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Col. Karl McGregor
910th Airlift Wing Commander



‘Crunch time’ for impending inspections

This is it—crunch time for the Unit Compliance Inspection, Logistics Compliance Assessment Program and Health Services Inspection. As you read this we are one Unit Training Assembly weekend away from the most significant inspections a base can receive. UCIs are conducted to assess areas mandated by law and mission areas identified by senior Air Force and Major Command leaders as critical or important. LCAPs check our installation’s compliance with maintenance, logistics and supply chain management policy and HSIs assess medical readiness, management effectiveness and quality of health care delivery, evaluating whether or not health care providers and nurses are performing successfully while supporting readiness.

The 910th Airlift Wing will receive its compliance inspections beginning April 28. During nine days, more than 100 Air Mobility Command inspectors will evaluate all groups and units on their day-to-day compliance with executive orders, Department of Defense Directives, Air Force and Major Command instructions. They will check for compliance with Air Force and AMC instructions, local supplements and operating instructions as well as bylaw programs such as the Voting Assistance and Sexual Harassment Education and Prevention programs.

What should the 910th AW do to prepare for the upcoming inspections?

First, we have to clearly define requirements through regulations and ask this simple question: does it comply? Being honest in the unit’s self-assessment is the key and commanders must be directly involved.

Second, we measure success through Management Internal Control Toolkit self-inspection checklists. The 910th AW has a tool currently being utilized to prepare groups and squadrons for these inspections: the Self-Inspection Program. Group and squadron representatives are currently knee-deep in this self-inspection process. Everything contained within these SIP checklists will cover what the AFRC inspectors are looking for. Air Force Specialty Code Functional Managers ensured this by forwarding their most current SIP checklists to the AFRC inspector team and posting them on MICT. These checklists have been validated and disseminated to

group and unit level representatives. Unit SIP program managers should educate Airmen on SIP and how to fill out the checklists. We should look at self-inspection checklist questions as coming from an inspector. Those who will be interviewed during the inspections need a level of understanding that allows them to explain *why* their program is in compliance and they should have documentation available to prove *how* it is compliant. The *why* and *how* should be inserted into the MICT checklists now. This level of detail is the best preparation for the UCI and will provide great continuity for the unit in the long run.

Third, we must analyze the procedures and processes through exercises and Staff Assistance Visits. We are currently running SAVs internally for several areas. Wing experts and guest help from other bases are reviewing applicable areas, using the actual inspection checklists and providing everyone the opportunity to get a set of outside eyes on their programs.

Finally, we’ll work hard on processes, making them free of errors, consistent and reliable. It’s important that we learn from previous write-ups, SAVs and exercise feedback, and then begin the process again by returning to the original question: does it comply?

Attitude is everything

As last month’s article discussed, attitude is everything! We are already motivated. We overcome adversity every day and succeed where others would easily fail.

What can we do right now? We can ask tough questions about ourselves and our programs. What would an inspector say if they came right now? What do I already know I need to fix but haven’t? What can I do to make my program stronger? Who do I need to team up with in order to resolve this problem?

The end of April will be here in the blink of an eye and the time we have left will be marked with preparation and management. Through a positive attitude, team work, clear communication and direct involvement, Youngstown will show the AFRC inspectors that the 910th AW is the best airlift wing in AFRC!

DEPLOYMENTS

910th CES deploys to Kirkuk AB, Iraq

Senior Airman Megan Tomkins
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 910th Civil Engineer Squadron mobilized six months ago in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Approximately 20 Servicemembers from the CES deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, Feb. 22.

“This is the first time the unit [has] mobilized,” said Senior Master Sgt. Gary Henderson, senior air reserve technician for the 910th CES. “[Deployments] have been a support volunteer mission since 2002.”

The 910th CES are going to work in conjunction with the 482nd Civil Engineer Squadron from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., the lead team for this mission.

“The mission is to maintain the infrastructure on base,” said Sergeant Henderson.

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Tech. Sgt. Rob Palcic
910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Some of the 910th CES duties will include the maintenance of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and generators. The mission will also require maintenance of the barriers on the flight line and building structures that the air base needs.

“We’ve had a lot of people step up to the plate,” said Sergeant Henderson. “Everyone I’ve talked to has a positive attitude [about this deployment].”



Photo by Maj. Brent Davis

Master Sgt. James Morgan, a civil engineer with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron here, talks with local television news reporters Feb. 22, 2010, about his upcoming deployment to the Middle East. Sergeant Morgan was among approximately 20 Citizen Airmen who departed YARS for a 6-month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tech. Sgt. Rob Palcic, a pavements and heavy equipment specialist with the 910th CES, is among the first group deployed to Iraq. His main job will focus on maintaining the roads, doing concrete work and heavy lifting with cranes.

He said he also has a positive view point about the 6-month deployment and faith in his fellow civil engineers.

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On the cover...

Maj. Joe George, a pilot and aircraft commander assigned to the 910th Operations Support Squadron, observes as Senior Airman Valerie Smock, a public affairs specialist, uses a video camera to capture the action of one of the 910th Airlift Wing's C-130H Hercules aircraft being loaded with cargo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, Jan. 17. The aircraft and crew were part of an international relief effort in the aftermath of a Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the island nation of Haiti. Commentary and photos on page 4-5. Cover photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

910TH AIRLIFTS FOR HAITI

Commentary and photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
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On Jan. 12, the Caribbean island nation of Haiti was struck by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake that caused more than 200,000 deaths and left more than 1.5 million Haitians homeless. Within days, people throughout the world united to do what they could do to help.

As I sat in a Youngstown-area restaurant three days later, I watched the images of destruction on a nearby TV, I knew I had to be on one of our planes to do whatever small thing I could to help.

Little did I know, base leadership at the 910th Airlift Wing, at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, had already been in contact with the 22nd Air Force offering to help with the Haiti relief efforts.

“We have aircraft and personnel ready to serve when called,” said Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift Wing commander.

During a phone conversation the next day, Colonel McGregor said the wing was on alert and he ordered public affairs personnel to be on the first aircraft going out for this mission.

“Pack a bag, [Sergeant Barko] and be ready to go,” he said.

On Jan. 17, I got the phone call from the 910th Command Post notifying me to report to YARS as soon as possible. Three aircraft were scheduled to take off that afternoon for the Haiti humanitarian relief effort. Each aircrew would consist of 10 personnel: aircraft commander, copilot, navigator, flight engineer, two loadmasters, two crew chiefs, two Security Forces personnel (one of them an Air Mobility Command-trained Raven – see sidebar).

In addition, Senior Airman Valerie Smock, another 910th AW public affairs

specialist and I were aboard the first aircraft to leave from YARS to chronicle the 910th’s involvement with the relief effort.

The crew’s first mission was to pick up humanitarian cargo from Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, and deliver it to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

After approximately seven hours of flying, the Hercules crew prepared to land at Soto Cano AB using Night Vision Goggles (NVGs.) Special lights designed to work with the night vision system were turned on, casting a green glow throughout the interior of the aircraft. The flight deck crew and the loadmasters donned their helmets and the descent toward Honduras began. As the crew worked together to guide the C-130 toward the runway, the loadmasters looked out the cargo deck windows of the aircraft.

“We’re helping the flight crew keep an eye out for anything that could cause us problems while making an NVG landing,” said Sergeant Culp. “This air base sits in a big valley.”

The crewmembers watched and waited, strapped into cargo deck seats in anticipation of the NVG landing, an experience not often had by those outside of a unit’s flying squadrons. I wondered what to expect during my first NVG landing.

“With the help of the flight engineer and navigator, the pilots were able to maneuver us through the rough terrain and get us on the ground as safely and smoothly as possible,” said Airman Smock. “I was very impressed at how well they did.”

Immediately after landing, the loadmasters began working with the Soto Cano AB ground cargo personnel to load the waiting cargo aboard the YARS C-130.

This cargo consisted of 19 military medical personnel, a Humvee military vehicle towing a trailer, equipment and a pallet of supplies that needed transported to Port-au-Prince International Airport.

One week after the earthquake hit Haiti, the amount of airlift cargo and the

Ravens aid humanitarian mission

Senior Airman Valerie Smock
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Each military mission requires different components to be a success. When Master Sgt. John Falfas received notification from the 22nd Air Force that his assistance was needed on a mission to deliver humanitarian aid to Haiti, he said he knew he could contribute to the mission’s success.

Sergeant Falfas is assigned to the 910th Security Forces Squadron and is a member of a specialized group called Ravens. These Air Mobility Warfare-trained Ravens deploy with airlift missions to protect crew members and aircraft. There are currently approximately 88 Ravens in the Air Force Reserve Command.

“I knew that [Haiti] was a Raven-required location, so I figured if they’re going to be taking humanitarian aid in there, they’re going to need security,” said Sergeant Falfas.

According to Sergeant Falfas, if passengers are on the plane, the Ravens provide cockpit denial and security at the back of the aircraft to keep everyone on board safe.

Ravens are trained at Fort Dix, N.J., in areas such as cross-cultural awareness, legal considerations, embassy operations, airfield survey techniques, explosive ordnance awareness, aircraft searches and unarmed self-defense techniques.

With those techniques in hand, Sergeant Falfas and fellow Security Forces member, Tech Sgt. Brock Biggart, joined the first aircrew from the 910th Airlift Wing bound for Haiti.

The big concern for Sergeant Falfas was the cargo and not knowing the type of control at the airport in Port-au-Prince.

“People start getting hungry and thirsty, and what do you do if you have a bunch of people rioting outside the airport because they know that’s where all the food and water is coming in,” he said. “That was one of our biggest concerns.”

Sergeant Falfas said the trip to Haiti ended the way it should—indicating missions without incident are a good thing.



Staff Sgt. Michael Culp, a loadmaster assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron, uses Night Vision Goggles (NVGs) as he looks out the crew door of a C-130 during a Jan. 17 landing at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.



Master Sgt. Dan Marhulik, a loadmaster with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, looks toward the rear cargo ramp of a YARS C-130 on the ground.

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capability to move it still overmatched Haiti's ability to receive the much needed humanitarian supplies. However, plans were underway to alleviate the demand on Port-Au-Prince's airport to receive all of the airlift cargo being directed to Haiti.

"The [Pope Air Force Base, N.C.] operations team is saying that crews on the ground on the island are working to open another runway for 130s to use," said 1st Lt. Steve Stroney, a copilot with the 773rd Airlift Squadron. "That should let us get the cargo in there a little bit faster. We'll have to wait and see."

According to Air Force Reserve Command, the airport in Haiti's capital usually accommodated approximately 13 flights per day in normal conditions. In the days after the quake, the Haitian government requested the help of the U.S. Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration to operate the airport. This allowed approximately 120 flights per day to move humanitarian aid into the city.

Soon, the YARS aircraft took to Honduran sky to deliver its cargo to Haiti.

As we approached Port-au-Prince, I saw the battered city, home to millions of Haitians, was hidden under a shroud of blackness. Very few lights were visible emanating from the broken infrastructure although columns of smoke could be faintly seen rising into the star filled sky above the city. At first, the airport was not easily seen during the aircraft's approach.

"There it is," said Lieutenant Stroney as he searched the dark for a sign of city's terminal and runway.

Within minutes of landing, cargo handlers on the ground worked to unload the YARS C-130. The 910th Security Forces personnel stood watch on the ground outside of the plane to protect the aircraft, crew and payload.

Upon completion of this mission and some much needed rest, the crew was alerted that another load of cargo was needed to be airlifted.

While this second batch of supplies, comprised of 18,400 pounds of food and water, was loaded onto the C-130 at Homestead Air Reserve Base,

Fla., Airman Smock and I talked with a news crew from Univision, a Spanish-language television network based in Miami. According to the network reporter, Univision dispatched news crews to seven countries to cover the international relief effort in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake.

This time, our destination was San Isidoro Air Base, a small Dominican Air Force airfield, just outside of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I was familiar with this airfield because I accompanied the 910th Medical Squadron there while on a humanitarian mission this past year.

The cargo was unloaded by members of the 615th Contingency Response Element from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Dominican workers placed the supplies on trucks. Then, they secured and covered the loads with tarps for a trip across the Dominican-Haitian border and then on to Port-au-Prince.

"These trucks will meet up with others to form a convoy," said Col. Quintin Hartt, 615th commander, "Once they reach the border they will wait there until the crossing is opened. Right now, that's twice a day. From there, they will have a security escort all the way to the capital."

Although our crew was hopeful that we would have the chance for at least one more relief run to Haiti, upon completion of this mission, we received notification that our aircraft and aircrew were to return to YARS.

"There are more crews from the 910th on the way down here over the next few weeks," said aircraft commander Maj. Joe George, assigned to the 910th Operations Support Squadron. "At least we were able to do some good."

"A sigh could be heard from everyone [that was part of the mission]," said Airman Smock. "Nobody wanted to go home because we all wanted to stay and help. I'm very proud to be a part of this mission and have the chance to tell the story of what the 910th is doing for this effort."

On Jan. 22, the first YARS C-130H Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft dispatched to assist in the international Haiti earthquake relief effort, known now as Operation Unified Response, lifted into the sky again. This time, with our mission completed, we were bound for northeast Ohio and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Four more aircraft and crews would follow in the next several weeks, all willing to do their part as Air Force Reservists for this humanitarian mission.

On Feb. 16, Air Force Reserve Command reported its units flew 201 aircraft missions that moved 2,495 passengers, over 1,000 patients and transported nearly 6 million pounds of cargo for the Haiti earthquake relief effort. The 910th operations commander summed up the wing's response to the call for help.

"These are volunteers that have all come together to contribute their time to go out there and accomplish the nation's business to support our government in its effort to support the people of

Haiti," said Col. Craig Peters, 910th Operations Group commander.

The men and women of the 910th AW have again answered the nation's call to duty. This time, the mission was a humanitarian effort to aid the people of a small Caribbean island nation during its time of need. Although when the next request for help will come is unknown, when it does the Citizen Airmen of YARS will be here and ready to heed that call when it comes.

(The full version of this commentary, more photos and video of the 910th AW's Haiti mission can be found at www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil)



773rd Airlift Squadron, directs a ground cargo handling vehicle on the tarmac of Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., Jan. 21.



Sergeant Barko is the superintendent of the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office. He has been a member of the Air Force Reserve and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station since October 2006. He is the artist behind the Airstream's "Winger" cartoon.

Sergeant Marhulik works with ground cargo personnel at Soto Cano AB, Jan. 17, to reconfigure a load plan for humanitarian cargo bound for Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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Air Force Reserve members with questions should contact Ms. Young at 478-327-0971 or Ms. Mullins 478-327-2090.

For more information about the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp Program, visit their extensive Web site at: www.spacecamp.com.

Readiness chief recognized by 22AF

One Airman assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing received recognition from the 22nd Air Force for superior performance Dec. 6, 2009.

Chief Master Sgt. Louis Cox, the readiness chief with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, was named 2009 Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year.

YARS Easter Egg hunt scheduled

Easter is right around the corner, which means it's time for YARS Airmen's children to sharpen their hunting skills. The 910th Force Support Squadron's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Fitness Center basketball court. There will be prizes awarded. For more information call 330-609-1281.

Combat Arms recommends Airmen use caution at firing range

If YARS servicemembers see red outside the firing range, they should be aware. Entry to the firing range, located at Building 530 on Perimeter Road, is prohibited when the 18-foot red streamer is flying or the rotating red beacon is on because firing is in progress. If Airmen approach the facility when firing is in progress they must check in at the Combat Arms office prior to proceeding to the firing range. Hearing protection must be worn at all times when going to the firing line during live fire. Any question or concerns should be directed to Master Sgt. Thomas R. Chismark or Senior Master Sgt. Leslie D. Brode at 330-609-1287.

USAF Services hosts teen summit

Teen children of YARS servicemembers will have the opportunity to attend a leadership program this summer. The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits will be held in Dahlonega, Ga., Boulder, Colo., and Estes Park, Colo. The summits are open to all 14 to 18-year-old dependent teens of current AFR and ANG members. The application deadline is April 16.

For more information go to www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit or contact Stacey Young, stacey.young@us.af.mil, 478-327-0971, DSN 497-0971 or Brandi Mullins, brandi.mullins.ctr@us.af.mil, 478-327-2090, DSN 497-2090 for more information.

Wing announces civilian awards

Many of the superior accomplishments of the 910th Airlift Wing are due to the efforts of the civilians who work in the unit. Although there are various organizational awards for civilian employees, the Quarterly Award program provides employees with well deserved recognition.

Supervisors nominate deserving employees who have performed in an outstanding manner over the previous quarter. Each division may submit one nominee for each category. A committee of five representatives is formed that consists of a group commander, who serves as board president, a representative from each group and a representative from the wing staff. Nominees are scored based on duty performance, significant self improvement and community involvement.

The winners for the October to December quarter are:

Roberta Shields Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Theodore A. Pifer, Senior Civilian of the Quarter

The winners have their choice of eight hours time off or \$300 cash and are eligible for the Civilian of the Year award which will be announced in December during the Civilian Commander's Call.

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Maj. Colleen M. Vannatta, 910th Airlift Wing
 Capt. Jessica J. Oberlander, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 1st Lt. Lisa M. Couch, 910th Operations Support Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Gregory V. Bennett, 910th Operations Group
 Staff Sgt. Elizabeth L. Chandler, 910th Communications Flight
 Staff Sgt. Gerald J. Christy, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Eloy Salinas Jr., 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Scott J. Whitesell, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wolfgang, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
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 Senior Airman Claud F. Harris, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
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YARS ADMINISTERS H1N1 VACCINES

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As of March 2, the 910th Medical Squadron (MDS) had distributed approximately 940 H1N1 vaccines to 910th Reservists. In response to the spreading H1N1 pandemic, the Department of Defense has instructed that all uniformed personnel receive the vaccine as soon as possible.

According to their Web site, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends influenza vaccinations as “the first and most important step in protecting against the flu,” and H1N1 is to be treated with the same or elevated priority.

The CDC estimates between 41 million and 84 million cases of H1N1 in the U.S. occurred between April 2009 and Jan. 16, 2010. The estimated range is so broad because few people who contract the flu seek medical attention. Regardless,

H1N1 has impacted a very large percentage of the population, urging DoD to mandate the vaccinations.

The one-time shot is an inactivated vaccine meaning it contains a killed virus. The body makes antibodies against the dead virus delivered in the vaccine. These antibodies will then be able to fight off an active form of the virus, should it invade a person’s body.

According to the CDC, because the vaccines are inactive, a person cannot develop H1N1 by receiving the shot.

H1N1 is different from the typical seasonal flu and requires a separate vaccination.

According to the 910th MDS, approximately 57 percent of 910th uniformed personnel have received the vaccine, so those who have not yet received it should expect to do so soon.

For more information on H1N1, visit the CDC’s Web site at www.cdc.gov.



Capt. Brian Gallagher, a nurse with the 910th Medical Squadron administers an H1N1 vaccine Feb. 7, to Master Sgt. Lafayette Smith, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 910th Financial Management.

Photos by Senior Airman Brenda Haines

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Air Force Reserve members with questions should contact Ms. Young at 478-327-0971 or Ms. Mullins 478-327-2090.

For more information about the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp Program, visit their extensive Web site at: www.spacecamp.com.

Readiness chief recognized by 22AF

One Airman assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing received recognition from the 22nd Air Force for superior performance Dec. 6, 2009.

Chief Master Sgt. Louis Cox, the readiness chief with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, was named 2009 Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year.

YARS Easter Egg hunt scheduled

Easter is right around the corner, which means it's time for YARS Airmen's children to sharpen their hunting skills. The 910th Force Support Squadron's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Fitness Center basketball court. There will be prizes awarded. For more information call 330-609-1281.

Combat Arms recommends Airmen use caution at firing range

If YARS servicemembers see red outside the firing range, they should be aware. Entry to the firing range, located at Building 530 on Perimeter Road, is prohibited when the 18-foot red streamer is flying or the rotating red beacon is on because firing is in progress. If Airmen approach the facility when firing is in progress they must check in at the Combat Arms office prior to proceeding to the firing range. Hearing protection must be worn at all times when going to the firing line during live fire. Any question or concerns should be directed to Master Sgt. Thomas R. Chismark or Senior Master Sgt. Leslie D. Brode at 330-609-1287.

USAF Services hosts teen summit

Teen children of YARS servicemembers will have the opportunity to attend a leadership program this summer. The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits will be held in Dahlonga, Ga., Boulder, Colo., and Estes Park, Colo. The summits are open to all 14 to 18-year-old dependent teens of current AFR and ANG members. The application deadline is April 16.

For more information go to www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit or contact Stacey Young, stacey.young@us.af.mil, 478-327-0971, DSN 497-0971 or Brandi Mullins, brandi.mullins.ctr@us.af.mil, 478-327-2090, DSN 497-2090 for more information.

Wing announces civilian awards

Many of the superior accomplishments of the 910th Airlift Wing are due to the efforts of the civilians who work in the unit. Although there are various organizational awards for civilian employees, the Quarterly Award program provides employees with well deserved recognition.

Supervisors nominate deserving employees who have performed in an outstanding manner over the previous quarter. Each division may submit one nominee for each category. A committee of five representatives is formed that consists of a group commander, who serves as board president, a representative from each group and a representative from the wing staff. Nominees are scored based on duty performance, significant self improvement and community involvement.

The winners for the October to December quarter are:

Roberta Shields Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Theodore A. Pifer, Senior Civilian of the Quarter

The winners have their choice of eight hours time off or \$300 cash and are eligible for the Civilian of the Year award which will be announced in December during the Civilian Commander's Call.