wiles began his tenure as an Air Reserve Technician at the 910th Airlift Wing Jan. 12, 1992. He was deployed in support of Joint Forge and Hurricanes Katrina, Andrew and Floyd as an aerial spray navigator. He was selected to upgrade to Aerial Spray Mission Navigator, one of only seven Servicemembers in the Department of Defense to hold this position.

He flew 145 combat missions in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, often times under hostile fire and in some of the most inhospitable operating locations. He also was picked to fly many distinguished visitors, such as Secretary of State Colin Powell, into these hostile locations.

Colonel Wiles was the Exercise Evaluation Team Chief for the 910th AW which required him to be responsible for all phases of Emergency Management and Exercise planning. He was instrumental in the planning, coordinating and preparation of four Operation Readiness Training programs and spearheaded training for two wings.

He is survived by his fiancée, Hiroko Jo; his daughter, Jennifer Michelle Wiles of Chicago; and his sister Laurie Nichols of Jefferson City, Mo.

Condolences may be expressed to the Wiles family at www.somersetundertaking.com.

Access IG with click of button

Gaining access to the YARS Inspector General staff has just become easier. For those who have access to a computer, there is a virtual Fraud, Waste and Abuse button on the 910th Airlift Wing's intranet page. The IG intranet page has a complaint resolution form that can be copied and e-mailed directly to 910aw.ig@youngstown.af.mil, cynthia.wong@youngstown.af.mil or pamela.fitzgerald@youngstown.af.mil. This Web page also has a link to the Air Force IG Web site for use by complainants and commanders.

Rather make a phone call? Voicemails to 330-609-1090 and 330-609-1200 go directly to e-mail so concerns can be addressed as soon as possible.

Rather make a personal visit? Stop by any time from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during training weekends to make an appointment.

910th recruiters receive awards

The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service reached its goal of recruiting 8,800 new Citizen Airmen, Aug. 3.

"This achievement is due exclusively to the superior efforts of many men and women who support the Recruiting Service mission," said Col. Joe N. Wilburn, commander of the AFRC Recruiting Service.

The 910th Airlift Wing Recruiting Service received numerous awards this year as a result of their performance and statistics.

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Terpening, Gold Medalist Recruiter Specialty
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ossman, Gold Medalist Recruiter Specialty
Master Sgt. Randi Baum, Silver Medalist Recruiter Specialty
Master Sgt. George Hamilton, Silver Medalist Recruiter Specialty
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ossman, Century Club

Team Youngstown exceeded its goal of 155 recruits by bringing 183 new Airmen to the YARS base family.

Congratulations, 910th Recruiters!

YARS supports Vets Day events

More than 30 Airmen assigned to the Youngstown Air Reserve Station participated in numerous Veterans Day events throughout the Mahoning Valley.

These events included parades, flyovers, school programs, speaking engagements and more.

Special thanks to the Citizen Airmen that acted as ambassadors for the 910th Airlift Wing to the surrounding communities.

If you wish to be considered for the the 910th Speakers Bureau Program, participate in or have an idea for a future function, please contact YARS Public Affairs at 330-609-1236 or pa@youngstown.af.mil.

Toys for Tots 2009 drive underway

The November UTA officially kicked off the Youngstown Air Reserve Station's annual Toys For Tots drive. The collection boxes and posters will be in base work areas through December 11th. The support from YARS goes a long way in helping the Marines provide toys for thousands of children during the holidays who would normally not experience the simple joy of opening a gift. Toy donations should be new and unwrapped for a boy or girl from newborn through 16 years of age. Costumed characters will also be accepting monetary donations at the gates on Saturday and Sunday mornings of the December UTA. Donations can also be made by contacting one of the Toys For Tots committee members:

Capt. Scott Julian, 330-609-1500; Chief Master Sgt. Arlene Boozer, 330-609-1188; Chief Master Sgt. Mary Julian, 330-609-1136; Senior Master Sgt. Butch Sackett, 330-609-1230; Senior Master Sgt. David Simms, 330-609-1087; Master Sgt. Gary Henderson, 330-609-1160; Master Sgt. Thomas Nevin, 330-609-1277.

NEWCOMERS

PROMOTIONS



Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Topp, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jason W. Beech, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Fred A. Morris Jr., 910th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Cassie L. Charualaf, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Baron J. Reynolds Jr., 910th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Cheryl A. Roach, 910th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman John M. Rumbell, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Daniel C. Gonzales, 910th Operations Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Timothy G. Ruetenik, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman Jasmmine S. Austin, 910th Medical Squadron

Airman Glenn M. Leighty, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman Basic Rizaldy M. Costa, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman Basic Dorisa L. Hooker, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Airman Basic Jonathan C. Soda, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman Basic Sandra Thompson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron



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Thomas Mason, 910th Airlift Wing



Daniel E. Ratzel, 910th Operations Support Squadron



Phillip Blackwell, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
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Kevin Arnold Jr., 910th Maintenance Squadron



Matthew A. Keller, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Corey M. Logan, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Sandra Thompson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Illustration by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

910TH KICKS OFF NOSE ART PROGRAM

Painting nose art on aircraft has been a morale-boosting tradition dating back to the early days of aviation. Nose art is a decorative painting or design on the fuselage of a military aircraft, usually located near the nose, and is a form of aircraft graffiti. It is a custom that allows crew members to name their plane and create the art, giving the aircraft an identity of its own. An aircraft's nose art often reflects popular culture. Some famous examples of nose art, such as "Memphis Belle" and "Enola Gay," are reflections of the eras in which they were created.

Since taking command of the 910th Airlift Wing, Colonel Karl McGregor expressed an interest in nose art and wanted all 12 YARS aircraft to carry on this military custom. The first aircraft in the YARS nose art program were recently unveiled.



"The Ghost" Photo by Airman 1st Class Megan Tomkins

Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, and Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik, world middleweight boxing champion, unveil the nose art of a YARS C-130H Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft outside of Hangar 302, Aug. 4. The nose art was painted by Senior Airman Michele Kennedy, a crew chief with the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, in honor of Mr. Pavlik, "The Pride of Youngstown," a Mahoning Valley native. Mr. Pavlik holds both the World Boxing Organization and World Boxing Council middleweight titles.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock **"Tail Wind"**

Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, Master Sgt. Ernie Johnson, crew chief of Tail Wind, Mr. James Olney and members of the aircraft's crew pose for a photo inside of Hangar 305, Nov. 8, shortly after the unveiling of the plane's nose art. Mr. Olney, a resident of Canfield and pilot of a B-24 Liberator named "Tail Wind," flew approximately 30 missions during World War II, including the first daylight bombing raid over Berlin that left his aircraft riddled with 62 flak hits. The nose art was designed by Tech. Sgt. Scott Obermiyer, a fabrication specialist with the 910th Maintenance Squadron.



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