

# THE Airstream



910th and Veterans honor  
the memory of fallen Fliers

# FROM THE TOP

## 910th Airlift Wing members: Work hard play hard

### Col. Karl McGregor

910th Airlift Wing Commander

The Youngstown Open House is an opportunity for the airbase to connect with the populace and pay back the local community for the years of support that they have provided. The deep military support and spirit of caring is evident every time you are stopped by a civilian that thanks you for your service and every meal that comes with a military discount. The Open House is our opportunity to show our excellence by being ambassadors in every sense of the word. We will show great patience from the first question of the morning deep into the evening. I expect that our parking lot will be attended by smiling, courteous 910th members. I believe we have a great deal to show the local population and that this will be a day of hard, but rewarding work. This event will be a great test of our ability to efficiently move a large number of vehicles on and off the airfield, control the crowd, provide security, handle emergencies,

and work with civilian traffic control. This test will be the precursor to a full-blown air show in the near future, and will be our initial test to see our capability to handle the aircraft and crowds.

On the other hand, Family Day is designed to be a relaxing day for our members. The static displays and work areas will be open to our members and their extended families. The crowds will be small and this will allow our members to show off their work areas. This day should be vacation-like in most respects and enjoyed as payback for all the incredible hard work this wing has performed over the last 18 months. The plan is to feed the families close to the work areas in smaller groups and basically keep everything as slow paced as possible.

Please enjoy both days in the same spirit that the Youngstown Team showed during the preparation and execution phases of the ORI. Try to keep the exuberance level



Col. Karl McGregor

slightly below those seen at the Combat Dining In.

See you soon.

## Encouragement equals empowerment

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

910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

I have been watching the Olympics, as I am sure most of you have. It is amazing to me the level of athleticism that has been on display. I remember watching the games in the 70's & 80's and thinking how incredible the athletes were back then. How times have changed! But, one thing that I have noticed that has not changed is how the athletes encourage each other. In the men's 4x100 swimming relay you could see how the team was encouraging their last swimmer to work harder and swim faster, and in the end they won the race and got the gold.

How do we encourage each other? A theologian by the name of William Barclay said, "One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement." I know there have been times when I have needed encouragement. Times when I felt I could not finish a task or when I did not feel worthy enough. If it weren't for some of the encouragers in my life, my strongest encourager being my wife, I may have failed many of times. Believe me I have failed in many ways, but when you have an encourager they can help you recognize that you can succeed when you feel you can't go on any longer.

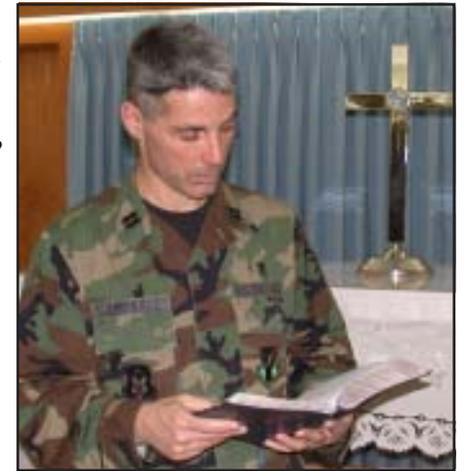
It is easy to discourage others, the world is full of them, the lack of encouragement is almost an epidemic. But, as Barclay states, our

duty is to encourage. When was the last time you have encouraged someone? Who around you needs encouragement? A spouse? A friend at work? A neighborhood child? Someone who has tried something and failed?

Imagine if the swimmers on the men's relay team told the last man, "you can't beat him, he is better than you, don't even try" how the outcome may have changed.

In Philippians 4:13 it says, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Not only can we find encouragement from God, we can find encouragement from each other. Go for it! You can do it! Yes you can!

Encourage one another.



Chap. Scott Campbell



**The Commander's Action Line...** 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.

## 910 tab shop revamps YARS gate C-130 model



Photo by Sr. Airman Clinton Kline

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Csorba, Master Sgt. Dominic Peluso, Tech. Sgt. Edward Miller, Tech. Sgt. Inal Evener, Tech. Sgt. William Klanchar, Tech. Sgt. Scott Obermiyer and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Holland, all assigned to the 910th Structural Repair Shop, stand in front of the C-130 model at the main gate of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. The team recently refurbished the weather-worn model with new paint and decals. The model was dedicated by the YARS Base-Community Council on September 22, 2000.

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### On the cover...

James Repucci (Lt. Col. USAFR Ret.), Norbert Vasil (CMSgt Ret.) and Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, salute the airlift memorial July 26, 2008 during a special ceremony held here honoring fallen comrades who gave their lives in service to their country between 1968 and 1979. Photo by Senior Airman Clinton Kline.

# 910 SFS march into the future with new commander

**Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.**  
910th AW Public Affairs

Maj. Thomas “Wes” White took command of the 910th Security Forces Squadron during a Change of Command Ceremony held at the Eagle’s Nest Club here August 19. The major replaces Capt. Nathan List as squadron commander. Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift Wing commander had high praises for both the outgoing and incoming squadron commanders.

Speaking of Capt. List, Col. McGregor said, “As a Captain, he did the job normally given to a lieutenant colonel commander, in addition to that of Major as Operations Officer over the last year, and he did an admirable job.”

Of the new commander, Maj. White, the 910th AW Commander said, “He will lead from the front, he will hold himself to the highest standards, he will hold his squadron accountable.”

Capt. List thanked the squadron and was presented the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding efforts as commander. He also echoed the wing commander’s words about his successor.

“[Maj. White] is a strong leader. [He is] the perfect officer to lead this unit into the future,” said Capt. List.

Maj. White concluded the ceremony by addressing the group of nearly 40 people gathered for the event.

“I am proud to be associated with people of this caliber. What matters to me is the heart that’s behind that badge (you wear). My duty is to take care of you so you can take care of the mission,” said Maj. White.



Photo by Senior Airman Clinton Kline

**Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift wing hands the unit guidon to Maj. Thomas “Wes” White, the new commander of the 910th Security Forces Squadron. Maj. White took over command of the squadron from Capt. Nathan List during a ceremony held at the Eagle’s Nest Club here August 19. Nearly 40 people gathered at the club to witness the event and remained to wish the incoming and outgoing commanders well in their upcoming assignments.**

## Memorial service at YARS



The Youngstown Air Reserve Station hosted a Reunion Memorial Program for the 910th/757th Veteran’s Association here July 26. The program which started at noon was attended by more than 40 people, including a memorial address by Maj. Gen. Donald Jenkins, former commander of the 757th Troop Carrier Squadron, the placing of a memorial wreath, remarks by 910th Airlift Wing commander Col. Karl McGregor, a memorial roll call and the playing of Taps.



Photos by Senior Airman Clinton Kline

**Members of the 910th Honor Guard recover the U.S. flag at the conclusion of a ceremony held as part of the 910th/757th Veterans Association Memorial Program. The 910th hosted the event in front of the 910th Headquarters Building here July 26th.**

# 910th summer wrap up report



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

A small group of members of the 910th Airlift wing traveled to the Sharon Speedway in Hartford, Ohio, June 7 to participate in Heroes Night activities. The evening featured five different classes of cars in action as well as food and beverage concessions. Wing members sat together in the grandstands and were treated to some great action on the race track as the local and regional drivers competed for the checkered flag. >>>

<<< Members of the Airlifters Relay for Life team joined up with several other teams from throughout the area to participate in the annual relay event activities at Lakeview High School in Cortland, Ohio, June 6 and 7. The Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society activity. This is the 8th annual event for the Airlifters team. Members of the team participated in the activities for a 24-hour period. The event includes a survivor's lap, a team opening lap and a luminary ceremony. Teams involved in the event keep at least one team member on the high school's track for the entire event. The Airlifters also manned a tent selling hot dogs and other food items as well as raffle tickets to raise money for ACS.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Brock

What could be described as an initially stuffy ceremonial atmosphere quickly changed to a fun family-like reunion when several hundred members of the 910th Airlift Wing engaged in water warfare in Hangar 295 August 2, during the Combat Dining In. The fun-filled evening featured Brig. Gen. Joe Kerr (Col. M.D. Hart, 440th AW/CC) addressing the wing with a mock speech which ultimately stirred up the bee hive causing him to get soaked along with all the other participants. It was a fun-filled evening for all who attended. The grog bowl was more of an obstacle course for the few unlucky members to work their way through while being pummeled by super soakers and water balloons only to find themselves at "leaded" and "unleaded" toilet bowls filled with beverages concocted by members of the Airmen's council.

<<< Tech. Sgt. Ronda Esker chats it up with Scrappy, mascot of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers minor league baseball team at the Dining Facility on on July 12, Saturday of the UTA. Scrappy visited the DFAC to promote that evening's 910th Night Out at the Scrapper's home game at Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio. The Night Out promotion allowed Airmen to purchase a box seat ticket plus a food voucher for a hot dog, chips and drink for only \$10. 910th Security Forces Squadron member, Staff Sgt. Jessica Herold threw out the first pitch for the game that ended up being rained out and played the next day. Nonetheless, a good time was reported to be had by all.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

## YARS selected to test force support squadron concept

Senior Airman Ann Wilkins Jefferson  
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Starting in October, the Air Force Reserve Command will test a new force support structure by merging mission support squadrons (or flights) and services squadrons at six locations throughout the United States, including the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

In the test, which is scheduled to run for one year, the affected units will merge manpower and personnel functions with services. Combining these services into one organization is designed to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations.

“We are one of six AFRC test bases and of that one of two stand-alone units where we do not have Active Duty MSFs or SVSs to pull from,” said Maj. Stephanie Welhouse, 910<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight commander.

The test will involve two kinds of units – stand-alone locations and locations that receive support from host active-duty units.

In addition to YARS, stand-alone test locations are March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. Test locations that will receive some support from their hosts are MacDill AFB, Fla.; Hill AFB, Utah; and McGuire AFB, N.J.

“The Air Force has become a leaner force,” said Col. Joseph Vivori, director of manpower and personnel at Headquarters AFRC.

“As a result, our people have to make the best use of the resources they have,” he said. “By combining manpower, personnel and services under one manager, we will reduce overall costs and give our people more flexibility to respond to their customers.”

Maj. Welhouse said 910th leadership are working on the issue.

“We meet regularly to discuss potential Organizational charts to test over the next year, and we are using AFS021 to help implement the changes,” although she said those won’t be noticeably apparent.

Every airman and civilian employee will be affected if the Force Support Squadron is implemented commandwide after the test period. From food service, to ID cards, recreation, training, personnel services, family support or casualty affairs ... all people-related programs will fall under the FSS. Customer transactions and services should remain transparent during the test period, though some office names, locations and phone numbers may change.

The major added that two people were scheduled to attend FSS Leadership Training at Maxwell in August.

Labor relations bargaining obligations will be satisfied with local unions in advance of the test.

Stand-alone locations will have four flights – force development, community support, civilian personnel, and readiness and plans. Supported locations will have two flights – force development and operations, which contains many of the elements of a readiness and plans flight.

Airmen and their families can expect to continue to have the same world-class support, care and facilities they’ve always had, say command officials. They emphasize that the merger is not about downsizing but consolidating processes and programs to better serve people.

After the one-year test ends, AFRC officials will determine how to implement force support squadrons for the entire command. (*Portions of this story were taken from the Air Force Reserve Command News Service, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.*)

## Base club has new card, more

The Eagle’s Nest Club recently launched the new U Choose Club Card program. The new program allows Airmen to choose between a standard credit card with a Mastercard affiliation or the new proprietary club card with no credit card affiliation. The new card does have a \$500 credit limit allowing Airmen to charge their meals at the club as well as charge select services activities. The fees for the new card are very affordable with E-4’s and below paying \$4 per month and E-5’s and above paying only \$7 per month.

Jason Cohol, Eagle’s Nest Club Manager said he has already seen an increase in the opening of new club memberships because of the new program. He said the new program allows the first six months of card fees to be waived if individuals sign up before October 15.

Mr. Cohol also said the Eagle’s



Now you have *two* cards to choose from.

Nest now has a Wii gaming system, wireless internet available for the use of club patrons and is open for breakfast, Tues. through Fri. from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The club will also be open on Mondays and for UTA weekends starting in October.

He said the club is also booking holiday events and working on details for a New Year’s Eve party at the club.

For more information about the new club card, programs or upcoming events, call Mr. Cohol at 330-609-1423.

## Enlisted Workshop set for Nov.

The 910th Airlift Wing and Pittsburgh’s 911th Airlift Wing are teaming up to present an enlisted workshop. The inaugural event, the first-of-its-kind in the area, is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Boardman, Ohio on November 2-3, 2008.

The workshop, entitled “Wingman, Leader and Warrior: Navigation for Life!” is open to all enlisted ranks.

Topics discussed at the workshop will include: Retirement Planning, Understanding Your Pay, Tips on Writing EPRs, Awards and Decorations, Educational Benefits, Automated Personnel, Services as well as Nutrition and Fitness—including a discussion on the Air Force Fit-to-Fight program and other activities.

Since the workshop will be held during the November 2008 UTA, Airmen wishing to attend the event will need to be in Man Day or Temporary Duty status. Air Force Regulations prohibit attending this type of event in UTA/RMP day status.

The event will be first come, first served. Seating will be limited, so interested members should sign up as soon as possible with their First Sergeant. The deadline for sign-up is October 5, 2008.

Personnel having any questions or wishing to volunteer for the event can contact Master Sgt. Debra Foster: (330) 609-1891 or Senior Master Sgt. David Simms: (330) 609-1987.

# NEWCOMERS

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

Lt. Col. William Borden, 910th Operations Support Squadron

Maj. Jesse Cruz, 910th Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Merritt, 757th Airlift Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brandon Hofmeister, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Jessica Gilmore, 910th Medical Squadron

Airman Basic Trevor Jackson, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman Basic Curtis Johnson, 76th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman Basic Luis Penate, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman Basic Kaila Summers, 910th Operations Support Squadron

# PROMOTIONS



Geoffrey A. Crowe, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Henry Powell Sr., 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Kelly A. Turner, 910th Mission Support Flight



Scott B. Rothenberg, 910th Maintenance Squadron



Eric J. Drda, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Maria L. Naylor, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Jessica M. Walker, 910th Security Forces Squadron



Alexis Rivera-Rodriguez, 910th Logistics Readiness Sq.



Scott F. Clokey, 910th Maintenance Squadron  
Trevor F. Jackson, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Sean R. Kail, 910th Security Forces Squadron  
Steven C. Mowery, 76th Aerial Port Squadron  
Cody A. Radsick, 76th Aerial Port Squadron



Illustration by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

# YARS Open House and Family Day... September 13-14

2 Days of Fun and Excitement on the September UTA!

The 910th Airlift Wing and the YARS Base-Community Council present

## YARS Open House



Vienna, Ohio  
Saturday • Sept. 13, 2008  
10am to 6pm

FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC • FREE On-Base Parking • FREE All-Day Entertainment featuring The U.S.A.F. Reserve's Reserve Generation Band

- Displays of Military and Historic Aircraft and Equipment  
*C-5 Galaxy, Two C-130's (Aerial Spray and Aeromedical Evac Rigged), C-17, KC-135 Stratotanker, B-17 Flying Fortress WWII Bomber, 60th Anniversary Berlin Airlift "Spirit of Freedom" Douglas C-54E Transport Aircraft and Historical Display plus Much More*
- Air Force Reserve Jet Car 400 m.p.h. Runway Demo
- Displays of Air Force, Army Marine and Navy Equipment
- Exhibits of 910th AW Job Skills Areas
- Food and Beverages Concessions
- Appearances by Local Media Personalities and Team Mascots
- Unprecedented Public Access to Flight Line and Hangar Areas
- A Unique and Exciting Day of Fun for the Whole Family Celebrating the Air Force Reserve's 60th Anniversary

For more details, Call YARS Open House Information Line at 330-609-1800

## YARS Family Day!

Sunday  
Sept. 14, 2008  
8am to 3pm

- All Open House Exhibits *plus...*
  - Lunch at your Squadron
  - Fishing Tournament, Family FOD Walk and Intramural Softball
- Sales from the Commissary, BX and the BookSeller
- Much, much more

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