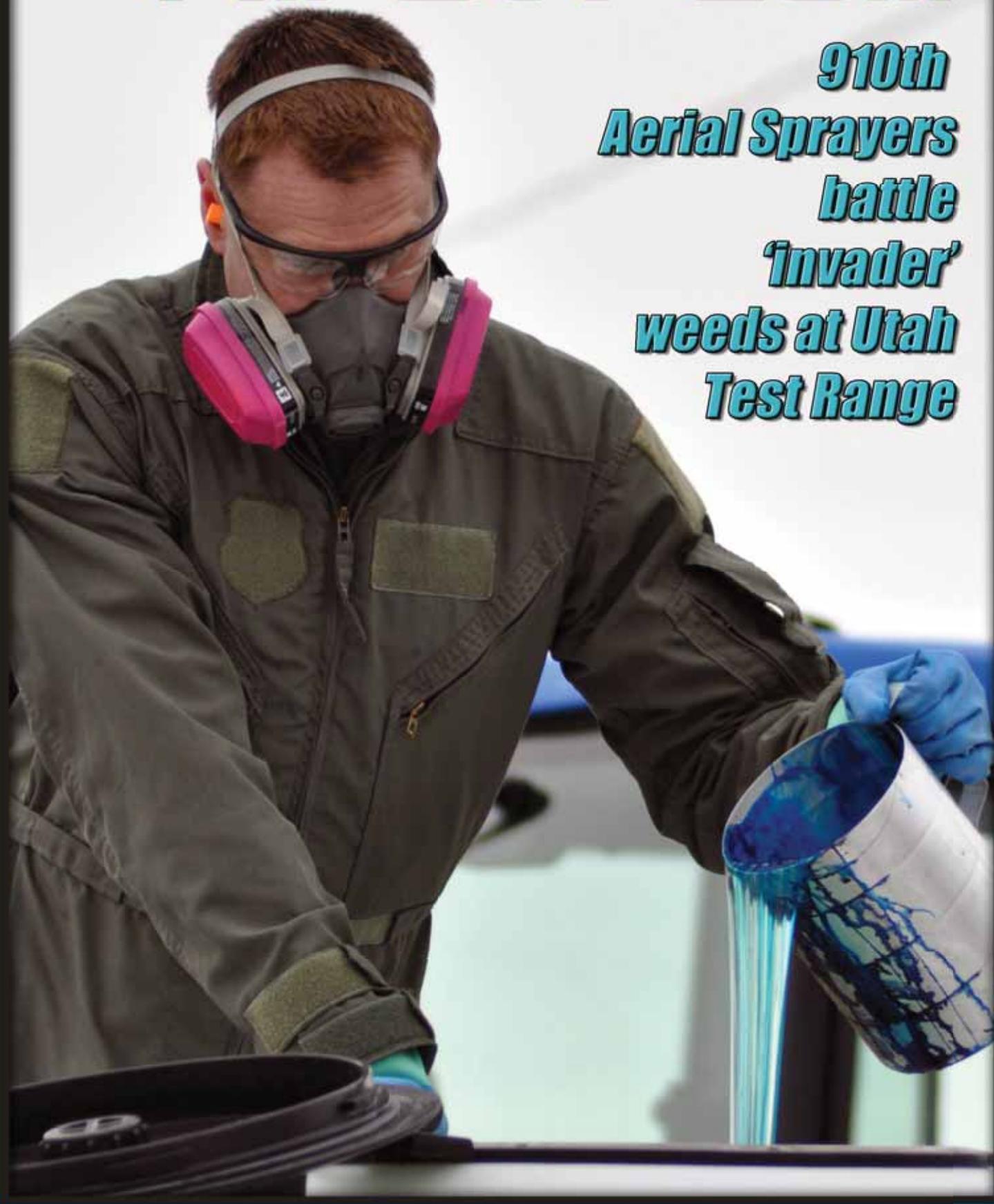


THE *Airstream*

**910th
Aerial Sprayers
battle
'invader'
weeds at Utah
Test Range**





Col. Fritz Linsenmeyer
910th Airlift Wing Commander



Commander shares 'Critical Days of Summer' safety message

As we get ready to enjoy the change of seasons and move into spring — I hope — and celebrate Memorial Day, take some time to reflect on what Memorial Day means to you. For all of us, it should serve as a reminder and time to appreciate those service men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on the field of battle. Memorial Day also begins the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign. As you prepare to barbecue, camp, boat, ride your motorcycle or however you have fun, use good Operational Risk mitigation techniques and ensure you're here this time next year. The Air Force has seen a decline in overall accident statistics so far this year, and it should be our goal to not become an Air Force statistic.

Another encouraging trend is the decline in alcohol-related accidents. If

you are going to enjoy a cold beverage, ensure you designate a driver and that you don't mix alcohol with fireworks, motor vehicles or anything else that could ruin your day.

On another note, we've recently seen an increase in the number of positive drug tests. I have asked the drug demand reduction office to step up their random testing. The 910th Airlift Wing cannot afford to have Airmen in the organization who use illegal drugs.

The fiscal year 2012 Unit Training Assembly schedule should be published soon so if you are making plans for next year, be sure you de-conflict your schedule with our schedule (smile). Thanks for all that you do to make the 910th a world class organization. See you at the UTA! Col. L+10

Command chief stresses importance of recognition for job well done

Chief Master Sgt. Troy Rhoades
910th Airlift Wing Command Chief

A second grade student eagerly waves his hand and wiggles nearly out of his seat. The teacher calls on him and he quickly answers her question with the correct response. As a reward, she places a small package of candy on his desk. This 8-year-old boy smiles as he opens his treat. The teacher asks another question and several students enthusiastically raise their hands waiting for their turn to answer.



This reward system, although simple, has proven quite effective over time. To these students, the candy was more than a delicious treat, it was a form of recognition for an achievement and a small gesture of appreciation in front of their peers.

This acknowledgement brought smiles to these student's faces and goodwill toward their relationship with their classmates and teacher.

However you choose to do it, appropriate praise and commendation helps build the culture of teamwork and striving excellence in all we do. Recognition can motivate your team members to do an even better job in the future since they are aware that their efforts are appreciated.

Like anyone else, military members want to

know that their efforts are noticed and valued by those around them. When we neglect to nominate our troops for awards, promotions and other recognition, we are actually contributing to low morale, poor work ethic and an overall stagnant working environment.

Recognition for a job well done comes in many different forms. It can be a nomination for Airman of the Quarter, certificate of award, Air Force Challenge Coin or other acknowledgement.

When nominated to appear before for a board, Airmen have the opportunity to practice facing movements, communication skills and how to interact with senior ranking staff. This experience can help prepare them for events later in their career and even throughout civilian life. This nomination follows them in the form of bullets on Enlisted

Performance Reports and can help with future job considerations and advancements. It also helps Airmen gauge their performance versus that of their peers.

It is your job as a supervisor to put in a little extra time during Unit Training Assembly to assure your exemplary troops are recognized for their efforts that are above and beyond what is expected of them. Praise should be a part of your normal day-to-day leadership action; its contribution cannot be overstated.

Recognition and rewards are most effective for reinforcing or improving work performance when the Airman has confidence in the basis of that praise. And you, as the supervisor, will be more confident when giving recognition and rewards based on information that you can support.



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Photos by Maj. Brent Davis

Capt. Brian Hodor, Chief Master Sgt. David Kane, and Lt. Col. Chris Zwetzig pose with patient May 17 at Akron Children's Hospital of the Mahoning Valley in Boardman. Captain Hodor is a pilot with 757th Airlift Squadron, Sergeant Kane is chief flight engineer with 757th AS and Colonel Zwetzig is a navigator with 773rd AS. The aircrew members visited the hospital to bring toys to the patients. For information on how to participate in community outreach programs, contact public affairs at 330-609-1236.



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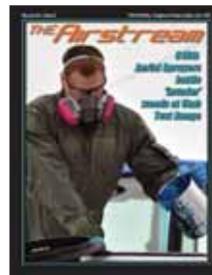
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On the cover



Lt. Col. Mark Breidenbaugh, a research entomologist assigned to the 910th Aerial Spray Flight, pours a blue-colored product into a mixing tank at Hill AFB, Utah, March 30. Colonel Breidenbaugh, wearing an old flight suit as part of his Personal Protective Equipment, is a member of a 910th team that applied an herbicide spray mixture to more than 1,200 acres of target areas on the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) from C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft. See the story and more photos on pages 6 and 7. Cover photo and design by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

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Public Affairs wants YOU...

to share your story

The 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office invites Airmen to share their stories with the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Do you work in a unique office during your drill weekend? Do you do something interesting during your civilian time? Are you the supervisor of an exceptional Airman or unit that you would like to see recognized for a job well done? Contact PA and tell us your story.

The Public Affairs team is dedicated to telling your story and highlighting your accomplishments and is here to serve you. But who really is Public Affairs?

Why did you choose to work in public affairs?

Maj. Brent Davis: *I chose the public affairs career field because after 10 years active and two career fields, I decided I wanted to recognize the outstanding Citizen Airmen spanning all wing-level career fields for their accomplishments. This began with story writing and photography, and eventually led to sharing wing accomplishments in the local news and general public and visiting our lawmakers on Capitol Hill.*

Maj. Colleen VanNatta: *I always enjoyed writing and was encouraged in ROTC by our fabulous cadre to choose this career field. After 12 years active duty (one spent teaching ROTC) and 4 reserve years in PA, I still love this career field and believe it's even more important now to win the war of public ideas and that's exactly what we bring to the fight!*

Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.: *I did six years in the Ohio Army National Guard from '86-'92. I was at a unit reunion in 2000 and I saw a former commanding officer. He asked, "Barko, why aren't you still in [the military]?" I replied, "I can't find a military job in art, sir!" He suggested I come to work in Public Affairs. I re-enlisted in October 2001 and nearly a decade later, I can say without a doubt it was the second best thing I have done in my military career (switching to the Air Force Reserve was the first).*

Tech. Sgt. James Brock: *I was/am a fan of Larry Burrows & Robert Capa, famous combat photographers. I started shooting film SLRs in 1992 and started shooting digital in 2002.*

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker: *I always considered myself easy to talk to and generally have a gift for getting people to open up.*

Tech. Sgt. Rick Lisum: *I was going to be an admin clerk but right before boot camp the recruiter asked me if I would like to be a photographer. I said "sure, I mean yes sir!" and it has been a great job.*

Mr. Eric White: *My career here began as a student hire, but the work fit perfectly with my professional writing and editing and graphic design studies at Youngstown State University. I love having a career which allows me to pursue my passions.*

Staff Sgt. Brenda Haines: *I've always enjoyed working with people and I love to write, so the job was right up my alley. I love being able to tell the Air Force story.*

Staff Sgt. Valerie Smock: *I used to be military police in the Ohio Army National Guard. I had a slight break in service and realized how much I missed being in the military. I was working at WKBN/WYTV and came out to YARS to interview the base commander for an event and between him and Major Davis, they convinced me to sign back up. I told them I wanted to do something close to my job on the civilian side and public affairs seemed to fit very well. I enjoy getting to do a different style of writing and taking still photos versus using a video camera. It is very different being behind the camera instead of in front of it.*

Senior Airman Megan Tomkins: *At first I joined because I did not know how I was going to pay for college. My parents sat me down and told me they weren't going to pay for me to go to school. I decided to join the Air Force Reserve and that's where it started. I was excited because I knew I was doing something bigger than myself. I enjoy the sense of camaraderie you get from working side-by-side with people you would never get to work with on the civilian side. It is a bigger mission you wouldn't encounter in everyday life if you're just a civilian.*

Air Force Specialty Code:

3NOX1 Public Affairs Specialist

The Public Affairs Career Field encompasses the total spectrum of the Air Force's human communication activities and functions designed to facilitate communication flow between the Air Force and the general public, as well as active duty Air Force members, Reserve components, civilian employees and dependents.

Duties include journalism, editing, publishing, community relations, media relations, coordinating special events, hometown news releases, public website maintenance and social media.

Air Force Specialty Code:

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Duties include still photography of personnel, events, official photos and photo captions.

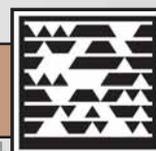
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Your 910th PA staff members cannot cover every mission and event so we are looking for Airmen interested in becoming a Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR).

Do you love photographing missions and wonder how to share your pictures with Youngstown Air Reserve Station? Are you aware of interesting unit activities and want to help PA cover them? If you are interested in being a UPAR, contact PA at 330-609-1236 or 910aw airstream@us.af.mil.

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I am an American Airman.
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My Nation's Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger.
I defend my Country with my Life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, Leader, Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.



910th Aerial Spray tackles Utah weeds



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker

A nozzle of the Modular Aerial Spray System is in place on a C-130 aircraft April 1 on the flightline at Hill AFB,



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Master Sgt. Paul Tatar, aerial spray maintainer with 910th Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight, watches as a truck hauling a mixing trailer moves into position to pump an herbicide mixture into a Modular Aerial Spray System on the cargo deck of a C-130 aircraft April 1 on the flightline at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Rogers, aerial spray maintainer with the 910th Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight, operates the control panel of a Modular Aerial Spray System on the cargo deck of a C-130 aircraft March 30 at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 910th Airlift Wing Aerial Spray (AS) Flight traveled to the Utah Test Training Range near Hill Air Force Base, Utah, March 28 to April 8 to aid Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams in the recovery of unexploded munitions by controlling vegetation.

The target weedy plant, known as halogeton, grows three to 24 inches and can create problems for the EOD teams by decreasing the ordnance's visibility.

"Halogeton is the primary weed, but we basically want to get rid of any vegetation on the targets," said Maj. Phil Townsend, mission commander and chief of the 910th AS Flight.

The 910th AW's C-130s sprayed an herbicide mixture, a blend of an Environmental Protection Agency-approved herbicide, water, anti-drift agent, anti-foaming agent and blue dye, over an area of nearly 1,300 acres.

"It's kind of like a recipe; to get the right mixture, you have to be flexible," said Major Townsend. "On a day where you only have about two knots of wind, they may not need to



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

A blue herbicide mixture lies on the Utah Test Training Range March 30 following a flyover March 31 by the 910th Airlift Wing Aerial Spray Flight. The biodegradable blue dye enables spray personnel to easily identify treated areas on the range.

use the [anti-drift agent]. On a day where you have 10 or 12 knots of wind, maybe we'll use it to help keep [the mixture] from drifting off target and keep the droplets together."

The aerial spray crews and aircraft are no strangers to spray missions because they are the only specialized flight within the Department of Defense with this distinct capability. They were tasked with controlling mosquitoes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and spraying a dispersant in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Similar to the speed and finesse of a stock car pit crew, the air crews reload and prepare the aircraft and its mixture swiftly, said Major Townsend.

"I think the fastest time we were hot-turning [refilling the aircraft with the engines running] during Deepwater Horizon was seven minutes and 45 seconds," he said.

The mixture being used at the range in Utah was not quite as easy to work with as the mixture used in the Gulf of Mexico which led to a longer turnaround.

"This takes longer because it's

a much thicker material," said Major Townsend. "When it's mixed up, it's more like syrup and much heavier than the stuff we were using in the Gulf."

Situated in Utah's western desert approximately 70 miles west of Salt Lake City and Hill AFB, the bombing range is currently the only military airspace in the continental United States where aircraft are permitted to break the sound barrier.

Although the process may seem complicated, the spray mission covers a lot of area in a short amount of time.

"It would take a month spraying from the ground what we can do in a week from a C-130," said Lt. Col. Mark Breidenbaugh, research entomologist assigned to the 757th Airlift Squadron. "Our goal is to find the most efficient ways to use the least amount of product to accomplish the mission while causing the least amount of damage to the environment."

The unique designation of the 910th AW Aerial Spray flight enables them to provide an unparalleled service to the EOD teams — teams of servicemembers that risk their lives every day in the recovery of unexploded ordnance.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

A specially-equipped 910th Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft sits on the runway March 31 at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The aircrew aboard the plane prepare to take off for a mission to the Utah Test Training Range, a military bombing site approximately 70 miles west of Salt Lake City. The C-130 is fitted with a Modular Aerial Spray System and will apply an herbicide mixture to control evasive weeds that hamper unexploded ordnance recovery.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker

Tech. Sgt. Tom Kocis, aerial spray maintainer with 910th Maintenance Squadron, inspects the Modular Aerial Spray System of a C-130 aircraft March 30 on the flightline at Hill AFB, Utah.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kilker

A 910th Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft applies an herbicide mixture March 31 to more 1200 acres of the Utah Test and Training Range, a test bombing site approximately 70 miles west of Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The plane's aircrew receives specialized training to complete the low altitude, high speed aerial spray mission.

2010 "Of the Year" award winners

Airman of the Year



Name:
Todd Eisenman
Rank:
Senior Airman
Job title: Phoenix
Raven fire team member
Unit:
910th SFS
Profile:
To become a raven, Senior Airman Eisenman said he endured three weeks of pain during the hardest Air Force school he has attended. On the civilian side, Airman Eisenman remains close to his Security

Forces background as an armored car driver. Senior Master Sgt. Eric Stere nominated him for Airman of the Year.

NCO of the Year



Name:
Matthew Leske
Rank:
Technical Sergeant
Job title: fire team
leader
Unit:
910th SFS
Profile:
Sergeant Leske is a student and intern at Bowling Green University. His Reserve duty, including two tours in Iraq, have helped him grow as a person, he says. He volunteers for

additional duties and assignments as often as possible. Master Sgt. José Rivera nominated him for NCO of the Year.

SNCO of the Year



Name:
Leslie D. Brode Jr.
Rank:
Senior Master Sergeant
Job title: Operations
Superintendent
Unit:
910th SFS
Profile:
Law enforcement is both a Reserve and civilian occupation for Sergeant Brode, who works for the Ohio State Highway Patrol Hiram Post in Ravenna, as a sergeant and assistant post commander. Sergeant

Brode also attends American Military University online. Captain Ryan Robin nominated him for SNCO of the Year.

First Sergeant of the Year



Name:
Brent Black
Rank:
Master Sergeant
Job title: First
Sergeant
Unit:
Formerly 910th SFS, now
76th APS
Profile:
Sergeant Black works as a regulatory inspector for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Administration, Pittsburgh, Penn. As a first sergeant, Sergeant Black has enjoyed

watching the Airmen he's worked with grow and move up in rank, he said. Lt. Col. Wes White nominated him for First Sergeant of the year.

Editor's note: Company Grade Officer of the Year, Capt. Joe Grein, pilot with 773rd Airlift Squadron, was not available for an interview or photo for this story.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Rhoades (910th Airlift Wing Command Chief):

Why are "of the Year" and similar awards so important?

You as an individual are recognized at YARS for the year and are rated by peers. Airman can't always be promoted or get a pay raise so it gives them a way to get a "job well done." We should always try to find ways to recognize our outstanding Airmen. This is one of the ways.

Why do you think these Reservists are deserving of these awards?

They are the total Airman and the whole package. It is important for Citizen Airmen to continue to educate themselves through PMEs,

CCAF, etc. They have the ability to wear the uniform and represent the Air Force in the community in a positive way. How is this recognition good for morale? It gives wing morale too. There is underlying unit competition, but allows us to become a more outstanding wing.

What does a Reservist need to do to be nominated or recognized for their accomplishments?

Supervisors need to take the lead. When an individual meets standards, they need to step up and recognize their people—those who are selfless.

YARS adds rooms with phase two of lodging project

Capt. Elisa Van Cise

910th Force Support Squadron

Construction is underway at The Eagle's Nest Lodge at Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS), Ohio, with the building a new wing of guest rooms. This addition is the second of five proposed phases in the on-base lodging project designed to accommodate the lodge's large customer base. The completion of this portion of the project, scheduled for December 2011, will add 80 additional rooms. With the completion of Phase Two, there will be 195 lodging rooms at YARS.

These additional rooms will be available to customers in March 2012 and will help minimize the number of off-base lodging contracts needed in the future. The primary factor for this on-going build up of rooms is providing for a safe and secure location

to lodge military members.

Eagle's Nest Lodge customers will see some changes with the opening of phase two. Lodging rooms will continue to be reserved based on priority; however with more rooms available, customers on orders should not have to relocate to off-base lodging over the UTA training weekends. Other items of interest for lodging customers are parking for the new lodging phase will be located in the main lot in front of the Eagle's Nest Lodge main building and wireless internet access will be available in the new rooms.

Eagle's Nest Lodging Manager Cheryl Taylor hopes that YARS Reservists and visitors will have a chance to stay in the facility's new addition.

"Lodging is proud to serve all of its customers and to be a part of this new phase at YARS," said Mrs. Taylor. "Remember, we are here for you."



Courtesy photo by Mr. Brad Ryczko

Phase two of The Eagle's Nest Lodge at Youngstown Air Reserve Station is underway. The new 80-room wing, photographed here May 3, 2011, will enable the 910th Force Support Squadron to better accommodate their customers during Unit Training Assemblies. Construction is slated to be completed December 2011.

Wing Safety reminds Airmen to wear seat belts, drive safely

Spring is finally here, so the 910th Wing Safety office reminds Airmen to drive safely and wear seat belts.

Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) will begin its Click It or Ticket campaign May 23 to June 5, 2011. This campaign is the most successful seat belt enforcement campaign ever, helping create the highest national seat belt usage rate of 85 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During the April Unit Training Assembly, Wing Safety conducted an inspection of 271 vehicles entering both gates at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Of those vehicles, 10 Reservists did not have their seat belts buckled. Failure to wear seat belts may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if an injury is a result of non-use or non-compliance with Department of Defense and Air Force policies.

DoD policy (AFI 31-218(I), Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision) says,

Restraint systems (seat belts) will be worn by all operators and passengers of U.S. Government vehicles on or off the installation, (b) Restraint systems will be worn by all civilian personnel (family members, guests, and visitors) driving or riding, in a POV on the installation, (c) Restraint systems will be worn by all military Service members and Reserve Component members on active Federal Service driving or riding in a POV whether on or off the installation.

Coast to coast, day or night, the message is simple; "Click it or Ticket."

Civilian accomplishments recognized

Many of the superior accomplishments of the 910th Airlift Wing are due to the efforts of the civilians who work in each unit. Although there are various organizational awards for civilian employees, the Quarterly Award program provides employees with well deserved recognition.

Supervisors nominate deserving employees who have performed in an outstanding manner during the previous quarter. Each division may submit one nominee for each category. A committee of five representatives is formed that consists of a group commander, who serves as board president, a representative from each group and a representative from the wing staff. Nominees are scored based on duty performance, significant self improvement and community involvement. The winners have their choice of eight hours time off or \$300.

The winners of the October to December 2010 quarter are:

Colleen Lough Kountz, Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Jeremy Matyas, Senior Civilian of the Quarter

Airman's Council to host Combat Dining In

The 910th Airlift Wing Airman's Council will host a Combat Dining In scheduled for July 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The location is yet to be determined.

This event is for military members only and the attire will be Airman Battle Uniform, flight suit or creative combat gear.

Tickets for officers are \$20, senior noncommissioned officers \$15 and Staff Sergeant and below \$10.

Call 330-609-1618 or 330-609-1628 for more information.

Motorcycle safety, training procedures

All military and civilian personnel owning or operating a private or government owned motorcycle at any time — on or off an Air Force installation — are required to attend and complete an approved motorcycle rider education course.

Personal protection equipment that is required for all motorcycle operators and passengers is as follows;

- wear a properly fastened protective helmet while operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle on any Department of Defense installation.
- use eye protection such as goggles, wrap around glasses or a full-face shield. A windshield does not constitute proper eye protection.
- wear a brightly-colored long-sleeved shirt, vest or jacket as an outer garment during the day and reflective outer garment during limited visibility and at the night. The reflective belt alone, for example, worn over the uniform, does not meet the brightly-colored requirement during daylight hours.
- wear full-fingered gloves and long trousers. Wear of a motorcycle jacket and pants constructed of abrasion resistant materials containing impact absorbing padding are strongly encouraged.
- wear over-the-ankle boots or shoes. Shower clogs and sandals are not acceptable.

All military personnel operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle must wear a helmet off the installation regardless of state laws.

Wing Safety can be reached at 330-609-1313.

910th Public Affairs recognized by AFRC media contest

Two 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Airmen received awards recently in the 2010 Air Force Reserve Command Media Contest.

Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr. was awarded first place in the Graphics Illustration category with "Haiti Winger," originally run in the March 2010 Airstream.

Senior Airman Megan Tomkins received third place in the Sports Photography category with a photo featuring Mr. Jeffery Pandera of the 910th Falcons softball team originally run in the September 2010 Airstream.

The 2010 contest was the largest to date with 198 submissions from 22 AFRC organizations.

Lengthy medical processes are Reservists' chief complaint

Anger and frustration with the length of medical processes is Reservists' number one complaint, according to the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General office. Col. Cynthia Wong, 910th Airlift Wing IG, agrees that Youngstown Air Reserve Station Reservists share the same concerns.

"Over the past year, I have seen a number of Reservists who are frustrated about a decision made on their behalf regarding medical care, a medical bill not being paid or a lengthy evaluation process for medical disability or fitness for — in some cases — more than a year," Colonel Wong said. "Typically, individuals want to blame the medical squadron but the truth is, more than just the medical squadron is involved in making sure that paperwork meets Air Force requirements for approval to pay benefits."

Paperwork has to be reviewed at many levels including 910th Medical Squadron, Reservist's commander, Judge Advocate General, wing commander, Military Personnel Flight, AFRC medical and in some cases, active duty Air Force medical personnel. An individual's paperwork can be returned for various reasons at any point during this process, further extending the amount of time it takes to reach a resolution.

Col. Ronnie Roberts, the 910th MS commander, is aware of Reservist's concerns. He recently attended a medical commander conference where this issue was a topic of discussion. The AFRC Surgeon General is currently evaluating medical processes in an attempt to streamline them and reduce the time Reservists wait for a medical decision. Col. Teresa

Hams, 910th Mission Support Group commander, is committed to communicating better with military members and is reviewing these medical processes at YARS to help make improvements locally.

What can Reservists do to help the medical process along? In the event of injury, their top priority should be to seek medical attention immediately, so medical paperwork accurately establishes the date and severity of their condition. Commanders and the medical squadron should also be contacted as soon as possible so the correct process can be followed to get the medical care necessary for recovery.

"The point to remember is that the Air Force can't just take your word that you got hurt while you were drilling," said Colonel Wong. "You need to prove it."

YARS dependents can attend teen lock-in

Youngstown Air Reserve Station military and civilian dependent children can attend a teen lock-in scheduled for June 18 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the base fitness center.

The goal of this lock-in is to provide a positive networking environment for the children of the 910th.

Some of the events will be sumo wrestling, volleyball, dodge ball and dance contests.

Points of contact are Master Sgt. Kelly Turner at 330-609-1329 or Kevin Hyman at 330-609-1027.

Supervisors can nominate best, brightest Airmen for Speakers Team

910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs is looking for a few good speakers. Please nominate your best and brightest for Col. Linsenmeyer's Speakers Team to represent Youngstown Air Reserve Station throughout the community. Thank you for your consideration and for sharing the names of those you believe will represent this base and our airmen in a positive, professional way.

Send nominations to Maj. Brent Davis at brent.davis@us.af.mil. Contact PA for further information at 330-609-1236.



Illustration by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.

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Sergeants reflect on 40 years at YARS

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A lot has changed during the past 40 years at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Buildings were constructed and upgraded, C-130s replaced A-37 fighter

bombers, computerized technology was implemented and deployment operations shifted numerous times. Airmen have come and gone, but despite all of this evolution, two faces at YARS remained steadfast.

Senior Master Sgt. Duane Sackett and Master Sgt. Henry Gibson, affectionately referred to as "Butch" and "Hoot" by those close to them, have been stationed at YARS for approximately 40 years and both are slated to retire this year.

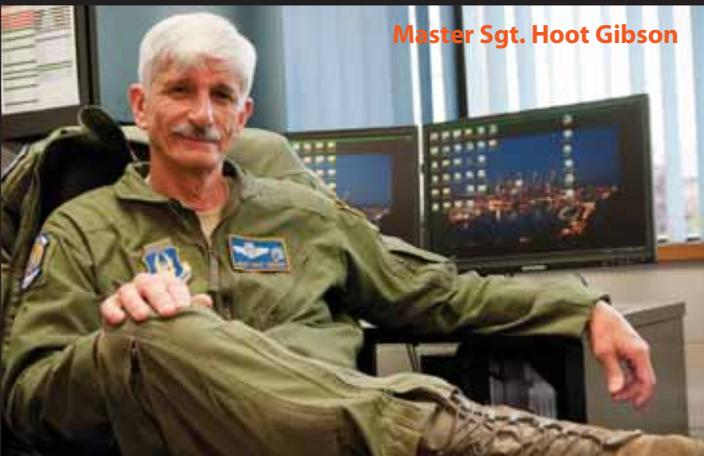
"Changes upon changes, almost every building I have worked in has been remodeled then torn down and replaced with new," said Sergeant Sackett, chief of 910th Education and Training. "Transitions from being an air base to an air wing ... from Air Force Regulations to Air Force Instructions, commander after commander, policy after policy, Traditional Reservist to Air Reserve Technician, I've been through it all and survived... so far."

Sergeant Sackett enlisted in 1970 as a personnelist. Sergeant Gibson joined the Air Force Reserve in 1971, worked in avionics and is now a 757th Airlift Squadron loadmaster with more than 10,000 flying hours.

"Not to toot my own horn, but presently in the system I have the latest Date Arrived Station of anyone, I have the oldest pay date at YARS and presently I am the 7th oldest member in the reserves here," said Sergeant Sackett.

Both sergeants served their entire careers at YARS and said they have experienced a variety of transitions.

"I've seen a lot of different changes over time; from numerous commanders to the change of day-to-day business to the change of the tactical mission," said Sergeant Gibson. "It's a great mission. Aerial spray



Master Sgt. Hoot Gibson

Photo by Mr. Eric White



Senior Master Sgt. Butch Sackett

Photo by Staff Sgt. Brenda Haines

retire in July.

"I'm not ready to retire," he said. "Do I have to? Yes, but I get to stay on for one extra year as a civilian."

Both Sergeants said they have enjoyed their service at YARS. Sergeant Sackett noted some of those experiences were traveling overseas on temporary duty, being promoted to senior master sergeant and the vast number of Airmen he helped through the years.

"Most of all, knowing that I have done the best to my ability, for the jobs that have been given to me during my career is the greatest experience," he said.

During his time at YARS, Sergeant Sackett said he experienced heartache, concerns and physical problems which included quadruple bypass surgery.

"There were those [at YARS] that came to my rescue and didn't even know it," he said. "I truly believe God sent them at those right times. These are my family, not necessarily involved with my life at home and church, but the ones that I spent more time with during the day than anyone."

As the end of a 40-year career approaches, both sergeants reflect upon the many people that they will leave behind at YARS.

"It is the people I like most," said Sergeant Sackett. "Some were closer than others; there were those that nurtured me as a new member and those that assisted greatly later in my career and so many others that I grew with here."

Although both Airmen will be changing gears soon and adjusting back to civilian life, they both have supportive families at home. Sergeant Gibson has been married for 39 years, has two children and five grandchildren. Sergeant Sackett and his wife have two biological children, one adopted handicapped child and have fostered approximately 25 children during the past 30 years.

is one of the most important missions. We've helped a lot of people, especially after Hurricane Katrina, and I've been a spray operator since the beginning."

All of this evolution has led to a culture change at YARS, said Sergeant Gibson.

"I think when I first came in, there was a very different group of people [at YARS]. During Vietnam, when I first joined, everybody was [drafted] into the military. Now, it's strictly volunteer. The day of spending 40 years in the military is over."

Sergeant Gibson said that although he would like to spend more than 40 years at YARS, he plans to