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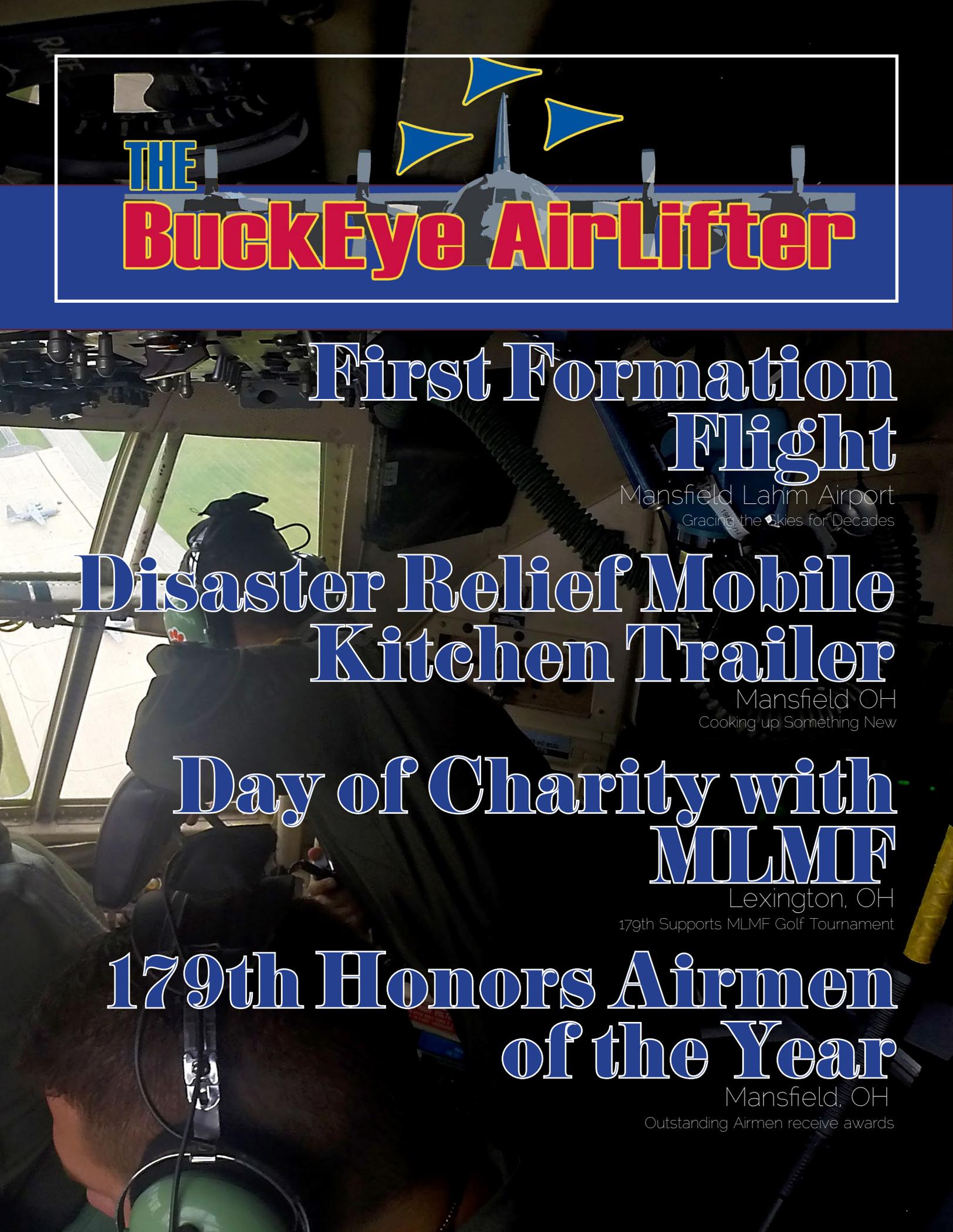
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MANSFIELD, OHIO – The 179th Airlift Wing has flown through a transitional era, moving on from the time of the C-27J Spartan and back to the familiarity of an aircraft that has graced the Mansfield sky for decades before. Familiar as veterans of the unit may be to the aircraft, a great deal of work goes into making such a transition a reality. On Sept. 3, 2014, members of the 164th Airlift Squadron took a giant leap forward into this new era with their first formation flight of two C-130H2 Hercules aircraft. A formation flight is when two or more aircraft conduct joint flight operations. An everyday occurrence for fighter jets, yet C-130s tends to fly solo. The typical C-130 is roughly 100 feet long with a wing span of over 130 feet. Standing nearly 40 feet high, it's not a small aircraft. The aircrew operating these aircraft must be proficient in sharing runways and airspace while conducting formation flights.

"A famous Ohio aviator, Neil Armstrong once said; 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'" The 179th Airlift Wing made another small step in its safe, effective and efficient conversion into the C-130 "Hercules" flying its first formation flight in over 5 years. While today might not seem nearly so impressive, it was a large leap for the folks in the 179 Operations Group executing our own C-130 formation flight; using only OH aircraft manned solely by a OH aircrew. The successful formation flight was a Wing wide effort keeping us on track to meet our up upcoming deployment," said Col Mark Auer, 179 Operations Group Commander. Lt. Col. Jeff Capretto, 164th Airlift Squadron, flew in the first formation, said "Today's accomplishment is another step forward in our safe, effective and efficient conversion; keeping us on the road of becoming recognized by the airlift community as true tactical airlift professionals." An essential part of the C-130 mission is aerial delivery, the ability to drop supplies or personnel on specific point on the ground, referred to as a Drop Zone (DZ).



164th Airlift Squadron flight crew members fly two C-130H Hercules in formation for the first time since its return to the unit, Sept. 3, 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)

First Formation Flight for C130's

Aircraft has graced the Mansfield sky for Decades

by TSgt Joe Harwood

During the first formation flight, the aircrew also coordinated air drops using paratroop doors, located on the sides of the aircraft and the ramp, located at the rear. This takes incredible coordination between the pilots, navigators and loadmasters.

Maj. Matt Dudley, 164th Airlift Squadron, part of the second crew flying in formation said "The C-130H is truly a crew aircraft, on formation flights there are typically six aircrew members aboard each aircraft. Each crew position has a critical role and must work and communicate together to ensure a successful mission."

"Many hands make light the work and this important milestone was achieved because of the passion and professionalism of the entire wing. Our Maintenance Group has worked something akin to a miracle to deliver, day-in, day-out, aircraft that are safe and capable of executing the mission. Our crews have great faith and appreciation for the folks on the flight line and in the back shops that make that happen. Our Mission Support Group has been outstanding making sure our maintainers have the right supplies and

material and that Operations are accessing the right personnel and getting them quickly off to school. Our Medical Group has been tireless in accomplishing the flight physicals, keeping us medically qualified to deploy and securing waivers when needed. People see the aircraft flying overhead and say, "Well that is pretty neat." We look at that same formation and say, "What a great accomplishment for this entire wing, across every AFSC and every organization -pretty neat," said Col. Auer.

Formation flights are sure to become a more familiar sight and sound as the wing continues to receive its last two aircraft later this month, bringing our full complement of "Hercules" to eight. So keep looking up; you just don't know what important milestone you might be witnessing in the skies above Mansfield.

NEW!! Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer

179th is cooking up something new

by TSgt Joe Harwood

MANSFIELD, OHIO – The 179th Airlift Wing is cooking up something new in the world's most advanced mobile kitchen. A Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) was delivered to the C-130H Hercules flying unit and Air National Guardsmen of the 179th Force Support Squadron, Services Sustainment Flight (179th FSS) are training with the makers, Babington Technology, on how to use it in the event of a regional disaster. The 179th FSS has been chosen to maintain the asset for activation within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Region 5. FEMA Region 5 includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

SMSgt Dana Togliatti, Base Services Manager of the 179th FSS, said "The State of Ohio was selected to receive the Disaster Response Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) due to geographical location within FEMA Region 5, and state leadership selected the 179th Airlift Wing for this mission due to the C-130 cargo planes capability to transport the asset." The 179th FSS has accepted the additional responsibility to train and maintain proficiency in utilization of this asset, along with training other units within FEMA Region 5 to use this asset. In the



The 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, OH, trains on a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) Aug. 27, 2014. The DRMKT is designed to support FEMA Region 5 in the event of any regional emergency that arises. The energy efficient trailer is well equipped for field conditions and capable of feeding over 1000 people in less than 90 minutes.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Swick, of the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, OH, trains on a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) Aug. 27, 2014.



Senior Master Sgt. Garth Eldridge, of the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, OH, trains on a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) T



event of a natural disaster or other event requiring the level of field feeding the DRMKT provides, the 179th FSS would deploy with the DRMKT." Togliatti continued "The DRMKT, joining the Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen (SPEK) and Dining Facility (DFAC) already at Mansfield-Lahm, allows our members to train and cook in a wide range of environments, yielding more versatile and prepared expeditionary Airmen. In the event of a FEMA-related requirement, the 179th FSS will respond with ready airmen for activation, by either the state or federal government."

What kind of additional work goes into taking on this asset? Technical Sgt. Michael Swick of 179th FSS, said "The DRMKT is an asset assigned to the 179th Airlift Wing, and so it will be stored, maintained and utilized by the 179th FSS along with the much appreciated assistance of our 179th Civil Engineering Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Operations Group Loadmasters, as well as the 200th RED HORSE Det1. It takes many hands to keep an asset as large as this operational, stored and when necessary, transported. We are very appreciative of the help we've been given thus far."

The DRMKT is designed to support the first responder's primary mission, reacting quickly to contingency disasters. Fresh food cooked and served rapidly to the needy and hungry is morale-boosting and a key logistical component of any first response. It is extremely flexible, supporting any field-feeding scenario from quickly prepared boil-in-the-bag meals to restaurant quality meals for up to 1000 people in under 90 minutes.



Will the 179th be able to use it for non-emergency/local use? Swick said "The DRMKT relies on the Babington Airtronic Burner and a diesel-powered generator, both of which require periodic use to maintain operational readiness. Additionally, we plan to maintain the readiness of the members of the 179th FSS by training regularly with the DRMKT." Swick continued, "To build and maintain proficiency, we plan to prepare meals on the DRMKT regularly. Being that the asset is so new, plans are still in the works for it, but we do know it will be utilized for events such as the 164th Airlift Squadron's annual off-site survival training and any field training environments as requested.

The DRMKT is quiet, effective, and efficient. It is capable of burning any type of distillate fuel (JP-8, for example) cleanly and efficiently with no smoke, odor or carbon monoxide. The Babington Airtronic Burners are designed to be safe and reliable in the harshest of conditions, with no exposed conduits or electrical wiring. The closed burner combustion system completely eliminates dangerous levels of heat buildup, exhaust fumes and noise. The entire DRMKT, with its tray ration heater, griddle, convection oven, sanitation system, refrigeration, air exchange fans, air curtains to remove bugs,

lights and computer system operates on less than 2500 watts of power. That is about one-tenth the power required to operate a single commercial electric griddle.

Bill Hague, a retired Lt. Col. in the United States Marine Corps, works for Babington Technology and is training selected Air National Guard units as DRMKT's are delivered to them. Hague said "In accordance with the U.S. Department of Defense's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Initiatives, The DRMKT is the most energy efficient field kitchen in the world. It's rapidly deployable, a free-standing mobile kitchen ready for C-130 transport, built to be pulled by a standard heavy-duty pickup and designed for a fast setup and shutdown."

The 179th Airlift Wing works with the Homeland Emergency Response Force (HERF) and FEMA Region 5 to provide support in the event of a regional emergency. This DRMKT is the 10th produced in the nation, the first for FEMA Region 5 and is exclusive to the Air National Guard as a FEMA response asset.



179th Airlift Wing supports Charity Event

a day of fun,
relaxation
and some golf.

by **MSgt Lisa Haun**



LEXINGTON, OHIO – On Friday, September 5, 2014, 179th Airlift Wing members headed to Pebble Creek golf course in Lexington, Ohio with their wallets for a day of fun, relaxation and some golf.

Members have been coming out to support this great event and Mansfield Lahm Military Families since 2003. Mansfield Lahm Military Families (MLMF) is a Non-Profit 501©3 Corporation established in 2003 by Paige Williams, Sheila Larson and retired Chief Master Sgt. Debra Robinson. MLMF, in turn, supports military families through scholarship and tuition assistance. They also provide aid to military families in need due to military assignment, health of family member or other needs of military family members.

The Mansfield Lahm Military Families (MLMF) only host one fund raiser a year and the golf tournament has awarded eight families with \$1000 scholarships this year. Over the past twelve years, MLMF has donated almost \$50,000 to military families.

This Friday, over 20 volunteers from MLMF Board of Directors, 179th AW members and 179th Shadow Flight retirees arrive at 7:00 in the morning to set up and prepare to host 144 golfers, making up a full field of 36 teams for the event. Players come from all over the state of Ohio, from the 179th AW and the local community business. Players check in, collect their goodie-bags and purchase stacks of raffle tickets in hopes of winning one of the prizes that have

been donated by local business. Top prizes this year included a gas grill donated by Lowes, a \$400 certificate to Ashley Furniture, Ohio State football tickets, \$500 in Haring Jewelry and a weekend family trip to Kalahari. Lt. Col Tim Korbas, Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Advisor for the 179th, is the MLMF Golf Tournament Event Chairman for the MLMF Golf Tournament, since 2007, said 'This year is on track to be the best year ever!' The tournament takes Lt. Col Korbas an entire year to plan. He tracks the budget, the teams, the sponsors, and the donations. He said 'Each player receives 2 meals, 2 drinks, free golf balls, a cart, 18 holes of golf and the chance to win a \$1000 on any par 3 hole.' Every year the tournament gets bigger and better. The tournament has given away cars and Bahama cruises to players for a hole in one.

Many distinguished guests play each year. This year, mayors from the local communities, retired commanders from the base and owners from businesses in town like Richland Bank, Ashley Furniture and Lowes, all participated in the fun. The main meal this year was catered by Outback Steakhouse. Lt. Col. Korbas said 'Every year people tell me this is the best golf tournament around. And it really is!'

Lt. Col. Korbas said that he starts each year by sending out a letter campaign asking local companies for donations and hole sponsors. Since companies usually receive

their community donation budgets around the first of the year. Lt. Col. Korbas makes sure that MLMF is at the top of those lists. Companies like Gorman Rupp and Washington Carpet One always donate and have from the very beginning and because of that support, MLMF went from giving away \$2500 a year to \$8000 a year. That \$8000 goes to the college education for eight different military family members, investing in the future of Mansfield and Richland County. This year's award recipients were Monica Clevenger, Andrew Dinger, Dillon Thomas, Molly Dunham, Nicolas Thomas, Haydon Dotson, Andrew Walsh and Azaree Whitehead.

Part of the money collected at the golf tournament is given to Non-Profit 501©3 Corporation Friends of the 179th. Friends of the 179th use the money throughout the year to support events for the installation. Every year the base hosts three on-site Family Program events like a fall festival or a Christmas party to build comradery and help prepare military families for deployments. Family Programs is concerned with ensuring that all of the 179th members are always ready to meet the demands and challenges of everyday life. The events encourage members to complete items

like power of attorney letters, wills and update personal information for their Air Force records. Mrs. Faline Rowland, 179th Airlift Wing Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager said 'The money is also used to for unmet needs for guard members. Things happen; guard members can lose full time jobs and end up with considerable financial issues. This money can help alleviate a small amount of that stress.' Rowland congratulated this year's MLMF scholarship winners and encouraged all the members to apply next year.

Lt. Col Troy Cramer, 179th Deputy Medical Group Commander, said 'I'm involved to help coordinate the event through hole sponsors and charitable donations. Proceeds from the event benefit a worthy scholarship program for dependents of military members assigned to the 179th or 200RHS as well as funds to assist military families in times of need. Last year (2013), MLMF expanded to include not only 179th but also 200 RHS personnel and family members. For me, it's about creating as an enjoyable experience for all golfers and raising as many funds as possible for MLMF.'





179th Airlift Wing takes action for Toledo Water Crisis

Ohio National Guard was
activated by the Governor.

by MSgt Lisa Haun

TOLEDO, OHIO - On August 2, 2014, all of Lucas County including the city of Toledo, declared a water emergency. All of the residences were issued a "do not drink" order due to unsafe levels of microcystin. Microcystin is a highly toxic byproduct of the breakdown of the cell of the algae found in large quantities in Lake Erie which is the county's water source during the summer months. Soon after the county declared an emergency and requested help from the State Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio National Guard was activated by the Governor. The mission was to establish a water distribution network in support of civilian authorities. To complete that mission over 4,172 miles driven, 53 pieces of equipment moved, and 254 soldiers and airmen were placed on state active duty orders.

During a typical emergency, approximately 20 agencies are actively involved in emergency operations. Their job is to coordinate activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Early Saturday morning National Guard members were requested to report to the EMA to start working with state agencies like EPA, Health



Dept. Ohio dept of Natural Resources, Transportation Dept. Logistics, and the National Guard Joint Operations Center at Beightlor Armory to help mitigate the effects of this disaster.

One of the first units to respond was the Ohio Air National Guard's 200th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS). The 200th RHS is the only organization in the State of Ohio with a large Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU). The 400 members of the RHS quickly loaded, transported, and set up three ROWPU units in Lucas County and within just a few hours the three teams were able to produce 3000 gallons per hour of fresh water at each water generation location. The water generation capacity of over 200,000 gallons per 24 hours was critical in meeting distribution needs via large transportable tanks provided by Ohio Air and Army National Guard units. Lucas County residents were able to fill their personal containers at the distribution centers. Along with RED HORSE, the 179th Public Health and Bioengineering teams were also deployed. The PAM team is a preventive aerospace medicine team and is responsible for ensuring a site is ready to deploy safe food and water. They do site survey's to ensure locations like hospitals, dining facilities, latrines and sleeping



facilities are safe and placed the correct distance apart. In the case of deploying for the water crisis, the PAM team was utilized to oversee the water safety and test water quality for chlorine, pH, coliforms and E. coli. Master Sgt. Steve Dotson and Staff Sgt. Adam Giles were at Camp Perry testing noise dosimetry while Major Dr. Alan Kao was at Scott Park with RED HORSE monitoring the ROWPU and a water Buffalo trailer. Army Convoys brought in water buffalos from Newark Army National Guard There were 3 3000 gallon bladders for processed water and 2 Onion bladders for raw water. Members from the Army and Air National Guard along with Naval Reservists volunteered to help people fill types of containers with potable water from coolers gallon jugs to Rubbermaid tubs. The National Guard was able to maintain an orderly line of people who were grateful, thankful, and worried. Dr. Kao said "One grizzled old gentleman asked if this water was safe...I looked him in the eyes, smiled and said "it's safe for us in the desert and its safe here"...and I cupped my hands and took a drink. He grinned and proceeded to fill 6 glass gallon jugs and a cooler. I asked him how he was gonna manage...he said he could use some help...so we helped him."

Fire trucks from all over the state brought in water to be

pumped through the ROWPU units, some of them waiting for hours to process the water that they brought in from water quarries and Red Cross was able to pass out food at Woodward High School.

In a letter to the Editor, Dr. Kao wrote "During the recent water crisis, I had the pleasure of working with the 200th RED HORSE Squadron from Camp Perry, the 200th RED HORSE Det 1, the 179th Medical Group from Mansfield, and the 371st Army Guard from Newark. These fine men and women mobilized and were producing potable water in just a few hours at three sites in the Toledo area. With the help of many tanker fire trucks from all over Northwest Ohio we produced over 30,000 gallons of potable water from quarry water. These Guardsmen quickly volunteered to work 12 hour shifts for the duration of the crisis. I am proud to say the people of Toledo greeted them with smiling faces, positive attitude and lots of rewards of food. As a Public Health Officer based in Mansfield and a resident of Toledo, it was a pleasure to work with these National Guardsmen, local law enforcement, firefighters, and for the people of the greater Toledo Metropolitan area."

The National Guard units were able to provide 57,000 gallons of water to local citizens at three different water purification and distribution points and four satellite distribution points. They also established 60 water trailer distribution cycles throughout Lucas County, along with 5 HIPPO distribution cycles. They delivered 75 pallets of bottled water and meals ready to eat (MRE) containing approximately 1,612,800 bottles of water and 2,300 MREs in support of Ohio.

Just for 179th & 200th Det 1 Families

FALL FESTIVAL

October 2014



A horse-drawn wagon ride to the field to pick pumpkins

Test your strength and accuracy at one of 4 pumpkin slingshots and experience the fun of shooting one of 3 air-powered **corn cannons**.

Enjoy the indoor straw maze and the **small barnyard zoo** Wind your way through the 8-acre family friendly **corn maze**

The Family Programs package per person includes tickets worth \$12 per person *(additional can be purchased)* for your enjoyment during this event.

Use them for the pumpkin slingshot, the corn maze, the corn cannon or any other fun event at the farm.

We'll wrap up the day with food and a bonfire.....

Hotdogs, beverage, chips & the makings for s'mores will be provided!

Please bring your favorite cookies or brownies to share

This is sure to be a favorite family event!

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Michael McQuillen
Francisco Rivera-Hernandez
Trent Tackett
Jarrod Stoots
Jacob Ash
Terry Faulkner
Colleen McKernan
Mary Arvai
Connor McKee
Sean Barnard
Jacqueline Isabella
Deterrion Corley
Ceasha Moorer
Celita Noce
John Berger
Arielle Gray
Alexandria Gottschling
William Gearhart III
Madison Chandler
Cole Burley
Josie Tullos
Tyler Hiatt
Nicholas Zurcher
Max Roberts
Cassidy Yetzer
Kyle Fix
Dennis Head
Zachary Sturges
Lane Spelman
Rodney Horn
Molly Powell
Daniel Parsons
Nicholas Steiner
Andrew Varnis
Deanna Velez
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Samuel Maddox
Jessica Clark
Ryan Morehead
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Airmen that have been recently promoted

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There 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.

**I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.**

**I have answered my
nation's call.**

I am an American Airman.

**My mission is to fly, fight,
and win.**

**I am faithful to a proud
heritage,**

**A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.**

I am an American Airman,

**Guardian of freedom and
justice,**

**My nation's sword and
shield,**

Its sentry and avenger.

**I defend my country with
my life.**

I am an American Airman:

Wingman, Leader, Warrior.

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

**I will never falter,
And I will not fail.**

Miss Ohio Scholarship Program

Honor Guard not purely ornamental

by TSgt Michael Swick

MANSFIELD, OHIO – The 179th Airlift Wing has participated in the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program (MOSP) since the mid to late 1980's, before the Base Honor Guard (BHG) was a formal, congressionally-mandated program. Originally, the 179AW BHG was a group of members from across the unit who performed in veterans' funerals and community events on their own accord, without the benefit of standardized training or regulations which was implemented following the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000.

The 179AW BHG was invited to participate by the administration of MOSP after witnessing their performance in the Miss Ashland program, which was a preliminary for MOSP. During MOSP, the BHG performs two functions: Presenting the Colors at the beginning of each night of the program, and escorting the contestants during the evening gown competition. To clarify the BHG role in the latter, they are not purely ornamental; the member does serve a role in the safety of the contestants.



Members of the 179th Airlift Wing and 200th RED HORSE Honor Guard perform at the Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield, OH, June 19, 2014. The Honor Guard posts the colors in the beginning of the pageant and has a special role in escorting the contestants during the evening gown portion of the competition. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood/Released)



as the ornately dressed Honor Guard member is used to guide the ladies down any stairs, past any obstacles, and off the stage as they concentrate on their showmanship, while wearing high heels. The MOSP administration and the production staff have a very strong bond from decades of working together, and the 179AW BHG has not been excluded. Our ceremonial guardsmen have formed friendships with the production staff and a rapport with the contestants. Former ceremonial guardsmen have gone on to join the production staff and current ceremonial guardsmen can be found striking the set at the end of the event every year. The MOSP production staff has relayed how much the military members add to the program and how any replacements in the past have not delivered the same results.





179th Airlift Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Tom Gremling and 179th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Gary McCue present the Minuteman Award to Master Sgt. Johnny C. Willis. Members of the 179th Airlift Wing gather in recognition of the units outstanding airmen of the year, Sept. 13, 2014, held at R&L Banquet Center, Mansfield, OH. Winners at the unit level go on to compete at the state level.(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood)

The 179th Honor Guard post the colors and a POW Ceremony while members of the 179th Airlift Wing gather in recognition of the units outstanding Airmen of the year, Sept. 13, 2014, held at R&L Banquet Center, Mansfield, OH. Winners at the unit level go on to compete at the state level.(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by TSgt Joseph Harwood \ Released)



179th Honors Outstanding Airmen

For those that go above and beyond

by Emily Dech, Richland SourceStaff Reporter

Mansfield - As a way of honoring those who consistently serve the 179th Airlift Wing and the surrounding community, the 179th Airlift Wing held its annual Airman of the Year Banquet on Saturday evening at the R&L Banquet Center in Mansfield.

Those awarded with the distinguished title of "Airman of the Year" included Senior Airman Jordyn Discenzo, Master Sgt. Todd Ashcroft, Master Sgt. Dennis Folk, and Capt. Ryan McMaster.

The Airman of the Year award includes four categories of awards: "Airman of the Year of all Junior Enlisted," "Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year," "Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year," and "Company Grade Officer of the Year." Discenzo won the Airman of the Year of all Junior Enlisted, Ashcroft won the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Folk won the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, and McMaster won the Company Grade Officer of the Year.

"I think that everybody who got awarded deserved it," stated Airman 1st Class Fernando Rosales. "That's why they were recognized." He added that the award recipients work hard to positively impact not just the airlift wing but also the community.

179th Airlift Wing & Family Programs present.....

WINTER WONDERLAND



Hangar 102 will magically transform into our very own Winter Wonderland to delight 179th families! Each Squadron will showcase a special theme and host an area for families to visit and enjoy!

A VINTAGE OLDE TYME CANDY SHOPPE

Scrumptious Bakery Sweets

Toy Store



Crafts

VISIT WITH SANTA

FAMILY PICTURES

live music

just to name a few wonderful things!

Lunch will be covered dish within sections (meat and bread provided from Services)

After lunch everyone will come to the hangar to relax and enjoy the afternoon

Each organization has plenty of ways you can help out and contribute



90+ Club

Congratulations to the Outstanding Airmen who receive 90% or higher on Career Development Courses



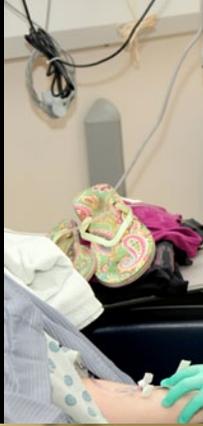
**Erika Rogers
Jared Corum
Erik Bieznieks**

**Keegan Radeff
Alec Hardesty
Nathan Gailey
Jared Corum
Ronald Nelson**

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Gallery





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ko54gtIq9Q&feature=youtu.be>

Click the link to view the video story

Ohio Air National Guardsmen from the 179th and 180th Wings located throughout the state of Ohio, perform annual training at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, July, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by, Master Sergeant Lisa Haun/Released)





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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Facts

\$9,497 per year

Avg. 2013-14 in-state tuition/fees at public four-year institutions in Ohio



\$17.8M

The total value of scholarships paid for fiscal year 2014



5,440

The average number of scholarships awarded to Ohio National Guardsmen each fiscal year



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