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Now we begin to prepare for the ORI

Col. Timothy J. Thomson
Commander

As we begin this new year I would like to thank you all once again for your outstanding accomplishments during a very busy year in 2005.

There was a great deal of effort put forth by many talented people from throughout the wing while preparing for the ASEV, UCI, MSEP, and HSI. Many areas were rated excellent and superior performers were identified from workcenters all across the base. I am quite pleased, but not surprised by all the names on the reports. My congratulations to you all for a job very well done!

December also brought the end of the majority of our activations and

You may be asking: Didn't I just take this survey?

Maj. Kristin A. Damigella
Chief, Military Equal Opportunity office

I wanted to take this opportunity to clear up some confusion about two surveys that many of you have recently participated in. In October and November everyone on base had the opportunity to participate in the Air Force Climate Survey. Currently, five units on base are taking the Military Equal Opportunity Office's Unit Climate Assessment. The Unit Climate Assessment program is an on-going process where military and civilian members of the 910th participate in a web-based survey. Unit Climate Assessments are done by each squadron every two years. There are many differences between the Air Force Climate Survey and the Unit Climate Assessment. (I know the names are confusing.) The MEO Unit Climate Assessment has 50 questions that cover six areas; unit leadership, job environment, freedom to address concerns, peer relationships, fair treatment, discrimination, and motivation and pride recognition. The questions are very straight forward and are rated on an "agree/disagree" scale.

Other differences between the surveys are; the MEO survey allows you to put comments in after each section, and we are able to tailor the last 10 questions to local concerns. So if your commander wanted to know if you felt the TDY schedule was fair, they could request that question.

The MEO Unit Climate Assessment process includes a detailed analysis of the data and a trained MEO advisor to walk the commander through the results.

The UCA process has only been web-based for two years but has

Consider the possible costs before making that decision

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul R. Milliken
Wing Chaplain

In the movie "The Bridge Over the River Kwai," Alec Guinness played the role of the senior British officer in a Japanese concentration camp ordered to construct a railroad bridge for their captors. He thought such a project might possibly lift his men's sagging morale and renew their sense of purpose, something to accomplish during their incarceration. And it worked.

In fact, they did such an excellent job, the Allies had to dispatch a commando team with orders to demolish the bridge. When the British commander discovered his comrades were trying to destroy his "achievement," he became outraged. Then comes the terrible moment when Guinness realizes what's happened, and he cries out, "O my God, what have I done?" In successfully building a bridge for the enemy, he'd become a collaborator!

deployments. We're now at the lowest number of mobilized personnel we've had in about four years.

We still have some people deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We need to remember them and continue doing the fine job we've always done taking care of them and their families.

As we begin 2006, we'll devote the necessary time to close out the open items from the UCI. After that, we'll re-focus our efforts on our readiness training as a wing while we prepare for our next ORI scheduled in late March 2008.



Col. Timothy J. Thomson

been great in many ways. We have received more comments than we did on the paper survey, we are able to look at data wing-wide, and we are able to get the reports to the commanders quicker.

One difficulty for us is getting people to log on and complete the survey. I know that the last thing anyone wants is another survey, but this survey gives your commander valuable information on the "health" of your unit. The data is reported to wing leadership and can result in programs to address the areas that need improvement. It also validates areas we are doing well.

When your unit participates in the Unit Climate Assessment process, please take the opportunity to let your voice be heard. Your commander can not address your concerns if they don't know about them, and the UCA process is an anonymous way to give feedback to them.

If you have any questions about this process or if you are taking the UCA survey now and want to discuss your unit's climate, please contact the Military Equal Opportunity office at 330-609-1372 or 1039.



Maj. Kristin A. Damigella

Surely he wouldn't have made that through the ultimate consequences.

Think how many tragedies might be avoided if people simply sat down for a few moments and thought through the possible ramifications of their actions.

Think how many families would still be intact, think how many prison cells would be empty, think how many lives would be spared . . . if folks would just think, and act accordingly.

Psychologists tell us that about 10,000 thoughts pass through the human brain each day. Before making that decision, please, count the cost of the possible outcomes.



Chap. (Lt. Col.) Paul Milliken

Deputy MSG/CC assists reconstruction efforts in Iraq

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Ralph J. Romine, deputy commander of the 910th Mission Support Group, has spent a lot of time overseas during the past year. He returned home in July 2005 after a 129-day deployment while assigned as the deputy Air Reserve component advisor to the deputy combined force air component commander for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Qatar.

While serving at the Combined Air Operations Center in Qatar, he ran into an active duty friend of his from Air Mobility Command headquarters who told him they just received a new tasking for an experienced Logistics officer for an important assignment in Baghdad, Iraq.

Colonel Romine applied for the opportunity, was accepted, and arrived at the International Zone (formerly known as the Green Zone) in Baghdad Oct. 29. The area used to serve as the Presidential Palace Complex for Saddam Hussein.

The colonel is supporting the rebuilding ef-

fort and trying to help the people of Iraq. He is serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is the Government Lead for the Project Construction Office, Facilities and Transportation Non-Construction Sector. His current tour of duty in the struggling country is scheduled to end Feb. 28.

“What my job means is that as facilities are being built as part of the reconstruction effort, it is my sector’s responsibility to provide the tools and equipment necessary for that facility to operate,” he said.

According to Colonel Romine, his experience in commercial ground, air, and oceanic shipping as well as his civilian logistics background has come in handy. At one time he worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina as a contractor for one of the largest retail stores in the United States doing international logistics and creating a distribution process for their goods.

“The work here in Baghdad is very similar, but just more dangerous,” he said.

Romine said his organization has purchased enough supplies and equipment to supply 118 public health centers (PHC) across Iraq and 18 refurbished hospitals with the latest technology in medical and dental equipment, medical supplies, beds, incubators, and lab equipment. He and his staff are currently in the process of buying for 24 more PHCs.

They have also recently purchased fire trucks, prisoner transfer vehicles, communications tracking equipment, vests, weapons, ammunition, hand cuffs, armored vehicles, computers and laboratory equipment for schools, microscopes, rail road equipment, port cranes, fire boats, highway signs, and navigational aids for the three main airports in Iraq.

“Our team is formed of U.S. contractors and Iraqi nationals, including a

doctor and military personnel,” he said. “We are in the process of training our Iraqi members to assume the project management responsibility so they can manage the remaining projects as we draw down.”

“Several of our programs are directly tied to construction schedules so synchronization is a challenge in the best of conditions, and a mammoth challenge in this environment. But so far, we have not missed a single deadline,” he said.

The project’s budget of about \$743 million is managed by 8 people including Colonel Romine, and is wrapped up in 887 contracts he explained. The mission was recently moved under the umbrella of the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Previously, he said, they had reported to the State Department.

One of the greatest challenges facing the rebuilding and training efforts are the Anti-Iraqi Forces, or insurgents, who conduct their activity in and around the areas Colonel Romine’s staff must conduct their work.

“For example, we had 700 hospital beds stuck on Iraqi railroad tracks for three weeks while the tracks were repaired that had been blown up by insurgents,” said Colonel Romine.

Although Colonel Romine has seen the suffering of the Iraqi people due to years of tyranny and now the insurgent activity, he knows he has a wonderful family to return to when his duty is done.

“I have a very supportive family who has been behind me the whole way,” he said. “We stay in touch via e-mail, and because our phone numbers are U.S. commercial numbers, they can call me whenever they want.”

In his civilian employment, Romine is manager of the Office of Security and Hazardous Materials Investigation for the Federal Aviation Administration for Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.

“My civilian employer is extremely supportive of my deployments and I have an awesome team that backfills while I’m gone,” he said.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Romine, Vicki Nolly, program manager for transportation, and Dr. Al Safar, program manager for communications and education look over warehouse status reports.

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On the cover...

1st Lt. Dan Henry was one member of the 773rd Airlift Squadron decorated during a combat medal presentation ceremony Dec. 3 honoring the squadron's achievements during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lieutenant Henry received two Air Medals for flying on 52 combat missions during the activation. All together, more than 200 Air Medals were presented by Col. Tim Thomson at the ceremony. Photo by MSgt. Bryan Ripple.



SrA. Christina Wright

Chief Master Sgt. David Prokop, the aircraft maintenance chief, receives the Bronze Star Medal from Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing during the December Wing Commander's Call. The chief was recognized for his

efforts while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. December's Wing Commander's Call also signified the close of the 910th's two-year deployment in conjunction with the Global War on Terrorism.



A1C Ann Wilkins Jefferson

One of the lucky winners of the Chiefs Group annual door prizes, TSgt. Charles Swoope picks the next winner's number from CMSgt. Troy Rhoades of the 910th Security Forces Squadron.



TSgt. Shawn David McCowan

CMSgt. Bob Glus Sr., 910th Command Chief Master Sergeant, encouraged the mass of Airmen to greet and thank each other for two years of diligence, sacrifice and hard work during commanders call.

Stars, Gold and Holiday Cheer



SrA. Christina Wright

Lt. Col. Mark Schierloh, commander of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, raises the Esprit De Corps trophy in celebration after it was presented to his squadron for earning the most points during the sports year. The 76th Aerial Port "76ers" have won three of the last four Esprit De Corps championships.



SrA. Christina Wright

Col. Anna Schulte, commander of the 910th Maintenance Group, receives the Meritorious Service Medal (fourth oak leaf cluster), from Col. Thomson. Colonel Schulte and Maj. Larry Murphy, wing executive officer, both received the MSM during the ceremony.



SrA. Christina Wright

SSgt. Bryan T. Alfredo, of the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., receives his Associate in Applied Science, Aviation Maintenance Technology degree from the Community College of the Air Force from Col. Thomson. Four other reservists were also present to receive their CCAF degrees.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a six-part series about people from the 910th Airlift Wing whose individual efforts have had a truly significant impact on those around them and personify our Air Force Core Values.



Dedicated to Excellence

With *Child-like* **Abandon**

TSGt. Shawn David McCowan

Tech. Sgt. Shawn David McCowan
Public Affairs Specialist

Kelly Turner joined the Air Force Reserve in 2000; less than a week before her 20th birthday. Since then she would be named 910th Airlift Wing Airman of the Year, lead a

Girl Scout troop, establish a local program helping seriously ill children and become chief of customer service... all before she turned 24.

This pursuit of excellence began with her love for kids began many years earlier.

While growing up in her hometown of Tallmadge, Ohio, she even spent her youth looking after the local children.

"I must have been about nine at the time. My neighbors' kids all played together, and their parents would have me watch the younger kids while the grown ups did yard work. I guess I should have wanted to play with kids my own age but I enjoyed taking care of the younger kids even more. I can't really explain it. I've just always loved kids," said Turner.

When she was 12, she joined a library group, spending her extra time reading to five-and-six-year-old neighborhood kids for three years until hectic high school life pulled her away.

Turner volunteered her time at her local Girl Scouts troop after high school. Before long she became their troop leader. She also moved on to college, but the college lifestyle wasn't a good fit for her personality.

"It just wasn't me. I enjoyed college and I knew I wanted a degree to help me reach my

"I can definitely see her as the MPF Commander."

-- CMSgt. Mary Julian

future goals but I didn't want that college life at that time."

She never really gave any thought to joining the military but after leaving college she knew she wanted a business degree. She looked into the Air Force Reserve. After giving thought to the military some of her goals became clearer.

Turner decided she wanted to establish a large day care company. The Air Force Reserve offered her the opportunity to go to school, build her work history and get focused. In 2000 she enlisted and by 2001 she was a part of the customer service unit at the 910th Airlift Wing. She knew right away she'd made the right decision.

"I've loved it here since the first day I joined. The people here are great to work with and I know it's going to help with my future."

She says the Air Force has helped build her leadership skills. Skills she'd like to use in both her professional and military future. She's returned to college and is close to a

degree in business marketing. She's considering becoming an officer because she wants to help lead and develop those around her.

Staff Sgt. Turner was activated for a year starting December 2003. While she was a daily part of the customer service staff, her supervisor, Chief Master Sgt. Mary Julian, recognized her dedication. Soon Sergeant Turner was working full-time at her job.

"Every once in a while a basic trainee comes along that has all the qualities I look for in a reservist. Eagerness to serve their country, customer friendly, involvement in base activities. Kelly Turner has demonstrated every one of those qualities since her first day here. I believe she will take my place as Chief of Military Personnel some day. But since she is working so hard on getting her degree I can definitely see her as the MPF Commander instead," said Chief Julian.

During her activation she found an organization called The Dream Factory, which creates special events for seriously ill children. Turner contacted them and soon established the "Dream Factory of Northeast Ohio."

But after a year of hard work, she withdrew from the project.

"There were a lot of difficulties and red tape with starting a local chapter of the company that I just wasn't ready for. My military background and degree will help me be better prepared to start something on my own."

Her hard work both on and off base didn't go unnoticed. Her obvious care for her co-workers and strong work ethic got her promoted to the title of "chief of customer service." It also landed her a full-time job in that position.

She was even named 2004 910th AW Airman of the Year for her dedication.

Even though Sergeant Turner has accomplished a lot in her first quarter century, it stands to chance that this may have only been the beginning.

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Courtesy Photo

Turner leads her Girl Scouts on many group field trips including a tour of the 910th Airlift Wing.



MSgt. Bryan S. Ripple

SSgt. Turner's "Airman of the Year" package included seven non-job-related activities. But her outstanding on-the-job skills and dedication are what earned her the distinguished award.



TSgt. Shawn David McCowan

Turner hopes her experience and friendly service will inspire her co-workers to reach for their personal best.

Something You Didn't Know About SSgt. Kelly Turner:

- She is a member of "Mile of Quarters" planning committee; a fund-raiser for recovering children addicted to drugs and/or alcohol and also provides shelter for single mothers recovering from drugs.

- She mentored a 10-year-old girl for the "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" organization.

Iraqi Air Force squadron flies first solo mission



R.D. Ward

910th maintenance troops help get new aircrew off the ground for historic first flight.

The Iraqi Air Force transport squadron stood up Jan. 2005 with three C-130s gifted by the United States and has been flying missions since.

By U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean
407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ALI BASE, Iraq – Iraq’s Air Force grew more self-reliant in December when a six-man crew flew a C-130 Hercules mission to Baghdad without Coalition advisory support team (AST) assistance.

“This is a very good day for the Iraqi Air Force; the Americans have done well training us to do our best,” said the 23rd Squadron’s navigator and deputy commander. The squadron members are not identified for security reasons.

The flight started at Ali Air Base, the squadron’s home for the next several weeks. A permanent move to New Al Muthana Air

“Seeing your students taking steps on their own for the first time is like seeing your kids doing great things.”
- TSgt. John Furber

Base at Baghdad International Airport is scheduled for the end of January.

“I am so very happy,” said the squadron’s quality assurance officer. “This is the first time since the war that we [prepared] the plane and fly in the skies of Iraq.”

Squadron members lined the ramp to make a “number one” gesture or give thumbs up as the C-130 rolled out of its parking spot. There was a similar feeling in the cockpit as the pilot, copilot, flight engineer, navigator and two loadmasters took to the skies of Iraq on their historic mission.

“This is what makes us happy. Iraqis all over the world should be happy about today,” said another pilot on the mission to pick up squadron members returning from leave.

The Iraqi air crew began simulator training in the United States and returned to Iraq for flight training. They all had prior experience flying other aircraft in Saddam Hussein’s air force.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Bauer, 777th EAS commander, and U.S. Air Force Maj. Roger Redwood, 777th EAS Squadron 23 AST operations flight commander, have shared the task of transitioning and training the Iraqi air crew at Ali Base.

“The instructors worked hard. The Iraqi’s worked hard. This is a critical step in post war Iraq as they stand up a military, a government and a country,” Bauer said.

“Although we still have a ways to go, this is a great confidence builder.”

There was a lot to learn besides flying planes. The Iraqi troops also needed to become familiar with duties like equipment management, aircraft maintenance and supply keeping.



One of the Iraqi crew said he lives in daily fear of the insurgency because of what he is doing.

TSgt. Ernie Johnson is normally a crew chief at the 910th Airlift Wing in Vienna, Ohio. But on Jan. 10 he and a few co-workers became instructors with the 777th’s training crew. They trained their Iraqi counterparts on support equipment for the aircraft.

It wouldn’t be easy; there was no training process in place and there were several areas to get the crews up to speed.

He said the crews were eager to learn from the moment they arrived.

“They were waiting for us when we walked off the plane. We worked 14 days straight at a time and we worked long hours. The first two weeks were so strenuous, we wondered if they’d come back,” said TSgt. Johnson.

They did return and the training process went much faster than expected. TSgt. Johnson’s crew was scheduled to be there six months but finished the training in half the time.

“The students learned so fast we accelerated the program to three months. We left May 10, three months ahead of schedule.”

Advisory support team members who trained the Iraqi ground crew also shared the glory of the moment.

“Seeing your students go out, taking the steps on their own for the first time – it’s like seeing your kids or somebody in your family doing great things,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Furber, a squadron maintenance instructor and adviser.

Squadron members and advisers gathered on the airfield ramp for a traditional Iraqi celebration when the C-130 Hercules landed.

Quarterly award winners announced

Chief Master Sgt. Robert V. Glus Sr., Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 910th Airlift Wing, has announced that the following personnel have been selected as the 2005 "Of the Quarter" Award Winners for the 4th Quarter of FY05.

Airman of the Quarter

SrA. Kathy A. Winner
910th Mission Support Flight

NCO of the Quarter

TSgt. Shaun E. Jackson
910th Maintenance Squadron

SNCO of the Quarter

MSgt. Renee L. Noel
910th Security Forces Squadron

Company Grade Officer of Quarter

Capt. John C. Gaffney
910th Operations Support Squadron

Chief's Group Super Bowl party slated

The 910th Chief's Group will hold its sixth annual Super Bowl party at the Eagle's Nest Club on base Sunday, February 5, 2006. The event will kick off at 5 p.m.

Quarterly and end-of-game drawings for cash prizes will be held. Quarterly prizes of \$500 at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters. End-of-game cash prize of \$700.

Other random cash drawings will be held. The amount and number of these cash drawings will be based on ticket sales. The cost is \$50 per ticket which also entitles the purchase of one guest ticket for an additional \$10. That makes it only \$60 for two people to attend.

Free finger food, draft beer, and munchies will be available, plus a cash bar. Also, rooms will be available at base lodging at ticket holder's expense if interested. The Chief's Group will also be selling tickets to the event at the dining hall both days of the January UTA. The 910th Chief's Group is a non-profit organization that benefits the 910th military family.

Monies earned from this event are used to fund various activities throughout the year. The Chiefs Group would greatly appreciate your support.

NCOLDP classes scheduled for 2006

The 910th Education and Training Flight has announced that there will be two NCOLDP classes held in 2006. The class dates are: Class 06-A, Phase I, March 13-17, 2006, and Phase II, March 20-24, 2006. Class 06-B will be held Phase I, May 15-19, 2006, and Phase II, May 22-26, 2006.

Air Reserve Technicians may attend the course in civilian status but will be required to wear the appropriate military uniform. Orders can be in school tour, but must be funded by your unit.

Anyone wishing to attend these classes should contact the Wing Education and Training office at 330-609-1230 or 330-609-1712.

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Air Force releases new mission statement

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

"Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. "Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise."

The mission statement defines the "where and what" the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new concepts, "sovereign options" and "cyberspace," which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

"Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses," they said. "With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world."

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

"We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can't be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures," Secretary Wynne said. "The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent."

Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman's calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

"If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts," they said. "If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them."

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, "The Air Force's mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do."

Call Weather Status Line for updates

All personnel who work at Youngstown Air Reserve Station are reminded that the base has a Weather Status Line that can be called to find out the current status of base operations.

Should it be necessary for the wing commander to somehow alter daily operations due to inclement weather, updated information will be recorded on the Weather Status Line. To reach the base Weather Status Line, call 330-609-1800 and listen to the recording.

Next UTA is Jan. 7-8, 2006

**UTA Pay Date:
Jan. 17, 2006**



MSgt. Bryan Ripple

The Airmen of the 773rd Airlift Squadron flew together during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Some missions were more difficult than others, but when

their turn to fly and fight in the war was over, they were home to be recognized together, as a unit--after flying nearly 4,500 combat missions in hostile areas of the world.

773rd AS Airmen honored for combat missions

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

More than 90 Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 773rd Airlift Squadron, one of the two flying squadrons assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, were honored here during a 3:30 p.m. military awards ceremony Dec. 3 at the Eagle's Nest Club on base.

The reservists were called to active duty from December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2005 supporting six major military operations including Operations Joint Forge, Coronet Oak, Focus Relief, Shining Express, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Their actual deployment locations included at least 25 countries throughout Europe, Southwest Asia, and the African continent. Over the course of this period the C-130 aircrew members transported more than 50,000 people and more than 9,000 tons of cargo on at least 5,500 flying missions, of which at least 4,500 were actual combat missions. All together, the squadron flew more than 6,000 hours during its period of activation.

Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, presented 203 Air Medals and nine Aerial Achievement Medals to 80 aircrew members of the unit at the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Bryan Bly, commander of the 773rd, expressed his appreciation to the family members who were present thanking them for being so supportive of his people. He also established a "centurian" club for those with 100 or more combat missions.

The shining hope of freedom now rises with the morning sun in places

such as Afghanistan and Iraq thanks in large part to the men and women of the United States military who have been defending the United States against terrorism around the globe since Sept. 11, 2001.

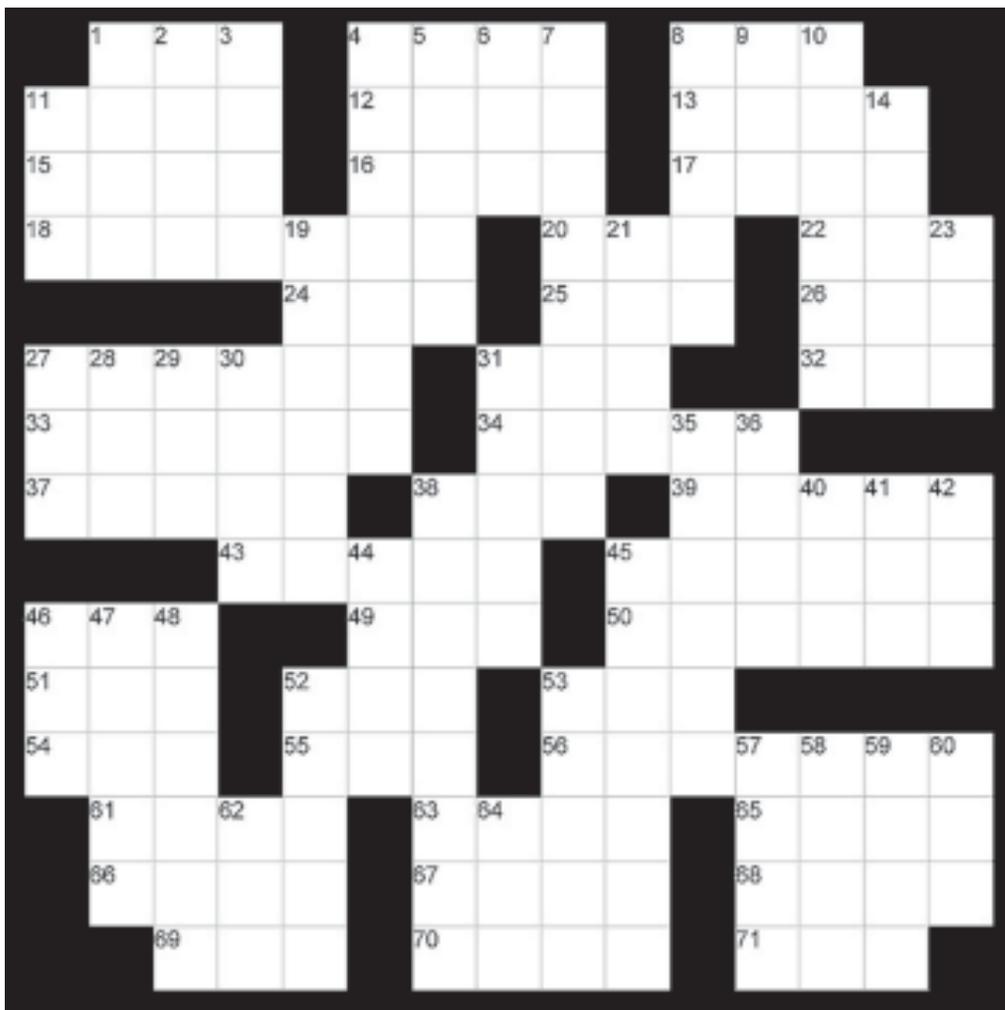
Members of the 757th Airlift Squadron, the other C-130 flying unit assigned to the 910th, were recognized at a military recognition ceremony here in July.



MSgt. Bryan Ripple

Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, presented more than 200 Air Medals to members of the 773rd Airlift Squadron, including Maj. Dan Sarachene, who earned four.

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Around the World in 80 Days

ACROSS

1. Epoch
4. Former ruler of 65 ACROSS
8. Keyboard key
11. Top
12. Crime family chief
13. Greek letters
15. Officer duty category
16. 2000 film ____ Brockovich
17. Lease
18. Country home to NAS Keflavik
20. Driving crime, in short
22. Craftsmanship
24. Pig's place
25. Country host to Al Dhafra AB
26. Dolphin great Marino
27. Country host to NSA Souda Bay
31. USAF inspection
32. Inclined to do
33. Placed car at rest
34. Mistakes
37. Luster
38. Commercials
39. Android
43. Rubberneck
45. USAF forward operating locating in AK
46. Time zone for Pope AFB, NC
49. Chicago broadcast station
50. Ingratiate
51. Overseas mil. address
52. Person of Southeast Asia
53. Circle part

54. Ewe's partner
55. Writer Rand
56. Corrected
61. Image
63. Radiance
65. Middle East country
66. Drug investigator, in short
67. Once ____ a time...
68. Italian city home to Leaning Tower
69. Golf prop
70. Diminutive
71. Agent provocateur

DOWN

1. Saga
2. Actress Russo
3. Figure skating jump; for Norwegian figure skater
4. Perfumed
5. Robust
6. People recognized in May, in brief
7. Country host to Soto Cano AB
8. Unnerving
9. Female saint, in short
10. Country host to North Bay Air Force site
11. Actress Landry
14. Leather strip
19. Climb
21. Orphan
23. Explosive combo
27. Item to navigate the globe, in short

See the Public Affairs Intranet site for the answer key to this puzzle.

28. Stadium cheer
29. Before, poetically
30. ____ out a living; gets by
31. USAF logistics center at Hill AFB, UT
35. Country home to Istres AB
36. Sign on a house
38. Jason's crew member
40. Wasp
41. Cat ____ Hot Tin Roof
42. Road material
44. In the distance
45. Country host to Ramstein AB
46. Hearing aid
47. Country home to Moron AB
48. F-14 plane
52. Javelin
53. Hall of Fame Hank
57. Snorts
58. Trickle
59. Simple
60. Crime scene evidence
62. State home to 939th RQW; a/c tail marking PD
64. News service org.

SPORTS

2006 Basketball

910 CES

"CevEnS"

7 Jan 1815

910 SVS

4 Feb 1730

910 MXS Macks

(7 Jan 1730
Winner)

7 Jan 1900

910 OSS/OG

"Dark Horse"

7 Jan 1730

910 MDS

"TeamMed"

The Esprit de Corps Year

Event	UTAs	Champion
Football	Sep-Oct	76ers
Basketball	Nov-Feb	TeamMed
Volleyball	Mar-May	76ers
Softball	Jun-Aug	CevEnS

Take Note:

Soccer is another Esprit de Corps sport played at many Air Force bases around the world.

Want to see another sport added next season?

Join the Sports Advisory Council.

For more information, call x1281.

Medical Squadron receives rating of excellent during HSI

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
NCOIC, Public Affairs

A four-member team from Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA), Directorate of Medical Operations, performed a Health Services Inspection (HSI) of the 910th Medical Squadron from December 1-4, 2005.

Upon arrival at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, the team received an in-briefing from Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing and Lt. Col. Mary C. DeLucia, commander of the 910th Medical Squadron.

The HSI was conducted under Inspector General Activities in order to: assess readiness; provide an independent assessment of medical care; identify instances of fraud, waste or abuse and to evaluate and report on the effectiveness and efficiency of medical management at the medical squadron.

Fifty-one separate elements were evaluated. Element scoring ranged from 0 to 4 with a "non-applicable" option with 4=fully compliant; 3=minor discrepancy; 2=major discrepancy; 1=critical discrepancy and 0=programmatic failure. All elements were also weighted 1-5 based on criticality (5 most critical - 1 least critical). The weight multiplied by the element score results in the computed score. The verbal rating score for HSI is as follows: 94-100=outstanding; 85-93=excellent; 75-84=Satisfactory; 70-74=marginal and < 70=unsatisfactory.

The medical squadron received an overall rating of "Excellent" with a numerical score of 88. Two areas were rated outstanding, four areas rated excellent, one area rated satisfactory and no areas were rated marginal or unsatisfactory.

"The 910 MDS is providing exceptional support to the 910 AW, a wing tasked with a unique aerial spray mission and high ops tempo. Essential medical programs ensured



Jodi Erickson, a medical administration assistant, maintains about 1,400 medical records for the squadron. She was named a Superior Performer by the HSI Team.

worldwide deployability of wing personnel and were being effectively managed," said Col. Michael Culhane, inspection team chief.

"This was definitely an intense inspection for us. But we went into the event with the attitude that it was a wonderful opportunity for us to grow and stretch as a unit. There are always processes that can be improved upon, and the team provided us with direction in these areas. The Medical Squadron has many dedicated and engaged individuals who show that "excellence" is a goal of constant pursuit. Sustained performance is not an issue,"

said Colonel DeLucia.

"I'm proud of them all and they certainly are an excellent group of people."



SMSgt. Sandra Grim and SSgt. Andre Moore, both dental technicians, perform important tasks for all reservists during physical exams.



Maj. Steven Morris, a medical readiness officer, was also named a Superior Performer by the HSI team.

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