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Mission ready and increasingly invaluable

By Col. Bradley Link
190th MXG Commander



As we, the 190th ARW, move forward into 2009, we are 105-plus years into powered, heavier-than-air manned flight and continue to learn new and better ways to employ our aircraft. Our culture is built on a long history, which includes events ranging from the first 12-second sustained flight of the Wright Brothers to the extraordinary combat contributions of our Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in today's joint operations.

Although the dynamics of the world have continued to change throughout the years, the motto "fly, fight and win" has stayed constant. In today's environment, the importance of partnering with the joint and coalition team to win the fight cannot be overstated, as the battlefield has moved from combating large-standing armies to counter-insurgency warfare.

Together, active duty, reserve and guard personnel, form the Air Force piece, contributing to the fight each and every day and delivering the effects the joint team needs with unmatched speed and precision.

As members of the 190th ARW, we have local and state missions critical to the well-being of the state. We understand their importance and often see tangible results of our efforts. However, the global mission, and the role we play in the Global War on Terrorism, sometimes seems very distant. This could not be further from the truth.

Our primary unit mission, and most recognizable one, is to mid-air refuel U.S., NATO and allied forces as directed by our national command authorities. It's easy to see how we contribute when we conduct combat support, air refueling fighters and bombers in the AOR. On the transport side, strategic airlift would be severely limited without air refueling.

Beans, bombs and bullets have to get there, too.

Everyday we conduct local training flights, refueling AWACS, C-17s, or maybe a two-ship of B-1s, B-52s or a four-ship of F-16s or A-10s. Unbeknownst to us, the next time that pilot or crew air refuels may indeed be at night in the AOR in direct support of troops in combat. Being "receiver centric" is more important than ever when carrying out our assigned mission each and every day.

We also support aero-medical evacuation missions both stateside and around the world, utilizing our airlift capability on a routine basis. These missions can last anywhere from four to 15 days at a time.

As we speak, we also have individual personnel augmenting the Air Force effort throughout the world. Later this year, we - as a unit - will deploy as well, taking our turn in the AEF bucket. Again, "Unto the breach..."

I ask each of you to seek out our operations and maintenance personnel who recently made multiple runs into Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The story they relate says it all. Their primary task was the movement of badly wounded soldiers from the AOR to locations capable of providing better care. These weren't warriors who had been sitting in a hospital for weeks but ones only hours before were right in the middle of combat.

In the September Coyote Log, Colonel Rogers wrote about our upcoming involvement in testing air refueling of UASs. This developing capability is a tremendous step forward in our nation's ability to conduct counter-insurgency warfare. "By adding an automated aerial refueling capability to UASs, we can significantly increase their combat radius and mission times while reducing their forward staging needs and response times," said Mr. Riley, a Boeing program manager.

Predator, Raptor, Global Hawk and Reaper are just the beginning of what is to come. The possibilities are endless. Someday in the not-too-distant future, it's

extremely likely tankers will be conducting CORONET missions, ferrying flights of UASs to distant locations.

What does all this mean? The air refueling requirement for our nation's military aircraft, whether manned or unmanned, is not going away.

We are a force multiplier - pure and simple. These are but a few of the multitude of missions we accomplish each and every day. The tanker mission is as relevant today fighting the Global War on Terrorism as it was when the Cold War first came to be. It takes each and every one of us from the security guard at the front gate to the aircrew to make this mission happen.

Occasionally, each of us needs to take the time to step back and look at the big picture. For each and every day, we are out there on the line, contributing to our nation's joint efforts.

One team, one fight.

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As throughout history, the Minuteman stands ready in spite of stormy skies.

(photo illustration by SrA Jake Meyer)

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190th maintenance processes recognized

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Drewelow
190th Maintenance Group

A trophy commemorating the role of the Air National Guard and the 190th Air Refueling Wing in revolutionizing the KC-135 depot maintenance process made a stop at Forbes recently on its tour of all Air National Guard refueling wings.

A team comprised of the Air National Guard, Defense Contracting Management Agency, the 827th Aircraft Sustainment Group at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and the three KC-135 depot repair facilities received the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Excellence Award for their joint conception and implementation of Operation Team Spirit.

Operation Team Spirit has increased aircraft availability while decreasing critical and major discrepancies found on KC-135s after completing depot level maintenance. It has turned a formerly adversarial relationship between the depots and flying units into a partnership, sharing Air Guard experience with depot workers who use the knowledge to improve the next airplane on the production line.

In the past, Air Guard maintenance teams had to wait until the aircraft was released from depot before they were allowed to inspect it, and then they frequently found flight-critical defects. Correcting these discrepancies kept the aircraft out of service even longer. By 2000, the odds were greater than 50 percent that an aircraft returning from depot would have a grounding defect.

In an attempt to reverse this trend, Air National Guard maintainers and representatives from the three KC-135 depots came up with a plan which has evolved into what is known today as Operation Team Spirit. Under this concept, a team of mechanics from the owning wing arrives at the depot to inspect their aircraft before it completes the inspection and repair process. The team is afforded complete access and inspects the aircraft with depot mechanics present to correct the defects. There is always a great exchange of information and knowledge between the depot and Air Guard mechanics that has led to measurable improvement in the quality of aircraft delivered since Opera-

tion Team Spirit began. Four years ago, a team of 190th mechanics conducted a test of the Operation Team Spirit concept on a Kansas KC-135E coming out of the depot in Birmingham, Alabama. The KC-135R that returned from the same depot two months ago had no critical or major defects. The Air Force has noticed the improvement and is adopting Operation Team Spirit for aircraft other than the KC-135.

Twenty two teams competed for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Excellence Award and five received the award. All Kansas Coyotes can take pride in the role unit members played in bringing this Air Force Best Practice to life.



NORI exercise highlights February UTA

By Capt. Joe Blubaugh
190th Public Affairs

By now, everybody should be aware of the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) the 190th ARW will have in June. However, you might not know that the same inspectors will also be conducting a Nuclear Operational Readiness Inspection (NORI) prior to the Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) ORI.

Formally known as an OPLAN 8010 ORI, the NORI tests the wing's ability to configure our aircraft and aircrews for launch under Emergency War Order Situations. In other words, to support strike and other types of aircraft used during a nuclear war.

Lt. Col. Scott McGregor, Chief of Wing Plans, says the mission has the biggest impact on Operations, Maintenance

and Security Forces. However, Services and Transportation also have key roles.

"When we receive the order to generate aircraft, we have a very short suspense to respond," says McGregor. "It is critical that everyone knows their roles and that the players be supported."

Although the inspection is in June, Air Mobility Command personnel will travel to Forbes Field during the February UTA for a Staff Assistance Visit. This will serve as a practice run and be evaluated by experts in the field.

McGregor says to expect heavy activity on the flight line throughout the weekend. Security will be extremely tight and the Maintenance Group will be very active. Aircrews will be present pre-flighting and preparing the tankers. Aircrews, as part of the alert response phase of the exercise, are required to speed out

to the aircraft and do a minimum time start of the aircraft.

These activities are solely to prepare for war fighting purposes according to McGregor. "We have to be 100% reliable in our mission to refuel aircraft during a wartime situation. We also need to be able to launch the tankers on a moment's notice in case Forbes is targeted."

In addition to the increased activity on the flight line, the inspection will focus on mobility processes, briefings and planning. Many of the scenarios will be inspected through table-top exercises. Command Post controllers and aircrew additionally have to complete stringent testing for their respective areas.

The wing's last 8010 inspection was in March 2005. The NORI inspections will now line up with ORI's five-year inspection cycle.

DUI dangerous to self; career

By Col. Keith Lang
190th Wing Commander



After an alarming number of drinking-related incidents, including DUIs in the past 12 months, I would like to challenge all unit members to be responsible during the new year.

Driving with a blood alcohol concentration over 0.08 percent can affect your driving privileges, both on and off base. It can affect your career, both military and civilian.

Financially, most of us don't have several thousand dollars to pay for a DUI. The cost of a private attorney alone ranges from \$500 to \$10,000. The base legal office will not give advice on criminal actions. If you cause an accident, some insurance companies will not pay damage or medical bills.

Additionally, should you cause a

deadly accident, you may be charged with manslaughter. If you are sentenced to more than six months of confinement, you will likely be discharged.

Once you've received a DUI, your on-base driving privileges may be allowed at the commander's discretion, but if you are caught driving illegally on a license suspended by the state, you will be banned from driving on a military installation for two years. That ban follows you. If you transfer to a different unit, or simply deploy, you may not drive on base.

You are responsible for reporting any major interaction with law enforcement to your supervisor, who will then notify security forces and determine if you are still eligible for a security clearance. If the offense is serious enough, or habitual, your clearance may be denied.

DUIs can affect your job performance - from something as mundane as your ability to drive to work to your

critical security clearance. If losing your clearance or driving privileges inhibits your job performance, you may be discharged.

DUIs must also be acknowledged during reenlistment. Your commander may determine if he or she wants to keep personnel who demonstrate irresponsibility.

If you know you will be drinking, designate a driver, call a cab, or select a location within walking distance. During UTA weekends, you may take advantage of the hotel bar. Once you pick a safe plan, stick with it. Don't wait until you've started drinking, and have impaired judgment, to plan your way home.

My goal is the safety of the personnel on this installation.

Whether you're a newly enlisted Airman, or a few months from retirement, there are consequences to drinking and driving. Protect your career, but more importantly, protect your life. We need you, and your family needs you.

Credit Union celebrates successful year

By Lt. Col. Tony DeJesus
KSAGCU President

The Board of Directors, Committee Members, and staff of the Kansas Air Guard credit union appreciate your loyalty and the trust you have placed in us to handle your financial matters. Our goal is to serve your best interests and needs.

As America copes with the current economy, I want you to know that KSAGCU is in excellent financial condition. KSAGCU received a CAMEL 1 from the Kansas Department of Credit Unions in December. This annual evaluation defines our financial health and a 1 rating is the highest rating achievable. We congratulate and thank Becky and Mattie for their efforts which enabled us to accomplish this excellent rating.

2008 was an exciting year for KSAGCU. January marked a field of membership change for the Credit Union. Those eligible to join now include: Kansas Air National Guard members and their

immediate family members, State and Title 5 employees employed at the 190ARW and their immediate family members.

In March, we worked with the Kansas Credit Union Association on legislation that effected credit union fields of membership. More than 100 of you supported our efforts with mailings to your legislators. We thank you as yours was an important voice in this legislative process.

June was the highlight of 2008 as we celebrated our 50th anniversary and a new logo. KSAGCU was chartered in 1958 and began serving members in Hutchinson. Over 100 of you enjoyed an evening at the Coyote Café with Chief Howard Steanson as the emcee! Those attending included members who joined in 1958 to those joining in 2008! Members from all across the US attended and many memories and friendships were renewed. We hope to hold similar events like this in the

future.

KSAGCU continues to sponsor base activities and have quarterly member appreciation events which are well attended.

We're happy that you share in our belief that there is a Credit Union difference as we now have 547 members, with 67 of those joining in 2008 and 37 were by referral.

We strive to provide you with the services you need in a safe, secure and responsible environment. Thank you for your confidence in KSAGCU and we appreciate your feedback.

Attention college students!

State tuition assistance forms are due no later than 15 Feb 09 (copy) to the 190th Retention Office and the originals are due to the school no later than 20 Feb 09.

Please contact your Unit Career Advisors or the Retention Office if you have any questions.



Coyote Family



ALWAYS MISSION READY AND FAMILY READY

The Family Program Office is conveniently located in Building 2005

Did you Know ? ? ? ? ?

By Mrs Denise Winton
190th Wing Family Program Coordinator



The 190th Air Refueling Wing has a Family Readiness Group that meets every month. We discuss issues that affect you and your family members. Contact Family Readiness for more information at 861-4940.

VA benefits are not automatic - you must apply. Contact Family Readiness or our Transition Assistance Advisor DC Hannah for more information. DC Hannah's number is 274-1129.

The number one problem for deployed Guardsmen is finances. Sign up for the next Financial Peace University class or contact family readiness about other resources.

There is a 24-hour service for evalu-

ation and treatment program, provided by DoD for all active duty, guard and reserve members. The service includes consultations online or by phone, with referrals for up to six free face-to-face counseling sessions on issues including reunion and reintegration, with a professional in your community. You can reach the program by calling 1-800-342-9647.

Operation Love Reunited is a photography organization offering free photography sessions to deploying, deployed and reuniting military families. Each family receives two free sessions, whether it be one before deployment with their military member, during deployment of home front spouse and children or a homecoming session or post-deployment sessions. The photographers have agreed to send albums to deployed military member at no cost. The photographers have to meet strict requirement to be accepted. Their

website, www.Oplov.org, is designed to help families find photographers using the military member's zip code. If any of our National Guard family members are professional photographers, here is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer your services with this organization.

Want to save money? Visit <http://benefits.military.com/DC/DealIndex.jsp> to save money with military discounts on just about anything you can imagine. For your service, local and nationwide merchants say thanks with discounts and coupons for you and your family.

Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks free admission program has been extended. Active duty military representing all five service branches, active members of a reserve or National Guard unit and up to three direct dependants receive complimentary admission into the parks. Offer valid through 12/31/2009.

Communication is key to strong, resilient families

By Mrs Denise Winton
190th Wing Family Program Coordinator

Well it's another new year. As I look back on my first year in this position I am immensely proud of the 190th Family Readiness arena and my association with all the volunteers and members involved.

Last year our focus was on the resilient family. This year I would like to continue the focus on resiliency and identify an important piece of resiliency - communication. Take a moment and think about how your family can become a stronger family; I bet communication will be an important piece.

Researchers have discovered a

strong link between communication patterns and satisfaction with family relationships.

Communication within the family is extremely important because it enables members to express their needs, wants, and concerns to each other. Open and honest communication creates an atmosphere that allows family members to express their differences as well as love and admiration for one another. It is through communication that family members are able to resolve the unavoidable problems that arise in all families. Communication is the key to the successful and resilient family.

Let's take time this year and learn some effective ways to communicate

with our families. If you would like some resources or suggestions, stop by the Family Readiness office, call 785-861-4940 or email denise.winton@kstoppe.ang.af.mil.

Family Readiness Upcoming Events

14 - 15 February

Strong Bonds Couple Workshop

10 March

Biscuits and gravy sale

4 April

Easter egg hunt and Mother's day crafts

For more information on these events contact Denise Winton at 785-861-4940.

—Portrait of an Airman

Senior Airman Louis Smith IV



Organization: 190th Maintenance Squadron

Job Title: Aircraft Engine Mechanic

Main Responsibilities: Troubleshoot malfunctioning engines and interrelated propulsion system components. Repair or replace defective components and associated hardware.

Civilian Career: Technician at the 190th ARW.

Education: Graduate of Seaman High School and attended the University of Kansas.

Military Experience: 4 1/2 years.

Hobbies & Activities: Physical fitness, music, and being with friends and family.

Goals & Ambitions: Work towards attaining my BA and always improving my job knowledge.

Most memorable 190th moment: The unit trip to Travis AFB.

—Being an inclusive leader

By Senior Master Sgt. Everett Gruver

190th Human Resources Advisor

Diversity is a source of great opportunity - and challenges. We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the Air National Guard team to achieve his or her greatest potential.

Benefits of diversity include a broader talent pool and the opportunity for individuals to more fully develop their potential. At the same time, however, new perspectives on creativity, innovation, and performance can be perceived as intrusive. Changes can lead to tension, misunderstanding, and even hostility between old and new, creating

problems of coordination and cohesion for diverse organizations.

It is imperative that

we, as leaders, work out the difficulties generated by diversity and reap the rewards. Applying varied perspectives and approaches - such as training and education, being a leader who “walks the talk” and treat each individual we come into contact with dignity, proper acceptance, and courtesy - will pave the way for our Airmen to embrace diversity as the norm. We must seek a deeper understanding of the problems and promise inherent in diverse organizations.

Our philosophy of diversity goes beyond that of race, creed, ethnicity and gender. We look to promote the diversity of thinking that results from the differences in experiences, knowledge and background of all Airmen. Diversity of thinking will help us continue to encourage the creativity and innovation necessary for the ANG to maintain a competitive advantage in air and space dominance.

The ANG is committed to a tradition of mutual trust and respect. Our culture is one of confidence, dependability and

reliability. This is vital in our mission to Fly, Fight, and Win... now and forever!

Celebrating Black History Month

As Black History Month is a time to honor the achievements of African-Americans, here's a quick look at a few historical and influential African Americans.

Harriet Tubman - Reared by slaves, Tubman led nearly 300 Maryland slaves to safety via the Underground Railroad. And, during the Civil War, she repeatedly went behind enemy lines to spy for the Union and recruit slaves to fight in the army.

Frederick Douglass - Shortly before publishing his now-famous autobiography in 1882, Douglass served as a consultant to President Abraham Lincoln. Throughout reconstruction, he continued to work diligently for civil rights - for both blacks and women.

Colin Powell - Powell was the first African-American to hold the highest military position within the DoD - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also oversaw Operation Desert Storm in 1991.



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

For Your Information

Retirements

Lt. Col. Miki Rende, Ops
Retirement Date: 20 Dec 08

SMSgt. Delton Brun, MSG
Retirement Date: 15 Jan 09

UTA Dining Facility Schedule

The following list is the Dining Facility meal schedule for units assigned to the 190th Air Refueling Wing and Joint Forces Headquarters:

1100-LRF, JFHQ, SFS,
CES, SG, WEA
1130-MXG, LGS, OG,
ARS, MPF
1200-LGM, HQ, AMXS,
MSG, MDG

Dining Facility hours of operation are 1100 - 1300. Please ensure you adhere to the schedule to minimize wait time.

Promotions

SrA
Garrett R. Wiseman, MXS



SSgt
Lorena M. Honick, MXS
Adam D. Koss, MXS



TSgt
Allen E. Ewell, CES



MSgt
Donald B. Stucker, ARW



Enlistments

A1C Alicia L. Shows, Ops
Enlistment Date: 11 Dec 08

A1C Kelsey R. Barnes III, LRS
Enlistment Date: 15 Dec 08

Attention Coyotes!

Information Assurance/Information Protection (IA/IP) training is an annual requirement in order to maintain your network user account. In the past the Communications Flight has not actively enforced the requirement and simply left it up to the individual and the training manager to ensure compliance.

In light of recent events we are going to begin actively enforcing this requirement. Beginning 09 Feb 2009, all accounts will be set to expire one year from the IA/IP training completion date reflected in ATMIS.

For those individuals who have not completed IA/IP training in the last year, you will need to do so in order to prevent your account from expiring on 09 Feb 2009. If your account does expire you will be given a 24-hour extension on your account to accomplish IA/IP training.

To take your IA/IP training, visit the Air Force portal, login, and you will find the "Total Force Awareness Training (ADLS) - Information Protection-Force Protection-Human Relations" under the Top Viewed: Force Development section.

Coyote Cafe February 217A Menu

Saturday

Pepperoni or beef pizza, spaghetti with meat sauce or meatless sauce, roast beef or turkey sandwiches, rice pilaf, chicken noodle soup, corn, green beans, salad bar, garlic bread, and chocolate chip cookies.

Sunday

Rotisserie chicken, au gratin potatoes, corn, and chocolate caramel bar with snickers.

Hotel of the Month

All members - Ramada Inn

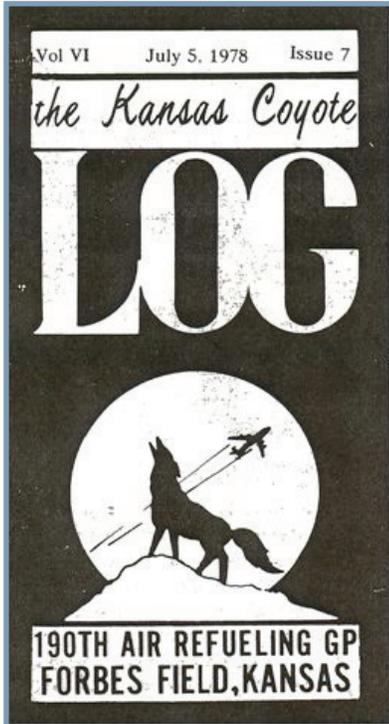


Best in Kansas!

The 2008 Kansas Airmen of the Year pose with Command Chief Master Sgt. Brian Saunders (seated). Master Sgt. Gary Holiday (left) won the senior NCO category, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Ullmer won the NCO category and Senior Airman Olivia Kennedy was tops in the airman category. In addition, Ullmer was named the 2008 National Guard Association of Kansas Outstanding Airman of the Year.

(photo submitted)

Coyote Heritage



Last month we showed you the oldest known version of what is now the Coyote Log. The Log came into being about 1958, and the oldest copy we have is from May of 1962. It was known as the Canberra Log, named after the B-57 Canberra that the unit flew at that time.

In 1978, with the transition to the KC-135, it was felt that a new name was needed for the newsletter. A contest was held, with the winners being “The Kansas Coyote” and “Coyote Log”. The two were combined to come up with The Kansas Coyote Log.

Even more significantly, along with the new name came a new logo, the now familiar coyote on a hilltop with the tanker in the background. It was shown for the first time on the July 1978 issue. This was a new creation of Tech. Sgt Donald Thomas of the 190th Information section. Thomas transferred to the Arizona Air Guard before the first publication of the new Kansas Coyote Log.

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 it’s current name, The Coyote Log.

While never being adopted formally as part of the unit heraldry, and used on the Log for less than 2 years, Thomas’s drawing is still in use today in many ways throughout the unit.

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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To The Coyote Family of:

