



COYOTE LOG

190th hosts “Back to School Brigade”

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees
190th Public Affairs

Four hundred thirty-two children of Topeka area military members needed fewer school supplies this fall thanks to the 190th Air Refueling Wing and Operation Homefront.

The 190th Family Readiness Group sponsored the “Back to School Brigade” along with the nonprofit Operation Homefront Aug. 7 – 8 at the Joint Force Headquarters’ Nickell Armory in Topeka. Operation Homefront provides financial assistance, emergency home repairs, vehicle repairs and donations, furniture and household items and more to deployed family members. Since its inception in 2002, the organization has provided more than \$92 million dollars to benefit military members.

“The smiling faces and hugs – that’s my favorite part of this job,” said DJ Purvis, the Kansas Volunteer Community Team Lead for Opera-

tion Homefront. Purvis understands first-hand the challenges faced by the families of deployed members; her husband is currently serving in Iraq.

“People want to help deployed families. They just don’t know where to start,” Purvis said. “But we are one way to help, through donations or volunteering.”

Operation Homefront currently leads more than 4,500 volunteers across 23 chapters. Purvis is currently working to create an official chapter in Kansas.

Fifteen Kansas National Guard Teen Council members were also on-hand to pack and hand out the bags to the children over the weekend. The Council is comprised of 13-17 year-old children of National Guard members, who seek to serve as a collective voice for Guard families.

“This is a great opportunity for them to work with other military kids,” said Darcy Seitz, the state youth coordinator. “We’ve worked them from sun up to sun down. They’ve done a great job.”

Army Lt. Col. Anthony Randall, Kansas Medical

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-Coyotes, Jayhawks, Chiefs & Wildcats ~ Fall & Football

By Lt. Col. Brad Hinkle

Commander, 190th Maintenance Squadron



A military unit in many ways parallels, or should, a college football or NFL team. The end game is to win. The challenge is the journey. Football goals vary from increasing participation and building self confidence for kids up to winning conference championships or the Super Bowl. As the stakes kick up, tolerance begins to decrease from high school to college to the NFL. Regardless of our passion for a particular team the stakes are even higher in the military.

I reflected last month preparing 51 young sixth-grade boys for their four-month journey into a tackle football season. As coaches we have solicited, recruited, assembled, organized and equipped our players. We are embarking upon educating, evaluating, training, conditioning, empowering and motivating them.

We will assign positions on offense and defense due to the varied skill sets, personalities and unique traits each player possesses to increase odds of team success. Not everyone will start. All are valued. Changes will occur throughout the year due to injury, interest and player progression. I truly love doing it.

You need not have played or even like football to see the parallels.

Our Armed Forces, Air National Guard and the 190th Air Refueling Wing do a ton of great things. A majority of our "Coyote Log" articles expand upon our success and for good reason. I'm going to take a risk and in the spirit of feedback offer a couple of suggestions for improvement based upon my 19 years of experience in the military as related to football.

First Down:

When a football coach assigns players to 24 unique positions (punter and kicker), he does so based upon evaluation of varied skill sets, personalities and unique traits. Some will be two-way starters, some backups, a freshman might start and a senior might be on the bench. The goal is to win. Parents, politics, equitability and seniority lose influence. Performance and potential are what count.

One of the most consistent write-ups on climate assessment surveys is stagnation and lack of differentiation. The Four Lenses course tells us we are different. Human Relations education backs this up. Why then does a progression through the cockpit, rank or positions seem to follow the same timeline? There are differences in abilities and skill sets.

This concept is easy to implement as

a football coach because they want to keep their job. They rank who is fastest, biggest, strongest, toughest, and smartest and puts their team together. It takes courage for a supervisor in the military. It takes time, effort and an emotional toll to tell someone they are not No. 1 in a particular measurement. For the military: Are we full on a particular Air Force Specialty Code or might we hinder

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On the cover:

Sights and sounds from the back to school event held at the Joint Force Headquarters during the August 2011 UTA.

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<i>Solicit</i>	Alumni/coaches/ facilities/contracts	Public affairs/benefits/ incentives/image
<i>Recruit</i>	Talent/competition/ style/needs	Economy/service/AFSC's/ shortfalls
<i>Assemble</i>	2-a-days/spring training/ practice/ games	Indoctrination/UTA's/ exercises/AEFs
<i>Organize</i>	Offense/defense/ positions/special teams	Org chart/primary/alternate/ additional duties
<i>Equip</i>	Uniforms /balls/fields/ stadiums/transport	Clothing/tools/weapons/ buildings/planes
<i>Train</i>	Run/pass/throw/block/plays	Basic/specialty/ancillary/mobility
<i>Condition</i>	Speed/endurance/strength	PT (enough said)
<i>Fans</i>	Parents/alumni/owners	Family/Americans/downtrodden

Guard members flock to 190th case lot sale

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees

190th Public Affairs

Parking was a commodity at the Joint Forces Headquarters' Nickell Memorial Amory Aug. 6-7 as Kansas Army and Air National Guard members and their families strolled into the building's gym for an Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency case-lot sale.

The 90-degree weather outside and mid-80s temperature inside didn't appear to bother the shoppers, who were walking leisurely through the make-shift aisles.



Items up for sale included fitness and athletic gear, vacuum cleaners, kitchen wares, gaming systems, food items and even flat screen televisions.

Sponsored by the 190th Air Refueling Wing out of Forbes Field in Topeka, AAFES and DeCA sold \$48,000 worth of commissary and military exchange items.

"I think it's a great benefit for Guard families to have this here," said Army Lt. Col. Anthony Randall, Kansas Medical Detachment, who was shopping with his wife on Saturday. "It can be difficult to get to McConnell Air Force Base or out to Fort Riley, so it's great having this so close."

"Another benefit - no sales tax," he added with a laugh.

Army Master Sgt. Paul Swanson from Joint Force Headquarters and his wife Jodi also popped in on Saturday to check out the deals.

"We can't go home empty handed," Jodi said with smile.

The 190th Family Readiness Group organized the event this year. Captain Joe Blubaugh, 190th Public Affairs, and Master Sgt. Tammy Wells-Switzer, Joint Force Headquarters, took the lead on this year's event.

This is the fourth case-lot sale organized by the 190th. The previous case-lot sale was at Forbes in October 2010 and brought in \$18,145 in sales for DeCA. This year, AAFES from Fort Riley and DeCA from Fort Leavenworth traveled to the Armory to set up shop.

"One of the many benefits of being in the military is the tax-free savings through the commissary and exchange. Unfortunately, those services aren't available in the Topeka area," said Adrienne Dickey, who was recently appointed as the 190th Airman and Family Readiness manager.

"But this is a great program that allows us to bring these savings to the members and their families at least once per year," she continued.

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Detachment, picked up two bags for his children on Saturday.

"I think this is a great benefit for Guard families; it's very generous," he said. "And being here on the weekend is considerate. Most of our force serves in a traditional role, so this is a great way to make sure they are taken of."

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Crystal Crews, 190th ARW, picked up a bag for her 8-year-old daughter Saturday, too. Crews, who had spent \$90 already on school supplies, was thankful for the break.

"I think this was fantastic. As parents, we spend so much money every year," she said. "It's just nice that we were looked after."

The 190th Family Readiness Group took the lead in organizing the event. In addition to being the 190th public affairs officer, for the past several months Blubaugh has led the Family Readiness efforts while the position was vacant.

"We do a back-to-school drive

each year for our wing members, but this really has been a quantum leap for our program," said Blubaugh. "We've worked hard to involve not only the Army Guard but Marine Reserves, Coast Guard and Army Reserves."

"We couldn't have done this without a grant from the Potawatomi Nation, donations from the Kansas State Family Readiness Program and our partnership with Operation Homefront," he concluded.

To learn more about Operation Homefront or to donate visit www.operationhomefront.net.



-2011 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off this month

The 2011 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) – the only authorized solicitation of Federal employees in their workplace on behalf of approved charitable organizations – will celebrate 50 years of giving when the event kicks off later this month.

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is an annual fundraising drive that provides an opportunity for federal civilian, postal, and military employees to donate to local, national, and international non-profit organizations. It was designed to coordinate the fundraising efforts of various charitable organizations so that the Federal employees would only be solicited once in the workplace and have the opportunity to make charitable contributions through payroll deductions.

The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with 209 campaigns located throughout the country and internationally. In 2010, federal employees contributed \$281.5 million to 25,000

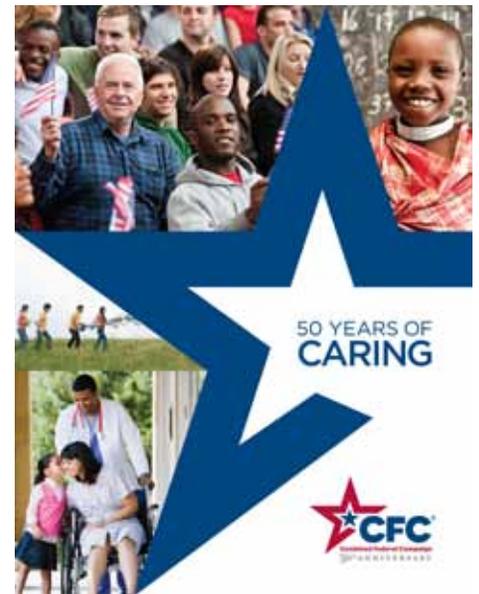
non-profit organizations.

The Heartland CFC reaches out to over 60,000 Federal & Postal employees at more than 1,100 locations throughout Kansas and sections of Missouri. Last year alone the federal employees from the Heartland CFC donated over \$4.4 million to their favorite local, national & international charities.

The mission of the CFC is to support and to promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. Conducted by the federal government under the authority of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the CFC operates in more than 210 localities throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and in overseas military bases.

Donations through CFC can be designated to charitable agencies that provide meals for hungry children, relief for families in need of counseling,

further work on cures for diseases, comfort for the dying, access to water in the Third World, environmental protection, and better lives and renewed hope for millions of people in our global community. CFC offers federal employees a way to easily and conveniently make a contribution to the good of society as a whole based on their own values.



Are you getting credit?

By Senior Master Sgt. Chad Bellquist
190th Force Support Squadron

For many unit members the thought of retirement may seem like a distant dream. But that day will come for you or so you might think.

When you apply for your retirement will you really have enough years of satisfactory service? You might not! And finding out at a time when you are planning different activities for your weekends is a bad time to realize you didn't receive proper point credit to have a good year. Or maybe all your years are satisfactory and that is great. But would you be happy to find out that you are missing enough points to reduce your retirement check by 10 or 15 percent?

Each member has access to their retirement point summary through Virtual Military Personnel Flight. Each member is responsible for regularly checking their point summary and initiating any correc-

tions that need to be accomplished. Corrections are submitted through the Virtual Personnel Center for Guard/Reserve. Links for both vMPF and vPC-GR are available on the 190th ARW Portal as well as the Air Force Portal.

Why are you getting educated about this information? As the Force Support Squadron Customer Service Superintendent, I have conducted random audits of various members' points summary and noted discrepancies. I have informed small groups about checking their point summaries which resulted in more inquiries. I've even found discrepancies in my own record. The Air Reserve Personnel Center is currently backed up three months with correction requests. This tells me there is a broader problem than just the 190th ARW. While other entities are aware of these larger issues, that doesn't fix your problem if it isn't brought to your attention.

My recommendation for all members is to check your point summary a minimum four times per year. I recommend you print a copy twice per year and save them as source documents to be used later if necessary.

So what steps do you take if you find a discrepancy? First, you need to locate source documents to show you worked the days you want points for. A Leave and Earnings Statement would be sufficient. A DD 214, certified orders or paid travel voucher would also be source documents. Second, submit these documents with a copy of your point summary through the vPC-GR application with a clear and concise explanation of what points you are missing and what you need fixed.

Still have questions? Contact your Commander Support Staff, Force Support Squadron Customer Service or the Air Reserve Personnel Center at 1-800-525-0102.

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safety? Cross-training is a possibility. Is our roster at the max? Veterans get replaced by rookies every single year in the NFL.

Second Down:

Great football teams have a natural shift of responsibility between coaches and players as the season progresses. At the start of the season the coach educates and motivates. One hundred percent of the decision making resides in the coaches' hand during practice and the first few games. This includes strategy and play calling. The GREAT coaches eventually empower their players with more decision-making capability.

Depending upon a coach's personality, this can be tough. Freedom to operate is one of the most important things they can relinquish for team success. The players are on the field. The linemen are in the trenches. The quarterback is 3 feet from the defensive scheme. Once coaches have confidence in their players, they should give them the option to "audible" at the line of scrimmage

in the heat of the battle. A quarterback can call a different play, a linebacker a different defense, and lineman a different blocking scheme prior to the snap.

Professional Military Education calls this centralized control and de-centralized execution. We can do better as we go down through the ranks. Teach first. Slowly empower the players without fear of retribution of mistakes. Come down too hard and it can lead to a constant looking-over-the-shoulder environment. What does it say about your teaching ability and evaluation of talent?

For me there is no better feeling as a father or coach than to see kids at the end of a season run their own practice while we coaches sit on the sideline with an idle whistle. The kids know the routine. They have the tools and confidence. They get back to the huddle after a mistake and try again. They tap their teammate and say "my bad" or "we'll get 'em next time." Defense, offense, special teams, equipment managers,

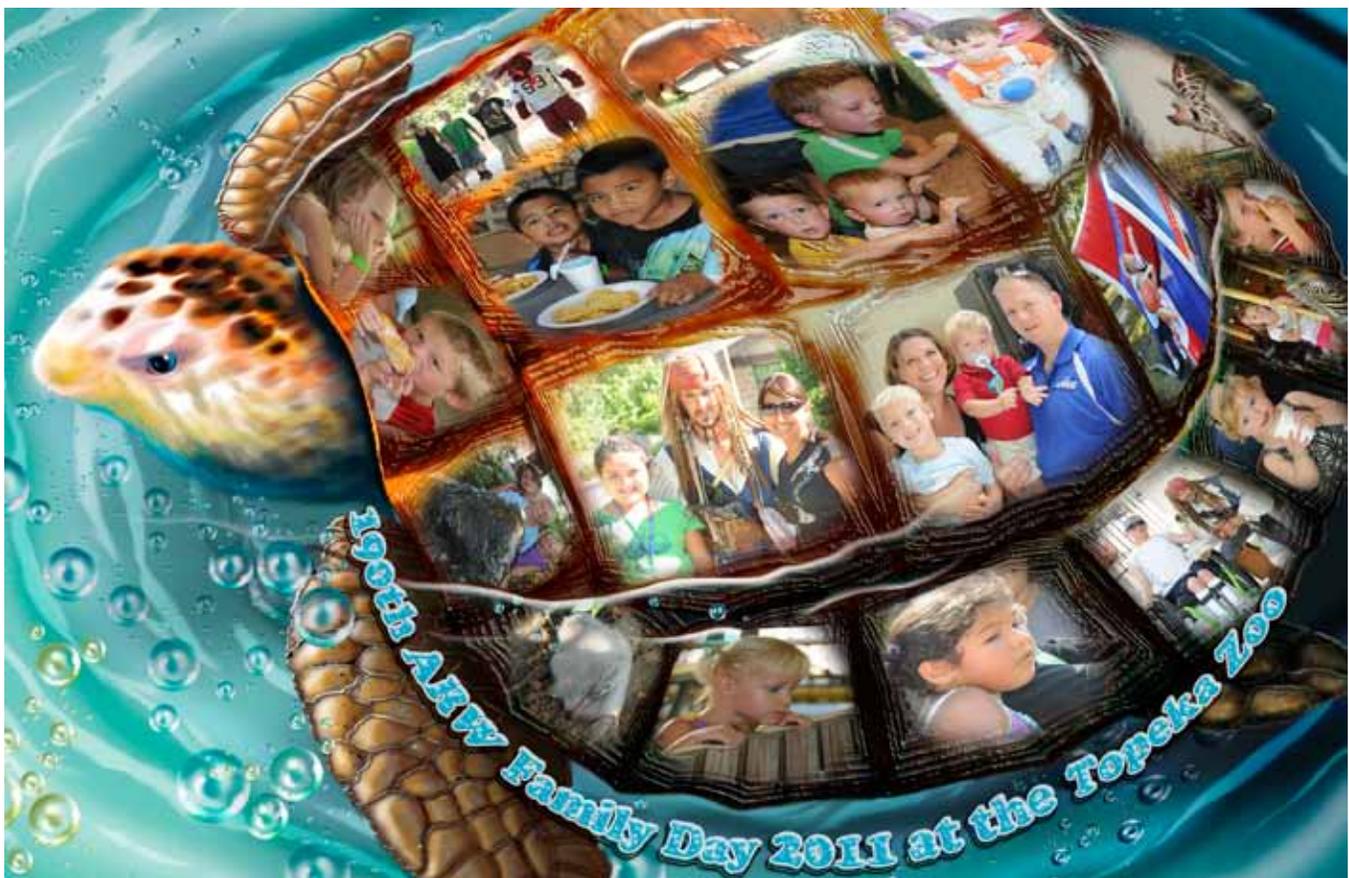
parents and coaches all have a sense of unity as the sun sets at the end of the day.

Touchdown:

I've been asked numerous times over the last 12 months how I like Maintenance after spending 18 years in Operations. I loved and still do love the tempo and people in Operations. I feel the exact same way in MX. I was accepted with open arms. I trotted from the wide receiver group to the linemen. We all have the same shoulder pads, helmet and mascot on our jerseys. We all have the same goal. People are people! If you're Force Support Squadron, Financial Management, Civil Engineering, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Security Forces Squadron ... we all share the same locker room. Of course MX has had to beef me up for the line and spent an excessive amount of time teaching me their play book, but that's what makes life fun.

Disclaimer: Mascots in the title are listed in order of importance according to the author's viewpoint. It was not a mistake!

Caught on film: 2011 Family Day



—Portrait of an Airman

Airman First Class Camrey Gayer



Organization: 190th Comptroller Flight

Job Title: Accounting Technician

Main Responsibilities: Provide financial customer support to all members of the Wing.

Civilian Career: Helzberg Diamonds sales associate.

Education: Student at Washburn University.

Military Experience: Enlisted in November 2009 as an accounting technician. Currently serving in the same capacity.

Hobbies/Activities: KU football, music and going to MLB games.

Goals/Ambitions: To be successful and happy in all aspects of my life and live it to its fullest!

Most Memorable 190th Moment : When the ‘shooter’ came into SS while I was working in recruiting. I had to hide under my desk for over an hour. It was intense.

Achievements: Received Thunder Hawk physical training award in BMT. A huge improvement from when I left home.

— Volunteer for deployments, but don’t forget family

By Chief Master Sgt. Mickel Coffin
190th Maintenance Operations

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and a reminder that our nation has been at war for almost a decade. The expectations of our Airmen have increased exponentially since that fateful September day. Those increased expectations also impact our families, which can sometimes be placed second behind our dedication to our mission.

Being a member of the military can be extremely rewarding, but it is also tremendously challenging to both the member and our families. Travel is a fact of military life and our dedication to the mission takes us away from our family on a frequent basis, sometimes for months at a time.

As I reflect on my career, I like to think it has been successful. Through dedication, hard work – and a little luck – I have been blessed to achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. But it hasn’t come without sacrifice, sometimes at the expense of my family. I’ve missed holidays, birthdays, ball games and pro-

grams. Given the chance, I probably wouldn’t change anything about my career, but I do regret missing the events.

Throughout your career there will be deployments and TDYs. Spending time away from your family is unavoidable. However, as somebody who has been there, I would encourage you to be wise when choosing your TDYs. Be sure to think about what you will be missing at home. Are there holidays, birthdays, ball games or programs your spouse and children are expecting you at? Think less about where you are going and more about what you’ll miss at home. Think about the memories you won’t be sharing before you volunteer for a TDY.

I’m not trying to discourage you from volunteering for a deployment or a TDY. As I said, travel is inevitable and one of the most rewarding parts of our job, not to mention critical for our continued success. I do want to encourage you to fully think through each potential separation from your family and make sure you are weighing their needs alongside the needs of the unit.

When you do prepare to leave on a mission, be sure to plan ahead and thoroughly discuss your absence with your family. Are there creative ways to spend time with your family even when you are gone? Technology has made the world a smaller place. Video calls are great ways to see events you might normally miss.

Most of us know that our families will do fine in our absence. They will miss us when we are gone, but they will continue on with life. Events will happen, smiles will be smiled, and tears will be cried. You will be making memories of your own on your trip, but they are not the shared family memories, so be sure you are making the right decision that balances career and family.

Dedication to our job and our mission is essential and it is what makes us the best military force in the world. However, time with our families is precious and should be savored whenever we have the chance. You can never get that time back, so take every opportunity you have now to play, eat, celebrate and just plain BE with your family.

For Your Information

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WANTED: Boom Operators



The 117th Air Refueling Squadron is currently taking applications for traditional boom operator positions.

Applications can be acquired by contacting Chief Master Sgt. Tim Treinen @ (785) 861-4559 or Senior Master Sgt. James Spurlock @ (785) 861-4640.

All applications must be completed and returned to Chief Master Sgt. Treinen or Senior Master Sgt. Spurlock by Nov. 17, 2011. Interviews will be held during the December 2011 UTA.

All applicants must have or be able to obtain the following:

1. Top secret security clearance
2. ASVAB general score of 55 or higher
3. Class "C" flight physical

For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Treinen or Senior Master Sgt. Spurlock

Appointments/Enlistments

A1C Shane C. Criqui, OSF

Enlistment/Assignment Date: June 17

A1C Maria Garcia, MXS

Enlistment/Assignment Date: June 30

A1C Tina M. Touchton, MXS

Enlistment/Assignment Date: June 23

A1C Amaury MarquezVazquez, SFS

Enlistment/Assignment Date: July 15

A1C Brendon S. Riha, SFS

Enlistment/Assignment Date: July 18

A1C Karla M. Pittman, LRS

Enlistment/Assignment Date: July 14

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Join us Sunday, Oct. 2 at 7 a.m. in the dining facility for the 190th Annual Prayer Breakfast. Guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Edward Flora, former assistant adjutant general. Menu for that morning includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and more.

Tickets will be available at the dining facility in September or contact your section chief.



The 190th Family Programs Office will be hosting KUDOS – Kids Understanding Deployment Operations – on Saturday, October 1, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the 190th Dining Facility.

This fun filled event lets the youth of the 190th ARW experience everything from the mobilization briefs to the welcome home. Register now to be a part of this hands-on learning experience. There is limited space so please register early by contacting Mrs. Adrienne Dickey at 785-861-4940 or Adrienne.dickey@ang.af.mil. The deadline for registering is September 23rd.

Retirements

SMSGt. Pete Crabtree, MXS

Retirement Date: July 24, 2011

MSgt. Kent Shore, LRS

Retirement Date: July 24, 2011

MSgt. Patrick Cochran, SFS

Retirement Date: July 26, 2011

MSgt. Earl Flower, AMXS

Retirement Date: Aug. 17, 2011

SMSGt. Thomas Meissner, CF

Retirement Date: Aug. 19, 2011

MSgt. Harold Cox, SFS

Retirement Date: Aug. 31, 2011



190th Airmen of the Quarter ~ 2nd Qtr 2011

Airman Category:

SrA Jody McCready

NCO Category:

TSgt Michael Schmitt

NCO Category:

SMSGt Jody Hatley

Coyote Grill September 21A Menu

Saturday, September 10

Strip loin steak, herbed and lemon baked fish, chicken breast with orange glaze, mushroom gravy, steamed carrots, peas with onions, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes, oven browned potatoes, salad bar, shrimp cocktail, assorted desserts, candies, French onion soup.

Sunday, September 11

Savory baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, chicken gravy, butter herbed noodles, garden rice, corn, asparagus, salad bar, tomato soup, assorted desserts. Sandwich line - chicken ceasar wrap. Short order line - chicken strips, corn dogs, hamburgers/soy burgers, fries/onion rings.



Coyote Heritage



Last month we introduced you to Lt. Col. Mike Happe, otherwise known as Slap. In this photo taken at Alpena during an Operational Readiness Inspection, Lt. Col. Happe is shown in the center, Maj. Mike Parsel is shown on the left, and Lt. Col. Dale McCoy is on the right, serving as part of the inspection team. Slap's nickname was well earned by this time, but what was about to happen would become one of the more memorable moments in Coyote News history.

A visitor to Squadron Operations turned out to be an intruder, with the mission of causing havoc with flight operations. He pulled a gun (in this case, a water gun) and threatened to kill anyone who moved. Slap grabbed the end of the gun and hung on for dear life, until several of the squadron members could subdue the intruder. Coyote News producer Shawn Gamber asked Slap to comment. Slap immediately launched into his best George C. Scott imitation, from the movie Patton with the speech, "It's not our job to die for our Country, but to make some poor bastard die for theirs." It made for dramatic footage for the next Coyote News.



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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