

THE Airstream



Welcome Home!

910th aircrews, maintainers and aircraft return from Southwest Asia deployment

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Col. Reinhard Schmidt
910th Airlift Wing Commander



Commander welcomes ORI, says goodbye to Airstream

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! As we move into the next two years, one of our biggest challenges will be the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), scheduled for June 2013. For some of you, getting ready for the ORI is a completely new experience and you may be a bit apprehensive when it comes to preparing for this inspection. For others, it may seem to be a flashback!

However, I can assure you that if we all work together and keep our lines of communication open, we will achieve great success with the ORI and maintain the tradition of excellence the Youngstown Air Reserve Station is known for across the command.

In the days following the January Unit Training Assembly, Lt. Col. Bart Elsea, the 910th's ORI Warlord, a team of area experts from YARS and I met with our ORI counterparts from the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard C-130 unit and the 319th Air Base Wing, an active duty unit at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. This ORI Joint Planning Conference was hosted by the 152nd in Reno, Nev. Together we will form a team for the AMC/IGX next year.

The conference was very successful, resulting in the determination that the 910th will be the lead wing for the ORI and will help prepare the team for success at the "big event."

While speaking to the group in Reno, I compared the ORI and its preparation to a Broadway play; with a producer, director, actors, stage hands, scenes and costumes. The ORI itself is our "opening night" performance in front of the "critics" — our only shot at a great review. In order for our "opening night" to be a hit, there are things we have to do to get ready. Everyone needs to take ownership of their part and rehearse, rehearse, rehearse!

Roadmap to ORI

First, over the next few weeks, the 910th, the 152nd and the 319th will finalize the ORI players and their alternates from the functional areas across our respective wings. You will be the "actors" — our primary ORI players. Each of you will need to know your parts as "characters" in the ORI. And, just like in a stage show, we will also finalize who will be our "understudies" or our ORI alternates.

The rest have important jobs too in helping make a successful production—ORI—come together. You will be ensuring proper professional standards are met from Airlift to Z99. You will help in the organizing, equipping and training of the ORI players.

This May we will have our second Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV2). RAV2 includes all the players and some directors from all three wings. The total cast will deploy to the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) in Alpena, Mich., for some intensive ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate) and CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) training in a war scenario by 22nd Air Force.

After RAV2, each wing will return to their base and rehearse what they've learned, throughout the summer, to perfection. Through discoveries learned by rehearsing, refinements will be made to the plan to enhance our war-fighting capabilities.

Then in October, the Base Operation Support (BOS) portions of the three wings will regroup at Grand Forks AFB to rehearse their functional area roles, again, in a war scenario.

The final preparation, the "Full Dress Rehearsal," — Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) — will be held in April 2013. We will again deploy to the CRTC in Alpena, MI. Unlike the RAV2 and the BOS exercise, the ORE will focus on evaluating your ATSO and CBRNE skills and your skills in your functional area in a combat environment rather than training. Everyone must perform to the highest standards.

The ORE is the last opportunity for the three wings to work together before the curtain goes up and the AMC IG inspectors, our "critics," come in to review our performance on "Opening Night," in June 2013.

Well, there it is... the way ahead on the road to the ORI or "Opening Night." It may seem like a daunting task but I know each and every one of you is up to the challenge. Keep a positive attitude, become familiar with your Airman's manual and learn your Mission Essential Task List (METLs) for your functional area. That's what being a professional is all about. Being a professional at that level will give you the flexibility to handle the challenges the

IG inspectors will throw at you during the ORI.

The ORI and the preparation for it is a big production. A lot of money and other resources will be spent on ensuring we have an "Outstanding" review on "Opening Night." Your full cooperation and immersion into the team, whatever your role, will have a direct impact on how Youngstown ARS is viewed for many years to come.

I know you are up to the challenges ahead of you! Before you know it, you'll be reminiscing about the ORI experience with teammates, colleagues, and friends.

Final Hard-Copy Airstream

If you haven't heard, this will be the last Airstream in a print format. During the last couple of months, Public Affairs, commanders and key staff deliberated over whether to continue a hard-copy version or go virtual, and we reached our decision. We are going to make the Wing's public website the source for news distribution. By using the website, Public Affairs achieves the ability to improve the currency of information, tell more stories about what the 910th is doing at home and around the world and produce high impact video news clips. The website provides new capabilities, an unlimited amount of space to utilize and a vastly larger audience to reach at a lower cost to taxpayers. This change puts our story in the hands of everyone with a laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The Public Affairs staff have some exciting plans in store for the way you, your families and the public will learn about the great organization you embody at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in the future.

Special Thanks BCC

I want to take this final hard-copy opportunity to thank all the members of The Base Community Council for their unending support to Youngstown ARS; especially, the Board members that give so much of their time, energy and resources. As Installation Commander of Youngstown ARS, I extend the appreciation of ALL the personnel on the installation to: Paul O'Brien, President; Dave Deibel, Vice President; Judge Robert Milich, Secretary; Fred Kubli, Treasurer; Renee LaCivita, Special Events Coordinator; and Chief Master Sgt. Mary Julian, Recorder.

The Airstream



Following this issue, the information found in the hard-copy Airstream will have a new digital home at <http://www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil>. The Airstream's staff will continue highlighting the Youngstown Air Reserve Station and its Citizen Airmen with full-length news and feature stories, along with high-quality images and videos.

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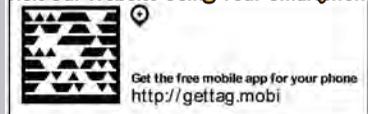
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On the cover



Tech. Sgt. Brian McCumbers, an aerospace maintenance journeyman assigned to the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is embraced on the flightline at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio as he returns home from a 120-day deployment to Southwest Asia, Jan. 19, 2012. McCumbers is one of approximately 140 Citizen Airmen from YARS that supported airlift operations to various military installations throughout the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations. Read the full story and see more photos on pages 6 and 7.
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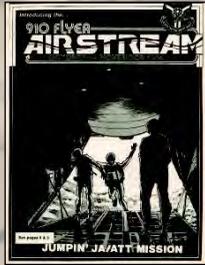
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THE Airstream ...A Look Back!

As you now know, the information found in The Airstream is moving to its new digital home at www.youngstown.afrc.af.mil.

As we prepared this last hard copy magazine, we went through our archives and found issues highlighting some of the important events at YARS we've featured in these pages from the first issue in 1984 to this farewell issue you are now reading. We hope you enjoy this look back through our history and we look forward to sharing more with you on the web. See you there!

- The Airstream Staff



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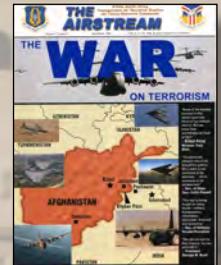
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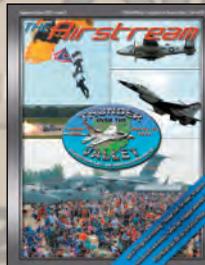
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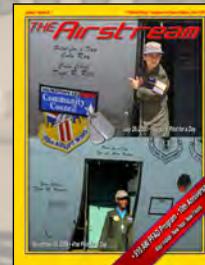
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910th Airman Receives Distinguished Award

Military pay clerk graduates with top honors from ALS

Staff Sgt. Valerie Smock
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Not every service member can list a prestigious military achievement on their resume; however, an Airman from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station can proudly mount this award on his wall.

Newly promoted Staff Sgt. Greg Hriczo, military pay supervisor with 910th Airlift Wing Financial Management, received the distinguished graduate award after completing Airman Leadership School (ALS) Sept. 15, 2011 at The I.G. Brown Air National Guard Training and Education Center. This award is presented to students in the top ten percent of the class and is based on objective and performance evaluations, demonstrated leadership and performance as a team player.

There were 52 students in the program and 13 in Hriczo's individual class. He finished first in his class based exams and presentations among other factors.

"It's an honor," said Hriczo. "Working hard pays off and it's always nice to get personal recognition."

ALS is part of all Airmen's professional military education. The six-week course is required for an Airman to be promoted to staff sergeant and can be completed in correspondence or in residence at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee.

ALS prepares Airmen to become NCOs by teaching students supervision responsibility, interpersonal communication, professional conduct, subordinate counseling and how to prepare an Enlisted Performance Report. Much of the course is hands-on experience.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Valerie Smock

Staff Sgt. Greg Hriczo, military pay supervisor with 910th Airlift Wing Financial Management, explains how to fill out part of a travel voucher to Chief Master Sgt. Mary Julian, chief of military personnel programs with 910th Airlift Wing Force Support Squadron Dec. 3, 2011. Hriczo was given the distinguished graduate award after completing ALS in September 2011.



Courtesy photo by Master Sgt. Kurt Skoglund

Senior Airman Greg Hriczo, right, receives the distinguished graduate award for Airman Leadership School Class 11-7 at The I.G. Brown Air National Guard Training and Education Center from Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Dalton, Sept. 15, 2011. The distinguished graduate award is presented to students in the top ten percent of the class. It is based on objective and performance evaluations, demonstrated leadership and performance as a team player.

Hriczo said he recommends going in residence versus completing the program at home station through the Career Development Courses.

"It's a great experience," said Hriczo. "I think I'm much better prepared than if I had just taken the course through the books."

Hriczo has already put his training to use since his return from school. During his first weekend back, he conducted initial feedback sessions with his subordinates.

"The whole professionalism thing – it's always something you'll use," said Hriczo. "The training we received is something you'll use on a daily basis."

That training is not going unnoticed. Hriczo's supervisor expressed delight with his work in the finance office.

"He is a very hard worker," said Maj. Gerald Narigon II, 910th AW/FM officer in charge. "He is one of the most intelligent Airmen I've ever worked with. He has become a strong NCO in just two months."

Narigon said Hriczo is one of many Airmen in the finance office continually striving for excellence.

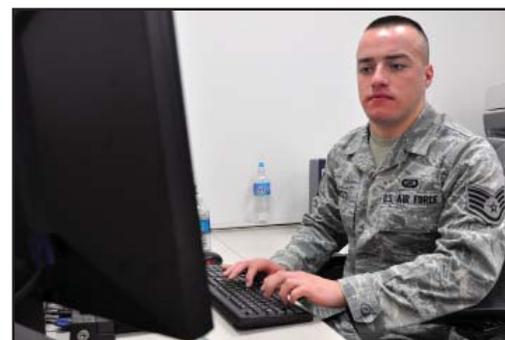


Photo by Staff Sgt. Valerie Smock

Staff Sgt. Greg Hriczo, military pay supervisor with 910th Airlift Wing Financial Management, processes financial paperwork for an Airman at YARS Dec. 3, 2011.

"It's a point of pride to have an Airman in my office who received distinguished honor graduate award," he said. "I like to see my Airmen doing well. I have a good, solid core of Airmen that are really doing excellent."

It's the combination of hard work and excellence that, when added together, equal a distinguished graduate ready for whatever comes his way.

The daughter of Master Sgt. Dan Bryant, communications/navigation systems craftsman with 910th Maintenance Squadron, holds a sign on the flightline, Jan. 19, 2012.

YARS HEROES RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT



Story and photos by Master Sgt. Bob Barko Jr.
910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Family, friends and fellow Air Force Reservists braved frigid temperatures and blowing snow to welcome home approximately 40 Citizen Airmen and four aircraft assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, just outside of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron hangar here, Jan. 19, 2012.

Soon after the returning troops climbed down from the C-130H Hercules cargo transport aircraft and crossed the blustery, cold flightline, they were greeted by a warm reception of hugs, tears of joy, laughter and applause.

Master Sgt. Dan Bryant, a communications/navigation systems craftsman assigned to the 910th Maintenance Squadron, was immediately wrapped in the embrace of his daughters and his wife.

"Play Barbies (with him)," exclaimed Bryant's younger daughter as she explained the first thing she wanted to do with her daddy, now that he has returned home.

Bryant's older daughter was simply looking forward to just being with her father.

"It's definitely better to see him in person. Much better than over the computer," she said.

While Bryant was also excited to be home with his family, he took a moment to reflect on the

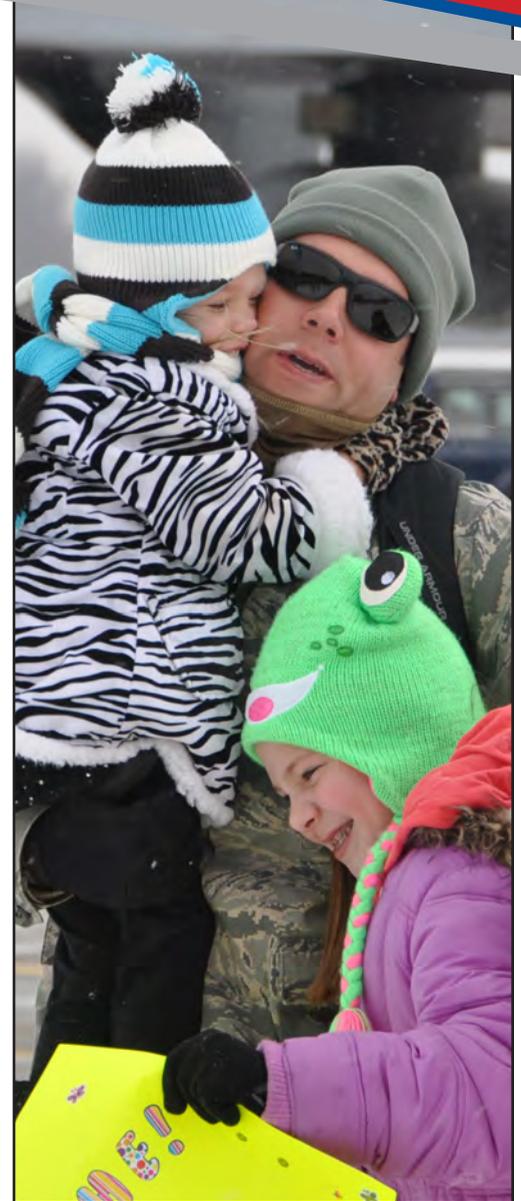
deployment.

"I was impressed with everyone's efforts. It could not have gone any better (than it did)," said Bryant.

Bryant and his fellow returning service members are assigned to the flying and maintenance squadrons at YARS. They are the last of more than 140 Citizen Airmen coming home to Northeast Ohio after a 120-day deployment to Southwest Asia.

While overseas, the 910th members supported airlift operations to various military installations throughout the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Operations (AOR). During their deployment, the 910th service members and aircraft completed 2,562 flying hours during the course of 354 missions. During these missions, the aircrews moved 7,047 passengers, hauled 2,862 tons of cargo and transported 230 patients for a mission effectiveness rate of 99.3 percent.

"Here at the 910th, we are allotted about 2,800 flying hours per year," said Col. Craig Peters, 910th Operations Group commander. "They completed more than 2,500 hours of flying in about four months and worked pretty darn hard. They are upholding the outstanding reputation that Youngstown (Air Reserve Station) has."



Master Sgt. Dan Bryant, communications/navigation systems craftsman with the 910th Maintenance Squadron hugs his children shortly after his arrival on the flightline here, Jan. 19, 2012. Bryant is one of approximately 40 Youngstown Air Reserve Station Citizen Airmen that returned to northeast Ohio after a deployment.

Family, friends and fellow service members gather near the flightline here awaiting the landing of Youngstown Air Reserve Station aircraft that are carrying YARS Reservists returning from a 120-day deployment.



The family of Staff Sgt. Christopher O'Neill, loadmaster with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, holds signs welcoming him home on the flightline here, Jan. 19, 2012. O'Neill (shown right, embracing his children,) is one of approximately 40 Citizen Airmen that are among more than 140 Air Force Reservists, assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing's flying and maintenance squadrons based at YARS, returning to Northeast Ohio after a 120-day deployment to Southwest Asia.

More than 140 Youngstown Air Reserve Station Citizen Airmen returned home to Northeast Ohio Jan. 17-19 after completing a 120-day deployment.



Air Force Reservists assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing flash the victory symbol to friends, family and service members from the flight deck window of a C-130H Hercules cargo aircraft as it taxis on the flightline here, Jan. 19, 2012.



The daughter of a Youngstown Air Reserve Station Citizen Airman holds a sign welcoming her father home to Northeast Ohio after a 120-day deployment to Southwest Asia. Approximately 140 Reservists returned home in January.

Recruits train for top performance before Basic Military Training

Senior Airman Megan Tomkins

910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As a service member, you may remember your first few weeks of Basic Military Training (BMT) and how you had to adjust to military life, learn customs and courtesies, how to march and report to those in charge. What if you would have had the opportunity to learn that all before leaving for basic? Do you think it would have made you your absolute best in basic training?

This is what the Development and Training Flight (DTF), formally known as the Delayed Entry Program, is doing with current trainees who are waiting to head out to BMT. DTF is an Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) program designed to prepare future Airmen for the eight and a half weeks of BMT.

Senior Master Sgt. David Drake, head recruiter of 910th Recruiting Squadron, said Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) is the fifth base in AFRC to try this new program and said it is beneficial to the soon-to-be Airmen.

"We're preparing them mentally and physically for Air Force Basic Military Training before they leave," said Drake.

In November 2011, DTF members began meeting during Unit Training Assemblies (UTA) to learn and train in areas including memorization

of the rank system, drill, customs and courtesies and physical training. They receive a full UTA pay when they attend these meetings, which provides an incentive for DTF members to participate.

Staff Sgt. Kalee Lint, NCO in charge of the 910th DTF, leads the program at YARS and said she believes this program is beneficial to each member's success.

"Sending these trainees down to Basic Military Training and tech school prepared and trained to be successful, will in turn help them hit the ground running when they come back to YARS," said Lint.

Prior to DTF, AFRC put a lot of money into getting trainees to basic, but the washout rate was increasing due to physical fitness test failures and poor adjustment to military life. Lint said it is important for AFRC to get exponentially better results from money spent on trainees, and this program can help do that.

"The end product is the most important part," said Lint. "The troops coming back, stationed at Youngstown, are important assets to the commander."

Lint said she is confident the trainees that participated in the DTF program will return to YARS as well-trained full-fledged Reservists.

"I sent them out the door knowing they were ready," said Lint. "We gave them a roadmap to success."



Photo by Senior Airman Megan Tomkins

A member of the Development and Training Flight does pushups as part of a physical training program in preparation for Basic Military Training here, Jan. 8, 2012.



Photo by Senior Airman Megan Tomkins

Members of the Development and Training Flight march under the instruction of Staff Sergeant Kalee Lint here, January 8, 2012. The Development and Training Flight, formerly known as the Delayed Entry Program, is an Air Force Reserve Command program designed to prepare enlistees for the eight weeks of Basic Military training. The program welcomes recruits to

the host installation during Unit Training Assemblies, where they learn and train in areas including memorization of the rank system, drill, customs and courtesies and physical training. They receive a full UTA pay for attending the meetings, which provides an incentive for DTF members to participate. YARS is the fifth installation in AFRC to try the program.

Defense Strategy: Looking beyond the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

Remarks by President Barack Obama during Jan. 5 press conference at the Pentagon

The United States of America is the greatest force for freedom and security that the world has ever known. In no small measure, that's because we've built the best-trained, best-led, best-equipped military in history—and as Commander in Chief, I'm going to keep it that way.

Indeed, all of us on this stage—all of us—have a profound responsibility to every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman who puts their life on the line for America. We owe them a strategy with well-defined goals; to only send them into harm's way when it's absolutely necessary; to give them the equipment and support they need to get the job done; and to care for them and their families when they come home. That's our solemn obligation.

Over the past three years, that's what we've done. We've continued to make historic investments in our military—our troops and their capabilities, our military families and veterans. And thanks to their extraordinary sacrifices, we've ended our war in Iraq. We've decimated al Qaeda's leadership, delivered justice to Osama bin Laden, and put that terrorist network on the path to defeat. We've made important progress in Afghanistan, and begun a transition so Afghans can assume more responsibility. We joined with allies and partners to protect the Libyan people as they ended the regime of Muammar Qaddafi.

Now, we're turning the page on a decade of war. Three years ago, we had some 180,000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, we've cut that number in half. And as the transition in Afghanistan continues, more of our troops will continue to come home. More broadly, around the globe we've strengthened alliances, forged new partnerships, and served as a force for universal rights and human dignity.

In short, we've succeeded in defending our nation, taking the fight to our enemies, reducing the number of Americans serving in harm's way, and restoring America's global leadership. That makes us safer and it makes us stronger. And that's an achievement that every American—and every man and woman in uniform—can be proud of.

This success has brought our nation, once more, to a moment of transition. Even as our troops continue to fight in Afghanistan, the tide of war is receding. Even as our forces prevail in today's missions, we have the opportunity—and the responsibility—to look ahead to the force we need for the future.

At the same time, we have to renew our economic strength here at home, which is the foundation of our strength in the world. That includes putting our fiscal house in order. To that end, the Budget Control Act passed by Congress last year—with the support of Republicans and Democrats alike—mandates reductions in federal spending, including defense spending. I've insisted that we do this responsibly. The security of our nation, and the lives of our men and women in uniform, depend on it.

That's why I called for this comprehensive defense review—to clarify our strategic interests in a fast-changing world, and to guide our defense priorities and spending over the coming decade. Because the size and structure of our military and defense budget have to be driven by a strategy—not the other way around. Moreover, we have to remember the lessons of history. We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past—after World War II, after Vietnam—when our military was left ill-prepared for the future. As Commander in Chief, I will not let that happen again. Not on my watch.

We need to be smart, strategic and set priorities. The new guidance that the Defense Department is releasing today does that. I want to thank Secretary Panetta and General Dempsey for their extraordinary leadership during this process. I want to thank the service secretaries and chiefs, combatant commanders and so many defense leaders—military and civilian; Active, Guard and Reserve—for their contributions. Many of us met repeatedly—asking tough questions; challenging our assumptions; making hard choices. And we've come together today around an approach that will keep our nation safe and our military the finest in the world.

This review also benefited from the contributions of leaders from across my national security team—from the departments of State, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Intelligence Community. This is critical, because meeting the challenges of our time cannot be the work of our military

alone—or the United States alone. It requires all elements of our national power, working together, and in concert with allies and partners.

I'm going to let Leon and Marty go into the details. But I just want to say that that this effort reflects the guidance I gave throughout this process. Yes, the tide of war is receding. But the question that this strategy answers is what kind of military will we need after the long wars of the last decade are over. And today, we're moving forward, from a position of strength.

As I made clear in Australia, we'll be strengthening our presence in the Asia Pacific, and budget reductions will not come at the expense of this critical region. We're going to continue investing in our critical partnerships and alliances, including NATO, which has demonstrated time and again—most recently in Libya—that it's a force multiplier. We're going to stay vigilant, especially in the Middle East.

As we look beyond the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—and the end of long-term, nation-building with large military footprints—we'll be able to ensure our security with smaller conventional ground forces. We'll continue to get rid of outdated Cold War-era systems so that we can invest in the capabilities we need for the future, including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; counterterrorism; countering weapons of mass destruction; and the ability to operate in environments where adversaries try to deny us access.

So, yes, our military will be leaner, but the world must know—the United States is going to maintain our military superiority with Armed Forces that are agile, flexible and ready for the full range of contingencies and threats.

We're also going to keep faith with those who serve, by making sure our troops have the equipment and capabilities they need to succeed; and by

“... we'll keep working to give our veterans the care, benefits and job opportunities they deserve.”

prioritizing efforts that focus on wounded warriors, mental health and the well-being of military families. And as our newest veterans rejoin civilian life, we'll keep working to give our veterans the care, benefits and job opportunities they deserve.

Finally, although today is about our defense strategy, I want to close with a word about the defense budget that will flow from this strategy. The details will be announced in the coming weeks. Some will no doubt say the spending reductions are too big; others will say they're too small. It will be easy to take issue with a particular change. But I would encourage all of us to remember what President Eisenhower once said—that “each proposal must be weighed in the light of a broader consideration: the need to maintain balance in and among national programs.” After a decade of war, and as we rebuild the sources of our strength—at home and abroad—it's time to restore that balance.

Let's also remember—over the past ten years, since 9/11, our defense budget grew at an extraordinary pace. Over the next ten years, the growth in the defense budget will slow, but the fact of the matter is this—it will still grow, because we have global responsibilities that demand our leadership. In fact, the defense budget will still be larger than it was toward the end of the Bush Administration. And I firmly believe, and I think the American people understand, that we can keep our military strong—and our nation secure—with a defense budget that continues to be larger than roughly the next 10 countries combined.

So, again, I want to thank Secretary Panetta, Chairman Dempsey and all our defense leaders for their leadership and partnership throughout this process. Our men and women in uniform give their best to America every day, and in return they deserve the best from America. And I thank all of you for your commitment to the goal we share: keeping America strong and secure in the 21st century and keeping our Armed Forces the very best in the world.

Air Force encourages Airmen to use social media to tell Air Force story

With the emergence of social media, information sharing has changed in unprecedented ways. It continues to be dynamic and evolving. Social media is now a cultural norm. For many Americans it's part of their daily activities. Our Airmen and their families are part of a global Internet community that uses social media sites to stay connected and engage.

We must encourage Airmen to engage and tell the Air Force story, but remind them to do so in ways that don't discredit themselves or our service. Reinforce to them to use their best judgment when using social media sites as there may be consequences with what is posted. A helpful reminder for Airmen is to use our core values as a filter before engaging in a public forum. These core values will guide them to be cautious before crossing the line between

funny and distasteful, or sharing good information without creating an OPSEC violation.

Because social media allows information to spread quickly through global audiences, it's understandable that some people may be wary of its use. However, understanding the capabilities of social media platforms and their potential as tools will help us effectively manage these activities and communicate more effectively. I encourage you to read the Social Media and the Air Force guide, which can be found at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-091210-043.pdf>.

As always, your Air Force Public Affairs Agency social media team stands ready to assist you.

(Information in this news brief taken from official correspondence from Air Force Public Affairs Agency.)

TFSC provides guidelines for writing awards

The following information is about the appropriate guidelines for writing decoration citations; review of AFH 33-337, The Tongue & Quill, is highly encouraged.

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We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Total Force Service Center-Denver at 1-800-525-0102 or via the virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve (vPC-GR).

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Computer-Based Training getting you down? Airmen can use these tips to help prove 'you are certifiable'

With the advent of computer-based training, it may be necessary to produce a certificate that proves completion of a seemingly never-ending list of mandatory training.

In addition to printing the certificate and providing it to the necessary trainer, trainees are recommended to file an electronic copy. It's fairly easy to print an end-of-course certificate, but occasionally, it may be tricky to convert that document into a .pdf that can be stored

on a computer.

The following instructions are recommendations to assist Airmen with this process:

Airmen can use the print screen option by pressing the "ALT" and "Print Screen" buttons. For example, at the conclusion of the CBT, ensure the entire completion certificate appears on the screen. Press the ALT + Print Screen buttons to copy that image onto your clip board then open either Microsoft Word or Powerpoint.

Adjust those programs to a landscape orientation, then click on the page once then press Control + V to paste. Click on the Print option and print to a .pdf file. These files can then all be saved in a folder that can be accessible at a later time, just in case it is needed to prove "you are certifiable."

(Information in this news brief taken from official correspondence from Lt. Col. Rich Curry, 507th Air Reserve Wing Public Affairs, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.)

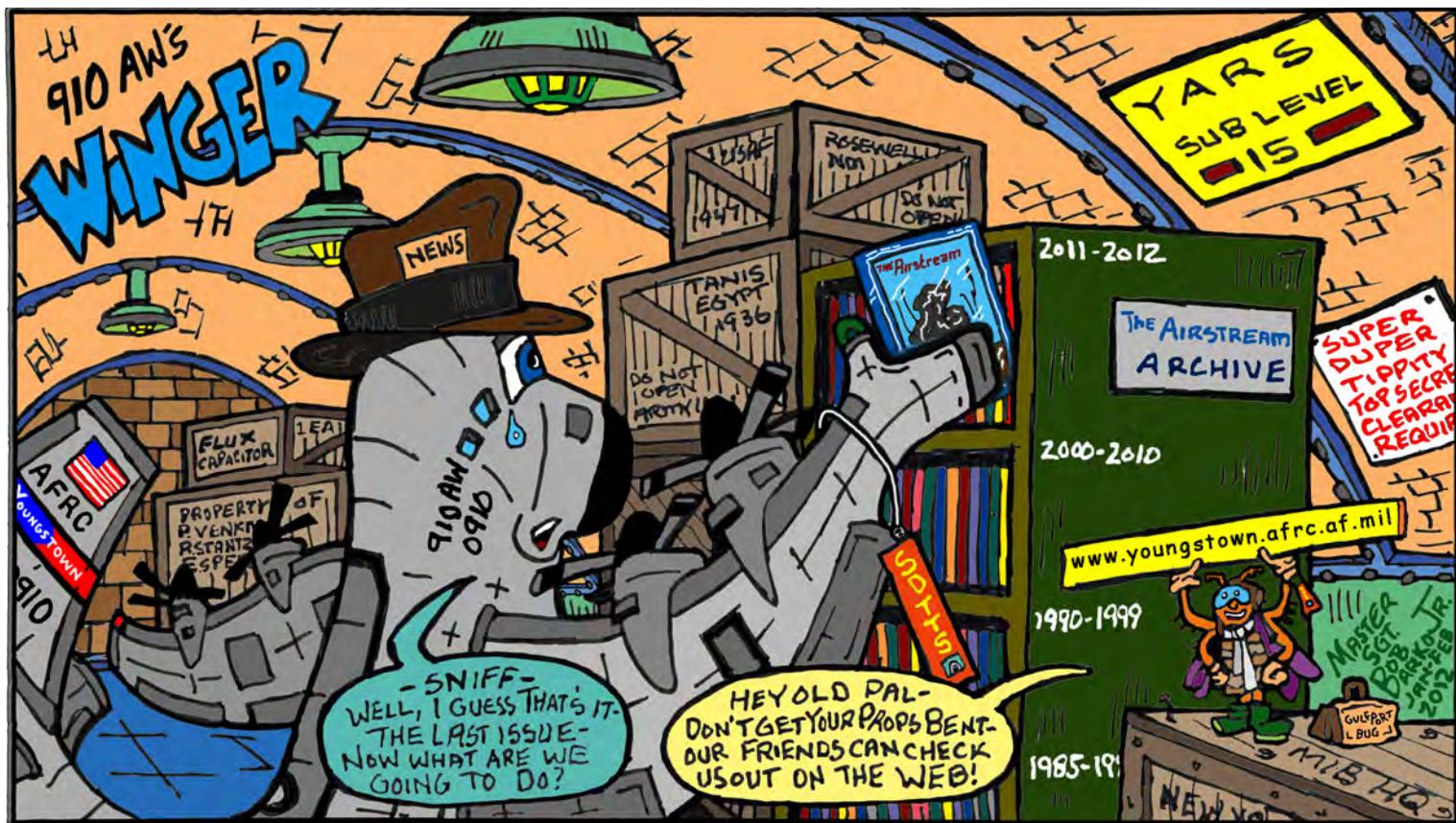


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Lt. Col. Pete Milkovich (right), commander of the 910th Communications Squadron, renders a salute to Col. Teresa Hams, 910th Mission Support Group Commander, during a ceremony elevating the unit from flight to squadron status here, Jan. 7, 2012.

910th Communications Flight achieves squadron status

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910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 910th Communications Flight transitioned to squadron status at a ceremony in the communications building here, Jan. 7, 2012.

Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Pete Milkovich, commander of the 910th Communications Squadron, represented his unit at the ceremony.

910th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Reinhard Schmidt, 910th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Teresa Hams and 910th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Troy Rhoades were also in attendance.

For Milkovich, as with most of the Air Force communications squadrons, the spotlight will be shining on cyber operations.

“With the increased focus on cyber operations, we’ve experienced an increase in staff to help shoulder the workload,” said Milkovich. “We have already been functioning at a squadron level, so the change from flight to squadron is kind of a formality.”

The increased threat of cyber attacks from hostile groups has already created a heightened sense of security. This has resulted in more work for communications squadrons throughout the Air Force, a sentiment recently echoed by Secretary of

Defense Leon Panetta, who stated cyber war is one of his biggest worries.

With the increased threat of attacks on the Air Force network, Milkovich emphasized the need for diligent defense of the Air Force network.

“(The network) is a weapons system, and without it, our Air Force mission capabilities would be seriously degraded,” he said.

In closing, Milkovich stated a great road lies ahead and that he is grateful for the dedication and service continually exhibited by his Airmen.

“Remember, this Comm train does not stop,” said Milkovich. “It is in perpetual motion. You’re either on board, or you’re trying to get on board.”