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## 179th AW Security Forces Squads Deploy



# AROUND THE 179TH

1. Maj. Jeremy R. Ford embraces his daughter upon his return from a 3-month deployment in Afghanistan. Ford was one of 26 179th Airlift Wing members who returned home on Saturday, February 11, 2012 after providing support for the historical C-27J missions in Afghanistan



photo by: Capt. Nicole Ashcroft

2. Lt. Col. Darren E. Hamilton receives the Army Commendation Medal from Army Col. Kenneth T. Royar on Jan. 30, 2012, prior to a change of command ceremony. Hamilton was the second commander of the 702nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The 702nd EAS stood up the first deployed C27-J base in support of the Army.



U.S. Air Force photo

3. Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst (third from right), Ohio adjutant general, discusses the capabilities of the 179th Airlift Wing's C-27J Spartan aircraft March 19, 2012, in Mansfield, Ohio, with U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (from left), U.S. Rep Jim Jordan, U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs, U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman.



photo by: Army Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik

4. On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, 27 members of the 179th Airlift Wing left for Combat Readiness Training in Fort Bliss, Texas. The group was made up of 26 deploying Security Forces Squadron members and one alternate. Following their training in Texas, the members will be deployed to Afghanistan for six months.



photo by: Mrs. Faline Rowland



# IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS



Capt. Nicholas  
Rozanski

Sgt. 1st Class  
Shawn Hannon

Sgt. 1st Class  
Jeffrey Rieck

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, an honorable transfer ceremony was held at Rickenbacker ANGB to bring home three fallen Ohio National Guard Soldiers from the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team who died in Maimanah, the capital of the Faryab province, in northern Afghanistan April 4, 2012.

Capt. Nicholas Rozanski, Master Sgt. Shawn Hannon and Master Sgt. Jeffrey Rieck were brought home

on a KC-135 Stratotanker flown by members of the 121st Air Refueling Wing.

The fallen Soldier's families, members from the Ohio Army and Air National Guard, and local police gathered to honor these brave men who gave the greatest sacrifice to their country.

The fallen Soldiers will be taken to their respective cities to be buried later this week. Members of the

179th AW and ONG may attend the funerals of the fallen Ohio National Guard members under an excused absence.

Funeral arrangements for Rieck will be Monday, April 16, at 1000 at Franklin Co. Veteran's Memorial. Hannon's funeral will also be Monday at 1330 at Grove City Methodist Church. Rozanski will be laid to rest on Wednesday, April 18, at St. Joan of Arc in Dublin, Ohio.



# Media Day at the 179th Airlift Wing

Story and photos by: Army Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik, Ohio National Guard Public Affairs

For more than five years, the C-27J Spartan aircraft has soared high above the sky, proving itself as a critical tool for delivering supplies and troops here at home and overseas.

On March 19 the 179th Airlift Wing hosted a media day to rally support to save the C-27J Spartan aircraft program from the Department of Defense's recently proposed budget cuts. Congress has tasked the DOD with cutting nearly \$500 billion from its budget over the next decade.

As part of a broader effort to control defense spending, the Air Force's fiscal year 2013 budget request includes the elimination of the C-27J Spartan aircraft program and mission at the Mansfield Air National Guard Base, home of the 179th Airlift Wing, which would result in the elimination of 794 Ohio Air National Guard jobs. Of that, 309 are full-time positions and 485 are part-time positions.

Attending the event were U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, and U.S.

Reps. Jim Jordan, Pat Tiberi and Bob Gibbs. All vowed to work in a bipartisan manner to petition the Air Force's recommendation.

Portman said the base is critical for the Mansfield economy, and the C-27J aircraft is more cost effective than the C-130 Hercules, a larger cargo transport aircraft that the 179th previously flew.

"This plane operates at about \$2,100 an hour," Portman said. "The larger C-130 aircraft that the Air Force is proposing to have replace the C-27J operates between \$6,000 and \$7,000 an hour."

Members of the Ohio delegation said they're working with their colleagues in Congress to inform them about the mission and capabilities of the C-27J aircraft, and the importance of reducing the Defense budget in a sensible way.

Proving its worth overseas last year in Afghanistan, the C-27J Spartan aircraft also is an important tool in

accomplishing the Homeland Defense mission.

"The C-27J can land in places after natural disasters in the United States such as in the case of the awful tornado that just occurred in southern Ohio," Brown said. "It is more environmentally sound."

Brown said the delegation plans to build bipartisan support around the country for the National Guard.

The community of Mansfield has also taken a strong interest in the fate of the C-27J aircraft and mission.

John A. Brown, chair of the Richland Community Development Group, said the future of the of Mansfield's local Guard members is a very personal matter.

"These 179th Guard members are our neighbors and friends — it would be devastating," Chairman Brown said. "We're talking about a loss of jobs in an area that has already been hit hard by the recent recession. It would be a huge hit on Lahm Airport, one of our community's greatest

resources. Without the 179th, its future is in jeopardy as well — it all interconnects."

Maj. Jeff Capretto, a C-27J pilot who returned in November from a deployment to Afghanistan, said the aircraft serves an invaluable purpose.

"We cover what's called the 'last tactical mile,' where we take everything from water to blood to bullets to our troops located in remote areas, and now to be in the situation for it to be taken away, and lose the mission we have supporting the Army (with) — it's very disheartening," Capretto said.

The Ohio National Guard's senior leadership has taken Capretto's and other 179th AW members' conviction to heart, and is working with the Ohio delegation to keep the C-27J and the Mansfield base operational.

Maj. Gen. Deborah A.



Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general, says she is focused on the mission at hand.

right for Mansfield is right for our nation."

"We're going to keep this aircraft," Ashenhurst said. "I'm sensitive to what happens in Mansfield because they represent a large portion of what the Ohio National Guard contributes. What's

# 179th Security Forces Squads Deploy

Story by: Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hill

On March 28, 2012, 26 members of the 179th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron deployed to Afghanistan for a six-month tour. The two squads, led by Master Sgt. Eric Stephens and Master Sgt. Nelson F. Kilgore Jr., will provide perimeter security at Bagram Airfield. They are replacing fellow Ohio Air National Guard SFS members from the 121st Air Refueling Wing and will be working closely with the Army.

Prior to their deployment to Afghanistan, the 26 Security Forces members completed Combat Skills Training at Fort Bliss, Texas. While there, they learned to operate

Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, as well as tactical convoy operations. Additionally, they learned Improvised Explosive Device protection procedures and techniques and took the



Army Combat Lifesaver course, which teaches deploying troops the skills necessary to facilitate medical procedures in field conditions.

They will be assigned to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, where more than 3,500 Airmen are currently deployed. The wing's mission is to, "Defend the Base, Supply the Fight and Win!" The wing vision is to provide

the International Security Assistance Force with responsive airpower. The 455th AEW is co-located with the Combined Joint Task Force-101 at Bagram Airfield. The mission of CJTF-101 is to conduct a full spectrum of operations to develop Afghan capability to secure its people, exercise capable governance, and develop a

sustainable economy while defeating terrorists and insurgents.



On Saturday, March 10, 2012, Airmen across the 179th Airlift Wing spent the morning gathered in groups to participate in their Annual Wingman Day. This block of time was set aside to help Airmen of all ranks and positions feel connected to each other and to distribute, base wide, a message of hope and positive options.

During a base wide broadcast, wing leadership spoke to members about the importance of connecting and utilizing options that have been made available. Vivian Winters, Director of Psychological Health at the 179 AW, told members that she is ready and willing to help

# WINGMAN DAY

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out with any struggles they might face. She has an office in the Medical Squadron in Building 420 and also holds weekly resiliency classes in the Logistics Readiness Squadron classroom.

Other key speakers included Faline Rowland, Family and Airmen Programs Manager and Sherri Vipperman, representing Vista. Base commander, Col. Gary McCue, and Chaplain, Maj. David Shirley, also relayed a message of positive thinking and connection to the wing. After the video broadcast, members split into small groups to complete team building exercises. These exercises were designed to help them discover interesting traits in one another as well as promote unit and small group cohesion.

Much laughter and open communication was heard throughout the team building areas.

The Air Force directs units to hold a yearly Wingman Day event to help members feel that they have someone to turn to, in the event that they feel overwhelmed or just need to talk. Statistics show that people who are well connected to their peers are much more likely to be resilient that those that try to handle everything on their own.

When talking to a Wingman is not enough, members can contact Winters at 419-520-6700. The base chaplains can be reached on drill weekends at 419-520-6877. Further contact information for base functions can be found on the 179 AW webpage at [www.179aw.af.mil](http://www.179aw.af.mil).

# Sexual Assault Hurts One, Affects All

Story by: Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month, starting April 1.

The Defense Department theme for the month is "Hurts one. Affects all," which is designed to point out how sexual assault affects not only the victim, but the department as well. The Air Force's slogan supporting the DDD theme is "Real Wingmen Act!" emphasizing the duty of all Airmen to intervene whenever they see questionable behavior.

"If all wingmen intervene when someone is starting to cross the line with another wingman, they will play a vital role in creating an Air Force culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated," said Lt. Col. Craig McCuin, the deputy program manager for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. "Perpetrators of sexual assault rely on bystander inaction in the hopes they can commit this crime and not get caught."

The idea is one of bystander intervention, McCuin said.

"Bystander intervention is an all-out effort to get its people to engage in preventing sexual assault," the colonel said. Not only will bystander intervention prevent the physical and psy-

chological injuries that occur when an assault happens, but it will also prevent damage done to the unit as a whole.

That's where "Hurts one. Affects All." comes in.

"Sexual assault happens directly to an individual, but can indirectly affect everyone in a unit, as well as the victim's family and friends," McCuin said.

Sexual assaults diminish the Air Force's ability to function proficiently at all levels.

"The mention of mission readiness together with the toll sexual assault takes on the victim is not meant to be callous," the colonel said. "It's just that we all need to understand the far-reaching impact a sexual assault can have on the victim and everyone else around them."

Some of the mission-related damages sexual assault incurs can include a loss of trust in the unit members or leaders, McCuin said. There is also the possibility that the victim and subjects may be temporarily, or permanently, unable to fulfill their obligation to the military due to physical condition, mental state or incarceration.

"Regardless of the extent of

the assault or the situation in which it happened, both the victim and the Air Force will be greatly impacted," McCuin said. But, if every Airman acted to stop sexual assault, we could nearly eliminate every case of it.

"The 'Real Wingmen Act' slogan means that wingmen always act, on or off duty, in the certain knowledge that all persons possess fundamental worth as human beings," McCuin said. "The key is to change perceptions and help Airmen understand that their actions on behalf of another are not meddling, but instead are helping to keep a fellow Airman safe."

# PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT: HURTS ONE, AFFECTS ALL



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# Air Force seeks Earth Day initiatives

by Jennifer Schneider, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment Public Affairs

In its 42nd year, Earth Day provides an international opportunity every April 22 to voice appreciation for the planet and unite for a sustainable future.

Across the Air Force, installations are taking measures to enhance sustainability in support of the Earth Day theme "Conserve Today. Secure Tomorrow," but Air Force leaders hope a campaign seeking new innovations will provide even greater results.

"I call upon every Airman to re-think how we approach waste in the Air Force," said Terry Yonkers, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics. "As the Air Force becomes leaner, we need to reduce the burden of waste disposal costs that impact our budget. Ask yourself what you can do to be a little greener and leaner in your workplace."

To help emphasize the importance of individual efforts, the Air Force recently launched a "Blue Acts of Green" social media campaign, during which Airmen and their families are encouraged to commit to perform an environmentally friendly practice at home or work. During the campaign from April 16-27, people can visit the Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/blueactsofgreen](http://www.facebook.com/blueactsofgreen) to enter their "green" act. Officials will monitor the inputs in search of innovations that can be put into practice Air Force-wide.

This year, the Air Force is highlighting pollution prevention efforts, as organizations look for ways to minimize waste and reduce operating expenses. Air Force officials emphasize there is always more that can be done, and it takes a concerted effort from all members of the team.

Across the force, installations are taking aggressive strides to enhance sustainability and cut costs. Many endeavors involve modifying current processes to include innovative, environmentally friendly technologies.

The Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is leading efforts to reduce the pollutants and heavy metals currently involved in stripping paint from Air Force aircraft. The robotic "de-painting" system uses a laser as an effective and environmentally safe alternative to existing processes, said Tom Naguy, senior program manager for environment and energy in AFRL's materials and manufacturing directorate, who is overseeing the project.

While the Air Force has been working with laser and robotics systems for the maintenance of aircraft parts since the 1990s, the

focus is now on systems that can handle entire aircraft, Naguy said.

Use of the technology has been estimated to reduce the number of hours spent on the process by as much as 75 percent, he said.

In addition to the time and material savings, the process also generates only a fraction of the hazardous materials when compared to the traditional process, not only reducing risk to the workers involved, but also dramatically reducing hazardous waste disposal costs, Naguy said.

Strategic reuse of products and materials is another way the Air Force is trimming costs and controlling its waste stream.

Hill AFB, Utah, is implementing additional ways to save money and simultaneously reduce hazardous waste disposal. According to Guy Whalen, environmental representative for the Commodities Maintenance Group there, engineers have implemented solvent filtration systems that allow multiple reuse of cleaning solvents used for aircraft parts.

"There are acquisition cost savings associated with not having to purchase as much new solvent which costs \$1,500 per 55-gallon drum," said Debbie Hall, environmental scientist of the environmental pollution prevention team at Hill. "Being able to filter and reuse solvents also saves in not having to dispose of as much spent solvent, which costs \$350 per 55-gallon drum for each of the five solvent recycling units we have on base."

The Air National Guard's 187th Fighter Wing in Alabama successfully conserved energy by recovering all of its contaminated JP-8 fuel for use in aircraft ground equipment, said Lt. Col. Elmer Norvell, base civil engineer there.

Even seemingly small changes can have a large impact.

Implementation of a moving box exchange service at Fairchild AFB, Wash., resulted in the reuse of six tons of moving boxes and a savings of \$5,000 for base personnel.

Substituting nonhazardous and environmentally friendly materials for hazardous ones is another way the service is going green. Such product replacements not only create a healthier environment for Airmen, but also reduce the need for hazardous material disposal.

For example, a conversion from steel brake assemblies to carbon brakes on KC-135 aircraft at Fairchild AFB led to a reduction in hazardous waste. According to Senior Airman Kera Tracy, aircraft hydraulics system

journeyman from the 92nd Maintenance Squadron, the pucks used in steel brake assemblies consist of many metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead, copper, zinc and selenium. Some of these metals are very hazardous and can cause major health concerns in addition to environmental contamination.

"We discovered the impact the brake repair had on the environment when our mop water was tested and found to have high levels of cadmium," Tracy said. "Our mop water then became hazardous waste and a program was made in the shop for proper disposal."

Between 2005 and 2006, the base began the process to convert to carbon brake assemblies and now all of the KC-135s are equipped with the new brakes, she said.

"Because the plates on the carbon brakes are not made up of any heavy or toxic metals, they do not have such a hard impact on the environment," Tracy said. "Since converting to the new carbon brake assemblies, our mop water has been tested and deemed no longer hazardous to the environment."

Members of the 187th FW reduced their hazardous waste generation by 40 percent over the past two years through purchase of efficient pollution prevention equipment, product substitutions and process modifications. For example, substituting vinyl stenciling for aerosol paints led to a decrease in hazardous waste and associated health hazards, Norvell said.

Visit the Air Force Earth Day website at [www.af.mil/earthday.asp](http://www.af.mil/earthday.asp) for more information, resources and tips.



## Unit members win ANG Air Transportation NCO and SNCO of the Year awards

Story and photos by: Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hill

Recently two members of the 179 Airlift Wing were selected for Air National Guard Transportation awards. Master Sgt. David Shambaugh and Tech. Sgt. Corey Christopher won ANG Transportation Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year and ANG Transportation Non-commissioned Officer of the Year respectively.

According to the 179 AW Aerial Port Superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Mark Dyer, the recognition is very well deserved. "They are amazing guys. They really do an amazing job," Dyer said of the winners. "This is huge for us [in Aerial Port]. We were once authorized more than 100 positions and now we are down to 32. They deserve [this award] for all the hard work they do."

Shambaugh and Christopher were selected for the award largely based on their work while deployed to Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, from January to May 2011. While deployed, Shambaugh was assigned as shift supervisor to the unit's aerial port operations. Christopher served as the night supervisor in the same area. Their primary mission was to move Marine cargo to forward deployed locations. They also sent cargo that was not being utilized back to the United States.

During the deployment, one of Shambaugh's shifts oversaw the downloading of an AN-225, which is the world's heaviest aircraft. The AN-225 bought 16 portable cellphone towers to improve communications in the area.

Additionally, Christopher led a team on the first joint Marine Air Force air drop from a C-17 using Cargo Delivery Systems. "I think it was good for Mansfield to be a part of this," Christopher said. Press from the event reached newsletters in the deployed area as well as various news and television outlets around the globe.

"I've never worked with Marines like that," Christopher noted. "We also worked with special forces members at night when most of their activity happened." He added that they also worked with British, Danish, Croatian and UAE troops.

While they were deployed to Camp Bastion, dignitaries such as Secretary of State Robert Gates and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz and countless others came through the location. "It was a great mission for the 179th to be on," Shambaugh said of the exposure it brought to the unit. Dyer was deployed to the transit center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, in Base Services

when Shambaugh, Christopher and the rest of their team came through on the way back from their deployment. "When they came through they had worked seven days a week throughout their entire deployment. They were on 120 days or more without a day off. Even with that, their spirits were still so high. They were great to be around."

When back at the 179 AW, their commitment continues. Shambaugh was recently asked to pull a day at the base to assist a local Army unit on their deployment to Afghanistan. Taking a day off from his civilian employer, Shambaugh led a group of 179 AW members in loading baggage for the deploying members. The Army members said the movement was the smoothest they had ever experienced.

In addition to the recent award recognition, Shambaugh and Christopher are also being selected for new positions within aerial port. Effective May 1, they will be promoted to senior master sergeant and master sergeant respectively, to correspond with their new positions.



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In 1944, she was a member of the first class of the Women Airforce Service Technician (WASPTech) program that graduated. While in the WASPTech program, she earned the nation's highest air certificate, the CAPT Henry H. Hapgood Air Medal, for her service in the Pacific Theater during World War II.



Sgt. Vanessa Sheffield

The number one in the maintenance career field in 1977, Sgt. Vanessa Sheffield was the first woman to be promoted to 1st Lt. She served during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Distinguished Military Service Medal.



Betty Gillies

Cdr. Betty A. Gillies was the first woman pilot to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service during the Vietnam War. She was also the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Major General.



Maj. Nicole Malachowski

The first woman pilot of any Department of Defense military air command, she was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Major General in March 2008. She has the Thunderbolt II, the first and only air-to-air kill in the Vietnam War.

# MARCH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Airman

In March, we celebrated Women's History Month. Take the time to remember some of the great women in the Air Force.



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