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190th returns from supporting three theaters

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees
190th Public Affairs

It's a record breaking year for 190th aircraft with more than 6,100 flight hours and counting. That's a whole lotta flying – for both aircrew and the members who keep them airborne.

About half of those flight hours are from a recent deployment to Southwest Asia. But over the summer, the mission wasn't just limited to Central Command. 190th aircraft and personnel were also deployed in support of Libya's Operation Unified Protector in Europe and Pacific Theater Security Package in Guam. About 300 wing members deployed overall.

"Supporting three separate and unique theaters required our Airmen to be more flexible and sacrifice at a greater level than ever before," said Capt. Marci Solander, 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron deputy commander. "They were required to transition into and become part of teams comprised of active duty, reserves and other Guard units, each with their own style of leadership and way of doing business."

The tankers refueled a variety of NATO aircraft, including F-16 Fighting Falcons, A-10 Thunderbolts, E-3 Sentries, C-5 Galaxies, C-17 Globemasters, B-52 Stratofortresses, and RC-135s.

"The one thing these aircraft have in common, they all need gas," said Lt. Col. Jarrod Frantz, commander 117th Air Refueling Squadron.

With oper-

ations nearly 24/7, aircrews and support personnel found themselves working extensive hours in sometimes grueling conditions, said Frantz.

"Four hours of mission planning followed by nine-hour flights on average, and due to crew rest issues, it meant you couldn't keep a set schedule. One time flying at night, one time flying during the day. It was difficult to keep a circadian rhythm," Frantz said.

"High-ops, high-threat environment and the added risk factors of 120 degree heat, yet the maintenance and crew chiefs had to work on these ramps all day, all night, every day," he continued.

As aircraft and crews are thrown into a larger pool while deployed, 190th personnel were not always assigned to fly or work on 190th aircraft.

"Our taskings this summer presented unique challenges for our Airmen - on top of typical aircraft issues - by requiring us to build a constantly changing group of Airmen into cohesive teams to perform in different and unique environments," Solander said.

For Frantz, assignment to a 190th aircraft or crew was fortuitous.

"You can't discount the quality of our aircraft and maintenance crews," Frantz said. "Every time I walked out to hop into a 190th jet, I felt fortunate."

Long hours and challenging conditions didn't slow the deployed team. 190th aircraft also broke the record for sortie counts while attached to CENTCOM with more than 1,000 sorties in one month. The tankers circled above hot zones for nine hours at a time to ensure aircraft supporting ground troops could keep in the fight.

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See THREE THEATER SUPPORT

Proud to serve: One team, one fight

By Maj. Robert Beebe

Commander, 127th Weather Flight



Earlier this month while on annual training orders, I was having “complimentary bacon and coffee” one morning before heading off to duty. In many ways, this was typical of a morning I frequently experience while either performing a unit training assembly or on orders.

As I was quickly attempting to get my morning fuel fix, I twice had someone approach me and say “thanks for what you do.” The one lady explained how two of her sons were currently overseas, with one in Iraq and the other in South Korea. She, like some others, has a personal connection to those of us in uniform. While others may not, their message is still clear and heartfelt.

As we recently marked the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, we reflected on that horrible day and how it changed America forever. We thought about how it changed the way we look at the world and

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the threats to America today. We thought about where we were when we heard the news, and what our thoughts were at the time.

For me today, I had those same thoughts. I think about how my youngest troops were about 10 years old on that day; innocent kids at the time who had little ability to comprehend what happened that day and how the world had just changed. I also think about how the role of our forces changed in an instant.

We suddenly went from a force concerned about performing humanitarian missions, such as Haiti and Somalia, small-scale interventions, such as Bosnia

and Kosovo, and regional wars such as the Gulf War, while still containing threats such as North Korea, to a whole new mission. We were now going around the world in search of terrorists; our entire military was now being forced into a planet-wide unconventional conflict.

For those of us already in the service at that time, we probably had an instantaneous thought of almost being lucky to be in the service, as we knew the call had just come in. As our initial emotions and thoughts went from shock, to mourning our dead, to anger for those responsible, to a sense of how we must do our job to make sure this doesn’t happen again, this was intertwined with a sense that retribution must occur.

I, among many others, had this sudden feeling and realization that this is why I’m in the service.

While many of our fellow Americans were scrambling to get a uniform put on, we were fortunate enough to already be wearing one, for we had answered our nations call before an overt ex-

ample was needed.

So I go back to my most recent hotel breakfast experience. Before 9/11, I would occasionally get similar comments while out and about. While on active duty, such a comment would occur about every month or two. Since 9/11, it’s a rare occasion to have breakfast or lunch, or be in town while in uniform, without someone taking a moment to say thanks.

Whether we are Air Force, Army, Navy or Marines on active duty, Guard, or reserve, it does not matter in many ways. Whether you drop bombs, turn a wrench, carry a rifle, pay travel vouchers, or cook chow, it does not matter in the grand scheme. What really matters is that

we have chosen to put on the uniform and perform a job that allows this nation to respond to threats as our country sees fit. I doubt anyone that has stopped to tell me thanks has cared what the patches on my uniform signify or what the camo pattern of my uniform even is. All they see is an individual that has made a conscious decision to represent our nation and do what is needed, when it’s needed.

One team, one fight ... hooah!

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On the cover:

File photos of 190th KC-135 refueling a B-2 Spirit and a young boy looking on as deployers return.

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Canberra finds a new home

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

While their KC-135s were deployed, the maintainers of the 190th Air Refueling Wing kept busy.

The Airmen recently assisted the Kansas National Guard Museum with moving a static display aircraft, the Vietnam-era B-57 Canberra.

“It’s nice to do something different, be a part of a permanent memorial,” said aircraft mechanic Tech. Sgt. Mike Schmitt, who liked the challenge of working on a different airframe.

The Canberra had been displayed outside the museum for several years while waiting for a cement platform. Once it was poured, the maintainers volunteered to help tow the Canberra to its new location, where it will



be displayed with a fire extinguisher to simulate as it would have appeared on a flight line.

The maintainers worked together with the National Guard Museum and a utility company to clear the route and tow the aircraft. Schmitt inflated and deflated the struts of the old aircraft to smooth the ride.

In the past, on night shift, he and other crew chiefs have visited the museum to refill the display aircrafts’ tires with nitrogen. The crew chiefs do not regularly maintain the displays, but as a courtesy to the museum will come out when the tires begin to deflate.

“It’s our heritage to have a guard museum, to step back in time,” said Master Sgt. Shad England, a museum board member and maintenance first sergeant who helped coordinate the move.

He hopes that unit members will



take advantage of the display and see the exhibits at the museum.

“You feel like you’re back in Vietnam,” said Schmitt. “Our aircraft is part of a permanent memorial.”

England and the other board members at the museum are working to collect other airframes used by the Kansas Air National Guard, which are displayed beside Army helicopters and other vehicles. They’ll soon add a Republic F-105 Thunderchief flown by the now 184th Intelligence Wing at Wichita and a KC-135 refueling tanker from the 190th.

Three theater support cont.



“Fighter and attack aircraft are responding real-time, so it’s a yo-yo operation with aircraft alternating with the tanker while continuing to support the ground troops,” Frantz said.

Solander credits the success of maintenance teams to their flexibility and ability to tackle any challenge.

“Our success rested solely on the fact we have incredible Airmen willing and able to overcome any challenge that comes their way,” she said.

Most 190th personnel returned home Labor Day weekend, a handful remain.

From his office in the temporary operations building at Forbes, Lt. Col. Chris Gnagi, commander of the 190th Operations Support Flight, recognized not only the sacrifices of deployed members but also those that help behind the scenes.

“Our troops had planned for this AEF rotation, ready to go. But then Operation Unified Protector fell in our lap,” Gnagi said. “We had to ask for volunteers, but again they stepped up. There were a lot of sacrifices for this deployment.”

“And we would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge the sacrifices of those at home, too - our families, the maintenance and medical personnel here. And the Force Support Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron - logistics plans and small air terminal, who made sure the transition was as smooth as possible. We can’t thank them enough for that,” he concluded.

Get financial peace

By **Mrs. Adrienne Dickey**

190th Airmen & Family Readiness Mgr

Ever dream about what your life would look like if you had no debt and were really in control of your money? Financial Peace University is here to make that dream a reality.

Financial Peace Military Edition is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay of debt and build wealth. Dave Ramsey breaks through the common financial jargon and explains how money really works in a simple, easy-to-understand style. You will learn how to take control of your money and stop struggling to make ends meet. Participants will work toward telling their money what to do and changing their family's future.

The Family Readiness Office wants to help you achieve this dream. We are currently in the process of setting up the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University and would like your input. Your input will determine dates and times of upcoming classes. Materials will be provided free of charge to all participants.

Still not clear on what Financial Peace University is? Not a problem. We will show a 30-minute preview in the Wing Auditorium Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. Check it out and get more information about how financial stability can help you in your military career.

Please contact Adrienne Dickey at (785)861-4940 or via email at adrienne.dickey@ang.af.mil to express your inter-

est in joining other Airmen and their families on this journey of financial peace.

Upcoming Family Readiness Group events

OCTOBER

1 - Operation KUDOS at the Dining Facility

NOVEMBER

1 - Family Readiness Group meeting at the Dining Facility
29 - Family Readiness Group meeting at the Dining Facility

DECEMBER

3 - Holiday Party at Forbes Field

CSA card personal use unauthorized

By **Tech. Sgt. Chyenne A. Adams**

Air Force District of Washington Public Affairs

Policy changes concerning the use of the Air Force's new Controlled Spend Account cards were spelled out in a recent policy letter from Headquarters Air Force. Effective immediately, personal use of the CSA is no longer authorized.

The CSA is the program the Air Force implemented this year to replace the Government Travel Card. Initially, personal use of the new CSA card was allowed if there was a residual balance remaining on the card after the travel voucher was filed.

As of now, the CSA card may only be used for expenses related to official government travel.

After an individual has filed a travel voucher within five days after their official travel (per Joint Federal Travel Regulation, appendix O) or during inprocessing following a permanent change of station, any balance remaining on the card can be obtained by

the traveler through one of the following options:

- Electronic transfer to a personal account through Citi's online access system or by calling them directly

- Withdraw the balance via an ATM (there is a two percent fee)

- Request a check by mail by calling Citi, or a check will be automatically mailed to the cardholder after 60 days of account inactivity

Any questions or problems can be handled through individual unit agency program coordinators.



Travel tips: Help finance, help you

- 1) Verify your orders in AROWS.
- 2) Beginning Nov. 1, book your travel through DTS. (More to come on that in next month's Log!)
- 3) Confirm your reservations one day prior to travel.
- 4) Use your CSA for government travel expenses only!
- 5) Save your receipts, submit to DTS after Nov. 1.
- 6) Complete your travel voucher within 5 days of returning.
- 7) Questions? Reach out to your organization's Defense Travel System Administrator.

Caught on film

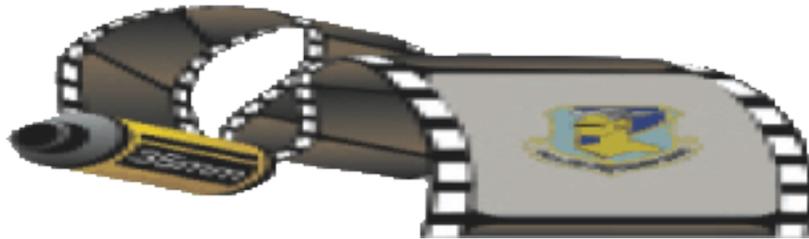


Above: 190th Wing Commander Col. Ronald Krueger accepts the Distinguished Flying Unit award at the National Guard Association of the United States conference in August. (Photo submitted)

Right: Senior Airman Morgan Burns, 127th Weather Flight, beat out 130 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians at the 16th Annual Kansas Adjutant General's APFT and Fitness Challenge for the highest overall score. (Photo submitted)



Below: Technical Sgt. Holly Baker, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, at this year's Jason Pridmore's Star Motorcycle School. More than 60 National Guardsmen participated. The class is free to military members. (Photo submitted)



Staff Sgt. Raymond Lightell

190th Maintenance Group

High school freshman on 9/11

"The teacher wheeled in a TV and only said that something had happened. The class was just silent. Most of the senior guys then tried to enlist."

Master Sgt. Jacob Urban

190th Maintenance Group

At Forbes Field on 9/11

"Our supervisor's wife called to tell us about it, so we turned on the TV in time to see the second plane hit. We thought it was staged at first. We didn't believe it was actually happening."

Airman Basic Chris Noe

190th Maintenance Squadron

In 2nd grade on 9/11

"I don't remember seeing it. I remember being picked up from school, but that's it."

Master Sgt. Clark Cook

190th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Driving for his civilian job to Emporia, Kan.

"I was listening to the radio on my way to Emporia when I heard about it. I stopped at a Wal-Mart to watch the news. The base called my pager. We didn't know if it was going to be a week, a month before deploying."

Airman 1st Class Colten Porter

190th Medical Squadron

8th grade English class on 9/11

"The teacher came in and told us what was happening. I knew where the World Trade Center was but a lot of kids didn't. My dad was in the military so we realized it was a bigger deal."

Remembering 9-11

—Portrait of an Airman

Senior Airman Brian Roberts



Organization: 190th Medical Group

Job Title: Health Service Administrator

Main Responsibilities: 4A0X1 Career Field Functional Training Manager and Medical Records Management

Civilian Career: Marine product specialist for Garmin International

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Military Experience: Four years of active duty at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as the Airman in charge of gastroenterology and the administrator of immunizations.

Hobbies/Activities: Spending time with my son and watching the KC Chiefs!

Goals/Ambitions: My goal is to be a positive role model for my son.

Most Memorable 190th Moment : Getting to know everyone in the medical group during annual tour week this past June.

Achievements: I was able to start and finish my bachelor's in business administration while on active duty.

Annual prayer breakfast Oct. 2

Join your fellow wing members for 190th Air Refueling Wing's Annual Prayer Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 2, at 7 a.m. in the dining facility.

This year's guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Edward Flora, former assistant adjutant general for Kansas.

In addition to pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and scrambled eggs, you'll also get to hear from Topeka's own CrossWays, a Christian music band.

Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased in the dining facility on Saturday of the unit training assembly, or can be purchased from your section chief.

And volunteers are still needed to help with the event! Please contact Chief Master Sgt. Ivan Perez to sign up.

— New website for job seekers

By Mrs. Adrienne Dickey

190th Airmen & Family Readiness Mgr

Looking for a job just became a little easier with the launch of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership.

MSEP brings Fortune 500 companies together to offer long-term career opportunities to military spouses. MSEP provides a digital recruiting platform, meeting the needs of our geographically-separated spouses, allowing companies direct access to job-seeking spouses. The spouses can then identify companies that are actively recruiting.

With the help of Spouse Career Counselors spouses can become competitive, "job ready" applicants by accessing personal assistance through MilitaryOneSource. This assistance can include:

- * Career Counseling
- * Education Counseling
- * Coaching and Advice
- * Job Application Assistance



- * Resume Assistance
- * Interview Preparation

Spouses can then log into www.msepjobs.com and start looking at job postings in their areas. For more information, please contact Family Programs office at (785) 861-4940.

For Your Information

Promotions

STAFF SERGEANT

Trinita D. McNutt, JFHQ
Erin R. Bieganowski, ARW



MASTER SERGEANT

Ron A. Rindt, AMXS



2ND LIEUTENANT

James L. Carter, MDG



1ST LIEUTENANT

David V. Le, MDG



New Dining Facility Schedule

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

1030 - MXG (B)/MDG

1100 - CE/CF/WF

1130 - LRS, OG

1200 - MXG (A)/JFHQ

1230 - Wing/SFS/MSG/ARW

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

AB Skylar C. Dickey, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 16

Amn. Jessica D. Glenn, LRS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 18

A1C Colten T. Porter, MDG
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 17

A1C Alex J. Zerbe, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 18

A1C Jacob D. Vick, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 17

A1C Jennifer L. Johnson, 117 ARS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 15

SSgt. Thomas A. Rand, Jr, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: July 22

Capt. Nancy M. Harper, FSS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: August 1

Distinguished Graduate

SrA Phillip Mann from AMXS received the Distinguished Graduate award from ALS in Travis AFB.

This award is presented to students in the top 10 percent of the class.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Help fuel the fight against breast cancer by joining the 190th team in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 at the State Capitol. Visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline and search for the 190th Air Refueling Wing team to join or to support one of the Coyote walkers.

The team is also selling pink 117th ARS patches to raise money for the walk. Contact Capt. Joe Blubaugh at 861-4198 or joseph.blubaugh@ang.af.mil for more information.



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

Coyote Grill October 2011 Menu



Boxed lunch Saturday and Sunday, with a hot breakfast Sunday morning. Please note the new schedule!

Commander's Call

Saturday @ 8 a.m. in hangar 662. Hometown Heroes presentation to follow. Please stay for a promotion ceremony for Vice Wing Commander Lt. Col. Jay Selanders.

Gen. Rose retirement ceremony Oct. 1



You are cordially invited to the retirement ceremony for: **Brig. Gen. Deborah Rose** Saturday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. in Hangar 662.

Church Services

All services are in building 662, third floor next to the Starbase classroom on Sundays of the UTA.

Protestant @ 8 a.m.

Church of Latter Day Saints @ 11 a.m.

Catholic confession @ 1:30 p.m.

Catholic mass @ 1:45 p.m.

Coyote Heritage

The recent visit to Forbes by several KC-135s from Andrews Air Force Base, fleeing Hurricane Irene, was not the first time Forbes has been used as a safe place to park aircraft to escape the ravages of weather. This is especially true for hurricanes, which can be predicted well in advance of landfall, allowing for units impacted by the storm to move their equipment to safer locations.

This was true in 1985 when an entire wing of A-10 Thunderbolts from England AFB, La., evacuated to Forbes Field in advance of a hurricane that struck the Gulf Coast that year.

The 190th Air Refueling Group provided ramp space for eight C-5 Galaxy aircraft in response to the Hurricane Felix evacuation in 1995. The main reason they chose to come to the 190th was the space. Forbes was one of the few locations that could handle the size and number of aircraft, without affecting local operations. The 190th has been utilized for other evacuation operations over the years to include aircraft and equipment from the Missouri Air National Guard, most recently equipment from the 139th Airlift Wing at St. Joseph, Mo.



*Left: One of the C-5 Galaxy aircraft that sought refuge at Forbes in 1995.
Right: A-10 Thunderbolts pepper the airfield in 1985.*



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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