

THE Airstream



910th Airlift Wing Completes
ORI 2008: Details Inside!

FROM THE TOP

910th Airlift Wing: Combat-ready and ready to rumble

Col. Karl McGregor

910th Airlift Wing Commander

Question: How did we really do on the ORI? Seems like a simple enough question, yet the answer is a little bit complicated.

The overall grade we received was **combat-ready (Satisfactory)**, but we already knew we could deploy to war, since we've proven this with OEF, OIF, and by our ability to deploy members into the AEF.

The real ORI test and test grade were for deploying a large portion of the wing into a chemical threat, wartime environment, and effectively operating. The graded areas were Initial Response - Satisfactory, Employment - Excellent, Mission Support - Satisfactory, and ATSO - Satisfactory.

The IR performance was extremely strong with LRS and our contractors nearly flawless. The team chief noted that it was the best he had seen in his two years of inspecting. The actual movement of personnel to Gulfport was also notable with every C-130 arriving on schedule and both wings meeting closure (the time the IG says all equipment and personnel must be in place) well ahead of the requirement.

For employment, the ADVON (Advance Team) led the charge, arrived right on time, and immediately beginning the process of preparing to bed down the main body of deployers. This team consisted of only the toughest and most sleep-deprived individuals. They rolled in and 16 hours later started receiving the first chinks. Base build up was smooth and steady, and after two days the night shift kicked off the war. Night 1 was a learning experience as we were missile attacked,



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ground attacked, and task-eval'd by the inspection team. Night 2 we were firing on all cylinders and we defeated every threat that the IG could throw our way. The IG noted that command and control was very strong. There were zero Major or Minor Findings for C2, Maintenance, Ops, Intel, APS, Log Plans, or Safety. Under the most challenging conditions we successfully launched aircraft and performed our mission.

Mission Support, a very large graded area, included all the staff functions as well as Logistics, Medical, SF, Personnel, Services, CE, and Comm. I truly saw excellence across the board, from the Personnel Section recovering after the day shift lost all their computers and paperwork, right through the historian stepping in to run a PA scenario. I watched first hand, as a victim of the IG, while the medical community worked serious magic from their tents, and I rode in a contaminated truck with some very dedicated transportation troops. I heard the IG brag about the cleanliness and professionalism in mortuary affairs, and the food service at the DFAC. Command Post, the SOC, Current Ops, and

Tactics all received high praise. Especially gratifying was the scenario that played out at the entry control point. The opposing forces were killed and re-killed and were never able to get inside the fence line. Security Forces and the augmenting members simply destroyed them. Redeployment began months prior with a solid plan for getting everything and everyone home in an orderly manner. The RAT (Redeployment Action Team) and APS executed the plan near flawlessly.

ATSO was our hardest challenge. We practiced as hard as possible, but still had a few members slow getting into MOPP4 on both night. Our strengths were in the EOC and Emergency Management. The IG noted that teamwork, communication, and proficiency across these two difficult areas were responsible for our success. Once again there were zero Major or Minor Findings and all of two recommended improvement areas in all of ATSO.

My overall impression was that we were better prepared than any wing I've seen, that the whole wing was focused on the goal and teamwork, that we had a high number of individual superstars, and that SPAM was ever present (including breakfast at the SPEK). I can't tell you how honored I am to have been able to lead a wing with this much work ethic to the simulated war zone and have the full participation of every member. We did all the right stuff and none of the buffoonery that normally happens; we did not go off base, we did not stop playing during redeployment, we did not have cell phones in the play area. My thanks to everyone who had a hand, I will see you at the combat dining-in on Saturday night of the August UTA. The Group Commanders and I will be buying the adult beverages for the participants.

Tell those closest to you how important they are

Chaplain (Capt.) Scott M. Campbell

910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

What are the important things in life? For me, of course being the chaplain, is my faith in God, followed by my family and friends. I could not get through life if it were not for these relationships that are extremely important to me.

While at the ORI, I had some wonderful opportunities to witness the importance of all of these relationships, while keeping friends and family in my prayers back home in Ohio. During the ORI, it was evident to me how everyone cared for each other. Not only are they friends, but they are family. Even though everyone was being challenged during stressful times, brothers and sisters were encouraging each other. When things relaxed, people were

laughing and sharing stories. For me, that is the strength of a family, being there for each other every step of the way.

But, while we are away from home, our family and spouses pick up the slack. I received a couple of phone calls from home and found out that a friend of mine lost his mother to cancer and another family lost their home to a fire. A member during the ORI told me that a close friend of his was in a life threatening auto accident. So my prayers were not only going out for the ORI players but also everyone back home.

After hearing about my friends back home and witnessing what took place during the ORI, I can't stress enough the importance of faith, family and friends. With these three, you can find strength and encouragement that will get you through difficult times. Look around,



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and tell those who are closest to you how important they are in your life. I am sure they will appreciate it.

PAGE 3 Let your voice be heard -- Complete the AF Community Assessment Survey

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The 910th Airlift Wing Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Working Group is sponsoring the 2008 Community Assessment Survey of reservists. A total of approximately 50,000 reservists will be surveyed across 30-40 reserve installations.

Air Force Reserve members will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the brief, Web-based survey will be sent out to the work E-mail address of each reserve service member selected to participate. Participation is crucial to the success of the project, and selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

"The 2008 Community Assessment Survey is a top priority," stated Janice Barnes, Chair of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station Integrated Delivery System Working Group. "It is the best way for us to listen to reserve members and then provide services to help them meet the special needs of reserves and their families. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force.

In fact, one of the successes to soon be implemented for Youngstown Air Reserve Station based upon the 2006 Community Assessment Survey will be licensed in-home day care for the children of reservists assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing during UTAs or annual tour at home station. 910th Services will be in charge of the program and requirements for child care will need to be addressed and scheduled ahead of time.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple

Some Air Force Reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing will soon be randomly selected to complete the 2008 Air Force Community Assessment Survey on-line. Results of the survey are used to promote a better quality of life within the Air Force. Promoting this year's survey are from left, MSgt. Perry Foes, TSgt. Marcy Yerkey, and TSgt. Donika Rivera from the 910th Airmen and Family Readiness office.

"The 2008 Community Assessment Survey provides community members a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force Community," said Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing. We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible."

If you have any questions regarding the 2008 Community Assessment, please contact your local Integrated Delivery System Chair, Ms. Janice Barnes, at (330) 609-1930.



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On the cover...

A member of the 910th Security Forces Squadron stands at the ready to confront Opposition Forces (OPFOR) from the confines of a sandbagged bunker during the aftermath of a chemical missile attack as part of the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) held in Gulfport, Miss. The Airman is garbed in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear, allowing him to continue work even in a harsh and possibly deadly post-attack environment. More stories and photos about the 910th Airlift Wing's ORI are contained in the pages of this month's Airstream. Photo courtesy of the AMC IG Team.

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Show 'Em Your War Face: The 922nd AEW's ORI Photo Album



Col. Karl McGregor, 910th AW commander greets Col. "Woody" Almind, the Inspector General's Youngstown team chief as he arrives at YARS...

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



A 922nd AEW Airman goes through the Deployment Processing Line at YARS...

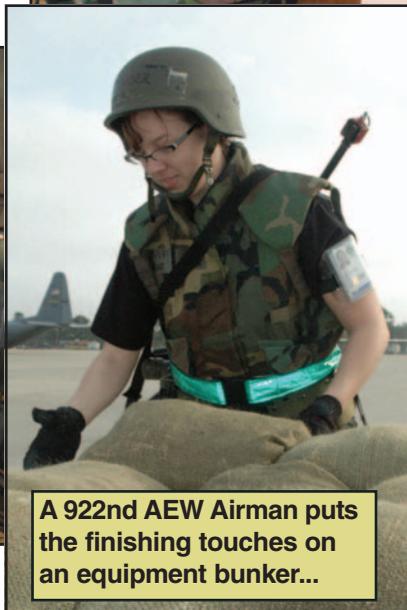
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Members of the 922nd AEW's Aerial Port team roll a Conex box aboard a C-5 cargo transport aircraft...

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



A 922nd AEW Airman puts the finishing touches on an equipment bunker...

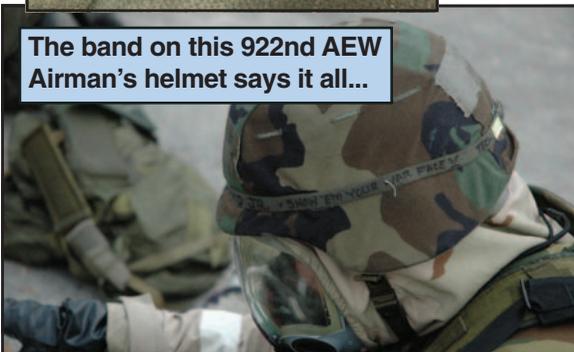
Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



A 922nd AEW bunker manager talks with his Unit Control Center on a hand-held radio...

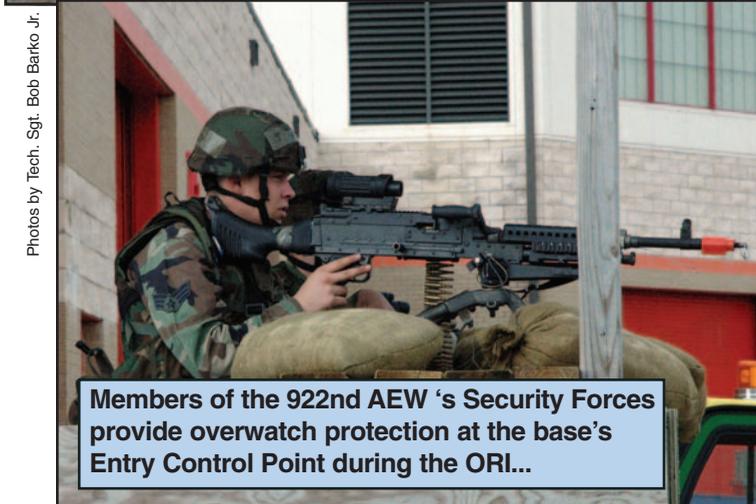


922nd AEW firefighters drag a hose towards a "burning building" at the ORI...



The band on this 922nd AEW Airman's helmet says it all...

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Chris Stagner



Members of the 922nd AEW's Security Forces provide overwatch protection at the base's Entry Control Point during the ORI...

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



A member of the IG team listens as a 922nd AEW Airman explains how he would treat a casualty...

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Chris Stagner



A 922nd AEW Airman watches for enemy activity with his weapon in a bunker during the ORI...

These photos tell the story of the 922nd Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen during the 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection from the time of the arrival of the Inspection Team at Youngstown Air Reserve Station through the return of the last plane from the Gulfport CRTC.

Bill Stephens, 922nd Incident Commander becomes a "casualty of business" during an attack at the ORI...



Photo by Maj. Kelly Duffek

The 922nd AEW's ICC team taking care of business in MOPP 4 conditions...



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Slagner



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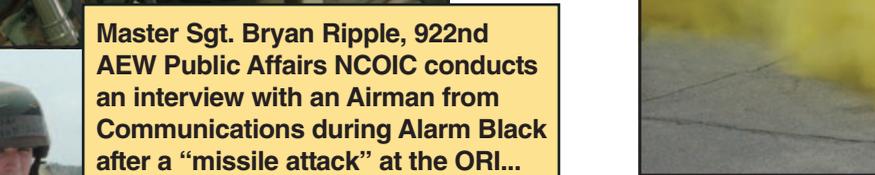
A member of the 922nd AEW's Aerial Port team guides a forklift driver as they load an aircraft with cargo during the ORI...

A member of the IG team checks out a ground burst simulator during the ORI...



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Slagner

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, 922nd AEW Public Affairs NCOIC conducts an interview with an Airman from Communications during Alarm Black after a "missile attack" at the ORI...



Airmen from the 922nd AEW's Judge Advocate's office continue their duties in MOPP 4 conditions.

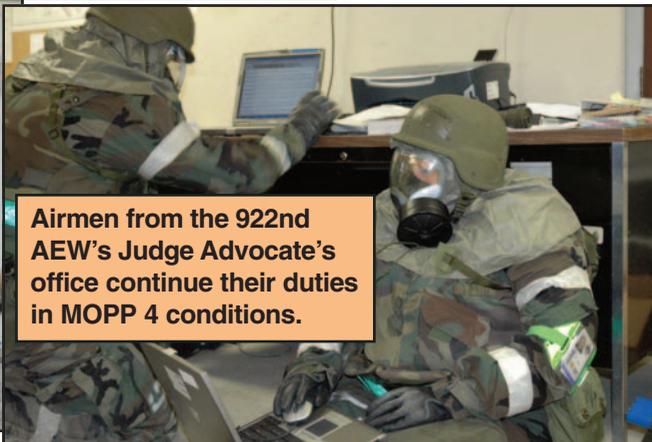


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...Airmen from the 910th Airlift Wing assigned to the 922nd AEW for the ORI return home to Youngstown Air Reserve Station after "the end of hostilities."



Photo by Sr. Airman Ann Wilkins Jefferson

EW Airman for enemy activity weapon ready in a during the ORI...



NEWS BRIEFS

Additional block set in new travel voucher

Recently the Air Force Publishing Web site made available a revised DD Form 1351-2, Travel Voucher or Sub-Voucher, dated March 2008. The major change to the form is the inclusion of two new blocks relating to the voucher "reviewer." Block 20c requires the reviewer's name printed, while block 20d requires the reviewer to sign.

Mr. Mike Wertz, SAF/FMP (AFAFO), advised that the member's supervisor is responsible for reviewing the member's voucher and upon review will sign as the reviewer in block 20d. Also, the orders approving official must complete blocks 21a and 21b if approving after-the-fact entitlements that are authorized by the JFTR/JTR.

However, as of April 5, 2008, the form is presently only available in PDF format which prevents it from being completed online. Per the Finance Department, because of the difficulty involved with the new format, please continue to use the old version until the 910th is provided with a user-friendly version of the new voucher.

If you have questions, contact Antoinette Clark, financial services officer, at 330-609-1206.

SAVE THE DATE!

The first YARS Open House in 22 years is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008. Then, Sunday, Sept. 14 is Family Day. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled weekend!

Two Alberini scholarships available for YSU students

Mr. Richard Alberini was a dear friend to the members of the 910th Airlift Wing through his work on the Base Community Council. His dedication to the 910th resulted in many improvements and opportunities for the wing that carry on.

This year the 910th will present two \$2,500 scholarships to students who are civilian, military, or ART members of this wing and/or their immediate family and who are attending or planning on attending Youngstown State University in the Fall. Contact Janice Barnes at 330-609-1930 for an application or if you have questions. Applications are due close of business of the June UTA.

910th Reservists receive several AFRC awards

Master Sgt. Kenneth Sloat, 910th AW historian, received a Wing History Award in the 2007 AFRC Historical Services, History and Museums Program Awards, as well as the 2007 AFRC Historical Service Spirit of the Eagle Awards, Category II for Notable Contribution of Significance.

Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Brown and **Staff Sgt. Cathleen E. Young** won the AFRC Services NCO and Airman of the Year for the 2008 AFRC Services Individual and Program Awards.

Deserving Airman board to meet June UTA

The Deserving Airman Commissioning Board is scheduled to meet during the June UTA for an executive officer position in the 910th Operations Support Squadron.

Turn in completed packages to Master Sgt. Jennifer McKendree, MPF Career Enhancement, 910th Mission Support Flight. For more information please call 330-690-1094.

Club council seeks members, decor

The Club Advisory Council is open to any interested persons whether they are Club members or not. Ask questions, voice your opinion and vote on Club issues.

Jason Cohol, Club manager, said in the future meetings will be scheduled for Friday only, although members who can't attend can e-mail him with questions or comments. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2 at 2 p.m. at the Club.

The Council is also sending a "shout out" for military items and pictures to decorate the Club. Preference will be given to items that pertain to the base, past and present; those not used will be returned. Pictures need to have who, what, when, and where identification. Items can be patches, flying caps, helmets, propellers, or anything else military.

For more information or to send questions and comments, call Mr. Cohol at 330-609-1423 or email Jason.Cohol@youngstown.af.mil.

Reservists may face limit on man-days

Later this year hundreds of reservists nationwide could reach the limit on the number of man-days they can serve in Air Force Reserve Command.

Reservists through the rank of colonel received permission at the end of October 2004 to serve up to 1,095 man-days of the previous 1,460 days in a rolling four-year calendar. Department of Defense officials and congressional staffers worked together to develop the 1,095-day provision, said Dr. David S. C. Chu, under secretary of Defense for personnel and readiness. It eliminates one of the biggest "impediments to effective Reserve force use and total force integration – the '180-day rule.'" The program encourages reservists to volunteer and makes service more predictable for them, their families and their employers.

Although all MPA man-days, except mobilized days, count toward the 1,095 rule, exceptions are in place for reservists on RPA orders. If a reservist reaches 1,095 days in a 1,460-day period, a waiver is required to work beyond the 1,095 days.

Since the law has been in effect less than four years, no reservists will be affected by the program's restrictions until October 2008.

Combat Dining In set for August UTA

The 910th AW Airman's Council is scheduled to present a Combat Dining-In on Saturday of the August UTA, Aug. 2, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. More details will follow in future communication. Contact Staff Sgt. Courtenay Perkins at 330-609-1299 with questions.

CENTAF now AFCENT, also enhanced way of employing forces in war

In a ceremony at Shaw AFB, S.C., March 3, 2008, the United States Central Command Air Forces took on a new name, United States Air Forces Central, and an enhanced way of employing forces in war.

This redesignation effort marks the implementation of the chief of staff of the Air Force's direction to establish an Air Force component organization that is structured to operate and train every day in its wartime configuration. Warfighting organizations are being stood up around the globe to enhance the operational level support, planning, command, control, and execution of air, space and information operations capabilities across the full range of military operations.

USAFCENT is responsible for air operations, either unilaterally or in concert with coalition partners, and developing contingency plans in support of national objectives for USCENTCOM's 27-nation area of responsibility in Southwest Asia.

PROMOTIONS



Hal O. Bradshaw, 910th AW Recruiting Service
Scott W. Porter, 910th Services Squadron



Michael P. Bislich, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Keith L. Lenkner, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Justin R. Speight, 773rd Airlift Squadron



Daniel G. Cartell, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Lakeisha Dillard, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
John M. Kachursky, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Tracey L. Lane, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Mark A. Marino, 757th Airlift Squadron
James J. Ward, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Nathaniel J. Wildstone, 910th Logistics Readiness Sq.



Cheryl L. Hosey, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Gregory E. Hriczo, 910th Airlift Wing

NEWCOMERS

Please welcome the following new members of the 910th Airlift Wing family:

Tech. Sgt. Steven D. Jones, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kelly R. Baxter, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight
Staff Sgt. Ryan L. Gregory, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kern D. Smith, 773rd Airlift Squadron

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to these Airmen who re-enlisted in March:

Master Sgt. Ernest L. Johnson	910th AMXS	4 years
Master Sgt. Elliot S. Rodriguez	910th CES	4 years
Master Sgt. Jim G. Teague	76th APS	6 years
Master Sgt. Jamey D. Weaver,	910th MDS	2 years
Tech. Sgt. Ronald J. Fullerton Sr.	910th LRS	2 years
Tech Sgt. William J. Manley III	910th CES	2 years
Tech. Sgt. David M. Shufesky	910th SFS	4 years
Staff Sgt. Sean J. Beam	910th SFS	6 years
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey A. Eastern	910th MDS	3 years
Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Gerow	910th AMXS	2 years
Staff Sgt. Debrah L. White	910th SFS	2 years
Staff Sgt. Paul W. Yost	910th SVS	6 years
Senior Airman John M. Kachursky	76th APS	6 years



Illustration by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

AMC IG Team: 910th Airlift Wing is Combat-Ready

Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

After more than 18 months of deep planning and preparation, the 910th Airlift Wing deployed about 400 Air Force Reservists to the Gulfport, Miss., Combat Readiness Training Center March 29 to April 5 for the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection, which was conducted by members of Air Mobility Command's Inspector General Team. The 910th members joined about 400 others from the Air Force Reserve's 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn. to form the 922nd Air Expeditionary Wing as part of the inspection scenario.

The ORI provided an opportunity to test the 910th on its ability to deploy a large portion of the wing into a chemical threat, wartime environment, and effectively operate. The major graded areas fell within the following areas: Initial Response, Employment, Mission Support, and the Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO.)

On April 17, Col. John "Woody" Almind, the AMC IG Team Chief for the 910th portion of the inspection, returned to Youngstown Air Reserve Station to conduct the IG's Outbriefing for the wing and revealed the much-anticipated results of his team's inspection of the 910th.

"This is the best reserve unit that I've had the pleasure to inspect. Without a doubt, you are the best. Congratulations, your hard work has definitely paid off. We came to validate your compliance, your programs, your processes, and ultimately your readiness and you came through with flying colors. I know you'll agree that it wasn't easy. We gave you a tough, hard look and you came through. It was obvious that you prepared very hard and you definitely delivered," said Col. Almind.

After reviewing the individual grades for each section inspected at the ORI, the team chief continued, saying "You superstars have garnered 23 team and individual awards—congratulations 910th for a job extremely well-done." He also remarked that it was probably the first time he'd seen a unit finish an inspection with no area being graded as Marginal or Unsatisfactory.

Colonel Almind concluded his remarks by saying "We on the AMC staff IG team appreciate your ability to do as fine as you did with your high ops tempo and all the other challenges that are facing you. Most impressive to me were your positive attitudes, professionalism,

dedication and pride in yourselves and your wing. The 910th is definitely part of one Air Force, the Same Fight, and you are our Unrivaled Wingman. So on behalf of AMC, the Air Force, and our great nation, I salute you for a job extremely well done."

Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing was also impressed by the great effort put forth from everyone involved in the ORI.

"I can't tell you how honored I am to have been able to lead a wing with this much work ethic to the simulated war zone and have the full participation of every member. We did all the right stuff, but we already knew we could deploy to war, since we've proven this with OEF, OIF, and by our ability to deploy members into the AEF. My thanks to everyone who had a hand in this. I will see you at the Combat Dining-In on Saturday night of the August UTA where we'll celebrate our success," the colonel said.

To see more photos from the ORI, visit the 910th Airlift Wing public Web site at www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil



Photo courtesy of AMC IG Team

Tech. Sgt. Michelle Mariacher demonstrates the ability to Survive and Operate in MOPP 4 while performing her duties in the Emergency Operations Center during the Operational Readiness Inspection.

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