

THE *Airstream*



**910 MSG continues mission
with new commander**

FROM THE TOP

Yes, 910th Reservists, there is a Santa Claus

Col. Karl McGregor

910th Airlift Wing Commander

As we enter the holiday season, remember that it's not about the buying and presents, it's about family and giving and caring.

Here's a reminder that the holiday season should still hold some magic for the soul.

The following is a Letter to the Editor of the New York Sun, it appeared in print for the first time more than 100 years ago...

"I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says. "If you see it in The Sun it's so, please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

~ Virginia Hanlon

115 West 95th Street

This is the famous Editorial written in response to Virginia's letter, by Francis Pharellus Church (assistant to the paper's editor)...

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, with the boundless world around him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity

devotion exist, and you know that they abound and and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

...The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

... Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen worlds which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supreme beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else as real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years



Col. Karl McGregor

from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Keep in your heart all that's important. Be true and honest with family, friends, and coworkers. Always do your best at whatever the task might be and live your life to the fullest. This year we've lost several members earlier than we would have liked, so raise your glass to them and to those they left behind. This should truly be a holiday of modest spirit, a day of humble aspirations. What we want is to love and know we are loved and to imagine a world that lives up to the purity of that feeling. Enjoy the season and we'll see you refreshed and ready in the new year.

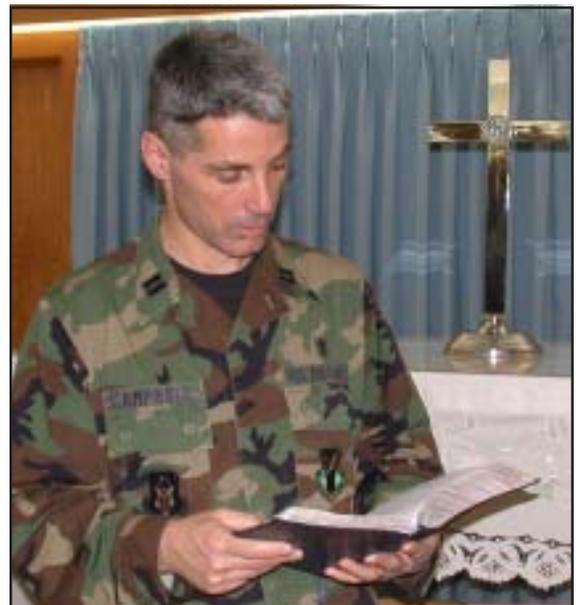
Recognize your blessings and give thanks

Chaplain (Capt.) Scott M. Campbell

910th Airlift Wing Chaplain

In the upcoming two months we have holidays that we should take serious consideration as to why we should celebrate the blessings we have. First we have Veterans Day on November 11th. What an important date to remember about our freedom. It is a time for us to reflect on all of those who have served our country. A time for us to say thank you to all the men and women. Next we have Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks for all our blessings. For our family, friends and all of the other things that are important to us. Finally, Christmas and Hanukkah. A time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the festival of lights.

As I prepare to leave for Al Udeid and the time grows near, the holidays are going to have extra importance for me. I will hold the freedom I have a little closer to my chest, my family and friends nearer to my heart and my Savior deeper in my soul. I believe if it weren't for these we would have no reason to live. I pray that you take the time in the next two months to focus on the things that are most important, put aside all of the meaningless stuff and celebrate life to the fullest! Give thanks for all things during the holidays that are valuable to you.



Chap. Scott Campbell

New Recruits join USAFR in Mass Enlistment



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Fourteen new recruits joined the ranks of the Air Force Reserve in an October 1 ceremony held in Hangar 295 here. Col. Timothy Costa, vice commander of the 910th Airlift Wing administered the oath of enlistment to the recruits. "The Mass Enlistment Ceremony is an Air Force Reserve Command and Recruiting Service program

that reaches from coast to coast as a way to start the year off with a bang and to get wing and community involvement in the recruiting process. It's honors those applicants brave enough to take that next step and enlist in the Air Force Reserve," said Master Sgt. Randi Baum, 910th Airlift Wing acting Lead Recruiter.

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On the cover...

Members of the 910th Base Honor Guard gaze over the Air Force and U.S. flags as they posts the colors during the 910th Mission Support Group Change of Command Ceremony held November 1 in Hangar 295 here. During the official ceremony, Col. Teresa Hams took charge of the group from outgoing commander Col. William Stephens. See page 5 for the story. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

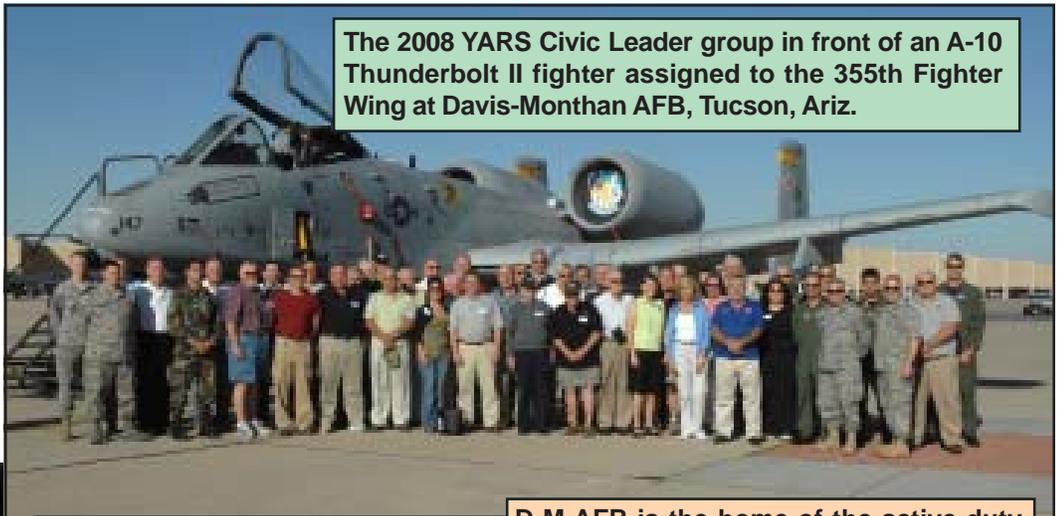
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YARS Civic Leader Tour 2008

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
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The 2008 Youngstown Air Reserve Station Civic Leader Tour was held October 22-23, 2008. Thirty-five civic leaders and five military escorts journeyed to Davis-Monthan (DM) Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz. on a KC-135 Stratotanker with the purpose of giving the YARS civic leaders a better understanding of the Air Force Reserve's mission capabilities while visiting another Reserve base.

Civic leaders saw the aerial refueling of a C-5 Galaxy cargo transport from the rear of their KC-135, assigned to the 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.



The 2008 YARS Civic Leader group in front of an A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter assigned to the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.



Civic leaders saw an aerial view of Tucson, Ariz. from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter assigned to DM's 943rd Rescue Group.

D-M AFB is the home of the active duty 355th Fighter Wing, the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known by many as "The Boneyard" and the reserve 943rd Rescue Group. The YARS civic leaders had many "hands-on" opportunities to learn about the unique missions of these units.



The crewmembers of a HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter assigned to the 943rd Rescue Group answer questions from YARS civic leaders during their visit to Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.



The visit to D-M concluded with a guided bus tour of the AMARG, home to over 4400 aircraft dating back to 1954, making it the world's largest air force. Tour attendees also had the chance to see some of the aircraft up close before heading back to YARS aboard their KC-135 Stratotanker.



All Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

910 MSG continues mission with new commander

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Col. Teresa Hams took charge of the 910th Mission Support Group during a Change of Command Ceremony held in the Hangar 295 here November 1. The colonel replaces Col. William Stephens as group commander. Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift Wing commander had high praises for both the outgoing and incoming group commanders.

Speaking of Col. Stephens, Col. McGregor said, "He's the guy that sat next to me. I relied on his experience to help get the wing through the ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection) and the Open House."

Of the new commander, Maj. White, the 910th AW Commander said, "I challenge her to continue the culture of excellence that Col. Stephens has instilled in the mission support group."

Col. Stephens thanked the group and was presented the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding efforts as commander.

"This is the best assignment that I've had in 31 years in the Air Force. The group is in the shape that it is because every one does what needs to be done and they will continue to do so," said Col. Stephens.

Col. Hams later talked about her thoughts for the group's future.

"After 28 years in the Air Force, I have found that five things are important; A commitment to God, country, family, our Reservists and our community partners. Then, if every person on our team contributes fully to the mission - everyone wins and we have a winning season. I'm looking forward to a winning season," said Col. Hams.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing hands the unit guidon to Col. Teresa Hams, the new commander of the 910th Mission Support Group. Col. Hams took over command of the group from Col. William Stephens during a ceremony held in Hangar 295 here November 1. The members assigned to YARS, units that comprise the MSG as well as family and friends gathered to witness the event and remained to wish the incoming and outgoing commanders well in their upcoming assignments.

Brothers to join C-130 maintenance team

Capt. Brent Davis
910th AW Public Affairs

Jonathan and Ethan Slark of Springfield, Ohio know about teamwork. They've played football for years and are currently playing college football. On July 21, 2008, they enlisted, joining the Air Force Reserve team, to be part of something much bigger than themselves.

"After Tech. Sgt. Hamilton explained the perks of being a crew chief, it sounded really appealing to me. It's unreal to me the responsibility that will go into my hands as a crew chief," said Ethan M. Slark, a 2008 high school graduate. "It will be a lot of pressure but for guys like us- we live for the pressure," he concluded.

Older brother, 21-year old Jonathan Slark, a junior at Whittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio said he's been interested in the military since high school and looks forward to what's ahead.

"I'm excited about joining the Air Force Reserve and excited about going through crew chief training with my brother" Ethan and I are pretty close and always have been," said Jonathan Slark.

"I'm really excited that I can continue to go to college to finish my degree in Business and still be a part of the military," he said.

Both brothers will attend basic military training this month then technical training at Sheppard AFB, Kan. for four months before returning for duty at



Photo by Capt. Brent Davis

Jonathan and Ethan Slark of Springfield, Ohio take the oath of enlistment July 21, 2008. The oath is given by Col. Karl McGregor, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing. The brothers will leave for basic training this month and then move on to their tech school where they will learn to be C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft crew chiefs.

the 910th Airlift Wing. They each will receive an enlistment bonus of \$20,000. They will each receive \$10,000 at or after the one year anniversary of their enlistment, depending on when they complete their tech school. The balance of \$10,000 is spread out over the remainder of their enlistments.

Toys for Tots 2008

The annual Toys For Tots drive is underway at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Distribution boxes are in base work areas and they will remain in-place through December 11th. The support from YARS goes a long way in helping the Marines provide toys for thousands of children at Christmas time who would normally not experience the simple joy of opening a gift. Toy donations should be new, unwrapped and for a boy or girl from Newborn through 16 years of age. Monetary donations will also be collected through December 10th and at the gates during the December UTA. This year is going to be especially difficult for many families. The U.S. Marine Corps and the Toys for Tots program thank you for your support.

Donations can be made by contacting one of the following Toys For Tots committee members:

Capt. Scott Julian, 330-609-1500; Chief Master Sgt. Arlene Boozer, 330-609-1188; Chief Master Sgt. Mary Julian, 330-609-1136; Senior Master Sgt. Harry Andes, 330-609-1122; Senior Master Sgt. Butch Sackett, 330-609-1230; Senior Master Sgt. David Simms, 330-609-1087; Master Sgt. Gary Henderson, 330-609-1160 and Ms. Marty Campa, 330-609-1382.

Winter Weather Safety Tips

The first thing to do to prepare for winter driving is to have a dependable mechanic check your vehicle for winter. Check cooling system, battery, hoses, drive belts, tires, and wiper blades. If you fill your own wiper fluid, ensure it is the winter wiper fluid. Do not use the summer formula which will freeze when it gets cold. Use winter wiper blades which usually have the rubber covering to prevent the ice and snow from building up on the arm and preventing the wiper to clean properly.

Other recommendations:

- **Keep the fuel tank as full as possible or practicable.**
- **When the wipers are on, the headlights must be on in both Pennsylvania and Ohio.**
- **Carry a cell phone.**
- **Use extra caution on bridges and ramps, and watch for wet roads that may actually be ice.**
- **Do not park or abandon your vehicle on snow emergency routes.**
- **Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a "plow line" (trucks plowing side-by-side).**
- **If you become stranded, don't leave your vehicle. Keep the downwind window cracked and run the motor about every half hour.**
- **Pack and emergency kit based on your family needs, think about the age of family members. Items to consider are non-perishable food, water, first-aid supplies, warm cloths, a blanket, a small snow shovel.**
- **Remain at least 6 car lengths behind an operating snow plow.**

If you have any questions about how to keep safe this winter, contact Michael Norris, 910th Airlift Wing Ground Safety Manager at 330-609-1391.

Club Open: Mondays, UTAs

The Eagle's Nest Club is now open for breakfast (6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) and lunch (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) on Mondays in addition to Tuesday through Friday. The club is also now open on UTA weekends for lunch (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) Call club manager Jason Cohol at 330-609-1423 for more information.

CCAF Grads for October 2008

The following individuals received Associate Degrees from the Community College of the Air Force's October 2008 graduating class. The graduates are listed alphabetically (*degrees are italicized*):

Master Sgt. Greg L. Allen, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Transportation

Staff Sgt. Brian E. Cales, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Criminal Justice

Senior Airman Megan A. Demos, 910th Medical Squadron
Public Health Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Paul G. Fissel, 910th Operations Support Squadron
(2 degrees) *Comm. Applications Tech., Human Resource Management*

Tech. Sgt. Kathleen R. Franklin, 910th Airlift Wing
Safety

Tech. Sgt. Timothy L. Long, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Aviation Operations

Master Sgt. Daniel A. Marhulik, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Aviation Operations

Tech. Sgt. John J. Miller, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Construction Technology

Tech. Sgt. Thomas C. Morgan, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Criminal Justice

Master Sgt. John P. Moser, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Human Resource Management

Master Sgt. Alec S. Nagy, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Aviation Maintenance

Tech. Sgt. Eric J. Rine, 910th Force Support Squadron
Social Services

Master Sgt. Richard L. Sholtis, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Construction Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Samuel Soto, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight
Aviation Maintenance Technology

Staff Sgt. Katie A. Sponsler, 910th Services Squadron
Aircraft Armament Systems Technology

Tech. Sgt. Paul E. Wolff, 910th Medical Squadron
Logistics

910 AW: AFRC Get One 3peat

Members of the 910th Airlift Wing were recently recognized for referring the most potential leads that went on to become members of the Air Force Reserve in the Get 1 Now program in Fiscal Year 2007. Air Force Reserve Command had a total of 408 new recruits from 1,853 leads last year. Of the total new recruits, members of the 910th brought 40 new recruits into Airmen ranks for the most in AFRC. The wing has led AFRC for the last three consecutive years in new recruits in the Get 1 Now program. Tech. Sgt. Fedno Trompe, Chief of Personnel Employment, 910th Force Support Squadron, had the second most new recruits in all of AFRC by bringing five new Airmen into the Air Force Reserve.

For more information about the Get 1 Now program, how to get involved, how to refer potential recruits and the awards available, visit www.Get1Now.us or call 1-877-786-2372.

NEWCOMERS

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

Lt. Col. Joseph McGrath, 773rd Airlift Wing
Tech. Sgt. Brian White, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Myron Bates, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Anthony Simpson, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Chad Thomas, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Micah Burgess, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Christopher O'Neill, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Senior Airman Nicholas Powanda, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Iris Rucker, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman 1st Class Joshua Diaz, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman 1st Class Brenda Haines, 910th Airlift Wing
Airman 1st Class Jennifer Kay, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Link Maynard, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class Sara Zaborski, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman Basic Patrick Payne, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Basic Raymond Shriver, 910th Medical Squadron
Airman Basic Corey Snyder, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Airman Basic William Thomas, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Basic Brendan Uhlir, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Airman Basic Caitlyn Youngs, 910th Force Support Squadron

PROMOTIONS



Leslie Brode, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Craig Danniballe, 910th Maintenance Squadron



Donald A. Davis, 910th Logistics Readiness Sq.
Laura M. Hening, 910th Medical Squadron
Eugene M. Jones, 910th Medical Squadron
Wheaton V. Pettigrew, 910th Medical Squadron
George F. Telshaw, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron



Scott Francesangeli, 757th Airlift Squadron
Mark W. Gehri, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Kenneth L. Holmes, 910 Services Squadron
Lakecia A. Rivera, 910th Medical Squadron
Keith L. Traylor, 910th Airlift Wing



Richard L. Derby, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Phillip A. Klinge, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Matthew R. Leske, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Benjamin Palmer, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Richard Rawlings, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Adam J. Schatschneider, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Chad M. Wrobbel, 910th Security Forces Squadron



Sean A. Cesareo, 910th Security Force Squadron



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Ribbon cut at new YARS Eagle's Nest Lodge



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Mr. Larry Lemar, Chief of Civil Engineers for Youngstown Air Reserve Station; Ohio 17th District Congressman Tim Ryan and Ms. Nancy Rubino, 910th Services Lodging Manager prepare to cut the ribbon at the new Eagle's Nest Lodge during a ceremony here as Col. Karl McGregor, 910th Airlift commander looks on. A reception and tours of the new building were held after the ceremony, which marked the official opening of the \$8 million state-of-the-art facility that boasts 43 lodging rooms, conference areas and the latest guest amenities.

The new facility was handed over to the 910th Services Squadron on August 22. The general contractor for the project was a partnership of Better Built and Jack Gibson Construction with a multitude of various subcontractors.

The Eagle's Nest Lodge is the first of three proposed phases in an on-base lodging project. \$900,000 has been secured for the design and planning of the scheduled second phase of the project to build new lodging as well as upgrade existing lodging facilities at YARS.



The deadline to donate to the
2008 Combined Federal Campaign
is December 15th!

Please call

Capt. Wendy Prokop
at 330-609-4018 to
get involved!

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