

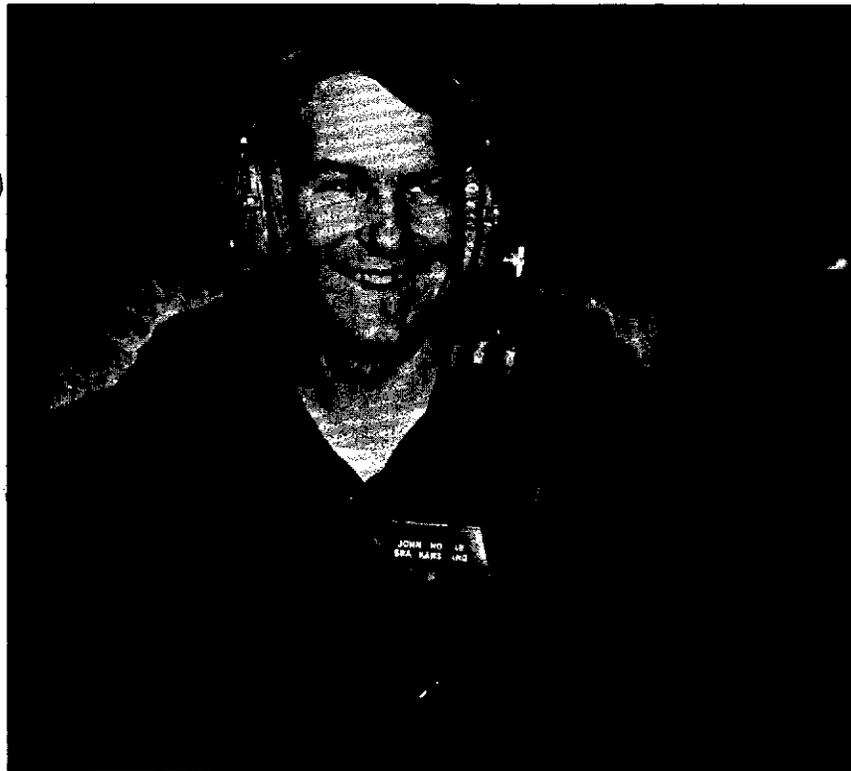
# The Kansas Coyote

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## Hollar named Kansas Airman of Year



**Airman Hollar**

Senior Airman John Hollar, 190th from six nominees, three each from

for final consideration by the Air Force Association. The AFA will then choose from Guard, Reserve and Air Force nominees the top 12 airmen for the year.

The final 12 airmen will be honored at the national convention of the AFA later in the year. The AFA is a private organization that promotes military aviation as well as the entire aviation industry.

MSgt Rexer, selected as the top Kansas Air Guard senior NCO, is in charge of the 190th fuels management section. The fuels section is responsible for 7.2 million gallons of jet fuel, along with demineralized water, liquid oxygen and de-icing fluid used for the unit's aircraft.

MSgt Rexer was specifically recognized for this work organizing the 190th fuels support of 83 C-141 Starlifter aircraft during the REFORGER '79 exercise. The support of missions that airlifted some eight thousand Army personnel to Europe was complicated by the record 12 inches of snow during the January 1979 exercise.

Rexer is a section manager in the reproduction department of Hallmark Cards in Topeka. He lives in Topeka with his wife Cynthia and their two children.

Kansas NCO of the year is TSgt John Etzel of the 184th Resource Management Squadron. He is in charge of the career advisory unit of Personnel, and also works as public relations liaison between the 184th and the local community.

Airman of the year SRA John Hollar is one of three KC-135 crew chiefs

## Commander's Comments



Colonel William S. Mahler

During the March UTA the 190th will receive a Staff Assistance Visit from the 19th Air Division. Although the team composition is not yet firm, we can anticipate that all areas will be visited. I am not concerned about the direct mission related areas as most were rated Satisfactory, Excellent or Outstanding during our September ORI/MEL. I believe we are even stronger now than when inspected.

We should anticipate a scenario closely following our ORI. The four marginal areas require special attention. I am aware of the hard work that has been expended to correct the deficiencies and I appreciate all your efforts. The areas of personal appearance, military bearing and courtesy, although improved, require special emphasis during this visit. This particular area can do more to improve or detract from the image and reputation of the 190th than perhaps any other single item. We know we do the job with dedication and professionalism, but do we look or act like professionals?

I am confident that we are the best and that the results of this visit will be a source of pride for all of us. I look forward to the 19th Air Division visit and the opportunity to show them that we have the finest unit and people in the business.

# Voting Apathy

## Endangers

## Democracy

By 2nd Lt Ron Fuchs

Nothing has ever stopped the electoral process in the United States. No war, including the Civil War, or major crisis has interfered with Americans going to the polls and choosing their representatives. The only thing that comes dangerously close is the apathy demonstrated by the citizens who don't vote.

Government is the business of every citizen. People in the military are no different. We are faced with a unique situation. We help elect the men and women who represent us. They do not answer to us as individuals but, rather, as the elected representatives of our people—a citizenry of which we are vital members.

Compare our voting system to a tree's roots and consider our democracy to be the tree. The tree would die if the roots failed to provide nutrition, and without providing input through voting, democracy also can die.

Nothing makes voting mandatory in this nation. Hopefully, nothing ever will but our own conscience. A basic

principle of our country is the freedom to choose. You have the option not to vote but, then, do you have the option to criticize government or complain about the shortcomings of elected leaders?

If you don't vote, why bother to complain? Are people worth listening to who can complain about problems within government and then announce they didn't vote because it doesn't make any difference?

Voters in the United States elect more than 500,000 public officials every four years. Whether it's for a city councilman or the president of the United States, the vote is equally important. Each public official represents you and makes decisions that govern your life.

The excuse of being removed from the political scene is not valid. Mass communications and the absentee ballot system have provided each airman, soldier and sailor with the opportunity and responsibility for which thousands have died. Your ballot is the opportunity to have your voice heard.

SAVE ENERGY

# Recruiter's Corner

By MSgt Bill Stark

One upon a time...there were four Air National Guardsmen, Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. They were odd people and hard to understand. Some of their attitudes about recruiting and retention were a shame, and Everybody knew it.

Somebody was always running down anything Anybody tried to do for recruiting and retention, and Everybody knew it was wrong. Everybody should have helped, Anybody could have helped, but only Nobody cared.

All four Guardsmen belonged to a unit that had a critical manning problem. Everybody realized the importance of the problem. Somebody

wanted to recruit but couldn't because he wasn't talking to Anybody. Nobody was faithful at recruiting and retention, and Nobody used the recruiting and retention materials available.

Everybody thought Somebody was recruiting and Everybody should have helped, but Everybody thought Anybody could do better than he could.

A fellow guardsman's enlistment was up and Everybody thought Somebody should talk to him about reenlisting. Anybody could have made the effort, but didn't. Do you know who finally talked to him?

Nobody did.

## New Policies suggested by Airman Panel

By CMSgt Donald Abbott  
KANG Senior Enlisted Advisor

The last meeting of the Airman Advisory Panel discussed the recommendations that Guard and Reserve personnel be allowed to retire after 20 years of service, and the replacement of sleeve chevrons with metal collar chevrons. The comments from the panel, National Guard Bureau and Air Force Reserve Hq. follow.

Item: Allow Reserve Forces personnel to retire upon completion of 20 years service.

Panel: Recommends support by forwarding item to Director, ANG and Chief, AFRES.

support of Air Force and DOD.

Item: Replace sleeve chevron with metal collar chevron.

Panel: Recommend forwarding to the Uniform Board, excluding the utility uniform.

NGB: The recommendation has been considered by the Uniform Board before, and they are reluctant to alter from the tradition of enlisted personnel wearing the sleeve insignia except on those items already designated. NGB will evaluate the extent of support before making a recommendation to the board.

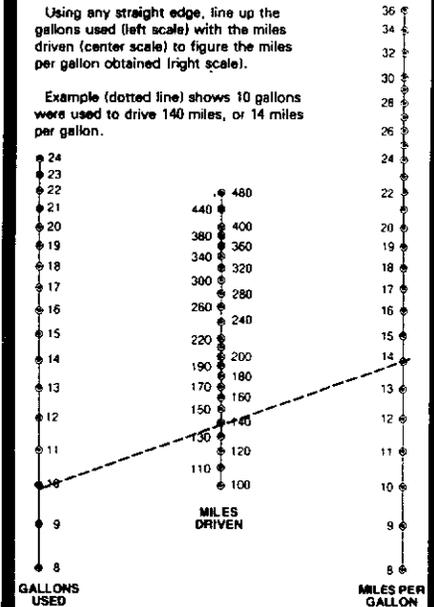
### MILES PER GALLON CALCULATOR

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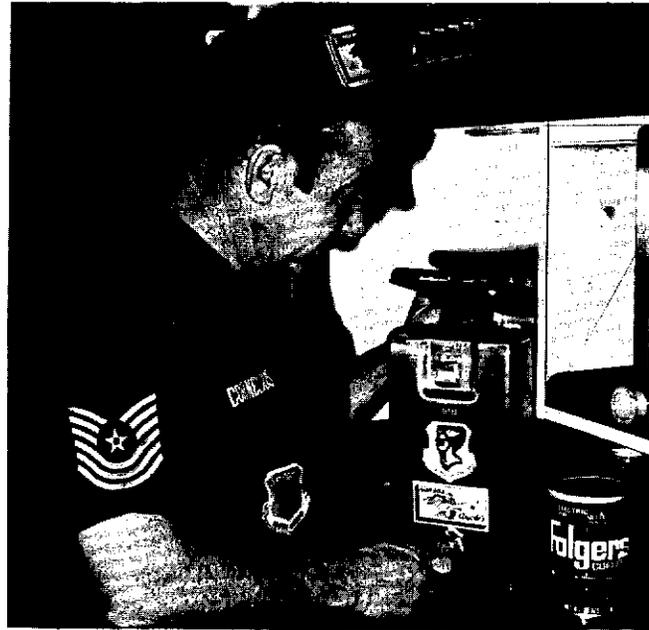
Calculate miles per gallon between fillups. Start with a full tank and record mileage. At time of next fillup, record gallons used and miles driven since the previous fillup.

Using any straight edge, line up the gallons used (left scale) with the miles driven (center scale) to figure the miles per gallon obtained (right scale).

Example (dotted line) shows 10 gallons were used to drive 140 miles, or 14 miles per gallon.



# Sergeant Cornelius



**Cornelius is also the inflight cook.  
A jack-of-all-trades, Sergeant**

There are many words one could use to describe MSgt Kenneth A. Cornelius, an air technician for the 190th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

As the crew chief for the 190th Air Refueling Group's C-131 support aircraft, Sergeant Cornelius is a man of many talents.

He's a top mechanic who not only performs some of the maintenance on the C-131 himself, but also supervises all the repair and upkeep work done. Besides conducting preflight and postflight inspections, he also flies along on each mission, preparing and cooking inflight meals in the aircraft's galley.

Sergeant Cornelius joined the 190th when it was based at Hutchinson in 1966. He has been the crew chief for the 190th's support aircraft ever since.

"When I first started working with the 190th, the support plane was a C-47. Since then, I've worked on a C-54, and a T-29. We received the

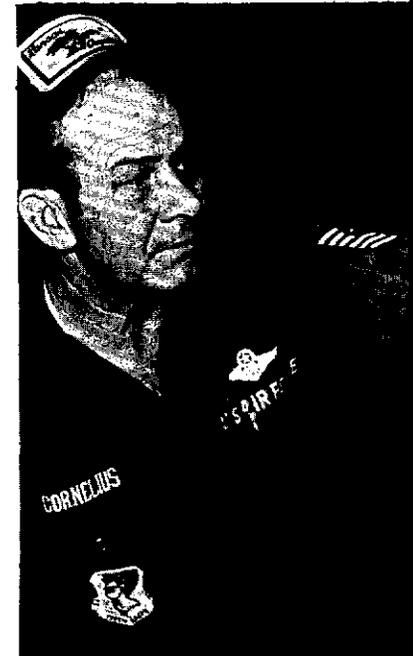
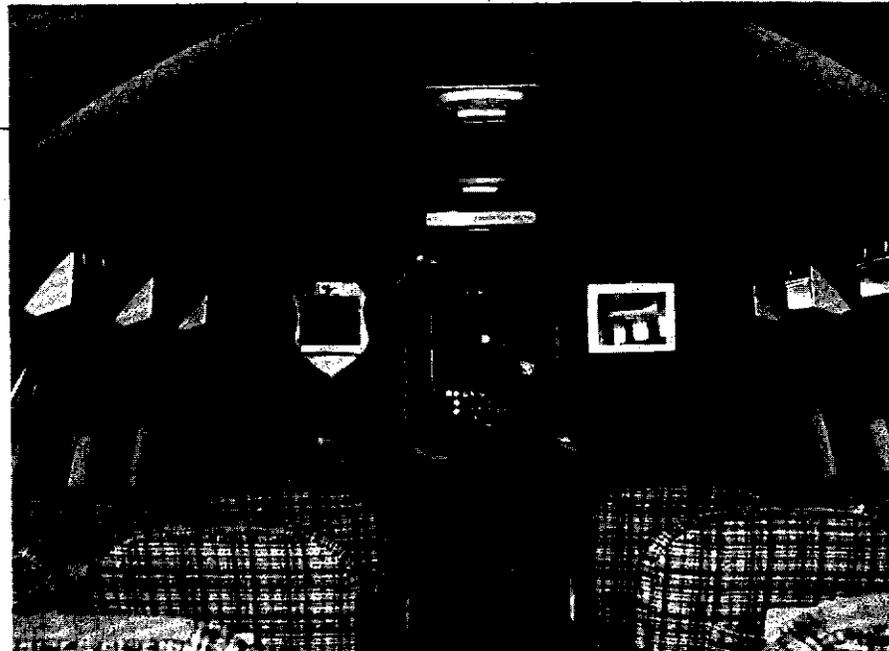
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getting the specialists out here to get it done. I do some of the maintenance myself, but without the good support I get from other people, I'd have problems.

"I get help from the Phase Dock... engine shop—in fact, just about every specialist out here gets a crack at doing something to this plane at sometime," Cornelius said.

Another part of his crew chief job is to maintain the stock supplies in the aircraft's galley and cook the food.

"I could cook T-bone steaks in this galley if I wanted to, but usually I fix meatloaf, ham or roast beef. In other words, I'm a jack-of-all-trades," he said.

It's obvious to a casual observer that Sergeant Cornelius is a one-plane man. And as he himself remarked laughing, "One of these days I'm going to learn how to fly this dude and I won't need a pilot!"

Who can argue with that? Besides, who'd want to break up a good team?



**C-131 support aircraft**



# The Guard Fight Their Own Battle



Fighting in the open on a dusty mountainside in a foreign land a thousand miles from home, facing an enemy many times its own strength, the Mississippi Rifles, commanded by Colonel Jefferson Davis, displayed a rock-like defense against a Mexican attack in response to the command, "Stand Fast, Mississippians!" Earlier, the battle had reached a critical stage when the Rifles (in the action depicted) were ordered to attack Mexican cavalry and infantry advancing on the Americans. The "hard-fighting Mississippi gentlemen" moved up, fired, then drew Bowie knives and closed in. The Rifles - the 155th Infantry of the modern Mississippi Army National Guard - thus wrote another chapter in the proud National Guard tradition.

By SSgt. Robert Piepinbrink

The Guard Heritage picture of the Mississippi Rifles at Buena Vista shows one of the great moments in the history of the national guard. It isn't often that a regiment of infantry charges a brigade of cavalry. In fact, the battle left Jefferson Davis, Colonel of the Mississippi Rifles, with a conviction of his own military greatness that lasted him throughout the Civil War.

Buena Vista ought to be remembered by the guard for at least two things that don't show up in the

regulars had smoothbore muskets, and with percussion caps for them while the rest of the army used flintlocks.

Second, Buena Vista was the guard's own battle. Better than 90 percent of the army that fought there under Zachary Taylor were "volunteers", meaning for the most part national guard units which had volunteered for one year's service, keeping their own organization, uniforms and equipment. In fact, at that time most national guard units paid for their own uniforms and

Santa Anna's regulars, though, had lost roughly twice as many, Percegewise, the Mexicans were still ahead, but they'd had enough. The guardsmen were ready for another day's fighting, and they weren't

At the climax of the battle, Zach Taylor summed it up. A regular officer came to him and told him that the troops were whipped. "I know that," Taylor replied, "but the volunteers don't." Neither, evidently did Santa Anna.

Have a mind  
to...



IF YOU DRINK  
DON'T DRIVE!

## Chaplain's Column

Since the departure of Chaplain Dwight Brown in December 1979, the 190th has been in need of a Protestant Chaplain. Rev. Larry Woodward, pastor of the Crestview Baptist Church in Topeka, has agreed to hold Protestant services until a new chaplain is assigned to the unit.

The Saturday morning Bible Study, which began during the November UTA will also continue to meet between 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office at the Group Headquarter's building. SSgt Gary Cox will lead the study in the book of Phillipians.

Father George Klasinski will continue to serve as the unit's Catholic

# Hypothermia - The Killer in the Cold

Hypothermia is the number one killer of outdoor recreationalists in the United States.

It is a condition in which the body core becomes chilled and can be caused not only by cold temperatures, but also by low wind chill temperatures and-or exposure to cold water. Even when the air temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the chill factor can be below freezing.

On the average, a person in 40 degrees Fahrenheit water will pass out in 30 to 40 minutes. Even if a victim gets out of the cold water, the wind chill and evaporation can exact their toll on a wet victim.

Hypothermia can be prevented by

dressng for the weather and being prepared for the sudden changes in the weather that can occur. Wear a hat. A bare head can radiate up to three-fourths of the body's heat. Wear layers of clothing. If you get hot, take off a layer; or cold, then add more layers.

Warmth is maintained in the body by wearing clothing as a good insulator. Down is an excellent insulator. The new polyfills are rated as good while wool is an excellent material.

As opposed to down and polyfills, wool continues to be a good insulator when wet, thus is well suited for varying weather conditions.

Hypothermia is easily recognizable. The victim will shiver uncontrollably, have slurred speech and will complain of the cold. In sever hypothermia cases, the shivering will subside and incoordination and incoherence will be evident.

To provide aid to a hypothermia victim, make the victim warm. Remove any wet clothes and put the victim in a warm sleeping bag. The best field first aid is to put the undressed victim in a sleeping bag with another undressed person as skin-to-skin contact is the most efficient rewarming method. Build a camp fire and get medical assistance.

Let's do our part to prevent this "chill that kills."

## Give Security a Helping Hand

If you saw someone on the flightline waving his hat and yelling "Helping Hand!", would you know what to do? What if a voice came on the PA system and announced, "We are now under 'Covered Wagon'," would you know what that meant?

Helping Hand means that a possible hostile action has occured affecting our resources; such as sabatoge. Covered Wagon means that an actual hostile action has occurred.

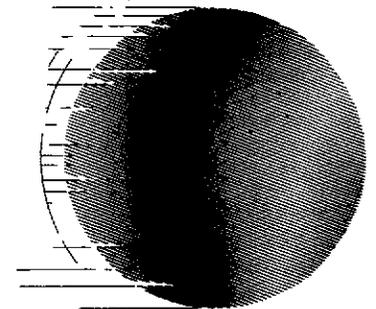
If you see a Helping Hand situation, notify the Security Police and then return to the area and remain there to brief the responding SP team. Keep

watch on the suspect or suspected object in case it moves to another area.

If the Helping Hand incident is confirmed, that is, if there is a sabatoge, it becomes a Covered Wagon situation. The Security Police will make this confirmation and notify the command post. The command post will make the PA announcement.

But remember, none of this can happen unless someone reports the situation. That's why security is everyone's job. If you ever spot a potential Helping Hand, report it. Don't leave it to the next guy.

Keep the ball rolling!



Give your story  
ideas to the Log

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**Patriots Flagging  
for New Members**

## Enlistments

TSgt John W. MacArthur.....CAM  
 SSgt Ralph O. Clemings Jr.....SP  
 SSgt Gary D. Jump.....RMS  
 SSgt Richard W. Prue.....CCS  
 SSgt Charles R. Wolf.....SP  
 SRA Bryce D. Benedict.....Clinic  
 AB John P. Beatty.....CEF  
 AB Debora L. Sester.....CEF  
 AB Darrell K. Wedeking.....CCS  
 AB Rex L. Werts.....CAM

## Promotions

TO: 1st Lt.  
 John R. Smith.....Clinic  
 TO: MSgt  
 Jan A. Bruce.....SPF  
 TO: TSgt  
 Steven W. Amundsen.....CAM  
 Robert J. Bleda.....SPF  
 Arthur B. Gentry.....CEF  
 TO: SSgt  
 Edward C. Fischer.....CSS  
 Michael R. Price.....CAM

## Sunday Chapel Services

Catholic - 1400 Hrs.  
 Protestant - 1500 Hrs.  
 Maintenance Classroom. Bldg. 662

190th AREFG  
 Forbes Field, Topeka, KS  
 66620

Official Business

## Reenlistments/Extensions

MSGt Richard B. Schroeder.....CSS  
 TSgt James M. Craft.....RMS  
 TSgt Daniel Herklotz.....117 AREFS  
 SSgt Richard C. Johnson.....CEF  
 Sgt Stephen P. Hlakid.....RMS  
 SRA Gwendolyn C. Craig.....CAM  
 SRA Nancy D. Stout.....CAM  
 AMN Dora M. Hymon.....CSS

## Appointments

Capt Paul Rebek .....Clinic  
 Capt Kenneth D. Robinson Jr..... 117 AREFS

## UTA Schedule

March 1-2  
 April 19-20  
 May 17-18

## Menu

### Saturday, March 1, 1980

Breaded Pork Chops  
 Baked Beans  
 Sauteed Corn  
 Toss Vegetable Salad W-dressing  
 Assorted Breads W-butter  
 Chocolate Pudding  
 Coffee, Tea, Milk

### Sunday, March 2, 1980

Yankee Pot Roast  
 Mashed Potatoes W-gravy  
 Wax Beans  
 Mixed Fruit Salad  
 Assorted Breads W-butter  
 Gingerbread W-whipped topping  
 Coffee, Tea, Milk

### Dining Hall Hours

Saturday - 1130 to 1300  
 Sunday - 1100 to 1230

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