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Forever a Coyote

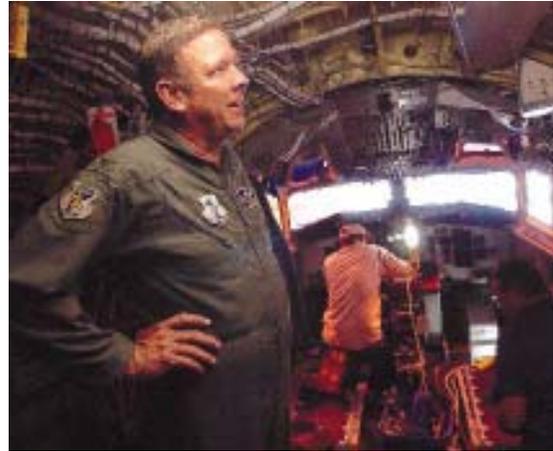


“His passion was flying and every time we look to the sky, we’ll remember him as a true patriot and citizen-soldier,” said Colonel Terry Fritz.



Mike O'Toole was a big man with a big presence... his personality was big, his humor was big, his sense of duty was big, his sense of family was bigger. I guess he needed that big hulk of his to contain all of that 'bigness.' Mike took big bites out of life, loved to fly and lived 'LARGE.' Every trip that I took with Mike was big. We did big missions... and if they weren't big to begin with, he made them big. We rescheduled ourselves into more places than I can count... always for more flying and more training. Mike had style... and panache... and flair... and good hands... and he made it look easy.

Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Zillinger



*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings:
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence: hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while the silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

“High Flight” composed by John G. Magee, Jr. in 1941.



UTA Lodging ~ Things you should know

By Senior Airman Janna Gustin

190th Services Flight

During UTAs any unit member who lives 40 miles or more from Forbes Field is eligible to receive Saturday night lodging at a contracted hotel in the area.

Services reserves rooms for unit members each month at "the hotel of the month." Once the reserved rooms are all filled, unit members may have to stay at a hotel other than the one listed in the Coyote Log or on the web page. Reservations are made on a first come first served basis, regardless of rank.

Members eligible for a Saturday night room should submit their name, rank, section and phone number to their billeting monitor as soon as possible on Saturday morning to ensure placement at the primary hotel for the month.

Tech. Sgt.'s and below are authorized a double room shared with another eligible unit member of the same gender. Members may request a single room but are required to pay the difference in cost. The rates for a single/pay are:

Amerisuites:	\$22.50
Holidome:	\$20.00
Best Western:	\$20.00
Ramada Inn:	\$20.00
Capital Plaza:	\$22.50

Late Arrivals

If you anticipate arriving at the hotel after 6:00 p.m., please inform the hotel directly so that your room will be held. Failure to do so may result in the hotel canceling your room.

If you know you will arrive late at the time you notify your Billeting Monitor, let them know of your late arrival,

so Services can ensure the hotel holds the room.

Cancellations and No Shows

If your plans change after your room has been reserved, you must contact the hotel directly. If it is still during the duty day, contact your Billeting Monitor or the Services Flight and advise them that you will not require contract quarters. The unit may be held responsible for the cost of the room if a member does not use the room and fails to inform either their billeting monitor or the Services Flight.

Finally, it is always a good idea to check in with your billeting monitor before you leave for the day to determine where you will be staying for the night.

For more information contact the Services Flight's billeting staff (Tech. Sgt. Kevin Howland and Senior Airman Janna Gustin) at 861-4675.

Regenerating the NCO Academy Graduate Association

By Senior Master Sgt. Keith Fulton

190th Operations Group

I have been asked to regenerate the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association (NCOAGA) chapter for our unit. The NCOAGA is a national organization that promotes education and training to develop professionalism, instill pride, and promote camaraderie while encouraging volunteerism among the enlisted force. Our unit's chapter (Chapter 69) was active a few years ago but has since been identified as an inactive chapter with only one "active" member. This article is to inform everyone as to what the organization is about and to in-

quire if there is enough interest to restart our chapter.

Regular Membership. Regular membership shall be extended to active/retired members of the regular or reserve forces that have graduated from an accredited in-resident enlisted Professional Military Education (PME) course recognized as fulfilling United States Air Force promotion requirements. Regular members are authorized to hold office and to vote upon all matters in which the members have an interest.

Associate Membership. Associate membership shall be extended to active/retired members of the regular or reserve forces that have missed the opportunity to at-

tend in-resident Professional Military Education (for whatever reason), but have successfully completed a United States Air Force enlisted PME correspondence course. Associate members are authorized to vote upon all matters in which the members have an interest, but will be limited on which offices can be held.

When a graduate completes the NCOA they are automatically advanced the first year's membership.

If you are interested in obtaining a membership in the NCOAGA please contact Senior Master Sgt. Keith Fulton 861-4789 or visit the web site at www.ncoaga.com.

190th launches Operation KUDOS

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta
190th Public Affairs

Some of our most elite members of the Coyote family simulated a deployment to Australia as part of the 190th Air Refueling Wing's Operation KUDOS last month.

Thirty-four children of 190th members participated in this mock deployment at Forbes Field on August 2.

Operation KUDOS stands for Kids Understanding Deployment Operations. This name originated at Tinker Air Force Base, OK. Tinker was the third active duty base (following Hill AFB and Dover AFB) to assemble a mock deployment for service members' children.

It is believed the 190th ARW is the FIRST Air Guard unit to have this exercise.

The purpose of the event was to help family members - specifically the children of deploying guard members, to gain an understanding of what their parents do when they deploy; what it feels like to leave home and loved ones, and what it feels like when a member returns

to his/her home and family following the deployment.

This exercise was organized in such a way that the deploying kids

could experience most aspects of those deployments.

Their processing consisted of going through military personnel flight where their orders were checked and they were issued their dog tags and medical squadron where they received their jellybean "shots."

Finance representatives issued them their travel cards and the Chaplains' section saw to their spiritual

needs by giving them each a copy of the New Testament and religious medallions.

They were, also, issued duffel bags.

A JAG briefing, a security briefing, and a host country briefing rounded out the predeployment processing.

During the processing, Max Noe, age 7, son of Master Sgt. Chris Noe said he was having fun and "I'm looking forward to the plane."

The kids then boarded a bus and were transported to a waiting KC-135 tanker shortly after

completing their predeployment checks.

Cheering crowds and the local news media saw them off as they



Boarding the aircraft

Tech. Sgt. Tina Perkins escorts "Airman" Gnagi during Operation KUDOS in August.

photo by: Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta

boarded a KC-135 aircraft for their "trip" to Australia.

Once on-board the aircraft they stored their duffel bags and strapped into their seats, but since the deployment was only make-believe, they were soon released from their seats and given a tour of the aircraft by Maj. Rus Curtis.

After the tour, they "landed" and were greeted by family members

holding welcome home signs and by Topeka news media representatives.

The 190th Family Readiness coordinator, Tonya Van Sickle, planned the day which she hopes will become an annual event.

Many 190th members who manned the deployment check desks and who helped transport the kids to and from the KC-135 tanker aided her.

Tech. Sgt. Tina Perkins was one of them. "I think it went really well and both kids and parents got a lot of good information and we hope to have a bigger crowd next year."

Capt. Karl Fruendt's two daughters participated in this mock deployment. He said this was unlike anything his kids have ever gone through. "To know what Daddy really goes through when deployed left a good impression on my girls."



Mobility processing

"Airman" Max Noe receives his "travel card" during Operation KUDOS in August.

photo by: Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta

What's happening at Family Readiness

By Tonya VanSickle

190th Family Readiness Coordinator

Currently Family Readiness is between two big projects. We just finished Operation KUDOS, which was a mock deployment line for children.

The Family Readiness Office plans on making this an annual event, so please enroll your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in this fun event. It really helps the children in your life understand what happens to you when you have to deploy.

Coming up on Sept. 6 is the 190th Family Day at Gage Park.

Feel free to come out and enjoy the Zoo in the afternoon. While you tour the zoo there will be arts and crafts for the kids. At 6:00 p.m. come enjoy a meal prepared for us by local



VFW volunteers. After dinner there will be fun and games throughout the evening.

Recently we have had a lot of small deployments with small groups or even one person going here or there.

Remember that when we have large groups of people going we often give the deployments more care and attention, but your family is still affected by your absence even if you are gone for only 30 days or less. Please stop by my office in the Headquarters Building when you know you are headed out for a small deployment or even annual training. I'm here to help.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer for Family Readiness, please, call me at 785-861-4940.

KUDOS in pictures

"Airman" Fruendt "deploys" to Australia

"Airman" Emily Fruendt prepares to depart for her "deployment" during Operation KUDOS in August.

photo by: Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta



Proud Parents

Parents welcome home their kids after their "deployment" to Australia during Operation KUDOS in August.

photo by: Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta

Portrait of an Airman

STAFF SERGEANT KARL ALBACH



Organization: Structural Maintenance

Job title: Technician

Main Responsibilities: Junior at Kansas State University majoring in Architecture.

Education: 1992 graduate of Culpeper High school in Culpeper, VA.

Military Experience: Served four years active duty Air Force, enlisted in the Air National Guard's 184th BW in

Wichita, KS in July 2001. Transferred to the 190th ARW in February of 2002.

Goals and Ambitions: To graduate college and pursue a career as a restoration architect.

Hobbies and Activities: Enjoys playing video games and riding bikes whenever he has free time during the busy school semester. Also, referees kids soccer games in the fall.

Most Memorable 190th moment: "When our section was inspecting a plane that had been struck by lightning coming back from Germany. MSgt Crabtree was up on the tail of the plane inspecting the electrical wires and Col O'Toole wobbled the plane as he was up there. It was a very funny sight."

Coyote Comments

What are your plans for the Labor Day holiday?



Tech Sergeant David Jackson
Vehicle Operations

"I plan to spend quality time with my family."



Tech Sergeant Steve Wodke
Mobility Barn

"I will be out of town visiting with relatives."



Airman First Class
Roshawn Thomas
Logistics Orderly Room

"I'm going to have a BBQ in my new house."



Airman Ashley Lockhart
Finance Office

"I plan to spend time with family and enjoy the weekend."

Promotions

A1C

Jahmari M. Destina, Maint.
Joseph L. Lovuola, Student
Micheal A. Tremblay, Maint.



SrA

Craig N. Bojorquez, CES
Matthew D. Rose, Logistics
David W. Wright, SFS



SSgt

Chad L. Blow, CES
James R. Browning, Comm.
Phillip E. Cockrell Jr., Comm
Mario R. Neal, Maint.



MSgt

Casey S. Batterson, CES



2nd Lt

Wendi R. Mason, ARW
John L. Lane, OPS



Reenlistments, Retirements

Reenlistments ~ Enlistments

1st Lt Diane Bellquist
2nd Lt John Lane
2nd Lt Wendi Mason
SSgt Phillip Cockrell
SSgt Justin Tompkins
SRA Michael Baker
A1C Ryan Current
A1C Jahmari Destina
A1C Joseph Lovuola
A1C Michael Tremblay

Retirements

MSgt. Mark Elmer

Jobs of the Month

Transportation Specialties

Special Vehicle Mechanic

Mandatory:
ASVAB - Mechanical Score - 44
Tech School: Port Hueneme, CA
16 weeks, 4 Days

General Vehicle Mechanic

Mandatory:
ASVAB - Mechanical Score - 44
Tech School: Port Hueneme, CA
11 weeks, 2 Days

Vehicle Operations Apprentice

Mandatory:
ASVAB - Mechanical Score - 38
Tech School: Ft Leonardwood, MO
6 weeks

Col. O'Toole Memorial



There will be a memorial service for Colonel Mike O'Toole on Saturday, September 6, at 1330 in Building 662.

Colonel O'Toole's parents, wife, children and grandchildren will be in attendance for 190th members and their families that wish to offer condolences and memories of Colonel O'Toole.

*In coelo quies est
"In Heaven there is rest"*

Coyote Cafe Menu

Saturday September 6

Main Line

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes w/beef gravy
Baby Carrots w/brown sugar
Green Beans
Dinner Rolls

Short Order Line

Beef/Chicken Fajitas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans

Sunday September 7

Main Line

Chicken-n-Noodles w/cream of chicken soup
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Veggies
Dinner Rolls

Short Order Line

French Bread Pizza
Veggie French Bread Pizza

Dessert

Chunky Pecan Pie Bars
Chocolate Oatmeal Chippers
Strawberry Shortcake

Hotel for September

Amerisuites

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.

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