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By Lt. Col. Joel Darbro
190th Operations Support Flight



The Kansas ANG and 190th have just emerged from a difficult period in our history. For the first time in our state's history, we lost a flying flag. That event set in motion major personnel shifts. The 190th has gained more new members this last year than we probably did in the preceding five. I was in the clinic this drill finishing my annual physical. In previous years when I sat in the clinic and looked around I usually saw a new face or two, but for the most part it was a familiar crowd. This year it seemed I didn't recognize 50 percent of the faces.

There is stress on both sides of this equation. For new members, it's an unfamiliar and foreign environment. New members are struggling to learn a new culture and build new friendships. Many have uprooted families and must also help family members adjust to new surroundings. For members who have spent a majority of their military careers in the 190th, it feels like we are losing a part of our identity. There are new people, different traditions and many of us have had to re-adjust our career goals and how we do business. One common sentiment I hear is the desire to refocus on the mission. The 190th has deployed in every conflict since Desert Shield, and in many cases, been the first and lead unit in theater. We've always been a very proud unit, proud of our operational background. The 190th was most recently recognized with the 15th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Let's set this shared operational mindset as our common ground to move forward from and strive for excellence.

As a commander in Operations, it has also been a difficult year. We have been forced to make the hard calls and have had to non-retain several of our senior members. I recently had a young traditional guardsman return from an OIF activation and express hopes of applying for a fulltime position. I hated telling him that he was not currently eligible to apply for a fulltime position. Hiring in the state had been re-

stricted to current fulltime members only due to BRAC. All of these events were challenging, but are for the most part now complete. It's time to stop identifying each other by previous affiliations or units, and move forward as a single team. I honestly believe we now have a greater potential: new people, new ideas, a wealth of solid experience and manned at over 100 percent. There should be very little holding us back.

Emerging from this period, it's only natural to have a momentary let down. While in this business we can't afford to be complacent, but I think we all deserve to pause, take a deep breath and reflect on what we've accomplished. We've had a safe successful aircraft conversion. We have brought new members into the unit and are moving forward. Personally I'm looking forward to our upcoming unit deployments and the opportunity to become better acquainted with everyone. I hope we will have a short period of relative calm to catch our breath, but I think the key word there is "short". I'm pretty confident that the train of change will be coming around the tracks again. If our goal is the long term viability of the 190th, neither standing still on the tracks nor stepping out of the way are good options. We need to get on board.

I'd like to leave everyone with a little light reading assignment. The executive summary of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves was just released 31 January and can be found at the following link: http://www.cngr.gov/Final%20Report/CNGR_ExecutiveSummary.pdf now, if your saying I'm only a SrA or Lt, I don't have to worry about that stuff yet, you're off base. The youngest troops will be impacted the hardest and potentially have the most to lose or gain. The report addresses a mix of concepts. Concepts range from the more theoretical, such as transforming the Guard from a Strategic Reserve Force to an Operational Reserve Force, to basic nuts and bolts issues such as; how reservists will be paid, how will they train, when and what type of retirement benefits will be entitled to. There are a couple of concepts in particular I believe deserve

paying very close attention to: the Reverse Associate Unit concept and the increasing role of the Guard in the homeland security mission. I fully expect during my career (and most of it's behind me) we will see and possibly participate in major advances on both of these fronts.

Our current leaders are working hard to leave the organization on a solid footing, ready to capitalize on these changes, but it's ultimately the young airmen and officers that will be making it happen. Get involved, I'd suggest sooner than later. Be active in NGAUS and ENGAUS; keep up to date with what's going on in D.C. I'll be the first to admit, change is occurring faster for this incoming generation than it did for mine, but that's the hand you've been dealt. I'm confident you are capable, and oh by the way when I'm retired, counting on you to play that hand well.

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On the cover:

Col. Keith Lang assumes command during the Wing change of command ceremony in March.

(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mandy Johnson)

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KC-135 marks 30 years at Forbes

By Master Sgt. Bill Gilliland
190th History Office

The arrival of the first tanker at Forbes Field on March 22, 1978, came with a whole new set of inspections and evaluations. The Strategic Air Command was the new reporting command, and they had the most ambitious inspection and operational schedule in the entire Air Force.

Organizational Readiness Inspections (ORI) were new to the unit and the Kansas Coyotes responded with their usual excellent results. In fact, the unit completed the conversion ahead of schedule. When the conversion was first planned, the first refueling mission wasn't scheduled until July, but due to the rapid pace of the training taking place, it actually took place on the May 25, 1978.

Col. William Mahler piloted the unit's first refueling mission with Tech. Sgt. Michael Madden on the boom. Tempo 01 was the call sign as the 190th successful-

ly completed the refueling of an E-3 Sentry from Tinker AFB.

Over the next few months, Kansas Coyotes would prove that they were up to the challenge of a new mission. The 190th's first ORI in 1979 resulted in an outstanding rating. Over the next several years, similar results were achieved.

By 1980, only three years after the change, the 190th Air Refueling Group was selected by the National Guard Bureau to represent the Air National Guard in competition for the Daedalian Maintenance Award, meaning the 190th was selected as the best of the 92 flying units in the Guard. While the 190th did not win the Air Force wide competition, being selected as the National Guard representative was an outstanding accomplishment in itself.

In 1984 the KC-135 A-model was converted to the E-model, with more powerful, quieter and

more fuel efficient engines. This would be the jet that the unit would fly for more than twenty years, including through Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

It was during Desert Storm that an E-Model belonging to another unit with a 190th crew aboard lost two engines off one side, resulting in some very dramatic moments for the crew.

During the mid nineties, the 190th had the distinction of having the only four KC-135 D-models in the world. These were KC-135's that had been converted from EC-135 models and had very different electrical systems as a result. Coincidentally, several of these same jets had spent part of their former EC-135 days at Forbes Field as part of an active duty unit stationed here before Forbes AFB was closed. They ended their flying days as part of the 190th ARW. The tail at the main gate to Forbes Field with the Minuteman on it was displayed as part of the Air Force's 50th and the unit's 40th anniversary and was originally painted on one of the D-Models.

The Base Realignment and Closure process in 2005 brought another significant change - the KC-135 R-model. The most recent upgrade to the KC series gives the unit increased capability and responsibility.

It has now been 30 years since the first KC-135 was placed into service with the 190th, but what a 30 years it has been.



190th KC-135D at RAF Fairford, in 1997, with special tail art tribute to the Air Force and the 190th on their birthdays. (photo submitted)

Lang takes command

By Master Sgt. Greg Burnetta

190th Public Affairs

An outgoing leader passed the reins of command to a former subordinate commander on March 8, 2008.

Col. Greg Burden, retiring as 190th Air Refueling Wing Commander, handed the unit's flag to Brig. Gen. Edward Flora, Commanding General, Kansas Air National Guard, during a Change of Command ceremony held at Forbes Field on March 8, 2008. Flora promptly handed that flag to Col. Keith Lang – signifying Lang's appointment as the new wing commander.

The ceremony was attended by many retired Coyotes including three former 190th ARW commanders: Lt. Col. Jerry Johnson, Col. Steve Thomas and Col. Mick Baier.

Lang is the first traditional unit commander in the 190th. He is a professional civilian airline pilot when not performing military duties. He currently has logged more than 4,000 military flight hours and in excess of 20,000 civilian flight hours. His military flight hours include more than 130 hours flying combat missions.

The change of command ceremony is steeped in military tradition dating back to 18th Century Prussia. The pur-



pose of the ceremony is to serve as an outward sign of one commander leaving a unit while being replaced immediately by another commander in one seamless manner.



Hello and goodbye

Col. Keith Lang and Col. Greg Burden look on during the change of command ceremony on March 8, 2008. Lang (left) became the first traditional commander in the proud history of the 190th ARW.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Mandy Johnson)

he graduated from Kansas State University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Burden served in several leadership and command positions at the squadron and wing levels and well as logging more than 4,700 flight hours in military aircraft while participating in combat and peacetime missions.

Lang's last assignment was Director of Operations for Joint Forces Headquarters where he coordinated air operations involving more than 3,000 flight hours and more than 500 missions flown world-wide annually.

Lang was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and began his military career when he enlisted into the North Dakota Air Guard when he was 19 years old as an F-4 Phantom crew chief.

Burden, wing commander since August 2003, is retiring after 26 years of combined service to the United States Air Force and the Kansas Air National Guard. He has been a member of the 190th for the past 17 years. His military career began in 1982 when

Lang moved to the Kansas City area and transferred to the Kansas Air Guard and was assigned to the 190th ARW. He was selected for pilot training and, in 1981, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Since graduating from pilot training, he has logged over 4,000 hours flying KC-135 A, D, E and R models.

During the ceremony, Burden was awarded the Air Force Legion of Merit Award for his many achievements which helped the 190th obtain its designated Outstanding Unit status by the Air Force as well as being awarded the Spaatz Trophy for being the Air National Guard's Outstanding Flying Unit. Lang vowed to maintain the high standards which have been set by this unit's members and their predecessors.

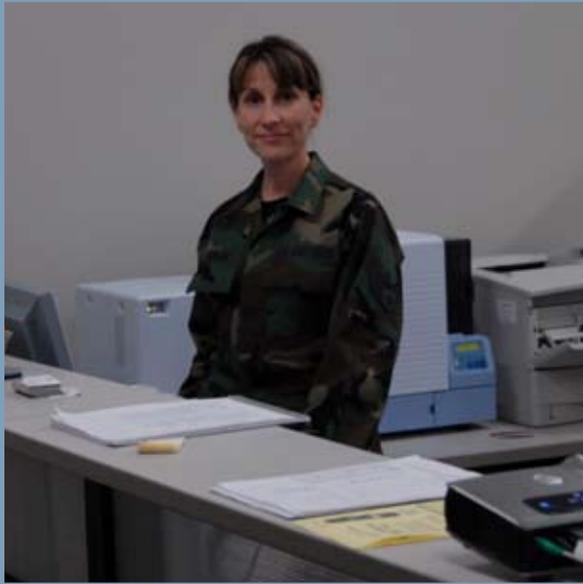


Dinning Out 2008



—Portrait of an Airman

SENIOR AIRMAN CELESTINA S. JOHNSON



Organization: 190th Mission Support Flight/DPMA

Job Title: Force Sustainment

Main Responsibility: Payroll verification of newly accessed personnel, UTA MSF In Processing Briefing, reenlistments

Civilian Career: Engineering Draftsman

Education: Working on degree in Social Work

Military Experience: Prior service Active duty Army for 4 years

Goals and Ambitions: Complete a successful 20 year military career

Hobbies and Activities: Outdoor activities, weight training, reading

Most Memorable 190th Moment: Having the privilege of freezing out Master Sgt. Moser while running for my PT test in 11 degree weather.

Change...the only constant

By Chief Master Sgt. Donald Lee

190th Operation Support Flight



I will start with what Webster's Dictionary says: "...to make different in some particular: alter: to replace with another".

What does it mean in the Air National Guard? I can tell you what it means to me and to us at the 190th. For me it means five different airframes in twenty four years. It means going from one weekend a month and two weeks a year to one weekend a month and several temporary duty assignments (TDY's) in a year. It means transferring from one unit to another in the great state of Kansas.

For the 190th it has meant relocating from Hutchinson to Topeka. It has meant changing airframes three times. It has had the addition of EMEDS. As we grow into the two new missions, we will see more deployments along with responding to more emergencies with our EMEDS.

Some of you have been in the Guard long enough to remember traditional commitments of one weekend a month and short, fun two-week training deployments. As we continue to increase our contribution to the Total Force, our traditional Guard commitment has grown to include a good chance of seeing our two weeks of training in places like Turkey, Guam, South America, Afghanistan and Iraq. Two weeks may become 30 to 120 days.

The future lies with all of you in the 190th as our varied missions evolve. You will continue to see growth in the need for savvy technicians with a wide variety of computer skills; both in hardware and software. Our needs for remote pilots and controllers will increase as more un-manned aircraft are put to the field.

We will always have a need for smart, motivated and hard-working individuals. All of us need continue to focus on professional education to improve our local Total Force and remain viable state and country.

I challenge all of our airmen to continue striving toward higher education, both military and civilian. Push to get complete professional military education and enroll in that more difficult English or Math course. This will help with upcoming changes in our military as well as life in general.

We've come a long way since my enlistment into military service in November 1975 with Navy. The guard has changed ten-fold since my enlistment into the Kansas Air National Guard in 1983. The changes I have witnessed will only continue into the future. A young troop entering into the military today may see us hovering around on transports like the futuristic cartoon series the Jetsons!

Don't be afraid of change. Rather than being resistive, you must embrace change and strive to be a part of it, or be left hopelessly in the dust. Be prepared to welcome change as it comes your way. Good luck and God-speed in your future. It is changing as you read this article.

For Your Information

Officer Appointments

Maj

Erik C. Baker, OSF
Ingrid C. Trevino, MDG



Capt

Kevin R. Cline, 117th ARS
Scott L. Hagenbrock, 117th ARS



2Lt

Stephanie D. Page, MDG



50th Anniversary Print

Gary Filkins has finished the print for the 50th Anniversary unveiled during the Dining Out. The print will be framed and ready to hang. Each print comes with a statement of authenticity.

The 50th Committee has requested the initial release be limited to 190 copies. It is not a limited edition (i.e. 125/190) but each print will be numbered and logged so if the print itself is damaged that numbered print can be replaced at no cost to the member (frame and matting not included). Depending on the interest received during this initial order request, there may be an addition lot quantity over the first 190 prints.

The cost of the print is \$175.00 unless you request a specific number, if so the cost will be \$190.00. Contact Senior Master Sgt Keith Fulton for more information or to place your order.



190th Chapel Services

The Base Chapel is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662.

Latter Day Saints:
1100 - 1130 Sun

Protestant:
0800 - 0830 Sun

Catholic:
1345 - 1415 Sun



Enlisted Promotions

MSgt

Kevin M. Wagner, SFS



TSgt

George C. Jeter, SFS
Sarah R. Sell, SFS



SSgt

Jeremy N. Bennett, OSF
Wayne L. French, SFS
Kory K. Tinsley, SFS



SrA

Jacob P. Lang, MXS
Kevin P. Williams, SFS



Looking for an opportunity to learn more about the 190th - the past, present and future? PACK is for you!

The 2008 PACK meeting will be held on April 25 - 26, 2008. Friday's event will take place at the Kansas Historical Museum (6425 SW 6th Street) and the Saturday event will take place in the Topeka Holiday Inn.

This organization is (as its name implies - Past & Active Coyotes of Kansas) a group of men and women associated with the 190th. Membership cost for PACK is \$3.00/year. Membership dues are included in the cost for those who attend the weekend activities.



	Single	Couple
Entire weekend	\$35.00	\$60.00
Friday night only	\$20.00	\$25.00
Saturday night only	\$30.00	\$50.00

UTA Dining Hall Schedule

The following list below is the Dining Hall Facility meal schedule for units assigned to the 190th Air Refueling Wing and State Headquarters:

1100: MXG, LGS, OG, MSF, 117ARS

1130: LGM, HQ, AMXS & MSG

1200: MDG, CES, SFS, MOF, 127WF, JFHQ

Dining Facility hours of operation are 1100-1300. Please ensure you adhere to the above schedule to minimize wait time.

Enlistments

SSgt Scott R. Goodnite, AMXS
Enlistment Date: 8 Jan 08

SSgt James McDonald, CF
Enlistment Date: 7 Feb 08

SRA Paul C. Deveaux, MXS
Enlistment Date: 9 Feb 08

SRA Daniel J. List, SFS
Enlistment Date: 4 Jan 08

A1C Nels A. Anderson V, MDS
Enlistment Date: 30 Jan 08

A1C Brent A. Garrison, MDS
Enlistment Date: 30 Jan 08

A1C Jamie D. Johnson, MDS
Enlistment Date: 25 Feb 08

A1C Tiffany D. Kubie, MXS
Enlistment Date: 14 Feb 08

A1C Tyisha D. McNutt, MSF
Enlistment Date: 5 Feb 08

A1C Garrett B. Sauer, MDS
Enlistment Date: 8 Feb 08

A1C Jarin M. Tabor, CES
Enlistment Date: 5 Feb 08

A1C Matthew D. Tice, MXS
Enlistment Date: 30 Jan 08

AB Adam Bowman, MXS
Enlistment Date: 30 Jan 08

Coyote Cafe April 21st Menu

Saturday

Ranch Chicken, Beef Tips w/Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, French Fries, Carrots,
Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Brownies,
Peanut Butter Cookies

Sunday

Fish w/ Dill Sauce, Hawaiian Chicken,
Citrus Rice, New Potatoes, Beets, Corn,
Dinner Rolls, Pineapple Upside
Down Cake, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Short Order Sat/Sun

Chicken Sandwiches, Potato Wedges
Grilled Cheese, Baked Potato Bar

Hotel of the Month

Capital Plaza

Must check in prior to 1800 hours or
your reservation will be canceled.

190th Services Flight requests that
room reservations be submitted the
UTA prior to the next drill.

Coyote Heritage



The change from B-57 to the KC-135A didn't come with out some change in training requirements. Even the "old hands" who had been with the unit for some time had to start all over. Hours of training and classroom work would need to be accomplished before the maintenance troops would be allowed to sign off on the jobs that

would be required to keep the tankers in the air and operating up the the standards of the 190th. The Air Force sent the 224th Field Training Detachment from Wurthsmith AFB to assist with the training and as later results would confirm, the Kansas Coyotes had learned their new tankers very well indeed.



Please record your story and send it to the historian's office at: 190th Historian, 5920 SE Coyote Dr., Topeka, KS 66619-5370.



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