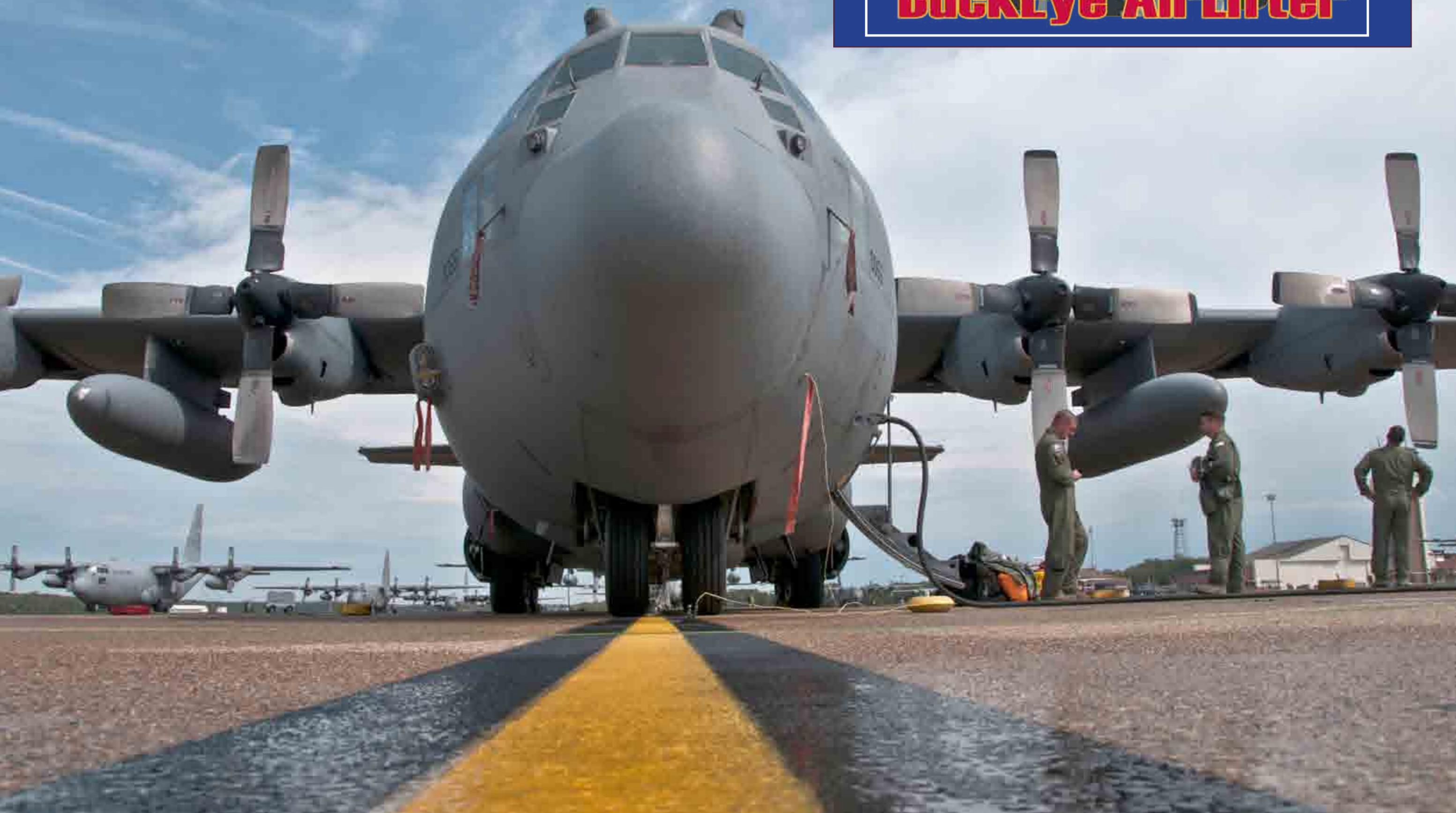


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The Public Affairs Office is responsible for telling the 179th Airlift Wing story to various publics. The office serves as the official communications channel through which the base disseminates information both internally and externally. Public Affairs fulfills the Air Forces obligation to keep the American people and the Air Force informed, and helps to establish the conditions that lead to the confidence in the 179th Airlift Wing and its readiness to conduct operations in peacetime, conflict and war.

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- (2) internal communications.
- (3) production of official base publications for on-base audiences.
- (4) production of official base web page/social media sites for both on-base and off-base audiences
- (5) marketing and communications support for base initiatives.

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**Members of the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, OH, travel to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. to pick up the final two C-130H Hercules, bringing their fleet up to a total of eight C-130's that have been assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard unit. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood\Released)**

## 179th receives Final 2

Complete Fleet of 8

by **TSgt Joe Harwood**

**O**n October 8, 2014, members of the 179th Airlift Wing travelled to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., to pick up its final two C-130H Hercules, completing its fleet with a total of 8. These particular aircraft previously served in Air National Guard missions, one from New York Air National Guard and the other from the Alaska Air National Guard.

The 164th Airlift Squadron aircrew members got a ride down to Little Rock AFB in a C-12R provided by the Joint Operations Special Airlift Center with Michigan Army National Guard pilots. A team of members were sent to pick up the two C-130s, some from 179th Airlift Wing Maintenance, to inspect and repair anything necessary for the aircrew to fly the aircraft back to its new home station in Mansfield, OH. The Quality Assurance Maintenance team was able to clear the two aircraft to return, the New

York aircraft arrived back at Mansfield Lahm Airport on October 8, 2014 and the Alaska aircraft arrived on October 14, 2014, with the state of Ohio flag waving out of the top.

Maj. Patrick Cooney and Lt. Col. Jeff Capretto piloted the flight back in the New York aircraft, with Master Sgt. David Cales as Flight Engineer, Lt. Col. Robert Dunlap as the Navigator and Tech Sgt. Bryan Thompson as the Loadmaster.

Lt. Col. Capretto was excited to bring the aircraft back to Mansfield, saying "Today highlights the efforts of the entire 179th Airlift Wing and the hard work and dedication each Airman has to our safe, effective and efficient conversion. Bringing our final two C-130's home to fill the ramp will give them a daily reminder of their efforts!"

Veteran C-130 Navigator, Lt. Col. Dunlap held the American flag out of the top of the aircraft as it taxied in at Mansfield Lahm Airport, proud to bring home one of the final pieces of the puzzle, the big picture coming together.

The addition of these final aircraft is a large step forward in the 179th Airlift Wings return to a fully operational tactical airlift wing. During the C-27J Spartan era of the unit, only four aircraft were assigned and thus reducing the operational manpower needs of the wing considerably. Under the current assignment of eight C-130H Hercules, the unit has had to recruit members at a rapid rate to build back up to support the increase in aircraft. As a result, the 179th recruiters have been able to exceed expectations and have recruited a record number of accessions, with over 200 new airmen added in each of the past two years. These numbers, the highest in the nation, are a testament of a community willing and ready to serve their state and country here in Mansfield.

The 179th, always working towards the future, have begun to prepare these aircraft for mobilization at a moment's notice. The unit stands ready to serve the governor with the State of Ohio mission and the Federal Mission which can be called upon globally. Ready and professional trained airmen have a history in Mansfield that will no doubt do great things in the aircraft provided to them.



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# Multi-Mission Crew Trainer (MMCT) program arrives at 179th Airlift Wing

The 179th Airlift Wing is taking a new approach to the runway, with the arrival of a virtual training experience. On Oct. 28, 2014, members of the 164th Airlift Squadron took the first step into this new era with the arrival of the Multi Mission Crew Trainer (MMCT). The MMCT is a high-fidelity, non-motion, C-130 flight simulator that will support pilot,

179th is cooking up something new

by TSgt Joe Harwood

co-pilot and flight engineer training in a full spectrum of flight operations.

"Innovation and leadership in aviation is part of our Ohio heritage and so being on the leading edge of fielding this new technology seems like a natural fit for us," said Col Mark Auer, Commander of the 179th Operations Group. "This new technology will be used to train not only aircrew, it will also be used by our fire fighters and engine run/taxi crew chiefs, all wing personnel who have to be familiar with engine shutdown and aircraft operating procedures." The MMCT comes to Mansfield from Randolph Air Force Base, TX, home of the 502nd Trainer Development Squadron and the Air Education Training Command (AETC). The MMCT delivered is the first of six currently in production for the ANG. The 164th AS flew the three pallets of subcomponents and assembly materials back from TX in one of their C-130H2 Hercules. An advance echelon team, or ADVON, comprised of three members from the 502nd, deployed to Mansfield to assemble the device and coordinate the upcoming software installation.

Upon arrival, a 25k loader was used to unload the three pallets containing the MMCT and safely transferred them to the 179th Operations Group, where they were assembled in their newly repurposed simulator room. In just two days, the ADVON team had the MMCT fully assembled and powered up. Software programming by QuantaDyn, an experienced provider of Department of Defense (DoD) simulation software, is scheduled to begin on November 5, 2014.

LtCol Jeff Capretto was part of the aircrew to deliver the MMCT. "We're excited to bring this technology to Mansfield. This is going to further prepare our aircrew by presenting them with a broader range of training scenarios. This is a huge opportunity for us to enhance our skills as individual aircrew members and as a unit."

The MMCT is a full scale replica of the C-130H2 cockpit, excluding the navigator station, which will be added shortly. It provides pilot, copilot and flight engineer training systems that are fully populated with touch-screen switches, knobs and displays.

The MMCT creates a full suite of emulated, stimulated and virtual scenarios in various environments. With features like actual geo-specific visual databases and home field inserts, pilots can virtually take off and land on the Mansfield runway or practically anywhere else in the world. The training system allows users to experience various simulation environments while allowing full instructor oversight and scenario control. The instructor can apply random or configurable scenario changes and leverage replay capability to conduct robust mission debriefs.

The MMCT when fully operational will act as a low cost squadron level trainer that allows for advanced mission rehearsal, threat awareness training, aircraft system refreshers, emergency procedure and crew resource management training.

As the first in the ANG to stand up this innovative training program, the 179th Airlift Wing is proud to pave the way for the next generation of highly motivated and trained professionals that it already has a history of producing.





of his high-gloss boots performing Military Funeral Honors at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery last week, he was still breaking in a new set of boots. Like the rest of the Base Honor Guard's Ceremonial Uniform, these boots are highly modified with metal taps on the toes, sides, and heels, which aid in the team's synchronization. After fitting taps to the new boots, he applied one more coat of the obligatory heel and sole dressing, and then checked the van to ensure that all gear for the day's events had been loaded. By 0715, the Base Honor Guard was rolling out the front gate.

Today the team would face many crowds. The first event of the day was at Monroeville High School, where a long time member of the 179th Airlift Wing,

## Day in A life of Base Honor Guard Veterans Celebrating Veteran's Day by **TSgt Joe Harwood**



**V**eterans Day, Nov. 11, 2014, is a special day. A Federal Holiday for some, a day of festivities for many, most importantly, a day to recognize all of the sacrifices made by so few for so many. The Base Honor Guard of the 179th Airlift Wing (AW), Mansfield, Ohio, knows this better than most. They perform at funerals with military honors and they post the colors at events all times of the year. Every year around Veterans Day, the schedule fills up with events requesting service. These service members volunteer their time to travel to these various events and locations. They do it for the love of their country and the pride they have in their brothers and sisters who have given their all.

179th AW Base Honor Guard Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge, Tech. Sgt. Michael Swick scrambles to meet the ever growing amount of request that pour in from the community. The 179th Airlift Wing has approximately 30 members in the Base Honor Guard, most are traditional guardsmen, who work full time at civilian employment, raise families, attend college, stay active in their community, and manage to volunteer what time they can to fill Honor Guard events.

During the week of Veterans Day, the 179th AW Base Honor Guard logged 395 miles, and 104 man-hours, to perform a total of twelve Color Guard events. While some events require a full color guard team of four personnel, others are manned with three, two, or even one Ceremonial Guardsman. 44 positions are needed filled this week and eleven Ceremonial Guardsmen fulfilled those requests. Many of these dedicated individuals performed in multiple events, for example, SSgt Alexander Elmlinger performed in eleven of the twelve events.

Tech. Sgt. Swick started working Nov. 10, 2014, the night before Veterans Day, covering a Veterans Day event at the First Congressional Church of Mansfield, OH, where 179th AW Commander, Col. Gary McCue was a guest speaker. After posting and retiring the colors at the event, Swick ironed his uniform and hung it up for some rest. For Swick, Veterans Day started at 0630, when he arrived at the base to load the van and make final adjustments to his uniform. After destroying one

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Sparks, was attending a ceremony that his daughter, Sarah Sparks, had helped to organize. Sarah, a junior at Monroeville High School, spearheaded a campaign to raise the funds for a 12 ft. x 18 ft. American Flag that the school can roll it out for events and retract into the ceiling of the gymnasium. Today's Veterans Day event was in dedication of the new flag and the 179th AW Base Honor Guard presented the Colors for the crowd.

The next stop was at the Mansfield Veterans Day Parade. Each year, members of the 179th AW and 200th RED HORSE volunteer to participate in this event. The Base Honor Guard can always be found at the front of the parade, leading the community of veterans and supporters down Park Avenue into the square of downtown Mansfield.

After the parade, the honor guard members went to the Texas Roadhouse, one of many local restaurants that offer Veteran's Day specials, for a free lunch. The community support for military service is strong in



Mansfield, yet another reason the Base Honor Guard strives to support the community in return.

After refueling at the Texas Roadhouse, the Honor Guard hit the road. This time they are called to action at Mifflin Elementary School. A large crowd of parents, teachers and students fill the gymnasium with patriotism and a wave of silence washes over the students as the Base Honor Guard steps out to perform. Some children in the room stand at attention, visibly in awe of the men in the blue uniforms. This will not be a Veteran's Day that they will soon forget.

The last event of the day is held at the Salvation Army's Dewald Community Service Center. The Dewald Community Service Center provides a safe place for children to play or get help with their homework, after school. Tech. Sgt. Katie Casto from the 179th AW volunteers to mentor the children in her free time. In effort to make this Veteran's Day special, she requested that Capt. Matt Bulanda, a pilot of the 164th Airlift Squadron, Staff Sgt. Cesali Adams, a 179th AW recruiter and the Base Honor Guard to be guest speakers at the community center's event. The Base Honor Guard presented a program on the history of the flag of the United States accompanied with a lesson in the proper folding of the flag. The children asked a variety of questions about what the military is like, what happens in basic training and what it would take to be a part of it all. The children asked to see a push-up demonstration. As requested, despite being in full Ceremonial Uniform, the Base Honor Guard members joined a recruiter and a pilot to show them a proper set of Air Force push-ups.

It was getting dark and Tech. Sgt. Swick was visibly tired as he reflected on the day and loaded up the van at the last event. Swick said "At the end of the day, the training, traveling, and volunteering is time well-spent when you see the pride in a spectator's face, hear a room full of children yell 'thank you' in unison, or just know inside that you have served as the Air Force and Air National Guard's ambassador to the community. Some of the people we have seen in the last week may not have any other exposure to the military. Maybe one day some of the students will join the military themselves, possibly even the 179th Airlift Wing. You just never know who you have made an impression on."





## 2015 Most Successful Chili-Cookoff to Date

Ohio National Guard was activated by the Governor.

by MSgt Lisa Haun

Community leaders, commanders, former commanders, members and retirees of the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, OH, gathered for the 179th Airlift Wing's, North Central Ohio Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Chili Cook-Off, Nov. 5, 2014. The event was to raise money for the local CFC, which disperses the contributions to a variety of local and national charities.

12 teams competed in the annual cook-off, all from local federal agencies in North Central Ohio. Teams were represented from the Veteran's Administration, Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, Mansfield's United States Post Office, and 8 teams from the 179th Airlift Wing. The judges included three local mayors, Mansfield Mayor Tim Theaker, Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson, and Shelby Mayor Marilyn John, to judge the best chili and the best themes for the competition. To support the 179th Airlift Wing CFC, local businesses such as Kalahari Resort, Great Wolf Lodge, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn, YMCA, Ashley Furniture and the Cavaliers donated raffle prizes that were given away during the event. The chili cook-off does more than provide the opportunity



to build comradery for the installation; it helps connect with local business and make a difference in the community. CFC is one of the largest philanthropies in the U.S. and serves as an opportunity for federal employees to give back to a supportive community. North Central Ohio CFC is a small local federal coordinating committee (LFCC), serving Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox and Richland Counties. Even though it's one of the smallest LFCC's, it's one of the most generous. This year's 179th Airlift Wing chili cook-off was a huge success, bringing in a whopping \$1,900 compared to the average \$800 in the past. This year, the 179th AW had five Eagle Givers, donators that contributed more than \$750 each. The base also spurred interest with Chipotle. The local restaurant volunteered to donate half of all the proceeds that they collected from 179th members during lunch, Dec 14, 2014. After 140 federal employees dined at the local business, Chipotle's donation to United Way on behalf of the 179th was more than \$700. All the proceeds are donated to the campaign; bring the 179th CFC donations to \$24,458 this year, the third best year since 1996. This year's 60% increase in donations can be attributed to all the new employees. The installation's new mission brought about a huge hiring

surge and has increased manning to 103%. Next year's plan includes more enthusiasm. Col Gary McCue, 179th Commander, holding Co-chair for United Way of Richland County has caused extreme enthusiasm among senior leadership. The 179th members donate all year and are rewarded with dress-down days for their donations. Lt. Col. Troy Cramer said that he foresees more opportunities to work with Chipotle and possibly work out a way to help retirees donate electronically. 1st Lt. Nate McNary is slotted to take over for Lt. Col. Troy Cramer in running the CFC campaign for the 179th. He and Lt. Col. Cramer will both hold a seat on the LFCC. Special congratulations to the chili cook-off winners: 179th AW Finance Office won the People's Choice Award. 179th AW Wing Headquarters won Best Theme. 179th AW Maintenance won Runner Up. 179th AW Security Forces won the Chili Bowl.

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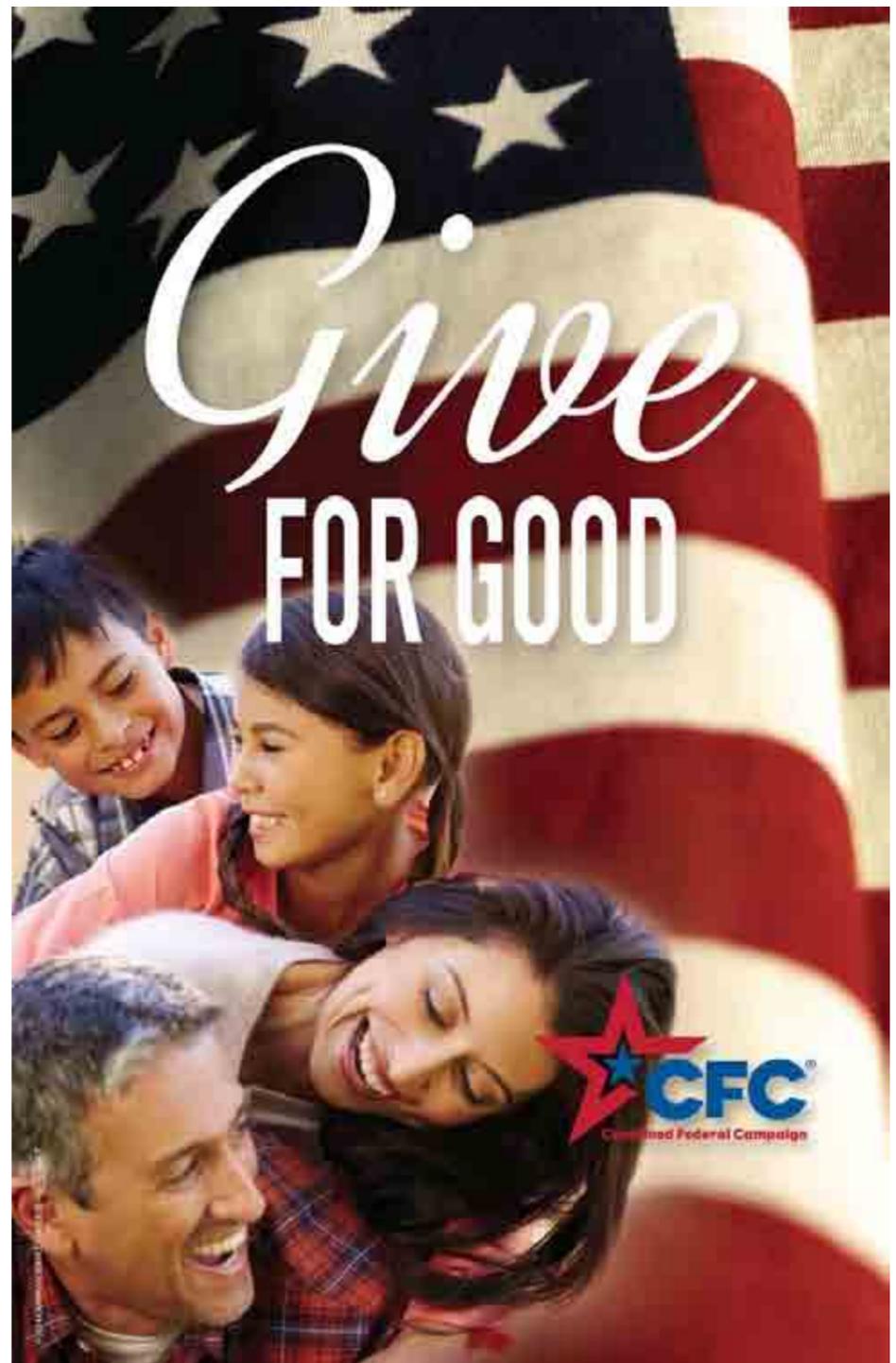
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I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.**

**T**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 hTow 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.

# Larson Hall Dedication

## Honoring BG Fred Larson

by Emily Dech Richland Source

The 179th Airlift Wing held a dedication ceremony Wednesday, November 5, 2014, for Larson Hall, which was named in honor of the late Brigadier General Fred Larson.

Retired Lt. Col. Len Sipe, who helped spearhead the dedication of Larson Hall, worked with Larson while he served at the base. He said, "Fred Larson has been just a huge part of the history of this organization. He has always been our ideal of what a commander would be like." Thus, Sipe was inspired to dedicate one of the rooms at the base in his name. Sipe said he collaborated with Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood in the creation of five panels that now decorate the room and depict the history of aviation in Mansfield.



Joe and I sorted through 20,000 photographs," he said. The project began at the beginning of the year and will continue as the base experiences more historical moments. "The history is just going to continue," said Col. Gary McCue.

Sipe said he thought it was important to have the images and narratives within the room as an archive that illustrates the history of the base.

Sheila Larson, wife of Fred Larson, commented, "To see so much of the history displayed here is like

going down memory lane." She later shared, "When I first saw the sign 'Larson Hall' above the doorway, I had to chuckle to myself. You see, my maiden name was Sheila Hall."

She was appreciative of the effort that was put into this project and shared on behalf of her husband, "Fred would be so humbly honored by this dedication of Larson Hall. He would be overwhelmed. I know he is looking down on us with that smile with such gratitude.

If he were here today, he would be so proud of everybody in this unit and the successes that you have achieved. He would take great comfort in knowing the

179th is in good hands and say 'keep shining.'" Larson was commissioned into the Ohio Air National Guard in 1963. He graduated from Wadsworth High School and attended Ohio University, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management. In 1984, he graduated from The U.S. Army War College. He gained command of the 179th Airlift Wing in 1986.

During his command, the unit saw the implementation of the Total Quality program, spent time in the Persian Gulf War, and transitioned to C-130H model aircraft. Larson retired after nine years as commander in 1995. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1996, while serving as Director of Operations, HQ, Ohio Air National Guard, in Columbus, Ohio. He passed away on Jan. 1, 2012 at the age of 71.

Larson Hall will serve as the home for the 179th Shadow Flight, an organization made of retired 179th members and their families. The group is dedicated to give support to the active military members during times of need and an advocate to keeping the Mansfield base open. Their mission is to identify, catalogue, preserve and store any item deemed a historical documents, photograph, or item from any significant 179th event. These items are maintained in Larson Hall.

Shadow Flight supports scholarship for 179th families, the 179th Outstanding Airmen of the Year awards and base and community projects through volunteering, donations and dues.

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## The Winter Wonderland

### Holiday Success

by Emily Dech Richland Source

The 179th Airlift Wing transformed into a "Winter Wonderland" Sunday, as unit members and their families celebrated the Christmas season through fun and festive activities.

The "Winter Wonderland Celebration" featured a wide variety of activities that families could enjoy. Each of the unit's sections decorated their own booths that aligned with the wonderland theme; for instance, Public Affairs and Wing Headquarters hosted a photo booth with Santa, Force Support Squadron prepared 400 cookies for decorating, and Security Forces distributed gifts to children.

Children could also write letters to Santa, play games, create crafts, jump around in a bounce house, and eat some delicious treats.

Live music was also featured at the event by The Mistletones and The Fun Center Chordsmen.

Chaplain Capt. Sarah Ditto partook in the festivities with her husband Destry and daughter Caralee. She said she appreciates how events like this allow an opportunity for her family to visit the base. "I like that we can bring our family members out so they can see where we work and what we do," she said.

For some of the families, it was their first time to have visited the unit.

Col. Gary McCue noted, "Today is the first wing holiday party that we've had, where the entire wing shows up on one day. Generally, in the past, we've had separate functions with each of the groups, but we decided to try this and it worked out really well."

He added, "So far everyone loves it." His daughter, Carly McCue, was able to participate in some of the activities. She said her favorite activity was making her own Christmas ornament.

Also as part of the celebration, Carl Fernyak, CEO of MT Business Technologies, presented a donation of \$2,500 to the Friends of the 179th Family Readiness and Support Group on behalf of MT Business Technologies.

Debbie Thomas, Vice President of Friends of the 179th Family Readiness and Support Group, was thankful for the donation and said, "We appreciate all the support to our families and to the members here at the guard." She said the money will help fund events (much like Sunday's event) that are hosted by the 179th Airlift Wing.

Speaking to all the unit members, Fernyak commented, "We're very, very proud of you guys and just want to thank you for doing a great job."

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### MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT RENAISSANCE CENTER

Members of the 179th Airlift Wing (AW) participated in a community event for a good cause; the popular biennial fundraiser known as "The Mansfield Town Roast" was held at the Renaissance Center, Oct. 31, 2014. Proceeds from the event benefit The Rehab Center. The theme this year was "A Haunted Tour of Mansylvania". A Mansylvania tour would not be complete without the participation of the 179th Airlift Wing. To ensure the 179th AW part was a success, 179th Commander, Col. Gary McCue and wife, Molly McCue, along with some members of the unit volunteered as extras. (Courtesy U.S. Air National Guard Photo\Released).



**MCCOY MEDICAL VOLUNTEER**  
Lt. Col Randy McCoy piloted his last flight November 26, 2014. As a 179th Airlift Wing pilot, Lt. Col. Randy McCoy is accustomed to high-stakes exploratory flights and now he's treading new ground. As the new recipient of a recent stem cell transplant, he's helping medicine explore uncharted territory in the control of graft-vs.-host disease (GVHD). As reported in the Cleveland Clinic Transplant Annual, Lt. Col McCoy underwent reduced-intensity allogeneic HCT at Cleveland Clinic and became the first patient enrolled in a trial to test the combination of two biologics for multiple myeloma. Before the transplant, McCoy had been on chemotherapy since April 2012 and was eager for the trial to gain FDA clearance. McCoy told Glenn Campbell, Managing Editor of the Transplant Annual Report "I knew I was the first patient enrolled and could not wait to get started," after four months, he said he is doing well. "I just passed the 100-day mark without any acute GVHD issues, and I look forward to continued success." (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood\Released) <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/ccf/media/Files/Transplant/13-TRC-1462%20Transplant%20Annual%201%20Web.pdf>



### CONGRATULATIONS TO CCAF DEGREE HOLDERS

- JENNIFER ANDERSON
- WENDY ATWELL
- BRAD BOLLENBACHER
- JEREMY CAMARATA
- DAVID FULK
- LISA HAUN
- JOHN JENNINGS
- ANDREA LEITENBERGER
- CORY MATOUSEK
- AMY MCNARY
- BRIAN NELSON
- RACHELLE NEWSON
- COLLEEN OWEN
- ERIKA ROGERS
- JOHN WILLIS
- REGINA WILSON

GUEST SPEAKER  
STATE OF OHIO COMMAND CHIEF, CMSGT SMITH

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### UNIT RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD

Brig. Gen. Michael R. Taheri, commander of the Air National Guard Readiness Center, presented the "ANG Director of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award" to Col. Gary A. McCue, commander of the 179th Airlift Wing. The award was presented for the wing's overall safety programs, with emphasis on its transition from the C-27 Spartan to the C130H Hercules. Col McCue stated "The members of the 179th Airlift Wing continued its high standard of excellence with a relentless focus on safety. The success of the C-27J and the reintroduction of the C-130 Hercules are a true testament of the dedication and desire of the highly professional members of the unit. Keeping safety paramount, the unit completed its 47th year and more than 154,000 hours of Class A Mishap-Free flying- this exemplifies the professionalism and quality of the 179th Airlift Wing airmen. Receiving this recognition is an honorable closure to the C-27J program." (Courtesy U.S. Air National Guard Photo\Released).



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### MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITING

Ohio brought home four of the nine Region IV Recruiting and Retention Awards for fiscal year 2014!

Our very own Master Sgt. Mike Schaefer brought home the title for Recruiting Office Supervisor and will now be competing at the national level.

The 179th Airlift Wing recruiting office, reported the highest number of recruits for fiscal year 2014 among all of the bases in the Air National Guard. This is a major achievement, as there are over 140 units in the Air National Guard.

The 179th Airlift Wing recruited 237 members, which is up from last year's total of 168. Master Sgt. Efrem Swoope, who serves as the retention office manager, noted, "One hundred sixty-eight recruits was good; so to have over 200 this year, that's just phenomenal."

Swoope attributed the solid recruitment numbers in part to the increased mission. In October of 2013, the 179th Airlift Wing converted its mission from C-27J Spartan to C-130 Hercules, and with this conversion, the number of available jobs increased, he explained.

Staff Sgt. Lincoln Clark, who has served as production recruiter since February, said that his job has been made easy by all of the members, both current and former, who have shared their work experiences with prospective members. "This whole base recruits," he said. Clark added that the recruiters visit high schools and colleges and attend college fairs. "One of the biggest things, though, is word of mouth," he said, "We get a lot of referrals." (Courtesy U.S. Air National Guard Photo\Released).



**Mansfield Lahm Military Families  
Scholarship Program 2015 – 2016**

Attached is the formal application for the Mansfield Lahm Military Families Scholarship(s). Please follow all instructions carefully and attach all documents that are required. It is preferred that the application form be typed or printed as neatly as possible.

This application must be completed with all documentation attached and returned to: Mansfield Lahm Military Families, William H. Kohler, 25 Oxford Avenue, Mansfield OH 44906. It must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 2015**. It is important that you keep to the above mentioned deadline or your application will be returned without action. **DO NOT** send applications by registered mail. This requires a signature. Applications sent by registered mail will not be accepted.

The deadline will be observed in all instances. Applications must include all required information to be considered. Application forms may be obtained in the Lobby of Bldg. 422 and or in the orderly room of each squadron.

Scholarships will be announced through the mail and proceeds will be awarded when verification of the student's enrollment has been received by the Scholarship Chairperson. Verification can be in the form of a letter, invoice, or other proof of enrollment from the student's college / university registrar's office.

**Mansfield Lahm Military Families Scholarship Program and Criteria**

Mansfield Lahm Military Families will be awarding at **eight (8) \$1,000 Scholarships** for the 2015 - 2016 academic year. An impartial panel of judges will rank the scholarship applications.

**Scholarship Requirements:**

**The following persons are eligible:**

1. Children, grandchildren and spouses of active or retired 179<sup>th</sup> AW and 200<sup>th</sup> RHS Air National Guardsman.
2. Unmarried dependent children of deceased 179<sup>th</sup> AW ANG & 200<sup>th</sup> RHS members who were in good standing the time of their death.

**The following persons are ineligible:**

1. Current members serving in the Ohio National Guard.

**Academic criteria:**

1. Applicants must be enrolled as either a high school senior (in good standing) or a full-time student at a college, university, trade or business school in order to receive funds.
2. Must have at least 2 semesters left for degree completion.

*GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.*

The Mansfield Lahm Military Families Scholarship Committee will award scholarship grants as approved by the MLMF Executive Board. Grants will be sent directly to the recipient with each check made payable to the recipient school of choice. To receive the grant, verification of enrollment is necessary.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need. **All applications will be accompanied by:**

1. **Transcript of High School Credits or college credits if enrolled in college.**
2. **Letter from applicant with facts as to his/her desire to continue his/her education, comments about their individual future goals and objectives, and comments as to the value that this financial aid will afford.**
3. **Three (3) letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving personal traits. (High School principal, counselor, dean, professor, minister, employer, etc.)**

**After selection, recipients may be asked to submit a photo or come in to the 179<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs section for a photo.**

If the student is granted a scholarship and fails to complete the school term for reasons other than illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances, the student agrees to return any scholarship money to the Mansfield Lahm Military Families.

If you should have any questions please contact Bill Kohler at (419) 529-6353.

**2015 - 2016  
Scholarship Application  
Mansfield Lahm Military Families**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number Street P.O. Box or Apt. #*

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rank Full name*

ACTIVE OR RETIRED (A/R): \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF SERVICE (IF RETIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT OF SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ ( 179<sup>th</sup> or RHS)

IF SPONSOR IS RETIRED, DATE OF RETIREMENT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Home address/City/State/Zip Phone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Relationship to Sponsor Enlistment Expiration Date Unit/Squadron (If active)*

APPLICANT'S STATUS: (Check one) High School ( ) Business/Trade School ( ) College ( )

School/College & Grade/Term \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarships? (if so, please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

List Activities (School, Community, Church): \_\_\_\_\_

List offices to which you have been elected in Any Organization: \_\_\_\_\_