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—Teamwork; integrity keys to sustained success

By **Col. Ron Krueger**

Commander, 190th Air Refueling Wing



Fellow Coyotes. As I write this, I am still in my first week as Wing Commander yet I find myself keenly aware that our time is a limited commodity. Even as our folks accomplish the mission all over the globe, we need to keep moving forward here at home. What do we need to focus on in a Wing that is already getting the mission done in outstanding fashion? How do we take it to the next level? While our Wing's success is certainly tied to how well each person does the job, I think it may be just as important to look at how well we operate as a team and how we relate to one another.

190th Air Refueling Wing Vision: A World-Class Organization recognized as "The Standard of Excellence" by those we serve.

In our vision, we define ourselves as a world-class organization, implying a high-performance team. Our level of performance (excellence) is determined by us, but it is recognized by those we serve; as it should be. As the Wing Commander, I want to clarify how I will measure our achievement of the "Standard of Excellence" and what I would like us to be recognized for.

Individuals, no matter how great their talent, diminish themselves and their organization when they work only as individuals, pursue their own selfish interests, or worse yet, tear down their teammates. My measure of our achievement will be not just our mission effectiveness, but our cohesiveness and our culture. We will create a culture that welcomes new members, that appreciates our differences, and that cares for each of us and our families. I envision an environment where everyone takes pride in our Wing and is inspired to contribute unselfishly to make it better. Coyotes are known for being family. I want to ensure we include all our Wing members in our family.

To help us achieve these goals, the Wing has a new council called MOVE (Maximize Opportunities and Value Excellence). MOVE will help create opportunities to become a more cohesive and inclusive team. Our first initiative is a class called Four Lenses that will be offered multiple times during the June UTA. This class is designed to help us understand ourselves, how we view our environment, and why that may be different from those we work with. I highly encourage you to participate or even set up the training for your own section.

Commanders and Chiefs, this effort will not succeed without your support. I expect each of you to be strong leaders who demonstrate credibility not with words, but by acting with character, competence, and courage; and by caring for individuals as well as the health of the entire organization. Make your expectations clear and provide timely, constructive feedback that will improve performance. Hold your troops accountable.

I expect all Wing members will treat each other with respect and courtesy. We will embrace our diversity as a way to increase our effectiveness. I will have very little tolerance for lapses in integrity or moral character because it undermines our collective credibility

in ways that are not easily repaired. It takes courage to live by our Air Force Core Values of Integrity, Service and Excellence and we must develop that courage in everyone.

I want every 190th member to know that you have my sincere admiration and appreciation for the excellence you have shown. We are an outstanding group of professionals and I'm proud to be a part of this team.

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On the cover:

A member of the Thunderbirds prepares to receive fuel during an aerial refueling with the 190th Air Refueling Wing.

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Krueger accepts command; Sealanders named vice

By Capt. Joe Blubaugh

190th Public Affairs

After serving nearly two years as the 190th Air Refueling Wing's vice commander, Col. Ron Krueger became the 12th Wing commander in the unit's 54-year history during a change of command ceremony on May 14, 2011. Krueger assumed command from outgoing commander, Col. Keith Lang, who was promoted to Brigadier General following the ceremony.

Krueger said he was humbled by the selection as Wing Commander, and was quick to thank Lang for his guidance and mentorship during their tenure together. He also praised fellow Coyotes for their support. "While I have always valued being a leader, I don't know that I ever expected to be in this position," said Krueger. "Many of you have encouraged me

with your words - but more importantly, you have inspired me with your actions, your dedication to duty, and your excellence."

Krueger also outlined a framework of personal development and team building that will serve as building blocks to increase success and effectiveness. "You can expect initiatives focused on integrity, respect and appreciation of diversity. I owe it to you to provide the training and tools to do your job, but also to provide an environment that inspires you to serve to the best of your abilities."

Krueger also said he expects those serving with him to do so with honor, dedication, dignity and respect. "I don't expect perfection, but I will hold this Wing accountable to our "Standard of Excellence," said Krueger.

Krueger began his military career in 1990 with a commission from the United States Air Force Academy and then attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, Texas. After pilot training, he earned his graduate degree at Colorado State University.

He flew B-1B aircraft with the

28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB and the 366th Composite Wing at Mountain Home AFB. In March of 2000, Col Krueger joined the 184th Bomb Wing, Kansas Air National Guard at McConnell AFB where he was instrumental in converting the 184th from B-1B to KC-135R aircraft. In December of 2006, he moved to Forbes Field where he served as the 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander and the 190th Maintenance Squadron Commander before being named Vice Wing Commander in July 2010.

Prior to the ceremony, Krueger announced that Lt. Col. Jay Sealanders had been appointed to succeed him as the Vice Wing Commander. Sealanders had served as the A-Flight commander in the Operations Group. Prior to that assignment he served as the TSART commander for the Wing.

Sealanders joined the 190th in 1984 and is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a traditional Guardsman and is a partner at a national law firm in Kansas City in his civilian life.



Col. Ron Krueger (right) accepts the 190th ARW colors from Brig. Gen. Brad Link (left) under the watchful eye of Command Chief Master Sgt. Brian Saunders (center) during a change of command ceremony.

(photo by Capt. Joe Blubaugh)

What's your color? - Basewide Four Lenses training

Participants in the Four Lenses training will learn how to identify their own personality preference and spectrum as well as understand, accept, and value others for their unique strengths. You will also discover that there are differences among people in the areas of perception and perspective. There are four basic personality

types. Each type is represented by a color. The participants explore how this information can affect their lives in a positive way. Once they understand the different types and the different perspectives of each type, they can apply these principles to improve their ability to effectively interact with others.

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0800 - 1100

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Saturday, 4 June

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Sunday, 5 June

0800 - 1100

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Sunday, 5 June

1300 - 1600

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Goodbye to the men and women of the 190th

By **Mrs. Denise Winton**

190th Airmen & Family Readiness

Wow! It seems like I just got here and now I'm leaving - they say time flies when you're having fun. My husband has taken a position in Pagosa Springs Co. and my last day is June 3, 2011. I am looking forward to our move but I will miss you all very much.

Three and a half years ago when I started working here, I had not planned

on moving so soon - I was actually planning on retiring here. Another thing they say, you don't get to write your own story, the Lord has written it already. I know He has great plans for me because I'm sure He had a hand in leading me here to the 190th.

To tell you the truth, when I started here, I came here feeling a little superior, having spent 20 years active duty Air Force. Now I leave very humbled and with pride having the opportunity to work with the

wonderful women and men of the 190th and their families. Your dedication, pride and selfless service for your country are beyond reproach and I will sleep well knowing the 190th is on guard. I will always be grateful for your families' sacrifice - they are true heroes. Thank you all so much for letting me be part of the 190th and I hope I will have an opportunity to see some of you in my travels. Goodbye and take care!

Free trials aren't always free

If you're interested in a particular product or service, trying before you buy might seem like a no-brainer. But what starts as a free trial — or for a very low cost — might end up costing you real money.

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, wants you to know that some companies use free trials to sign you up for more products — sometimes lots of products — which can cost you lots of money as they bill you every month until you cancel.

Whether it's for a teeth whitener, vitamin or kitchen gadget, all free trials eventually end. And typically, if you don't want to buy what you've tried, you need to cancel or take some other action before the trial is up. If you don't, you may be agreeing to buy more products. But some dishonest businesses make it tough to cancel, hiding the terms and conditions of their offers in teensy type, using pre-checked sign-up boxes as the default setting online, and putting conditions on returns and cancellations that are so strict it could be next to impossible to stop the deliveries and the billing. Or, the "free trial" might come with a small shipping and handling fee. You think you're only paying a couple of dollars, but you're really giving over your credit card information, resulting in much higher charges after the trial.

So how can you avoid the costs that

might be hiding in free trials? Research the company online. See what other people are saying about the company's free trials — and its service. Complaints from other customers can tip you off to catches that might come with the trial.

Find the terms and conditions for the offer. That includes offers online, on TV, in the newspaper, or on the radio. If you can't find them or can't understand exactly what you're agreeing to, don't sign up.

Look for who's behind the offer. Just because you're buying something online from one company doesn't mean the offer or pop-up isn't from someone else.

Watch out for pre-checked boxes. If you sign up for a free trial online, look for already-checked boxes. That checkmark may give the company the green light to continue the offer past the free trial or sign you up for more products — only this time you have to pay.

Mark your calendar. Your free trial probably has a time limit. Once it passes without you telling the company to cancel your "order," you may be on the hook for more products.

Look for info on how you can cancel future shipments or services. If you don't want them, do you have to pay? Do you have a limited time to respond?

Read your credit and debit card statements. That way you'll know right away if you're being charged for something you didn't order. If you see charges you didn't

agree to, contact the company directly to sort out the situation. If that doesn't work, call your credit card company to dispute the charge. Ask the credit card company to reverse the charge because you didn't actively order the additional merchandise.

If you've been wrongly charged for a free trial offer, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint. You also can contact your local consumer protection agency, which you can look up at consumeraction.gov, and file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau (bbb.org).

Upcoming Family Readiness Group events

JUNE

4th - Bowling night - Gage Center Bowl

JULY

8th - Golf at Fire Keeper Golf Course

13th - Dinner out at Texas Roadhouse

AUGUST

2nd - FRG meeting (location TBD)

6th - Family Day at the Topeka Zoo

6th - Back to school supply fair at Nickell Armory

6th - 7th - Commissary Case Lot Sale at Nickell Armory

SEPTEMBER

6th - FRG meeting (location TBD)

16th - Golf Tourney (details TBD)

Remember the rules when driving on Forbes

By Capt. Joe Blubaugh
190th Public Affairs

It's easy to forget that driving on Forbes Field Air National Guard Base is a privilege that can be revoked from drivers that violate the Wing's policy on a variety of subjects including the use of seatbelts, talking on cellular phones, parking and speeding.

Members cited for a traffic infraction will incur traffic points that vary depending on the severity of the violation. Drivers who accumulate 12 traffic points within 12 consecutive months or 18 points within 24 consecutive months will have their base driving privileges suspended or revoked.

Motorists operating at Forbes Field must comply with the 190th ARW Instruction 91-201 that states hand-held cellular telephones, portable digital assistants (PDA) and similar electronic devices are prohibited while operating any vehicle, unless the vehicle is parked. However, the instruction does allow the use of hands-free devices while operating a POV on or off the installation.

Motorists are also required to wear their seatbelts at all times while operating any vehicle on the base. The Wing Safety Office will publish in the Coyote Log the names and squadrons of members who are found not wearing seatbelts on their first offense.

Members who commit a second seatbelt offense will take a memorandum from Wing Safety to all commanders in their chain of command for their endorsement, including the Wing Commander, who may temporarily suspend the member's on-base driving privileges.

Parking on certain areas of Forbes, especially during a drill weekend, can be challenging. Any personnel on a deployment, short-term TDY, leave, or on a space A flight can park in the long term parking located at the north end of the flightline. Vehicles parked there must maintain current license and registration and have a note displayed with a point of contact that can be viewed from outside the vehicle. Overflow parking is located directly east of the fire department and will be used for drill weekends or special

events.

Chief Master Sgt. Clark Hansen, 190th Security Forces Squadron, says the rules are in place to provide safety for pedestrians and motorists. One intersection on base is of particular concern to Hansen – the intersection near the BX at the southwest corner of Building 662. "Out of every intersection or crosswalk on the base, that location has the highest probability for accidents."

Point assessments for moving violations

- Reckless driving - 6
- Speed too fast for conditions - 2
- Failure to use seatbelts - 4
- Speeding 1-10 mph over limit - 3
- Speeding 11-15 mph over limit - 4
- Speeding 16-20 mph over limit - 5
- Speeding 20+ mph over limit - 6
- Following too close - 4
- Failure to obey traffic signs - 4
- Failure to yield - 4
- Improper turning movements - 3
- Not wearing helmet (motorcycle) - 3
- Not wearing eyewear (motorcycle) - 3

Caught on film



A C-17 piloted by Air Mobility Commander Gen. Raymond Johns, Jr. prepares to be refueled by the 190th ARW.
(photo by Capt. Joe Blubaugh)

Brig. Gen. Keith Lang is hosed down after his final flight during the May UTA.

Dozens of current and retired Coyotes were on hand for the celebration.

(photo by Master Sgt. Allen Pickert)



Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli (left) and Mary Jo Lang (right) pin stars on Brig. Gen. Keith Lang during his promotion ceremony.
(photo by Capt. Joe Blubaugh)



—Portrait of an Airman

Senior Airman Cody C. Trevino



Organization: 190th Medical Group

Job Title: Medical Technician

Main Responsibilities: As a Medical Technician I am able to perform and assist in a number of medical procedures as well as maintain medical records.

Education: Graduated from Shawnee Heights High School, 4N031 Technical school, Certified EMT-B.

Military Experience: EMEDS Greensburg, Georgia CERFP, Army Hearing Conservation Certification, 180 day AGR Tour at Forbes Field.

Hobbies/Activities: Being an athletic person, I love to participate in events where I get to challenge my physical fitness in new and challenging ways, such as fun runs and obstacle courses.

Goals/Ambitions: My goals are to deploy by winter 2011 and begin taking classes when I get back. I want to get my bachelors degree in pre med, get my masters and become a physician's assistant.

Most Memorable 190th Moment: Being promoted to SrA and being able to have my family at the ceremony.

—190th recognized as Distinguished Flying Unit

By Capt. Joe Blubaugh

190th Public Affairs

The 190th Air Refueling Wing has once again lived up to our motto of “The Standard of Excellence” with the announcement that the Wing was the recipient of the 2011 National Guard Association of the United States’ Distinguished Flying Unit. The 190th previously won this award in 2009.

During 2010, the 190th deployed more than 200 personnel as the lead Air National Guard tanker unit supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, flying nearly 2500 hours and more than 300 combat sorties. There were dozens of other deployments including high profile Civil Engineer Squadron deployments to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where they expanded medical capabilities by assembling an EMEDS hospital. In total, the Wing deployed more than 300 personnel around the world in support of contingency operations and humanitarian relief efforts.

The 190th was also at the forefront of several initiatives aimed at improving

future performance and protecting the KC-135 fleet. The 190th serves as the only ANG test center location for the Air Force Research Lab’s Automated Air Refueling (AAR) Program and provided key support in the development of an Air Force precision measurement system for AAR of unmanned vehicles and next generation bombers. The Wing participated in nearly two dozen test missions in 2010.

The 190th is also a test-site for the Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) system on the KC-135 fleet. The system is designed to improve the survivability of the KC-135 during a surface to air missile launch. The Wing has the only KC-135 in the fleet fitted with a countermeasure system.

The 190th was the first to test and employ KC-135R power modifications expanding trauma care capabilities during aeromedical evacuations from combat zones. The 190th was also the first ANG unit to develop, test and employ LED lighting systems enabling superior patient care during aeromedical evacuations. The Wing provided aircraft and

personnel to expedite ground testing and approval of the Enhanced Patient Litter Stanchion System used during aeromedical missions.

These few examples of excellence show how every member of the Wing contributed to the award, a point emphasized by Brig. General Keith Lang, former 190th Wing Commander, when he announced the award to the Wing. “Congratulations to all members of the 190th ARW for this outstanding honor,” said Lang. “Each and every one of you deserve the credit for this award. Thank you for your continued service and dedication to this fine organization.”



For Your Information

Promotions

SENIOR AIRMAN

Shana N. Sanders, CF
Bradley M. Williams, CF



STAFF SERGEANT

Austin L. Reed, 117 ARS
Raymond J. Lightell III, MXS
Alex M. Atkins, CES
John M. Countryman, CES
Jonathan R. Mathews, SFS
Adam R. Nelson, CF



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Alyshia C. Leisure, CPTF
Neal M. Jensen, MXS



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Janet L. Peterson, OG



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Appointments/Enlistments

AB Travis S. Bryan, 117 ARS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 8 Apr 2011

AB Cody A. Means, 117 ARS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 22 Apr 2011

AB Dallas W. Connor, AMXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 5 May 2011

AB Dylan L. Parks, LRS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 20 Apr 2011

A1C Jacob R. Carlson, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 12 Apr 2011

A1C Joshua M. Hahn, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 25 Apr 2011

A1C Colby S. Swaim, AMXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 7 Apr 2011

A1C Brett R. Sipes, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 21 Apr 2011

A1C Cory M. Scrivner, SFS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 28 Apr 2011

A1C Isaias Vazquez-vazquez, SFS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 28 Apr 2011

A1C Joseph A. Hamilton, CF
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 10 Apr 11

SSG Christian N. Grant, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 22 Apr 2011

SSG Hasan A. Zaidi, AMXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 10 May 2011

SSG Jeremy F. Chada, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 15 Mar 2011

1st Lt. Eric E. Easey, MDG
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 10 Apr 2011

Capt. Reese H. Hays, III, Wing HQ
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 29 Mar 2011

Retirements

MSgt Roderick Leland Meadows
Retirement Date: April 2, 2011

SMSgt Christiana L Wickline
Retirement Date: May 8, 2011

SMSgt Kelly Douglas Innes
Retirement Date: May 14, 2011

Capt Darin Coash
Retirement Date: April 5, 2011



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 June 21st Menu

Thursday, June 2

Boneless crispy baked chicken breast, pork chops with mushroom gravy, vegetarian meals, macaroni and cheese casserole, steamed broccoli and cheese, honey glazed whole baby carrots, rolls, salad bar, assorted desserts.

Friday, June 3

Caesar salad, traditional lasagna, chicken alfredo casserole, vegetarian meals, Italian style green beans, honey glazed whole baby carrots, breadsticks, salad bar, assorted desserts

Saturday, June 4

Box lunches from Jason's Deli

Sunday, June 5

Box lunches from Jason's Deli

Coyote Heritage



Lt. Col. Harry Alexander (center) receives the attention of Lt. Jerry Johnson (left) and Lt. Madison R. (Arch) Jones (right) at his final lunch as a member of the 190th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (TRS). Alexander is an original aircrew member of the 117th TRS, and was the senior navigator of the squadron. He chose to transfer to the Florida Air National Guard to further his career.

Jones also left to go on to other things, including flying F-4s for the Air Force and is today a successful lawyer in Houston, Texas. After departing the 117th, Jones would come into contact with the 190th while they were flying the EB-57, testing the air defense response of the Air Force. "We hated to see those guys from Kansas show up," he later stated, "because they sometimes made us look bad."

What about Johnson you might ask? He also went on to bigger and better things, including rising through the ranks to become commander of the 190th Air Refueling Group.



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