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Gearin' up for the Operational Readiness Exercise  
November 13-18, Gulfport CRTC

# FROM THE TOP

## Reset your soul, be excellent to each other

**Col. Karl McGregor**

910th Airlift Wing Commander

This holiday season, families all across America will gather with neighbors and friends to rekindle old friendships, revive traditions, and renew the hope and love that are part of the season.

As a kid the holidays were special to me. The combination of school-free days, presents, sports on TV, and visiting family made for memorable times. As a young Airman, fresh from tech school, I remember coming home at 19 years of age and buying presents for my three younger brothers and younger sister for the first time with my own money. The excitement in the morning when presents were opened made the money spent insignificant and that half a night spent putting together bicycles and big wheels worth every minute of lost sleep. Those times are both precious and becoming harder to find. I urge the members of the 910th to take the time this season to share in fellowship with family and neighbors, to rekindle that holiday spirit and reset your soul.

Couple of suggestions: Watch Rudolph and the Grinch with the youngest member of your



**Col. Karl McGregor**

extended family. If you have a “young adult” in your life, let them teach you to play at least one video game (Wii golf rocks). Set some time aside for that other adult in your life and really communicate (yes, I know how hard that can be — do it anyway). Get out there and throw the football around with your coworkers ... try not to create an LOD while you do that. My final wish is for us to “be excellent to each other” in the coming year. Youngstown ARS hosts an amazing number of quality individuals

and wonderful functional teams, don't let personal rifts sour your workplace. Take some time to evaluate your own approach to relationships with your coworkers and supervisor. We should all be truly working for the common good of the team. I want everyone to be able to look forward to coming to work.

As Reservists, you are the sharp sword of freedom. You work with little complaint, in dangerous skies and on hostile lands. You voluntarily put your lives at risk and sacrifice your comfort and the comfort of your families so that all of our fellow citizens can enjoy the blessings and the benefits of liberty. It's a sacrifice made even more precious by the fact that you render it so willingly. In describing the citizen soldiers of an earlier era, historian Stephen Ambrose wrote, “At the core, they knew the difference between right and wrong and were unwilling to live in a world in which evil triumphed. So they fought and they won, and we and those yet to be born are eternally grateful.”

Like those heroes of that earlier era, you, too, have decided to make a stand. I salute your courage. I appreciate your sacrifice, and I am confident in our success.

## Recall traditions, blessings during holidays

**Chaplain (Capt.) Scott M. Campbell**

910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

The holidays have quickly come upon us once again. It seems like it was just yesterday that my family was celebrating our annual traditions. My family begins our holiday tradition during the week of Thanksgiving when we connect with my wife's family and friends at Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge. What started our with just two families renting two cabins over 25 years ago has turned into eleven families renting six cabins bringing together approximately 50 people enjoying Thanksgiving dinner as one big happy family. It adds a new dimension to the phrase “pass the turkey.” My family then begins its transition into the Christmas season where we always have an open door and invite guests to our home for more parties. We then finish off the holidays with a New Year's celebration, watch some football on Jan. 1 and begin the new year remembering all of

our blessings that God has bestowed upon our family.

The holidays are always a great time to get together with family and share some old stories and make new memories. What are your family traditions? Whatever traditions from your faith background you may have, look around and see the blessings that God has bestowed upon you. In a country where we have been given so much, we fail to recognize the true blessings of our family and friends. I would like to encourage you to try and spend more time with your family during the holiday season, and maybe you can start a new tradition.

For those who may have lost a loved one in the past year, my prayers are with you during this season as well. It is difficult during this time of year for you, but I would encourage you to do something special in remembrance of your loved one. The will always hold a special place in your heart.

May God bless you during this holiday season.



### The Commander's ACTION LINE

*Editor's Note: Due to the Commander's and Chaplain's Holiday Messages, there is not sufficient room to run the Commander's Action Line questions and responses in this issue. This feature will return in the January Airstream.*

... is a way for 910th members to have questions answered or express concerns about life on the base. 910th AW commander, Col. Karl McGregor, gives these queries his personal attention. Reservists should use their chain of command when dealing with problems and concerns prior to using the Action Line. Reach the action line via e-mail at [pa@youngstown.af.mil](mailto:pa@youngstown.af.mil). When using the line, include name, unit and phone number in case additional information is needed for a timely response.

While all action line questions will be answered, The Airstream will publish questions and responses based on space availability. Questions may also be edited for space and clarity considerations. However, these edits will not alter the nature of the intended question.



Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum

## Please pass the turkey

Lt. Col. Bryan Miner, commander of the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron (left), hands a plate of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn to a Reservist assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing here during the Thanksgiving meal at the dining facility on Saturday of the November UTA. Chief Master Sgt. Tom Powner, chief of the 910th Civil Engineer Fire

Department (center), prepares a plate for the next Airman in the dining line. It has been a long-standing military practice that officers and senior non-commissioned officers serve the traditional holiday meal — consisting of turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce as well as all of the side fixings — to junior enlisted servicemembers as a sign of appreciation for the enlisted corps' dedicated service throughout the year.

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### On the cover...

**Master Sgt. Corsini A. Fobbs, electronic warfare systems NCOIC with the 910th Maintenance Squadron, dons his MCU-2A/P protective mask in preparation for processing through a mock-up contamination control area Nov. 4 during an ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate) Fair here in Hangar 302.**

# Readiness readies Reservists for ORE, ORI



Capt. Brent J. Davis

Senior Airman Brenda S. Dunch, a Readiness journeyman, discusses the importance of the contamination control area process with fellow 910th Reservists.



Senior Airman Clinton E. Kline

**SENSE OF URGENCY:** Reservists pair off while honing their mask-donning skills in preparation for processing through the Contamination Control Area (CCA).

The 910th Readiness Flight led by Chief Master Sgt. Lou Cox provided numerous training classes on primary and alternate UTAs over the past several months for members preparing to deploy to the Operational Readiness Exercise scheduled for Nov. 13-18 at Gulfport CRTC, Miss.

Shown here the Readiness staff members oversee training at an Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) Fair affording Reservists one last opportunity to get some hands-on training donning and doffing the chemical protective groundcrew ensemble.

The Readiness Flight plays a vital role in ensuring the 910th Airlift Wing is successful in achieving high marks during the April 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection. Some of its responsibilities include training specialized teams to identify, mark and report various contamination as well as unexploded ordnance. In addition, Readiness specialists are trained to plot incoming chemical and biological hazards allowing wing personnel advance notice to take protective measures.



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Mike Presco, a Readiness program specialist, gives 910th Reservists a refresher on properly inspecting and wearing the MCU-2A/P series protective mask.



Tech Sgt. Dennis J. Kilker Jr.

Master Sgt. Gary L. Henderson, an operations assistant with the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps his buddy tighten the hood cord preventing the mask from fogging up.

# FEATURES

## 910th Reservist is Starr for national recruiting program

**Master Sgt. Jason Tudor**

Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service

A mail carrier and traditional Reservist from Ohio helped recruit 10 people and earned top honors in a program that embodies the phrase “we are all recruiters.”

Tech. Sgt. Brian Starr earned honors as the top “Get 1 Now” agent for fiscal 2007 during a ceremony at the end of October. Sergeant Starr, an air transportation craftsman assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing in Youngstown, Ohio, helped 10 people join the Air Force Reserve. He helped five others find the recruiters’ office.

The Get 1 Now program is open to all Air Force Reservists. Citizen Airmen who spot potential recruits can refer them to a recruiter and receive credit for that referral. If the referral completes the recruiting process and joins the Air Force Reserve — then called an accession — the referring Reservist gets a separate credit for that.

A former Soldier who wanted to be a recruiter, Sergeant Starr left the Army in 1996 after almost 11 years to concentrate on his single-parenting obligations. However, following the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and his father’s illness, he wanted to return to the military. While delivering mail, the circumstances and his curiosity led him to an Air

Force Reserve recruiter’s office in 2002.

“I asked what it would take to get me back in the service,” Sergeant Starr said. He then took the standard battery of tests, met with members of his future squadron and the next week, he joined. “Ever since, I have spread the word about how well the Air Force Reserve treats people and how it’s possible to be promoted through hard work and effort.”

Sergeant Starr said he has enthusiasm for recruiting because he enjoys working with the recruiters at the Cleveland National Air Show each year. He is not, however, ready to swap careers for a recruiting badge just yet.

“I love my job as a postman,” he said. “Being a traditional Reservist, I have the best of both worlds.”

The numbers are also remarkable. Sergeant Starr saw 10 of his referrals join the Air Force Reserve. In previous years, Get 1 Now winners have average between four and five people who join. Col. Francis M. Mungavin, commander of Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service, said efforts like those given by Sergeant Starr help keep the Reserve tops in DOD recruiting.

“Ten is an amazing number,” the colonel said. “The fact he’s out there and doing such great things to enable our recruiting team says volumes about the quality of life the Air Force



Courtesy photo

**Despite being deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, from May through September 2007, Tech. Sgt. Brian Starr still found time to help recruit several people to join the Air Force Reserve. Sergeant Starr earned honors as the Reserve’s top “Get 1 Now” agent for fiscal 2007, with a total of 10 new Reservists joining through his referral.**

Reserve offers from top to bottom.”

Sergeant Starr said the military has been good to him and his family, so he’s not going to stop assisting in the recruiting process.

“The urge to recruit is natural,” he said. “I like talking to people.”

For more on the Get 1 Now program, go to [www.get1now.us](http://www.get1now.us).

## How to use the Get 1 Now referral program:

**Pick up your individual Get 1 Now recruiting card in the lunch line during “A” UTAs or at the Recruiting Office!**

If you would like to submit a referral for a potential Air Force Reservist like Tech. Sgt. Starr (see above) did so often this year, the easiest way to do that is by using the Get 1 Now Web site, [www.get1now.us](http://www.get1now.us).

Yet you do have other options. You can call 1-877-786-2372, click on the “chat” button on the Web site or send an e-mail.

To use the Web site, you first have to register. It’s a very simple process that only takes one minute to do. The Reserve has already assigned a User Name and Password to all Reservists and printed out an individual “Get 1 Now” card with your information on it for you. All you have to do is pick up your card in the lunch line of the dining hall, where our Recruiting Office will have a table set up during each “A” UTA. Or, call Senior Master Sgt. Alex Brown, senior recruiter, at Ext. 1394. You can also go to his office in Building 101, Room 104 to pick up your card.



Once you’re registered online, review your contact information to make sure it’s correct. Then you’re good-to-go to enter referrals.

Your personal account will keep track of your referrals and awards. To submit a referral, click on the “Sign In” button if you’ve already registered, and go straight to your account to enter a referral. At any time, click on the “Stats” button to review your personal account, check on status of referrals and awards.

Important! For a referral to be considered for a Get 1 Award, it must be submitted by phone, by “chat,” by e-mail or on the Get 1 Now Web site. Faxes and Business Reply Cards are longer be accepted. Referrals are cumulative over time; accessions are calculated by fiscal year. Information you provide will be used by the Air Force Reserve Recruiting Offices only. Your information will never be sold, rented or distributed to any other branch of the military or third party.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Air Force officials release new annual training plan details

**Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski**

*Office of the Secretary of the AF / Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force leaders have released the details about the new annual training requirements program for the Total Force.

As of Oct. 15, all Airmen will use the new “block instruction” plan that combines nine ancillary training courses into three 30-minute blocks of training, saving more than 6 million man hours every year.

“This is a huge win for the entire Air Force,” said Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. “By tightening up our ancillary training requirements, we’ve returned vital time to all Airmen. Airmen’s time is a critical commodity as we reduce end strength while continuing to focus on our warfighting efforts.”

The new training blocks satisfy all requirements for the following subjects:

- Information Protection covers information security, NATO security, information assurance, records management, as well as the Privacy and Freedom of Information Acts

- Force Protection deals with protection from terrorism Level 1 training

- Human Relations entails combating human trafficking, suicide awareness and violence prevention

The three training blocks must be completed once per year in order to meet minimum training requirements. Timing will depend on when previous training was taken, or as directed by local commanders, according to Maj. Joel Elsbury, Air Force deputy

chief of training policy and development.

“For example, an Airman who took information awareness training in January this year and all other Information Protection (training) in April would take the new information protection block in January next year,” the major explained. “The Airman becomes ‘non-current’ in information protection in January of 2008. By retaking the complete block in January, the Airman would become current in all six subjects for one full year.”

Airmen wishing to synchronize all of their annual training are encouraged to take all three blocks at one time, accomplishing in just 90 minutes what once took more than eight hours to do, Maj. Elsbury said.

Airmen can access the training through the Advanced Distributed Learning Service Web site directly at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil> or through the link on the Air Force Portal at [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil).

Although the ADLS is the preferred method for completing this training, units will have the option to download and deliver the training blocks “off-line” as needed. This approach is designed especially for Guard and Reserve units, as well as deployed Airmen, Maj. Elsbury said.

Airmen who complete the training using ADLS will have their record updated automatically. If the off-line delivery method is used, unit training managers will manually upload course completion data into ADLS to ensure full credit. Reserve units also will have the option of tracking completions through ReserveNet. Annual training requirements can be found at the ADLS Web site.

## Base firing range trespass notice

The base firing range is located at Building 530 on Twining Road. A flag pole and a rotating beacon are located at the entry to the facility. Whenever the 18-foot red streamer is flying and/or the rotating red beacon is on, firing is in progress. Trespassing is strictly prohibited near and around the firing range during weapons firing. It is not only illegal but also dangerous because of gunfire. If you have a valid need for entry when firing is in progress, you must first check in at the Combat Arms office or classroom prior to proceeding to the firing range. For more information, contact Master Sgt. William McAdoo, 910th Security Forces, at Ext. 1477 or the Security Forces Control Center at Ext. 1299. This announcement meets the intent of AFI36-2226, AFRC SUP 1, Paragraph 5.4.4, Combat Arms Program.

## Retirement procedures done online

Preparing to retire? All retirements are done online. Each unit should have a point paper to assist members with the process.

The retirement certificates are provided by HQ ARPC and usually sent to the member/unit. Units should check with members on whether they receive the retirement certificates at their homes. If so, the member should bring in the certificates so they can be presented in an informal/formal ceremony. As a

precaution please check to make sure member name and date are correct; if not, contact HQ ARPC at DSN 926-7074 for assistance; so a corrected certificate can be sent FedEx overnight.

Please ensure your commander’s e-mail address is correct to prevent any delays, and make sure the member makes three copies of the online retirement printout so the member, unit and Relocations are all provided copies to resolve any issues that arise.

# SPORTS

## Runnion’s four TDs MXS’ key to football victory

**Tech. Sgt. Dominic Peluso**

*910th MXS / MXMF*

At the November UTA football playoffs, the chill in the air was certainly swept aside by the heat the 910th Maintenance football team generated. In the opener MXS and the Medical Squadron played a hard fought game, when MXS avenged its softball loss to MDS by dismissing them to the showers with a 22-18 score.

The championship game pitted MXS against the Operation Support Squadron. Early in the first half Rob Runnion caught one of his four touchdown passes of the evening. Ed Peggs contributed with a key interception to deny OSS an extra point.

MXS heated up the field once again with a 24-18 victory against OSS and secured its second football championship in as many years.

Throughout the night MXS team members made key plays all over the field, including CB Don Baker and DL Shaun Jackson on defense, and QB Les Parkey, RB Sam Laidley and R Mike Golden on offense. Paul Wagner played for both MXS offensive and defensive lines. Assistant coaching by MXS’ Amanda Pruchnicki and cheerleading led by Desirea Miller (in combat boots!) added to the team’s success.

Since Survival Equipment Section was scheduled to join the OSS, MXS thanked its SES members Runnion, Peggs and Don McCormick for “participating as an integral part of every intramural sport we’ve had on base over the years ... exceptional athletes who brought numerous trophies home to MXS!”

## 910th Avionics Flight Airmen finish Air Force marathon

Congratulations to two 910th Maintenance Squadron Avionics Flight members who ran the 11th Annual USAF Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB Sept 15. Senior Airman Don Baker finished the 26.2-mile run in 3:22:02 (electronic chip timing) while Airman 1st Class Jeff Smith, in his marathon debut, ran 4:07:58.

Senior Master Sgt. Paul Wagner, Com/Nav NCOIC, said, “These individuals put in countless hours of preparation to compete at this Air Force competition and represented the 910th with distinction.”

The 2008 race is Saturday, Sept. 20, with full marathon, half (13.1 mile), 4-person relay, and 5K (3.1) options; [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).

# PROMOTIONS



Kathlene S. Barrett, 910th Medical Squadron  
Kassandra S. Brady, 910th Medical Squadron  
Sabrina R. Ramirez, 910th Logistics Readiness Sq.  
Joseph M. Sterl, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Marcy L. Yerkey, 910th Mission Support Flight



Corey C. Repko, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Selinda C. Sandoval-Candel, 76th Aerial Port Squadron



James L. Dawson, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Dustin M. Honious, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Justin P. Thunstrom, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Amanda M. Wierenga, 910th Medical Squadron

# NEWCOMERS

*Please welcome the following new members of the 910th AW:*

Master Sgt. Kevin G. Labudde, 910th Services Squadron  
Master Sgt. Deborah S. Simpson, 910th Services Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Timothy A. Beers, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Eddie Brown, 773rd Airlift Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Kenneth J. Koepke, 910th Services Squadron  
Staff Sgt. James C. Lazor, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Michael P. Yager, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Stephanie Barnes, 910th Medical Squadron  
Senior Airman Michael G. Hughes, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Zachary M. Eberle, 773rd Airlift Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Delton A. Everette, 910th Services Squadron  
Airman Angel R. Bartee, 910th Services Squadron  
Airman Darren L. Birdsall, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight  
Airman Ashley E. Brooks, 910th Mission Support Flight  
Airman Jackie L. Julian, 773rd Airlift Squadron  
Airman Alicia M. Pasela, 910th Communications Flight

# CONGRATULATIONS

*To the following 910th Airlift Wing members for scoring 100% on their Fit to Fight tests (with no fitness exemptions) ...*

Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift Wing  
Lt. Col. Dan Sarachene, 910th Ops. Support Sq.  
Maj. Mark Petersen, 757th Airlift Sq.  
Capt. Kathleen Betts, 910th Medical Sq.  
Capt. Jay Ference, 773rd Airlift Sq.  
Capt. Korinne Skarda, 910th Ops. Support Sq.  
Chief Master Sgt. John Amato, 76th Aerial Port Sq.

Chief Master Sgt. Garry Horton, 910th Main. Sq.  
Senior Master Sgt. David Lutza, 910th Medical Sq.  
Senior Master Sgt. Leon Robinson, 910th Civil Eng. Sq.  
Master Sgt. Jeff Burke, 76th Aerial Port Sq.  
Master Sgt. Randi Baum, 910th Recruiting Services  
Tech. Sgt. James Buist, 910th Main. Sq.  
Tech. Sgt. Crystal Gibson, 910th Medical Sq.

Tech. Sgt. Khalid Mulazim, 910th Airlift Wing  
Staff Sgt. James Brock, 910th Airlift Wing  
Staff Sgt. Jason Gallo, 910th Medical Sq.  
Senior Airman Donald Baker, 910th Main. Sq.  
Senior Airman Yolanda Conner, 76th Aerial Port Sq.  
Senior Airman Stephen Pontera, 910th Security Forces Sq.  
Senior Airman Cody Snyder, 910th Aircraft Main.Sq.



U.S. Air Force illustration/Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

**Senior Airman Ann Wilkins Jefferson**  
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of three feature articles focusing on one of the 910th's own, Tech. Sgt. Khalid Mulazim, winning a national championship in track and field. Sergeant Mulazim is a military pay technician as well as a teacher, coach, father and triathlete.*

In August 2007, Tech. Sgt. Sergeant Khalid Mulazim, a 910th military pay technician, won the men's 400-meter dash – or one lap around the track – for the 40-44 age group at the 2007 U.S.A. Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships held at the University of Maine. At 41 years old, he ran a time comparable to guys half his age. But surprisingly, the sergeant didn't even start running competitively until after college graduation.

After years of competing in other sports, in 1991 Sergeant Mulazim started running short distance races like 5 Ks (3.1 miles) in local Cleveland-area races. This was the first time he actually ran against a clock. Years passed, and he was running impressive times for his age group.

"I ran about an 18-and-a-half-minute time (for a 5K distance). Someone at one of the races said, 'You should come join our running club.' So I did, the Over the Hill Track Club in Solon (Cleveland's east side). Then I was always up front in practices. So someone said I should compete," Sergeant Mulazim explained.

He began to enter all-comers track meets after learning about them from the club's newsletter and team members. By this time he was in his mid-30s.

"I was doing so well in my age division, that people directed me to local races versus high school kids; the 35-39 age group was no



Courtesy photo

**Tech. Sgt. Khalid Mulazim became the national champion in the age 40-44 men's 400-meter dash at the U.S.A. National Masters Championship held at the University of Maine in August 2007.**

competition for me," he explained, modestly but matter-of-factly.

A challenge like that was welcomed by Sergeant Mulazim. In fact, in 1997, he had taken up another challenge: joining the military.

"It was always something I wanted to do. I wanted to join Special Forces," he said.

So he went to the Army to inquire about becoming a Ranger. But he was told he had to first go active duty first in another MOS (military occupation specialty, equivalent to an AFSC). He didn't want to do that, though.

"But I signed up just to get the experience," Sergeant Mulazim said, telling the recruiter he'd

still join "if you give me something to do with math."

He was given an MOS in finance, working in the field continuously from 1997 through his switch to the Air Force Reserve in 2005.

As a military pay technician, Sergeant Mulazim helps see that Airmen's pay issues are addressed. His supervisor, now-retired Senior Master Sgt. Richard Glus, said he knew about the tech sergeant's races, knew he was a good runner. He said Sergeant Mulazim never had to ask off to go to meets, though.

"I know he tried to join the Air Force team, but he did that on his own time. I say if you've got the talent, go for it!"

Fellow Reservists here are no strangers to the tech sergeant's athletic talents. Aside from stellar fitness test scores, his skills are often on display during intramural sports games, where the only math and running he's doing then is helping run up the score.

Finance is not far off what the sergeant does in his civilian occupation. A Lyndhurst resident on Cleveland's east side, he is a math teacher for all grade levels at Shaw High School in East Cleveland. He completed his master's degree in education from Cleveland State University in 2002 through the Army GI bill.

Sergeant Mulazim is also an educator outside the classroom, supporting Shaw's Army Junior ROTC program, for instance. "I go to the balls and dining-ins. It's just so students can see my face in a different role, that you have a life, that you're in the military. And they can ask questions."

But he even goes a few strides further in mentoring youth ...

*Next issue: Coach, competitor and father*

*Please keep our  
Servicemembers on duty  
around the globe in your  
thoughts during this  
Holiday Season  
and in the coming  
New Year!*

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