

THE Airstream



***One of 910th's own joins
Tops In Blue as they bring
their 2010 World Tour to town!***

FROM THE TOP



Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer
910th Airlift Wing Commander



Commander welcomes new fiscal year

Hello and welcome to the October Unit Training Assembly and the start of the new fiscal year! I'm glad you're here!

Have you thought about your plan for FY11? What do you want to accomplish professionally and personally?

Set some goals, find a mentor and then develop your roadmap to get from here to there. Your groups are working together to develop the wing's annual training plan; if you have a suggestion, or have an input, get with your first sergeant or supervisor and be part of the solution.

More than 60 Airmen and two of our C-130s recently returned from their AFRICOM deployment where they did great things and represented

the 910th Airlift Wing in an outstanding fashion! Well done to all the deployers and all of those at home station that helped make this another successful deployment/redeployment.

We, the corporate Air Force, did a little better this year during the '101 Critical Days of Summer' than we did last year. One remarkable thing was that there were ZERO alcohol related fatalities.

Remember to use good operational risk management skills both on and off duty, the life you save may be your own.

A sincere 'thank you' to all for what you do to make the 910th a world-class organization. See you next month. L+10

Ops commander urges Airmen to receive flu shots early

Col. Craig C. Peters
910th Operations Group Commander

It is that time again, time to roll up your sleeves and get your flu shot! For the first time in several years, we have the Flu vaccine available prior to the start of the Flu season.

So why get a flu shot? First and foremost, this is for your health. According to a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) article, this year's flu vaccine protects against three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common this season: 2009 H1N1, H3N2 and influenza B.

Obtaining your flu shot is a member responsibility which is paramount to our mobility readiness. The flu vaccine ensures maximum protection of our health and ability to deploy at a moment's notice. In the end, our mobility readiness is what allows us to answer the call in defense of our national interests, be it at home or abroad.

I challenge everyone to assemble your wingman and join the Operations Group in attaining a goal of 100 percent compliance by the end of October.



Tech. Sgt. Kimelyn Hill, aeromedical technician with 910th Medical Squadron, administers an influenza vaccine to Col. Craig C. Peters, 910th Operations Group commander, Sept. 11. Unit supervisors will be notified during the October Unit Training Assembly with details pertaining to the time and location for the Reservists within their unit to receive the required vaccine. For more information, contact MDS at 330-609-1233.

SEPTEMBER UTA



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

Capt. Peter G. Chand, pilot with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, communicates with the pilots of a YARS C-130H at Andrew Paton Field in Kent, during the Kent Aviation Fest Sept. 11.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Family members of a Youngstown Air Reserve Station Airman sit inside of a 910th Civil Engineer Fire Department vehicle on the YARS flightline during the 2010 Family Day event Sept. 12.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

A YARS Reservist, 2nd Lt. Teng Yang of the 773rd Airlift Squadron, shops with his family at a book sale inside of a hangar on the YARS flightline during the 2010 Family Day event Sept. 12.

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On the cover...

Tops In Blue (TIB) vocalist, Senior Airman Devin Martin, sings during the finale of a Sept. 11 show at Packard Music Hall in Warren, Ohio. TIB visited the area because Tech. Sgt. Kevin McGovern, a services craftsman with the 910th Force Support Squadron is on a yearlong assignment with the group. Cover Inset: Sergeant McGovern (left) talks with Col. Teresa Hams, 910th MSG commander and Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer, 910th AW commander, after the TIB show. See the story and more photos on page 5. Photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

meet new MXG commander

Senior Airman Valerie Smock
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Dale C. Andrews assumed command of the 910th Maintenance Group (MXG) in Hangar 302 Aug. 7.

Colonel Andrews accepted command from Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer, 910th Airlift Wing commander, replacing Col. Jane Kitchen, the former 910th MXG commander, who retired May 2.

The assumption of command ceremony is deeply rooted in history and tradition, dating back to the time of Frederick the Great of Prussia. During this period, military organizations developed unique and specialized flags. When Soldiers followed their leaders into battle, and the flag still waved after the conflict, it was a sign of victory. Having this position of great importance, the flag was incorporated into ancient assumption

of command ceremonies. The ceremony remains symbolic today.

During the ceremony, Colonel Linsenmeyer emphasized that being a great leader is just one requirement to be an effective group commander.

Colonel Andrews has spent 12 years in the Air Force, which has helped him gain the experience needed to be a great leader, said Colonel Linsenmeyer.

“Colonel Andrews has a personal motto of: prepare for opportunity before it arrives. He has a command philosophy of: officers organize and equip and enlisted execute,” said Colonel Linsenmeyer.

With that philosophy in hand, Colonel Andrews said he is already proud of what the MXG has done already. He said he has high hopes to take the unit to the next level.

“Where I lead [MXG], I want [MXG] to



Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer presents the 910th Maintenance Group guidon to the new 910th MXG Commander Lt. Col. Dale C. Andrews during an assumption of command ceremony in Hangar 302 Aug. 7.

make a difference in people’s lives,” said Colonel Andrews.

This is not Colonel Andrew’s first time leading Airmen. Prior to his current position, he was assigned to the 513th Associate Unit of the 552nd Maintenance Group at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Colonel Andrews said he looks forward to his new endeavor and hopes to make the MXG better than what it already is.

“This unit has made a difference for many lives as well as for people around the world,” said Colonel Andrews.

MXG commander focused on mission

Senior Airman Valerie Smock
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Most Airmen understand the different aspects of military life. For example, they must take a Fit to Fight test twice a year, complete computer based training and prepare to deploy at some point during their military career. Many Air Force members are also aware they may have to change locations frequently while serving their country. One Youngstown Air Reserve Station officer said he welcomes this opportunity.

“The best part about the job is watching the sun come up at different locations around the world — to see God’s creation,” said Lt. Col. Dale C. Andrews, 910th Maintenance Group (MXG) commander.

Colonel Andrews has spent 12 years in the Air Force and more than 20 years working in civil service. During that time he served at numerous bases around the world, including Afghanistan.

Since arriving at YARS, many of his subordinates have assessed his work ethic and leadership styles.

Colonel Andrews has a work smarter, not harder mentality, said Capt. Russell Whitlock, 910th MXG executive officer.

“He definitely leads by example, never

expecting more of his Airmen than he expects of himself,” he said. “He remains calm in a crisis, but does not hesitate in making timely decisions to accomplish the mission.”

By accomplishing the mission first, Colonel Andrews is driven to ensure Airmen are fully equipped and trained for the task at hand, said Captain Whitlock.

Colonel Andrews said the Airmen at MXG have already been hitting Air Force standards, so there isn’t much improvement needed, however he is focused on seeing the group grow.

“I want to take the unit to the next level incrementally with rapid improvement initiatives,” said Colonel Andrews.

To accomplish this, Captain Whitlock said Colonel Andrews has a way of analyzing any situation and summarizing it using humor.

No matter the method, one MXG Airman said Colonel Andrews is “taking the bull by the horns.”

“He knows how to run the Maintenance Group and he will ensure it runs effectively and efficiently,” said Master Sgt. Raymond Kuneli.

Colonel Andrews said he will help the 910th MXG remain focused on their mission.

“The escalator of life is moving,” he said. “You have to be ready to take on challenges.”



New 910th Maintenance Group Commander Lt. Col. Dale C. Andrews speaks to the attendees of his assumption of command ceremony Aug. 7. Colonel Andrews, formerly commander of 552nd Maintenance Group at Tinker Air Force Base, replaced Colonel Kitchen, who retired May 2.



Tops in Blue

perform for Youngstown

Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Tops In Blue, the U.S. Air Force's premiere entertainment showcase, performed a free show for approximately 1,000 people at Packard Music Hall in Warren, Ohio, Sept. 11.

The group's vocalists and band, comprised entirely of U.S. Air Force members, performed song and dance numbers spanning six decades of popular music. The choices ranged from Bobby Darin's "Beyond the

Sea" to a medley of Lady Gaga songs including "Paparazzi" and "Telephone." The group also performed pop classics from Stevie Wonder, the Doobie Brothers, Michael Jackson, the Supremes and more. The group also covered "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," most recently made famous by Andre Bocelli and Mary J. Blige, as well as Michael Buble's "Haven't Met You Yet."

The group wrapped up the show with a string of patriotic songs that brought the audience to their feet.

The singers were backed by a band of musicians that boasted a guitarist, bassist, two keyboard players, a drummer/percussionist and a horn section that adapted their style easily from early rock 'n' roll to the hits of today and even a few originals thrown in between.

Tops In Blue, made up of 31 performers and six support staff personnel from all across the Air Force, visited the Mahoning Valley as part of their 2010 World Tour, "We Believe."

Their show was made possible because Tech. Sgt. Kevin McGovern, the Readiness Training officer for the 910th Force Support Squadron applied for and was accepted for a yearlong stint touring with the group. (See sidebar below).

During the show, Sergeant

McGovern's family was treated to front row seats and the opportunity to see him at work as part of a group that performs for Airmen and their families all over the world.

"It's good that he can go out there and entertain those who need the morale boost in the desert and elsewhere," said his wife, Staff Sgt. Michele McGovern.

"He's really proud of all this," said Bob McGovern, his father.

Sergeant McGovern and the rest of the group's pride and dedication show while they are on stage.

As 910th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer noted, "My wife and I have been to Vegas many times and Tops In Blue is as good as any show out there."



Tops In Blue, the U.S. Air Force's premiere entertainment showcase wraps up their show at Packard Music Hall in Warren, Ohio with a medley of patriotic songs, Sept. 11. The group is made up of active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.



Senior Airman Hansil Jules from Tops In Blue, sings "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," at Packard Music Hall, Sept. 11.

YARS readiness training NCO tours with Tops in Blue

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**Six months ago, The Airstream included a story about Youngstown Air Reserve Station Citizen Airman Tech. Sgt. Kevin K. McGovern. Sergeant McGovern volunteered for a yearlong temporary duty assignment with the Air Force musical performing group Tops in Blue.*

An old adage says "There's no business like show business." For Tech. Sgt. Kevin K. McGovern, it's more like "The show must go on." As the noncommissioned officer in charge of transportation for Tops in Blue, it's Sergeant McGovern's job to ensure the wheels on the trucks keep turning so the show does go on.

Halfway through his yearlong tour with the entertainment group, Sergeant McGovern said he reflected on the day he filled out his Tops in Blue application.

"I really had no idea what I was getting myself into," he said. "The interview was actually a 10-day tryout, sometimes 20 hours a day."

Like most auditions for a special unit, this intense process helps ensure members are chosen that possess certain abilities,

one being the ability to cope with the rigors of life on the road and a hectic schedule.

Touring with the Tops in Blue causes Sergeant McGovern to be away from his spouse, Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Michele McGovern, but he said he finds the glass half full.

"She's also currently in school on active duty learning to be a surgical technician," he said.

Sergeant McGovern said for him, being apart has not been an obstacle for them.

"We just know how to take care of each other," said Sergeant McGovern.

To soften the blow of being geographically separated from their loved ones, members of Tops in Blue can look forward to some exciting scheduled venues while on tour, including Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, this month, locations across Europe in October and a stop in Greenland in November.

As it turns out, however, for this Youngstown-area native, there's no place like home.

"[Performing in Youngstown] is the big one — the highlight of my tour," said Sergeant McGovern. "Youngstown really takes care of us."



Got complaints? Need assistance? Call 910th IG

Col. Cynthia Wong
910th Airlift Wing Inspector General

All of us have complaints somewhere along the lines in our career — a boss we didn't like, a policy that seems really unfair, and a decision that was made about our career that just seems like mistreatment. At what point does something we don't like going on in our military career become a legitimate complaint that actually gets investigated?

Not every complaint gets investigated by Inspector Generals. More often than not, we end up assisting individuals into other complaint resolution channels.

For example, if you get an Enlisted Performance Report or Officer Performance Report that you believe to be unjust or incorrect, the military board of corrections is the place to have your situation heard.

If your mistreatment was based on your gender, race or religion; our Equal Opportunity office is ready to help. They will even provide you with mediation assistance with your boss to help resolve conflict. And although you may not like it, your commander is given a tremendous amount of authority over promotions, disciplinary action and your participation in the unit. The Air Force Instructions give them this authority. Unless your commander has violated a promotion or participation AFI, chances are, you will have to accept the decision that was made no matter how unfair it may seem.

There are three complaints that IGs are required by law to investigate:

restriction, reprisal and improper mental health evaluation.

Restriction: You are not required to go through the chain of command before you go to the IG, your congressman or wing commander with a complaint. You can report anything to our office without fear of reprisal. So if you have heard that everyone must go through the commander before going to the IG, that is wrong and should be reported.

Reprisal: Your commander or leadership cannot punish you with an unfavorable personnel action (bad OPR/EPR, not getting a deserved award, a deployment, etc.) for making a visit, placing a call or writing a letter to the IG or your Congressman, or anyone else within or outside the chain of command.

Improper mental health evaluation: If you have been improperly referred for a mental health evaluation, basically not given due process or forced to undergo a mental health evaluation for filing a complaint, this should be reported and investigated.

IGs are available to provide assistance and help you find the correct channel to have your complaint addressed. We can make a phone call to help get you an appointment or provide information so that you can make an informed decision. We are prohibited from advocating on your behalf and can't take your side in a dispute against your boss. Our primary job is to gather facts and help you help yourself.

You are welcome to contact any one of the three of us here at the 910th: Col. Cynthia Wong, Lt. Col. Perry Sorg and Master Sgt. Pamela Fitzgerald at 330-609-1090.

YARS Game Day at YSU scheduled

Youngstown Air Reserve Station Airmen, civilian employees and their families and friends can enjoy an afternoon of college football Oct. 9 as the Youngstown State University Penguins take on North Dakota State University at YSU stadium.

A picnic lunch consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, water and cake will be served at the YARS tent in the

lower tailgate lot on the corner of Lincoln and Fifth Avenues from 1 to 3 p.m. The game kick-off is at 4 p.m.

Youngstown-area band, Guys Without Ties, will be performing from 1 to 4 p.m. in the tailgate lot near the YARS tent.

YARS Game Day tickets can be purchased at the 910th FSS orderly room (room 118 in Building 128) for \$2 each. For more information, contact PA at 330-609-1236.

Airmen can submit claim for retroactive stop loss special pay

Airmen, veterans and beneficiaries who were involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay.

The deadline to file a claim for RSLSP is Oct. 21, 2010. Go to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss> for links to the claim forms and instructions on how to file.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Oct. 2-3	March 5-6	Aug. 6-7
Nov. 6-7	April 2-3	Sept. 10-11
Dec. 4-5	May 14-15	Oct. 1-2
Jan. 8-9	June 4-5	Nov. 5-6
Feb. 5-6	July 9-10	Dec. 3-4

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So you want to be an ART?

Kelly Kinsey, GS-11
Dobbins Air Reserve Base Human Resources

When you ask anyone about getting an Air Reserve Technician job, the first thing you hear is "You have to get a rating." Well, "getting a rating" has changed.

The process of putting together an "ART package" consisting of a paper application and resume and then mailing or faxing it to the "ART Board" (really called the Special Examining Unit) is no longer the way. As with the rest of the federal government, you'll now be applying through the USAJOBS Web site and you'll be applying when you see the specific announcement for the position you are interested in.

ART announcements will be posted on the Air Force Reserve Command Web site (<http://www.afrc.af.mil/library/jobs>) and USAJOBS (<http://www.USAJOBS.gov>). Both sites will eventually send you back to the USAJOBS site to complete the resume and application process online. The Internet is going to soon become the only way to apply for ART positions.

Read the vacancy announcements very carefully and apply exactly as it says before the closing date because the SEU will no longer be able to notify you if there is a problem with your application. If your application and resume isn't correct, you will not be considered and you'll have to wait for another announcement in the future.

For more information on these updates, contact the 910th Civilian Personnel Office: Nancy McCarthy, 330-609-1286 or Keisha Adler, 330-609-1343.

NEWCOMERS

Capt. David A. Smitely, 773rd Airlift Squadron
2nd Lt. Matthew D. McKay, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Gregory T. Striejewski, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jamie R. Steele, 910th Medical Squadron
Senior Airman Brian M. Cowx, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Roy U. Pierce, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Andrew J. Sites, 910th Communications Flight
Senior Airman Johnathan E. Tascoe, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman 1st Class Mary E. Grubbs, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Airman 1st Class Robert F. Harris II, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Keri A. Kazimer, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Richard T. Lape, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Trevor C. Russell, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Steven A. Seidel, 910th Logistic Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class John M. Wahler, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Brian L. Clinkscale, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Christopher D. Moore, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Kristofer E. Schulte, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Airman Michael G. Simon, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman Basic Thomas R. Berkley, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman Basic Rachel M. Bohannon, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman Basic Marquee L. Jones, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman Basic Katherine A. Modic, 910th Security Forces Squadron

PROMOTIONS

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Moses, 910th Civil Engineer Sq.
Master Sgt. Lori C. Delillo, 910th Airlift Wing
Master Sgt. Kenneth R. MacMillan, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Jodi L. Gillespie, 910th Medical Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Bertie L. Jones II, 910th Airlift Wing
Tech. Sgt. Adaora Nwokoye, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight
Tech. Sgt. Brent G. Thomas, 910th Airlift Wing
Staff. Sgt. Brandon L. Hofmeister, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Staff. Sgt. Mem D. Sanders, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff. Sgt. Rayshaun L. Whitsett, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Tyechia L. McBride, 910th Force Support Squadron
Senior Airman Peter J. Maurer, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Senior Airman Trevor C. Russell, 910th Operational Support Squadron
Senior Airman John M. Wahler, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Thursday L. Wilson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Aaron M. Ady, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman 1st Class Max J. Hartings, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Corey J. Hiscox, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
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Airman 1st Class Kayla N. Schlund, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Katelyn M. Smith, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman 1st Class Jerry A. Winkler, 910th Maintenance Squadron
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Airman Shelby S. Brooke, 910th Medical Squadron
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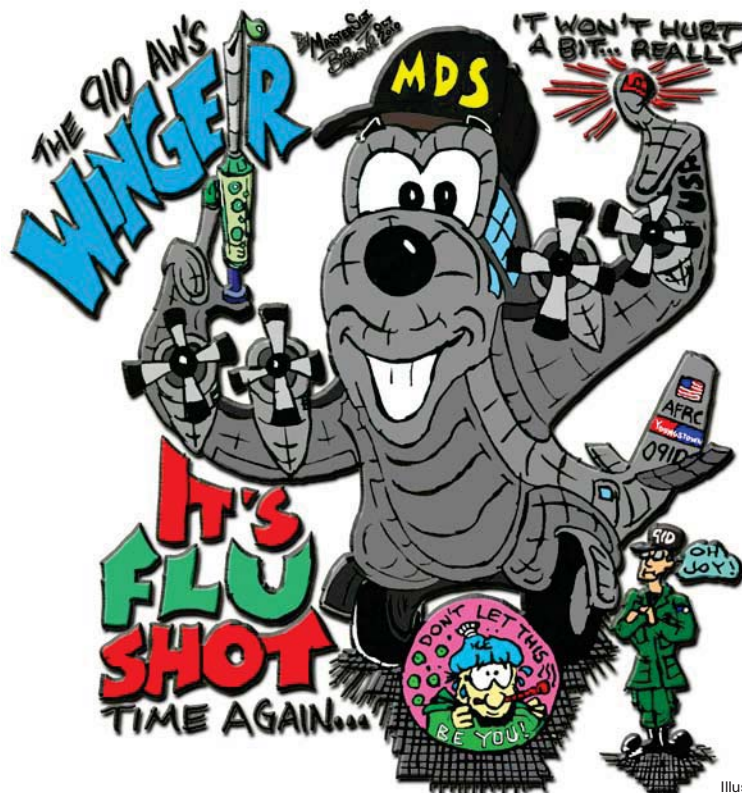


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Remembering 9/11

910th AW Servicemembers gather at headquarters to commemorate ninth anniversary of Patriot Day



Base Honor Guard members Capt. Scott Allen and Tech. Sgt. Kenneth L. Holmes raise the flag during the 9/11 ceremony.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock



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Base Honor Guard members Capt. Scott Allen, Tech. Sgt. Kenneth L. Holmes and Tech. Sgt. Michelle A. Mariacher participate in the flag-raising ceremony in front of Headquarters Sept. 11.

Youngstown Air Reserve Station Servicemembers assemble at headquarters Sept. 11, 2010, to commemorate the ninth anniversary of 9/11, now known as Patriot Day. Airmen and Sailors saluted the flag during a ceremony.