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Recognizing success”

By Maj. Tanya Wehrli

Commander, 190th Force Support Squadron



There are many great experiences to be had as a commander but none are more rewarding than watching one of your own experience success. This past week I had the pleasure of welcoming back one of our wing's newest Basic Military Training graduates. As the young Airman entered my office with his posture straight and his eyes wide I couldn't help but feel a twinge of pride. He had successfully completed a huge milestone in his life and his sense of accomplishment was contagious. This was a young man who will likely have many more successes in his Guard career and when he does, how will I recognize those accomplishments? One of the tools in the Air National Guard to recognize successes is the Evaluations System. It is designed to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of our service members. Officers are recognized through an Officer Performance Report, enlisted members in the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) program receive an Enlisted Performance Report and traditional guardsmen receive feedback in the form of a Performance Feedback Worksheet. All are accomplished on an annual basis and are designed to capture your greatest successes throughout the year. Regardless of your status and the type of evaluation you receive the real importance is how the information is shared. All feedback should be honest, constructive and timely. (AFI 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluations) Another opportunity to recognize success is through the Awards and Decorations Program. This program provides tools to recognize members individually or collectively. It is a relatively easy process and is automated through the Air Force Personnel Center (vPC-GR Dashboard). There are options for state accomplishments or federal successes; for individual achievements or unit wide

successes. Did you know that you can even recognize those outside of your respective squadrons? The philosophy may vary, but I suspect we all agree that accomplishments deserve to be recognized and the Awards and Decorations program is a great way to do so. (AFI 36-2803, Air Force Awards and Decorations) Lastly is the Promotion Program. Promotions are intended to recognize the successes of our members while also indicating confidence in their abilities to perform in the next grade or at the next level. For promotions, certain eligibility requirements must be met such as skill level, time-in-grade, time-in-service and a passing fitness assessment. Once all of the eligibility requirements are met, your leadership decides on the suitability of promotion. There are far too many promotion programs to mention in this article so if you have further questions please review ANGI 36-2502, Promotion of Airmen or AFI 36-2504, Officer Promotions or contact the Force Support Squadron. As that Airman turned to exit my office last week I couldn't help but hope that his pride will continue and he will experience many more successes

throughout his career. When he does, as I fully expect he will, I hope I am there to recognize those successes through whichever program is suitable.

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On the cover:

190th members 2nd Lt. Jarrod Brunkow, Master Sgt. Casey Batteredton, Tech. Sgt. Paul Harper along with Army Staff Sgt. Derek Redenius display their Overall Team trophies, 3rd place, won at the TAG's state shooting competition held in Salina, Kansas.

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190 AMXS First Sergeant Vacancy

The 190th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant position is open to promotable Tech. Sgts. and Master Sgts. Applicants must have ASVAB score of 41 administrative or 62 general, and a passing fitness assessment. If interested, submit your package to Chief Master Sgt. Ivan Perez by COB June 3, 2012.

First Sergeant package consists of:

- Resume with cover letter
- Current RIP

Wing builds allies

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

During a secretary of defense visit in mid-March, the 190th Air Refueling Wing had an opportunity to demonstrate why it is successful as a wing. The visitor was not U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, however, but his Armenian counterpart, Seyran Ohanyan.

Ohanyan, the Armenian minister of defense, was looking for perspective to help better structure his military.

When important people gather to discuss important ideas, they meet in important places. For the minister and his delegation, that location was Forbes Field.

Major Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general of Kansas, and Col. Ron Krueger, commander of the 190th ARW, hosted Ohanyan, several other Armenian officials and a representative from the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth.

The minister sought guidance from the CGSC and the Kansas National Guard on how Armenia could model

its military to be successful in the future. Ohanyan listened to a presentation, through a translator, by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Henry, who spoke about his recent deployment to Afghanistan with the 190th ARW Security Forces Squadron.

“It’s a really cool privilege to talk to people who can change entire countries,” said Henry. “To be in the National Guard and have that potential influence is something I never saw myself having the opportunity to do.”

The Armenian delegation took particular interest in Law of Armed Conflict training, which Henry had included on a slide listing pre-deployment training the Security Forces Airmen had completed. The Armenians were impressed that the United States makes a point of protecting cultural and religious landmarks.

Later, Col. Scott Dold, the adjutant



general’s senior legal advisor, spoke on the role of defense lawyers in protecting the military’s court system. The delegation asked about command structure, jurisdiction of security forces, and even requested a candid assessment of Armenian officers’ performance at CGSC.

The group then toured the wing armory and the Expeditionary Medical Support storage hanger.

“It was an honor to be able to host the minister of defense and show him how we’ve been successful as a wing,” said Kruger.

Oleen takes a pie in the eye

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

Feeding hungry people is worth a little humiliation to Lt. Col. Fran Oleen, commander of the Logistics Readiness Squadron. During April’s drill weekend, Oleen took a pie in the face in behalf of people who can’t afford to buy the dessert themselves.

Proceeds from the fundraiser went to Project Topeka, a

local charity that provides food for those in need.

“It’s a local charity,” Oleen explained why she selected Project Topeka. “It’s here at home and the results are felt by people we may know. It’s tangible. Most of the recipients are children.”

Each member who raised a minimum of \$100 had the opportunity to throw a pie at Oleen, although few Airmen accepted the prize.

Senior Airman Tiffany Kubie donated the money and was nervous when she finally threw the pie in her commander’s face.

“I was afraid I’d walk away as Airman First Class Kubie,” she said. “I turned red and my heart was fluttering!”

But Oleen was happy to oblige, especially when her squadron almost raised more than the entire remainder of the wing combined. She credited the response to the generosity of her Airmen and the enthusiasm of her staff, including Tech. Sgt. Wendy Taylor, who was a key organizer of the fundraiser.

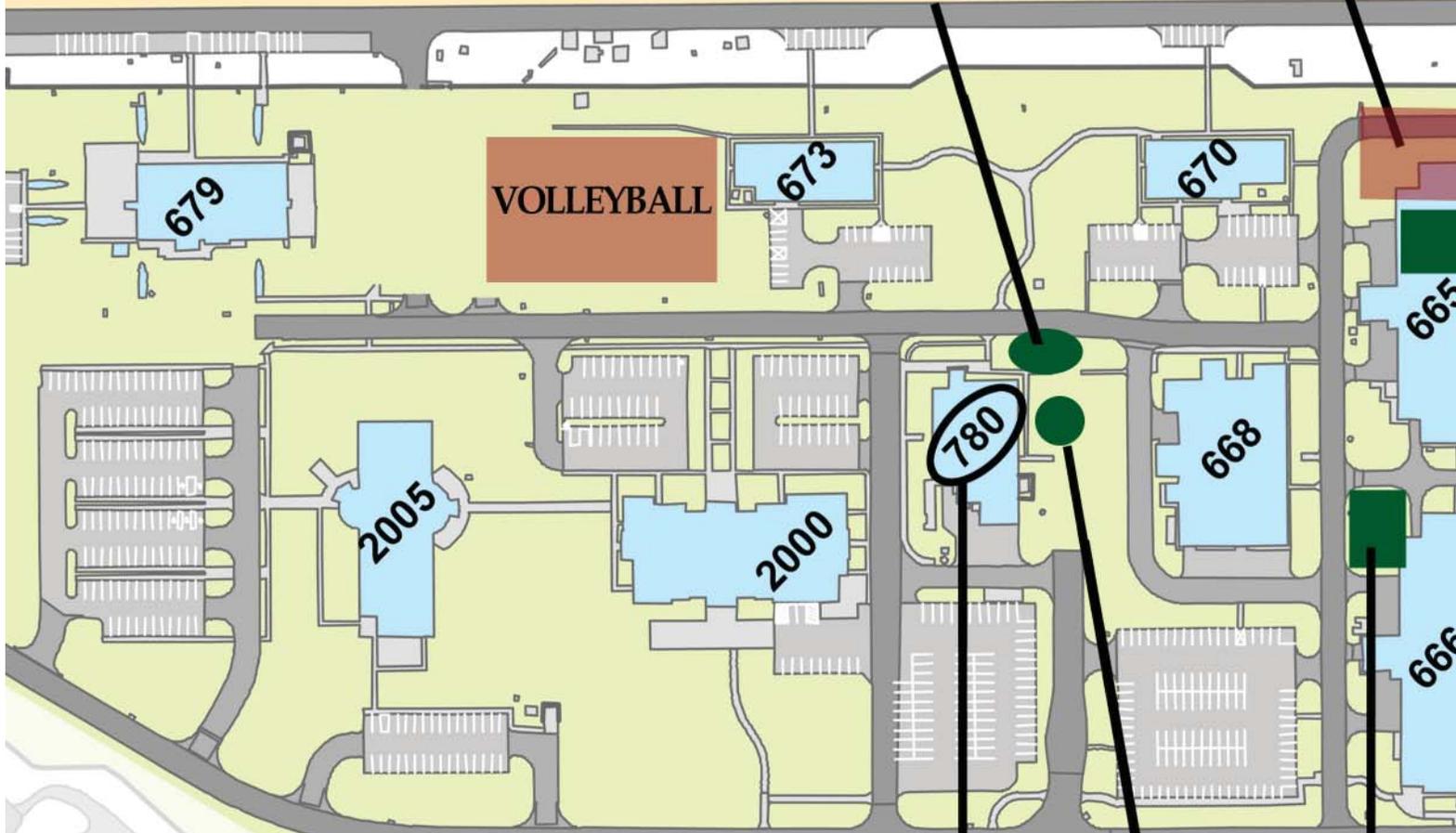


190th FAMILY DAY 2012



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TOYS



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PAINTING

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BALL
AREA**

**GAMES &
ENTERTAINMENT**

STAGE

662

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760

770

55060

**CAR
SHOW**

**SHOOTING
RANGE**

**FAMILY DAY
1200-1600**

—Portrait of an Airman

Airman First Class Sarah Marsh

Job Title: Knowledge Operations Management.

Responsibilities: Time Keeper, Knowledge Ops Manager, Information Assurance Officer.

Education: BS in Psychology with a minor in Social Work.

Military Experience: Member of the 190th since December 2009 as a Personnel Specialist in FSS. Served as the Airman and Family Readiness Assistant in November 2011. Currently a Knowledge Operations Manager for OSF.

Goals and Ambitions: Continual growth in my career and working on the areas I can improve on.

Hobbies and Activities: Church, exercise, & time with family and friends.

Most Memorable 190th moment: Being a part of organizing 190th holiday party and Coyote Claus. I was very pleased with the outcome of both events. It was rewarding to see members and their families connect with each other and embrace the true meaning of this holiday season.



Don't forget your helmet

By 190th Safety Office

190th Air Refueling Wing

(Editor's note: May kicks off the 101 Critical Days of Summer. This is the first part in a five-part series discussing common summer hazards.)

Before you take to the road on your bicycle this summer, here are a few tips to ensure you are protecting yourself and your family. Unfortunately, more than 100 Americans die each year from bike-related injuries. Children aged 5 to 14 account for about half of those deaths. In addition, 50,000 children in America are injured every year in bike-

related mishaps.

In fact, bike crashes are the leading cause of brain injury for school-aged children. And a brain injury is not like a broken bone - it doesn't fully heal. Survivors may suffer seizures, intellectual and memory impairment, and personality changes.

Got a Brain? Get a Helmet

Bike helmet protection is priceless. Your brain, your life and your future are at stake. Research shows that safety-approved bike helmets reduce the risk of brain injury by more than 85 percent. Today, helmets are designed to look good and feel great. They are light, cool, comfortable, affordable, attractive and easy to wear.

Helmets that meet safety standards are the investment you can't afford to overlook. You always need to wear a helmet - wherever you ride. All cyclists' crash eventually and even a low-speed fall on a bike path can cause a brain injury.

Getting into the Helmet Habit

--Cyclists who choose their own helmets are more likely to wear them. There are a variety of helmet styles available. Choose a helmet that you will enjoy wearing.

--Start the habit early. As soon as a child gets their first set of wheels, whether it be a tricycle, a training bike or a bike trailer, they should be wearing a helmet for every ride.

--As a parent, always insist your child wears a helmet. The rule is simple - no helmet, no bike.

--Be an example for others. Wear your helmet for every ride.

--Talk to other people about the role helmets play in preventing bicycle-related brain injuries.

Become a Skilled Cyclist

All cyclists share the responsibility of safe cycling. Learn the skills and the rules necessary to protect yourself and others on the road and pathways. Courses led by certified instructors are available for children and adults. Search online to find courses in your community.



For Your Information

Enlisted Promotions

SENIOR AIRMAN

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2ND LIEUTENANT

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1ST LIEUTENANT

Chad L. Blow, AMXS



B Gate open mornings during UTA

Just a reminder: The B Gate is open every Unit Training Assembly weekend from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Appointments/Enlistments

AB Tevon Tebbutt, OSF
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 4

AB Jayce Donnelly, AMXS
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 29

A1C Ayrick Madeira
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 1

A1C Grant Myers
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 22

A1C Thomas Leonard, CE
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 3

A1C Joshua Lilly, CE
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 1

A1C Denise Garcia, SFS
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 4

A1C Charles Ashley, MDG
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 15

SRA Alan Knabe, CE
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 15

SRA Adam Gilfillan, MDG
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 15

SRA Richard Johnson, MDG
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 28

SSGT David Doze, MXS
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: February 13

MSGT Jason Demania, LRS
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 4

CPT Justin Tiffany
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 2

MAJ Scott Rossow
 Enlistment/Assignment Date: March 8



Climate Assessment Survey

The deadline is fast approaching for the Wing Climate Assessment Survey. Check your personal email for the link. The online survey will run until 6 May 2012.

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 Grill May UTA Menu



Saturday, May 5

Family Day
 Pizza from Godfathers

Sunday, May 6

Chicken cacciatore, country style steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, green beans, peas/carrots, corn on the cob, corn bread, grilled fish, grilled vegetables, baked potato bar, carrot cake, cookies



Want to be the next Wing Command Chief?

190th Chief Master Sgts. should submit their package for the next 190th Wing Command Chief by close of business of the May UTA to Chief Master Sgt. Ivan Perez.

Packages should include a letter of intent, a resume, current passing fitness score and a Record of Individual Personnel report.



Operations Group Chief

Operations Group Chief position is also open. 190th Senior and Chief Master Sergeants may apply. Please contact Chief Master Sgt. Brian Saunders or Capt. Joe Blubaugh for more information.

Coyote Heritage

We tend to think that Forbes ANGB and the 190th go together like hand and glove, that without one, the other would not exist. But it wasn't always so. During the 50's and 60's, Forbes AFB, was a hub of activity, with two full Wings of reconnaissance aircraft, the 55th SRW and the 90th SRW, and all of the airmen that it took to support them. The 55th even became known as the "eyes of SAC." Since the 190th transferred to Forbes Air Force Base in 1967, many changes have taken place. The biggest would be the actual closing of Forbes AFB in 1973, which came as a surprise to most. Topeka had come to depend on the large number of airmen and their families as a base of support for the community, while many of the local business owners depended upon the extra business that all of these military members brought in.

The closing came as a shock, primarily because the Air Force had just spent large amounts of money upgrading the base's facilities. For a short period of time, even the 190th Tactical Reconnaissance Group was unsure of its future. But soon things began to be known and the 190th, which had come to Forbes as a minor tenant unit, would soon become the owner and would flourish in the years ahead.



A RB-50 (an improved B-29 refitted with photo gear) from the 55th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, taken from the cover of a Forbes AFB welcoming guide from sometime in the 50's.



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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