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Command Insight

Reflecting on the past to gain perspective on the future

By Col. Mark L. Stephens
179th Wing Commander

As we look into the future and try to plan for the many challenges that lay ahead, it can be helpful to look back at where we have been to put it all in perspective. This year, and certainly this decade, will be filled with many challenges for the 179th, this country and certainly you and your loved ones. As I pondered these challenges, I found myself reflecting on challenges of the past decade.

Shortly after this decade began, I found myself leading the very first Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection (EORI) of the 179th as we deployed to Ramstein AFB, Germany for Operation Joint Forge in early 2001. This was a new concept at the time and seemed like quite a challenge to be inspected during a real world contingency. In addition, it was also my first opportunity to command not only my fellow Guardsmen but also Active Duty Airmen from Pope AFB who were part of the package.

Just around the corner was 9-11, which by any ones standards made the challenges of the EORI quickly vaporize into a distant memory. Never in my life did I think the United States would come under such an attack. That day we armed technicians to guard the base that normally would only see a weapon during qualification training. The loss of life from this attack and the resultant invasion of Afghanistan seemed surreal to say the least.

Then came 2003 and the invasion of Iraq, and many, many deployments of 179th personnel to both theaters. I thought we were pretty busy fighting wars in two theaters but I guess it wasn't enough because then came BRAC in 2005! Now at this point what else could bust loose? Katrina, yep that is right, I almost forgot about Mother Nature! Of course no challenge is complete without an ORI, so that got thrown in for good measure in 2006; followed by every other inspection you can think of to include an ASEV, LSEP, and UCI by the time we completed 2008.

You may now wonder how I'm finding any comfort or positive perspective in all this? Well, as I reflected on everything we have been through over this last decade, the challenges of this coming year seem just a little more surmountable. Now I'm not saying that transitioning to a new flying mission while simultaneously completing another ORI thrown in for good measure is going to be easy. But I am saying that this unit seems to have the ability to tackle every challenge laid before it and come out smelling like the proverbial rose. You have all done it before and I know with your great attitude, talent and drive that you will continue to perform just like you did through the challenging CONEMP test that you just completed with such professionalism. No one can deny that you are truly "Citizen Airmen at Their Best"!



179th AW has best-of-the-best Airmen in Ohio

The Ohio Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year were selected at Beightler Armory by a balanced and diverse board on Monday, December 21, 2009. This year, the 179th Airlift Wing has again shown our unit has the “best-of-the-best” by taking four of the six awards. The award winners are as follows:

Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Justin Beers; 269th

NCO of the Year – Master Sgt. Brian Owens; 179th

SNCO of the Year – Master Sgt. Richard Brenly; 179th

First Sgt of the Year – Master Sgt. Heidi Bunker; 179th

Honor Guard Member of the Year – Staff Sgt. Michael Swick; 179th

Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year – Staff Sgt. Matthew Haas; 180th

Be sure to congratulate these outstanding Airmen and wish them luck as they move forward to compete at the NGB level.

JANUARY PROMOTIONS

NEW MASTER SERGEANT:

Aaron Zieber

NEW TECHNICAL SERGEANTS:

Neil Domonkos
Joshua D. Harp
Joshua T. Hurlbut

NEW STAFF SERGEANTS:

Chase C. Sobieck
Terry D. StClair
Eric V. Stiffler

NEW SENIOR AIRMEN:

Pieter J. Boor
Jerrell L. Dorsey
Nathan R. Gross
Kevin A. Harvey
Russel W. Huber
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Taylor L. Keltz
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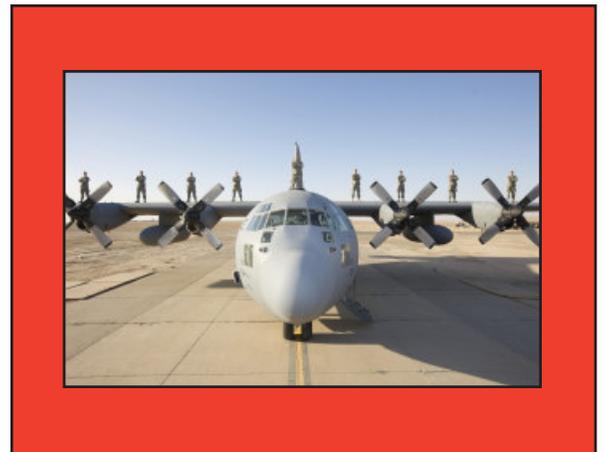
Members return home from Iraq days before Christmas

By Capt. Nicole L. Ashcroft
179th Chief of Public Affairs

It was a brisk sunny Ohio afternoon when 62 members were welcomed home from Iraq by Maj. Gen. Harry "A.J." Feucht, Jr., base leadership, fellow unit members, families, friends and a multitude of loved ones... just two days before Christmas.

There were smiles on the 179th members faces December 23, 2009 as they returned from their successful two month deployment in Iraq. The team deployed overseas to complete a ground-breaking concept of operations test between the Army and the Air Force in preparation for their future C-27 mission.

In preparation for the arrival of C-27 Spartans, the 179th Airlift Wing answered the call from Air Mobility Command for a unit to participate in this test to watch and document how an Air Force squadron integrates with Army command and control and scheduling processes. This type of mission has not been done since Vietnam. At that time, it was only done for the purpose of transferring C-7 Caribous to the Air Force from the Army – having Air Force units remain attached while deployed is a new concept. It is a new and bold concept that members of the 179th and 25th Combat Aviation Brigade embraced and worked diligently toward ensuring its success.



Members of the 179th Airlift Wing and 200th Red Horse gathered with their families for some holiday cheer at the Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Richland Carrousel Park in Mansfield on Friday, December 11, 2009.



Children enjoyed the unlimited carousel rides, creative crafts, portraits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies, hot chocolate and much more.

It was indeed a memorable night filled with laughter and cheer for the entire family.



Military Tradition: The “Fini Flight”

By Senior Airman Joseph D. Harwood
179th Public Affairs Photographer

It was a bitter cold afternoon on December 16, 2009 at the Mansfield 179th Airlift Wing. The wind was cutting through every article of clothing you had on. The last thing I wanted to do was go out in that weather and take photographs; but knowing what I was being called to take pictures of made it easy to do... a final flight.

As we waited by the flight line for the plane to shut down and the crew to emerge, all anyone could talk about was how unbearable it was to simply stand out in this icy wind. Yet we all know it was worth the wait... because we got to see the fire hose spray down the man who has just completed his final flight. How cruel it seemed... it was so cold! The poor guy being doused with water in frigid conditions! But he smiled!/? Why!/? He smiled, because he earned it.

Such is the tradition of “The Fini Flight;” it looks a lot like hazing to the untrained eye. How often does a man want to be shot with a fire hose or showered in cheap champagne? The answer is that he would feel cheated without it, because it’s a tradition here. A reward, it is recognition of a successful career. (Besides, the cold will pass and pneumonia is treatable... you’ve got your entire retirement to recover.)

Military Tradition is important; knowing the history of those before us gives meaning to what we do today. Somewhere along the line, somebody was the first to get the fire departments hose after their final flight; and I set out to find out how, when and where this all got started. When asking those questions around the 179th of how and when it all began, I found that it’s unknown and regarded simply as tradition. “They have been doing this longer than I can remember” is the common response.

Regarding our personal base history, Lt. Col. Phil Brown said, “We’ve done this since the mid-70s – jet era. There used to be a ledge over the ramp-side entrance to the old building 101 (Operations). Guys with buckets of water would wait up there for pilots on their last flight. When the guys became wise to that the Fire Department got involved.”

So I researched the internet, finding a bounty of reference to the tradition; its definite origins were never backed by any factual evidence. I did however learn something interesting, and possibly the origin of its wide spread popularity.

When interviewed during the Vietnam War, Lt. Col. Fred Haeffner said after 99 combat missions: “Well, when we

get a hundred missions we have quite a parade back here. Day after tomorrow I hope to have a big parade back here for the three of us. We get hosed down with a fire truck and uh, we’re paraded all over the base continuously being hosed by a fire truck and some of our comrades, and uh, we have a big bottle of champagne that we get to drink between the three of us. And then we’ll go to the club and have a good old Fasching party.”

It’s obviously a tradition that was in place during the Vietnam War, but the question remains, how long have military pilots honored this tradition? The answer may or may not be out there in recorded history but this last part I found pretty much sums up the “how it got started and why” or at least it made sense to me; The fire hose spraying the pilot down is symbolic that after that last flight... the pilot is simply “all washed up” or at least his flying career is.



200th Red Horse holds HHS

By Capt. Nicole L. Ashcroft
179th Chief of Public Affairs



The 200th Red Horse honored approximately 180 Airmen and their families in their first ever Hometown Heroes Salute Award Ceremony at Port Clinton High School Performing Arts Center on Saturday December 12, 2009.



In August 2008, Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the ANG Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters who have significantly contributed to supporting our Airmen and the ANG's mission.

Similar to the 179th AW ceremony, guardsmen deployed over 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since 9/11 were recognized. All recognized Airmen received a framed letter from the director that contained the Hometown Heroes Salute coin.



The honored Airmen's spouse or significant other received engraved pen/pencil set with the ANG Hometown Heroes Salute Logo. The Airman's children received unique Hometown Heroes Salute dog tags. Lastly, each honored Airman received one medal to recognize their Center of Influence (COI) for outstanding support during their deployment.

Text messaging while driving

From the 179th Safety Office

Distracted driving has become a major cause of vehicle accidents. Therefore, the Federal Government has implemented a new policy about texting while driving. The official policy can be found online but the essence of it is as follows:

Text Messaging While Driving by Federal Employees. Federal employees shall not engage in text messaging (a) when driving a GOV, or when driving a POV while on official Government business, or (b) when using electronic equipment supplied by the Government while driving.

To refresh your memory, the directive for talking on cell phones while driving is found in AFI 91-207 paragraph 3.2.2.



AFI 91-207: 3.2.2. Vehicle operators on an AF installation and operators of government owned, leased, or rented vehicles, on or off an AF installation, shall not use cell phones while the vehicle is in operation, except when using a hands-free device or hands-free operating mode. When possible, vehicle operators should pull over and place the vehicle in park before using any cell phone. Land Mobile Radios (LMR) are primarily listening devices and are not restricted. Cell phones and other devices, used only in push-to-talk (walkie-talkie, direct connection) mode are considered LMR if required and issued for the performance of official duties.

The use of cell phones for either talking or texting greatly increases the chance of having an accident. The safest option is to find a suitable place to stop before using your cell phone.

Ohio National Guard Calendar

Ever wonder what's happening around the state?

Curious about when the next fun event sponsored by Family Readiness is scheduled?

Want to attend an upcoming Ohio State University event that the ONG is sponsoring?

You can get the answers to all those questions and many more on the new Ohio National Guard Outreach Calendar at:

http://ong.ohio.gov/community_index.html



In preparation of our upcoming ORI, there will be a base-wide ATSO exercise this UTA weekend...

Check out the following informational tips to help prepare for Saturday morning.

M9 PAPER (TAPE)

M9 Paper (Tape) Standard Operating Procedures

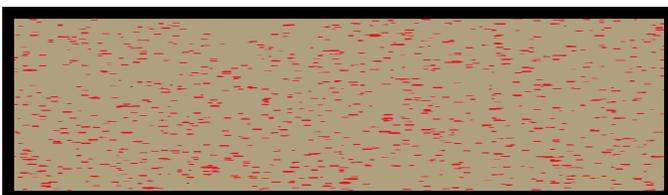
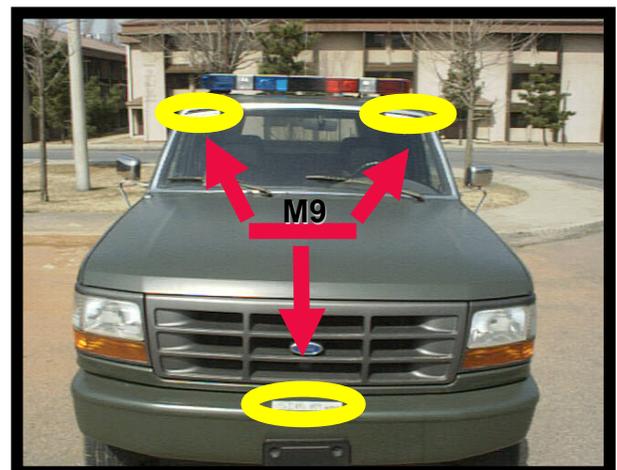
M9 Chemical Agent Detector Paper (Tape). When MOPP Level 2 is directed each member is required to apply **Masking Tape (2" wide)** in six locations on the outside of the ground crew ensemble. Do not preposition tape on the ensemble. Wait until MOPP Level 2 is directed.

Place the tape on both upper arms, both wrists, and both ankles. **Do not write on the tape.**



Vehicles & Equipment: Place M9 paper (tape) or M8 paper on the bumpers, roof and windshield of the vehicle, this will allow contamination detection from any direction of approach. **Use Magnets with detection paper attached to it or hold it in place.** Write the date and time on the paper. Equipment items use the same guidance as that for vehicles. Smaller equipment items may only require two pieces of M9/M8 paper placed sufficiently to detect contamination.

– Blue, yellow, green, gray, or black spots on M9 paper are not from a liquid chemical agent.



AMC ATSO Simulations and Procedures

January 2005

Note: Use of these simulations does not require IG approval. Submit any other simulation requests through the appropriate IG channels.

M8 PAPER

Reproduction of Simulated M8 Paper

We have found that Cascade MP (Beige Color 8 1/2 by 11) bond paper provides the best color reproduction for simulated M8 Paper. Any bond paper will work if the color is close to that of M8. Sample sheet attached.

Use of this to simulate M8 paper is approved.

All personnel should be familiar with the concentration level, and resultant color deposition shown. This is what the IG will use when simulating chemical dispersion across the base.

M8 Paper Standard Operating Procedures

Place M8 paper around facilities, on vehicles and equipment items in a manner so that falling chemical droplets will come in contact with the detection source.

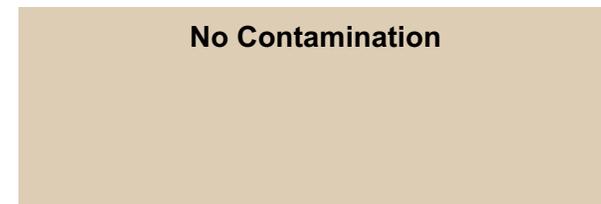
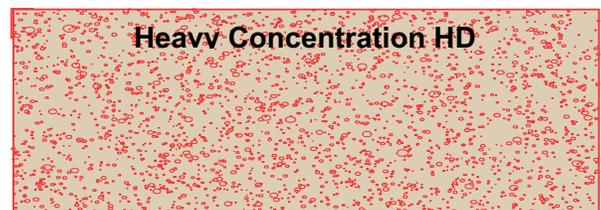
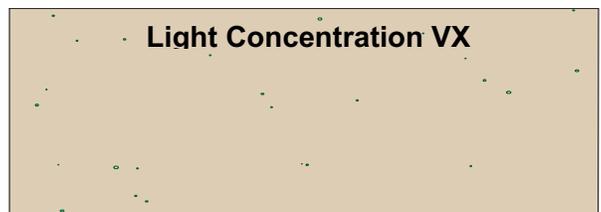
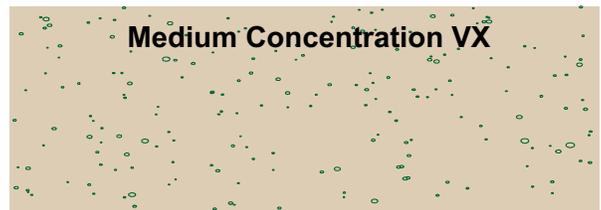
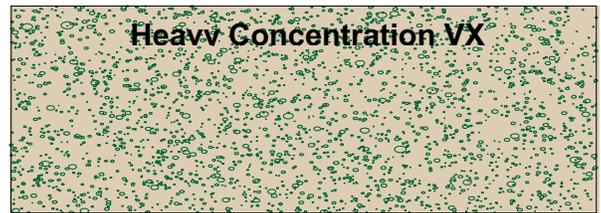
Facilities: Place stands at a distance of 10-15 feet from each corner. Larger facilities may require the use of more stands as to provide full chemical detection coverage.

Vehicles & Equipment: Place M8 paper on four corners of the vehicle, this will allow contamination detection from any direction of approach. Equipment items use the same guidance as that for vehicles. Smaller equipment items may only require two pieces of M8 paper placed sufficiently to detect contamination.

When two sheets of plastic are placed over equipment or vehicles for added contamination avoidance, place M8 paper on top of plastic covering in the same manner as mentioned above.

Placement: Secure M8 paper to the stand with duct tape, vehicle, and equipment items with magnets. Place a piece of tape on each side of the M8 paper to secure it but not to cover up too much of the detection source. The tape must be large enough to provide space to properly record the time/date of each inspection.

Quantity Required: Each deployed member should have 3 sheets of simulated M8 paper. This will provide 24 individual pieces of M8 for detection purposes. In addition, facility and vehicle sweep teams should have access to additional sheets to complete their required tasks. A sample sheet of M8 paper is attached to this package.



Atropine Auto-Injector Use

NAAK MK1 Trainer

Each deployed individual must know how to use the Nerve Agent Antidote Kit (NAAK MK1) trainer. Due to the cost units may submit other simulations to the IG for approval

The IG will have the NAAK MK 1 Trainer available and require anyone to demonstrate its use at any time.

Administration of NAAK MK1 Procedures. Nerve agents are the only chemical agents for which we have a field antidote. Medical representatives issue nerve agent antidotes during periods of increased readiness. Unless otherwise directed, store the antidotes in the large pocket inside the protective mask carrier.



- Ensure gas mask is on
- Remove one NAAK MK 1
- Remove the atropine injector
- Position needle against injection site
- Hold the injector firmly in place for 10 seconds.
- Carefully remove injector and bend needle, attach to the GCE pocket.
- Remove the 2 PAM Chloride injector and repeat steps

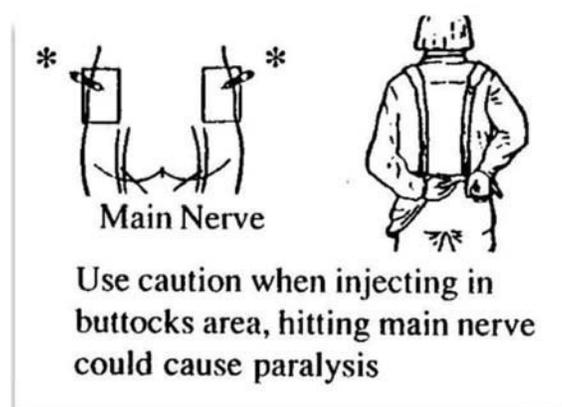
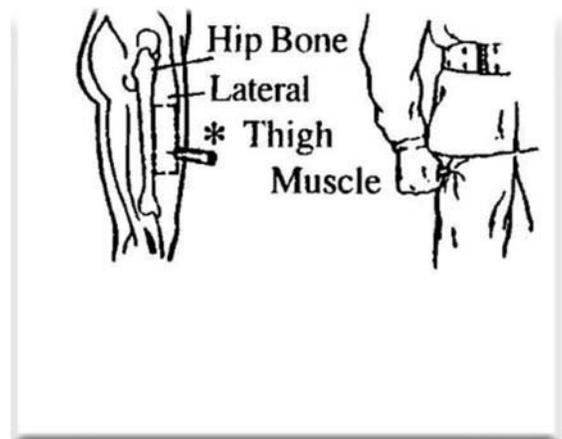
Seek Medical Attention

If mild symptoms persist after 10 to 15 minutes, have a buddy administer a second NAAK MK1

With severe symptoms, administer all three NAAK MK1. Do not wait between kits

WARNING

If within 5-10 minutes after administration of the first set of injectors, your heart beats very quickly and your mouth becomes very dry, do not inject a second NAAK MK1. Do NOT use more than three NAAK MK1's.





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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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Subject: Mental Health Counseling and Treatment and Security Clearances

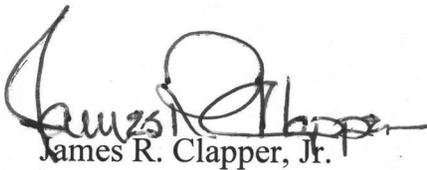
In April 2008, we issued a joint memorandum to all Department of Defense (DoD) personnel reaffirming the Department's strong endorsement that personnel should "seek professional help to address all health-related concerns, either mental or physical." The purpose of this memorandum is to reiterate that counseling and treatment for mental or physical health, in and of itself, is not a reason to deny or revoke a security clearance. Indeed, many types of mental health counseling and treatment, to include treatment which results from being the victim of a crime, such as rape or sexual assault, are usually not a concern with regard to security clearances.

Unfortunately, DoD civilian personnel and Service members still sometimes avoid or delay seeking mental health counseling or treatment because they are concerned that doing so will jeopardize their security clearance. Some feel embarrassed that others will find out about their mental health problems or fear that seeking help now will cause personnel security officials and commanders to question their judgment or stability later. This concern reflects a misunderstanding of the reason personnel are asked about their mental health history on security clearance applications. Personnel security officials are responsible for identifying applicants with mental or personality disorders which are likely to cause behavior that endangers security. In doing so, they must also distinguish this group of applicants from those cases where an individual's reasons for seeking mental health counseling and treatment do not constitute a valid security concern.

Executive Order 12968, *Access to Classified Information*, states that "no negative inference concerning eligibility for access to classified information may be made solely on the basis of mental health counseling." Adjudicators must adhere to uniform national adjudicative guidelines when evaluating information concerning mental health counseling. Seeking professional care for mental health issues is a positive course of action that, by itself, will not jeopardize a security clearance. On the contrary, failure to

seek care when needed actually increases the likelihood that psychological distress may escalate to a more serious mental condition, which in turn could cause behaviors that would be of security concern. Through the training programs they provide, leaders, security professionals, counselors, and victim advocates must encourage personnel to seek treatment and counseling for issues that affect mental health and must also reinforce the idea that utilization of mental health treatment options is a positive course of action. Education is crucial to dispelling the myths and removing the stigma associated with seeking professional help.

The attachment provides answers to some frequently asked questions regarding mental health counseling and treatment as they relate to security clearances. Again, we encourage all employees to seek care when needed, regardless of the issue, knowing that getting professional assistance is the best way to maintain optimal individual performance and sustain our Nation's security.



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Attachment:
As stated

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If I seek mental health counseling or treatment for a condition that is not excluded from being reported on question 21 of the Standard Form 86 Questionnaire for National Security Positions (SF 86), how will it affect the decision on whether to grant or renew my security clearance?

Your decision to seek counseling or treatment is viewed as a positive sign that you recognize a problem may exist and are willing to take steps towards resolving it. Early intervention is often a key to successful resolution. On the other hand, letting your mental health problem grow until your behavior endangers security may lead to a negative decision on your clearance.

2. If I have received counseling or treatment from a mental health professional for reasons other than the exclusions listed on question 21 of the SF 86, what happens when I am investigated or reinvestigated for my security clearance?

You will have to report the counseling or treatment on your personnel security questionnaire (the SF 86). During an interview, the background investigator will ask standard questions about the length and reasons for your mental health counseling or treatment and its outcomes.

3. Does it make a difference if I enter this counseling or treatment voluntarily, without it being required by a supervisor or court?

Yes. Voluntarily seeking help is a definite plus in the later decision by personnel security officials regarding whether to grant or renew your security clearance. The fact that you have voluntarily sought counseling or treatment for a mental health problem does not suggest that your problem is more serious than someone who has not. Instead, it shows that you are aware of the problem and are trying to deal with it in a responsible manner. This voluntary action is considered positive evidence of reliability and a willingness to fulfill personnel security responsibilities. When the investigation results are later reviewed to make a security clearance decision, the fact that you voluntarily sought professional help will be a significant positive factor in the decision.

4. How do I get help if I have a problem that requires mental health counseling or treatment?

You can receive quick professional help by contacting the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Military One Source, or Counseling Services that are offered at your workplace. These free government-sponsored programs can assist you in finding a local mental health professional who can help you with your mental health problem. If an EAP is not available, you can seek help from mental health professionals located in your local area.

2009 Tax Preparation Services for Military Members

You have many choices when the time comes to file your 2009 tax return. We have highlighted 3 programs which offer free or discounted tax services. **Each program has its own eligibility criteria.**



Operation: CPA - CPAs throughout Ohio have volunteered their time and expertise to prepare 2009 tax returns free of charge for deployed Ohio residents this filing season. Military personnel who are Ohio residents currently deployed outside of the state, (not necessarily deployed to combat theater) will qualify for free preparation of their 2009 individual or joint local, state and federal personal tax returns. To take part in *Operation CPA*, qualified service personnel or their spouse or family member may call The Ohio Society of CPAs toll-free at **888-959-1212** or e-mail cpanswers@ohio-cpa.com. Military personnel will be matched with a CPA volunteer.

Military OneSource – Starting January 18, 2010 Military OneSource will provide free tax-filing services (H&R Block At Home online tax filing (formerly H&R TaxCut) to service members and their spouses regardless of activation status. The MOS program includes online state and federal tax-filing services and tax consultations by phone. Beginning January 18, 2010 users can access these free services through the Military OneSource home-page at www.militaryonesource.com. Please do not try to register in advance by accessing the H&R Block tax-filing service web site directly.

Keep in mind that Military OneSource can help tame your tax stress with expert advice on planning, on tax issues specific to service members, and sound ways to use your refund. Our expertly prepared articles, booklets, recordings and worksheets on tax filing and other financial matters can be accessed on the Military OneSource home-page at www.militaryonesource.com and click on the “Find Information” and then click on “Money Management” under the Financial & Legal category.

Collins & Associates Military Appreciation Drive - This tax season (January 1, 2010 - April 15, 2010) Collins & Associates will prepare 2009 tax returns free of charge for any currently deployed member of the armed forces (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve & Coast Guard). They will also reduce their normal preparation fee by \$60 for all U.S Armed Services Veterans. Collins & Associates will donate \$10 from every non military tax preparation to one of the military & veteran friendly non-profit organizations, Heroes in Action or Vets, Inc. To take part in the Military Appreciation Drive, qualified service personnel, their spouse or family member may call Bill Huckaby at **734-854-2926** or email at Wmfhuckaby@aol.com for more information.

2009 Tax Preparation Services

Service Members Status	Operation: CPA	Military OneSource	Collins & Assoc.
Current Service Members Deployed	Free	Free	Free
Current Service Members Not Deployed	NA	Free	Processing fee may apply – call for details
Veterans	NA	NA	\$60 off regular preparation fees

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