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190th MXG Earns Maintenance Effectiveness Award

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees

190th Public Affairs

The 190th Maintenance Group is adding another trophy to their crowded case: the Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 2011 in the category of Aircraft Maintenance (Small). The 190th competed against 88 other Guard units to take the prize. The group now goes on to compete against active duty and reserve Air Force units.

"I am honored to work with such an outstanding group of professional maintainers," said Col. Anthony DeJesus, 190th Maintenance Group commander. "This award by the National Guard Bureau is a testament to the 'Standard of Excellence' we as Kansas Coyotes are known for."

Second Lt. Paul Deveaux, maintenance officer for the Maintenance Squadron, drafted and submitted the award package. He was confident that the 190th would take top honors.

"Our flight hours, our mission capable rate, three different deployments while supporting missions at home, the testing of the Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures pod and Automated Air Refueling ... It would have been hard to imagine another unit winning," he said.

It keeps going and going...

The wing flew 6,114.8 flying hours for the period of consideration, transporting more than 1,047 passengers and transferring slightly more than 30 million pounds of fuel. That's more than 2,000 flying hours for last year. Additionally, the wing achieved a Mission Capable rate of 83.1 percent, ex-

ceeding the Air National Guard standard of 75 percent during standard operations.

Deveaux credits the successes to the flexibility of the maintenance crew.

"Our maintenance crews share a willingness to help each other out, a willingness to deploy and to test out new equipment," he said. "It's their 'bend, never break' mentality that makes them so successful."

That flexibility led to three successful deployments in 2011. The Maintenance Group served as the lead tanker unit in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the Central Command theater and deployed in support of European Command and Pacific Command efforts. The tankers also flew monthly aero evacuation missions, transporting more than 100 wounded servicemembers.

Blazing the trail for the future

The 190th became the lead unit to adapt the Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures pod for the KC-135 fleet and was the first unit to test it in an operational environment, flying it in and out of Afghanistan. Boeing Phantom Works also selected the Wing for a second time to test their Automated Air Refueling system. By early December 2010, the unit performed 20 sorties and test runs supporting the equipment.

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bullington of the Maintenance Squadron thinks a combination of proactive leadership and great work ethic contributes to the Wing being selected for multiple testing ground for the KC-135.

"Our past performance and positive results, coupled with our member's can do attitude, makes the 190th ARW an easy sell to depots looking for a place to modify aircraft," said Bullington.

This is the second time in three years the wing has been selected for the award. Deveaux attributes the group's continued recognition to the attitude and work ethic demonstrated from every member of the team.

"From the top-down, leadership helps set the tone, but it's everyone's attention to detail, their camaraderie, willingness to help out and do more than what it is required – that's what enables us to achieve what we achieved," he said. "This award is proof that we truly are a great unit."



What is social networking?

By **Capt. Wendi Mason**

Commander, 190th Security Forces Squadron



While researching social networking I came across the following article on www.whatissocialnetworking.com. As I was reading through it I realized that it basically said everything that I wanted to get across in my article so I decided to just share the article. It is interesting to me how “networking” has changed over the years so that rather than having to get dressed up and go out and talk to strangers, you can meet new people from the comfort of your own home.

Social Networking. . . It's the way the 21st century communicates. Want to know what it really means?

Social networking is the grouping of individuals into specific groups, like small rural communities or a neighborhood subdivision, if you will. Although social networking is possible in person, especially in the workplace, universities, and high schools, it is most popular online. This is because unlike most high schools, colleges, or workplaces, the internet is filled with millions of individuals who are looking to meet other people, to gather and share first-hand information and experiences about cooking, golfing, gardening, developing friendships or professional alliances, finding employment, business-to-business marketing and even groups sharing information about the end of the Mayan calendar and the Great Shift to arrive December 21, 2012. The topics and interests are as varied and rich as the story of our universe.

When it comes to online social networking, websites are commonly used. These websites are known as social sites. Social networking websites function like an online community of internet users. Depending on the website in question, many of these online community members share common interests in hobbies, religion, or politics.

Once you are granted access to a so-

cial networking website you can begin to socialize. This socialization may include reading the profile pages of other members and possibly even contacting them. The friends that you can make are just one of the many benefits to social networking online.

Another one of those benefits includes diversity because the internet gives individuals from all around the world access to social networking sites. This means that although you are in the United States, you could develop an online friendship with someone in Denmark or India. Not only will you make new friends, but you just might learn a thing or two about new cultures or new languages and learning is always a good thing.

As mentioned, social networking often involves grouping specific individuals or organizations together. While there are a number of social networking websites that focus on particular interests, there are others that do not. The websites without a main focus are often referred to as “traditional” social networking websites and usually have open memberships. This means that anyone can become a member, no matter what their hobbies, beliefs, or views are. However, once you are inside this online community, you can begin to create your own network of friends and eliminate members that do not share common interests or goals.

As I'm sure you're aware, there are dangers associated with social networking including data theft and viruses, which are on the rise. The most prevalent danger though often involves online predators or individuals who claim to be someone that they are not. Although danger does exist with networking online, it also exists in the real world, too. Just like you're advised when meeting strangers at clubs and bars, school, or work -- you are also advised to proceed with caution online.

By being aware of your cyber-surroundings and who you are talking to, you should be able to safely enjoy so-

cial networking online. It will take many phone conversations to get to know someone, but you really won't be able to make a clear judgment until you can meet each other in person. Just use common sense and listen to your inner voice; it will tell you when something doesn't feel right about the online conversations taking place.

Once you are well informed and comfortable with your findings, you can begin your search from hundreds of networking communities to join. This can easily be done by performing a standard internet search. Your search will likely return a number of results, including MySpace, FriendWise, FriendFinder, Yahoo! 360, Facebook, Orkut, and Classmates.

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Recycling to help fund 2012 Family Day

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

190th Public Affairs

Second Lt. Jarrod Brunkow isn't a magician, but he plans to turn trash into prizes at Family Day this year.

Due to an increasingly successful recycling program, the base will be donating several thousand dollars to military wellness and recreation activities, such as Family Day.

"We've identified more resources and techniques, like sorting and processing, that have increased our revenue," said Brunkow. "We're also encouraging people to bring recycling to the base, instead of paying for curbside recycling at home."

Brunkow credits the base as a whole. People call and find out what is recyclable - Cardboard, metal, used batteries and motor oil, and soda cans. He's also grateful for the janitorial staff, who often physically bring it to the civil engineering building to be recycled. Each is an important step to collecting the money

to fund the program.

In 2010, the 190th raised about \$5,000 from recycling. By the end of 2011, recycling revenue grew to \$13,000. Now, after the first quarter of 2012, the wing has already raised \$6,000.

Some of that money is reinvested into the operating costs of the program itself, but the rest is applied to base programs. Past Family Days have been funded by recycling revenue. Wing Airman and Family Programs Coordinator Adrienne Dickey is grateful to have the funding again this year.

"We're planning some wonderful activities for May's Family Day this year, and it's fitting that the profits from our families' recycling go back to them," said Dickey.

The wing's Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Counsel, and the commander's discretion, determine where the money should be invested. They plan to buy workout stations, which will be installed on the outdoor

running track.

While the numbers have grown exponentially, Brunkow explained that it is indicative of a changing mindset. It's not just about raising a dollar figure, but about being environmentally responsible.

For example, used motor oil is now used to heat building 770. Hazardous waste, such as batteries and oil filters are now recycled - and earn money for the wing - instead of thrown away at an expense for the wing. Even destruction can be beneficial. Before building 673 is torn down, the wing's civil engineering squadron will remove copper wiring, metal studs and old equipment.

"It's a substantial difference from how it used to be," said Brunkow. "Seventy-five percent of everything thrown away is recyclable."

Eventually, the civil engineering squadron plans to designate the parking lot of building 673 as a collection point for recycling to make it even easier.

AF announces force structure, mission changes

The Air Force announced force structure plans to retire, not acquire or transfer 191 Air National Guard aircraft and add 65 aircraft to the Air National Guard fleet.

The changes announced in February will impact Air Guard units in 27 states and territories over the next few years, according to Pentagon officials here today.

The affected states are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The manpower realignment plan built by the Reserve Component will significantly affect additional units in all 54 states and territories. We will be able to provide manpower adjustments by installation and state in the coming weeks.

Through the Air Force's proposed force structure realignment plan, the Air Force plans to retire 286 aircraft as part of the president's new defense strategy and the Budget Control Act's requirements to cut \$487 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years. The Air Force's share is about \$50 billion.

"Gen. Schwartz has said that the Air Force is going to get smaller, and all of the components, Active, Guard and

Reserve, are going to get smaller. It's now becoming a reality," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, Air National Guard director.

"The Air National Guard has been here before," Wyatt added. "We need to continue to work with our active duty and Reserve counterparts to ensure we have the best Air Force possible. America's security depends upon us getting this force mix correct."

"We participated in the Air Force corporate process along with the Air Force Reserves to find efficiencies and mitigate effects of reductions," Wyatt said. "The experience and capabilities of our personnel are at its highest levels due to being an operational reserve fighting alongside active duty since Desert Storm. We need to maintain this capability in order to meet any future contingencies."

The Air Force is scheduled to announce manpower changes caused by these structure changes in the next few weeks.

In order for the planned reductions to take effect, they must be approved by Congress and signed into law by the president.

"Although the associated manpower changes are not available, the Air National Guard is putting together programs to retain as many Airmen as possible," Wyatt added. "We need to continue to adapt to meet today's mission, while looking ahead at tomorrow's challenges."

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DoD begins prorating imminent danger pay

By **Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

Service members now will receive imminent danger pay only for days they actually spend in hazardous areas, Pentagon officials said here today.

The change, which took effect Feb. 1, was included in the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law Dec. 31.

"Members will see the prorated amount in their Feb. 15 pay records," Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. John Kirby said.

The act called for the Department of Defense to pay service members imminent danger pay only for the time they spend in areas that qualify for the pay. In the past, service members received \$225 per month if they spent any time that month in an area where the pay was authorized.

"This is a more targeted way of han-

dling that pay," Kirby said.

Now, service members will receive \$7.50 a day for days spent in these areas. Personnel who travel to the designated areas for periods less than 30 days should keep track of the number of days they are in the area to verify that they are paid for the correct number of days, officials said.

The military services are working to waive or remit debts for members who may have been overpaid for January, officials said. The services can waive this "when there is no indication of fraud, fault, misrepresentation, or when members were unaware they were overpaid," Pentagon spokeswoman Eileen Lainez said.

Proration is based on a 30-day month, which translates into a rate of \$7.50 per day. It does not matter if the month is 28 or 31 days long, officials explained; if service members serve in affected areas

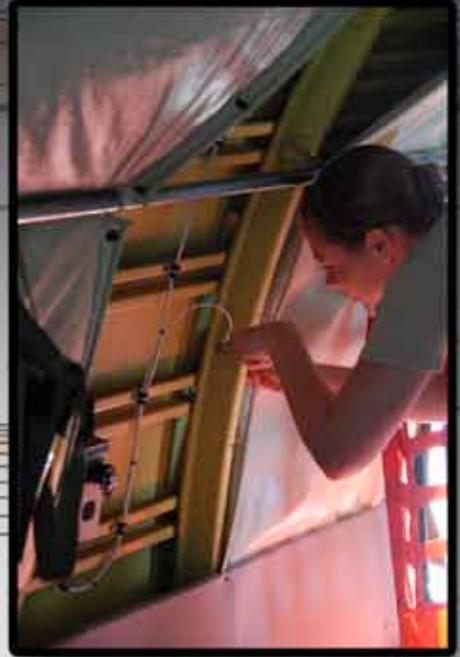
for the complete month, they will receive the full rate of \$225 per month.

The Defense Department defines imminent danger pay areas as places where members are subject to the threat of physical harm or imminent danger because of civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions.

Service members who come under fire, regardless of location, will receive the full monthly hostile-fire pay amount of \$225.

Service members will receive notification of the change via emails, on the MyPay system, on social media sites and via the chain of command.

There will be a Wing Commander's Call at 0800 on Saturday, March 3, in Building 662. All families and members are invited to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS 190TH MAINTENANCE GROUP!
NGB MAINTENANCE EFFECTIVENESS AWARD



—Portrait of an Airman

Staff Sgt. Adam Koss

Organization: 190th Maintenance Squadron

Job Title: Structural Maintenance Technician

Main Responsibilities: Damage evaluation, corrosion inspection and structural maintenance on the KC-135 Stratotanker.

Military Experience: I have been a member of the 190th ARW structural shop since October 2003.

Civilian Career: Aircraft mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Education: Associates of Arts degree at Butler County Community College.

Hobbies/Activities: Building my relationship with God and lifting weights.

Goals/Ambitions: Exceed all standards and requirements in the 190th ARW, as well as Tinker AFB and continue to progress in all of my daily obligations.

Most Memorable 190th Moment: While traveling to CENTCOM in May 2011, we stopped at Stuttgart, Germany. It was only supposed to be an overnight stop but because of a needed repair, it turned into a working venture entailing long work days, and a couple of trips to Ramstein, Germany. It was a good all around experience.



Volunteers needed at National Guard Museum

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

190th Public Affairs

A KC-135 from Forbes Field is expected to make its last journey in the next few months. For an aircraft that traveled around the world, it will be a short trip.

The aircraft will eventually come to rest at the Kansas National Guard Museum, down the street from Forbes Field, with the help of volunteers who plan to help pour the cement for its display and tow the plane down the highway. Like the other displays, it will help tell the story of the National Guard.

The work of the Kansas National Guard Museum is made possible by volunteers.

“We have volunteers from all military ranks from privates to generals,” said historian Doug Jacobs. “We have some who aren’t retirees, but like military history.”

Jacobs, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, has swept the floors and cleaned

the plumbing at the museum. Volunteers range in age from 12 to 85. Younger volunteers are often involved in a summer mentorship program, while many older volunteers host and provide tours. Those in between can do maintenance work. Many mow the lawn, trim the trees and shovel snow in the winter. The museum also hosts special events, like an annual D-Day commemoration and reenactments. One volunteer spent a day sewing and repairing uniforms and canvas displays.

Volunteers, such as military retirees, are uniquely suited to explain the history and displays in the museum to guests. They’ve lived the stories the artifacts tell.

The museum hosts coffees and pancake breakfasts, where volunteers often discuss their past experience. For example, Bob Henderson, who has volunteered at the museum for two years, worked in an aircraft testing lab in World War II. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1945.

“I love it. The other volunteers consider me one of them,” said Henderson, who enjoys the military history and sense of community he found at the museum.

Many of the volunteers are in their 60s and 70s and Jacobs would like to see more recent conflicts represented.

“The old volunteers are passing away. Now, the Kansas National Guard has been deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait, and we want to tell their stories, too,” he said.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Col. Anthony DeJesus, Chief Master Sgt. Danny Roush, Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Drewelow or Master Sgt. Shad England.

Have News to Share?

Unit members are encouraged to submit ideas or stories to the Public Affairs office. Please contact us at (785) 861-4198 or via email at 190arw.pa@ang.af.mil.

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Eric Dale Long, MDG



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.

190 ARW Officer Vacancy

The 190th ARW has a traditional Public Affairs Officer position open to O-1 through O-2 and enlisted members eligible for commissioning. If you are interested, submit your package to Capt. Joe Blubaugh by March 4, 2012.

Officer Package consists of:

- Resume with cover letter
- Three letters of recommendation
- Last OPR (if applicable)
- Current passing fitness assessment
- Current RIP

Appointments/Enlistments

AB Brandon McKenna, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 4

AB Daniel Robinson Lopez, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 23

AB Broden Schnittger, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 24

AB Jenna Bausch, FSS
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AB Tannisha Hunt, LRS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: December 22

AB Zakary Hutchison, MDG
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 24

AMN Aaron Aschenbrenner, SFS
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Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 25

A1C Benjamin Hunter, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: December 28

A1C Taylor Wheeler, MXS
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A1C Britani Davis, MDG
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 12

A1C Cody Stallbaumer, MDG
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 30

SRA Keron Joseph, CPFT
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 23

SRA Ryan Johnson, Student Flt.
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 7

SSGT Charles Robertson, 117 ARS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: January 17

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 HQ/SFS/MSG

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Retirements

MSgt. Anthony Harbour
Retirement Date: February 4, 2012

Coyote Grill March 2012 Menu



Saturday, March 3

Beef stew or roasted turkey, rice, mashed potatoes, corn, broccoli, rolls, chicken fajitas, grilled chicken & veggies, fish, assorted pies and cookies

Sunday, March 4

Savory chicken, Swedish meatballs, garden rice, egg noodles, green beans, carrots, rolls, assorted pies and cake



"Friends of Forbes" Wingmen taking care of wingmen

The Friends of Forbes program continues to be a success. Two DUIs were prevented in the month of January with our last DUI being in December 2011. As of February 7, 2012 we are 53 days without incident!! Remember if you have had one or one too many call 861-HOME (4663) for a safe FREE ride home.

*Don't forget anyone can make donations to the Friends of Forbes account at the KS Air Guard Credit Union. Help keep this program going strong.

Coyote Heritage

Meet Wing members of past and present



Help celebrate the annual Past and Active Coyotes of Kansas (PACK) reunion Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14. Anyone who is connected to the Wing is invited to come and join in the fun!

PACK is comprised of current and former 190th members, and you can join with a membership cost of only \$3 per year.

The weekend's activities include a Friday night mixer at the Kansas Museum of History located at 6425 SW 6th Street and a Saturday night banquet with door and raffle prizes at the Ramada Inn in downtown Topeka. Door and raffle prizes last year totaled more than \$1,000.

Single ticket prices are \$35 for the entire weekend, \$20 for Friday night only and \$30 for Saturday night only. Couple ticket prices are \$60 for the entire weekend, \$25 for Friday night only and \$50 for Saturday night only.

For more information about PACK or to be placed on the mailing or email list, please contact Karen Morrow at (785) 267-3950 or mrandmsduh@cox.net, or Keith Fulton at (785) 862-5506 or keithteri@cox.net.



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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