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## Missile defense system concludes first operational mission

By Master Sgt. Allen Pickert

It's been said that there are only two kinds of aircraft: fighters and targets. While that is an exaggeration there is some truth to the statement and even more so when referencing military aircraft. When it comes to aerial combat the 190th's KC-135R Stratotanker, with no weapons and no defenses, could only qualify as a big fat aerial target. However, the Stratotanker's time as a defenseless utility aircraft may be coming to an end.

In March, a 190th tanker took a Large Aircraft Infrared Counter Measure (LAIRCM) package along for operational evaluation to Afghanistan. The primary mission for the tanker and its Kansas Air Guard crew was the evacuation of wounded personnel from the Afghan theater to Ramstein, Germany. Aero medical evacuation is a mission the 190th has performed numerous times in the past, but this time the KC-135 had more protection than just the cover of darkness and an irregular approach to the Bagram air field. Mounted to the belly of the plane was the LAIRCM pod, designed to detect and defeat incoming infrared anti-aircraft missiles.

The last 30 years has seen a large proliferation of small, man-portable, self-contained infrared anti-aircraft missiles throughout the world. These weapons are typically shoulder fired with a range of about 3 miles. There are tens of thousands of these weapons unaccounted for and they are small enough to fit into a car, which means there could be sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles virtually anywhere in the world at anytime.

The Northrop Grumman LAIRCM system, known as "The Guardian," is pod based and designed to detect and employ countermeasures against infrared-guided surface-to-air missiles. When the system detects a launch, it provid-

ed 360-degree protection by tracking the incoming missile and then jamming the missile's guidance system with a laser beam. The entire process occurs in seconds and requires no action by the tanker's crew.

"It's this sort of cooperative effort between the military and the private sector that drive advances in military technology," said Maj. Gen. (KS) Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general. "This new system will provide a strong measure of protection for U.S. airmen as they carry out their vital missions at home and abroad."

The Guardian System is contained almost entirely in a single pod that mounts to the underside of the tanker's fuselage. The system can be removed and mounted on another aircraft in a matter of minutes, providing flexibility and cost savings as it can be removed from aircraft not in harm's way. This is in stark contrast to typical defensive systems where all the system's components are permanently installed throughout the aircraft.

The system provides the crew and passengers another layer of safety says Master Sgt. Shad England, 190th avionics, who flew into Afghanistan with the LAIRCM. "The Guardian system gave everyone involved in the aero medical mission a new sense of security when travelling on a

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# Don't predict the future; invent it

By Lt. Col. Jarrod Frantz

Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron



Individuals sometimes like to imagine how their lives might be different if they could predict the future. "If only I had a crystal ball" they say, usually following a missed opportunity or bad investment decision. I still remember my friend in high school whose dad drove all over town trying to rent videos on Beta, long after it was apparent he'd made a bad prediction. And while I didn't need a crystal ball to tell him that VHS would win the format battle, I claim no powers of clairvoyance. The only way I know of to predict the future is to invent it. Sure, there are no guarantees in life. But you can greatly affect the odds by taking charge of your destiny in both your personal and professional life.

Constructing your future is like anything else, you've got to base it on a solid foundation. Militarily that means being adept in your primary AFSC, which usually starts early in your career. Additional duties, many not directly related to your primary AFSC, will present themselves along the way as we all struggle to do more with less. Tackling these additional duties is a great way to broaden your experience and prove to others that you're capable of increased responsibility. But no matter how many or how well you perform these additional duties, your credibility and respect from your peers will suffer if you can't do your basic job. So build your foundation early and build it solid enough to support the weight of future challenges.

One of the many things I love about the 190th is our way of treating challenges as 'opportunities'. It's a positive attitude that invigorates and drives you to ask more of yourself than you otherwise would. But when an opportunity arises, will you be prepared? When a vacancy opens up that

offers promotion, will you have the PME to compete? When a desired position on a deployment manning document appears, will you have all the ancillary training and medical requirements to be considered? When the interview for the next shop chief is coming up, are you scrambling last minute to find out what that job entails, or have you been asking questions and offering extra support so you know what the responsibilities are?

It's easy to say someone was in the "right place at the right time", and yes, there may be some good fortune involved. But did you do anything to make it the right place and time for you?

Prepare yourself for opportunities. Complete your PME. Seek out other sources of professional development. Finish your degree or maybe consider additional education (GI Bill is too good to leave on the table). Take an active role in unit exercises and inspections, possibly performing a different role than you did last time. Keep current on all your requirements and stay off the bad boy/girl list. Stay fit or get fit.

If you're going to highlight yourself, make sure it's for doing something good. Look for places to improve your work area and offer practical solutions that you're willing to follow through on. Ask questions and seek opportunities wing wide, not just within your work area. Don't close your mind to the possibility of cross training to another specialty.

Getting out of your comfort zone and venturing into unfamiliar territory can be a little intimidating, but a good number of people have done just that. I think most of them would tell you it was a rewarding and confidence building endeavor that resulted in a broader understanding of the unit's mission. Make yourself a viable and relevant asset. And along the way, don't forget to treat others better than you expect

yourself to be treated.

We can all sit back and let fate and chance determine our path, but don't be surprised when it doesn't turn out as rosy as you would like. If you could predict the future, where would you see yourself 5, 10 or 15 years down the road? Once you've answered that question, toss aside the crystal ball and start inventing the future. By the way, does anyone know where I can rent HD DVDs?



## Wear it or Walk!

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



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## On the cover:

An artist rendering of a KC-135R with an anti-missile defense system pod during an aerial refueling mission.

(illustration by Staff Sgt. Jake Meyer)

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# Bystander intervention program unveiled

The Department of Defense directed each of the Services to develop prevention programs that include "Active Bystander Intervention" -- an approach that encourages people to identify situations that might lead to a sexual assault and then safely intervene to prevent an assault from occurring.

Historically, some sexual assault prevention programs have spoken to women as potential victims and men as potential perpetrators. That kind of approach often alienates people and causes suspicion between two groups of people who should be allies in preventing this crime. Active Bystander Intervention discourages victim blaming by switching the focus of prevention to what a community of people can do collectively. The approach also allows for a change in cultural expectations by empowering everyone to say or do something when they see inappropriate or harmful behavior. Finally, this method of intervention places the responsibility of sexual assault prevention on both men and women.

Some of the key aspects of the Bystander Intervention program are:

## Recognizing when to intervene.

Some people might be concerned that they are being encouraged to place themselves in jeopardy to stop crimes in progress. This is not the case. There are many situations and events that occur prior to a sexual assault that are appropriate for intervention. Active bystander intervention encourages people to watch for those behaviors and situations that appear to be inappropriate, coercive and harassing.

**Considering whether the situation needs attention.** The Department has chosen to link "duty" with sexual assault prevention. Servicemembers need to understand that it is their moral duty to pay attention to situations that put their friends and co-workers at risk.

**Deciding if there is a responsibility to act.** A great deal of research

has been done to understand the conditions that encourage people to get involved. There are situational factors that influence a person's willingness to act. These include the presence of other witnesses, the uncertainty of the situation, the apparent level of danger or risk to the victim, and the setting of the event. Personal characteristics of the bystander also contribute to a decision to act. Such characteristics include experience and skill in dealing with such situations, personal costs of acting or not acting, and relationships with either the victim or the perpetrator. Again, every servicemember has a moral duty to act in situations that put others at risk for sexual assault.

**Choosing what form of assistance to use.** There are a variety of ways to intervene. Some of them are direct, and some of them are less obvious to the perpetrator:

- Making up an excuse to get a friend out of a potentially dangerous situation
- Letting a friend or co-worker know that his or her actions may lead to serious consequences
- Never leaving a friend's side, despite

the efforts of someone to get that friend alone or away from you

- Using a group of friends to remind someone behaving inappropriately that his or her behavior should be respectful
- Taking steps to curb someone's use of alcohol before problems occur
- Calling the authorities when the situation warrants

**Understanding how to safely implement the choice.** Safety is paramount in active bystander intervention. Usually, intervening in a group is safer than intervening individually. Also, choosing a method of intervention that de-escalates the situation is safer than attempting a confrontation. However, there is no single rule that can account for every situation. Service members must use good judgment and always put safety first.

The Air Force as directed that all personnel will be trained in Bystander Intervention by June 2012. These classes are being offered during the week and most UTA weekends. Contact Maj. Chris Hill for more information about the courses.



## DiPoli named 190th Military Relations Person of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Barbara DiPoli of the 190th Force Support Squadron has been selected as the 2010 190th ARW Military Person of the Year. The award is presented annually by the Topeka Military Relations Committee to promote the military within the community of Topeka.

Mayor Bill Bunton will present the award to TSgt DiPoli at the Topeka City Council Meeting on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 1800 in the Topeka City Council Chambers.

DiPoli joined the 190th ARW after serving four years in the Army. She is an active member of the Honor Guard and volunteers for Special Olympics and Junior Achievement.

# — Controlled spend accounts replace travel cards

The new Controlled Spend Account (CSA) card is replacing the traditional government travel card. But what does it all mean? And more importantly, how will it impact you?

Over the next few months, the Air Force will be converting to the CSA. The CSA is uniquely different from the government travel card and provides the traveler with increased flexibility to meet their travel needs.

Fueled by “mission-driven” spend limits and unprecedented worldwide merchant acceptance, the new program allows the traveler to fulfill mission requirements while also minimizing the risk delinquency! An extensive pilot program validated the tremendous benefits to the Air Force, automating processes to reap huge manpower savings without negatively impacting the traveler. And most importantly, the Controlled Spend Account delivers a higher level of card excellence, so travelers can perform their missions with confidence while making travel related purchases with ease.

Using the card is simple and travelers no longer have to worry about using the card for the wrong purchase. Once travel orders are approved, the CSA's spend limit automatically adjusts based on the estimated dollar amount for that particular mission. In addition, the unprecedented merchant acceptance al-

lows the card's use for all reimbursable travel expenses (TDY, PCS and deployments).

Making purchases from any location around the world has never been easier - through Citi's global network and with an expanded number of merchants allowed, the CSA cards are accepted at over 30 million merchant locations worldwide. Access to ATMS further simplifies the process for getting cash in local currencies.

Increased access to more merchants however, does not pose more risks. “The cards only have value when the traveler has an approved travel order. Spend limits adjust automatically when orders are issued, amended, or canceled. Once the mission is complete, travelers simply submit their travel vouchers for processing and the payment updates the spend limit to reflect the actual cost of the trip.

Any residual funds remaining on the CSA are available for use by the cardholder or can be transferred to another personal account. Additionally, cardholders have the same protection and dispute capabilities that exist in the traditional government program.

The CSA program delivers a more efficient travel program and allows the Air Force to better manage cash flows. Kessler AFB just completed a 5 month pilot of the CSA program. The CSA program allowed Kessler to transform the travel process by eliminating arduous tasks associated with setting up mission assignments and streamlining the reconciliation process, said Kessler's Financial Services Officer, 2Lt Bill Kiser.

“I'm saving 12-20 hours per week on tasks previously spent on the (GTC) program and delinquency management.” This ability to accurately determine spend limits also has a powerful impact on the Air Force's ability to better manage tight budgets.

At the foundation of the CSA is Citi's 24/7/365 customer service network providing cardholders with support

from anywhere in the world. Immediate service is now at the cardholder's fingertips as they can call Citi directly when they need assistance or manage their accounts on-line. Additional coverage for insurance, travel, medical and emergency assistance combines to deliver the most comprehensive coverage in the card industry.

The Air Force has partnered with Citi – the leading provider of innovative card programs globally – to expand of the CSA program throughout the Air Force. Our goal is to transition all bases and users in a phased in approach by April 2011. Look for announcements and training updates to stay abreast of the latest news. For more information, please email [afcsa.travelcard@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afcsa.travelcard@pentagon.af.mil) or visit “virtual Finance” on the Air Force Portal (Life and Career: Money – Welcome to virtual Finance!).

Finance will hold CSA cardholder training in the wing auditorium. CSA training is mandatory for all members.

## **Saturday, 9 April 2011**

0800 - AMXS

0900 - OPS

1000 - MXG

## **Sunday, 10 April 2011**

0800 - MSG

0900 - JFHQ/MDG/WING HQ

1000 - MSG

## **PACK 2011**

The 2011 PACK reunion will be held on April 29th from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. at the Kansas Historical Museum at 6245 SW 6th Street.

The annual banquet will take place on April 30th from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. at the Topeka Holidome Inn.

This organization is, as its name implies (Past & Active Coyotes of Kansas), a group of men and women associated with the 190th. We invite anyone who is connected with the 190th to come and join in the fun.

Membership cost for PACK is \$3.00 per year. The membership dues are included in the cost for those who attend the weekend activities.

For information about PACK or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Sharon Schroeder at 785-862-0289 or visit the PACK website at [www.190thpack.com](http://www.190thpack.com).

|                            | 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 |

# Missile defense cont.

KC-135 into a potentially hostile environment.”

Initial indications are that the Guardian system performed well. The Coyote crew made four flights into

Afghanistan, bringing more than 60 wounded warriors to Germany. After each flight, the Guardian system required less time and attention with its maintenance, ultimately becoming brief and routine.

“Anti-missile technology is long overdue on the KC-135,” said Col. Keith Lang, commander of the 190th Air Refueling Wing. “The Stratotanker has flown in harm’s way since Vietnam and the time is right to add this extremely important defensive capability.”

The Air Force has not decided if the Guardian system will be standard equipment on Stratotankers. However, the work of the 190th towards the Guardian’s development and testing will form much of the basis on which the Air Force will decide the defensive system’s future.

The innovation and leadership of the 190th is nothing new for Lt. Col. Jay Selanders, who served as the aircraft commander on the recently completed mission. “The 190th has a history of leading the way in KC-135 innovation,” said Selander. We have played a significant role in the development of this system, including this opportunity for its first operational deployment and testing. I personally hope that we stay involved with the system as it continues to develop.”



Master Sgt. Shad England examines the missile countermeasure system mounted on a 190th ARW KC-135 between aero medical evacuation missions in Afghanistan.

*(photo by Master Sgt. Allen Pickert)*

## The Coyote Den Needs You!

Are you looking for a new organization to get involved with? How about The Coyote Den! The Coyote Den is the organization on base who coordinates the purchase and sale of items with the official Coyote logo. If you are interested in joining please contact Col Tony DeJesus, TSgt Gordon Cole or MSgt Tina Perkins

# The importance of situational awareness

**By Mr. Gary Wadley**  
*190<sup>th</sup> Anti-Terrorism Officer*

On March 2, 2011 two U.S. Airmen were shot and killed and two others were badly wounded. These Airmen were not in Iraq or Afghanistan; they were on a military bus transiting the airport in Frankfurt, Germany. What is even more disturbing is that they were specifically targeted by the shooter, a 21-year-old ethnic Albanian from Kosovo.

In the aftermath of this deadly attack, I wonder if the Airmen that were targeted on that day practiced good situational awareness skills. I cannot say. However, I pose this question to you: Do you assume someone else has already taken the necessary precautions?

The training you receive prior to deploying is necessary for your individual safety. Classes like Anti-Terrorism

Awareness, CBRNE and SERE are designed to help you, the individual Airman, reduce your risk and understand the enemy’s Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) and capabilities. While the Frankfurt bus attack is a half a world away, I assure you the threat is closer than you might think and your situational awareness is as important as ever.

We always discuss the threat toward our DoD members, but emerging new threats such as eco-terrorism makes the threat real for everyone including your family members. Consider for a moment the 2009 Fort Hood shootings, the 2010 attack in the lobby of the Discovery Channel in Florida, the many high school and college campus shootings. These were “lone wolf” attacks that are very real and extremely hard to predict and defend against. Many times

it is training and good situational awareness that lead to split second personal decision making that saved lives. As we move into the future the threat is not going away and the FBI has forecasted an increase in activity from terror groups and lone wolves.

As your ATO I will relate situational awareness to terrorism, but it is good to have every day when you drive, shop, have a few drinks, etc. You drive defensively, make shopping lists and clip coupons and select a designated driver and plan accordingly. That is having situational awareness!

If we Americans, military and civilian alike, continue to ignore situational awareness in times we need it most, we are failing ourselves. Don’t rely on others to think about your safety and security. You have an active role in your life, so keep your situational awareness!

# Leadership changes announced for 190th ARW

Col. Keith Lang and Col. Ronald Krueger will assume new positions during a change of command ceremony next month. Maj. Gen. (KS) Lee Tafanelli, Kansas Adjutant General, announced the selection of Lang as



Col. Keith Lang

the new chief of staff for the Kansas Air National Guard. Lang will be promoted to brigadier general pending confirmation by the Kansas Senate. He has served as the 190th Wing Commander since March 2008.

“It’s a great privilege for me to take on this new responsibility and I’m looking forward to serving the Kansas Air Guard in this capacity,” said Lang.

Krueger will become the next wing commander of the 190th ARW. He currently serves as the vice wing commander, a position he has held since July 2010. Prior to that assignment, Krueger was the commander of the 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has been a member of the Kansas Air National Guard since March 2000.

“It is an honor to lead the men and women of the 190th Air Refueling Wing and continue our tradition of excellence in our service to Kansas and the Nation,” said Krueger.

The change of command ceremony will be held on May 14, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at Forbes Field and will be immediately preceded by a commander’s call.



Col. Ronald Krueger

## Commander’s role in sexual assault prevention

Just as any casualty does on the battlefield, sexual assault takes a human toll. According to the Defense Manpower Data Center’s 2006 Gender Relations Survey, 6.8% of women and 1.8% of men reported experiencing “unwanted sexual contact” in the 12 months prior to the survey (“Unwanted sexual contact” is the term used by the Department to capture the range of adult sex crimes in the Uniform Code of Military Justice). Unfortunately, less than 10% of all sexual assaults of Service members are reported to a military authority.

In 2005, the Department of Defense instituted a new reporting policy and care infrastructure to assist victims of sexual assault. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (VAs) are now part of all organizations. Both fill vital roles in the Department’s response to sexual assault and perform Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) duties. SARCs organize the unit’s resources for victims, and also provide SAPR training. VAs provide direct support to victims, helping them understand their reporting and care options.

Sexual assault victims may report a crime in one of two ways. An unrestricted report allows the victim to participate in an investigation and the military justice process. A restricted report allows the

victim to access care and support services without command or law enforcement notification. Medical care, a sexual assault forensic examination, and mental health counseling are available with either reporting option.

While most commanders prefer that victims make an unrestricted report in support of good order and discipline, research has shown that if compelled to participate in the justice system, the vast majority of sexual assault victims will forego care and never report. It is the Department’s goal that more victims report this crime via one of the two options.

Restricted reporting was created to bring more victims forward for assistance. Victims need to know that leadership supports both options of reporting. When treated early, victims tend to have better recovery outcomes.

You might think that having fewer reports of sexual assault in a unit or on a base might mean that those organizations have less of a sexual assault problem. While that is a possibility, it is more likely that sexual assaults simply aren’t being reported. Getting victims to come forward is not something one can force or directly influence. Rather, servicemembers determine whether or not to report by seeing how victims of crime are treated by law enforcement, by command, and others

in the military justice system. Until a “climate of confidence” is present in the unit, reporting is likely to remain unchanged.

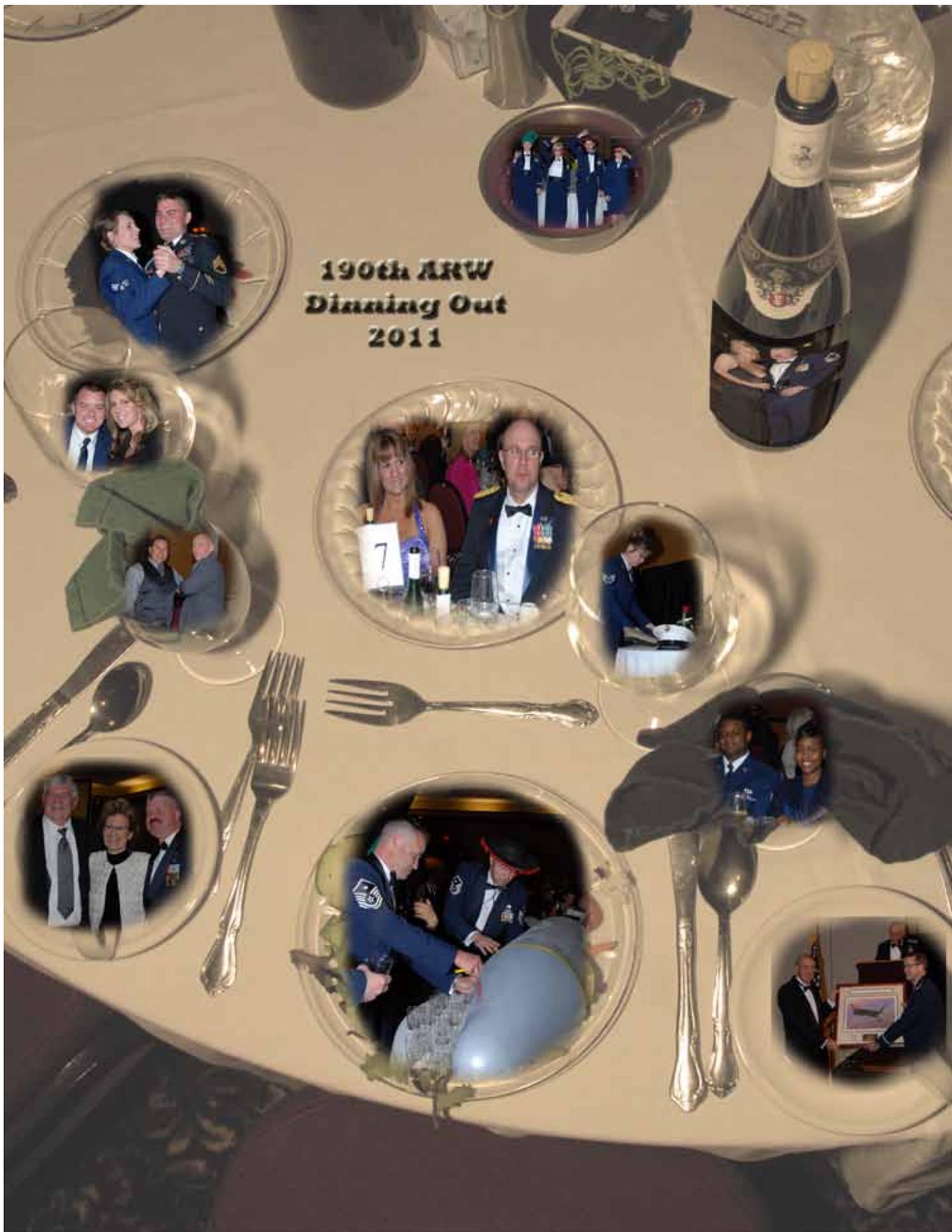
With the best of intentions, some commanders have instituted “zero tolerance” policies on misconduct, including alcohol related incidents, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. When not balanced with a message that victims of crime should report, such policies may drive victim reports underground. Therefore, commanders are encouraged to address both misconduct and support of crime reporting.

Commanders at all levels have a unique position in the support of sexual assault prevention and response by setting the tone in their units. Through their policies and actions, they demonstrate the military’s commitment to prevent sexual assaults before they occur.



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## Servicemembers Civil Relief Act overview

With the ever increasing ops tempo of today's Air National Guard units, it might be a good time to remind you of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) that was enacted in 2003. The law expanded and improved the former Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA).

The SCRA provides a wide range of protections for individuals entering, called to active duty in the military, or deployed servicemembers. It is intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable servicemembers to devote full attention to duty and relieve stress on the family members of those deployed servicemembers.

A few examples of such obligations you may be protected against are outstanding credit card debt,

mortgage payments, pending trials, taxes and terminations of lease.

In addition, the law expands protection to servicemembers and their families from eviction from housing while on active duty due to nonpayment of rents that are \$1,200 per month or less. Under the law's provisions this protection was significantly updated to meet today's higher cost of living covering housing leases up to \$2,932.31 per month and will now be adjusted for inflation.

The law also provides a servicemember who receives permanent change of station orders or who is deployed to a new location for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease.

It also clarifies and restates existing law that limits to six percent interest on credit obligations incurred pri-

or to military service or activation, including credit card debt, for servicemembers. The SCRA unambiguously states that no interest above six percent can accrue for credit obligations (that were established prior to active duty or activation) while on active duty, nor can that excess interest become due once the servicemember leaves active duty instead

that portion above six percent is permanently forgiven. Furthermore, the monthly payment must be reduced by the amount of interest saved during the covered period. This law only covers debt incurred prior to military service.

SCRA updates life insurance protections provided to activated Guard and reserve members by increasing from \$10,000 to \$250,000 the maximum policy coverage that the federal government will protect from default for nonpayment while on active duty.

It also prevents servicemembers from a form of double taxation that can occur when they have a spouse who works and is taxed in a state other than the state in which they maintain their permanent legal residence. SCRA will prevent states from using the income earned by a servicemember in determining the spouse's tax rate when they do not maintain their permanent legal residence in that state.

SCRA covers all servicemembers, including members of the National Guard while on active duty. The protection begins on the date of entering active duty and generally terminates within 30 to 90 days after the date of discharge from active duty.



## Ladies Day Out

Saturday, May 7, 2011  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Nickell Memorial Armory  
2722 S.W. Topeka Boulevard

- ♦ Booths featuring your favorite "home party" merchandize, such as Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy Candles, Premier Design (jewelry), Mary Kay, etc.
- ♦ Demonstrations, including cooking, Zumba, Jazzercise, etc.
- ♦ Door prizes!
- ♦ Have your blood pressure checked.
- ♦ Free admission!

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## First Lady pledges support for military families

**Month of the Military Child Celebration**  
April 3rd & 17th

**Special Discounted Tickets**

- Field Box: \$10.00
- Field Plaza: \$10.00
- Hy-Vee Reserved: \$9.00
- Hy-Vee Infield: \$5.00
- Hy-Vee Box: \$5.00

**Free Activities Include:**

- Sprint Fun Run (Kids run the bases after the game!)
- Face Painters
- Caricatures & Balloon Artists
- Live Entertainment

April 17th is Autograph Afternoon

## Upcoming AFRC & FRG events

### MARCH

Maintenance meet-and-greet breakfast with Key Volunteer

### APRIL

9th - Easter egg hunt

### MAY

7th - Spouse day out

### JUNE

2nd - Dinner out (details TBD)

4th - Bowling night

### JULY

13th - Dinner out (details TBD)

### SEPTEMBER

16th - Golf Tourney (details TBD)

# —Portrait of an Airman

## Airman 1st Class Jonathan Dailey



**Organization:** Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Job Title:** Crew Chief

**Main Responsibilities:** It is my responsibility to make sure aircraft is mission capable at any given time.

**Education:** Sophomore at Benedictine College in Atchison.

**Military Experience:** I joined the 190th in August 2008.

**Hobbies/Activities:** In addition to running track for Benedictine, I enjoy riding motorcycles and playing soccer.

**Goals/Ambitions:** After graduating, I would like to obtain my commission.

**Most Memorable 190th Moment:** My first aerial refueling flight was very memorable as we were refueling B-52s.

## — Are you ready for a short notice deployment?

**By Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bullington**  
*190<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron*



We have many deployments on the horizon. Do you consider yourself ready to mobilize? Having your personal and professional matters in order will go a long way towards meeting the objective of being ready to mobilize as well as supporting the mission at home.

The Air Force is constantly evolving and developing new training criteria to ensure our airman are well rounded and ready to deploy. More demands for ancillary training have been placed on you to try and ensure you have the knowledge needed to be a well-rounded Airman. Unit leadership continues to make strides to better manage unit training assemblies to focus toward ensuring each of you have time to train at your job. This is to ensure that you can support the mission here at the 190th ARW and when deployed.

Each of us has unique situations in our personal lives that need attention and having a road map outlined

on how you intend to deal with your particular circumstances is very important. Having a well thought out plan in place long before you get asked the question, “can you deploy in the next few days?” is your responsibility.

Being prepared to handle these situations such as family care, bills, pet care, etc., will help each of us become more resilient, deployable assets. The undue stress that can be placed on you or your family members due to lack of planning detracts from your ability to

support the mission and mobilize efficiently.

Please take the time to think about what you or your family needs to have in place well prior to deploying and have a written plan outlined. Always have your training up to date and know your AFSC skills. Having a personal and professional plan in place is your responsibility. The Air Force does not go into any contingency without an operational plan and neither should you.



Mr. Mark Mertel presents the Patriot Award to Darrell Patnode of the General Services Administration (GSA). He was nominated for the award by Master Sgt. Brian Wohletz of the 190th Civil Engineering Squadron for his support through the Haiti Crisis and a six-month deployment to Kuwait. Patnode is a former 190th member.

# For Your Information

## Promotions

### SENIOR AIRMAN

Diane M. Collins, 117 ARS  
Noe Garza, AMXS  
Collin J. Vaughn, AMXS  
Christopher I Moore, SFS  
Morgan E. Burns, 127 WF



### STAFF SERGEANT

Michael Eisner, MXS  
Joseph W. Frick, MXS  
John D. Gaber, MXS  
Matthew R. Crawford, AMXS



### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Wendy R. Taylor, LRS



### MASTER SERGEANT

Bernadine A. Eastridge, Wing HQ



### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Brian L. Wohletz, CES  
Mario Guerrero, SFS



### CAPTAIN

Steven K. Stonestreet, MXG  
Monica E. Riggs, 117 ARS



## Appointments/Enlistments

SMSgt Ricky D. Nelson, LRS  
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 2 Jan 2011

## Retirements

SMSgt Randy Johnson  
Retirement Date: January 31, 2011

CMSgt Jay Pine  
Retirement Date: February 1, 2011

Capt Eric Webb  
Retirement Date: February 10, 2011

MSgt William McClain  
Retirement Date: February 13, 2011

MSgt Robert Crain  
Retirement Date: March 15, 2011

MSgt Carren Christianson  
Retirement Date: March 17, 2011

MSgt Roderick Meadows  
Retirement Date: April 2, 2011

Capt Darin Coash  
Retirement Date: April 5, 2011

**There will be a Wing Commander's Call and change of command ceremony on May 14, 2011 1430. Family and retirees are invited to attend.**

## Dining Facility Schedule

The following list is the Dining Facility meal schedule for units assigned to the 190th ARW & JFHQ:

**1030 - Wing HQ, SFS, MSG**

**1100 - MXG(A), JFHQ**

**1130 - LRS, OG**

**1200 - CE, CF, WF**

**1230 - MXG(B), MDG**



### **Coyote Grill April 21<sup>st</sup> Menu**

#### **Saturday, 9 April**

Pot roast, stuffed fish, red potatoes, wild rice, assorted vegetables, gravy, rolls, hamburgers, soyburgers, hot dogs, pizza, chicken and rice soup, salad bar, assorted desserts

#### **Sunday, 6 March**

Teriyaki chicken, meatloaf, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, assorted vegetables, gravy, rolls, hamburgers, soyburgers, hot dogs, ham or turkey sandwiches, vegetable soup, salad bar, assorted desserts



## Have News to Share?

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# Coyote Heritage



Topeka hosted an Armed Forces Day Parade in the early summer of 1991. The smiles on the faces of the 190th Gulf War veterans tell the story.

Only a couple of months earlier, the 190th had returned from the port city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on the Red Sea to a welcome from over an estimated 10,000 people at Forbes Field. The men, women and jets from the 190th had played a key role during the buildup to the Gulf War and had been assigned key missions during the course of the war. The successful mission was the result of hard work, preparedness and a little good luck. Thousands turned out at Forbes Field in what was one of the most remarkable days in the base's history.

Now it was the city of Topeka's turn. They invited several military units and organizations to come and join the parade. And what a parade it was! Thousands of people from Topeka and northeast Kansas turned out to enjoy the good weather and to honor the military men and women of the area. The 190th's contingent was one of the largest, and they enjoyed the appreciation of the large crowd. Only twenty-five or so years earlier, returning veterans had no such luck as America was still healing from the wounds of Vietnam.



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



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