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AROUND THE 179TH

1. Members of the Crestview High School football team show their support for the 179th Airlift Wing by wearing decals on their helmets. Crestview adopted the 179th AW through Operation Buckeye Guard.

2. Master Sgt. Ian Ball embraces his family upon his return from deployment.

3. Senior Airman Taylor Keltz goes through decontamination procedures during a Hazardous Response exercise involving local

4. Lt. Col. Jodi Harvey accepts command of the 179th Medical Group from Col. Michael Howard during a Change of Command ceremony.



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AWARDS BANQUET SPOTLIGHTS

BEST OF THE BEST

Story by: Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hill
Photos by: Master Sgt. Lisa Haun

The annual 179th Airlift Wing Awards Banquet was held at Café on Main in downtown Mansfield on Saturday, Oct. 23. The new location provided a cozy atmosphere and great food.

After posting of the Colors by the 179th AW Honor Guard team and 2nd Lt. Joy Ella Bourassa's rendition of the National Anthem, the evening began with a buffet dinner, followed by key speaker Chief MSgt Christopher Muncy, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard. Muncy encouraged Airmen to educate the people about the ANG and the vital role it plays in the total Air Force. "You've got to tell your story," he urged. He noted that while everyone at the banquet is there because they understand the importance of the Guard, not everyone understands the Guard or the jobs its members perform.

"The nation is hurting and it will be another lean year," Muncy cautioned. "You've got to talk about it [what you do]. The Guard accomplishes 34

percent of the Air Force mission on seven cents of every Air Force dollar." He asked members to consider what their family members and employers do not know. "You are this nation's heroes. Tell your story."

Following the key speaker, attendees' attention shifted to the awards. In the Airman of the Year category, which was sponsored by the Air Force Association and AM Vets Post 26, Senior Airman Montell Qualls Jr., from the 179th AW Communications Flight was selected. Nominees from this category included: Senior Airman Kyleen Dennison, Senior Airman Aaron Easterling, Senior Airman John Gardner, Senior Airman Jared Lewis, and Senior Airman Jacob Soldat. Qualls provided critical communications support for the Operational Readiness Inspection in 2010, as well as being a member of the National Guard Enlisted Association and South Western City Schools volunteer.

Tech. Sgt. Nathan

Lautzenhiser, a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician from the Medical Group, won the Non Commissioner Officer Award. Nominees included; Tech. Sgt. Jason Brant, Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Koontz, Tech. Sgt. Brad Windsor and Tech. Sgt. Sarah Woodson. Lautzenhiser coached basketball in the Lucas area and maintained critical environmental assessments.

The Senior NCO Award went to Master Sgt. David Shambaugh, a loadmaster from the 179th AW Logistics Readiness Squadron. Shambaugh deployed in support of the Marine Corps and completed Senior NCO Academy. He also volunteers as a CPR and First Aid instructor for his civilian employer and at his local Red Cross chapter. Other nominees for this award included; Master Sgt. David Fulk, Master Sgt. Robert Harringer, Master Sgt. Scott Haywood and Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vasko.

Capt. Erick Cyders was awarded the Company Grade



Officer accolade. Cyders, an officer in the 179th AW Mission Support Flight, directed 14 functional areas of the Personnel Deployment Function during the recent ORI resulting in an "Excellent" rating and an Air Force Commendation Medal. He is responsible for the management of more than 1050 Unit Personnel Records and works on Exercise Evaluation Team preparing other units for ORIs. Nominees for this award included 1st Lt. Gary

Drummond and Capt. John Stephan.

Other awards handed out throughout the evening were the Minuteman Award to Maj. Joseph Logan; the Elizabeth Dubina Memorial Scholarship to Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Jones; and the Elizabeth Dubina Memorial Scholarship Public Affairs Award to 2nd Lt. Holli Snyder. The 179th Airman and Family Program Awards were handed out to Larry Moore

of VFW Post 3494 and the Frito Lay Company resented by Phil Wilburn, Tom Gregan and Laurie Myers for TAG Community Partners of the Year and the Adjutant General's Volunteer of the Year to Donna Baki.



179th Airlift Wing Emergency trains for Hazardous Materials

Story by: 2nd Lt. [Name]
Photos by: Tech Sgt. [Name]

Emergency management personnel from the 179th Airlift Wing and civilian first responders from outlying communities participated in a hazardous materials and terrorist use of chemical, biological, nuclear and high-yield explosives exercise on base Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

"These types of exercises are pertinent because they allow all parties to see the interoperability between on and off base agencies when it comes to large scale response operations," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Manbevers, 179th AW Emergency Management superintendent. "We can gain insight and learn from mistakes to allow ourselves to become a better response force."

The 179th AW has limited response capabilities due to that number of people who are fully staffed on a typical workday. The Air Force has specific guidelines when it comes to hazardous response operations, and if the 179th

AW cannot meet those requirements, it then becomes necessary to have a MAA put in place.

Local civilian agencies and the 179th AW work together through established Mutual Aid Agreements. These MAA's allow for the local agencies

to respond to an incident on base when there aren't enough first responders on hand. The Madison fire department, Madison HAZMAT

team, 179th AW fire department, Security Forces Squadron, Emergency Operations Center, and Emergency Management team were just a few of the participants in the exercise.

During the exercise, a suspicious package was found in the mail room where

Staff Sgt. Jamie Hempfield, a 179th AW Knowledge Operations Manager, was working. "I've never been a first responder before, so I believe it is beneficial to be put in a position that I'm not entirely familiar with to learn new things. I have now gained

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insight on how to respond to an incident if it were to happen here," said Hempfield.

Senior Airman Taylor Keltz, a 179th AW emergency manager, received beneficial training from the exercise. She was able to experience working hand-in-hand with the Madison fire department

Emergency Management Hazardous Response

Lt. Holli Snyder
Sgt. Jessica Hill

in a HAZMAT response operation. Keltz has been a part of the unit for three years and has received CBRNE and HAZMAT response training where she is certified at the technician level. She was able to don the Level-A suit for HAZMAT response and get hands-on training with the Zumro decontamination unit that will be beneficial in her future.

Emergency management personnel go through rigorous training for initial award of their job specialty code at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where they learn tactics, techniques and procedures for CBRNE, HAZMAT and toxic industrial chemicals and materials response. They also ensure their base populous is trained and capable to respond to a CBRNE event or natural disaster. Much of their work



is done in conjunction with Federal Emergency Management Agency standards and they maintain their capabilities through upgrade and job-specific training each year.

The response to the exercise included the threat of a suspicious package containing an unknown substance, a hazardous waste spill on the base and decontamination of potentially contaminated

personnel. The entire event lasted a little more than three hours and at the conclusion, all involved parties conducted an after actions report to determine strengths and weaknesses. They can then take their findings and apply them for future response efforts.

179TH RECOGNIZED AT MANSFIELD FOOTBALL GAME

STORY AND PHOTOS BY: TECH. SGT.
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On Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, the 179th Airlift Wing and 200th RED HORSE Squadron Detachment 1 were recognized during a football game at Arlin Field in Mansfield. The game pitted the Mansfield Senior High Tygers against the Madison High School Rams and to honor the

to represent them.

The evening started with 179th AW Vice Commander Col. Michael Howard flipping the ceremonial coin. Also standing with Howard were his son, Tyler Howard, and Airman 1st Class Cameron Augustine, a 2009

both wearing Mansfield Tygers jerseys.

As the Tygers took the field, they ran through an inflatable Air National Guard helmet provided by 179th AW recruiters. The Rams entered the field through an Army recruiting



military, the teams choose the Air Force and Army, respectively,

Mansfield graduate and member of the 200th RED HORSE Det. 1,

inflatable tunnel.

Crestview Adopts 179th Airlift Wing

Story by: 2nd Lt. Holli Snyder

Crestview High School adopted the 179th Airlift Wing as part of Operation Buckeye Guard, a local grassroots movement in the State of Ohio. This is the first time an Air National Guard unit has been a part of this community based partnership.

"This unbelievable partnership shows a great connectedness not only in their [students] daily lives, but outside as well. It allows us to connect with these guard members in a special way," said Bill Cedar, Superintendent for Crestview schools.

Members of the 179th AW were invited to attend the Crestview versus Norwalk St. Paul football game Friday night to be honored by the students, teachers, fans and players. Players on both teams wore decals representing the 179th AW, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the American flag. The student section and cheerleaders also wore Ohio Air National Guard temporary tattoos to show their support.

"We're a school in the middle of nowhere and seeing all the students get excited about this event was just amazing. All the students were wearing their camouflage and couldn't wait to be a part of this event," said Lauren Vipperman, a senior at Crestview High School and future Air National Guard member.

Operation Buckeye Guard began when the Mohawk football team, under head coach Erik Baker, decided to adopt the Tiffin based Charlie Company, 1-148th Infantry, 37th IBCT. They wanted to show their support and thank National Guard members for all they do and have done in the past. Mohawk players wore decals on their helmets repre-

senting the 37th IBCT and American flags to support the soldiers.

AmeriCorps Vista and 179th AW Family Programs volunteer, Sherry Vipperman, wanted a way to impact the 179th AW and local community through local service projects and came across Operation Buckeye Guard. She did the research and spoke with Baker about opening up the program to ANG units, also. There were plans in place for outreach to the ANG units across the state next year, but Baker gave his blessing for the 179th AW to be the first.

"This shows the huge success of a grass roots movement to support our military members. That is why I had chosen to incorporate this program for my 'Make a Difference' service project," said Vipperman.

Vipperman contacted Rhonda Carey, a secretary at Crestview High School and the cheerleading coach, to discuss the project. As a result, Crestview school leaders chose to be the first school to adopt an ANG unit in Ohio. "In the area, there are many young men and women who do not have a great role model, and this partnership can allow for them to have someone to look up to," said Carey.

Retired Air Force Col. Charlie Daugherty, former 179th AW Maintenance Group Commander, was present to officiate the coin toss at the beginning of the game. Col. Gary McCue, 179th AW Base Commander, was also on hand to present a wing coin to both team's head coaches. Wing coins are traditionally given to those individuals who demonstrate excellence, which is one of the Air

Force's three core values.

"This is such a great opportunity for our members, students and faculty at Crestview. We have many guardsmen and women who have children attending this school so it makes it extra special for us to be a part of this. I'd like to thank Crestview faculty and students for their tremendous support," said Col. Michael Howard, Vice Wing Commander for the 179th AW.

Recruiters from the 179th AW worked closely with the school to donate the use of the ANG inflatable helmet for the players to run through, as well as a smoke machine and ANG memorabilia to distribute during the game.

To date, there are over 350 schools that support Ohio guardsmen and women across the state as a part of Operation Buckeye Guard. This movement has gained momentum and is being considered in states such as Michigan and Kentucky.

Crestview came out the evening victor by defeating Norwalk St. Paul 28-24 in an exciting game. There are plans to continue the 179th AW adoption throughout the remaining school year and to continue support through other sports seasons.

"At the end of the year, we hope to be able to give back to the kids who have supported this wing all year long by doing some kind of activity that involves them and the wing members," said Vipperman.

For more information about Operation Buckeye Guard, visit www.Mohawklocal.org

SENATOR SHERROD BROWN VISITS MANSFIEL FACILITIES

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Senator

Sherrod Brown and his aides stopped by his hometown of Mansfield at the 179th Airlift Wing on Wednesday, Oct. 26, to see the new C-27J aircrafts and to tour the newly built Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers and Mansfield Armed Forces Reserve Center buildings on Airport Road North.

During the visit, Brown met with trained C-27J pilots and talked at length with members of the 164th Airlift Squadron

about the new airframe. He noted that housing more planes on fewer bases makes good financial sense especially from a maintenance

aspect. "Mansfield has proven that more planes here makes sense. This base serves people who live not just in Mansfield, but for miles around. The base injects life and money into the local economy," he said.

When Brown's schedule did not allow him to make the formal ribbon cutting for the new buildings, he said he wanted to stop at the 179th AW to show his support for the men and women who have worked so hard to build up the base since the recent Base Realignment and Closure Committee. "This growth and ribbon cutting sends

the message that we should not be afraid of BRAC," he encouraged Guard members. "There are dedicated professionals here. There is also great growth potential. We

know what they have done."

Col. Michael Howard, 179th AW Vice Wing Commander, told the senator that the expansion of RED HORSE and the Army on and around the 179th AW has been the result of good collaboration amongst the Army, Air National Guard and the surround area. "There has been a lot of cooperation between the city and the Guard," Howard noted.

Also during the senator's visit, he spoke with Lt. Col. Daniel Tack, commander of the 200th RED HORSE Squadron Detachment 1, which is located in Mansfield. While touring MAFRC Brown also met with Col. John Harris, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Joint Force Headquarters-Ohio. The formal ribbon cutting for the RED HORSE and MAFRC buildings was on Oct. 28, at the facility site on Airport Road North.





To be Technical Sergeant:

Christopher Beer - 200 RHS DET 1

Jeffrey Burgett - 179 MXS

Michael McQuillen - 179 MXS

Benjamin Boyle - 179 MXS

Brianne Smilth - 179 FSS

Robin Utt - 179 FSS

Denise Pfahler - 179 FSS

To be Staff Sergeant:

Jeffrey Nastasi- 200 RHS DET 1

Daniel Testa - 179 MXS

Crystal Collingwood - 179 MDG

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To be Senior Airman:

Bryan Hawkins- 200 RHS DET 1

Justin Wolfe - 200 RHS DET 1

Michael Aten - 179 MXS

Davina Shirley - 179 FSS

Joshua Reiss - 200 RHS DET 1

Cameron Augustine - 200 RHS DET 1

Joshua Barth - 179 MXS

Tyler Dawson - 179 MXS

brockton Vanhorn - 200 RHS DET 1

Christmas is a special time of year for many reasons. It is a time to spend with families and be reacquainted with old friends. It is a special time for families to be together. It is a time for celebrations and traditions. For those with a foundation of faith, it is an especially important time of celebrating the birth of the Son of God, when God Himself chose to enter into time and space and come to the world He created.

Everyone would also agree that Christmas is a time of giving. It is a time when people give gifts to those who are special in their life. Much time is spent shopping for the right gift for each family member or friend so that that special gift can be given to them. The joy of knowing

what someone really wants and being able to give them that gift is a special joy of this season.

As you think about giving at this time of year, I encourage you to consider someone around you that may have a need that you can meet. Maybe it is someone you see every day at work, someone who lives in your neighborhood, or someone you go to school with. Maybe you have discovered that they are going through a difficult time and you have a way of helping them or encouraging them to meet a need in their life. Take some time this Christmas season to give yourself or your time to someone. It won't necessarily take any money, but plan to do something for someone that may not even be

on your gift list.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your great support the past four years that I have been Wing Chaplain at the 179th. I know you have heard this many times, but the 179th really is one of the best units in the ANG. The family atmosphere, the helpful people, the excellence in all that is done, makes it a great place to serve our country. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and I hate to leave, but God is calling me to move to the 121st ARW to help with that Chapel program.

May God continue to bless you and may you have a Christmas season full of joy and blessing!

Chaplain's Corner
by Chaplin, Lt. Col. Curtiss Wagner

Listen to Wisdom

Commentary by 179th AW Chaplain Corps

When I was about 12 years old I was attending a church group with a few friends of mine. We were there a little early because we wanted to get it over with so we could go back out and play basketball. We all felt like it was just something getting in the way of our fun. While we were waiting on the teachers to come in, I noticed the podium with a bible on it. I decided to pass time by mocking a preacher. I had a congregation of four. I turned the pages with no idea of what I would find. I came to the book of Proverbs and started playing at chapter 4:1. I clowned around enough to give my friends a good laugh. I have to be honest, initially I didn't really care what it was saying, I just wanted something to read as a part of my attempt to get a laugh. To my surprise I locked into what the passage was saying. It was talking to me! It started out, "Hear, ye children, the instructions of a father, and attend to know understanding..." It went on and on with words that instructed me to listen. Listen to my parents and specifically it said to listen to wisdom. It talked about the benefits of listening to wisdom. If I listen to wisdom it will preserve me, keep me, promote me, bring me honor, long life, and grant me grace and glory. Wisdom is defined as knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment. I didn't get this as a kid but as a grown up I understand the value of listening to what wisdom has to say. Wisdom speaks through parents, spouses, children, siblings, friends, co-workers, a good book, and so on. We never know when wisdom will direct her message



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It is requested that this document is distributed as widely as possible, on the proviso that it is **advising and not instructing** personnel to disable the application.

FACEBOOK PLACES I CHECKED INTO APPLICATION

1. **Introduction.** Facebook have recently launched a new application called “PLACES I CHECKED INTO”, which is automatically active on all Facebook accounts until disabled. This application utilises the IP address, to identify where the user logs onto their Facebook profile from. The application then posts the status on the wall of the user’s profile, as shown below in Figure 1. A more detailed description, including a map of the location, as at Figure 2, is then provided by clicking on the location (highlighted within the red circle).

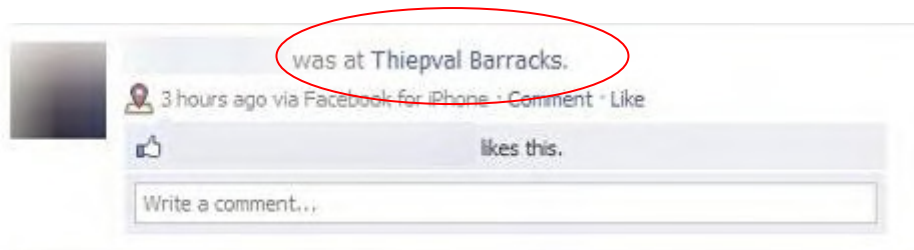


Figure 1 – Wall Post.

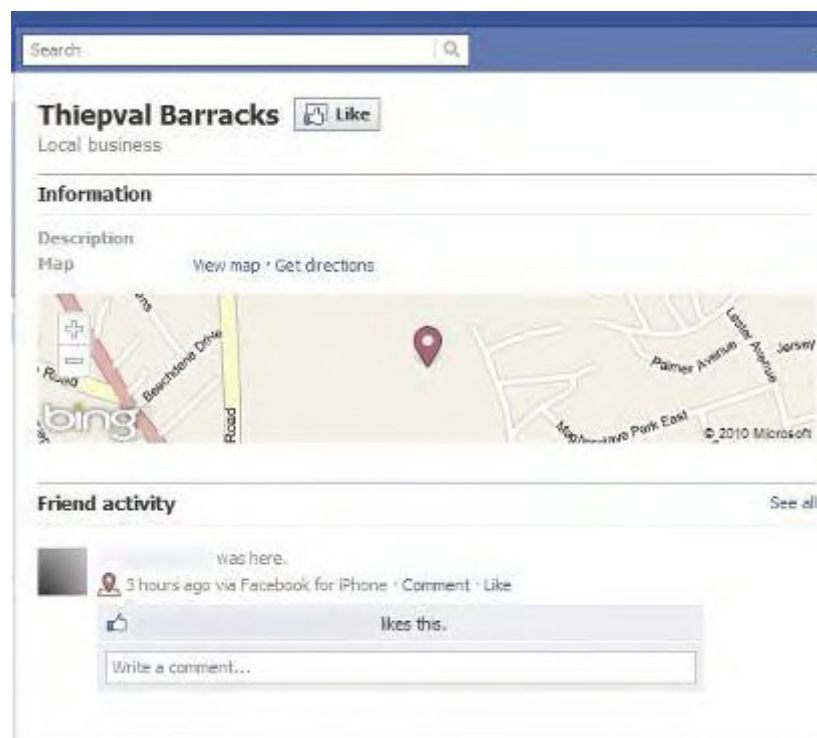


Figure 2 – Application Open from Wall Post.

2. **Aim.** The aim of this document is to give guidance to Military users who wish to know how to disable the Facebook “PLACES I CHECKED INTO” application.

3. **Concerns.** The main concern relating to the use of the application, is that it may inadvertently compromise the locality of a military user. Of significant note, users on operations or in Northern Ireland, are potentially putting themselves at risk by drawing attention to their exact whereabouts.



The 179th Airlift Wing's C-27J Spartan



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