

THE Airstream



***The 910th celebrates the
55th Anniversary of the C-130 with
an in-depth look at the "Hercules" and its crew***

FROM THE TOP



Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer
910th Airlift Wing Commander



Commander reflects on 2010, greets 2011

Hello and welcome to the December Unit Training Assembly, happy holidays to everyone! As we say goodbye to 2010 and hello to 2011, take some time to reflect back on what you have accomplished in the past year and think about what you'd like or plan to accomplish in the year ahead. It has been another banner year for the 910th, with safe and successful deployments and a safe and successful flying program. Thanks to all who deployed, flew safely and showcased the 910th's talents!

We have been working hard on the Wing's Annual Training (AT) Plan, so if you have any ideas on how we can be more efficient in our goal of "Ready, Trained Airmen," get with your supervisor and be part of the solution! Our goal is to develop a plan that maximizes training and minimizes unproductive time and duplicative efforts. One of the

main efforts for the 2011 AT Plan, will be to get ready for our Operational Readiness Inspection, which is on the schedule for early 2013. December is the final

'We live in a great country and have an abundance of blessings.'

—Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer
910th Airlift Wing Commander

UTA for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you don't know who your squadron representative is, contact Capt. Prokop at 330-609-1243 and she'll

be glad to assist. Our CFC goal this year is \$22,000 with 100% contact of all 910th members.

Remember as you are out and about on your sleds or skis, use good Operational Risk Management skills and be safe! Also, for some people, the holidays are a time of added stress and anxiety. If you know a fellow Airman who is at risk or may need some assistance, remember the Ask-Care-Escort (ACE) program. When in doubt, contact your supervisor, your commander or the Command Post at 330-609-1315 and let's get an Airman at risk the help that they need. We live in a great country and have an abundance of blessings, let's capitalize on those talents and blessings and make 2011 a great year for you, your families and the wing!

Thanks again for all that you do to make the 910th a world-class organization. L+10

YARS Chaplain shares spiritual holiday message with Airmen

Capt. Scott M. Campbell
910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

Time sure does go by quickly, especially during Unit Training Assembly weekends. What has happened to this past year? Where did it go? Is it just me, or does everyone else seem to believe that time slips through your hands? It is hard to fathom that we are already facing the holiday season where some will celebrate Christmas, others Hanukkah and many other faith beliefs will celebrate an important holiday as well.

I would like for you to take a moment to think about this past year. Has it been a successful one, maybe it was one filled with questions, or heartache? Entering into a holiday season gives us the opportunity to reflect on many things, not just personal but spiritual as well. For some, you may have lost a loved one, or your job has not turned out as you had planned. For others, it may have been a very successful year at your job and everything within your life has been working like a finely-tuned automobile.

As you reflect on your past year and your personal journey, I would like for you to take a moment and think about your spiritual journey. How has that been working out for you? Does it feel as though it has been in a rut? Possibly you feel as though it has been the best time of your spiritual life you have ever experienced. For some, you may have no spiritual background in your life. I

know how it feels to experience all three.

During this holiday season, I would encourage you to reflect on several things working on both the personal and the spiritual. First, start with yourself. There is no better place to start than within. Do a self-check. You are the only one who really knows how you are doing, so be honest with yourself. Second take a look at your family. Are there places that you need to make amends with someone? Do you see yourself as blessed with a wonderful family? How do you show them your love? Finally how is your spiritual journey or lack of one? Don't you wonder why we have Christmas and Hanukkah and other celebrations of faith?

For me as a Protestant Chaplain, my celebration is in the birth of Jesus and that is why I get excited for Christmas. I often use the Christmas season as a time to reflect on my personal and faith journey and how I may have affected lives this past year. I can become discouraged but I am reminded that I have been chosen for a purpose and that God has a plan for me. In *Jeremiah 29:11* it says, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Those are encouraging words for me and I pray that you can find encouragement in those words also!

As we near the end of 2010 and start to look forward to 2011, be thankful for all the blessings that surround you and make plans for the future. We may not know what the future holds, but the Lord desires for us to prosper!

Airman at Work

Crew Chief

Senior Airman Brittney Johnson

“The best part of being a Reservist is that it helps break up the monotony of everyday life. I get to go on temporary duty and have exciting experiences versus doing the same thing every day.”

Unit:

910th Maintenance Squadron
Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio

Hometown:

Euclid, Ohio

Air Force Specialty Code:

2A531B Aerospace Maintenance

Senior Airman Brittney Johnson, crew chief with the 910th Maintenance Squadron, stands on the flightline at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Nov. 6. Airman Johnson joined the Air Force Reserve in June 2009.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Brenda Haines

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On the cover...

This issue's cover highlights the C-130H2 Hercules tactical cargo transport aircraft and its aircrews as this "workhorse" celebrates 55 years in the Air Force inventory. See pages 6 and 7 for a story and photos that revisit this aircraft and the 910th Airlift Wing Citizen Airmen that keep it flying. Also, check out the C-130 aircraft specifications included on page 7. Cover credits: Left cover inset photo by Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum. Right cover inset photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock. Cover design and background photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

YARS officially activates 910th FSS

After two
years as test
squadron,
support unit
becomes
permanent



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock

Master Sgt. Eric Rine, first sergeant of the 910th Force Support Squadron, holds the guidon as Lt. Col. Stephanie Welhouse, 910th FSS commander, and Maj. Tom Latsko, 910th FSS operations officer, affix the unit's flag during the FSS activation ceremony Nov. 6 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. During the ceremony, the 910th Services Squadron was inactivated.

910th FSS receives top honor at 2010 AFRC Readiness Challenge

Senior Airman Valerie Smock
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A team from the 910th Force Support Squadron (FSS) Readiness Flight won first place in the 2010 Air Force Reserve Command Readiness Competition at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Nov. 1-4.

The FSS team, comprised of 10 Airmen, competed against Airmen from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Duke Field, Fla., Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, and a team from Dobbins ARB. This is the second year for the event however, this is the 910th AW's first time competing.

"The Air Force Reserve Command put together a command-wide Readiness Challenge to check unit readiness," said Maj. Tom Latsko, the FSS operations officer.

Airmen were tested in 10 events, including meal preparation, mortuary search and recovery and physical fitness.

Tech. Sgt. Cathleen Young, assigned to FSS as the lodging noncommissioned officer in charge, said the team from the 910th excelled in a number of categories.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Amber Leone

Maj. Tom Latsko, 910th Force Support Squadron operations officer, and Tech. Sgt. Cathleen Young, lodging noncommissioned officer in charge, review paperwork during the 2010 Air Force Reserve Command Readiness Competition at Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga., Nov. 2. The 910th team was awarded first place in the competition.

'Anytime you can assemble a team of qualified people with desire and a determination to win, it's a great feeling.'

— Maj. Tom Latsko

"Meal prep and mortuary search and recovery really set us apart," said Sergeant Young. "One of the evaluators said if everyone knew search and recovery as well as we did, it would make his job a

whole lot easier."

To prepare for the challenge, the team trained for eight days in October.

"We had help from a lot of different people, including Aerial Port Squadron, Readiness, Operations and Security Forces," said Major Latsko. "They set up a good, thorough training schedule to become proficient in all those training areas."

Each unit competing against the 910th participated in this readiness challenge previously

and although the 910th was a new team, Sergeant Young said they worked well together.

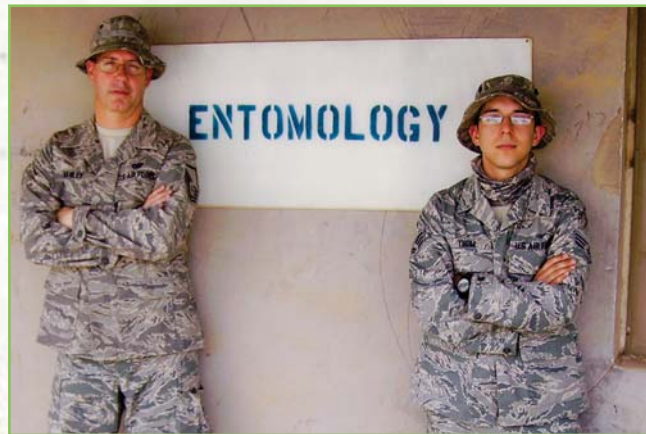
"It was definitely a close group with the same sense of humor," said Sergeant Young. "We were getting our work done, but had a good time doing it."

Because of their teamwork and morale, this group of professionals brought home top honors.

"Anytime you can assemble a team of qualified people with desire and a determination to win, it's a great feeling," said Major Latsko.

Scorpions, snakes, insects ...oh my!

Courtesy photos



Master Sgt. Bill Manley and Senior Airman Joshua Thom, Reservists with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, stand outside of the 506 Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron Entomology (ECESE) shop at Kirkuk Regional Air Base (KRAB), Iraq. Some of their responsibilities while deployed at the KRAB include removal of venomous snakes and insects, trapping of live animals, herbiciding of the flightline, fogging for mosquitoes and educating others on proper integrated pest management.



Senior Airman Thom picks up a venomous snake using a precision tool at the ECESE shop at the KRAB.



A black fat tail scorpion sits in a collection dish after being removed from a work area at the KRAB. This scorpion is a member of the genus *Androctonus*, which is one of the most dangerous groups of scorpions species in the world.



Master Sgt. Manley fills a backpack sprayer with herbicide on the flightline at the KRAB.

Background photo shows a yellow fat tail scorpion. Its venom is strong enough to kill an adult man within two hours.

C-130 Hercules

Re-visiting 910AW's primary mission

Story by Maj. Colleen VanNatta, 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr., 910th AW Public Affairs

“The mission boils down to the metal on the runway,” states an old Air Force adage.

Like every Air Force aircraft, mission and organization, the C-130 is no exception — there is more than meets the eye. The C-130 aircrew consists of a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, flight engineer, loadmaster and crew chiefs — a well-trained, professional, finely-tuned team that puts the metal in the air and keeps it there.

“The C-130, shouldering the bulk of intra-theater personnel and cargo movement, humanitarian and military airdrop, medevac and, for YARS, aerial spray, is a versatile workhorse and a lynchpin in the peacetime and wartime mission,” said Col. Craig Peters, 910th Operations Group commander.



773rd Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, Capt. Justin Fadem's job is to review mission tasking, intelligence and weather information, supervise mission planning and preparation, file a flight plan and conduct crew briefings. The aircraft commander also ensures the aircraft is inspected, loaded, equipped and manned prior to each mission.

Captain Fadem is trained to operate aircraft controls and equipment, direct navigation and oversee cargo and passenger delivery. Aircraft commanders also maintain mandatory job knowledge in the theory of flight, air navigation, meteorology, flying directives, aircraft operating procedures and mission tactics.

“As an aircraft commander I am responsible for the safety of the aircraft, what it does and all of the people inside of it,” he said.

The privilege of commanding an Air Force aircraft is both gratifying and hard-earned, according to Captain Fadem.

“On top of normal requirements for a pilot and member of the wing, there are approximately 158 flying currencies that I need to complete every six months,” he said.



The most important duty of a co-pilot is to assist the aircraft commander, according to Capt.

Travis Adams, pilot with the 757th Airlift Squadron.

“Co-pilots communicate on various aircraft radios, back the pilot up to ensure they are flying [according to the pre-flight mission briefing] and within,” he said. “Co-pilots back up the navigator during the tactical phases of flight to ensure timely and accurate delivery of equipment and personnel. We are responsible for running some of the checklists.

Captain Adams said a co-pilot's biggest responsibility is to gain the knowledge and experience needed to upgrade to pilot and become a mission commander.



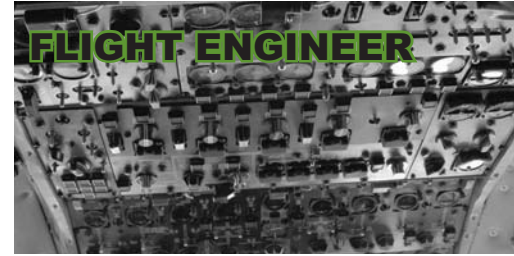
Duties of all aircrew members overlap in many areas. The navigator plans for the mission and reviews mission tasking, intelligence and weather information, according to 1st Lt. Lisa Vigorito, a navigator with the 773rd Airlift Squadron.

Lieutenant Vigorito said the navigator prepares and files flight plans and participates in crew briefings.

“The most challenging thing I do is air-dropping troops,” she said. “Two of my brothers, my father, stepfather and other family members have served in the military, so I tend to think of them when dropping troops out of the plane. I take the troops' safety very seriously.”

As navigator, Lieutenant Vigorito said she embraces the broad-ranging requirements of her career field.

“I look forward to every day being different in my job,” she said. “One day I may be flying a local tactical mission, the next I'm dropping troops or equipment, all in different states and locations, it's never the same job twice.”



Much of the navigator's data is shared with the aircraft's flight engineer who also executes a host of calculations before take-off.

Master Sgt. Chris Rilling, flight engineer with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, completes take off and landing data calculations.

“During the flight, I monitor all the systems on the aircraft, such as the engines, electrical systems, hydraulics, and radios, paying attention to what the pilots are doing to make sure we are following the mission profiles and running the applicable checklists,” he said.

Because military aircraft crews are always training for wartime, Sergeant Rilling must also plan and prepare for a combat scenario.

“I study hostile environment repair procedures and C-130 tactical doctrine, as well,” he said. “As an engineer you have to become good at multitasking.”



Loadmasters are required to be mathematicians. They calculate load distribution and balance aircraft and fuel tank weight with the aerodynamic loads of the wings, according to Master Sgt. Dan Marhulik, loadmaster assigned to the 773rd Airlift Wing.

“Prior to flight, it's our job to ensure that the weight of the cargo and passengers is distributed evenly, and that the center of gravity limits for the C-130 are not exceeded,” said Senior Airman Zachary Eberle, 773rd Airlift Wing loadmaster. “During airdrop missions, we are responsible for making sure that the loads exit the aircraft safely. This requires us to maintain communication with



A view of a 910th Airlift Wing's C-130 flight deck during a recent aircrew training mission.



C-130's assigned to 910th AW are prepared for a six aircraft flight formation during the October Unit Training Assembly.

Below right: Master Sgt. Terry Batdorf, 910th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs post-flight maintenance operations following a recent aircrew training mission.

the entire crew and work hands-on with the airdrop systems in the back of the aircraft.”

Almost all the weight calculations for both take off and landing is done on the ground, said Airman Eberle. “We do very little calculations in the air, except during airdrop missions; we spend a lot of time working hands-on with the cargo and aircraft systems.”



CREW CHIEF

Crew chiefs arrive at the aircraft approximately four hours before take-off to inspect the aircraft for flight, service it with fuel, change tires if required, service various systems, check all instruments and lighting systems and complete necessary paperwork, According to Master Sgt. Terry Batdorf, 910th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) crew chief.

“We are responsible for general maintenance and inspections and are the ones who ensure an aircraft is safe and reliable,” said Staff Sgt. Justin Johnson, 910th MXS crew chief.

Crew chiefs work in teams of two, but are interchangeable within the maintenance squadron.

“We are all trained so consistently Air Force wide, we know what to expect from one another,” Sergeant Batdorf said. “This is a huge benefit in a combat scenario when we’re thrown in with crew chiefs from

other units — we just know everyone’s going to hit the mark every time.”

AIRCREW TEAMWORK

Training, precision, and consistency are embraced throughout the entire aircrew team. A tangible measurement for success in any flying unit is to achieve accident and incident-free flying hours.

“The fact that Youngstown Air Reserve Station has achieved 28 accident-free years, consisting of over 136,000 safe flying hours, is directly attributed to the highly skilled professionals flying, maintaining and supporting our mission,” said Col. Peters. “Their pride, dedication and abilities are second to none. I’m truly proud to serve as their commander.”

C-130 Facts

Information from an Air Force C-130 Fact Sheet

Primary Function: Global airlift

Contractor: Lockheed Martin

Power Plants: Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops; 4,591 prop shaft horsepower

Length: 97 feet, 9 inches

Height: 38 feet, 10 inches

Wingspan: 132 feet, 7 inches

Cargo Compartment: length, 40 feet; width, 119 inches; height, 9 feet

Rear Ramp: length, 123 inches; width, 119 inches

Speed: 366 mph (Mach 0.52) at 20,000 feet

Ceiling: 23,000 feet with 42,000 pounds payload

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 155,000 pounds

Maximum Allowable Payload: 42,000 pounds

Maximum Normal Payload: 36,500 pounds

Range at Maximum Normal Payload: 1,208 miles (1,050 nautical miles)

Range with 35,000 pounds of Payload: 1,496 miles (1,300 nautical miles)

Maximum Load: 6 pallets or 74 litters or 16 CDS bundles or 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

Crew: Five: two pilots, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster; crew may be increased based on amount of cargo or type of mission.

Aeromedical Evacuation Role: Minimum medical crew of three is added; one flight nurse and two medical technicians. Medical crew may be increased to two flight nurses and four medical technicians as required by the needs of the patients.



AFRC/CC sends holiday greetings

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

As we celebrate this holiday season and prepare for the challenges of 2011, I want to thank you for serving our nation as Citizen Airmen.

You have stepped up to meet every tasking given to you. You airlifted much needed aid to disaster victims, deployed to Afghanistan, helped usher in a new era in Iraq or supported other contingency operations overseas. Some of you didn't leave home

this year but your service made it possible for us to support our nation's Total Force missions throughout the world.

Thank you for all you do. We know and appreciate the sacrifices your families and employers make to allow you to serve. Much has been asked of you and much will be asked of you in the future as we move forward as a fully operational command.

Dee and I wish all of you the happiest of holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as we welcome a joyous New Year.

YARS Barber Shop announces new hours

Barber Joe Manes is located in Building 112, room 116. New hours of operation are:

Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

"A" UTA Weekends:

Friday 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

First come, first serve or call 330-609-4112 to schedule an appointment.

Mailroom: Official business only

In accordance with the DOD Official Mail Manual 4525.8 AFMAN 33-306, the Postal Facility at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station and their tenants must not use their official activity address to receive personal mail from unofficial sources.

Personal mail is not authorized for receipt or delivery through the base postal operation, the base postal operation is for official business only. It is not a postal service center, which is associated with active-duty installations that handles both official and personal mail.

Having personal mail come to the base contributes to delays in processing official mail and correspondence. No personal mail, for the states or overseas, including care packages, are authorized to be shipped through the on-base postal facility. These items must be taken to the Vienna Post Office and the proper forms filled out and paid with personal funds. If you are to be stationed here for a month or more then you should pick up and have mail delivered to one of the nearby U.S. Postal Service offices.

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Federal Trade Commission: Protect yourself from identity theft

The Federal Trade Commission is the nation's consumer protection agency. The FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection works for the consumer to prevent fraud, deception and unfair business practices in the marketplace. The Bureau enhances consumer confidence by enforcing federal laws that protect consumers and empower them with free information to help them exercise their rights, spot and avoid fraud and deception.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), millions of U.S. adults become victims of identity theft each year. Servicemembers and their families may be particularly vulnerable for reasons including frequent moves and deployments.

How identity theft happens:

- stealing wallets containing identification, credit cards or bank cards
- stealing mail that contains personal information
- getting personal information from checks or credit cards used
- completing a change-of-address form to divert personal mail to another address
- fraudulently obtaining your credit report by posing as a landlord, an employer, or someone else who has a legitimate need for the information
- using personal information found or accessed on the Internet
- stealing files containing personal information from places of business
- rummaging through trash looking for bills or other documents

Protecting your personal information:

- place an "active duty alert" on your credit report
- consult your legal office before granting power of attorney
- never leave a purse or wallet in a car or public place
- treat your military ID as if it were your wallet or purse
- don't carry more credit cards than you absolutely need
- don't open credit accounts that you don't need
- keep a credit card and bank account information in a secure place
- don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate with you
- don't have personal information printed on checks
- take your Social Security number off your license
- guard your mail from theft
- be careful about giving personal information over the phone
- make sure that your virus protection software is up to date
- be sure that you have a firewall on your home computer
- be wary of e-mail scams
- set strong passwords for accounts
- reduce the amount of personal data available
- opt-out of pre-approved credit offers
- be cautious when using ATMs and phone cards
- properly dispose of or shred account and personal information



For more information:
<http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>

Enlisted perspective: Even one suicide is too many

Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

An alarming trend is happening in our Air Force, and we need your help. We've had a drastic increase this year in the number of suicides among our total force Airmen – active duty, guard, reserve and civilians. Last year we lost 84 Airmen by suicides; this year, we've nearly reached that number. Even one suicide is too many!

We all take Suicide Awareness training, but that's just the first step – we must take immediate action and get involved. We need to look out for each other and understand that we're not alone. Be ready and willing to assist your Wingman and ask for help when you need it. We must take the time to care about those around us. That's what good Wingmen do, and that's what our Air Force needs.

Supervisors at every level must act now. Get

to know your Airmen better and understand their personal and professional challenges. This is not a time to sit idle and think this won't happen in your unit. No one is immune. Suicides range the spectrum of ages, locations, MAJCOMs and career fields. The two most common factors we've seen are problems with relationships and finances.

We need to be good Wingmen for others and also need to develop and maintain trusted relationships and friendships where we can talk openly and honestly about things happening in our own lives. We need to feel comfortable exchanging ideas, views and experiences with those who are closest to us.

There is always someone available for you.

So many people care about you – more than you may think; family, friends, co-workers, supervisors, first sergeants, commanders, chaplains, medical professionals and senior leaders are ready and

willing to listen and help. Just give them a chance. Don't ever think you are alone or that no one will understand. We will understand, and we will help you. It doesn't matter whether you write, call or e-mail, please reach out. We are an Air Force family and you mean a lot to all of us. If you feel you are at the end of your road, you are not – talk with someone. We care about you and will ensure you receive the help you need.

You should never be afraid of seeking help for fear of reprisal. Our lives should be the priority. The Air Force also has many resources to help. Military and family life consultants, chaplains and medical professionals are all available. Also, Military One Source counselors are always available by calling 800-342-9647 or visiting their website by copying militaryonesource.com into your web browser. With everyone's help, we can and must step up and reverse this devastating trend.

OPSEC guidelines for holiday season

During the holiday season, it's easy to forget about common sense security practices. Here are some reminders that will help keep the holiday safe and enjoyable:

While shopping, it's important to safeguard credit card and atm numbers. Make sure large amounts of cash carried is distributed in more than one place in the case of being pick-pocketed. Put expensive gifts in the car where they can be kept out of sight.

At home, breaking down boxes and putting trash into bags can prevent a big target for burglars. Be aware of those being let into the home. Also, write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles. When socializing, don't talk "shop" with those who don't need to know the information.

When traveling, refrain from using military duffel bags or bags with government logos and use concealed luggage tags. Don't use rank or title to reserve airline tickets or hotel rooms. Keep a low profile in dress and demeanor (i.e. Don't wear the uniform for special treatment.)

While away from home, be cautious about giving out information regarding family travel plans. Leave the home with a lived in look by using timers for lights, TVs or radios. Also, have a neighbor collect mail, newspapers and holiday deliveries.

YARS CFC drive campaign kicks off

The 2010 Combined Federal Campaign drive will run through the end of the calendar year. It is available for everyone on base, although, donations drawn directly from pay are only available to civilians. Reservists have the option of giving cash or check. This is, as always, completely voluntary.

The base goal this year is \$20,393.00. There are more than 2,700 organizations that Airmen can choose from.

Some of the organizations and charities include: cancer eradication, almost 90 military and Veterans programs, "Honor Flight", "Take me Fishing", Lance Armstrong's "Live Strong", the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Ducks Unlimited, Embry-Riddle, National Rifle Association, USA cycling, hockey or football, NASCAR Foundation and the Gluten Intolerance Group of North America, etc.

Airmen interested in finding and/or donating to a organization or charity, there are several points of contact:

- 910th Airlift Wing - Capt. Wendy Prokop**
- 910th Operations Group - Mr. Tim McKenna**
- 910th Maintenance Squadron - Capt. Russ Whitlock**
- 910th Mission Support Group - Master Sgt. Kathy Cox**
- 910th Medical Squadron - Master Sgt. Scott Smith**



Toys for Tots 2010 drive underway

The annual Toys For Tots Drive is under way at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. The collection boxes will be in base work areas through Dec. 10. Support from YARS goes a long way in helping the Marines provide toys for thousands of children at Christmas time 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 old. Costumed characters will also be accepting monetary donations at the gates on Saturday and Sunday mornings of the December UTA. Donations can 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. Gary Henderson, 330-609-1160; Senior Master Sgt. Butch Sackett, 330-609-1230; Mr. David Simms, 330-609-1087 and Master Sgt. Thomas Nevin, 330-609-1277.

Updated uniform wear policy

The following is a list of uniform items that are no longer authorized according to Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

100% Wool Pullover Sweater	Oct. 1, 2010
Black fleece	Oct. 1, 2010
Gray scarf	Dec. 31, 2010
Gray and dark blue scarves, gloves, mittens, earmuffs	Dec. 31, 2010
Battle Dress Uniform	Nov. 1, 2011
Desert Camouflage Uniform	Nov. 1, 2011

Effective Oct. 1, 2010, the green fleece outer garment is required to be worn with name, service designator and rank. The fleece should be neat and professional and:

- remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar,
- the collar must be folded over, resting on the shoulder, chest and back when the zipper is not completely zipped,
- the bottom length of the fleece must be as close to length of ABU top as possible and
- the sleeves must be worn down at all times.

YARS prepares for adverse winter weather conditions

Winter is quickly approaching in Northeast Ohio. With that in mind, the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office is sending out this reminder on how to check for delays and closings at Youngstown Air Reserve Station due to adverse winter weather.

There are three methods to check on current operating conditions at YARS.

1. Call 330-609-1800. The message on this phone line will reflect the operating conditions at the air station.
2. Check the YARS public website at <http://www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil>. The current operating conditions for the air station are listed in the center column of the website home page.
3. Check the following Youngstown/Warren-area television and radio media outlets for information concerning changes to the air station's operating condition due to adverse winter weather conditions: Television - Channel 21 (WFMJ-TV), Channel 27 (WKBN-TV), Channel 17/62 (Fox/WYFX-TV) and Channel 33 (WYTV-TV); Radio - 106.1 FM (WBBG), 98.9 FM (WMXY), 570 AM (WKBN) and 1390 AM (WNIO). The media outlets' websites will also list area delays and closings due to weather conditions.

Upon notification by base leadership, the public affairs office will send out the appropriate message. If the base is operating under normal conditions, report to your work areas as scheduled. If a change to operating conditions has occurred, please follow the directions accordingly.

Base members can contact the public affairs office with questions or concerns at 330-609-1236.

YARS supports Veteran's Day events

More than 20 Youngstown Air Reserve Station Airmen participated in Veteran's Day events throughout Mahoning Valley.

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

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

Airmen interested in being considered for the 910th Speakers Bureau Program can contact the public affairs office at 330-609-1236 or pa@youngstown.af.mil.

State of Ohio thanks qualifying servicemembers with cash bonus

Richard Cordray
Ohio Attorney General

Last November, an overwhelming majority of Ohio voters — more than 70 percent — voted to provide a modest payment to the men and women who served our country during the Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf wars. This Veterans Service Bonus is an honored tradition in our state: Voters approved similar financial recognition for veterans after World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

After announcing application guidelines for the bonus, my office received many calls and e-mails with questions from servicemembers and their families. Sadly, many were from Vietnam veterans who had never learned about their service bonus, which had long since lapsed.

We should not let this unfortunate oversight happen again. Please share the following information with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers as well as with community members you see at church, football games or other gathering places. Odds are good that you know an eligible veteran.

An estimated 200,000 Ohio

veterans qualify for the bonus. To date, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services has received about 32,000 applications. That's a good start — the application period has only been open about a month so far — but there are many eligible veterans who still need to learn about and apply for the bonus.

Please help us get the word out to the men and women who have made great sacrifices to protect us and to their families. Here are the details:

- **This bonus pays \$100 per month to any member of the military who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, up to a maximum of \$1,000.**
- **Servicemembers who served in other parts of the world during these wars are eligible for \$50 per month of service, up to \$500 total.**
- **The families of service members who gave their lives in these wars can receive \$5,000.**

Our veterans have earned this benefit through their service to our country; now let us make sure they all know to receive it.

For more information, visit <http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VeteransBonus>.

YARS begins seasoning training flight

The seasoning training program was implemented to allow technical school trainees the opportunity to remain on active duty orders and accelerate their progression through on the job training. Seasoning training time can vary from 26 to 395 days for all Airmen, depending upon the Air Force Specialty Code.

Col. Linsenmeyer has directed the implementation of a Seasoning Training Flight. The flight will focus on the total Airman concept by helping members transition into the Reserve, network with members in different units and promote mission readiness. Some of the events of the flight will include: mandatory physical training three times a week and monthly classes and activities to broaden the scope of new Airmen on base.

The Seasoning Training Office will assist finance, trainers, supervisors and training members to ensure the trainee is getting adequate training and doing the necessary tasks to work toward obtaining the next skill level.

For more information about the program, contact 2nd Lt. Danielle Williams at 330-609-1747.

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NEWCOMERS

1st Lt. Jared L. Ramsey, 773rd Airlift Squadron
 2nd Lt. Jordan D. Criswell, 773rd Airlift Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Matthew T. McDonell, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Tamara J. Murphy, 910th Communications Flight
 Senior Airman Katherine E. Botkin, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Senior Airman Josh A. Buckenberger, 910th Security Forces Squadron
 Senior Airman Adam J. Kukic, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
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 Airman 1st Class Adam M. Boerman, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Cogar, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
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 Airman 1st Class Christopher A. Hammond, 910th Security Forces Sq.
 Airman 1st Class Roy U. Pierce, 910th Maintenance Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Michael W. Rinkes, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
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 Airman 1st Class Alison M. Wood, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
 Airman Gail A. Flowers, Jr., 910th Maintenance Squadron
 Airman Henry H. Haines, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Airman Kaethi M. Nolan, 910th Airlift Wing
 Airman Brittany N. Scott, 910th Medical Squadron
 Airman Basic Chad A. Bokan, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
 Airman Basic Seth M. Marsh, 910th Logistic Readiness Squadron
 Airman Basic Colan J. Maye, 910th Communications Flight
 Airman Basic Demetrius A. Pearson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 Airman Basic Erika L. Smith, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

PROMOTIONS



Senior Master Sgt. Kevin L. Pratt
 910th Maintenance Squadron



Master Sgt. James L. Pegg, Jr.
 910th Force Support Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Jessie A. Crews, 910th Communications Flight
 Tech. Sgt. James J. Lee, 910th Medical Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Dionne D. Moton, 910th Maintenance Sq.
 Tech. Sgt. Allen F. Mrock, 910th Communications Flight
 Tech. Sgt. Ashley L. White, 76th Aerial Port Squadron



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 Staff Sgt. Bessie E. L. Wellnitz, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Trajmon B. Williams, 910th Force Support Sq.
 Staff Sgt. Steven Kotheimer, 910th LRS



Senior Airman Keri Kazimer, 910th Aircraft Maintenance
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Airman 1st Class David J. Russell
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YARS, Ramstein bid farewell to 38th EAS

Delta Squadron inactivated after 10 years of airlift missions by active-duty, Guard, Reserve

Airman 1st Class Ciara M. Travis
86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB

The 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, comprised of a large number of Youngstown Air Reserve Station Reservists on temporary duty, was inactivated Sept. 15.

More commonly known as Delta Squadron, the unit began in Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and in response to an increased demand for airlift missions to the Balkan region, was moved to Rhein-Main, Germany, in 1990. By 1994, the Delta Squadron had assumed its mission at Ramstein under the 86th Operations Group.

While at Ramstein, the squadron contributed to the success of operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Forge, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

“We provide extra airlift capability to reduce the strain on the active-duty folks who support not only United States Air Forces in Europe, but operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom missions as well,” said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Merritt, 38th EAS C-130 flight engineer and a 773rd Airlift Squadron Reservist. “I really enjoyed the opportunity to support the United States Africa Command mission while I was at Ramstein. They gave me the chance to not only see parts of Africa I had not seen before, but challenged me as a flyer.”

The 38th EAS was unique in the 86th OG, as it was comprised of personnel from a variety of Guard and Reserve units. Prior to its inactivation, the squadron consisted largely of personnel from the 910th Airlift Wing. Their focus was to provide mission-ready forces, airlift operations and base support.

“As an expeditionary unit made of Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel, we have done an exemplary job of practicing the concept of total force,” said Maj. Joe George, 38th EAS director of operations and 910th Operations



Youngstown Air Reserve Station Airmen and two C-130H2 Hercules aircraft are photographed on the flightline at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, during the 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron inactivation ceremony Sept. 14.

Support Squadron Reservist. “We’re a small unit that supports a vast stretch of land with only three crews and two aircraft.”

With short missions lasting anywhere from one to 16 days, the members of the 38th EAS supported Ramstein’s commitments to U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and USAFE.

“In the past, this has been a win-win situation for both Team Ramstein and the Reservists,” said Major Gary Dodge, 38th EAS mission commander and 757th AS Reservist. “Team Ramstein gets additional aircraft to relieve some of the flying strain on the active-duty squadron, while the rotational squadrons from the Guard and Reserve get valuable experience flying in Europe and Africa — something they cannot get stateside.”

Since 2005, the unit has logged more than 14,000 flying hours, carrying nearly 13,500 tons of cargo to various locations.

Along with providing medical

supplies and aid when needed, the 38th EAS has also supported several other major events, such as NASA missions and the 65th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

“I am a traditional Reservist and have been here for Operation Joint Enterprise [formerly called Joint Forge] six times,” said Major Dodge. “Each time I have been here, I’ve been surrounded by great men and women from my unit that are very good at what they do. This translates into mission success.”

This success is thanks to the partnership of the active-duty base with the Guard and Reserve personnel stationed there temporarily.

“Since the 86th became an airlift wing, Guard and Reserve service in Delta and later the 38th EAS has been absolutely critical to accomplishing our mission,” said Col. Tim Budd, 86th OG commander at Ramstein AB. “Most recently, we couldn’t have made the transition to the C-130J without them.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Clark

Maj. Gary Dodge, commander of the 38th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (EAS) presents Col. Tim Budd, 86th Operations Group commander, with a plaque Sept. 14 during the 38th EAS inactivation ceremony at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.