



COYOTE LOG



Assessment concludes; waiting begins

By 2nd Lt. Angela Brees
190th Public Affairs

And the winner is ... we'll know in May - hopefully.

The 190th Air Refueling Wing at Forbes Field was the last stop for the assessment team evaluating potential homes for the new KC-46A tankers. The team, comprised of 24 members from the Air National Guard and Air Mobility Command, wrapped up their on-site assessment March 1.

The team examined the wing's communication infrastructure, facilities, logistics, manpower, medical, services, operations and security forces capabilities.

"I appreciate the efforts of all who helped show the tremendous value of this base," said Wing Commander Col. Ron Krueger to wing members who attended the March 1 outbrief. "The work you do here every day positions us to keep our refueling mission well into the future. I can't thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the mission."

If Forbes Field is selected, it would mean a \$25.8 million investment to meet the needs of the new airframe. Nearly all of that funding would be used to renovate hangars 662 and 665 to include space for a fuselage trainer, weapons systems trainer and boom operator trainer.

It would also mean approximately 200 active duty and contractor jobs at Forbes. And though 200 positions may seem too large for small Forbes Field, the assessment team seemed pleased at the amount of space available for potential new personnel.

"This is the most space I've seen at a Guard base," said Michael Schaefferkoetter, who examined the logistics infrastructure of the base. "There is more than enough space to accommodate active duty and contractors."

The 190th Operations Group also received high marks from

the team, noting during the out brief that the 190th had a "highly experienced aircrews."

There is one challenge the team discussed that will be an issue for any Guard base incorporating an active duty component – personnel systems. Currently, the Military Data Personnel System houses all personnel information for the Guard, active duty and Air Force Reserve, but it does not permit communication between the services.

The 190th ARW and competing teams will not have to wait long for a decision. The assessment team will soon present all options to the Air Force decision board, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The secretary and chief of staff will then select their preferred and an alternative location in May of this year.

However, an environmental impact study will need to be completed before the final basing decision is made in the spring of 2014. The EIS will assess the positive and/or negative impacts the project may have on the environment, to include social and economic aspects.

Four other Guard bases are in the running for the new aircraft: Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H.; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.; Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Penn.; and Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio.

As the 190th eagerly awaits the decision, Capt. Travis Walton of the assessment team reminded wing members during the out brief that they should be honored to know their base is among the best.

"You have a great staff and a great base," Walton said. "Regardless of the outcome, congratulations on being one of the top five bases – that's a great accomplishment, and you should all be very proud."

What is your impact on Coyote culture?

By Maj. Michael Robinson

Commander, 190th Force Support Squadron



The Air Force was created out of necessity. We got our start as pioneers who understood that a battlefield is not flat. By leveraging the 3rd dimension, we knew we could gain a huge strategic advantage. We have always pushed for better ideas, technology and tools...or toys. We are still pioneers today. The Air Force mission is rapidly expanding in many areas like cyberspace and unmanned aerial vehicles. We will always be forging ahead into new missions and technologies. If there is one thing you can absolutely count on, it's change. That is part of our distinct culture as the United States Air Force.

Okay, so that is part of the Air Force culture. But what is culture? There are hundreds of definitions; but they all seem to boil down to this: The beliefs and values of a team govern the behavior of that team. So, what about the culture at the 190th ARW? What about the culture in your squadron? What about the culture in your shop? Do you really understand the culture? I hope so, because you ARE the culture.

Some of our culture is given to us through heritage and from our senior leaders. I guess you could say that part is "issued" to us. For example, Col. Krueger has been very consistent and

190 SFS First Sergeant Vacancy

Submit application packet to CMSgt Pat Moore by COB 25 April, 2013. Application package must include a current RIP, resume and cover letter. Applicants must have a passing fitness assessment within 90 days of meeting the board.

Individuals submitting a packet for consideration must be a master sergeant or be a promotable technical sergeant. The board will meet during the May UTA.



clear in his messages to all of us that he will not tolerate subcultures that condone sexual assault, discrimination and unprofessional behavior. He has backed up these organizational beliefs and values with his behavior. His actions, some of which he shared with us during a Wing Commander's Call, are consistent with his messages. We, as members of his team, know that he expects us to treat every member with dignity and respect at all times. Hopefully, this is a key aspect of the culture in every shop throughout the wing. If it isn't, who is responsible for changing it? Well, that's where you come in.

The majority of our culture is not issued to us from the organization. It is built by our Airmen of every rank, every day. We own it! You are not only invited to be part of shaping our culture, you are EXPECTED to be a leader in building a positive culture. To me, that is incredibly exciting. Every day you have an influence on our culture. Your outward behavior influences the behavior of others, good or bad.

If you would, take a minute to think about your contributions to our culture in the past year. Do your fellow Airmen see sound values and beliefs reflected in your behavior? You probably saw substandard behavior at some point. Did you do something about it? You undoubtedly saw people doing the right thing even though it was not the easy thing. Did you thank them, or maybe even join them? You had an impact on our culture. Was it an impact that makes you proud? For most of us, I think the answer is, "yes, I had a positive impact; but I can do better." For others the answer is different. No matter what your answer is, tomorrow you get to start all over.

Right now many of us are feeling uncertain, or maybe even angry about issues we are facing as an organization. There are financial concerns, changes in benefits, possible mission changes, changing deployment tempo, upcoming inspections and many other issues facing

the organization. These are the times that an organization's true culture shines through. The environment affects our values, beliefs and behaviors. Personally, I think we will excel in this environment. We are financially responsible, smart, flexible, resilient, hard working, and determined to succeed. These are already characteristics of our culture. Today's environment favors us, and although it might be a rough road at times, we will come out of this smelling like a rose. I'm convinced that our success over the next few years is largely dependent upon the culture we choose to embrace as an organization. Stay positive and look for opportunities to set the example and encourage others to do the same.

I'm very proud to be part of the Coyote team. Our culture is strong because our leaders set a great example and our Airmen are exceptional. Every year we get stronger as an organization. We are a capable, ready force. Because of our culture, our future is bright.

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Dining Out features Myers, grog and fun

By Airman 1st Class Sara Beth Piland
190th Public Affairs

About 450 members and their families attended the 190th Air Refueling Wing Dining Out on March 2 to hear General (Retired) Richard Myers speak as the honored guest . . . and to participate in the dreaded Grog and theatrical antics.

The crowd was surprised to see Jase and Si Robertson, of the hit A&E show "Duck Dynasty," take the podiums as the pro-tem president and vice president. As their audience ate, they told jokes and supervised the proposed grog punishments. Fun was had by all as groups and individuals were called out for everything from altering their mess dress to clapping before the president had done so. Many fathers turned in their own children in for infractions of the mess rules to the amusement of those present.

As dinner began to wind down, Wing Commander Col. Ron Krueger and Communications Flight Commander Maj. Chris Hill presented former Wing Commander Col. (Ret.) Gregg Burden with a photo of the rubble of the former headquarters building with a brick inscribed, "Colonel Burden Memorial Rubble Pile."

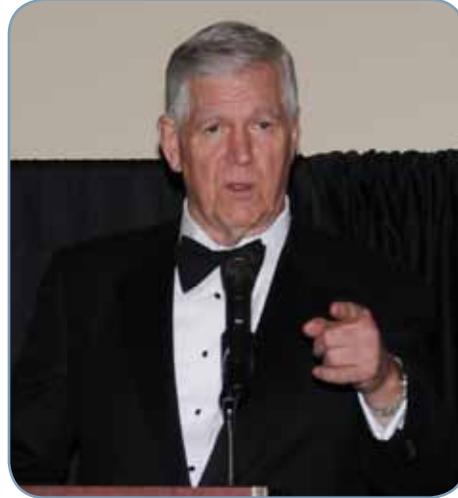
As Burden returned to his seat, Gen. Myers took the stage to share his perspective. He served from October 2001 to October 2005 as the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this position, he was the principal advisor to the president, secretary of defense, and National Security Council. He inspired those present as he expounded on the value of integrity in the Air Force.

"I like being trusted by people and trusting people. I think that's a large part of the reason I stayed in the Air Force," Myers said.

He related the fact that he joined the military intending to serve five years then join his father's business, but ended up serving a total of 40 years. He told the crowd that "the Air Force culture and the knowledge that I was working for something more than myself made it easy to continue to serve."

A special surprise guest was also

present. Retired Lt. Col. Madison Jones, who was Myers' fraternity house president in college and the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps commander, made the trip from Texas along with his wife. Myers admitted that Jones had been the one to convince him to join Air Force ROTC rather than Army ROTC, and facetiously admitted the decision had "turned out okay." He closed with a quote by the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Omar Bradley, which was a part of the closing of the speech by



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld welcoming Myers to that position.

"Freedom. No word was ever spoken that has held out greater sacrifice, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more the giver, damned more its destroyer, or came closer to being God's will on earth. May America ever be its protector."

— May UTA features Family Day; Coyote Mudder

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

Feeling tough?

The May UTA will include a few more obstacles than normal, but these obstacles should be fun.

The second annual Coyote Mudder competition is scheduled from 0800 - 1000 on Sunday, May 5th.

"Everybody enjoyed themselves so much last year," said First Sergeant Charity Gillam, who is planning the competition. "I like the idea of the physical challenge and camaraderie."

Five or six obstacles are planned, said Gillam, including the mud pit, tire flip and low crawl.

Competitors should be ready to start muddy from the beginning, with a spray down from the Fire Department. A few popular obstacles from last year will reappear, but participants will also have a few new challenges.

First sergeants are now accepting names for teams of four, with no limit on the number of teams allowed. Report times start at 7 am.

The Coyote Mudder will be the cap to a busy UTA weekend. On Friday, the wing family day will be held from 1430 - 1800 at Going Bonkers in Topeka. Tickets will be on sale during the April UTA.



Heritage Series: A tale from a B-17 pilot cont.

By William Gilliland

190th Wing Historian

As a tribute to the men who fought in WWII, some 70 years ago, we have been bringing you the story of the experiences of a 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron member. Captain Bill Fry was a young man from Kansas who became a B-17 pilot assigned to the most famous combat unit of all time, the 8th Air Force, flying out of England. We left you last month with some of the hard lessons of war learned by our pilot.

It's Feb. 2, 1944. The weather had been dreadful for more than two weeks, and the 8th Air Force had hardly flown any missions in a while. But on that day, they were alerted for a "maximum effort" mission to Berlin. The briefing was different than any they had been given before.

"To the best of my recollection, I cannot remember ever being briefed before on just the center of a city. To the contrary, we had always been bombing airfields, railroad marshaling yards, ball bearing plants, factories of armament, buzz bombs, missiles and chemical plants, but never before the heart of the city," Bill wrote.

After a weather briefing, which included expected weather and headwinds

for the return trip, they were also briefed on possible alternate landing places in case of a damaged aircraft. These would be Russia, Sweden, or back to England.

The early part of the mission was fairly routine, except for the number three engine pumping oil overboard, the oil freezing and building up on top of the wing. Upon turning into the bomb run and lining up for the initial bomb point, Bill saw that Berlin was ablaze and a four-gun battery just south of Berlin, with its radar accuracy, was blowing a

We were in trouble ... on our own in more ways than one.

-- Captain Bill Fry

least one B-17 out of every squadron ahead of them.

Of course, the number three engine chose just this time to run out of oil, and the run was continued with extra power from the other engines.

"For the first time, I had a feeling I had not experienced before - that we were going to take a direct hit," remembered Bill. "As we got close, I saw four flashes of the anti-aircraft guns at the south edge of Berlin. Almost immediately thereafter,

the lead bombardier made a slight turn to the left and then right back to level."

"That is just how much they missed hitting us directly, but the shell burst just a few feet in front of the number one and two engines did damage," wrote Bill.

"One piece of flak had punched a hole in the engine oil sump of the number two engine, which was to retain enough oil to feather the prop in case of engine failure. This did not happen in time, forcing an engine shut down with a wind milling prop, producing drag. Number one engine lost all manifold pressure, but was still turning so I left it running but with no power. flak also shattered the left window, leaving me with a stream of really cold air.

More flak came through the left wing and severed the radio wire bundle and destroyed all radio communications to lead and other aircraft in the formation, and more importantly with the P-51 fighter escort aircraft. Worst of all was a piece of flak had hit George Clark, our radio operator, in the last two vertebrae of his spine as he leaned over in his chair to disperse chaff.

It was unbelievable that we took only a few pieces of flak, and it could do so much damage to our aircraft and cripple

190TH ARW AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS

Pack snacks for kids April 16 at Harvesters

By Adrienne Dickey

190th Airman & Family Readiness Manager

Airmen at the 190th Air Refueling Wing are constantly finding ways to support our community. Whether it is through bringing canned goods in for Project Topeka, participating in Strides Against Breast Cancer, or working Winter Wonderland, our Airmen are engaging in the community. Our Key Volunteer Program wanted to take it one step further and start providing opportunities for families of 190th Airmen to give back as well.

What better way to start than with food. The 190th Key Volunteer

Program will host a potluck supper at Harvesters Tuesday, April 16, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the event, families will have an opportunity to give back as a 190th family. We reserved the 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. time slot for Airmen and family members six years and older to assist with the packing of "Back-snack."

BackSnack provides a backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for school children to take home at the end of the week. This program helps those children whose only meals are usually provided at school. Children take a backpack home every Friday, and this provides them

with nourishment during the weekend. The children then return the packs on Monday to be refilled. Harvesters plans to serve nearly 19,000 children this year.

If you are interested in being a part of our Harvesters community service, please contact the Airman and Family Readiness Office to register you and your family for this event. And if Tuesday nights do not work for you, don't worry - the next event is planned for Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Register for either event by calling 785-861-4940 or sending an email to Adrienne.dickey@ang.af.mil with name and age of volunteers.

George,” Bill remembers.

“We were in trouble: the number one engine turning, but with no power; the number two wind milling creating drag; number three feathered; number four our only good engine; and George lying on the floor injured.

The first thing to do was pop flares to let the fighters know we were in trouble. The P-51s immediately closed in and provided escort while they could. Next was to decide what our options were. Return to home base, passing over the Ruhr Valley below 10,000 feet with a 90-knot headwind (almost suicide); Russia, where there was little hope for help for George; or across the Baltic to Sweden, which was a neutral country, and where we had been briefed, we would be returned to our unit.

The crew, given the options, all agreed that it would be Sweden. Given a heading by the navigator, we soon approached the north coast of Germany, where the P-51s rocked their wings, gave us a salute and headed home. “We were on our own in more ways than one,” Bill wrote.

The conclusion to our story will be in next month’s Log.

Sweden was the final stop for Bill Fry and his crew. The red circle shows where they were interned as prisoners of war.



Bill Fry enjoying his promotion party to major in Hutchinson, Kan., as part of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

88 mm antiaircraft guns were used in defending areas of Germany. Bill Fry and his crew had to make an emergency landing, due to taking damage from these guns.

—Portrait of an Airman

Airman First Class Clare Cooney



Organization: Operations Support Flight

Job Title: Combat Crew Communications Specialist

Main Responsibilities: Issue communications documents and equipment to the aircrew for local, temporary duty assignments and deployment missions in order to safely fly the airplanes.

Education: Washburn University

Civilian Career: Full-time student

Military Experience: 1 1/2 years

Hobbies/Activities: Working out, volunteering at the Humane Society

Goals/Ambitions: Pursuing a music degree

Achievements: Excellence in physical fitness score and marksmanship

Most Memorable 190th Moment: I was given the opportunity to go on an orientation flight in a KC-135 last October. I got to see the Thunderbirds being refueled. It was a great experience.

Got Resiliency?

By Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Moore

190th Wing Command Chief

Are you ready to meet the challenges that face you? The ups and downs of day-to-day life can bring many uncertainties. Some are small and likely considered routine by most people's standards. To others, these simple challenges, when compounded, can bring on a level of stress that can be overwhelming.

Daily stressors might come from your job, finances, or just being too busy. Sometimes in life we are also faced with difficult times that are more profound and possibly life changing - events like the death of a family member, loved-one, or friend. It might be a life threatening illness or an injury. Maybe it's the birth of a child with special needs, or a breakdown in a relationship, or marriage.

As Airmen we are frequently asked to meet the challenges of preparing for inspections, meeting our mission, and of being deployed. These examples and many more can all have a negative impact on our outlook on life. This is why it is so critical that we each strive to understand and develop resiliency. The Air Force calls this Comprehensive Airmen Fitness (CAF).

What does it mean to be a resilient Airman? Webster's Dictionary defines being resilient as a person's ability to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions. It is the ability to come through tough times and recover from

changing demands. It is about maintaining emotional and mental fitness. Perhaps more importantly, it is about knowing yourself well enough to recognize when you have reached the level of stress that requires reaching out to others for assistance.

What resiliency tools do you have in your toolbox? In order to help ensure that our citizen Airmen are ready to face the challenges of balancing the rigors of life as a civilian along with our military way of life, we must be aware of what will help us to find resiliency fitness. There are four pillars of wellness. Each of these pillars plays a unique role in empowering Airmen to move through life's challenges more effectively.

Emotional Wellness has been defined as emotional self awareness and acceptance of one's emotional reactions. Acceptance means allowing yourself to experience your emotions without ignoring them or feeling guilty.

Physical Wellness means taking care of yourself and maintaining a healthy lifestyle by eating a balanced diet and engaging in vigorous but safe fitness activities on a routine basis. Physical wellness results in higher self esteem and better emotional health. This helps us to be better able to withstand the challenges of life.

Spiritual Wellness has been said to mean simply making time to contemplate your purpose in life and achieving greater

mindfulness of your impact on the rest of the world. Spirituality is expressed in many ways. It might be religion for some while for others a connection to something greater than yourself.

Social Wellness can be found in connecting and communicating with those we turn to for support. Maintaining healthy relationships can be key to social wellness. Getting to know our fellow Airmen on a deeper level can be a critical link to detecting when someone is not coping well and may need your assistance or perhaps even the help of a professional.

Each of us has our own life experiences that make us into who we are today. For some, these experiences, along with the way that we cope with difficulty and the level of our resiliency fitness, somehow makes us less susceptible to the destructive power of life's pressures. For others, every day is a new challenge.

Knowing yourself and your fellow Airmen on a higher level and subscribing to the principals of the pillars of wellness will help ensure that you and your wingmen are always ready for whatever challenges are ahead. You are the most important resource we have, and your wellness is paramount to our success. Through resiliency fitness you will be better able to meet the demands of life and to meet the critical challenges of our mission. Let's all please look out for one another and strive to improve our resiliency fitness.

For Your Information

Appointments/Enlistments

TSgt Matthew Allen, MDG
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Jan. 3, 2013

SSgt Patrick Murray, OPS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Jan. 4, 2013

MSgt Jesse Crittenden, LRS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Jan. 10, 2013

SMSGT Richard Murren III, LRS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Jan. 13, 2013

A1C Grant Saylor-Perkins, MDG
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 5, 2013

A1C Calebe Walker, CES
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 5, 2013

AB Ryan Ramshaw, CPTF
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 6, 2013

AB Megan Lovvorn, FSS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 8, 2013

A1C Skylar Caldwell, AMXS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 8, 2013

TSgt George Ehrlichman, LRS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 11, 2013

SSgt Daniel Phillips, MXS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 13, 2013

AB Samuel Bowman, SFS
Enlistment/Appointment Date: Feb. 14, 2013

PACK Reunion

Past & Active Coyotes of Kansas

April 19 - Kansas Museum of History
April 20 - Ramada downtown

We invite anyone who is connected with the 190th to come and join. Door prizes both nights and a raffle.

PACK membership costs only \$3.

For weekend activities:

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Saturday only	\$30.00	\$50.00

For info about PACK or to get on the mailing/e-mail list, contact Karen Morrow 785-267-3950, mrandmsduh@cox.net, or Keith Fulton at 785-862-5506, keithteri@cox.net. Also, "like" us on Facebook at 190th PACK.

Promotions

Airman First Class

Brandon Singleton, MXS



Staff Sergeant

Keith House, 117 ARS



Technical Sergeant

Edward Lotak, MXS



Master Sergeant

Jason Schell, CE



Chief Master Sergeant

Gary Holliday, ARW



John Womer, SFS



Captain

Casey Montgomery, CPTF



Ellisha Smith, FSS



Lieutenant Colonel

Sohrab Nejad, MDG



Coyote Grill April 21 & 22 Menu



Saturday, April 6

Pot Roast
Catfish with Lemon Garlic Butter
Oven Browned Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans, Succotash
Rolls

Coyote Grill

Chicken Caesar Wrap
Grilled Vegetables

Sunday, April 7

Meatloaf, Teriyaki Chicken
New Red Potatoes
Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes
Corn O'Brien, Broccoli
Rolls

Coyote Grill

Chicken Caesar Wrap
Grilled Vegetables

190th vs 184th Golf Tournament

Friday, May 10
Salina Municipal Golf Course

Check in: 0800
Shotgun Start: 0900

190th POC Troy Abel 720-4926
troy.abel@ang.af.mil
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Submit: Cover letter, resume, college transcripts, three letters of recommendation, pilot license with flying hours, AFOQT scores, past two fitness tests (if applicable) and AF Form 24

Misc. items to include: Letters of appreciation, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Current physical and photo are optional).

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To The Coyote Family of:



Coyote Heritage



Madison “Ralph” Jones, pilot, and Gary Albright, navigator, go through some preflight checklist items prior to a mission for the 117th in Hutchison, Kansas.

Almost sixty years later at the Wing Dining Out of 2013, Ralph makes a cameo appearance. General Richard Meyers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is the guest speaker for the program that night. Years prior to this, Ralph is president of a fraternity house at Kansas State University. New incoming freshman Richard Meyers becomes a pledge to this house, and for whatever reason, Ralph takes the younger man under his wing and makes him his roommate. Ralph recalls it was because he saw some potential in the young man. In those days ROTC for the first two years was mandatory, and Ralph asks the young Richard whether he would choose: Army or Air. Richard’s answer was that he was unsure, but that he supposed it would be Army. Ralph, an Air Force ROTC member, replied that perhaps he should reconsider; after all the choice was marching in the heat or flying in the cool of a cockpit. Richard made the easy decision.

A small moment in 117th history, and very large moment in Air Force history.



Please record your story and send it to the historian’s office at: 190th Historian, 5920 SE Coyote Dr., Topeka, KS 66619-5370.

