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Strength, positive attitude key for success

By Col. Derek Rogers
190th MSG Commander



I am indeed honored and humbled to have been chosen as the new Mission Support Group Commander.

Many years ago, my first assignment at the 190th was as a combat arms instructor in the Support Group. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to work in many areas throughout the Wing and hope to use this knowledge as an asset to the Group. I'm looking forward to working new challenges and getting to know all the members within the Mission Support Group.

It has been a privilege to have served with the people in the Maintenance Group these last 5 years. The personnel of the group are some of the most motivated, innovative, and productive people that I have had the pleasure to work with. I have the utmost respect for each and everyone of you for your professionalism and expertise. Together we tackled many challenges and came out on top as a team each and every time. I will look back to my time in the Maintenance Group as one of the best times in my career.

There is no doubt in my mind that Col Link will do an outstanding job and, with the rest of the

leadership, take the organization to higher levels. It's a nice feeling to be leaving an organization better than when you found it and full of professionals that will make it even better.

For almost a year, our Wing personnel from all areas around the base have been heavily engaged in preparation for our upcoming Operation Readiness Inspection in June. This has been a huge undertaking that at times has been frustrating and confusing. The strength of our folks and our success lies within our positive attitude.

Our ORE in March was a great opportunity to identify what we do well, and the things we need to work on before our ORI in June. Our greatest strengths identified by the EET at the ORE were our positive attitudes and our ability to see the big picture of the war environment. Remember that the two components of ATSO are surviving and operating. A good example of this is the vehicle mechanic repairing the forklift while suited up in MOPP 4 gear.

What do we need to work on? Reducing the time it takes to transition from MOPP 2 to MOPP 4 chemical gear. With practice we can reduce these times either at home or out of the base. Each of us needs to practice transitioning from MOPP 2 to MOPP 4 prior to the ORI.

This is a Wing inspection and we need

everyone's support, even if they are not one of the deployers. Be ready to help during the initial response to deploy and at the redeployment to Forbes. Ask your supervisor how you can volunteer to help. Some of the areas could be in cargo loading/unloading, services, and personnel assistance.

I couldn't think of better personnel to go through an ORI with than the current people we have at the 190th! There is no doubt in my mind that we all learned and benefited from our ORE experience last month and it brought the "big picture" into view for most of our deployers.

Without doubt, we will work hard and have long days (and nights) during the ORI and it will be here before we know it. Take advantage of the time we have before June to polish up on our ATSO. Remember to look out for your Wingman, be safe, and let's perform excellent at the ORI!

Developing Airman Competencies

By Senior Master Sgt. Everett Gruver
190th Human Resources Advisor

As leaders in the Air National Guard, we are privileged to sit at the crossroads of change and hope for our Airmen. We have a chance to influence our Airmen while they engage in their journey of self-discovery. We are given the gift of exerting some influence on the future of our Air National Guard. We are given a chance at leadership. As Guardsmen, we should all embrace our moral responsibility to lead by example.

We must focus on developing Airmen competencies and creating a productive future, which we define as one that respects individuals and their differences- we foster teamwork, promote flexibility, and support a balance between personal and profes-

sional lives.

Diversity and the Air National Guard demand a wide range of behavior expected of every airman, at every level. True leaders treat all with dignity and respect. They integrate ideas, collaborate with others, build working relationships, and exhibit behaviors that reflect a high degree of integrity and ethics.

We all have a part in the efforts to maximize a diverse ANG that demonstrates the moral courage to realize you don't have to be 'one of to stand with.' Support your fellow Airmen, regardless of background, race or gender.

We are fortunate to be involved in an ANG whose fundamentals emphasize betterment: improving yourself as well as others.

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Staff Sgt. Steven Blowers, deployed armorer for the 190th ARW during the Operational Readiness Exercise at Alepena, Mich., prepares a weapon prior to issuing it to a fellow deployer.

(photo by Master Sgt. Allen Pickert)

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For more information on the ANG's Diversity Program contact SMSgt Chuck Gruver, Human Resource Advisor.

Rose recognized for advancing women's status—

By Steve Larson

JFHQ Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Deborah Rose, director of the Joint Staff for the Kansas National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters, was the recipient of a Yellow Rose Award from the Zonta Club of Topeka on Mon., March 9. The award was presented in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, State Defense Building, 2800 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka.

"It is truly an honor to accept this award on behalf of my fellow female military members," said Rose. "It underscores the significance that women are serving in almost every capacity in the armed forces. They are no longer restricted to serve in limited roles. In today's world it would be difficult for the military services to achieve their mission without female soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen. I want to express my appreciation to the Zonta Club for this Yellow Rose award."

Yellow Rose awards are presented annually to a woman or group of women who have represented, helped or otherwise promoted the welfare or advance-

ment of women in the community. According to Linda Hayse, Zonta Club of Topeka, Rose was selected as a representative of women in the military "who work hard to protect and defend our country alongside our male soldiers."

As the director of the Joint Force Headquarters, Kansas National Guard, Rose is responsible for the integration of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard forces for homeland security and for the command of the Joint Task Force-Kansas. She is responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating policies, plans and programs affecting the homeland security missions of the Kansas National Guard.

Rose entered military service with a direct commission into the Nurse Corps in March 1983 with the 190th Air Refueling Wing, where she remained until 1994 when she became the 190th Service Flight Commander.

She has served in assignments with progressively more responsibility in the 190th Air Refueling Wing, first at a squadron level, then at a group level and finally

at the wing level. She became the highest-ranking female in the Kansas National Guard when she was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2002, and upon her promotion to brigadier general in 2007 was also the first female to achieve that rank in the Kansas National Guard.

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta members volunteer their time, talents and money to service projects, as well as scholarship and award programs aimed at furthering women's education, leadership and youth development.

Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day, has been marked since 1999. On that day, Zonta members around the world are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.



Advancing women's role in the military

Brig. Gen. Deborah Rose is presented a bouquet of yellow roses from members of the Zonta Club in recognition of her role in advancing the stature of women in the military. (photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Traynor)

190th ARW Officer Vacancy Bioenvironmental Engineer

The 190th Medical Group has a Traditional Officer vacancy for a *Bioenvironmental Engineer Officer, AFSC 43E3*. A baccalaureate degree or higher in engineering from an accredited institution is required.

If you are interested, submit your package to 190th MDG/SGA, Lt. Col. Tim Stevens by close of business on 3 May 2009.

Officer Package consists of:

- Resume
- College transcripts
- 3 letters of character reference
- Record review rip (if currently in military)
- DD 214 or NGB 22 (if prior service)
 - AFOQT scores
 - Current fitness report

Faxed packages will be accepted.

Fax Number: (785) 861-4491

Please contact Lt. Col. Stevens at (785) 861-4569 or tim.stevens@kstopeng.af.mil if you have questions.

190th tackles weather,



By MSgt. Allen Pickert
190th Public Affairs

The 190th found success on our recent Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) at Alpena, Mich. The temperatures were cold and the hours long, but the exercise showed that our efforts at Forbes prior to the deployment paid off.

According to Mission Support Group Commander Col. Derek Rogers, the inspection team found we had a good grasp on “big picture” issues of the deployment and that we exhibited a good attitude throughout the exercise. However, the key word in ORE is “exercise,” and as this was a practice inspection, we learned that we needed to improve in many areas before the actual inspection in June.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Brian Saunders says one of the most important things for all inspection players to remember is that EET (Exercise Evaluation Team) members are always right. The proper response to their input and guidance should always be “Yes, sir” or “Yes, ma’am.” Although some actions or scenarios during these exercises may be

nonsensical, the arguments for or against anything during the deployment should be better saved for the after-action report. METs and METLs may have some problems, but players and EET members should not solve those problems during the exercise.

In addition, all personnel should remember that we are evaluated to the same duty force standards. Unlike the National Guard, the active duty force lives a military lifestyle everyday, not just on a weekend a month, and in doing so we develop a much higher level of unity.

“We need to increase our unity,” Rogers said. “We should all be wearing our web-gear at the same time and in the same manner. When the exercises begin, no one should be wearing jeans, consuming outside food or drink, drinking alcohol, or using tobacco products, whether smoking or chewing. More importantly, always remember that the exercise officially starts and ends here at Forbes, Michigan.”

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face, no one likes the chemical warfare suits. According to Chief Saunders, it is important that everyone wear their ATSO gear right the first time.

“Everyone should know that if you do the ATSO tasks right the first time, you will not have a second day of ATSO scenarios,” he said. “The inspectors have many tasks they need to inspect during the exercise, and they do not want to spend two days on the ATSO tasks any more than the players in the suits do. If we pass the ATSO tasks on the first day of the full-blown ATSO scenario, that will be it. The inspectors will move on to more pleasant tasks.”

Make sure you are wearing your chemical suit correctly and that your buddy is wearing their chemical suit correctly as well. Also, make sure you can go from MOPP 2 to MOPP 4 in two minutes or less. Only one day in ATSO gear should be a great motivator for anybody.

Now with the ORE wrapped up, the 190th can focus on the upcoming ORI in June. On the calendar, that is just over two months. However, that is just two drill weekends for final preparation.



(Photos by MSgt. Allen Pickert)



—Portrait of an Airman

Airman First Class Tyisha McNutt



Organization: 190th Mission Support Flight

Job Title: Customer Service Representative

Main Responsibilities: Issuing ID cards and processing awards, decorations, retirements and promotions.

Civilian Career: Performance Specialist for Alorica

Education: Student at Allen County Community College majoring in communication and journalism.

Military Experience: Air Guard for just over one year.

Hobbies & Activities: I like to hang out with my family, shop, listen to music and watch television.

Goals & Ambitions: I want to obtain my bachelors degree in journalism and start my own magazine.

Most Memorable 190th Moment: Swearing in on February 5, 2008.

What can the IG do for me?

By Lt. Col. Joyce Zillinger

190th Inspector General

Inspector Generals (IG) are part of a unit to provide assistance or referral, as appropriate, to unit members when they have a concern or complaint. The IG helps identify where command involvement is needed to correct systematic, programmatic or procedural weaknesses; objectively resolves issues affecting the unit's mission and helps to create an atmosphere of trust where issues can be objectively and fully resolved without retaliation or the fear of reprisal. The program also assists commanders in instilling confidence in unit leadership.

AFI 90-301 governs established IG procedures and explains how to file a complaint. As ANG members, you are entitled to submit complaints of what you believe to be matters of fraud, waste and abuse or abuse of authority to an IG at any level. All complaints are handled confidentially, quickly and fairly.

Experience has shown that commanders and supervisors are best equipped to resolve your complaints. Therefore, you are encouraged - but not required - to discuss your problem with your chain of command or First Sergeant prior to filing an official IG complaint. In the event you are unable to get assistance in resolving an issue or are unsure what agency can provide you assistance, then you should consider contacting the IG.

Your avenues for contacting the IG during UTA weekends by calling extension 4798, emailing me at joyce.zillinger@kstope.ang.af.mil or by visiting the office in Building 2005.

The rest of the month, you may contact me on my cell phone at 785-221-6171 or by email at jdzillinger@hotmail.com.

Remember, the Wing IG office is here to ensure the highest degree of mission accomplishment through prop-

er adherence to directives and policy, appropriate use of resources and fair and equitable treatment of personnel. Please call or stop by if you have any concerns or issues you want to discuss.

UTA Dining Facility Schedule

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

**1100-LRF, JFHQ, SFS,
CES, SG, WEA
1130-MXG, LGS, OG,
ARS, MPF
1200-LGM, HQ, AMXS,
MSG, MDG**

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

For Your Information

Officer Appointments

Col

Kyle D Garrison, MDS
Hans J Neidhardt, JFHQ



Lt Col

Chris J Ioder, 117th ARS



Capt

Brian A Correll, 117th ARS
Kyle J Dill, 117th ARS



1Lt

Monica E Riggs, 117th ARS
Steven K Stonestreet, AMXS
Summer H Schwindt, MDS



2Lt

Elisha M Smith, JFHQ
Casey J Lang, HQ



Promotions

A1C

Emily L Hof, MDS
Jody K McCready, LRS
Margaret R Pilcher, MDG
Bradley M Williams, CF
Erech J Doviak, SFS
Holly A Johnson, LRS



TSgt

Alexander K Dunning, MSF



MSgt

Joseph E Copeland, CES



Enlistments

A1C Bradley M Williams, CF
Enlistment Date: 05 Feb 09
A1C Holly A Johnson, LRS
Enlistment Date: 06 Feb 09
SSgt Sarbjit Singh, LRS
Enlistment Date: 06 Feb 09
A1C Emily L Hof, MDS
Enlistment Date: 13 Feb 09
A1C Jordan E Best, SFS
Enlistment Date: 30 Jan 09
A1C Noe Garza, AMXS
Enlistment Date: 13 Jan 09
SSgt David L Goodwin, LRS
Enlistment Date: 21 Jan 09
A1C Jody K McCready, LRS
Enlistment Date: 07 Feb 09
A1C Margaret R Pilcher, MDS
Enlistment Date: 05 Feb 09
A1C Shana N Sanders, CF
Enlistment Date: 29 Jan 09
A1C Bradley R Smith, CES
Enlistment Date: 28 Jan 09

PACK 2009

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

The 2009 PACK meeting will be held on April 24th from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the Kansas Historical Museum at 6425 SW 6th Street. The annual banquet will take place on April 25th from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. at 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.

For more information, please contact Sharon Schroeder at 785-862-0289 or Senior Master Sgt. Wendy Davis at 785-861-4212.

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

During the March UTA, Senior Airman Weston Hopkins, CES, was found in violation of base seatbelt regulations.



Please wear your seatbelts at all times! It is not only an Air Force and DOD directive – it's Kansas law.



Easter Egg Hunt
4 April 2009 @ 1300
190th ARW Enlisted Park



Mother's Day Crafts & Bake Sale

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Coyote Cafe April UTA Menu

Saturday

Chicken Parmesan
Baked Blackened Catfish
Chicken Gravy
Marinara Sauce
White Rice
Angle Hair Pasta
French Style Green Beans
Mixed Vegetables
Cream of Broccoli Soup
Salad Bar
Potato Salad
Cookies
Assorted Beverages

Sunday

Box Lunches

Hotel of the Month

Singles - Capital Plaza
Singles Pay - Ramada Inn
Doubles - Holidome

There will be a Wing Commander's Call on Saturday, 2 May at 0800 in Hanger 662.

Coyote Heritage



Tech. Sgt. Ralph Hawkins looks over a pile of rubble about to be removed as part of the 190th Civil Engineer Flight's first ever overseas deployment in July 1971. The flight sent 32 men to Lajes AB in the Azores, a Portuguese possession about 600 miles off the southwestern tip of Europe.

Prior to the deployment, CE had been used primarily as a unit asset at Forbes, and even earlier at Hutchinson. But shortly after the move to Forbes, they were assigned as an emergency support unit, with worldwide capability. Known as Prime Beef, these teams came into being as a result of operations in Vietnam and were the Air Forces' answer to the problem of rapidly establishing a presence wherever there was a need for USAF aircraft.

For the 190th, this meant that they would need to be able to function wherever the Air Force sent them. The deployment to the Azores would be the first of many that CE would be a part of over the years. 190th Civil Engineers still have that capability today, making them part of a highly successful USAF effort. It also gives them increased effectiveness to deal with natural disasters and other state emergencies.



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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