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Wings Over Topeka - bigger and better

By 2nd Lt. Chris Hill
190th Public Affairs

On September 28, 2002 The 190th Air Refueling Wing will host the second annual "Wings Over Topeka."

A free event, Wings Over Topeka will be open to the public from 10 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude with a fireworks show at 11 p.m.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Canadian Snowbirds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights are scheduled to perform in the air show beginning at 1 p.m.

Dozens of aircraft from across the United States, as well as exhibits and hardware from Kansas military installations are slated for the event's static displays.

The evening festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Dennis Lee Rogers as "Spirit Dancer," presented by the Native American Studies Programs. Next the USO show will take the stage for their performance. Country music acts Keith Urban and Sawyer Brown will conclude the musical portion of the evening, and will be followed by a fireworks show to conclude the day's activities.

Major sponsors of the event include, The 190th Air Refueling Wing, 94 Country, Wings Over Topeka Foundation, VFW, MTA, Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, The Amalgamated Transit Union/Topeka Transit, The Topeka Convention & Visitors Bureau, The City of Topeka, American Legion and Sons of American Legion.

In addition to the concert and air show activities, prizes will be given away during the days activities. The grand prize drawings include an ATV from Honda Sport (Honda Rancher 350TM with the "Big Wheel Kit")

and a trip to the Country Music Awards in Nashville. The trip includes round-trip airfare, hotel, ground transportation, special meet and greets and private concerts with select artists.



USAF Thunderbirds



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Commander's Comments

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

The writer of an article entitled "SECAF, CSAF: Today's young airmen flying high" stated that Air Force senior leaders are confident in the ability of young airmen to fit in and perform in today's Air Force, even if they look and dress differently than in years past. Most of us would agree that "style" has changed a little over the years. The younger generation is intrigued with multicolored hair, baggy and low riding clothes, tattoos and body piercings. I have even seen people with forked tongues – "What's up with that?"

Contrary to what some people may believe, today's young people will add value to America's Air Force. The same system that changed you and me will mold these young people into fine airmen. "That diversity of background and circumstance of new, incoming airmen may very well be what makes the force so strong" stated Secretary

of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. Developing our future force will require everyone's attention. We must ensure that all personnel are disciplined - which includes presenting a positive, professional military image.

Recently, I have heard numerous comments concerning violations of AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. I was informed that a few new recruits back from BMTS and tech school are trying to enhance their military image with freshly pierced body parts and multicolored tattoos. In addition, some of our more seasoned troops are experimenting with add-on accessories that detract from a professional military image.

When we joined the military we agreed to comply with certain rules and regulations that were established to maintain uniformity, good order and discipline. When an individual willfully violates our dress and appearance standards he/she is displaying

poor discipline. It is our job to professionally and tactfully address the behavior. A worthy principle to follow is to never walk by a violation without



Major Kevin Remy
MSF Commander

saying something. In the near future we will go through the final phase of our IGX inspection. Let's decide now to make a positive first impression to the inspection team. Please review AFI 36-2903 and encourage nonconformists to get on board!

Coyotes train at Kansas lake

By TSgt. Greg Burnetta
190th Public Affairs

Water survival, escape and evasion and combat survival techniques were just a few of the items covered when the Kansas Coyotes deployed to Pomona Lake during the July 2002 UTA.

"Army helicopters flew members of the 190th Operations Group to Pomona Lake, near Ottawa Kansas, on 13 July 2002 to participate in various survival-training exercises," said Maj. Scott Harvey, POC for that unit.

In addition to the operations group, members of the Operations Support Flight, Command Post, Wing Plans, Medical and Security Forces, a total of 70 personnel in all, participated in the exercise.

The training was accomplished in three stages. The first stage covered combat water survival. This portion taught the members about the use of flairs and survival radios.

Stage two emphasized self-aid and buddy care. In this stage the 190th trained on first-aid techniques such as broken bones, bleeding and man-carrying proce-

dures

In the final stage, Coyotes trained on techniques to avoid capture and escape methods. Items specifically covered in this area were survival, evasion, recovery and escape training (SERE). Security Forces enhanced the training experience by act-

ing as enemy forces during the SERE stage of the training.

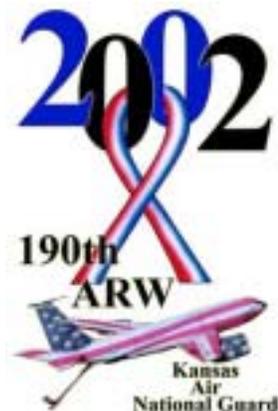
A pig roast followed the training, "in order to foster a feeling of comradeship between unit members," said Harvey.

"This was something different to do with a real world type scenario," he said.

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Civil Engineers, Firefighters visit Norway

By CMSgt. Danny Roush
190th Civil Engineering

On May 2nd, 2002, 40 Civil Engineers and eight Fire Fighters boarded a KC-135 bound for Main Air Station Rygge, Norway. While deployed, unit members participated in Exercise Impeccable Glove. Arriving in Norway, the Coyotes hit the ground running beginning Airfield Damage Repair (ADR) training. The objective of the exercise was to achieve certification in performing airfield repairs using Norwegian and NATO techniques.

Hands on training followed the classroom education. C.E. personnel learned the proper application of rolled aluminum matting, concrete slab repair, and poly-vinyl matting methods of crater repair. Equipment operators checked out dump trucks, loaders, sweepers, and other heavy equipment. Volvo and Mercedes Benz manufactured most of the equipment that the Coyotes trained on. Many were surprised to find leather seats and other options that are not found on the equipment at Forbes.

Upon completion of the training the unit was evaluated on their work. Craters were blown in the "runway," leaving quite a mess. The Coyotes had three hours to repair three craters to NATO standards. To add to the pressure, Engineering Officers from Finland and Denmark were present to observe the exercise. Their goal was to select a method that would eventually be the standard for their countries ADR methods. With commands being issued, F-16's taking off and

landing, and the coyotes pushing their assigned equipment to the limit, the training was as real as it gets. To make sure we didn't have any spare time, a mock injury drill was inserted. Proving that they paid attention in self aid and buddy care classes, all injured Coyotes survived!

After the dust settled and the repairs were inspected, the 190th C.E.S. was rated as the best seen to date of ANG Prime Beef teams by the host unit. TSgt. Mike Givens, SSgt. Carren

Christianson, SrA Brian Williams, MSgt. Bret Carvel and A1C Ashley Williams were recognized as outstanding performers during the exercise. To wrap up the ADR, team members demonstrated the folding fiberglass mat for the visiting countries. The fiberglass mat is the method of crater repair prescribed for United States Armed Forces.

The next phase of the deployment was the construction of several base projects. Including, installation of man-holes and pipe for POL training, constructing a wall in the Security Forces building, rebuilding a road to the ADR site and constructing the first floor of an Urban Assault Training Facility. The Coyotes demonstrated their construction skills and know how by completing all projects ahead of schedule.

In addition to working on these projects, the C.E. Coyotes had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with

the MP-5 and the MG-3. The MP-5 is a 9mm rifle used by the Norwegian engineers and the MG-3 is a machine gun. 22 personnel qualified on the MP-5 and were awarded the Norwegian sharpshooter award.

While the engineers were busy with ADR and projects, Fire Department personnel received mission related training as well. Firefighters participated in live fire drills using JP-8 jet fuel as well as performed rescue procedures in a mock smoke house. The smokehouse simulates search and rescue operations in a structure full of smoke. One phase of the exercise included real fire which made the training more realistic. Firefighters learned egress procedures on the F-5, F-16, Sea King helicopter and the Bell 412 helicopter and received training in all assigned vehicles.

During their off time, the Coyotes had the opportunity to do a little sight seeing.

The hosts set up several site seeing tours to local cities, including a castle. Here the Coyotes learned about the history of Norway and the struggles and accomplishments in the post-Viking era.

In addition we were able to be part of the Norway Constitution Day held on May 17th.



On May 18th the coyotes departed and were welcomed with open arms by family and friends – another great 190th Civil Engineering Squadron deployment.

From corn fields to airplanes - Forbes at 60

By SMSgt. Keith Fulton
190th Operations Group

In the spring of 1943 Forbes Field changed hands. The 2nd Heavy Bom-



bardment Processing Headquarters was responsible for processing and equipping heavy bombardment crews for shipment overseas and preparing the aircraft for combat. Fully trained bomber crews would be transferred to Topeka for final processing. For the individual crew members, the 30 day stay in the Topeka area was a pretty solemn experience, the processing for each included drawing a will and power of attorney and shipping personal affects to their family back home.

During their stay at Forbes the transitioning bomber aircrews were usually confined to the base, but on occasion they could receive a pass and travel into Topeka where they were welcomed with open arms.

For those "permanently" assigned to Topeka Army Air Base, bus transportation between Topeka and the air base ran every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The view during the northbound journey into Topeka consisted of fields and pasture land until reaching the golf course and clubhouse, which is now

White Lakes at Croix and Topeka Blvd. Further north the bus would pass the Shawnee Co. Fair Grounds before actually entering the Topeka city limits.

Topekans welcomed all the soldiers transitioning through their city. Civic organizations provided refreshments to those who were stopping through at the train station. As the train stopped to embark more passengers, sandwiches and hot coffee were available to anyone in uniform who wanted it. School classes made welcome packages and bags containing general necessities for newly assigned personnel at the base. Some of the "GI" personnel even enrolled in classes at Washburn University.

With orders in hand the bomber crews would either fly replacement aircraft to the theater or experience the long 30 day journey by rail and ship to their European destination.

In his book "The Wild Blue: The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24s Over Germany," Stephen Ambrose wrote that 1972 presidential candidate George McGovern arrived in Topeka during the autumn of 1944 before transferring to his combat assignment at an Italian airfield.

Processing aircrews for the Boeing B-29 Superfortress became the priority in the spring of 1945. Among the airmen passing through the gate during that time was Colonel Paul Tibbits, Jr., who later piloted the "Enola Gay," the B-29 that

dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.

Topeka Army Air Corps Base became Topeka Army Air Field or Topeka Army Air Base (depending upon which reference is used) by the end of the war. Because of the central location and the supply depot facilities constructed across Highway 75, the base remained an active distribution center during the years following the war.

Topeka Army Air Field did not receive its final name until July 1949. During a dedication ceremony the base was renamed Forbes A.F.B. after local resident Daniel H. Forbes Jr., who was killed a year earlier testing the YB-49 "Flying Wing."

In just six months the base was transformed from corn fields and cow pastures to a fully operational training base. Impressive! Forbes Field today



remains an active aerial port for both civilian and military use. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the base we now call Forbes Field.

Photos courtesy of The Combat
Air Museum and
"The Last Time We Were
Together, Shawnee County in
World War II," Douglas W.
Wallace, Editor

Patriotic motorcycle ride launches from Forbes - Supports Wings Over Topeka



Members of the National VFW headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. presented a donation of \$20,000 to the Wings Over Topeka Foundation on August 21, 2002. Area riders and supporters from the Topeka and surrounding area were at Forbes Field to kick off the Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride. The group paraded through Forbes Field and the 190th Air Refueling Wing to mark the beginning of their journey to Nashville, Tenn. for the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention.

We recently received the following e-mail from a gentleman in New York who was looking for information on a "Wiley" a friend of his had seen. It's really not about our website, or videos. It's about the commitment each of you has made to defend our country.



Maj Chris Stratmann CF/CC

Hello,

I just had to write and tell you how much I appreciate the web site you've put together. It is excellent. I found the link to the site "Wings Over Topeka" and viewed some of the videos. The in-flight refueling of the B-2 complete with radio communications was awesome. I've never seen anything like it. Ever. When I viewed the video YEAR IN REVIEW PROGRAM, I have to admit, it brought tears to my eyes. I had to call the rest of the family in to show them the video because I thought it was so good. It is a first class presentation and reflects directly on the Kansas ANG unit. Just fantastic. With the events that have taken place over the last year, I can understand why many of the ANG units have pulled down their web sites and limited their contact with the public. It is so good to see your site up on the internet. It makes the viewer feel good and reassured. That you ARE there and doing the job and doing it very well. You make a statement. Positive and confident. Thanks for putting it up and keeping it up on the web. It is appreciated. The only reason I found the web page was because I was looking for information on the unit. One of your tankers "Wiley-81" towed some Cape Cod F-15s back into Otis ANG Base, Falmouth, Mass today. I believe the Norad duty ANG F-15s were returning from Key West, Florida. A friend who lives down there (and saw your tanker land) asked if I knew anything about the unit, so I went hunting on the web for info. I was very surprised at what I found. After seeing your "Year In Review Program" video, I was touched. Perhaps you don't get a lot of feedback from the public or maybe you do, I don't know. I can tell you EVERYONE I know appreciates the hard work and long hours away from family you've spent to protect and serve our great nation. As the song in the video said.... You are the mountain. And we look up to and count on that mountain every day. You won't let us down I know.

Best Regards,
Larry Fowler, Glens Falls, NY



Name: SRA Daniel Davies
Organization: 190th Aircraft Generation Squadron
Job Title: Aircraft Mechanic (Crew Chief)
Civilian job: Currently on AGR orders since December 2001
Main Responsibilities: General maintenance of the planes and conducting routine inspections

Education: High school graduate of Onaga High
Military Experience: Member of the 190th since May 2000
Goals and Ambitions: Become a full-time tech and earn a Bachelors of Science degree in mechanical engineering
Hobbies and Activities: Enjoys motorcycling and building model planes and sports cars
Most Memorable 190th Moment: A flying mission to New York with the 190th and touring the city



Year of Diversity: Hispanic Heritage Month September 2002

By SMSgt Phil Mahan

190th ARW Human Resource Advisor

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Many communities in Kansas have a rich Hispanic Culture. In my youth when faced with the letter from President Nixon calling me into the armed services, I was shocked and dismayed. It was my neighbor Simon Duran who helped me with the transition from a 19 year-old college kid to private U.S. Army. This man of Mexican ancestry became my friend. He volunteered to serve our country in WWII and yet he was not a citizen. He loved freedom and what our country offered that much. Over the years I enjoyed his company and helped him with chores that required "muscle."

Heritage is important to pass on to our young people. Our country is great because we have a variety of groups who have "come together" to make it work in one successful nation. An article in "Education World" states that "Developing ethnic literacy fosters pride in one's own culture and a respect and appreciation for uniqueness of others." I like to think of it as "giving respect gets respect."

There are many stories such as this in many towns and cities across Kansas and across the United States. Help recognize the contribution the Latino community has made to all of us.



As you know, we are working hard to ask every one of our Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen with civilian employers to go to our web link:

<http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com/thanks/>

to submit the name and address of their employer. With that, Secretary Roche and Gen. Jumper can send each employer a personal letter of thanks along with a lapel pin. To give as many airmen as possible an opportunity to submit the necessary information, we are extending the final reporting deadline to Oct 15th, 2002 so that the period covers at least two drill



**Don't panic:
Everyone will be paid!** 

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190th ARW college students who have not filled out the new State Tuition Assistance Form (and did not receive tuition paid in advance - upon enrollment) will receive their state tuition assistance payments on or around 1 Nov for the fall semester (normally a payment being received by the school).

All eligible participants will be paid, but during the transition to the new forms and procedures, the Retention Office asks that everyone please be patient.

Applicants are still required to apply for both fall and spring semesters. Currently, there are no funds available for summer terms.

To apply for funds, simply pick up a State Tuition Assistance Form in your unit's orderly room and have your commander sign it. There is no further coordination with the Retention Office required. Members will hand carry the form to school and turn it in with your enrollment forms. Contact MSgt. Jean Robinson, Retention Office Manager at DSN 720-4712, Comm. 785-861-4712 if you have any questions or require further information.

**S c h e d u l e
C h a n g e !**

October UTA dates have been changed from 12-13 October to 19-20 October to allow for an extra week off between September and October UTA's.

For full time personnel, the SDO on the 30th of September has been moved to 4 October and the eight hour day has been moved to 3 October.

If you have any questions please contact the Commander's office at ext. 4791.

Coyote Cafe Menu

Saturday September 28

Wings Over Topeka

Sunday September 29

Main Line

- Fried Chicken
- Corn-on-the-cob
- baked beans
- biscuits
- Choc chip cookies
- Apple pie

Short-Order Line

- Hamburger
- French fries
- Baked potato

Hotel for September

Best Western

Remember to notify your motel monitor if you will need a room for Saturday night!

Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830

Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130

Catholic: 1345 - 1415

JOBS OF THE MONTH

Aircraft Hydraulic Systems (Pneudraulics)
School: Sheppard AFB, Tx - 9 weeks
ASVAB: Mechanical - 51
AFSC: 2A6X5

Personnel Specialist
School: Keesler AFB, Ms - 5 weeks, 4 days
ASVAB: Administrative - 45
AFSC: 3S0X1



The floral flag located in Lompoc, CA, was planted by Bodger Seeds Ltd., as a patriotic gesture in response to the attacks on America. The 6.5-acre flag measures 740 by 390 feet. More than 400,000 Larkspurs were planted in January to blossom in to more than two million red, white and blue flowers. (Aerial photo courtesy of Bill Morson)

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Wings Over Topeka: Family Freedom Day Schedule of Events

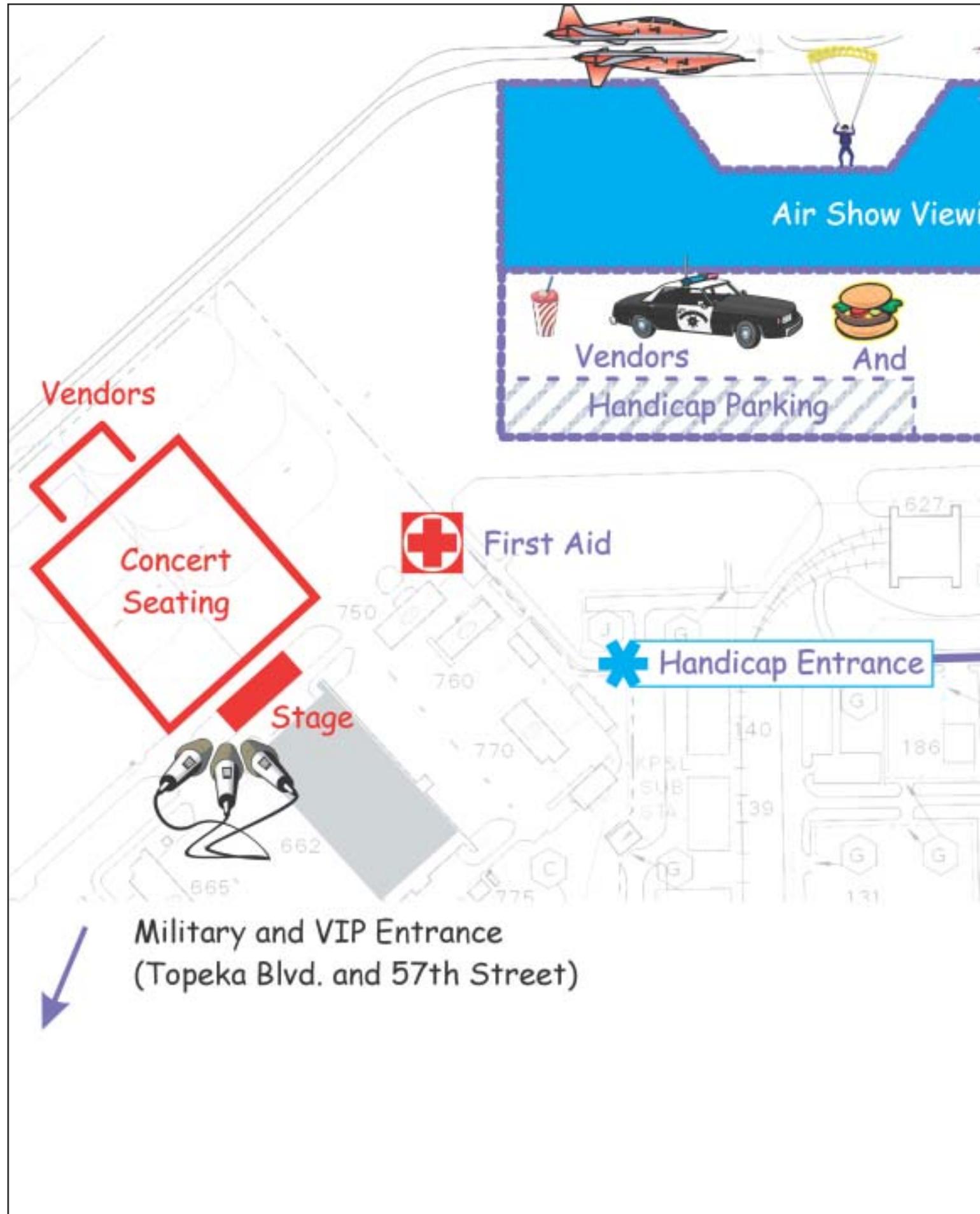
<u>Times</u>	<u>Activities</u>
10:00 AM	Gates Open to the Public Tanker Tug Begins, Special Olympic Fund Raiser Static Displays and Vendors Open to Public
12:00 PM	U S Army’s Golden Knights Parachute Team will parachute in as a part of the Opening Ceremonies for the Air Show.
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	A Spectacular Air Show Featuring the U S Air Force Thunderbirds Canadian Air Force Snowbirds, U S Army Golden Knights, and a host of others; T-28, AC47, Mig17, Learjet, Zero/P51D, Warbirds, Yak 54
04:15 PM	Special Awards Presentation – On the stage
4:30 PM – 11:00 PM	The evenings events will open with a Native American “Spirit Dancer” USO Show Romancing the Stone Presentation 94.5 Country Contests and Concert Announcements Country Music Recording Artist Keith Urban 94.5 Country Drawing for ATV from Honda Sport & Country Music Awards Trip Giveaway Country Music Recording Artists Sawyer Brown Fabulous Fireworks Display to Close the Show

Family Freedom Day Concert

Bigger and better than before. Wings Over Topeka: Family: Freedom Day will complete the day of air shows and military static displays with an open-air concert.

Country Music Association’s Horizon Award winner, Keith Urban, and Sawyer Brown, this year’s Academy of Country Music Awards top vocal group, will top off the September 28th event at Forbes Field, Kan.

The 4:30 p.m. concert will also feature Dennis Lee Rogers as “Spirit Dancer,” presented by the Native American Studies Programs and dancers and musicians from the United Services Organization (USO).



Air Show View

Vendors And
Handicap Parking

Vendors

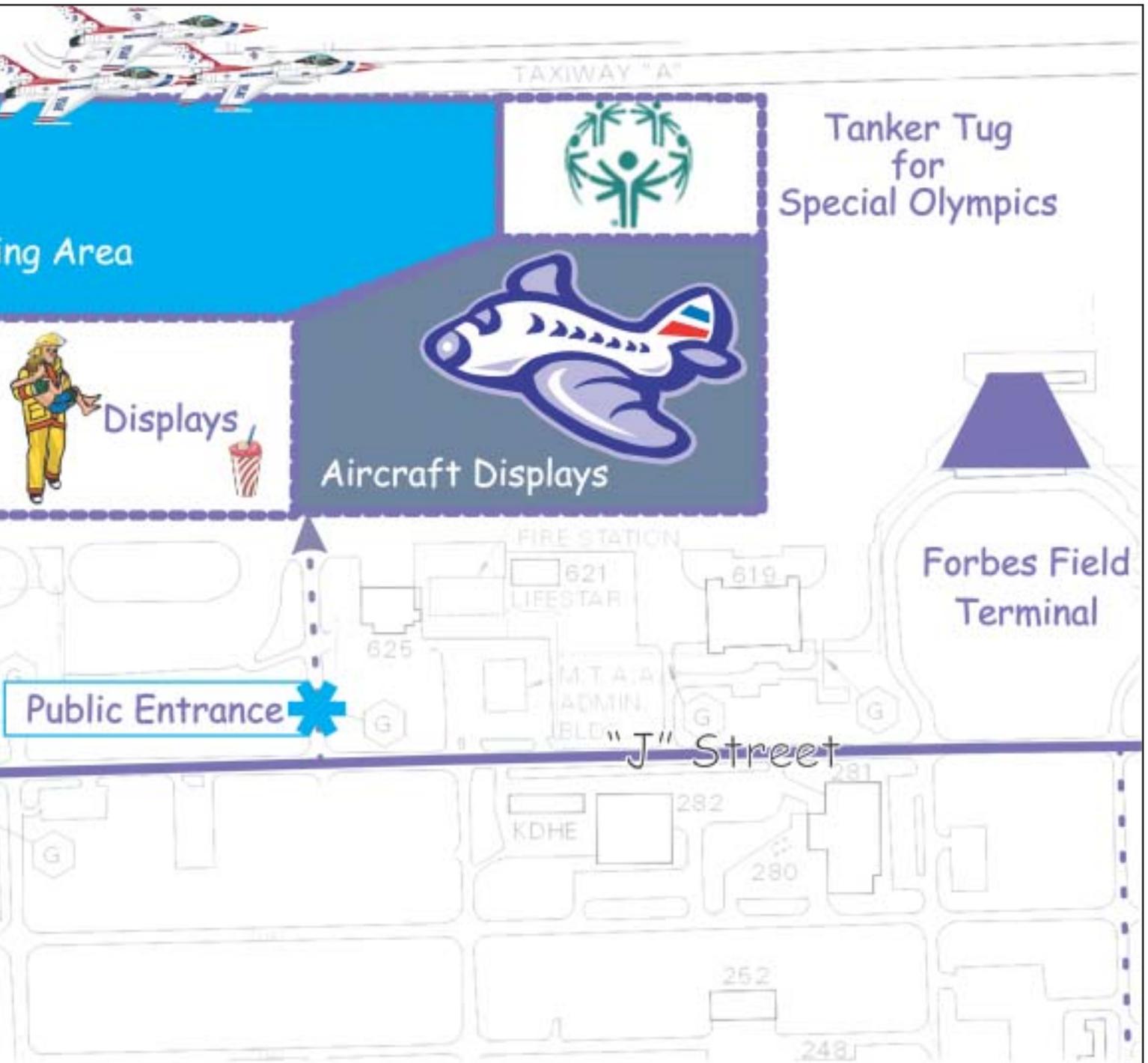
Concert Seating

Stage

First Aid

Handicap Entrance

Military and VIP Entrance
(Topeka Blvd. and 57th Street)



Forbes Field Main Entrance
 (Topeka Blvd and 1 South Street, ,
 near Kansas National Guard Museum)

Wings Over Topeka FAQ's

When: Saturday, September 28th, 2002

Open House & Military Exposition: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Concert: 4:30 to 11 p.m.

Who: Open House to see displays from all the armed services and talk to America's men and women in uniform. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will perform at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Canadian Snow Birds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights. Other military acts will include the C-1A Trader, AC-47 "Spooky" Gunship, Mig-17F, A6M Zero, P-51 Mustang, T-8 Texan, L-29 Delfin, L-17, SNJ, BT-13 and the T-28B. Civilian acts include Eric Beard-Yak 54 and Bobby Younkin's aerobatic Learjet 23.

On-Stage entertainment will begin with Dennis Lee Rogers as "Spirit Dancer" followed by a USO show. Keith Urban will take the stage following the USO show and Sawyer Brown will conclude the evening's entertainment. A fireworks finale will close the show.

What about my family? 190th members are encouraged to invite their families to the Open House portion of the day. Most 190th members will have to help with the Open House during the day, but families will be encouraged to join their unit member if possible.

What is the uniform? Since this is an Open House, and there could be up to 50,000 people in attendance, 190th members will be in uniform until 4 p.m. Civilian attire will be allowed after 4 p.m. unless military duties are being performed, they duty uniform applies.

Can I get those concert tickets for my friend or neighbor in advance? They should contact 94 Country for tickets. Tickets for unit members and family will be distributed by the 190th Chiefs in their duty sections first thing Saturday morning. Wrist bands will be handed out at the parking area for family members.

Is this Family Day? Not really. Most 190th members will be working in some role or capacity during the Open House portion of the day. 190th Families are invited to attend, but must understand if the unit member has a job to do.

Will childcare be provided during the day or at night?
No.

Can 190th family members park on base? Yes, but they will need to present a valid ID and the Family Member Car Pass to gain access to the base. This is a UTA; therefore most parking spaces will be taken around the buildings. Shuttle bus service will be provided.

Where is the public going to park? The public will park south of the 190th property on the Metropolitan Topeka Airport property. Shuttle busses will be provided to the public to enter through MTA gate # 625. The public will not be allowed to park on 190th property.

Why are we doing this? The Topeka and northeast Kansas community are large supporters of the 190th ARW. Wings Over Topeka is designed to thank them for their support and show them what we do. Wings Over Topeka is our chance to show the public that the 190th Air Refueling Wing is indeed, "The Standard of Excellence".



***Be proud of your unit and show your pride on
September 28th, 2002 during Wings Over Topeka!***