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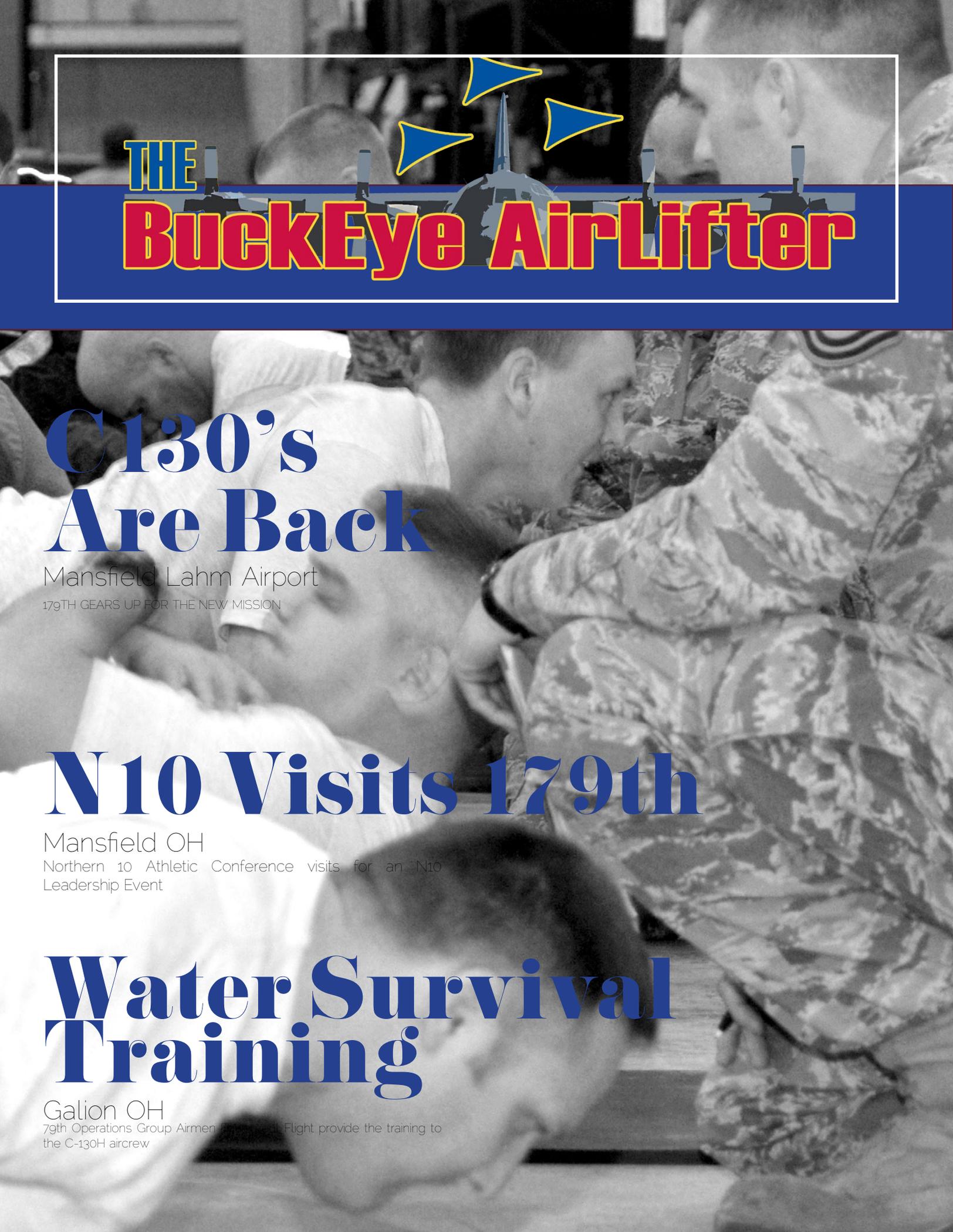
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179TH GEARS UP FOR THE NEW MISSION

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Mansfield OH

Northern 10 Athletic Conference visits for an N10 Leadership Event

Water Survival Training

Galion OH

79th Operations Group Airmen Flight provide the training to the C-130H aircrew



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179th Airlift Wing fuels crew members refuel a C-130H Hercules, April 2, 2014, Mansfield, OH. The 179th Airlift Wing expects to have a total of 8 C-130H Hercules. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood \ Released)



BACK IN THE C-130 SADDLE AGAIN

179TH GEARS UP FOR THE NEW MISSION

by **TSgt Joe Harwood**

All around the 179th Airlift Wing, you can find it progressively picking up the pace. More planes, more people and more to get done. The flightline is taking on a familiar appearance, with legacy C-130H Hercules ready to taxi out or taking a moment to refuel. Aircrew is getting in flying hours. Maintenance is hard at work keeping them flying. Tails are being painted to sport the familiar Mansfield banner. Recruiting reports are pushing out the highest numbers they have seen in years, people are ready to serve their country and support the state of Ohio in the Air National Guard. Operations are picking up tempo, and it's welcomed hard work here in Mansfield. The dedicated men and women of the 179th Airlift Wing expect a total of 8 aircraft in the near future and stand ready to put their world class airlifter experience on display at a moments notice.

WING HOSTS N10 LEADERSHIP EVENT

160 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COACHES TOUR THE 179TH

by TSgt Joe Harwood

Mansfield, Ohio – The 179th Airlift Wing hosted the Northern 10 Athletic Conference for an N10 Leadership Event, Mansfield, OH, April 7, 2014. 160 students with their coaches and counselors from Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Carey, Colonel Crawford, Crestline, Mohawk, Ridgedale, Seneca East, Upper Sandusky, and Wynford held the leadership event for the first time at an Air National Guard Installation.



Lt Col. Stephen Rhoades, Ohio Army National Guard, gave a speech on leadership qualities, offering his experiences in life and leadership in the service. Lt Col. Rhoades said 'How have you chosen your student leaders thus far? Popularity? Athleticism?' Rhoades continued, 'You'll find that being a leader isn't about those things. Any of you have the ability to lead, it starts with building confidence in yourself and in those you're leading.'

The airmen of the 179th Airlift Wing provided stations for the student athletes to rotate through, each offering a unique



Students don chemical warfare protective suits with the guidance of the 179th Disaster Response Team at an event to help develop student athletes from the Northern 10 Athletic Conference, April 8, 2014, Mansfield, OH. The suits require teamwork assistance to properly don in a short amount of time. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood \Released)

179th Airlift Wing Honor Guard member demonstrate flag folding etiquette for student athletes from the Northern 10 Athletic Conference, April 8, 2014, Mansfield, OH. The student athletes were separated into teams unrelated to their schools and rotated through 6 stations designed to develop leadership skills and familiarity of Air Force customs. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood \Released)



Student athletes from the Northern 10 Athletic Conference tour a display of U.S. Air Force heavy equipment, April 8, 2014, Mansfield, OH. The 200th REDHORSE set up a station displaying some of their heavy equipment used and a chance to see what it's like to sit in the operators seat. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood \Released)



opportunity. The aircrew offered a tour of the C-130H Hercules, seating them in the cargo net seating and giving a simulation of what paratroopers do when preparing for a jump. The disaster response force team allowed them to try on chemical warfare protective suits and proved the importance of teamwork when the suits need to be donned quickly. The honor guard gave a demonstration on proper flag etiquette and hands on training of folding the flag. The student flight instructors had the student athletes learn proper push up form and gave them a taste of what it's like to be a trainee preparing for basic training. A panel of Airmen fielded questions and spoke of their experience in the Air National Guard and what it is like to deploy. The 200th REDHORSE set up a display of some of their heavy equipment and a deployed living quarters tent, giving them a chance to sit in the operators seat of the equipment and get a feel for living out of a mobility bag. MSgt Michael Schaefer, said 'This was a great opportunity for the Air Guard to build relationships with educators and to help mold future (student) leaders in the community.'

The 179th Airlift Wing and 200th REDHORSE Det. 1 teamed up to give the student athletes an experience many of them will never forget, and hopefully left them with a better understanding of how to lead by example. newest ANG Command Chief and thanked him for the visit.



MISSION OF THE RED HATTERS

200 RED HORSE and Det 1
GEOGRAPHICAL SEPERATED
UNITS

Commentary by CMSgt Joe Pryor

How well do you know your geographical separated unit's (GSU's). Among comrades in matching head-to-toe Airman Battle Uniforms, combat civil engineers donning bright red hats don't exactly blend in with the crowd. In fact, these hats have often been a topic of scrutiny, considering the military's penchant for uniformity and standardization. What could be so important about the mission of these "red hatters" that the Air Force Uniform Board would authorize the head cover as an official part of their uniform? Their story begins post World War II.

After Congress passed the National Security Act of 1947, a new, separate military service - the U.S. Air Force - was established. But, at the time, because the Air Force was created out of the Army, some functions were still retained by the Army. These functions included construction engineering, area security around air bases and long-distance ground transportation.

During the air war in Korea, this delegation of responsibilities to the Army left the Air Force without in-house heavy repair or construction capability, contributing to major problems with base construction and maintenance, according to a 1987 historical analysis for the Air Force Institute of Technology by (then) Capt. Jon Wheeler.

By the time the Vietnam War began in 1955, the organizational structure hadn't changed much. Air Force civil engineers in theater found themselves unable to receive the funding and timely support they needed to rehabilitate, add to and repair installations to accommodate the increasing numbers and types of aircraft being used. Wheeler wrote,

It was becoming evident that the Air Force needed its own construction-capable unit that could be manned, trained and equipped to directly handle these combat support missions.

So in the fall of 1964, at the request of Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara approved the concept of Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers - or RED HORSE units. The first two RED HORSE squadrons were activated in October 1965, then trained and deployed to Vietnam in February 1966.

These newly designated RED HORSE Airmen were pre-positioned with equipment and supplies to rapidly respond to heavy bomb damage and disasters, and to make major repairs to runways and installations. They also took on the role of constructing air base security and defense facilities.

After visiting Vietnam at the time, one senior Air Force staff officer was quoted as saying, "The RED HORSE squadrons can do anything and are doing everything."

Word spread quickly about these resourceful RED HORSE Airmen with the "can do, will do, have done" creed who could solve problems swiftly and deliver outstanding results despite extremely austere conditions.

Because of their distinct role in the Air Force combat mission, (the now late) Brig. Gen. Tom Meredith and other U.S. Air Force civil engineers sought approval in 1972 from the Air Force Uniform Board to make a red hat an official part of their uniform. The color was chosen because of its correlation with RED HORSE. The request was approved and the hat remains the mark of all RED HORSE Airmen. Since the end of the Vietnam War, these lean-and-mean squadrons of about 400 Airmen from Camp-Perry and Det.1 have continued to be primary elements of U.S. Air Force combat capabilities. RED HORSE units are trained and equipped for possible direct confrontation with enemy forces, and they are often some of the first ones in and last ones out at forward-operating locations.

RED HORSE units include carpenters, electricians and plumbers; heating, ventilation and air conditioning specialists; power production, entomology and production control specialists; heavy equipment operators and engineering assistants; and non-civil engineer personnel such as vehicle maintenance, security forces, training, personnel, supply, finance, knowledge management, network maintenance, medical, emergency management and services Airmen.

Designed to be self-sustaining during deployment, RED HORSE units can construct base facilities quickly from the ground up. They are also trained in demolition, concrete production and paving, disaster preparedness mobility, materials testing, expeditionary aircraft barrier installation, revetment construction, water well drilling, special weapons and special-purpose heavy construction equipment.

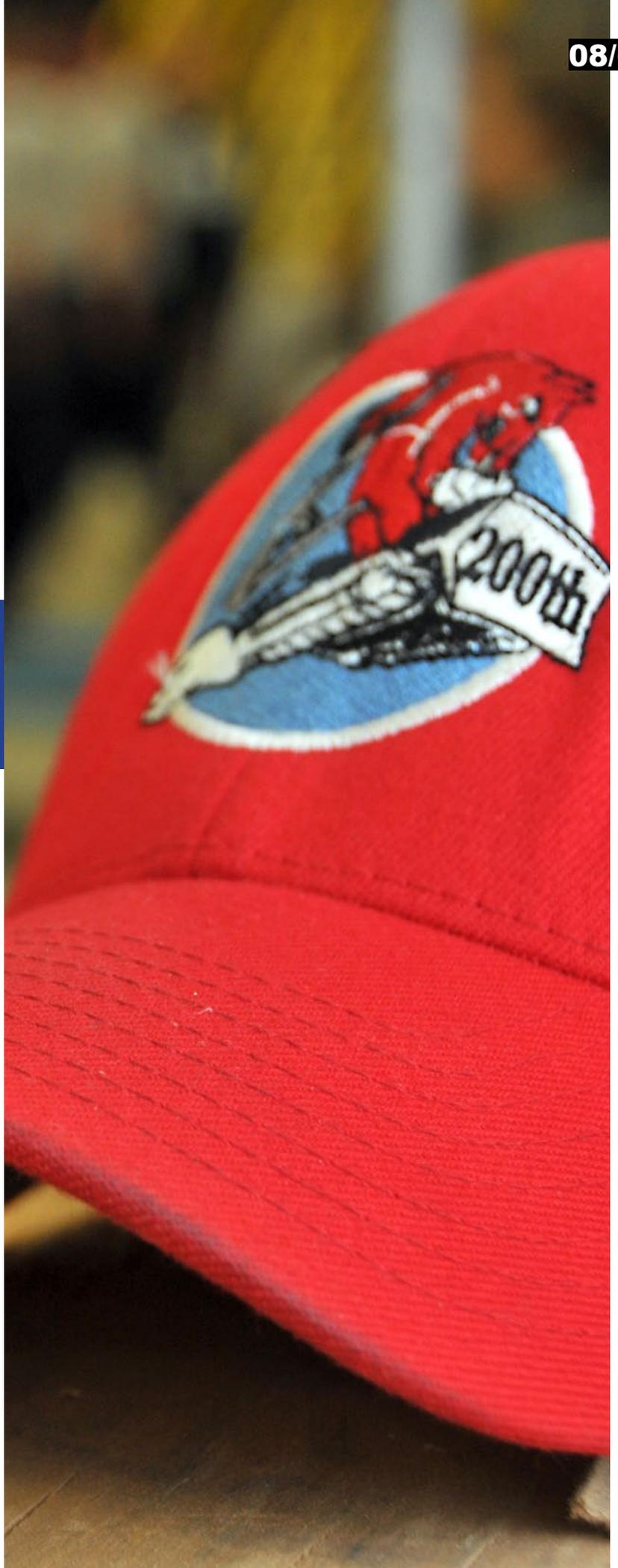
RED HORSE missions require flexibility and ingenuity, from repairing heavy bomb damage and building base facilities in austere environments to the shift from rapid runway repair to spall damage and more permanent runway repair. RED HORSE Airmen have continuously out-performed tasking's and wholly dedicated themselves to their missions.

The esprit de corps and dedication to the RED HORSE way also seems to endure. General Meredith, considered the father of RED HORSE, requested that pallbearers at his funeral wear red hats. And RED HORSE Airmen who have long since retired or separated from the military continue to remain active in the RED HORSE Association, perpetuating their deeply ingrained spirit and traditions.

The 200th REDHORSE Headquarters is located at the Camp-Perry Joint Training Center, East of Port Clinton, in Northwest Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie.

The 200th REDHORSE Detachment 1, is North West of the 179th Airlift Wing co-located at the Mansfield Lahm Airport.

TO THE HORSE
CMSgt Joseph.Pryor





SURVIVING WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING

164TH TRAINS AT YMCA IN
GALION, OHIO

by TSgt Joe Harwood

The 164th Airlift Squadron aircrew has to be trained for every scenario, good or bad. Water survival training is part of that training, and refresher courses are a crucial part of staying sharp for any scenario. This year, the aircrew members accomplished the training at the Galion YMCA pool, Galion, OH, April 6, 2014. 164th Airlift Squadron member, Maj. Jeremy Ford, said "This is crucial re-occurring training. Not only does it prepares the aircrew to navigate the situation to save themselves in the event of an emergency water



landing, but also how to handle any passengers we may have at the time."

The airmen of the 179th Operations Group Airmen Equipment Flight provide the training to the C-130H aircrew. The aircrew members don't get into swimming suits for a dip in the pool, instead they simulate how a water landing would have them, swimming in uniform. They must remain calm and be familiar with their gear, prepare to release themselves from a parachute that is dragging them through the water and be able



navigate their way out from beneath it all while they are in the water. Kicking and tangling parachute lines around you could be your last mistake. Their personal life preservers are inflated and not only are they instructed on how to operate their personal flotation devices but also on how to use the group's life raft as a signaling device to attract help and remain hidden to avoid enemy detection. The end result of this training is to re-enforce tactics for an emergency that the 164th Airlift Squadron aircrews are highly trained to avoid.
179th Operations Group Airmen Equipment Flight

instructor, Tech. Sgt. William Hamilton, said "First of all, we're grateful for the opportunity the folks here, at the Galion YMCA, have given us by allowing us to use their facilities to conduct the Water Survival Training." Hamilton added, "Second, I'd also like to thank the aircrew for being good sports during the training, taking it in stride, and for taking it seriously. Hopefully, the need should never arise for the training we've given them, but I'm confident they'll be ready."

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here are different positions of leadership in the Air Force. With dedication to service, the enlisted makes his or her way up the chain and through the ranks. Leadership skills aren't something that everyone is born with; it's something an Airman has to commit to learn. Learning leadership skills in the United States Air Force ensures that a deserving airman gets promoted. Every airman is obligated to share, train and mentor other members to ensure success for all.

Most of us spend the first few promotions just learning how to be part of the team; promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant moves a successful team member into the new role of "front line supervisor". By this time, we have the technical knowhow to complete the job while supporting subordinates in regards to training and physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Not every airman is technically inclined to the AFSC that they hold. Some of us only do our jobs two days a month. Technical skills are something that can be learned, behaviors changed and with that comes the knowledge needed to lead.

Before promotion to Staff Sergeant, an airman must first complete Airman Leadership School (ALS). ALS teaches a new supervisor how to write evaluations, promote discipline, and sharpens interpersonal skills. The interpersonal skill is learning how to read others' emotions and work well with the group. ALS teaches every airman how to sharpen those skills and enhance interpersonal communication. The ability to work with peers, subordinates, and management is an asset to any SSgt.

About 7 years into an Air Force career, airmen are promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant (TSgt). A TSgt needs to not only be technically proficient, but needs to start acting in a middle management role. Again, not something that everyone is accustomed to doing but by now you have the confidence and tools to learn these skills. It's all about balance and conceptual skills begin to emerge. TSgt begins to create a plan and carry it through; start outside-the-box thinking and work with ideas and concepts. Next in your career comes the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA). The NCO Academy is designed to teach airmen the skills and knowledge to make sound decisions in progressively more demanding leadership positions. It's meant to develop tomorrow's senior leadership through professional education and create strategic thinkers and credible leaders. This academy is the gateway to the Top 3 enlisted ranks.

Senior Noncommissioned Officer has become an effective leader and is still learning leadership skills. By this stage, SNCO corp are actually leading people in accomplishing the mission. As a MSgt, an airman begins to take the knowledge and skills learned as a technical expert and supervisor to another level. MSgt's are responsible for leading subordinates and molding a team that can accomplish the mission. The responsibility level has increased tremendously, as they have already earned the trust of their peers. MSgt's enroll in the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (AFSNCOA). The AFSNCOA provides training in advanced leadership and management techniques.

After completing the AFSNCOA, an airman is ready for promotion to Senior Master Sergeant. An airman's experience is now turned to the operational level of leadership. A SMSgt looks at the bigger picture and ensures that their team is able to merge with other teams to ensure mission accomplishment. Very soon, it will be imperative for a MSgt to have their CCAF degree to attain this rank.

CMSgt is the highest rank in the Air Force enlisted structure. An airman in this position is a key leader and should display the highest qualities of leadership. A CMSgt must be a mentor and be fully engaged with all airmen in their organization. An airman never quits learning how to lead, and a CMSgt should learn something new every day in order to become more effective. A CMSgt should be making sure that the airmen that they are in charge of have the tools and knowledge necessary to get the most out of their careers in the Air National Guard.

The Air Force teaches each airman the tools needed to learn to be an effective leader in any situation. Make it a goal to learn the knowledge, human, and conceptual skills needed to be effective as an Air Force enlisted leader.

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**I will never leave an airman
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I will never falter,

And I will not fail