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# Severe weather plans save lives

**By Capt. Ashley Feaster**

*Commander, 127th Weather Flight*

As a meteorologist in the community, it surprises me how many people do not have a severe weather plan or even know the difference between a watch and warning. As Weather Flight Commander, I know it is important that everyone is educated and prepared for severe weather.

Without getting into all of the background information, a lot of research has been conducted in relationship to social science and severe weather. Many people do not take shelter during a tornado warning when they should, so research is being conducted to determine how to make the public more responsive to these warnings.

Recent studies show that a simple text message or phone call from a family member or friend advising them to take shelter may be one of the more effective ways to convince someone to take shelter.

This is a great example of looking out for your Wingman. If you know your Wingman is in an area under a tornado warning, a simple text message or phone call to make sure they are aware of the weather and are in shelter can go a long way.

The 2012 severe weather season has been very mild. Northeast Kansas started the season early with an EF-2 hitting Harveyville on February 28. The next major threat was on April 14, 2012, but there have been no major tornado threats since. Across the United States, there were only 139 tornadoes in the month of May, compared to a 1991 to 2012 average of 276.

For the month of June, there were only 114, compared to an average of 243. Also, there were no U.S. tornado deaths during the month of May. The last time this occurred was in 2005 and there are only 15 of 138 years with no tornado deaths during the month of May. In 2011 there were 178 tornado deaths during the month of May, however the Joplin tornado was the major reason for the higher number.

While the 2012 severe weather season has not been very active, it is still important to be prepared. Everyone should have a severe weather plan that includes know-

ing where to go for shelter in the event of severe weather. If a watch is issued, you need to start thinking about what you will do in the occurrence of severe weather. A watch is issued when severe weather is expected within the next few hours. A warning is issued when the weather has been observed or is expected soon; this is the point when you need to take shelter, especially in the case of a tornado warning.

One of my biggest pet-peeves is hearing people complain they were not warned about a tornado because they did not hear the sirens, or that the sirens did not go off. Tornado sirens are an outdoor warning system and are not intended to be heard from within the home. It is highly advised to have a NOAA Weather Radio, because they are the best source of severe weather information.

If you don't have a weather radio, you can receive extreme weather alerts via the Wireless Emergency Alerts system. This is a free service that sends alerts to your mobile device.

Flooding is the number one severe weather related killer in the United States, with more than half of flooding fatalities being related to a vehicle. It only takes about two feet of moving water to move most vehicles. This is why you often hear "Turn Around, Don't Drown."

While flooding is the number one severe weather related killer, heat is the top weather related killer. Heat causes hundreds of fatalities every year. This season has been very warm, in fact the period between July 2011 to June 2012 is the warmest 12 month period on record since 1887. Topeka hit highs over 100 degrees five times during the month of June and five days in a row during the first half of the month of July.

A few basic heat safety tips include slowing down and trying not to do strenuous activities during the heat of the day, wearing lightweight and light-colored clothing, drinking plenty of water and avoiding alcoholic and caffeinated drinks. Spend more time in air-conditioning during extreme heat and don't get too much sun. Also, don't leave children or pets in

an enclosed vehicle; an enclosed vehicle can be a death trap as the temperature will rapidly increase. The dashboard or seat of a car can reach to more than 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

These are just a few tips to help protect your family, and your Wingman, from severe and weather in Kansas.

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## **On the cover:**

A KC-135R from the 190th Air Refueling Wing refuels a member of the United States Thunderbirds.

*(photo submitted)*

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# Back to the ol' travel card

**By 1st Lt. Casey Montgomery**  
*190th Comptroller Flight*

In December 2010 the Department of Defense (DoD) introduced the Controlled Spend Account (CSA) that was intended to provide mission-driven spend limits and streamline reconciliation to increase security and acceptance at more



merchants than the traditional Government Travel Charge (GTC) Card. Overall, the new card was meant to experience more control and less program maintenance – no more delinquency tracking – but unfortunately the mission by mission process of funding the cards made it extremely ineffective in the operational military with adverse affects on mission accomplishment.

The transition back to the GTC is now in full swing. Members who have CSA cards should have recently received a letter from Citibank providing an official notice that the Controlled Spend Account (CSA) will be converted to a Government Travel Card (GTC). This transition is meant to be seamless.

Members will continue to use their blue CSA plastic for all official government travel as DoD regulations require. Members will receive an email when the change to the card becomes effective, approximately the week of 13-17 August. This email notification will inform you if you have a standard or restricted card as well as the credit limit on the account.

The standard or restricted card will be based on what type of card you had before the transition to CSA. If you did not have a card at all prior to the CSA,

your GTC will be a restricted account until a credit check is submitted by you through your Agency Program Coordinator (APC).

The Defense Travel System (DTS) should automatically update credit card information through this transition. Following the week of 13-17 August, it is highly recommended that former CSA cardholders verify this information in DTS before using the system any further.

If your CSA card is not eligible to automatically transfer to a GTC, you have already been notified via email or your card has been terminated. These accounts were permanently closed on 18 June 2012 and cannot be reopened. In order to get a travel card, members must go through the GTC application process. Some accounts may remain open until 3 August 2012. These members are being notified by Group Agency Program Coordinators (GAPC) and will also com-

plete the GTC application process.

Because of the changes to the travel card program, ALL MEMBERS must complete a Statement of Understanding (SoU) if you have not already done so in the past few months. Anyone who had a CSA card MUST COMPLETE the Programs & Policies – Travel Card Program (Travel Card 101) [Mandatory] training through DTMO in TraX. Instructions can be found on the SharePoint page under Wing HQ, Comptroller Flight, Government Travel Card. This training is also required for any travel card holder who is due to complete the annual requirement. Certificates are to be submitted to your GAPC.

The primary point of contact for all travel card questions and issues in your organization is your GAPC. These personnel are: Mission Support Group - MSgt Gina Hastings; Comm Flight - SMSgt Richard Hines; Logistics Readiness Sq - SrA Elizabeth Pollard; Maintenance Group - MSgt Matthew Wisner; Aircraft Maintenance Sq - TSgt Carolyn Kolbek; Operations Group - MSgt Tracy Vanstony/MSgt Mac Torrez; Medical Group - SMSgt Denise Montgomery; JFHQ - SSgt Trinita McNutt; and Wing HQ - TSgt Ashley Tremblay.





During the past two months the 190th Air Refueling Wing has refueled the Air Force Thunderbirds several times resulting in some great new photos of our KC-135Rs in action. Here are just a few.

*(photos submitted by various photographers.)*



## Caught on Film



# NCOs graduate via satellite course at Forbes

By Senior Master Sgt. Steve Nelson

190th Emergency Manager

Congratulations Satellite Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (NCOA) Class 12-04 graduates! Eight 190th ARW members successfully completed classroom learning twice a week at Forbes Field for 13 weeks followed by attendance at McGee Tyson for two weeks. Two members, supported by the rest of the class, were able to bring home the “gold” and “silver” medals from the course.

Tech. Sgt. Ashley Tremblay of the Comptroller Flight received the Commandant’s Award. The prestigious award is given to one individual per class (140 students in class 12-04) who demonstrates the highest leadership values. Students are nominated by their class members and facilitators, then interviewed and selected by the NCOA Commandant.

Tech. Sgt. Alyshia Leisure was awarded the Distinguished Graduate



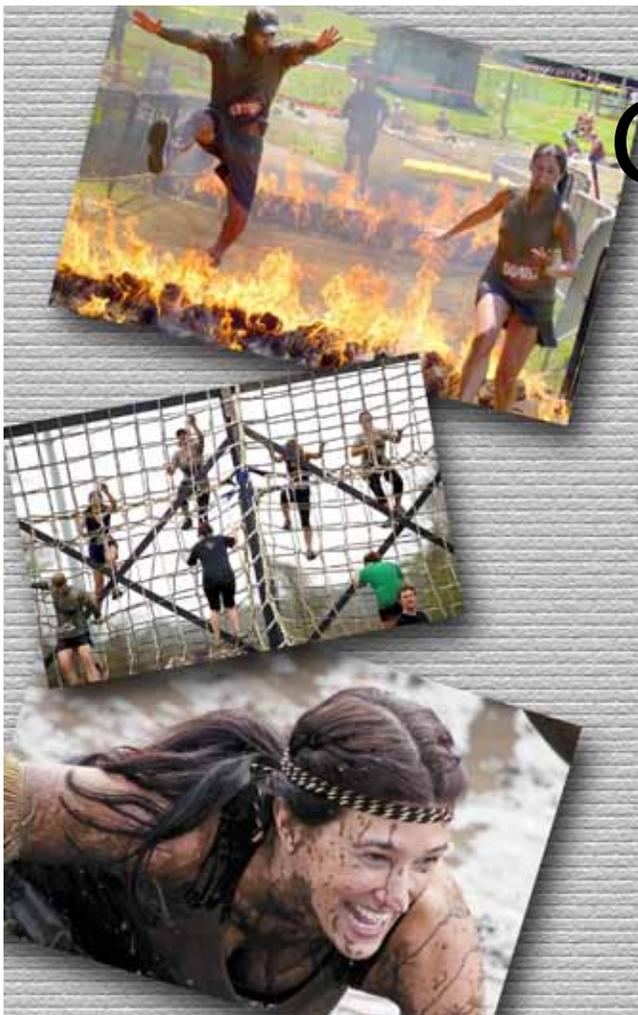
NCOA Class 12-04 from left: Tech. Sgt. Craig Jackson, Tech. Sgt. Neal Jensen, Tech. Sgt. George Jeter, Tech. Sgt. Carolyn Kolbek, Tech. Sgt. Alyshia Leisure, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Robinson, Tech. Sgt. Ashley Tremblay, Tech. Sgt. Michael Tremblay.

*(photo by MSgt Bob Ogan)*

award. Distinguished Graduates are those members within the top 10% of the class academically and are nominated by their local class members and facilitators.

Both are tremendous achievements that require commitment from the indi-

viduals and the unwavering support of their classmates. The awards are also a reflection of the pride and quest for excellence within 190 ARW members as a whole.



## Coyote Warrior Dash

Saturday, Sep. 8, 0700

1.5 mile run with 5 obstacles

4 person teams (JFHQ & members only)

Submit teams to your 1st Sgt.  
by end of August UTA

P.T. gear (gloves & safety equipment optional)

# —Portrait of an Airman

## Airman First Class Courtney McClammy

**Job Title:** Personnelist

**Responsibilities:** I provide personnel customer support such as reenlistments, promotions, accessions, and DEERS ID cards.

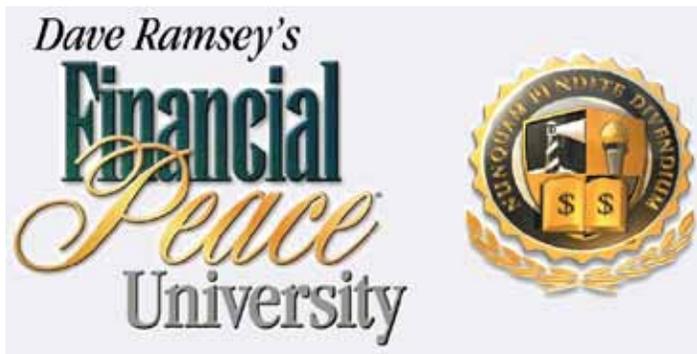
**Education:** 2008 graduate of Washburn Rural High School in Topeka. I am working on my Associates Degree in Human Resources at Allen County Community College.

**Military Experience:** 1 year in the Air Force, with the 190th Air Refueling Wing.

**Goals & Ambitions:** My main goal is to finish school, but I am also scheduled for my first skydive in August.

**Hobbies & Activities:** I love traveling with friends and family, reading and trying to stay active.

**Most Memorable 190th Moment:** My whole first year has been memorable. I've met a lot of new people and gained a lot of knowledge.



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 towards telling their money what to

do and changing their family's future.

The Airman & Family Readiness Office wants to help you achieve this dream.

We have set up the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University on September 22, October 27, and November 17 from 9am-1pm at the Red Cross Chapter located at 1221 SW 17th St. in Topeka. All three sessions constitute one class.

Materials will be provided free of charge to all participants who complete the class.

The class will be led by Cherie Stueve. The instructor has also offered to start an evening class if participants are interested. Please contact the Airman and Family Readiness Office to let us know when you are available.

Still not clear on what Financial Peace University is? Not a problem. We will be showing a 30 minute preview in the Wing Auditorium on 3 August at 1000. Check it out and get more information on 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](mailto:adrienne.dickey@ang.af.mil) to express your interest in joining other Airmen and their families on this journey to Financial Peace.

# For Your Information

## Promotions

### AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Mark Douglas, FSS  
Neal Douglas, FSS  
Micah Harman, FSS



### SENIOR AIRMAN

Jordan Maxwell, CE



### STAFF SERGEANT

Benjamin Hanke, MXS  
David Nemechek, CE  
Jerling Hidalgo Mendez, MDG



### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Benjamin Fulton, ARS  
Joshua Hill, MXS  
Michael Ray, MXS  
Jonathan Strong, MXS  
Mei Suen, MXS  
Michael Tremblay, MXS  
John Medrano, CE



### MASTER SERGEANT

Gordon Cole, MXG  
Timothy Hanke, MXS  
John Wessel, MXS  
Allen Ewell, CE



### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Jessie Wolfe, MXS



## Retirements

Capt Wendi Mason, 190 SFS  
Retirement Date: July 9, 2012

## Appointments/Enlistments

AB Lacey Clelland, MDG  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 4, 2012

AMN Austin Roberts, MDG  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 31, 2012

A1C Jacob Landis, 117 ARS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 29, 2012

A1C Dalton Shaffett, OSF  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 7, 2012

A1C Luke Hill, MXS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 30, 2012

A1C Mary Kearns, LRS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 20, 2012

A1C Alexis Hughes, CF  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 22, 2012

A1C Trentan Busey, LRS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 11, 2012

A1C Nicholas Johnson, LRS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 31, 2012

A1C Travis Byers, 127 WF  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 15, 2012

StrA Ricky Jones, MDG  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 4, 2012

SSgt Jason Hart, CF  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 13, 2012

Capt Matthew Hedlund, 117 ARS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: May 31, 2012

Capt William Sanders, 117 ARS  
Appointment/Enlistment Date: June 6, 2012



## Chaplain 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 August UTA Menu**



#### **Friday, August 3**

Beef tips, breaded parmesan chicken, corn on the cob, green beans, mac & cheese, baked potatoes, corn bread, fish, broccoli, apple pie, and brownies

#### **Saturday, August 4**

Pulled pork, ravioli, carrots, peas, mashed potatoes, wild rice, rolls, fish, broccoli, chocolate cake, and cookies

#### **Sunday, August 5**

Chicken cordon bleu, turkey a la king, mixed veggies, corn, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, rolls, fish, and broccoli

## Traditional Focus UTA

The September UTA will focus on Traditional members and the significant contributions they make to the Wing. To the greatest extent possible, Wing leadership would like all mission functions to be Traditional led for the entire UTA. Full-time staff are encouraged to function in a support role.

# Be A Boom

The 117th ARS is accepting applications for Traditional Boom Operators in the grade of SSgt and below.

If you love a challenge and love to travel, then we want to hear from you! Applicants must be able to pass a flight physical, attain a Top Secret security clearance and have a minimum score of 55 on the ASVAB General portion.

Applications are available at the 117th ARS and must be turned in to CMSgt Treinen or SMSgt Spurlock by 30 August.

Interviews will be held during the September UTA.

Contact CMSgt Treinen, 861-4559, or SMSgt Spurlock, 861-4640 for more information.

# Coyote Heritage

For most of its fifty years, the role of the 190th has been as a support unit; in other words, we provide some of the things combat units need to do their job.

This wasn't always the case. When the 117th transferred from Pennsylvania to Kansas, its mission came along with it. The Pennsylvanians began their existence as a light bombardment unit flying leftover A-26's from World War II, and transitioned to Fighters following the Korean War. They were assigned F-80s, a first generation jet fighter, and their job was to intercept any aircraft with hostile intentions, using any means necessary to prevent them from causing harm to the country.



These were the jets they brought to Kansas in February of 1957. The 184th was also flying F-80s and since the navy was still using most of the space at Hutchinson, the first of the 117th's jets were actually housed along with the 184th in Wichita, with pilots and maintenance people making a daily trip from Hutchinson to Wichita. The F-80 mission lasted for just a year when the 117th was re-equipped with the RB-57.



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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