

THE Airstream



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley praises 910th heritage, service, at military ball

Holidays are a time of reflection and thanksgiving

Colonel Timothy J. Thomson
Commander

The end of the year and the upcoming holiday season give us all cause to reflect on the events of the year, our service to the country, and the welfare of our families. For some 910th members, the volunteer deployments and family separations continue, despite the holiday celebrations we engage in here at home. I ask that each of you think about the soldiers, sailors, airman and Marines fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere as you sit in front of a holiday dinner surrounded by friends and family. Include them and their families in your thoughts and say a prayer for their safe return.

Cheryl and I were honored to celebrate with you at our recent Military Ball on the 4th of November. I must tell you that it was the best event of this type that I have ever attended. I was honored to have the Commander of Air Force Reserve Command, Lt Gen John A. Bradley as our guest of honor and featured speaker. His video and remarks really motivated all of us and it makes me proud to be a member of the Air Force Reserve team. Likewise, the surprise visit by the honorable Tim Ryan, our Congressman from the 17th District of Ohio, was a real treat. It just shows you that Youngstown has tremendous support from our own

command and our elected representatives.

Every aspect of the Military Ball was very special, and I thank all the Military Ball Committee members and all 910th personnel who assisted them in the effort. We can all remember this celebration of our proud heritage and tradition of excellence, because of the professional way the ball was conducted and the enthusiastic participation of all 910th members attending. Thanks also to Lt Cmdr Brad Davidson and CWO3 Emiliano DeLeon from the Navy and Marine Corps for their active participation in the toasts to Air Force and Air Force Reserve. We responded with appropriate toasts to their Navy and Marine Corps leadership. This is reflective of the great joint relationship we have between Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force here at Youngstown ARS.

I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. We have much work to do in 2007 as we prepare for an ORI. Let's enjoy our families and friends during this special time of year.



Col. Timothy J. Thomson

Be on the lookout for some great HRDC initiatives!

Major Kristin A. Damigella
Military Equal Opportunity Officer

I recently had the opportunity to attend the command's Human Resource Development Council Workshop in Colorado Springs with six of our sharpest Airmen. AFRC holds this workshop every two years for the purpose of sharing ideas, getting command perspective and networking. It is expected that attendees bring ideas back to improve their own base-level Human Resource Development Council. We heard a host of distinguished speakers and participated in over a dozen different breakout sessions. The breakouts included topics such as mentoring, EPR/OPR writing, demographics, diversity and communication. We had

briefings from Air Staff representatives on where we are headed in the Air Force, Strategic Diversity, BRAC and Air Force Smart Operations 21. We received a lot of great information and learned a lot, but the most inspiring thing for me, was seeing the motivation and enthusiasm of our own Reservists.

If anyone has any doubts about the young troops coming in, they just need to open their eyes and look at what these folks are bringing to the table. Talk about technologically savvy, the major mode of communicating at the conference was text messaging. (I don't even know if my cell phone does that.) I was awed by their dedication and maturity. Despite civilian jobs, families, and school, they are

excited about serving. And they want to do more. They all want to bring the ideas they saw at the conference back to our base to put to action. They definitely have the skills to do it. Now, our challenge is to keep them motivated. I expect you will see some HRDC initiatives very soon that will be driven by these outstanding citizen Airmen. Thanks to CMSgt Shawn White, TSgt Kelly Turner, SSgt Monica Carter, SSgt Danielle Williams, SSgt Scott Smith and A1C Chris Brooks for a truly inspiring (and entertaining) week. I look forward to watching the great things unfold that they, without a doubt, will accomplish!

Present your thoughts to Supreme Commander

Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Rohan
Wing Chaplain

Henri Nouwen suggests that we practice the presence of God by turning our thoughts over to God. Our minds are going all the time, thinking about all kinds of things: frivolous things, serious, loving, mean, painful, joyful things. He suggests that we turn these thoughts into prayers: "We convert our unceasing thinking into unceasing prayer," he says, "when we move from a self-centered monologue into a God-centered dialogue. This requires that we turn all our thoughts into a conversation with God. The main question, therefore, is not so much that we think, but to whom we present our thoughts."

Prayer is giving all our thoughts to God, opening to Him the secret places that we guard so diligently. It is like Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" who, while talking to himself, is talking to God at the same time. He carries on a conversation with God

sharing with him the aches and pains as well as the joys of his everyday life, even joking with Him. Another excellent example of prayer as a God-centered dialogue is the Psalms. David carries on a constant conversation with God in the Psalms. He lays bare his soul before God.

In the Old Testament, Hezekiah received a disturbing letter from his enemy. It was the kind of letter to cause a person to lose his sleep for nights. But, Hezekiah having read the letter, "went up into the house of the Lord, and spread it out before the Lord." Remember this, whatever the invading anxiety or worry is, we can always "spread it out" before the Lord in prayer.



Chaplain Dan Rohan

Mass enlistment rocks the hall of fame

Capt. Brent Davis
Public Affairs Officer

Nineteen valley patriots raised their right hands during a mass enlistment conducted by the 910th Airlift Wing Recruiting Services Oct. 20 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

“The mass enlistment concept came from AFRC Recruiting Services as a way to create more community awareness, publicity and also to get

the wing involved with recruiting,” said Senior Master Sgt. Alexander J. Brown, senior recruiter with the 910th Airlift Wing.

Retired Air Force Reserve Brig. Gen. Tim White, also a WKYC-TV 3 evening news anchor, gave the oath of enlistment during the ceremony.

“These young people have stepped forward to take their place in a long line of Americans who have chosen to serve,” said Gen. White.

“They are part of a very small but important

part of America with fewer than five percent of Americans having ever served in uniform,” he concluded.

Following the enlistment, Col. Tim Thomson welcomed the new recruits to his wing.

“I’m honored and proud to be your commander. I wish you best of luck with your Air Force careers and wherever your duties may take you, may we serve together with honor and integrity,” he said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Brent Davis

Dual Hat: After giving the oath of enlistment to Northeastern Ohio recruits, retired Brig. Gen. Tim White, a WKYC-TV 3 news

anchor, interviews the new enlistees about their military aspirations outside the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Oct. 20.

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On the cover...

An array of photos depicting “Proud Heritage, Tradition of Excellence,” the theme for the 910th Airlift Wing’s 2006 Military Ball held November 4, 2006. A photo of Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley is centered surrounded by historic 910th Carrier Group photos from the 1950s. U.S. Air Force graphic illustration/Eric White

910th aircrew lone star in Texas oil spill exercise

Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

Crossing below a horizon dotted with offshore oil rigs and cargo ships, an Air Force Reserve C-130 swoops down to just 100 feet above the water over Galveston Bay, Texas. It lines up with a bright green slick on the water and seconds later begins spraying a pink liquid from the aerial spray boom protruding from its rear paratroop doors.

If this was a real oil spill response, the specially modified C-130H assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio – one of just four such airplanes in the Department of Defense – would have been spraying an oil dispersant designed to break up and deter the oil from reaching the shore.

But, this was in fact an oil dispersant exercise envisioned by the Texas General Land Office's Oil Spill Division. The participants included a host of governmental and civilian agencies including the U.S. Coast Guard and Texas A&M University. It was designed to give potential responders a chance to practice together. For the 910th Aerial Spray Mission it meant the chance to work with several of their civilian counterparts.

According to Capt. Phil Townsend, an aerial spray pilot with the 757th Airlift Squadron, the 910th aerial spray team would most likely not be in charge of the operation.

"Typically, we'll be in a support role," he said, adding that the organizations hired by the responsible party would be the primary responder. "If the spill is beyond their capability they would contact us," said Capt. Townsend.

Companies involved in the handling, transport or storage of oil are required by federal law to maintain a contingency plan for the clean up of an accidental oil spill. Although the U.S. Coast Guard maintains an oversight role, the company responsible for the spill – known as the Responsible Party – is also responsible for the clean up.

Rather than maintain expensive resources for this, many companies contract this emergency response out to other organizations. One such contractor is the Marine Spill Response Corporation.

The MSRC is an independent non-profit organization funded by more than 120 separate companies worldwide with more than \$450 million in assets dedicated to this purpose. During the clean-up of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath the MSRC was called into service for what company officials report to be nearly 86,000 man-hours of clean-up.

To provide for rapid response aerial spray capability the MSRC maintains contracts with several civilian aerial spray companies. One of these contractors, International Air Response, owns and operates six C-130A aircraft modified for aerial spray.

According to Travis Grantham, a C-130A pilot and Vice President with IAR, the experience of working with the 910th and the other agencies involved in this exercise is an important step in preparing for a emergency response.

"Communication. That's the huge barrier," said Mr. Grantham, adding that working together with the other aerial spray components of



U.S. Air Force photo/TSgt. Ken Sloat

Spectators aboard the Marine Spill Response Corporation's *Southern Responder* observe a 910th C-130 spray a mock oil dispersant over a simulated oil slick in Galveston Bay, Texas, Nov. 8.

an oil spill response is very helpful.

"The last thing we want is to have a natural disaster and not have a plan," he said.

"The hardest part is the non-pilot stuff," he said, explaining that things like knowing who to talk to on the ground and knowing who is in charge on the ground are examples of what make this a valuable training exercise.

As Maj. Bill Whittenberger, Director of Operations for the 757th Airlift Squadron explained about the operation, "Everybody is learning here. These types of disasters, though rare, can obviously be very detrimental. So it's vital that responders stay prepared and equipped to work together towards a fast and efficient solution."

The next exercise is scheduled for Spring 2007 on the Oregon coast.

Historic change of commands for MSG

Tech Sgt. Ken Sloat
Public Affairs Specialist

In a first-ever for the 910th Airlift Wing, command of six organizations within the 910th Mission Support Group received new leadership during a single ceremony here Nov. 5.

Rather than merely hire a new deputy commander for the Mission Support Group, Col. William D. Stephens, Commander of the 910th MSG chose instead to capitalize on the talents of various officers within the MSG by relocating five commanders and elevating a sixth officer to unit commander status.

The move was prompted by the permanent change of station of Col. Ralph J. Romine who has been hired as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee by the commander of the 88th Air Base Wing located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Col Romine leaves his position as 910th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander after more than six years in the position.

The vacancy created by Col. Romine's departure made room to elevate Lt. Col Christopher L. Kenny, former commander of the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron to the new position.

Lt. Col. Kenny had commanded the 910th CES since Dec. 2003. Following him as commander will be Lt. Col. Bryan C. Miner.

Lt. Col. Miner is a civil engineer employed by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers and has also commanded a civil engineer squadron at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Niagara Falls, New York. He had been the 910th Logistics Readiness Commander since May 2004.

Replacing him as the commander of the LRS is Lt. Col. Mark C. Schierloh. Lt. Col. Schierloh comes to the position after having commanded the 76th for more than three years.

Following him as commander of the 76th APS is Maj. Robert M. Hudson. Maj. Hudson is returning to the APS after having commanded the 910th



U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech Sgt. Ken Sloat

Col. William Stephens, 910th Mission Support Group Commander, explains the importance of the leadership realignment during the change of command ceremony Nov. 5.

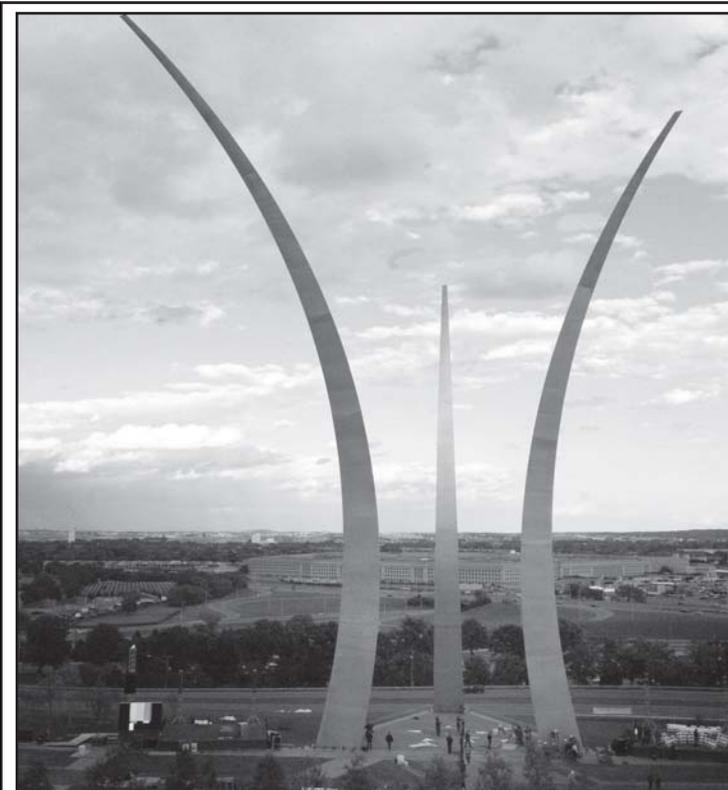
Mission Support Flight for a little more than a year. Prior to his command he was assigned to the 76th APS as an operations officer.

Following him as new commander of the MSF is Maj. Stephanie A. Welhouse. Maj. Welhouse relinquished command of the 910th Service Squadron which she has held since June 2003 to accept her new command.

Assuming command from her is Capt. Thomas R. Latsko. Capt Latsko has held several leadership positions within the Services Squadron including operations officer which he has held for the last six years.

This unprecedented mass change of command was engineered by Col. Stephens, to maximize the talents of key leaders within the Group and create an environment for "positive growth and success for years to come."

Recognizing the achievements that caused him to realign so many commanders, Col. Stephens said, "The multitude of talents of these individuals made this an easy move."



U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Larry A. Simmons

Air Force Memorial Dedication

On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot Jr. during a dedication ceremony at its Arlington, VA location overlooking the Pentagon on Saturday, Oct 14. Also in attendance were Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. Designed by the late James Ingo Freed, the memorial with its three soaring spires inspired by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds bomb burst maneuver, pays tribute to and honors the patriotic men and women of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations. "A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

Here's a toast to the host ...

Senior Airman Ann Wilkins Jefferson
Public Affairs Specialist

Hundreds of snazzy Airmen, scores of shiny medals, dozens of gorgeous gowns, four branches of the military, two impressive generals and one official military band all added up to a successful 910th Airlift Wing Military Ball, held at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006.

The wing was honored to have Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, attend the ball as the keynote speaker.

Lt. Gen. Bradley remarked that he was going to shy away from his norm and instead center his talk around the "Proud Heritage, Tradition of Excellence" theme of the evening. First he had the mess watch an inspiring film highlighting the history and upcoming 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. The general then gave his remarks, stressing that due to its history of excellence, he was never really too concerned about the Youngstown base being shut down during the Base

AFRC commander congratulates 910th during military ball



U. S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Force Reserve, gives the keynote speech for the 910th's military ball

Realignment and Closure Act proceedings last year, due to the 910th's 51-year history and "tradition of excellence" as being a key in the nation's defense.

Prior to the 7 p.m. dinner, guests mingled during cocktail hour. 1st Lt. Nathan List served as host, calling the mess to dinner at 7 p.m.

Next, introductions and toasts were given by the attention-grabbing master of ceremonies, retired Brig. Gen. Tim White, who is also the co-news anchor for WKYC Channel 3 in Cleveland.

Ball-goers feasted on chicken or beef dinners, and were treated to souvenir chocolates, electric candles and wine glasses with the wing shield.

Formal ceremonies came to a close with thank-you presentations from Col. Tim Thomson to the two generals. Finally, the mess got up to boogie down to the music of Reserve Generation, from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The next military ball is projected to be held Fall of 2008.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rick

Reserve Generation, from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, performs during the partying in full swing.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James Brock

Retired Brig. Gen. Tim White incorporates his wit, wisdom and booming voice in his role as master of ceremonies, smoothly delivering toasts, introductions and explanations to the mess. White is also co-news anchor for television station WKYC Channel 3 in Cleveland, an NBC affiliate.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James Brock

Airmen and their dates wait in line to have professional photographs taken.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rick

Senior Airman Charlethea Francis, 77th AS aviation management, and her date pose in front of an ice sculpture, part of the many elegant decorations adorning the Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center.



U. S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James Brock

2nd Lt. Alan Julian, 910th AW Financial Management; Maj. Stephanie Welhouse, 910th SVS commander; Capt. Sheila Demboski, AFRC aide to the commander; and Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and

AFRC commander, discuss a photo of Lt. Julian's April 21, 2005 graduation from the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, Tenn., a program for AFR and ANG. Lt. Gen. Bradley commissioned the lieutenants at that graduation.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

Couples dance the night away after dinner ended and the band began to play.



U. S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James Brock

Members of the head table charge their glasses for the ceremonial toasts.

Members of the mess raise their wine glasses for one of many toasts. Aside from the 910th Airmen, guests attending the ball included local community leaders, civilian workers from base, Air Force retirees, and servicemembers from the Navy, Marine Corps and Army.



U. S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. James Brock

Air Force Reserve: Diversity is more than skin deep

Bo Joyner

Air Force Reserve Command

11/3/2006 - **ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** — More than 200 Air Force Reserve people converged on Colorado Springs Oct. 25-27 and then headed back to their home bases with ideas for improving their local Human Resources Development Councils.

Air Force Reserve Command's HRDC hosted a three-day workshop in downtown Colorado Springs, which attracted participants from around the country. The councils advise commanders and make recommendations on anything related to their people.

"I have four goals for our participants this week," said Maj. Gen. Peter K. Sullivan, mobilization assistant to the assistant secretary of the Air Force, manpower and reserve affairs, in the Pentagon and chairman of AFRC's HRDC, as he kicked off the conference. "We want to provide updates on current Air Force human resources initiatives and efforts. We want to provide tools and practices you can take back to improve your unit HRDCs. We want to provide networking opportunities so you can learn from other councils' successes and failures. And, we want you to have fun."

Judging from the reaction of the participants, all of General Sullivan's goals were met.

"We had some challenges with the weather that kept some of our guest speakers away, but I think all of our participants will be taking useful information back to their local HRDC," General Sullivan said.

A blizzard on the next-to-last day of the conference blanketed Colorado Springs with more than a foot of snow and wreaked havoc on air travel in the Colorado area.

At the end of the conference, General Sullivan passed the reigns of the command HRDC to Maj. Gen. Linda S. Hemminger, deputy joint staff surgeon and director, Joint Reserve Medical Readiness Operations and Affairs, Joint Staff, Logistics Directorate, J4, Health Service Support Division at the Pentagon.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as chairperson of AFRC's Human Resources Development Council," General Hemminger said. "It's a great honor to follow in the footsteps of General Sullivan and all of our previous HRDC chairs. I'm eager to build on the momentum we generated here at the workshop as we strive to take care of all of the people who serve in today's Air Force Reserve."

"This was a great workshop with a lot of good information," said Lt. Col. David E. Herndon of the 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. "Most importantly for me, it was an excellent opportunity to network and benchmark. We got a lot of good ideas we can take back and get our local HRDC back up to speed."

"It was great to get the big picture of what is happening throughout the Air Force, but I think it was even more important to have the opportunity to meet and talk to people one-on-one," said Senior Airman Nicole Cyrus from the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash. "Everyone here was very open and willing to share their experiences."

Airman Cyrus was a member of the First-Term Airman's Panel - seven young Airmen who shared their thoughts on the workshop's final day. The Airmen spoke candidly on topics ranging from diversity to mentoring to finding enough time to complete all of their necessary training.

From their comments, it appears AFRC is on its way to achieving its goal of having a diverse work force where everyone has the same opportunities for advancement and to reach their goals.

"When I look at this room, I don't see black, white, Hispanic or whatever, I just see Airmen in the same uniform working together to get the job done," said Staff Sgt. Eric Pena from the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., and one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. "And my leadership sees things the same way. At my base, the leadership doesn't look at race. It all comes down to who can get the job done."

Other members of the panel were Senior Airman Adnan Ramadani, 439th AW, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.; Staff Sgt. Lily Guo, 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Earnest Hieks, 73rd Aerial Port Squadron, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Carswell Field, Texas; Senior Airman Albert Spencer-Wise, 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah; and Senior Airman Joseph Cervantes, 934th AW, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

"I think the First-Term Airman's Panel was the highlight of the conference," General Sullivan said. "It's exciting to see the caliber of young people we have in the Air Force Reserve today, knowing that they will be our leaders of tomorrow."

In addition to the first-term airmen, the workshop also featured a chief's panel and a senior leader's panel.

Another highlight of the conference was a presentation from Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. General Bradley presented the

McNeil Award to the 445th AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, representing 4th Air Force, for having the best local HRDC program in the command. The award is named in honor of retired Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil, a former command HRDC chairman.

Other numbered air force winners were 10th Air Force's 340th Flying Training Group, Randolph AFB, Texas, and 22nd Air Force's 914th AW, Niagara Falls IAPARS, N.Y. The Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill., was honored for having the best HRDC program within the individual mobilization augmentee community.

After presenting the awards, General Bradley explained his vision for AFRC: One Air Force, Same Fight ... An Unrivaled Wingman and talked about how diversity fits into that vision.

"It's important that we reflect our country from a race and gender standpoint, but having a diversity of ideas is what's really important," the general said. "That's what will make us stronger. Having a diverse appearance is wonderful, but what's really important is having people who look at the world differently and bring different ideas to the table. We need these fresh ideas."

Lt. Col. Jerry Herbel of the commander's action group at AFRC headquarters, Robins AFB, stressed the importance of effective communication in his breakout session on strategic communication.

"An absence of information will be filled by misinformation," he said. "That's why it's vital that all commanders are communicators and that they get the information out sooner as opposed to later."

Mentoring was another popular topic of discussion at the workshop. Col. Mary Hittmeier, an IMA assigned to Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., spoke about the importance of mentoring a diverse work force.

"We tend to seek out mentors and mentor to people who look like we do," she said. "But to learn, grow and stretch, we need to surround ourselves with people who aren't like us. Mentoring is the glue that keeps force development on track. It can last 60 seconds or it can last 60 years, but it's vital that every member of the Reserve team find mentors they can trust and that they pass on what they know to others around them."

That's what this HRDC workshop was all about: Airmen sharing what they know and looking for better ways to take care of their people when they get back to their base. AFRC held its first HRDC workshop in 1997 and has an HRDC workshop about every two years.

New I.D. cards more secure than earlier versions

New identification cards now being issued to some Defense Department employees will help standardize federal work force identification and enhance security, a senior Department of Defense official said in Washington, DC Nov. 1.

The new common access card is part of departmental transformation efforts that harness common business practices to make the organization more efficient, said David S.C. Chu, the undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness.

“A key element of this new card is it is a more secure document” than its predecessor, Chu said.

The new card, he said, accomplishes three main objectives:

- It makes the identification process more efficient;
- It helps prevent identity theft or fraud; and
- It better protects personal information, thus enhancing individual privacy.

The department began issuing the new ID cards Oct. 27. They will be provided to employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates.

The new card looks similar to the old one, but it features several enhancements, said Mary Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va. For example, the new CAC contains two fingerprints and a digital photograph, she noted.

Additionally, “we’re going to check to make sure you’ve had your background checks before we issue the card,” Dixon said. “That is something we have not done in the past, but we will be doing this now.”

President Bush directed that a single ID card be developed that’s interoperable across all federal agencies, Chu said. The Defense Department, he noted, has had CACs for some years now.

“So, we’re using that foundation as our stepping stone to reach the president’s goal,” Chu said.

Using one common ID card throughout the federal government “builds trust across agencies, because there is then just one credential,” Chu said.

Reserve Deserving Airman commission opportunity

The 910th Airlift Wing currently has an opportunity for enlisted members to compete for officer vacancies in grades of Second Lieutenant through Captain. Selection will be made for the most qualified, motivated, and deserving individual(s). Some of the eligibility requirements are being medically qualified; meet the weight and fitness standards; possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree; be under the age of 35 as of date of commissioning and possess a minimum passing score on the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT). After completing the entire package requirements, you must meet a commissioning board comprised of officers assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing. These boards meet quarterly or as needed. *The next board is scheduled for the January 2007 Unit Training Assembly* (time and location to be determined). For additional information, contact Master Sgt. Jennifer McKendree at 330-609-1094.

The position to be filled is within the 910th Operations Support Squadron, 86M0, Executive Officer.

Steps for submitting travel vouchers, orders to Finance

Remember to follow these procedures when you submit travel vouchers and orders to the 910th’s Finance office:

1. For final vouchers, complete whole itinerary for entire TDY and turn in all original receipts.
2. When claiming terminal mileage, claim it under reimbursable expenses in block 18 of the travel voucher.
3. When claiming lodging, lodging taxes need to be claimed as a separate expense under reimbursable expenses in block 18 of travel voucher.
4. Supervisors’ signatures are required on all travel vouchers.
5. Remember to turn in two copies of the orders and make copies of the backs of the orders.
6. If in a commuting status, the back side of the orders need to be completed with mileage, mode of travel, and signature.
7. Approving officer’s signatures are needed in block 21 of the travel voucher if the member is claiming conference fees, excess baggage, rental cars, and phone calls for official business if not already stated in orders.
8. If the dates on orders change, the modification must be completed prior to the voucher and orders being submitted to the office.
9. Do not include UTA status dates in the order.
10. When claiming Government Charge Card fees and ATM fees, they need to be separated and listed under reimbursable expenses in block 18 of travel voucher.

TIPS: Prepare your car for winter weather

As winter approaches, CarMax Inc., a retailer of used cars, offers advice on how to make sure your car is ready for cold weather. Automotive service technicians from the company recommend following these 10 winterizing tips:

1. **Check your anti-freeze.** The best ratio of anti-freeze to water is 50/50. The number one cause of engine-related breakdowns is cooling system failure. Prevent this by having your cooling system flushed every two years.

2. **Replace your windshield wiper blades twice a year.** Fill the windshield washer reservoir with freeze resistant wiper fluid (plain water and standard windshield washer fluid will freeze) and keep an extra gallon in the trunk.

3. **Check your battery.** If the battery is more than three years old, have a technician test its capacity. Have the alternator tested at the same time. Make sure the battery terminal ends are corrosion-free.

4. **Check your tire pressure.** Check the pressure when the tires are cold, and set the pressure to the car manufacturer’s recommendations for your specific tires. When the weather turns cold, the air inside the tire will contract and the pressure will drop.

5. **Look at the tread depth on your tires.** Put a penny headfirst between the treads. If you can see the top of Lincoln’s hair, it’s time to replace the tire.

6. **Check your spare tire.** Make sure it has the proper air pressure and tread depth and that all the proper tire-changing equipment is in the vehicle.

7. **Check that your lights, heater and defrosters are working properly.**

8. **Check all rubber hoses and belts to ensure they are not damaged.** Coolant hoses wear from the inside out. Inspect for heavy cracks or chunking in the belts. Alternatively, have a professional inspect all hoses and belts.

9. **Have your car’s brake system checked** if you haven’t had the system inspected in the last six months.

10. **Assemble a winter emergency kit for the trunk of your vehicle.** Visit www.oshagovalstc/emergencypreparedness/guides/winterstorms.html for a list of items.

Finally, read your owner’s manual and follow the manufacturer’s recommended service schedules. And slow down!

Safety precautions for exercising in the cold

Just as exercising in the warm weather can be dangerous, the same applies to exercising in the cold. The human body possesses a lesser capacity for adaptation to prolonged cold exposure than to long term exposure to the heat. As a result, there are many safety considerations for effectively preparing the body to exercise in the cold.

Stay Well Hydrated

One key to surviving the cold is to stay hydrated. Thirst is not a good indication of hydration, so be sure to drink plenty of water on a regular basis throughout the day. It is important to remember that people can lose a significant amount of body fluids through sweat even in cold temperatures. Use the following guidelines to promote optimal hydration:

- Drink at least 8-12 cups of water each day. (1 cup = 8 ounces)
- Drink 2 cups of water about two hours *before* exercising.
- Drink 1 cup of water 15-30 minutes *before* the workout.
- Drink at least ½- 1 cup of water every 10-20 minutes *during* exercise.
- *After* exercise, drink to satisfy your thirst and then drink some more.
- Cool water is always a good choice. It is easy to obtain, inexpensive, absorbed quickly and is what your body needs.
- 100% fruit juice is an excellent option after exercise to replace lost fluids, electrolytes, and carbohydrates.
- A general rule is to consume two cups of water for every pound of body weight lost during exercise.
- Beverages containing caffeine or alcohol are not good choices. They are diuretics, which contribute to fluid loss and dehydration.

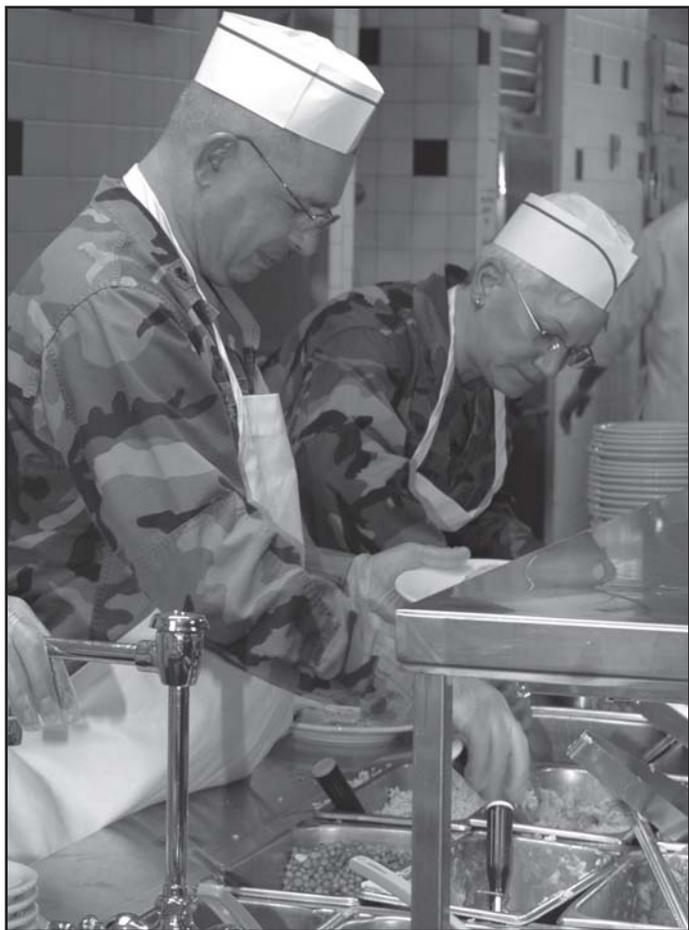
Proper Clothing

The predominant concern when faced with exercising in cold environments is to properly cover exposed areas of skin. If there is one key to properly clothing yourself, it is to remember to cover your head during exercise. A person's head may lose up to half the body's total heat production at 39°F when not covered. While there are many options for proper clothing, the ideal cold weather garment is impermeable to air movement, but permits the escape of water vapor from the skin if sweating occurs.

- Remember that the clothing layer closest to the skin must be effective in taking moisture away from the body.
- After this first layer add an insulating layer to keep the body from losing warmth.
- Synthetics, such as Polypropylene and Polartec, work best for allowing the garment to dry quickly.

Be Aware of the Wind Chill

One problem in evaluating actual temperature in the environment is that a normal temperature reading is not always a valid indication of coldness. The factor that must also be analyzed is that of wind velocity. Wind velocity combines with air temperature to produce a reading known as "wind chill". Wind chill provides a more accurate estimation of the severity of weather conditions. For example, an air temperature of 30°F is equivalent to a wind chill reading of 0°F when the wind is 25 mph.



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Air Force we serve

Lt. Col. Peter M. Kazarovich and Col. Anna M. Schulte, serve up the annual holiday meal here during the November UTA. Unit commanders and the Chief's Group have carried on this tradition at the 910th for more than 30 years.



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BACK IN THE DAY: Sammy Davis Jr. performs for members of the 910th Carrier Group near Hangar 302 fifty years ago.

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Playing it safe

Airman 1st Class Maryssa Molesky, 910th Security Forces Squadron, assists a student at Cortland Elementary School with donning a protective vest. Several security forces Reservists participated in Safety Day at the school in October.

NEWCOMERS

Col. Sue A. Donahey, 910th Medical Sq.

Maj. William E. Kowalewski, 910th Civil Engineer Sq.

Maj. Paul R. Morgan, 773rd Airlift Sq.

Maj. Rodney M. Waite, 910th Medical Sq.

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910th AW reservists prove “One force, one mission”

Master Sgt. David E. Elonen

910th Quality Assurance Avionics Instructor

When the 910th Airlift Wing deployed to Ramstein Air Base Germany from Oct. 2 to Nov. 18, 2006, it may not have realized just how major a role it would play in a huge exercise.

Several groups and units from the 910th participated in Operation JOINT FORGE and assisted the 86th Airlift Wing, based at Ramstein AB in Germany, in Operation ATLANTA. Operation JOINT FORGE is part of a NATO-led Stabilization Force supporting peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Operation ATLANTA was a two-day training exercise to demonstrate the ability to efficiently complete the joint mission planning process for large scale airborne insertion. The operation also provided additional logistics training to regain proficiency in large formation planning and execution.

During Operation ATLANTA, two of the 910th's C-130H aircraft and crews teamed up with six C-130E aircraft from the 86th AW active duty forces to provide the jump platforms for the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers. This was the largest 86th AW formation flight since 2002. After the formation taxied out, led by one of the 910th aircraft, all eight aircraft took off and returned to do a low level flyby of the airfield.

The story of the airdrop was highlighted in the Oct. 17 edition of “The Stars and Stripes” newspaper with one of the 910th aircraft featured on the front page.

The flight provided training for the Army to maintain proficiency in personnel airdrop procedures and provided proficiency jumps for more than 650 paratroopers over the course of the operation. The troops were dropped at the Grafenwohr Training Area in Germany.

The 86th Airlift Wing is the European Command's (EUCOM) only dedicated tactical airdrop platform supporting both special operations and conventional forces. The 37th Airlift Squadron fly the aircraft, and conduct the airdrop and air land operations. Army Airborne units, such as SETAF (South European Task Force, a rapid-reaction Army-led joint task force headquarters), provide the combatant trained and ready combat forces capable of deploying anywhere in the world when directed within 24 hours of alert. EUCOM Airborne units rely heavily on 86th AW to provide tactical airlift platforms for rapid insertion of troops. To ensure mission success, the airdrop planners must be capable of efficiently executing the joint planning process on short notice. Critical training exercises such as Operation ATLANTA are excellent training opportunities that bolster interoperability and coordination between the Air Force and the Army warriors.

“In my opinion, this was one of, if not the,

smoothest deployments I have ever participated in during my 35 years of service. It was an absolute joy to work with the dedicated professionals not only with the maintainers but with the Operations folks as well,” said Chief Master Sgt. Garry E. Horton, 910th Maintenance Squadron Superintendent.

Horton credited the leadership of the deployment as being “perfect,” including Lt. Col. John D. Williams, mission commander; and Maj. Jeffrey T. Shaffer, operations officer. He also recognized Senior Master Sgts. Patrick E. McMenamin and William A. Rooks of the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for coordinating the maintenance effort.

“They were always there for any situation that could have developed,” Horton explained. “The aircraft held up extremely well and everyone’s morale and devotion to the mission was unsurpassed.”

In addition, Horton highlighted the hard work of those on the mission commander’s staff who worked behind the scenes, especially Senior Master Sgt. Douglas J. Shepard, First Sergeant, for taking care of all the quality of life issues for both the officers and enlisted personnel.

“The multi-ship formation was a unique opportunity for us to participate in. It allowed the USAFE and Ramstein commanders to see the integration of the active duty and Reserve forces,” commented Lt. Col. Williams. “We do not get the chance to fly in such a large formation very often so it awarded our crews a great chance to train.”



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910th's C-130H aircraft and crews provide the jump platforms for the 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers.

Williams mentioned that the red, white and blue colors on the fin flash (tails) of the Youngstown aircraft really stood out, which he said caught the attention of the USAFE four-star general and the Ramstein commander who saw it.

“They had nothing but wonderful things to say about Youngstown in that eight-ship formation,” Williams remarked.

Youngstown reservists have been known to say that the aircraft of the 910th never fly empty; that they always have the 910th tradition to carry out its mission of superior operation during the global reach of its aircraft and personnel. This Operation ATLANTA deployment proved that some things never change.

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