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910th Security Forces Squadron
deploys 44 to Kirkuk
Air Base, Iraq

FROM THE TOP

Keep the 910th rolling on

Col. Karl McGregor

910th Airlift Wing Commander

As we roll through the summer, I look back on my first year serving the wing with great satisfaction and look forward to new challenges waiting to be overcome. Last year our focus was obviously the ORI, which was highly successful, but while we were planning and prosecuting the mock war, we were also recapitalizing multiple buildings and adding space to places where it was desperately needed. We also submitted a number of project requests that will improve the quality of life for our full-time staff and Reservists as funding becomes available at the end of the fiscal year and next year. As you read these lines the new lodging facility should be accepting guests and the funding insert for the second lodging building is hopefully winding its way through the hallowed halls of Congress for the 2009 budget.

As always, we are on the timeline for our flying hour program as Operations generates a mixed bag of missions that provide the full monty of currency activities. Over the year I've been continually impressed with the performance and appearance of our aircraft. The pride taken by our maintenance force is obvious, we have some of the best and healthiest aircraft in the fleet. We've volunteered and deployed in support of Oak, Enterprise, OEF, and OIF. The members we've sent have gone forward as highly knowledgeable, professional Airman, and returned with letters of appreciation and kudos from their deployed chain of command. This wing has managed to balance the numerous requirements, hold tight to its culture and maintain morale at a consistently high level. I believe a part of the reason that morale stays so high is that the work is so meaningful to the security of the country and the important job being done by our support areas. From the club to lodging to family services to the fitness center to our BOS contractor, there is a prevalent service atmosphere and a willingness to work hard to make the base a better place.

I realize that there are anomalies and some negative attitudes in the mix, and we will all continue to work hard to get those few on the bus with us as we

continually improve our organization and our organizational processes. We work on a base with a campus-like feel, with people that care about the quality of the work they perform, with a relevant mission, with leadership that is truly engaged in the improvement process and a community that supports us fully. What's not to like in this scenario? I'm looking forward to continuing to perform at sustainable levels as we approach our AEF cycle in January. We will carefully monitor our volunteer rate and the all important metrics that provide a clue to our ability to deploy. This next year we will use a scorecard concept to gain better visibility over our internal processes. This will include OPR/EPR timeliness, catching up on awards and decorations for deserving members, accelerating the Line Of Duty determinations through the system, keeping medical readiness statistics above standards, bringing the government credit card delinquencies below the command goal and reducing the number of members that are overdue for fit to fight to near zero.

The intent is for the 910th Airlift Wing to move from the middle of the 22AF pack to a leadership position in the measured goals, which happens to coincide with my thinking to those things that allow us to take better care of our members. I would be remiss if I allowed a missing OPR or decoration to negatively influence the outcome of a promotion or PEP board. I believe we owe quick answers to our members when they have medical issues and that we should give those members every chance to get control when there are financial issues. Finally, the fitness program can have a significant negative impact on a career if not taken seriously. It would be unfair to the member if the information on consequences is a surprise.

I ask every member to look in the mirror and decide that it's worth devoting some time toward a healthy lifestyle that will lead to passing scores on the fit-to-fight. As we measure, I will hold the squadron commanders accountable for their ability to input correct data in a timely manner and their ability to stay within the thresholds defined as acceptable. I believe we are in for another satisfying year of Reserve service and I look forward to seeing you personally in your work centers, at the track or fitness center, and during the many activities planned throughout the fall. Keep on rolling 910th machine.

Sexual Harassment — Not in our Air Force

Capt. Jon Gendreau

910th Military Equal Opportunity Office

Most of us know that sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome advances of a sexual nature. We have been in trainings, heard the policies and seen them posted. These are mandated policies that have nothing to do with being "touchy-feely", but have everything to do with the mission and utilizing the talents and abilities of everyone and treating others with dignity and respect.

According to climate surveys, it obvious that members in the 910th feel our Command policy on sexual harassment is clear. However, surveys also show that we still have work to do toward zero tolerance. Sometimes in day to day situations we lose track of the true meaning of these policies.

Sometimes we become too comfortable in our dealings with others. It is at this point that a majority of equal opportunity and treatment violations occur.

While humor can have a positive effect on the quality of working relationships, inappropriate humor can be extremely destructive.

We can't even tell a joke anymore

Be proactive and responsible to establish

communication boundaries at work. Communicating your expectations is very important. Also, remember your actions must follow your words.

We can't even be friendly without someone getting offended

It is not always easy to know what constitutes offensive behavior these days. A majority of sexual harassment incidents are subtle in nature. Often these behaviors are masked in humor or insinuations. Subtlety is not excuse!

It is important to remember that it is the perception (of a reasonable person)-not the intention of a potential offender, that is the critical factor in determining sexual harassment. Self evaluation questions could be:

- Could a reasonable person view my behavior as offensive?
- Would my family be proud of my behavior?
- Does my behavior have a positive impact on the mission?
- Could my behavior hurt or offend others?

In general stick to the motto, "better safe than sorry". If you think your comment could be taken the wrong way, then don't say it.

Other points to reflect on...

- The victim of sexual harassment does not have



Capt. Jon Gendreau

to be the person harassed, but can be anyone affected by the offensive conduct.

- Although the goal of the Air Force is a positive human relations climate in the workplace, effective human relations does not mean forsaking military standards, common courtesy and discipline.
- Workplace is an expansive term for military members and may include conduct on or off duty, 24 hours a day.

The costs of harassment are high and affect everyone. These costs detract from the mission and can be avoided if we make a commitment to understand policies, model Air Force Core Values, exhibit professional behavior and respect each other.

910th SFS deploys for six month mission to Iraq



Photo by Senior Airman Clinton Kline

Airman 1st Class Sean Cesareo, a member of the 910th Security Forces Squadron, climbs aboard a C-130H aircraft that will fly him and the rest of 31 deploying Airmen toward their destination of Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. This deployment, which departed Youngstown Air Reserve Station on June 11, was the first of two Security Forces six month missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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On the cover...

Airman 1st Class Michael Sammartino, a member of the 910th Security Forces Squadron, walks towards a C-130H at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. The Airman and the rest of 31 deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq for a six month mission. This group was followed by an additional 13 SFS members on July 26 for a total of 44 Security Forces Airmen deploying for this mission. Photo by Senior Airman Clinton Kline.

Oil spill exercise tests Reserve's spray capability

Maj. James R. Wilson

22nd Air Force Dir. of Public Affairs

Editor's Note: Maj. Wilson, 22nd Air Force Director of Public Affairs wrote this story while observing members of the 910th Airlift Wing participate in the San Diego Prep 2008 exercise conducted at North Island Naval Air Station, Calif.

While it's widely known that oil and water don't mix, emergency response officials must have plans in place when a major accident occurs and the two fluids come together. Those very plans were tested June 11-12 off the Southern California coast when a simulated marine oil spill threatened to impact both the environment and local populous.

The Air Force Reserve's aerial spray mission was part of the ensuing multi-agency response as members of the 910th Airlift Wing deployed their aerial spray capability during an exercise dubbed San Diego Prep 2008. The scenario the Reservists' were responding to involved a collision between a Navy vessel and a tanker carrying crude oil for delivery to Chevron Corp.

"We saw this as an opportunity to get meaningful training for aircrew members and maintainers in a practical and dynamic environment," said Maj. John Kochansky, a navigator assigned to the 910th AW who also served as the unit's project officer for the exercise. "The exercise in San Diego also allowed us to demonstrate our (spray) capability to other agencies, integrate with them, and gain knowledge from their response."

Other organizations participating in the oil spill response included United States Coast Guard, Chevron, Corp., California Department of Fish and Game, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Marine Spill Response Corporation.

The 910th AW deployed a C-130 Hercules aircraft configured for aerial spray and approximately a dozen Reservists to help assist in the "salvage" operations. Those overseeing the clean up needed the Ohio-based unit and its Modular Aerial Spray System, or MASS, to apply water on the slick which stimulated a chemical dispersant to help mitigate the danger posed by the spill.

"Dispersants for most oil spills typically need to be applied within the first 12-24 hours which is why [agencies that would respond to this scenario] need a process in place to move things along quickly," said Ms. Yvonne Addassi, an environmental scientist for the California Department of Fish and Game. Her role in the California exercise was to direct the



Photo by Maj. James R. Wilson

Airman 1st Class Aaron Walghren, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, uses orange paddles to marshal one of the 910th's C-130H aircraft on an aerial spray training mission June 12, 2008 at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

application of products used to clean up the spill and to evaluate their effectiveness.

Once a disaster occurs and oil is spilled, according to Ms. Addassi, the clock begins ticking and only a swift and organized response can help reduce the degree to which the environment is impacted.

"When used in a timely and effective manner, dispersants can remove a significant amount of oil from the water's surface," said Ms. Addassi. "Dispersants change the interface between oil and water. They don't dissolve the oil, but they are effective in breaking it down."

While the MASS system offers significant capability for this specific type of crisis, it can be challenging to utilize for those overseeing clean up operations. The difficulty centers around guidance which addresses inter agency use of federal aviation resources.

"Before requesting military aid, we must first establish that all available capabilities and resources in the commercial aviation sector are fully committed," said Mr. Jeff Williams, Chevron Shipping Company.

Balancing these legal requirements with the commitments California citizens have for protecting the environment can be problematic especially in time-sensitive situations, he added.

"From a planning perspective, the C-130s

(configured for aerial spray) are being utilized more often now," said Mr. Williams. "They're an extremely effective resource for us in maximizing the dispersal effort after an oil spill. It's such a short timeline that we're operating on when we have to respond to a situation like this. We're looking for the most bang for the buck" and the 910th gives us that.

The hands-on training gained by Reservists from Youngstown during the San Diego exercise enabled them to improve their own response capabilities. Maintainers in the group, for example, had specific objectives they sought to achieve.

"We needed to practice hot-loading the aircraft among other things," said Staff Sgt. Chris Bartels, an aerial spray maintenance technician assigned to the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Hot loading is the process for re-charging the aircraft's internal tanks with water (simulated dispersant) after a mission has been flown and while the aircraft is still running.

"This is a very demanding mission—one that requires significant training and a tremendous level of commitment in order to maintain your proficiency," said Sergeant Bartels. "But I enjoy the aerial spray mission. There's a genuine interest in what we do and how we do it that makes the work very rewarding."

Magic Kingdom no match for YARS

Senior Airman Ann Wilkins Jefferson
910th AW Public Affairs

“This is better than Disneyland!”

That was the reaction of 10-year-old Stephen Hunter of Warren as he sat in the cockpit and prepared for taxiing down the runway aboard a C-130 aircraft during his time as the 910th Airlift Wing’s “Pilot for a Day” June 4, 2008. While Disneyland entertains thousands of kids each year, as Pilot for a Day young Stephen had the joy of thrill rides and attractions few kids ever experience.

The purpose of the 910th’s “Pilot for a Day” program is to reach out to the community by providing a tour and orientation of the base to children who live with a chronic or life-threatening disease or illness.

Stephen was not even one year old when he was diagnosed with asthma. He currently sees a pulmonologist for it at Akron’s Children’s Hospital at St. Elizabeth in Youngstown, and “he’s doing a great job keeping it under control,” said his mother, Yolanda Hunter.

Serving as Stephen’s pilot escort for the day, 1st Lt. Ryan Gray accompanied Stephen around Youngstown Air Reserve Station for a whole slew of events. After donning a genuine aircrew flight suit he’d wear all day and was his for keeps, Stephen took an oath of office and accepted an honorary commission as an Air Force Reserve 2nd lieutenant from Col. Karl McGregor, the 910th commander, while his mother, base personnel, hospital representatives and news media watched. A look of disbelief crossed Stephen’s face when Fred Kubli of the Base Community Council presented him with his own C-130 model complete with his name painted on the side. He also received a wing coin, certificates, and a backpack, and was interviewed the media.

Then Lt. Gray walked Stephen and his entourage over to the Operations Group building, where Stephen curiously questioned the 910th entomologists about their work, gawked at dozens of model airplanes hanging from the aircrew briefing room ceiling and geared up in a flight helmet and parachute pack at the Life Support Shop. The boy couldn’t stop smiling after he tried out night-vision-goggles in the dark.

Stephen finally received the words he was anxiously anticipating: head out to the fight

line where the Hercules and her crew awaited. He sat in the cockpit behind Lt. Gray while Yolanda sat back by the navigator station. They both donned headsets and strapped in for the taxi down the runway.

Lunch at the club with Col. McGregor followed, where Stephen vividly described his

the base Fire Department for a briefing and certificate presentation, but the highlight was another ride, this time in a striker firetruck that left the station and headed over to the fire “burn pit” training area. There Stephen used the ultimate water-gun as firefighters let him spray water from the striker.

From the minute he was welcomed at the gate and throughout his time here going from building to building, Stephen giddily rode shotgun in a HUMVEE driven by Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Curits Allen of the Marine Center on base – a far cry from playing with toy GI Joe trucks. The last stop of the day was the Marine Reserve Center, where Staff Sgt. Allen let Stephen climb on and sit in different types of Marine Corps vehicles outside. Inside the center the sergeant and other Marines demonstrated use of the Fire Arms Training Simulator (FATS), a video-game-like system, only played on a giant screen with “weapon” controllers.

A wrap-up with Col. McGregor in his office completed Stephen’s tour.

Stephen said he thought some of his friends wouldn’t believe all that he had done, but the front-page news story about his day in “The (Youngstown) Vindicator” June 5 should be proof enough.

So for one day and for one child, YARS was “the happiest place on Earth.”



Photo by Senior Airman Ann W. Jefferson

Honorary 2nd Lt. Stephen Hunter receives help adjusting his helmet visor from 1st Lt. Ryan Gray, a pilot with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, while they visited the Life Support Shop here June 4.

day so far to the commander.

Next Stephen and his group headed over to

Open House 101 with Winger and Friends



SPORTS

Air Wing crowned intramural hoops king for first time ever

In a close game that came down to just one basket, the Air Wing team clinched the 910th Airlift Wing intramural basketball championship for the first time ever during a special high Noon gametime at the Fitness Center here Saturday of the May UTA, beating a worthy opponent in the Maintenance Squadron.

While AW was trailing 14-11 at the half, the pace picked up in the second half. The AW's Khalid Mulazim drove the length of the court with nine seconds left hobbling on an injured knee to shoot and score a three-point shot. That tied the game at 39 a piece with zero on the clock, sending the game into overtime.

High scorers were Mulazim with 25 points for AW, while MXS' Mike Golden and Marcus Boykin racked up 18 and 17 points, respectively.



The 2008 910th AW intramural basketball champs from the Air Wing are Anthony Ezel, Michael Perkins, John Wood, Lafayette Smith, Khalid Mulazim, Shawn Spaulding, Alex Brown and Jeffery Ossman. This was the first time the Air Wing won the trophy, with the team made up of members from Finance, Recruiting and Communications.

OSS/OG three-peats as volleyball champs

Win dedicated to late coworker

The combined Operations Support Squadron / Operations Group team is the 910th Airlift Wing intramural volleyball champion for the third year in a row. The June UTA semi-finals here matched OSS/OG against a richly numbered but poorly effective Air Wing team. The championship game had OSS/OG facing a very tall CES team on the other side of the net, but that didn't shorten the OSS/OG winning streak as they went on to win it all. The OSS/OG team dedicated its victory to the late Master Sgt. Judy Kay Bridge from OSS, who died unexpectedly in late May 2008.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Lamarr Johnson

Showing off their three-peat as 910th Airlift Wing intramural volleyball champions are members of the 910th Operations Support Squadron and Operations Group team. In the front row are Ed Peggs, Kathy Sigley, and Rob Runnion, along with John Kelly, Youssef Mhemedi, Vic Smith and Phil Townsend in the back row. Not pictured are team members Jimmy Haupt, Gary Dodge, Daryl Hartman and Ashley White.

Wing sending four-person teams for AF 10K

The 12th Annual United States Air Force Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and the 910th will be well represented during the weekend's events.

Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift Wing commander, encouraged YARS Airmen to sign up for the 10K (6.2 miles) team event this year. Four-person teams will run at the same time, with each member running 6.2 miles. Including the colonel, 40 members from the base registered to run. The wing is



providing transportation, as well as matching T-shirts.

Other events include the marathon (26.2 miles), wheelchair marathon, half marathon (13.1 miles), and individual 10K. In addition, a 5K (3.1 miles) race is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Wright State University.

If you still wish to run as an individual in any of the races, visit www.usafmarathon.com for registration details. For more information on the YARS participation, contact Master Sgt. Jennifer McKendree at 330-609-1094 or Jennifer.McKendree@youngstown.af.mil.

NEWCOMERS

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

Lt. Col. James Hodgson, 910th Air Wing

Maj. Mark Perius, 910th Medical Squadron

2nd Lt. Steven Stroney, 757th Airlift Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Phyllis Jenkins, 910th Medical Squadron

Master Sgt. Jamey Weaver, 910th Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Marquez, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Matten, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Virginia Pettigrew, 910th Medical Squadron

Staff Sgt. James Bader, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Becker, 910th Medical Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lonya Foy, 910th Medical Squadron

Staff Sgt. John Freeman, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jonathan McLennan, 910th Communications Flight

Staff Sgt. Tobias Rios, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Demetrius Springfield, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Mark Tucker, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Daniel Warner, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ryan Wisniewski, 773rd Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Kelly Baxter, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight

Senior Airman Todd Eisenman, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Jeremy Herrera, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Robert Lewis, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Thomas Petrey, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Rusnak, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Darrell Snell, 910th Air Wing

Senior Airman Joshua Stepteau, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Richard Storzaker, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Wyatt, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kirk Johnson, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight

Airman 1st Class Steven Paridon, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Omeka Scott, 910th Operations Group

Airman 1st Class Joshua Shaffer, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Ashley Boals, 910th Medical Squadron

Airman Warren Ireland, 910th Air Wing

Airman Curtis Johnson, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Curtis Kennedy, 910th Services Squadron

Airman Lindsey McDonald, 910th Security Forces Squadron

Airman Steven Mowery, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Nicholas Naypauer, 910th Air Wing

Airman Luis Penate, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman Cody Radsick, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Airman Jordan Sizer, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Kaila Summers, 910th Operations Support Squadron

Airman Dustin Trummer, 910th Medical Squadron

Airman Kayla Wirick, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Rebekah Young, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

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Mark W. Japuncha, 910th Security Forces Squadron



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Maritza Y. Ramirez, 757th Airlift Squadron
Kathy A. Sigley, 757th Airlift Squadron



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The 910th and YARS family remembers an old friend

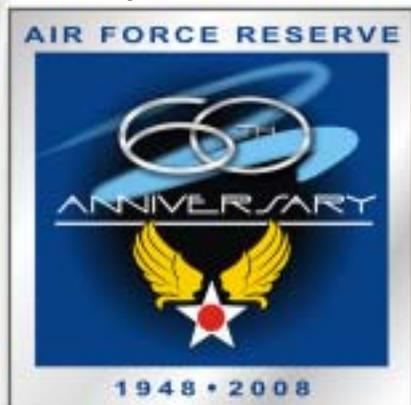


Photos by Mr. Eric White

Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, and Gilda Alberini, wife of the late Richard Alberini, admire a memorial dedicated to Richard Alberini and his outstanding support of the 910th Airlift Wing shortly after the unveiling of the marble memorial marker stone. Mr. Alberini was a long-time president of the YARS Base-Community Council as well as a true friend to the personnel assigned here. The 910th Airlift Wing hosted a

ceremony to dedicate the memorial May 22, 2008. About 40 family members and friends of Mr. Alberini attended the event. The memorial consists of a red maple tree planted in a stone ring along with the marker stone. The memorial was erected by the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron and is located behind the Youngstown Air Reserve Station's Eagle's Nest Club. The inset photo shows a closeup of the memorial's marker stone.

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