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FROM THE TOP

Commander: wing members act as ambassadors for Air Force

Col. Karl McGregor
910th Airlift Wing Commander

I am constantly amazed and gratified by the immense amount of talent that resides within this wing. I truly believe that if you challenge the Youngstown membership, they will always perform and exceed expectations. The upcoming air show and open house is a clear example of this cultural work ethic.

There has been a massive, complicated logistics effort which involved almost every base discipline and was needed to create a comprehensive, executable plan. I know I have the proverbial cart in front of the horse, since we haven't executed the plan just yet. My point is that there were so many incredible obstacles that had to be overcome; from lack of parking close to the base to road infrastructure and local law enforcement coordination. All were deeply, quietly and professionally planned. In many cases, these tasks were clearly outside the

traditional job jars of the executor, yet they waded in, drained the swamp and built the program. The public will not see the months of sweat and toil given to this massive project, but they will be the recipients of a great venue.

I do not expect everything to run perfectly. We will discover new difficulties that will arise as we move 75,000 people to the base over the weekend. There will be traffic and complaints, but I would ask one simple question. "How ugly would it have been had we not developed plans for traffic, busing, deflection or parking?"

As we sit on the cusp of the air show, I ask for all the wing members to remember that they are ambassadors for the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and most importantly, this airlift wing. Present a professional demeanor, remain courteous and remember that we are always on duty when we're in the public eye. I very much want everyone, including members of the wing, to enjoy the air show weekend. Remember that assigned duties come first. Plan to arrive early and be prepared for the



Col. Karl McGregor

massive departure traffic at the end of the day. See you at "Thunder Over the Valley" Air Show and Open House.



Photo by Senior Airman Clinton Kline

Chief Master Sgt. Garry E. Horton, the C-130H Maintenance Squadron Superintendent, embraces the folded ceremonial flag during the official retirement ceremony held in his honor at the maintenance squadron here June 6. Chief Master Sgt. Horton has served 38 years with the Air Force.

Maintenance chief retires, salutes troops

Chief Master Sgt. Garry E. Horton
910th Maintenance Squadron Superintendent

Wow! I can't believe it has been 38 years since I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force July 15, 1971. I remember arriving at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for Basic Military Training (BMT) on that hot, muggy July day. A military training instructor yelled at the recruits and me, calling us rainbows because we had not been issued our uniforms. We ran our mile and a half in tee shirts and combat boots. When my daughter attended BMT in 1997, the recruits were issued running shoes for physical fitness.

I started my Air Force career as a C-130B crew chief at Langley Air Force Base, Va. I have come full circle after working in operations, logistics and maintenance, retiring as the C-130H Maintenance Squadron Superintendent. I remember being introduced to a computer for the first time in 1974 that was as big as a desk. Now, I sit in front of a desktop computer that is no bigger than a brief case and has more capability than the old machine did. Our Air Force has evolved as well with new weapons systems and advanced technology. We even have a whole new command that deals with cyberspace.

I joined the Air Force when it was not popular to be associated with the military. My late brother, retired Chief Master Sgt. Art Horton was among the returning Vietnam veterans in the late 1960s and 1970s that were treated poorly. It was an honor to be mentored by him, not only as my big brother, but as a great chief. Thanks, Bro.

I am fortunate to have been part of the most advanced fighting force in the world. I have served in Thailand, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Afghanistan.

As I get ready to retire, it will be someone else's opportunity to become a chief master sergeant and the superintendent of the best maintenance squadron in the Air Force. I request of each of you: never lose sight of what we are about, defend this great nation and preserve our traditional values.

Even though we are a young force of 62 years, our traditions and values run deep. Take care and so long to all of you. It has been an honor and a privilege serving with each and every one of you. I salute you.

76TH APS CHANGE OF COMMAND

Airman Megan Tomkins

910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Robert C. Golenberke took command of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron (APS) here June 7.

The ceremony took place in the 76th APS hangar and was presided over by Col. Teresa A. Hams, commander of the 910th Mission Support Group (MSG).

In this ceremony, there was a unique situation in which the command was passed down from Lt. Col. Robert M. Hudson and Maj. Damon A. Matzye to Maj. Golenberke.

Lt. Col. Hudson became the 76th APS commander in 2006 and acted as the Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander when deployed from Sept. 2008 to March 2009.

It was during this time that Maj. Matzye stepped up as interim commander in 2007 for the 76th APS here.

Before Maj. Golenberke took command of the 76th APS, his most recent endeavor was in Baghdad where he served as the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Operations Officer from Aug. 2008 to Nov. 2008.

Col. Hams only had positive words to bestow upon the squadron and each of the officers. She spoke about each of them individually, praising their hard work and dedication to their jobs.

"What a great opportunity we have as we are able to retain these three champions," said Col. Hams. "I am expecting the three of you to 'raise-the-bar' and build an Olympic-level team together."

While Maj. Golenberke is taking over the 76th APS, Lt. Col. Hudson is going to the 910th MSG and becoming deputy commander and Maj. Matzye is staying within the 76th APS.



Photo by Airman Megan Tomkins

Col. Teresa A. Hams, the 910th Mission Support Group Commander, presents the unit's guidon to Maj. Robert C. Golenberke, the new 76th Aerial Port Squadron Commander, during a change of command ceremony here June 6. This symbolizes the two previous commanders relinquishing their jobs as commanders and passing the leadership onto Maj. Golenberke.

Lt. Col. Hudson spoke to the entire squadron and told them Maj. Golenberke will do well as commander.

"You guys are in excellent hands now," said Lt. Col. Hudson.

Lt. Col. Hudson and Maj. Matzye both received Air Force Meritorious Service medals in the ceremony before the command was passed on to Maj. Golenberke.

Maj. Matzye said that he was ready to step down from his position in order to work closer with the APS Airmen, but was grateful for his time in command.

"Thank you to Lt. Col. Hudson and Col. Hams for giving me the opportunity to command," said Maj. Matzye.

The next part of the ceremony is where the uniqueness came into play. The unit's guidon was not just passed on from one commander leaving, but instead it was from two.

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"In all, twelve words are spoken, but in these words are an end and a beginning," said Capt. Scott Allen, executive officer for MSG and master of ceremonies for the 76th APS change of command. "For Lt. Col. Hudson and Maj. Matzye, it marks the end of successful tours of duty. For Maj. Golenberke, it marks the beginning of a challenging endeavor."

Maj. Golenberke thanked his family and explained to the squadron how he came there as a staff sergeant and now had the opportunity to be in command.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lt. Col. Hudson and Maj. Matzye were presented with gifts to show the squadron's appreciation for their leadership of the 76th APS.

All three officers are key parts of Youngstown Air Reserve Station's mission, are highly appreciated for their hard work and will continue to be as long as they are part of the YARS team.

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On the cover...

An illustration highlights the 'Thunder Over the Valley' Airshow and Open House coming to the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, August 8 and 9. The event will feature performances by the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Bill Braack and the USAFR Jet Car, C-130H cargo drop demonstration, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and many more! Air show coordinators distributed approximately 70,000 tickets for the two show days in less than 24 hours.

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Aerial Spray 'BIG GUNS' kill skeeters in Williston

Senior Airman Brenda Haines and Airman Megan Tomkins
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A young woman sits outside at a picnic on a warm, summer night. She is enjoying the company of friends and good eats, as the sun sets in the picturesque backdrop. Suddenly, she feels a pinch on her arm. She glances down to see a mosquito enjoying itself on her blood supply. The rest of her night will be spent scratching mosquito bites and she will be left itchy for several days.

These mosquito bites are the result of an overpopulation of breeding mosquitoes in Williston, N.D. The 757th Airlift Squadron (AS) here was prompted to have their first aerial spray mission there from May 27 to June 5 to help control the problem.

Maj. Phillip R. Townsend, the assistant chief of aerial spray assigned to the 757th AS here, said that the Williston region has long had mosquito problems because the Missouri River often floods low-lying areas in the spring.

"This creates more than 80,000 acres of moist areas that are the perfect breeding ground for a mosquito problem," Maj. Townsend said.

"The area is so huge that the problem is overwhelming," said Maj. Karl Haagsma, chief research entomologist in charge assigned to the 757th AS here.

According to Maj. Townsend, this mosquito infestation has created a hazardous living environment in Williston.

"Williston was trapping about 10,000 mosquitoes a night," said Maj. Townsend. "The residents can't even go outside in the summertime without being swarmed."

As a result of this problem, the Williston Army Corps of Engineers called in the big guns.

"The senator marked funds for the spray mission and the corps called us for help," he said. "This is the first time we have sprayed in Williston."

Maj. Townsend said that spraying in Williston presented challenges for the 9-day mission.

"Winds were our biggest factor," he said. "We did early morning flights so we could get the most spraying time in."

"One of the biggest challenges is locating areas out there where the larvae are breeding and translating that into a spray block that is treatable with a C-130," said Maj. Mark Breidenbaugh, a research



Photo by Maj. Mark Breidenbaugh

A Youngstown Air Reserve Station's C-130H cargo aircraft, flown by Maj. Phillip R. Townsend, the assistant chief of aerial spray assigned to the 757th Airlift Squadron, sprays part of 80,000 acres of wet lands that serves as a mass breeding ground for mosquitoes during a mission to Williston, N.D., May 27 to June 5.

entomologist with the 757th AS.

Maj. Breidenbaugh also explained the use of larvicide for the spray mission.

"VectoBac is a bacterial larvicide," said Maj. Breidenbaugh. "It's good news because it is non-toxic to mammals. It has an endospore that (directly) affects the stomachs of the mosquitoes. It's highly effective when put in the right spot (of the spray area)."

Although the crew only sprayed approximately 6,700 acres of the region, Maj. Townsend said that the Williston area is already seeing positive results.

"Before the mission, a dip-check sample of a pint sized amount of water contained about 150 to 200 mosquito larvae," he said. "After the application, the same amount of water only contained zero to three larvae."

Maj. Breidenbaugh expressed that there was a possibility of the squadron returning to the region for a future mission to combat the adult population of mosquitoes.

"I'm optimistic for us to be able to help them, but it won't solve the mosquito problem," said Maj. Breidenbaugh.

Thanks to the efforts of the 757th AS, this young woman can now enjoy a picnic on a warm summer night, the great company of friends and good eats and watch the beautiful sunset without the worry of mosquitoes ruining her night.

910th pilot serves as bridge between Reserve, Congress



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

Senior Airman Brenda Haines
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Many little boys dream of being a pilot when they grow up. Many little boys dream of being a politician when they grow up.

As adults, only a select few grow up to serve as aviators. Even fewer have the opportunity to serve in Congress.

Maj. John Bocchieri, a C-130 Hercules aircraft commander assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron here and a U.S. Representative to Ohio's 16th Congressional District, has grown up to live both of these rare dreams.

"I am very blessed to have this opportunity," said Maj. Bocchieri.

Maj. Bocchieri said that he loves to fly and has been at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station for nine years. He served six years previously on active duty.

He recalled a recent conversation he had with Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, regarding Maj. Bocchieri's upcoming move to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Pentagon to further his Reserve career.

"Lt. Gen. Stenner said that he would like to have me working at the Pentagon," said Maj. Bocchieri. "In return, I told him that I like to fly. He then said that he needed me at the Pentagon. In return, I said that I needed to fly. He then said that I was going to the Pentagon and I responded with 'yes, sir.' I will not be flying for the time being."

He added that his time in the Air Force has helped enhance his role in Congress. He deployed in four rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"I have flown all over the world with the Air Force," he said. "My heart and soul is with the military endeavor. I hope to serve as a bridge between the Air Force Reserve and Congress."

Maj. Bocchieri is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and now resides in Alliance, Ohio, with his wife, Stacey, and their four children. He said that he advocates for the working families, veterans and local



Courtesy photo

business owners of Wayne, Stark and the southern portions of Medina and Ashland counties in his Ohio district.

"As the grandson of a coal miner, steel worker and carpenter, I am both humbled and honored to serve the people of the 16th Congressional District," said Maj. Bocchieri, who was sworn in January 6, 2009.

In addition, he understands the gravity of the decisions he may have to make as a legislator.

"I have a vote that could send my only son to war which...I take very serious," he said.

Maj. Bocchieri is one of the lucky little boys that grew up to live his dreams. He plans to selflessly serve this country through his commitment and dedication to the Air Force Reserve and to the 16th Congressional District of Ohio.

NEWS BRIEFS

2009 Military Ball

The 910th Airlift Wing's Military Ball, "Reminiscing", is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2009, at the MetroPlex Hotel in Girard, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

For dinner, there will be a choice of pork tenderloin, chicken marsala or a vegetarian meal served with red-skinned potatoes, a vegetable medley, a garden salad and assorted desserts.

Maj. Gen. James W. Graves, the Assistant to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters, is slated to be the keynote speaker.

Guests can enjoy musical entertainment by "Guys Without Ties."

Attire for the ball is as follows:

Officers - mess dress

Enlisted - mess dress or semi-formal

Civilian males - suit and tie

Military females - option of uniform or evening gown

Civilian females - appropriate evening gown

Evening gown must be below the knees. Also, gown colors suggested to honor our military heritage are black, white, red and navy blue, but are not required colors.

This event is sponsored by the 910th AW's Airman's Council.

See your first sergeant for more details and tickets.

SFA: new name, new place

The Security Forces Administration office (formerly 910 SFS/SFA) is now called the Information Protection office (910 AW/IP).

The Department of the Air Force decided earlier this year to separate the SFA offices from 910th Security Forces. SFA has been relocated to Combat Arms, building 530, Room 106. The IP office now exclusively handles base information and industrial security matters.

Information Protection Office point of contacts are Mr. Wade Chambers and Mr. Dennis Yoho, who may be reached at 330-609-1402 and 330-609-1002 respectively.

Base to hold Family Day

A Family Day for servicemembers and their families is scheduled for Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hangar 295 here.

This free event will feature a human C-130 photo of Reservists and civilians here and a barbecue lunch.

The festivities will include an honor guard demonstration, 50/50 raffle, family-themed pentathlon, coat drive, clowns, face painting, a book fair and community support agencies.

The Family of the Year will be announced during the event.



Photo by Airman Megan Tomkins

Lt. Col. Jeff Shaffer, the 910th Airlift Wing Chief of Current Operations assigned to the 757th Airlift Squadron and Senior Master Sgt. Paul Miller, the 910th AW Current Operations Mission Planner assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron accept a plaque here June 24, 2009, from Ben Himes, the Chagrin Falls Chief Administrative Officer and James Brosius, the Chagrin Falls Chief of Police on behalf of the Vader 06 crew that performed a flyover for Chagrin Falls on Memorial Day. The crew consists of Maj. Tom Markovich, Maj. Scott Croghan, Capt. Casey Stedman, Senior Master Sgt. Jack McKibben, Master Sgt. Henry Gibson and Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bradshaw. Capt. Mike Gassman, a C-130 navigator assigned to the 773rd AS and Senior Master Sgt. Miller organized this flyover by building the flight plans and coordinated with the Air Force Reserve Command.

PROMOTIONS

Master Sgt.

Timothy M. Frease, 773rd Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt.

Mark T. Cherry, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight
Benjamin J. Riggs, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt.

Elizabeth Ference, 910th Force Support Squadron
Drezden Johnson, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Joseph Johnson III, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Shawn D. Spaulding, 910th Communications Flight
David J. VanWinkle, 910th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman

Chad S. Anderson, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Ashley C. Boals, 910th Medical Squadron
Brenda L. Haines, 910th Airlift Wing
Adam M. Hemminger, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Charles L. Palmer Jr., 910th Communications Flight
Aaron Strock, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Kaila J. Summers, 910th Operations Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class

John F. Harper IV, 910th Security Forces Squadron
Devin M. Hughes, 910th Communications Flight
Dietrich E. Lutz, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Silvia C. Martel, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Natasha J. Mills, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Shantae M. Moore, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Raymond A. Shriver IV, 910th Medical Squadron
Caitlyn M. Youngs, 910th Force Support Squadron

Airman

Kevin Arnold Jr., 910th Maintenance Squadron
Tae H. Choe, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Sophie L. Maloy, 910th Medical Squadron
Eric Marks Jr., 910th Force Support Squadron



NEWCOMERS

Capt. Carmen Julian, 910th Medical Squadron
Master Sgt. Mark Dybiec, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Ricardo Gonzales, 910th Airlift Wing
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Durso, 773rd Airlift Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Blaine Edison, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Raymond Boso, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Staff Sgt. Alec Young, 910th Operations Groups
Senior Airman David Dottavio, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Andrew Rice, 910th Maintenance Operations Flight
Senior Airman Joshua Weiss, 76th Aerial Port Squadron
Airman 1st Class James Brock, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman Natasha Mills, 910th Maintenance Squadron
Airman Basic Eric Marks, 910th Force Support Squadron
Airman Basic Pete Maurer, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Illustration by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.



THUNDERBIRDS TO HEADLINE 'THUNDER OVER THE VALLEY'

Base expects more than 78,000 visitors during 2009 Air Show, Open House

Story and logo design by Tech. Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
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More than 78,000 people are expected to visit the Youngstown Air Reserve Station for "Thunder Over The Valley," August 8 and 9, the base's first air show since 1986. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline a lineup of performers from across the country. Also, featured will be the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump demonstration team, a 910th Airlift Wing C-130H formation and airdrop demonstration, Bill Leff's T-6 World War II era Trainer aerobatic demonstration, a F-15 Strike Eagle tactical demonstration team, a F4U Corsair World War II era Gull-Wing Fighter aerobatic demonstration, the U.S. Air Force Reserve Jet Car Show (highlighting Jet Car vs. Corsair in a 400-mph race), Manfred Radius and his Glider demonstration and the U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute jump demonstration*. Event planners have planned the same show lineup for both days.

The air show will combine with last year's successful open house format, where more than 50,000 people visited YARS on a rainy September afternoon. Static displays of military and historic aircraft and equipment, ground exhibits, Air Force Reserve job skill areas and more will greet visitors to the base. They will also be

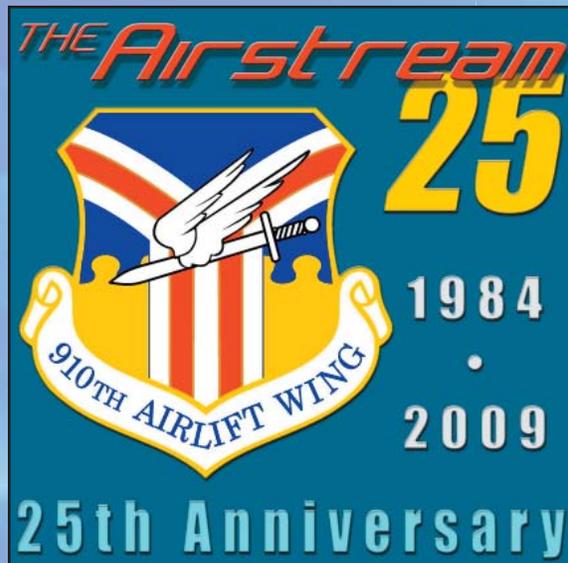
treated to entertainment including the U.S. Air Force Reserve's Reserve Generation Band as well as local entertainers. Visitors will once again get "a taste of the valley" as local specialty food vendors will join a nationally-recognized air show food vendor to ensure everyone has plenty to eat and drink during the event. Additional planned special events include a remote-control (RC) model plane demo and a midmorning Air Parade featuring vintage World War II era bombers as well as other historic aircraft.

Due to the limited crowd capacity at YARS, planners developed a system where a preset number of free tickets were ordered by the public in advance of the show. Although incredible interest for this event was anticipated, event planners and local media outlets were amazed when all tickets available for the event were distributed in a little more than 24 hours, essentially a "78,000 seat sellout."

Col. Karl McGregor, the 910th Airlift Wing commander, said event attendees will not be disappointed with the early August show.

"Our goal is to provide a world class venue where all our guests will experience the professionalism and patriotism inherent in our United States Air Force Reserve," said Col. McGregor.

*Editor's note: Event schedule and performers are subject to change.



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