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Commander's Comments

by LTC Craig Hansen
190th Civil Engineer Commander

I am constantly asking two simple questions, to determine if we are meeting our objectives. Are we ready? Are we there yet?

The Civil Engineering's primary mission focuses on readiness. Readiness means being prepared to deal with crisis. The secondary mission is to provide quality facilities that foster productivity, enhance quality of life, and support mission success.

Are we ready? Now, more than ever, we all have a new level of respect for our firefighters. They train day in and day out for that one moment we hope never comes. But, if it does, they are ready. Our firefighters, both civilian and military, provide fire fighting, emergency medical, and crash rescue capability, during peace and war. I am confident that our firefighters are up to the challenge if it comes at home or abroad.

Are we ready? Disaster Preparedness was once something many of us only thought about when we got close to an ORI. We now realize that we need to be ready for a disaster at all times. Our Disaster Preparedness section provides classes needed to keep members current in chemical warfare and the Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) skills.

Are we ready? Active duty and Air Guard civil engineers are deployed worldwide, supporting the ongoing war effort. Their mission includes setting up facilities and utilities needed to launch and recover aircraft, and support those that make that happen. Since Sept. 11 engineers have been deployed into areas that required establishing complete operational bases with very little existing infrastructure.

The other part of the CE mission is to provide quality facilities. This involves providing new facilities, upgrading existing facilities, and maintaining these facilities. Over a decade ago, 190th leaders established a vision of

Where we've been ... where we're going

providing "world-class" facilities for our people.

Are we there yet? Not completely. But, we have come a long way, and we know where we are headed. It's only a matter of time...and money. Over the last 10 years many steps have been taken to improve the infrastructure and the quality of life in your work areas. It is easy to take these things for granted. However, if you think back about what your work area was like 10 years ago, you realize that your quality of life is better, and we are several steps closer to the goal.

Here is a shortened list of some of the improvements that have been made.

- Jet fuel storage/distribution system
- Dining Facility renovation
- Communications/Medical Facility
- Facility Renovations:
Security Forces, Squadron Ops,
Life Support and HQ
- New roofs on all buildings
- Hangar 662 renovation

Are we there yet? Let's look ahead at the things we want to accomplish in the next five to seven years.

- New facility for Sq. Ops, Weather, Life Support
- Hangar 662 renovation - Phase 2
- New facility for HQ, Security, MPF, Finance
- Flightline security fence
- New aircraft ramp lighting
- Renovations to:
Vehicle Maint, CE, Fire Dept. Dining Facility

Are we ready? Yes, and we will continually strive to improve our readiness.



All about the team: Making a home in the community

By Merle Bird

Reprinted From *The Topeka Capital-Journal*

Air National Guard units like seeing Topeka's 190th Air Refueling Wing arrive for duty.

"We notice when we go to TDY (temporary duty) with other units, they don't want to fly their airplanes," said Tech. Sgt. Shad England. "They want to fly ours. I believe the quality of our work supersedes Air Force standards. We keep our airplanes in top condition."

It's a consequence of teamwork, said Senior Master Sgt. Bob Wilhelm, the supervisor of aviation electronics with the 190th.

Careful planning goes into maintaining the communications and navigation of their aircraft, he said, and a similar amount of attention to detail went into beginning their involvement in one of his section's community service projects.

As far as a 190th overseas deployment is concerned, they may need four airplanes "loaded to the gills" with the associated maintenance men and equipment on a long-term deployment overseas.

As far as the section's involvement with Meals on Wheels,

those deployments take three people per trip, and they deliver meals to 15 or 16 recipients on the third Tuesday of every month.

They have done it for going on two years, Wilhelm said.

The wife of one of the members of the avionics section works at the Meals on Wheels office, and the idea began to circulate within the section that maybe avionics could become involved.

"We didn't want to start if we weren't going to have enough people committed to doing it to keep

going without any hitches," Wilhelm said. "As it turned out, everybody wanted to."

Without any hitches.

As it turns out, whoever isn't working on the flight line on a designated Tuesday may be making that Tuesday trip, Wilhelm said.

"We took it all the way up the chain of command of the 190th, and it was approved all the way," Wilhelm said. "At the time I wasn't head of this section, but the man who was head of the section liked the idea. Everybody thought it was a good idea, all the way up."

The scheduling requirements in running the section keep avionics from being involved more than once a month, he said.

"But we would like to expand it to other sections," he said.

"We found that Meals on Wheels is pretty rewarding for us," he said. "At first we thought the people we would be delivering to might be a little standoffish about the uniforms. And we were worried they might think we were using tax dollars, which we don't do."

"We have our own van, and we're on our time when we do it."

Master Sgt. Tom Roit said the members of the 190th aren't on the front lines like fighter aircraft, but their role is crucial.

"A fighter fully loaded and armed uses two-thirds of the fuel taking off," he said. "If you're not right there on the spot, the mission doesn't get accomplished." The Meals on Wheels missions are important, too, Roit said.

"It's a way to give something back to the community," he said. "We know that the community gives us a lot of support, and we know that people in the community will benefit from our support. You get a lot of personal satisfaction out of helping people who need your help."



Staff Sgt. Charles Derr, left and Tech. Sgt. Mike Molter check a cooler of drinks for a Meals on Wheels run. photo: Mike Shepherd/The Capital-



Charlotte Chamberlin opens her door to Staff Sgt. Charles Derr, as he delivers her noon meal. photo: Mike Shepherd/The Capital-

By Chaplain (Maj.) David Olsen
190th Chaplain Services



People have asked me, "Why do you do the Air National Guard? With separation from family and home, the risk, the continuous training, it's just not for me. I like it where it feels safe being with my family, career and fun." I tell them that there are many reasons people enlist in the Guard. For some it's help with their college tuition, some are carrying on their family tradition, some feel an obligation to a great nation, others want to defend against international terrorists. Still others feel they are responding to a "higher calling." (i.e. Duty, Honor, Country). For persons of faith, we have even a higher calling, and that is from God. It is a higher calling to service, for freedom, to give our all. Some times that means going beyond our own abilities and turning to The Almighty for wisdom and courage to complete the mission. There's a saying that goes, "When the going get tough, the tough get praying." Great leaders of our nation have been men of prayer. George Washington prayed "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline

the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens." Abraham Lincoln, prayed for a hurting nation at Gettysburg. Dwight D. Eisenhower prayed before D-Day and Gen. Douglas MacArthur prayed for his men like they were his sons.

No matter what their personality or leadership style, great leaders had a sense of a higher calling beyond the nation, beyond the world, even from heaven. God who rules over all nations is the One who promises to hear our prayer and answer with His grace and love.

There is a lot of talk about the possibility of war and what might happen. Our life plans will be interrupted and we could be separated from those we love. Some of our members have already been called up and have already experienced loneliness, hostility of foreign nationals and risk to life. They have taught me to be ready to respond to that call to sacrifice some things I hold dear. We need to hold close those whom we love and hold on to the God who loves us. Times of stress from separation and long days and night of service bring out the strengths and the weaknesses of our relationships. Take this time to make sure everything is right at home with those you love and talk about important issues that affect them.

Napoleon said, "A leader is a dealer in hope." With that apt description of leadership let's look to the Great Leader who invites us to

put our hope in Him so that we can face today and tomorrow with confidence. When you feel you are at the end of your rope, remember there is hope. Scripture says, "Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord." Americans pledge that we are "One nation under God." I believe that means we can look to that God and trust Him for our needs as individuals, as families and as nations.

I hope you are excited to face a New Year that is filled with opportunities for growth, whether you want to or not. So embrace the challenges and the changes that come your way as the lessons in life that the lord wants to use to teach you new things about yourself and about Him that will bring unexpected blessings and new areas of growth.

Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830
Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130
Catholic: 1345 - 1415

The Chaplain's Office is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662.



190th says goodbye to Col Forrest



VanSickle is new Family Readiness Coordinator

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta
190th Public Affairs

There is a new member in the 190th Air Refueling Wing. She is Tonya VanSickle and she is the Family Readiness Program Coordinator for the 190th.

She is a wife and a mother of four children.

She began this job on Nov. 25, and she said her first impression of the unit was very positive.

"It was my first day here, and everyone stopped by the office to introduce themselves. I was very impressed," she said.

"Coming here now is like jumping in over my head," she said, when speaking about the short, 13 days she had from her first day at work until the family day activities and Christmas luncheon at December's drill. "I had to learn in a hurry who to go to," she said.

She is a graduate of Washburn University where she earned a degree in Human Services.

She experienced a military environment first hand while dating her active duty Army husband for three years before they were married and then by three years of marriage while he was on active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Riley, Kansas.

Van Sickle's last job was at the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs where she worked in the Gulf War Program.

She credits that job with giving her the opportunity to prepare for this job.

She said she was able to meet a lot of veterans and their families through that job.

"I heard first-hand what it was like to have one-half of the family deploy, and stories about the challenges some of their spouses faced in their absence," she said.

The challenges were varied, some simple and some complex, she said.

They involved things such as the spouse who remained home may never have changed the furnace filter or never paid the bills. The spouse who deployed may have been in a hostile war zone one day, and 24 hours later was home grocery shopping. "I can only imagine that type of an adjustment," she said.

She said she has already become quite comfortable with the 190th and looks forward to all the duties associated with this job.



Tonya VanSickle
190th Family Readiness
Coordinator

Portrait of an Airman

Senior Airman Sean Cochran



Organization: Services Flight

Job Title: Chef

Main Responsibility: Preparing meals for the 190th

Civilian Career: Referee for local high school basketball and football teams. I also umpire summer baseball leagues.

Education: Washburn Rural high graduate. Senior at Washburn University majoring in secondary education.

Military Experience: Joined the Air National Guard in Summer of 2001. Went to basic and tech school in San Antonio, Texas this past Summer.

Goals and Ambitions: Be a productive member for the 190th and carry that into my civilian life

Hobbies and Activities: Hanging out with my friends and playing sports.

Most Memorable 190th Moment: Helping out with the Air Show.

Achievements: Earned honors as Top Graduate in my Tech School class.

Coyote Comments

What are your New Year's Resolutions?



SrA Colby Alley
Medical Squadron

"To find a better job in the civilian sector this year."



SrA Dawn Michael
Personnel

"To make none that I would break easily."



MSgt. Jean Robinson
Personnel

"To stay within my fiscal year budget for incentive programs for the 190th ARW"



SrA Heather Brewster
Chaplain's Office

"I resolve to have no resolutions for the coming New Year."

People First

Cole L. Hawkins, SVF
 Jeremy S. Jackson, SFS
 Dawn M. Michael, KSANGHQ
 Steven K. Stonestreet, AGS
 Ashley M. Williams, CES



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Shelly L. Bausch, KS ANG
 HQ



Jarrod R. Ramsey, 117th
 Lisa A. Seltman, Ops. Support



The 190th has an official Unit Flag.

They're on display in various work areas. The cost is \$27.00 each. Contact Chief Shows at 785-861-4649 for more information.

It's Time To HOWL! 190th Season Ticket Special

The Kansas Koyotes indoor football team is running a special. Until January 31, 2003 any past or current member of the 190th ARW may purchase season tickets in pairs for ONLY \$190.00.

For more information call
 (785) 273-8657



JOBS OF THE MONTH

Weather Forecaster Apprentice

School: Keesler AFB, MS - 41 weeks,
 ASVAB: General - 64, Electronic - 50
 AFSC: 1W0X1

Paralegal Specialist

School: Maxwell AFB, AL - 6 weeks
 ASVAB: General - 50
 AFSC: 5J0X1

Coyote Cafe Menu

Saturday January 11

Main Line

Roast Beef
 Mashed Potatoes
 Gravy
 Green Beans
 Carrots
 Hot Rolls

Short Order Line

Macaroni & Cheese
 BBQ Sandwich
 Curly Fries
 Grilled Cheese

Sunday January 12

Main Line

Veal Parmesan
 Buttered Herb Noodles
 Peas
 French Bread
 Asparagus

Short Order Line

Cheese Burgers
 Corn Dogs
 Curly Fries (seasoned)
 Onion Rings

Hotel for January

Capitol Plaza

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Dining Out

The 2003 Dining Out is scheduled for February 1, at the Topeka Capitol Plaza. Look for more information in next month's log.

The IGX scheduled for May 2003 has been postponed. The 190th will continue to train in preparation for the IGX which has not yet been scheduled. The Practice IGX scheduled for February has been canceled as well as the split UTAs in January 2003.

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