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Spaatz Winner for Overall
Outstanding ANG Flying Unit

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Winner 



By Lt. Col. John Hutter
190th LRS Commander



It's hard to believe another year has come and gone and 2008 is now history. There were many accomplishments during the last year, but I want to focus on the opportunities that await us in 2009.

The 190th ARW has a long tradition of great people working together as a team to excel at all we do. That is why I am so excited about the upcoming Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI) in June. It will give our team another opportunity to excel and show that we are one of the best units in the Air National Guard.

While I have no doubt that the 190th will once again demonstrate excellence, we do need to practice and continue to hone our skills. As most of you know, we have been practicing for several months now. In August, nearly 300 of us went to Volk Field to participate in the first of two Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE).

In March, most of that same group of Coyotes will participate in our second ORE at Alpena, Michigan. However, this ORE will not be like the first. First and foremost, the 190th will not be the only unit participating in the ORE. Our counterparts from the 145th Airlift Wing from Charlotte, North Carolina, will also be part of the exercise. This is the same unit we will be paired with during the ORI.

We will also have members of Exercise Evaluation Teams (EET) from other organizations on hand to critique our performance and provide us with invaluable feedback before the ORI. This ORE will be much more intense than the first one. In short, it will be almost identical to what we will expect at the ORI in June.

To put it metaphorically, if you look at the ORI as opening night of a play, the ORE in August was like a night of practice. We stopped the "performance" when we saw an opportunity to make corrections.

The March ORE will be our dress rehearsal. We will be in full "costume" meaning we will be taking all the equipment and personnel that will be participating in the ORI. We will also run the exercise scenario the same way it will be run by the inspectors in June. The exercise won't be stopped to provide feedback. It will be given at the end of the exercise.

Each of you, even if you aren't deploying for the ORE/ORI, plays an important role in ensuring our success. However, we have just two drill weekends between now and the March ORE. That is just four working days!

Sunday mornings from 0800 - 1100 of each of the next two drill weekends have been set aside for base exercises to continue to hone our skills. You may be asked to participate at an exercise at the wing, squadron or even work center level. Although we are all extremely busy on drill weekends, these exercises take precedence and participation is mandatory if you are directed to do so.

Two exercises that will be conducted during the January and February UTA will be personnel processing and cargo processing exercises. If you are a member of the ORI team, there is a good chance you will be asked to participate in the personnel processing exercise. Although the exercise is still being developed, it will almost certainly involve a large number of deployers processing through the personnel deployment function just as we will during the ORE and ORI.

The cargo processing exercise will give us an opportunity to pack and process the equipment we will be

taking to the ORI. We are required to process at least 52 tons of equipment during the inspection even if we don't plan on taking that much to the ORI.

As you can see, 2009 presents us with a very large opportunity to demonstrate the excellence we are already well aware of. I ask that between now and June, you continue to work hard to prepare for the ORI while maintaining a great attitude. Thank you for all that you do and best of luck on all your endeavors in 2009.

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Master Sgt. Gina Hastings and 1st Sgt. Terry Martin volunteer at Winter Wonderland, a fundraiser for TARC.
(photo by Tech. Sgt. Mandy Johnson)

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The Enlisted Perspective

By CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley

Our Air Force's number three priority is "Develop and care for Airmen and their families." This isn't a catch-phrase our senior leadership developed, it is true - we care about you. Throughout my career, a core principle of our Air Force leadership has always remained true - we take care of Airmen and their families. At every level of leadership, from first-line supervisors, to first sergeants, chiefs and commanders, to the Secretary of the Air Force, we are committed to doing what's right for our Airmen and their loved ones.

I know there are many issues causing us stress today. We are a nation fighting a war on two fronts. Many Airmen are in a tough deployment schedule. Others remaining at home station may be swamped from picking up the extra workload of the deployed Airmen. Our nation is in the midst of the

biggest financial crisis seen in a long while. Some Airmen are being hit hard in their investments or by fluctuations in the housing market. Many more may struggle to pay their bills or from the strain of higher day-to-day living expenses.

I know there are Airmen who battle seemingly desperate situations. Sometimes Airmen or their family members feel legal, relationship, financial or medical burdens are insurmountable and beyond bearing - but they are not. Recently we have experienced an increase in the number of suicides within our Air Force family. These are terrible, tragic losses - not only for the Air Force, but also for the family left behind, their friends, peers and wingmen. This hurts us all deeply; right to the core. We want you to know; no matter the trouble or how hopeless the situation may seem, there is always someone who can help... someone you can turn to. Every Airman matters, regardless of where you are stationed, or whether you are active duty, guard, reserve, or civilian -

you are part of our Air Force family.

So many people care about you - more than you know; family, friends, co-workers, supervisors, first sergeants, chaplains, medical professionals and senior leaders are ready and willing to listen and help. Just give them a chance. If you are feeling overwhelmed by circumstances in your life, share your burdens with those who care greatly about you. There is always someone who will be there for you. Don't ever think you are alone or that no one will understand. We will understand and we will help you. It doesn't matter whether you write, call, or e-mail, please reach out. We are an Air Force family and you mean a lot to all of us. If you feel you are at the end of your road, you are not - call me. I care about you and I will ensure you receive the help you need.



Rodney J. McKinley
RODNEY J. MCKINLEY
 Chief Master Sergeant
 of the Air Force

Is that turkey delivery or take out?

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Blazier
190th Public Affairs

As many Americans may attest, nothing says Thanksgiving like a turkey and sweet potatoes. Deployed 190th Services Flight member Tech. Sgt. Peter Tavares helped deliver that very important taste of home to a remote area in Turkmenistan this holiday.

The opportunity to help out started when Tavares, serving as the Manas AB ALa Too Dining Facility manager in Kyrgyzstan, received a satellite phone call from Capt. Steven Brown, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Operating Location Alpha Detachment Commander. He didn't ask for an entire Thanksgiving meal for his small unit; he was willing to take whatever he could get, according to an online Air Force article.

But, "whatever he could get" wasn't good enough for Tavares and his team. Despite having to pull the meal supplies from those used for the "Liberando" Airmen deployed to Manas, he knew this situation was no different from his everyday responsibility of taking care of the daily dining needs of warriors transiting in and out of Afghanistan.

After receiving approval from Maj. Paul Kopecki, 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron commander, Tavares and the dining staff worked with the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron to arrange transportation

of the supplies to Capt. Brown's small, isolated unit.

"We sent them the whole shebang: turkeys, sweet potatoes, stuffing, even cranberries," said Tavares. "It is an honor to be able to help them celebrate Thanksgiving."

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Akers, 190th Services Flight superintendent, can't say he was surprised when he read about Tavares' efforts.

"When we get this kind of information about him, we say, 'Yup, that's Petey for you,'" he said. "That's a common thing for Pete when he goes somewhere; it's not unusual for him to go above and beyond to make every one feel at home."

"Through my experience working with Pete, he's about taking care of the people. He'll bend over backward to ensure everyone is having a good time and feels good about it," Akers continued.

Service Flight commander, Capt. Tanya Wehrli echoed Akers' thoughts about Tavares.

"Sergeant Tavares' efforts exemplify what Services personnel are trained to do," she said. "We take care of the peo-



Turkey for Turkmenistan deployers

Tech. Sgt. Peter Tavares (right) and Senior Airman Jacob Daniels, both deployed with the 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, package Thanksgiving dinner supplies to ship to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's Operating Location Alpha Detachment in Turkmenistan.

(U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

ple so that the mission can be accomplished. Tech. Sgt. Tavares went above and beyond for the wellness of fellow servicemembers."

Speaking for his turkey-stuffed unit members, Capt. Brown is appreciative of the special meal.

"We were not expecting all the support we received, but we appreciate it. The food will bring us a little closer to home for Thanksgiving. Again – thank you."

Diversity is ... delivering on our promise

By Senior Master Sgt. Chuck Gruver
190th Human Resource Advisor

The nation places a sacred trust in its Airmen. Each of us is deeply responsible to maintain accountability in executing all we do – from deploying in combat to executing our day-to-day missions.

We maintain trust by adhering to the Airman trust factors of character: personal growth, competence and credibility. As leaders, we must nurture

trust in our professional and personal lives by maintaining consistency.

We must be consistent in applying "actions of high trust leaders" by speaking truth to power, establishing clear expectations, delivering on promises, challenging the status quo, demonstrating character, listening first and demonstrating passion for the mission. Furthermore, high trust leaders must be respectful, visible, accessible and authentic.

To continue as the world's most dominant air, space and cyberspace force, we are expected to maintain the highest level of integrity. The American people entrust us with their safety, security and way of life - for this we are accountable. This trust is not given; it is earned.



For more information on the Air National Guard's Diversity Program contact Senior Master Sgt. Chuck Gruver, Wing Human Resource Advisor.

Charities can celebrate a successful year

By Staff Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

The recession may be official, but that didn't stop the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) from collecting a robust \$18,691 at Forbes Field this year.

According to CFC chair Capt. Bret Ulrich, that's more than \$3,500 above average.

Every year the 190th holds a luncheon, where donors may meet and hear presentations by three to five charities.

Although Ulrich keeps donors confidential, they may accept prizes that distinguish them for their philanthropy. Donors receive awards based on the donation amount. Members of the "Eagle Club" have donated at least \$1,000 and receive a statue for recognition. Ulrich said there are four unit members who donated in the Eagle Club range, which is a record, according to Ulrich; however, he added it is not uncommon for them to refuse the statue.

Historically, the most the unit has raised for the CFC was \$20,000, which makes this past year the second highest on record, according to Ulrich.

Prior to the 1950s, solicitation for charities was a free-for-all, which earned a fraction of what modern charities earn through the Combined Federal Campaign. Federal workers could be harassed constantly for donations, which often made solicitation ineffective. During the 1960s, the framework of the modern CFC united all fundraising efforts into a single campaign. Charities must be approved and may be audited. In 1971, President Richard Nixon established payroll deduction for full-time federal employees, who now have the option to automatically contribute to their selected charity.

Payroll deduction is not available to traditional guardsmen, although they still have the opportunity to contribute to the CFC, if they would like.

Ulrich described community service as intrinsic to the guard.

"The 190th touches a lot of these organizations," he said.

Chief Master Sgt. Howard Steanson has been a point of contact, off and on, for the CFC during the past eight years and speaks highly of Ulrich's and the organization's efforts. Steanson uses payroll deductions for his selected charities, which he said are all worthy causes.

"Captain Ulrich has motivation, he's involved in these charities," said Steanson.

Ulrich added that many unit members become involved in the charities they support. In fact, the unit supports other CFC-approved organizations, such as Kansas STARBASE. During December drill, other unit members donated their time to Winter Wonderland, which supports Topekans with developmental disabilities.

Virus attacks hit close to home

By Staff Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

After a recent virus attack, the Communications Flight rushed to ensure unit computers were protected. Now they're preventing future problems by securing the most important part of the system: the user.

"The weakest link in any virus is a user who's uninformed," said Capt. Bret Ulrich, commander of the Communication Flight.

Ulrich said his office was proactive in combating the virus and information was sent out to unit personnel immediately. Even though the problem occurred near Thanksgiving weekend, his staff worked overtime to respond to the threat. Master Sgt. Patrick Sampson directed much of the effort. He and his staff inspected several hundred computers on-base, some taking up to 10 hours.

Both Ulrich and Sampson described the client support administrators (CSA)

as invaluable during the process.

"They really stepped up," said Sampson.

The inspection surprised Staff Sgt. Justina Call, who is the CSA from Ops. It was her responsibility to deliver several computers, identified by Sampson, which might be at risk.

"Luckily no viruses were found," said Call. "If there had been viruses, everything would be erased."

Since none of the computers' users, who undoubtedly would have wanted to back up their information, were working that day, none of them knew the computers were suspect.

"I snuck off with their computers and told them about it the next day!"

To avoid these issues in the future, Sampson recommends unit members keep their antivirus, spyware detectors, and firewalls up to date on home computers. Most virus and operating system patches can be configured to automati-

cally be downloaded.

"Home wireless is a huge vulnerability," said Ulrich.

Storage devices, such as thumb drives, are also now banned on unit computers.

"If we're doing what we should be doing, this shouldn't happen," said Sampson.

Members who are issued a thumb drive, camera card, or other flash-based storage device must first turn it in to the Communication Flight. Once the device's serial number has been recorded and the USB ban has been removed it will be returned.

"We've become much more scrutinized," said Ulrich.

Although USB ports are disabled, an approved USB external hard drive will still work. Individuals caught misusing storage devices are subject to punishment under their chain of command and the state UCMJ.

—Portrait of an Airman

Airman First Class Matthew Tice



Organization: 190th Maintenance Squadron

Job Title: Aircraft Structural Mechanic

Main Responsibilities: The structural repair and corrosion prevention of KC-135 aircraft.

Civilian Career: Full-time student

Education: Student at Allen County Community College working towards an engineering degree.

Hobbies & Activities: I enjoy paintball, football, hunting and spending time with friends.

Goals & Ambitions: I plan on finishing school and becoming an engineer.

Most memorable 190th moment: My most memorable moment so far is joining the unit.

UTA child care set to expand

By Chief Master Sgt. Ivan Perez
190th Mission Support Flight



The ANG/AFR Community Care (ANG/AFR-HCC) program provides quality child care services for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members during their primary UTA weekend.

Care is provided in a state licensed Family Child Care (FCC) home. Care is provided for children ages 2 weeks to 12 years. There is currently no cost to the parent for child care provided in this program.

Most members are eligible, but first priority is reserved for single parent families, dual military families, and then to Air National Guard members with a civilian working spouse. Also, the parent(s) must be participating in the UTA drill during time care is being used.

For the past few years, the ANG/

AFR-HCC program provided service for six children. Because the 190th has such a good record of fully utilizing the existing service, we were able to request and have received authorization to expand the program to provide care for a total of twelve children. The contract for the additional child care provider is scheduled to be complete February 2009.

If you have not used the service before, the parent(s) must provide proof of child's immunizations and complete the provider's registration form. Parents must also supply the child care provider with the name and phone number of an emergency contact.

Parents must also complete the HCC Parent Statement each time they request the service, prior to receiving care. This form can be found on the Services Portal page. An e-mail goes out monthly advertising the program and encouraging qualifying members to utilize the service. However, anytime you have questions about ANG/

AFR-HCC, please feel free to contact the Services Flight.

117th ARS to hold pilot board



The 117th Air Refueling Squadron will be accepting pilot applicant packages for a **Pilot Selection Board** to be held in April 2009.

Application package required contents and a current copy of *Road to Wings 2009* are available on the 190th ARW Portal Page.

Contact Major Dan Skoda, 117th ARS (daniel.skoda@kstop.eang.af.mil) or (785)861-4670 for more information.

Applicant packages should be sent to: Maj Dan Skoda, 117th ARS, 5920 SE Coyote Dr, Topeka, KS 66619. The deadline for submitting packages is **Tuesday, 31 March 2009.**

For Your Information

Retirements

Lt. Col. Mark Collins, HQ
Retirement Date: 12 Nov 08

Tech. Sgt. Richard LaCount, CES
Retirement Date: 2 Nov 08

Upcoming Events

190th ARW Dining Out ~ Ramada Inn
Saturday 7 February 2009 ~ 1800



Current members found in violation of not wearing their seat belt: Airman First Class Ulrich Baumgardner, SFS.

Please wear your seat belts at all times! It is not only an Air Force and DOD directive – it's Kansas law.



There will be a Wing Commander's Call on Saturday 10 January at 0800.

190th ARW 2008 Airmen of the Year

Airman Category: SrA Olivia Kennedy
NCO Category: TSgt Joseph Ullmer
SRNCO Category: MSgt Gary Holiday

190th ARW 2008 1st Sgt of the Year

SMSgt Rick Meador



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SrA

Jennifer J. Bailey, SVF
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Shanna D. Finkemeier, LRS



SSgt

Jonathan D. Strong, AMXS
Jason J. Schell, CES



MSgt

Deborah K. Henry, HQ
Lucretia A. Williams, CES



SMSgt

Kevin R. Drewelow, MXG
Brian P. Willard, CF
Shawn P. Willard, CF
John W. Willey IV, MDG
Regis L. Walsh, LRS



1st Lt.

Westley L. Broxterman, 117 ARS
Marci D. Solander, MXS



Capt.

Jerreme J. Camper, 117 ARS



190th Chapel Services

Protestant: The Base Chapel is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662-
1330 - 1400 Sat
Latter Day Saints: Please feel free to contact Chaplain Arvelo on his cell at (785) 806-1254.
1100 - 1130 Sun
Catholic: 1345 - 1415 Sun

UTA Dining Facility Schedule

190 LRF - 1100
JFHQ - 1100
190 SFS - 1100
190 CES - 1100
190 SG - 1100
127 WEA - 1100
190 MXG - 1130
190 LGS - 1130
190 OG - 1130
117 ARS - 1130
190 MPF - 1130
190 LGM - 1200
190 HQ - 1200
190 AMXS - 1200
190 MSG - 1200

Enlistments

TSgt Angela M. Blazier, HQ
Enlistment Date: 14 Nov 08

SrA Christopher B. Helms, LRS
Enlistment Date: 1 Nov 08

A1C Diane M. Torrez, OSF
Enlistment Date: 12 Nov 08

A1C Tyler A. Vaughn, MSF
Enlistment Date: 28 Oct 08

A1C Thomas L. Vansel, OSF
Enlistment Date: 21 Nov 08

A1C Joshua D. Kohn, OSF
Enlistment Date: 14 Nov 08

A1C Michael D. Kohn, JFHQ
Enlistment Date: 14 Nov 08

AB Myles D. Cayton, OSF
Enlistment Date: 21 Nov 08

AB William S. Tebbutt, MSF
Enlistment Date: 24 Nov 08

Coyote Cafe January UTA Menu



Saturday

Chicken nuggets, grilled cheese sandwiches, roast beef or turkey sandwiches, tomato soup, vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, corn & carrots, chips or french fries, salad bar, chocolate chip & peanut butter cookies, dinner rolls

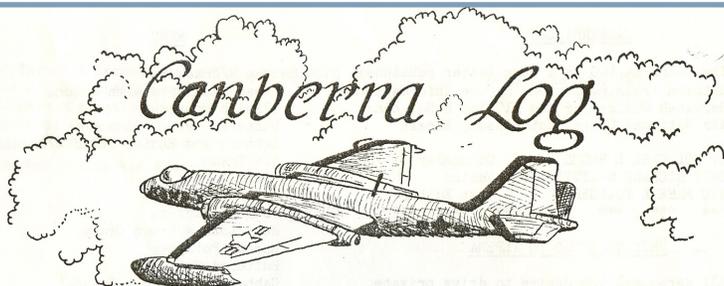
Sunday

Traditional lasagna, chicken alfredo casserole, Italian style green beans, honey glazed whole baby carrots, breadsticks, caesar salad, cherry crips and spice cake with buttercream frosting

Hotel of the Month

Singles - Capital Plaza
Single-Pays - Ramada Inn
Doubles - Holidome

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MAY DRILL

May drill will be the 19th and 20th. The times for drill will be from 1300-2130 on Saturday and 0800-1630 on Sunday. The 505 summer uniform is mandatory for all who wear the class "A" uniform.

KARNG TO HANGE

Four hundred Kansas Army National Guard personnel are scheduled to attend summer camp at Hutchinson Air National Guard Base. The OCS (Officers Cadet School) from Topeka, the 137th Transportation Company and 731st Transportation Company, helicopter units from Kansas City, will

GENERAL OFFICER PROMOTIONS

The officers that the 117th has had the privilege to serve under received promotions recently when congress confirmed the appointments. Philip P Audrey was promoted to Major General and Erick W Kyro was elevated to Brigadier General. General Audrey commanded the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing headquartered at Louisville, Kentucky until going on active duty last year. General Kyro commands the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing with whom our unit attended summer camp in Alpena two years ago when we were attached to the wing.

The January 2009 issue of *The Coyote Log* is volume 51, issue number one, which means this is the first issue of the 51st year of publication. However, the unit's newsletter hasn't always been called *The Coyote Log*.

Although it isn't known exactly when the 117th started sending newsletters to its members, we do know it started shortly after the unit received federal recognition in 1957 and at some point within the first five years it was called *The Canberra Log*. The name of the publication, taken from the airframe flown by the unit, would remain through the unit's conversion to the 190th Tac Recon Group in 1962 and the move to Forbes Field from Hutchinson in 1967.

In July 1978, the newsletter was renamed *The Kansas Coyote Log* in reflection of the new airframe of the 190th, the KC-135. The name was short-lived, and was shortened to *The Kansas Coyote* in April 1980. Finally, in May 1986, the newsletter's name changed to its current name, *The Coyote Log*.

The 190th Public Affairs and Historian offices have an extensive collection of newsletters, but the May 1962 issue

featured here is the only newsletter we have prior to December 1975.

We would appreciate any issues of the Canberra Log prior to December 1975. Copies will be scanned and returned to the owner.



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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