



# OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2009



**SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR**

## **MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD K. BRENL Y**

Master Sergeant Richard K. Brenly is an Aircraft Metals Technology Specialist assigned to 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Maintenance Squadron, Mansfield Lahm Airport, Ohio.

Master Sergeant Brenly enlisted at the age of 17 in the Ohio Army National Guard as a Transportation / Maintenance Specialist. The Army's "split option" enabled him to attend Basic Training between his Junior and Senior years and then attend Advanced Individual Training after graduation. Brenly remained a member of the Army National Guard through 1994. In 1995, Brenly joined the Ohio Air National Guard. He was selected as a military technician in the Metals Technology career field in 1999; where he is currently assigned as the shop supervisor.

Brenly has deployed with the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing throughout his career in support of Operation Joint Forge and Operation Enduring Freedom. This past year, in 2008 he volunteered for and was selected to fill a senior enlisted leadership position as an Advisor to the Afghanistan National Army. This challenging 1-year tour, as a leader of the Combined Security Transition Command, Logistics Embedded Training Team gave him responsibility for direct training of Afghan National Army Non-Commissioned Officers.

Brenly is enrolled at Mount Vernon Nazarene College and has completed over half of the requirements for Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He is a Holmes County Horse and Swine Committee member and an advisor for the Silver Spurs 4H club, working with 10-15 kids per year.

