



THE Airstream

910th Airlift Wing Change of Command
YARS welcomes Col. Reinhard Schmidt

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Col. Reinhard Schmidt
910th Airlift Wing Commander



New YARS commander: Just the facts

BACKGROUND:

Col. Reinhard L. Schmidt joins Youngstown Air Reserve Station from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where he was the director of Installations and Mission Support. Schmidt is a master navigator with more than 4,000 flying hours. He is the recipient of the Major General Tom E. Marchbanks Jr. Award for heroism and is a member of the Reserve Officers Association and Airlift Tanker Association-VP Robins Chapter.

EDUCATION:

1982-Bachelor of Arts, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
1990-Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1997-USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
1998-Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2002-Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator
Flight hours: More than 4,157 hours
Aircraft flown: HC-130P/N, C-130E, WC-130H, C-130H3

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS:

July 2010-November 2011: Director, Installations and Mission Support (A7), Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.
March 2009-July 2010: Deputy Director of Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.
April 2007-March 2009: Commander, 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.
August 2006-April 2007: Commander, 913th Airlift Wing, Willow Grove ARS, Pa.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

The Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Combat Readiness Medal with five oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two M devices
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
NATO Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant April 22, 1983
First Lieutenant April 22, 1986
Captain April 22, 1990
Major March 7, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 30, 2000
Colonel Feb. 6, 2004



RAV1 Operational Readiness Inspection

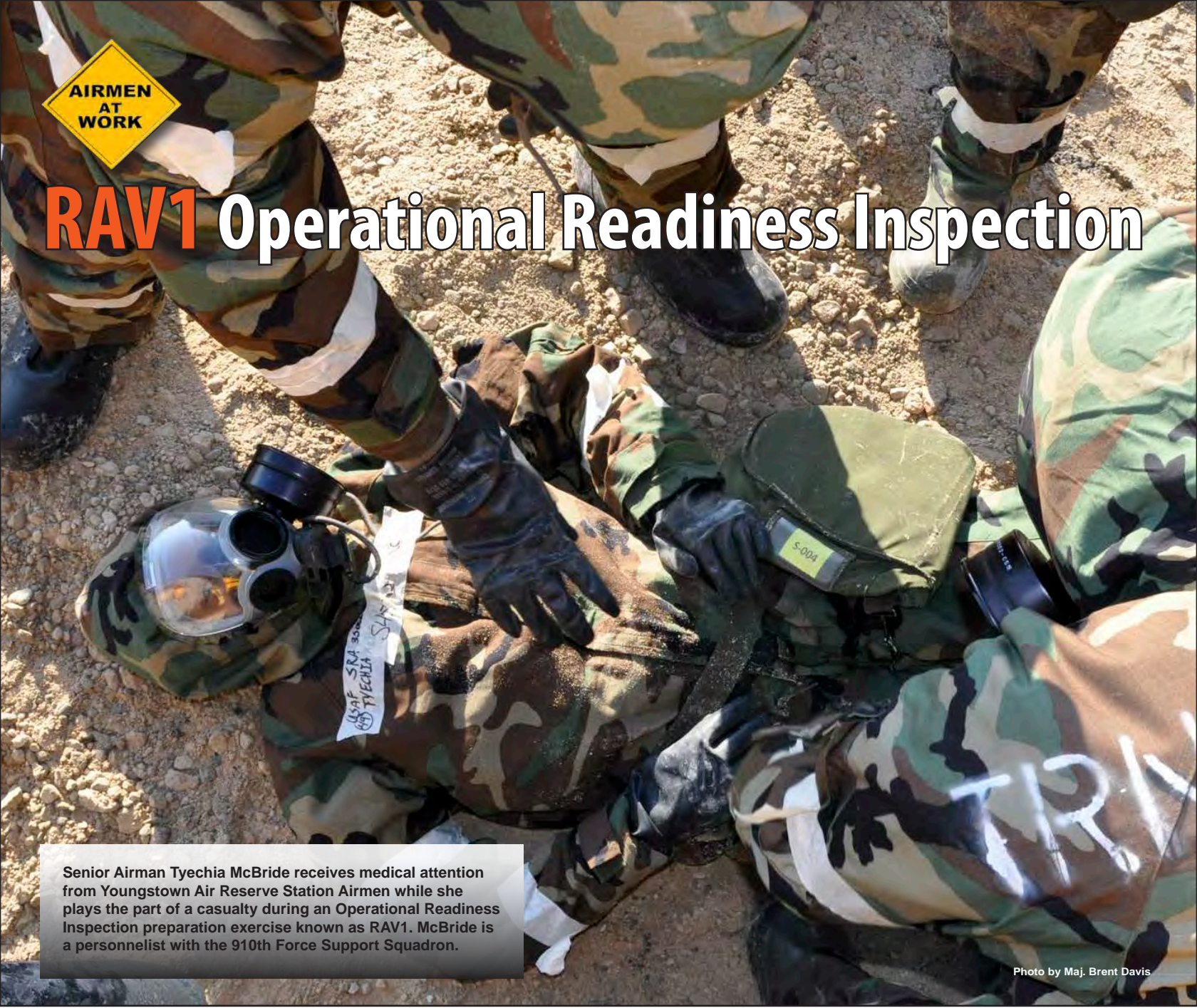


Photo by Maj. Brent Davis

Senior Airman Tyechia McBride receives medical attention from Youngstown Air Reserve Station Airmen while she plays the part of a casualty during an Operational Readiness Inspection preparation exercise known as RAV1. McBride is a personnelist with the 910th Force Support Squadron.

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On the cover



This month's cover features photos from the 910th Airlift Wing's change of command ceremony at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, Nov. 5, 2011, as well as a detail photo of the 910th AW unit guidon. Learn more about the 910th's new commander, Col. Reinhard Schmidt on page 2 and 7 and see the full story about the ceremony on page 6.
Cover photos: Top left by Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum, top right and bottom right by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Matulka, bottom left by Tech. Sgt. James Brock. Detail photo of 910 AW unit guidon and cover design by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

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- Portable DVD Player
- iPod Nano
- XM Satellite Radio
- TiVo
- GPS Navigation System
- Digital Photo Frame
- Bose MIE2i mobile headset



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- MiniDV Digital Camcorder
- Digital Camera
- Oakley ROKR Bluetooth Sunglasses
- 19" Flat-Screen HDTV
- BOSE SoundDock Station
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- iPod Touch
- Kindle Wireless Reading Device
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- Nintendo Wii
- Xbox 360



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- 32" LCD HDTV
- iPad 2



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910th SFS demonstrates mission-ready capability

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock



Senior Airman Justin R. Mitchell crawls beneath barbed wire during an exercise at Fort McClellan, Ala., Oct. 3, 2011. Members of the 910th Security Forces Squadron were at Fort McClellan for a four-day training exercise that sharpened their teamwork skills and tested their mission-ready capability.



Airman Cory Gilmore fires the M4 rifle at the M4 Qualifying Range on Fort McClellan, Ala., Oct. 1 during a training exercise.



Staff Sgt. Nathan A. Mosher participates in a training exercise at Fort McClellan, Ala., Oct. 3.

Wing members, official party and guests assemble in a hangar prior to a change of command ceremony Nov. 5 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

YARS welcomes new commander



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock

New 910th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Reinhard Schmidt speaks to the service members and guests of the Nov. 5 change of command ceremony at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Schmidt, a native of Cincinnati, is the 21st commander of YARS since it became a Reserve installation in 1963.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Matulka

The 910th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard present the colors during the National Anthem while the official party, wing members and guests render the proper courtesies at a change of command ceremony Nov. 5 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

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

Col. Reinhard L. Schmidt assumed command of the 910th Airlift Wing from Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer during a change of command ceremony Nov. 5 at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

“Sir, I assume command” Schmidt said to Maj. Gen. Wallace W. “Wade” Farris Jr., commander of 22nd Air Force, in front of wing members, elected officials, community members and family as he accepted the guidon, or unit flag, from Farris during the ceremony.

“The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition,” said Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr., narrator of the ceremony. “We exchange the colors, thank the outgoing commander and welcome the incoming commander.”

Schmidt, joining the 910th AW from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., replaces Linsenmeyer who is slated to assume command of the Force Generation Center also located at Robbins AFB.

Farris praised both commanders and the entire wing.

“You guys have a history of good leadership and (the commanders) have been lucky to have

you,” said Farris.

Giving his farewell address, Linsenmeyer thanked each group individually for making his job easier and expounded on his goal of making the 910th AW even better than when he got it.

Schmidt, who becomes the 21st commander of YARS since it became a Reserve installation in 1963, expressed his pleasure in becoming the commander of an airlift wing.

“Being a wing commander really is the best job in the Air Force,” said Schmidt.

Schmidt graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in finance before joining the Air Force and attending navigator training. From there, he served many assignments and received his first command experience as deputy commander of the 939th Operations Group, Portland Air National Guard Base, Ore. Prior to his arrival at YARS, he was the director of Installations and Mission Support, also known as A7, at AFRC Headquarters.

Tempering his enthusiasm with cautious optimism, Schmidt reminded the wing of the many challenges that lay ahead, specifically budgetary concerns and, of course, the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

“You have the pride and the attitude to show the integrity,” said Schmidt.

Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Farris Jr., commander of 22nd Air Force, passes the 910th Airlift Wing guidon to Col. Reinhard Schmidt Nov. 5 during a change of command ceremony at the 910th Airlift Wing. Col. Schmidt, whose last assignment was at Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., succeeds outgoing commander, Col. Stephen J. "Fritz" Linsenmeyer Jr.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Brock



Meet Colonel Reinhard Schmidt

Where are you from?

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived there until my family moved to Hollywood, Fla., where I attended high school. Since then, I have been nomadic across many parts of the United States.

What led you to the military?

My affinity toward aviation; I was interested in aviation since the first time I went to an air show as a child. During the summer between ninth and tenth grade, I worked at a Fixed Base Operation (FBO) on Fort Lauderdale Airport.

What goals would you like to accomplish while you are here?

To provide stability and predictability for our Airmen, their families, and employers, and work with the various communities to increase neighborly relationships and develop mutually beneficial community-planning partnerships.

What success stories or lessons learned would you like to bring forward as a previous Wing Commander?

Every wing has talented and capable people that can develop into great leaders, given the proper opportunities and mentoring. It is the mission of current leaders to identify, motivate and cultivate future leaders.

How would you describe your leadership style?

My leadership styles are flexible and based on the circumstances. I prefer to build a teaming environment with diversified authority. I've been characterized as having a propensity for a combination of both participative and delegative leadership styles, but capable of invoking authoritative tendencies when needed. Feedback from supervisors, peers and subordinates have included terms as: Aristotelian, Pattonian, Sensei and Maverick.

When you're not doing your job, what keeps you busy?

I'm adventurous and like doing many diverse activities: Motorcycling, automotive and aviation enthusiast, boating, diving, shooting, hunting, fishing, puzzle solving and philosophizing to name a few things.

What book has had the greatest impact on you?

The Bible.

What is a "soap box" issue for you?

I have a couple of pet peeves that I get on my "soap box" over:

- 1. Centralized authorities that rely on wasteful bureaucratic processes with redundant layering to achieve accountability loopholes.*
- 2. Careerist Functional Area Managers that draft guidance to avoid work and create empires that shift work to lowest organizational levels possible, which prevents Tip-of-the-Spear Airmen from honing their Air Force Specialty Combat Skills.*

Many people can name a person who has had a profound effect on their life. Have you had such a person, or persons impact your life?

I have been fortunate to have others take an interest in me. My ninth grade math teacher arranged for me to work a summer job at an FBO. In my military career I've had three long term mentors; first, Lt. Col. Robert "Uncle Bob" Stenevik, then, Lt. Col. Stephen "Grog" McHan and finally Col. Oral Carper. Each was my supervisor once or twice during different times in my career and remained confidantes until their retirements.

Fit to Fight:

Story and photo by
Senior Airman Megan Tomkins
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

‘unsat’ to ‘excellent’

Running Clinic

Maj. Colleen VanNatta

910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Deputy Chief

As part of 910th Airlift Wing’s commitment to Fit to Fight (F2F), the Fitness Activity Center offered a running clinic with Mark Lipinsky, a state record-holding sprinter who works for a local athletic retail establishment. Lipinsky offered information on everything from proper foot placement during a run and optimal running gear to proper stretching and running safety. Clinic attendees said they were impressed with the breadth of topics covered and Lipinsky’s ability to comprehensively field participants’ questions.

Tech. Sgt. Sarah Hofmeister, 910th AW Force Support Squadron travel pay NCO in charge, having recently sworn off the treadmill, said she was especially interested in maintaining her running and fitness level through the winter.

“I really enjoy running outside and was so happy to learn there’s great winter running gear that isn’t bulky,” she said. “I’m really committed to becoming a more serious runner; I went from failing my fit to fight test two years ago to running a half marathon.”

After noticing recent trend of F2F failures, Matt Gruse, 910th AW Exercise Physiologist was determined to help Reservists improve.

“I started this class after studying our numbers and seeing that the run time was the area most ‘unsats’ were failing,” he said. “With classes like this, we’re hoping to get all our ‘unsats’ to ‘excellents,’ and most especially help our fledgling runners realize that even walking and small diet modifications can get them moving in the right direction.”

“We intend to offer this class at least twice next year, and are planning another Fitness Fair in May, where we’ll offer fitness classes, nutrition information and health screenings,” said Lt. Col. Stephanie Welhouse, 910th FSS commander. “We are committed to offering classes, clinics and critical information to everyone on base to achieve our 100 percent Fit to Fight passing goal.”

Members of the U.S. Air Force are expected to meet many standards to be successful in their Air Force careers. Staying updated with Professional Military Education, yearly physicals and war-fighting skills is part of being a warrior Airman; however, for some Airmen, passing their Fit to Fight (F2F) test is the hardest part.

As of August 2011, 60 Airmen from Youngstown Air Reserve Station failed their F2F test.

“I think it is every Airman’s responsibility to attain a passing Fit to Fight score,” said Col. Patrick Slattery, 910th Airlift Wing vice commander. “We should all strive to show up for duty every day, able to take and pass the Fit to Fight assessment. Failing even once should be a big wake-up call.”

For some Airmen, failure was not an option so they took the necessary steps to improve their F2F test scores.

“With my age and metabolism, I knew the future of my career was in jeopardy because I couldn’t pass the fit test,” said Maj. Ray Gale, the chief of process management for the 910th Airlift Wing. “With the new fit test I knew it was here to stay and I just felt like I was looking over a cliff.”

Setting goals and maintaining high standards is important for success for YARS Airmen, said Slattery.

“If you currently cannot pass the Fit to Fight, make it a goal to achieve a passing score,” he said. “If you currently pass with a score less than 90, make a goal to move up to excellent. Fit to Fight scores are considered at all promotion, awards and school selection boards. Give yourself the best chance of advancement by scoring an excellent on the test.”

Failing his F2F test was a wake-up call for Gale, who said he took the necessary measures toward improvement.

“I enrolled in a 12-week wellness program that taught me how to eat and exercise for success,” Gale said. “This program wasn’t about shoes or how many times I should run around the track or how much weight I should lift. It was about making everything in my diet and exercise routine efficient and keeping my body in a fat burning mode.”

Gale said this new information helped him discover that what he was eating was not what his body needed.

“I used to eat what I thought was a healthy diet, but there’s a lot of misinformation out there,” he said. “I felt like I should always feel hungry, but that’s no way to lose weight or burn fat. I really do eat more now, and food has gone from being an enemy to being a friend that nurtures me. It helps me burn fat and keeps my metabolism running efficiently.”

He said even though he has to trade off having more money so he can spend it on healthier foods, it is worthwhile for him.

“I grocery shop a lot more,” he said. “I spend a lot more time in food preparation. I eat a lot of raw or lightly cooked vegetables, grains, beans and lean proteins.”

With these improvements and minor adjustments, Gale said he is no longer worried about his test.

“I am no means where I want to be, but I have a plan and I have solutions,” he said. “I don’t feel like I’m looking over that cliff anymore because I have a plan that works and I feel empowered and in control.”



Air Force commander sends holiday greetings

Citizen Airmen,

As we celebrate the holidays and prepare for the challenges of 2012, I want to thank you for serving our nation. This is the time of year when we spend quality time with family and friends, and I encourage you to relax and enjoy the season.

While the holidays are a great time to slow down and recharge, it is also a time to be more vigilant. We often travel more during this time of year, have more things to do and people to see, and in general the faster pace creates more pressure than usual. Please be a good Wingman and look out for your fellow Airmen, friends, and family that may have trouble dealing with the additional stress of the season. This also includes taking care of yourself and asking for help when you need it.

I fully appreciate the sacrifices your families and employers make in support of your service, and appreciate your dedication to the Air Force Reserve and our nation. Whether at home or overseas, Dee and I wish all of you the happiest of holidays, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as we welcome the New Year.

Until next time,
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CHARLES E. STENNER, JR., Lt Gen, USAF
Commander



Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner
USAF Commander

Protecting yourself against identity theft a top priority during the holidays

You can take steps to reduce your risk of identity theft and protect your personal information. Here are some suggestions for protecting yourself against identity theft, courtesy of Military One Source:

- Place an "active duty alert" on your credit report. If you are deploying for one year and don't expect to seek new credit during that time, consider placing an active duty alert on your credit report. This will require creditors to take steps to verify your identity before granting credit in your name. An active duty alert is effective for one year, unless you ask for it to be removed sooner. If your deployment lasts longer than a year, you may place another alert on your report. Place an alert by calling one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies, which, by law, must notify the other two.

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com
- Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com
- TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com

- Consult with your legal assistance office before granting power of attorney. Your legal assistance staff can help you understand the risks and benefits of granting a friend or family member legal power of attorney, which type of power of attorney is best for your situation, and how to revoke power of attorney.

- Never leave a purse or wallet in a car or public place. Stealing purses and wallets is one of the most common ways thieves get personal information. Also keep your wallet or purse in a safe place at work, such as a locked drawer.

- Treat your military ID as if it were your wallet or purse. Lock up your ID when you're not physically carrying it.

- Don't carry more credit cards than you absolutely need. Take rarely used cards out of your wallet to reduce the impact if your information does get stolen. Close accounts for cards that you don't use often to prevent thieves from using them.

- Don't open credit accounts that you don't need. It can be tempting to open a new credit account because of a great offer or discount, but if you don't really need the card, you may just be creating one more opportunity for identity thieves.

- Keep a list of account and contact information for all of your credit cards, bank accounts, and investment accounts in a secure place. This will allow you to quickly and easily contact creditors or financial institutions in the case of fraud.

- Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate with you. Keep these documents in a safe place until you actually need them. Also, don't save your Social Security number and birth date on an electronic device that might be lost or stolen, such as your cell phone or personal digital assistant.

- Don't have your Social Security number, date of birth, or driver's license number printed on checks. Remind family members that they should keep this kind of information private.

- Take your Social Security number off your license. In many states you have the option of choosing a random number for your license instead of your Social Security number. If possible, request a number change.

- Guard your mail from theft. Shred or otherwise destroy any preapproved credit card offers you get in the mail. This could be enough information for someone to open a new card in your name and have it sent to a different address. Put outgoing mail, such as credit card payments, in a post office collection box. If you will be away from home for an extended period of time, make arrangements with a neighbor to have your mail picked up or have the post office hold your mail while you are away.

- Be careful about giving personal information over the phone. There are legitimate reasons why an employer, bank, or lending institution may ask for your personal information. If you do give this information out, be sure it's to an organization or person with whom you initiated contact or that the organization is legitimate. If a seemingly legitimate financial institution calls you and asks for personal information, ask if you can call back to make sure it is who it claims to be. Don't take a call-back number from the person on the phone. Rather, look up the financial institution's customer service number in the phone book or online, and call that number.

- Protect your personal information on the Internet. Shop only on sites that use secure technology, which prevents unauthorized parties from seeing your purchase information. Most sites will notify you that they use secure technology when you reach the check-out page.

- Make sure that your virus protection software is up to date and scans for viruses and spyware regularly. Never download files sent to you by strangers or click on suspicious links on social networking sites. Identity thieves can use virus and spyware programs to access private data on your computer.

- Be sure that you have a firewall on your home computer. A firewall can keep people from accessing your computer and stealing your personal information.

There are many more ways to protect yourself and your loved ones against identity theft. Information is the most important weapon. For more information on identity theft and preventative measures, visit the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that has information and support programs for service members and their families at www.idtheftcenter.org. Military One Source also offers 24-hour service to military members at 1-800-342-9647 or online at www.MilitaryOneSource.com.

Major changes to post 9/11 GI Bill

There have been some major changes to the Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill. These changes took effect Oct. 1, 2011. For information on these important changes, please visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov/bill-of-all-trades/index>.

Youngstown recruiters key to AFRC success

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve Command recruiters reached their annual recruiting goal Sept. 22, when they recorded their 10,150th enlistment.

The 400 men and women who recruit worldwide for the command had until the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30 to reach the annual goal.

"This achievement is a testament to your enthusiasm and your commitment to excellence," said Col. Joe Wilburn, Reserve Recruiting Service commander, in congratulating his recruiters on making their goal. "I'm proud to serve with you."

Dominick Tami was the 10,150th person to join the Air Force Reserve. His enlistment was put in at 10:12 a.m. by Master Sgt. Randi Baum at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

Achieving the goal marks the 11th straight year the command recruiters have reached their annual target number for enlistments.

Civilians of the quarter announced

Many of the superior accomplishments of the 910th Airlift Wing are due to the outstanding efforts of the civilians who work in the unit. Although there are various organizational awards for civilian employees, the civilian of the quarter program provides employees with well-deserved recognition. Supervisors nominate deserving employees who have performed in an outstanding manner during the previous quarter. The two competitive categories are Junior Civilian of the Quarter (GS1 through 8 and WGs) and Senior Civilian of the Quarter (GS9 through 13 and WS). 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. Nominations are scored based on Duty Performance, Significant Self Improvement and community involvement.

The July-September 2011 awards are:

Junior Civilian of the Quarter – Christian Kotheimer, 773th Airlift Squadron
Senior Civilian of the Quarter – Richard Lawton, 757th Airlift Squadron

The winners have their choice of eight hours time off or \$300 Cash Award. They are also eligible to the Civilian of the Year Award, which is selected in December.

DoD members reminded to protect CAC cards

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC), by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service, have been reported.

Personnel are reminded that the photocopying of US Government Identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and/or imprisonment.

Many military members, family members and DoD employees are unaware of this law. Please pass to the lowest level and include in training for force protection, information security and OPSEC.

This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc...) who are allowed take a copy for the purpose of filing insurance claims; and other government agencies in the performance of official government business.



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NEWCOMERS

Maj. Christopher Francese, 910th Medical Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Sloat, 910th Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. Alexander Christy, 910th Medical Squadron
Staff Sgt. Tyler Farkas, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jessica Hall, 910th Medical Squadron
Senior Airman Kacie Adsit, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Senior Airman Timothy Kantorak, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Senior Airman Bryan McMahon, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Senior Airman Nicholas Schneider, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Ronald Williams II, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman 1st Class Rondal Dombkowski, 910th Airlift Wing
Airman 1st Class Shetavia Long, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Sean Muir, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Airman 1st Class Susan Ostrander, 910th Operations Group
Airman 1st Class Ronald Pristera, 910th Communications Flight
Airman 1st Class Thaddeus Root, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Byron Sinclair, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Maverick Steele, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Corey Weigand, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Clayton Wilson, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Nasher Algham, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Anthony Devengecie, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Alexander Grant, 910th Operations Group
Airman Rebecca Gray, 910th Force Support Squadron
Airman Scott Green, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Erica Saulino, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Lilibeth Soto, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman Casey Watson, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Airman Basic Deyron Adams, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Basic Sean Barnett, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Basic Donte Brock, 910th Operations Support Squadron
Airman Basic Eric Brown, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Basic Reuben Davis, 910th Medical Support Squadron
Airman Basic Barkus Holmes, 910th Airlift Wing
Airman Basic Donald Irby, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman Basic Aaron Jones, 910th Force Support Squadron
Airman Basic Benjamin Sewall, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman Basic Ashleigh Yoster, 910th Force Support Squadron

PROMOTIONS



Russell C. Lynch Jr., 910th Maintenance Squadron
Deborah S. Simpson, 910th Force Support Squadron
David L. Wright, 773rd Airlift Squadron



Troy L. Eckenrode, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Robert A. Felix, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Christopher W. Ferris, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Christopher Hornick, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
George E. Hutchinson III, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Michelle A. Mariarcher, 910th Mission Support Group
Leslie A. Parkey, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Michael G. Skraba, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Nick A. Truman, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Sidney R. Wolfe, 910th Maintenance Squadron



Krystal R. Bottenfield, 910th Airlift Wing
Shaun A. Bradshaw, 757th Airlift Squadron
Megan A. Demos, 910th Medical Squadron
Andrew D. Ford, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Shawn L. Froehling, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Michael Golden, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Gerald K. Groves Jr, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Sarah A. Hofmeister, 910th Airlift Wing
Drezden Johnson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Scott M. Lautensleger, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Christopher K. Paschall, 622nd Communications Flight
Melissa D. Walker, 910th Force Support Squadron



Jesse M. Dravenstott, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Gregory E. Hriczo, 910th Airlift Wing
Mark M. Meyer, 910th Communications Flight
Matthew T. Whaling, 773rd Airlift Squadron



Christopher Alex, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Keandra N. Booker, 910th Airlift Wing
Courtne I. Clark, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Chadwick M. Conroy, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Jonathan M. Edwards, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Elisa J. Gemik, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Ryan J. Gruda, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
James E. Harris III, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
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YARS shows support for Toys for Tots

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The holiday season is fast approaching and the November UTA officially kicked off the Youngstown Air Reserve Station's Toys for Tots collection drive.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community where the campaign is conducted.

Collection boxes are placed throughout YARS and will be available until Dec. 9. After that date, donations will still be accepted at the YARS Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center until Dec. 16, which will allow the Marines enough time to distribute the toys.

Toys should be new, unwrapped and for a boy or girl from newborn through 16 years of age.

Santa, Frosty, and Rudolph will accept monetary donations at the gate on Saturday and Sunday morning of the December Unit Training Assembly.

To help raise money for the program, YARS Marines held a Toys for Tots 5k Oct. 2 near Howland Park in Howland.

Approximately 60 participants competed in the fun run, with the top 15 runners receiving medals.

According to the Toys for Tots website, the primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of the nation's most valuable resources – children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

For more information on how to donate, contact one of the YARS committee members listed or call the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center at 330-609-1910.



Photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

A competitor crosses the finish line at the Toys for Tots 5k Oct. 2 near Howland Park in Howland. Approximately 60 competitors participated in the Marine Corps-sponsored run and helped raise money for the program.

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