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## Coyote Cops support Operation Fundamental Justice

By **1st Lt. Chris Hill**  
190<sup>th</sup> Community Manager

Members of the 190th Security Forces Squadron had a rare opportunity to participate in the war on terror.

Beginning in February 2002 fifteen coyotes from the Security Forces Squadron were assigned to support Operation Fundamental Justice / Iron Clad. This operation's mission was the transport of Al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees from the Afghanistan theater of operations to Guantanamo Bay Naval Air Station, Cuba.

Over the course of their tenure in support of this mission, the coyotes participated in excess of 60 transport missions guarding more than 300 Al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees without incident. Many of the detainees were among the world's most sought-after terrorists.

The 190th personnel were specifically selected for this mission due to their extensive background in



the Security Forces career field as well as their civilian law enforcement experience. The experience of the coyotes was evident in the fact that many were selected as Quick Response Force team leaders during many of the missions.

The 190th's involvement in these missions ended in July 2003 when the operation was transferred to the active duty Air Force and Army. However, the 190th maintained three Security Forces members on stand-by status had the need for additional security been required.

Due to the classified nature of these missions, much of the involvement by the 190th's Security Forces has largely gone unnoticed.

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# Comedy is main course for Dining Out

The 2004 dining out committee is proud to announce the speaker for this year's event. Elliott Threatt, a comedian hailing from the Kansas City area will headline his year's event.

The committee looked at many options for a speaker and decided on Threatt due to his local roots, humor and as a way to bring a new mood to the event.

Threatt started his comedy career in Kansas City at the age of 18. Elliott attended the University of Missouri - Kansas City on a tennis scholarship. Between studying communications and playing tennis Threatt toured, performing his stand up routine at clubs and colleges around the Midwest.

Sinbad, a friend and fellow comedian who started in Kansas City says, "The first time I walked into a comedy club, Elliott was the comedian I saw on stage." Threatt's true talents were performing on stage, and the tennis courts loss was comedy's gain.

Three years later Threatt moved to Los Angeles. Now a national touring headliner, when not on the road Threatt was showcasing at the Comedy Store, the Improvisation and was a regular at the Ice House in Pasadena. Threatt's comedic talents got him parts on *Days of Our Lives*, the movie *Article 99* with Keiffer Sutherland and Ray Liotta and a Children's After School Special, *The Children will Lead*.

After four years in Los Angeles, Elliott relocated back to Kansas City to have closer access to the comedy clubs and college tours he works most often.

In 1992 he got married to his wife, Katherine. Currently, they

have two boys, Robbie and Charlie.

When not on the road, Elliott is actively involved in local charities, including HBO's Comic Relief - Kansas City, Comics Crusade Against Diabetes, Stand up for Cystic Fibrosis and the Children's Mercy Hospital. In 1995, a local news station named him Citizen of the Year for his community involvement.

Elliott has opened for Patti LeBelle and George Jones, as well as writing for the *Dennis Miller Show*. Elliott was also the Midwest winner of the Aspen HBO Comedy Competition.

What do others say about this year's speaker?

"Threatt has expertly achieved the look of child-like wonder, with wide eyes and winsome grin."  
-- Richmond News Leader

"On Stage, Threatt exhibits all of the characteristics of a professional entertainer. His timing is excellent and his material is funny."  
-- University Daily News



Elliott Threatt's laid-back comedic style will be the main event for the 190th's 2004 Dining Out.  
(photo provided)

"Threatt eases quickly from joke to joke, moving around on stage a lot, interacting with the audience and letting his voice vary from a whine to a shout."  
-- The Arizona Republic

## Dining Out Details

### Uniform / Dress

Mess Dress  
or  
Semi-Formal



### Date / Location

Saturday  
March 6, 2004  
1800 - 2400

Topeka Capital Plaza Hotel  
1717 SW Topeka Blvd.  
~ Sunflower Room ~

# STARBASE schools share the spirit of Christmas

By **Kim Mittermeier**  
Kansas STARBASE

The Christmas spirit can take on many different forms. From dropping coins in the Salvation Army collection pots to Toys for Tots, most people want to give a little something to their fellow man during the holiday season.

Two schools that will be attending STARBASE this year decided to share their Christmas cheer with the men and women of the Kansas Air National Guard.

On Monday, 22 December, students, parents and staff from Christ The King Elementary School served pizza to over 150 hungry coyotes.

Before the pizza feast several classes at the school participated in preparing special "we care" packages for the families of the 190<sup>th</sup> members that were deployed over the holidays. The students pooled their money and decided to order up pizza and pop for everyone working that day.

The men and women of the 190<sup>th</sup> happily consumed 560 slices of

pizza (from Buzzards Pizza in Lyndon) and 149 sodas!

Sam Rende's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Cair Paravel-Latin School collected items to be sent overseas with an Army Guard Unit from Abilene.

A call went out for MWR items that could be shipped out with the unit who is deploying to the Persian Gulf region and the kids at Cair Paravel answered the call by donating four boxes full of CD's, movies, games, books and even workout equipment.

"We wanted to do something for the 190<sup>th</sup> because they do so much for all of us. Not only do we get to participate in the STARBASE program here at



## Saying Thanks!

Christ the King Elementary served pizza to members of the 190<sup>th</sup> as a way to thank them for their service. (photo submitted)

Forbes but these men and women are the people that protect our freedom," said Barb Applehantz of Christ The King School. "We try to teach our students that these things can't be taken for granted. It is important that we give back to those who have given so much."

## Family Readiness

# Family Readiness office continues to buzz

By **Tonya VanSickle**  
Family Readiness Coordinator

After having an exciting time hosting several events during the holiday season, it would seem Family Readiness has hit a lull, but appearances can be deceiving. Our volunteers and I are currently working on several events for 2004.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers and input about what you need as members of the 190<sup>th</sup>.

Please mark your calendars for the events listed below and stay tuned for even more in 2004. Remember, the Family Readiness office is open 8 to 5 during the week and both days on UTAs.

*190<sup>th</sup> Dining Out: March 6 (Topeka, KS)*  
*State Family Readiness Workshop: March 12-14 (Wichita, KS)*  
*190<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards Dinner: April 30 (Topeka, KS)*



# 190th Recycling program: environmental, economical

**By Tech Sgt. Greg Burnetta**  
190<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs



The United States government mandates that all military installations participate in recycling.

This requirement is nothing new for the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing which has conducted a successful in-house recycling program for seven years, previously featured in *The Coyote Log*.

The 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing's Environmental Management Officer, Maj. Doug Chase wishes to spread the word that two new recycling enhancements have come to Forbes Field and asks that members bring recyclable items from their office

and home and drop them off at one of our containers.

There is a new recycling container located behind the dining facility, building 780, where cardboard can be dropped, he said.

There is a multi-recycling container located behind building 668 that accepts number one and number two plastics (no lids), newsprint and aluminum and metal cans.

Chase indicated that there is usually a number embossed within the recycling logo on most plastic items that denote which class plastic it is.

Complying with the government recycling mandate not only helps the environment but also produces revenue for the 190<sup>th</sup>.

Up to 100 percent of recycling funds may be used to support unit

Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, whereas only 50 percent of the recycling revenue may be used for the recycling project itself, said Chase.

By the end of this year, the 190<sup>th</sup> will have spent \$5,500 on MWR activities that were funded from the recycling program.

The recycling program has generated more than \$10,000 since its inception, and saves the unit \$8,000 annually by reducing the number of weekly refuse pickups.

"With the new cardboard dumpsters and recycling bins we hope to be able to further reduce the number of 'trash' dumpsters and save even more money," said Chase.

## Kansas Championship Tree Project

# 190th ARW is an official Tree City

**By Tech Sgt. Greg Burnetta**  
190<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs

In April 2004, the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW will receive its seventh consecutive award from the National Arbor Day Foundation, the only National Guard unit – Air or Army – recognized as a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

This distinction is a direct result of an aggressive tree planting campaign and Arbor/Earth Day activities conducted by 190<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineers and Environmental Management Office.

Not one to rest on past accomplishments, the 190<sup>th</sup> Environmental Management Office increased its commitment to the environment by introducing the Kansas Champion Tree Project in September 2003.

The first priority of the project is to save the former national champion Louis Vieux American Elm tree.

This tree is the largest size tree ever recorded of its species, and is located just east of Manhattan, Kan.



It became the victim of a fire bombing vandalism incident in 1996.

This former champion tree's life will be renewed in February 2004 through a process of obtaining dor-

mant wood samples from it and grafting them on two seedling rootstocks at Forbes Field.

Other projects in the works include planting twelve selections of hybrid oaks on base. These hybrids will be more resistant to insect damage and to the harsh Kansas climate and will grow at a faster rate than the non-hybrid ones.

This unique planting may be the largest collection of various hybrid oaks at any one location.

The 190<sup>th</sup> Environmental Management Office anticipates giving away over 2,500 germinated seedlings in Spring 2004.

For more information on the tree project, contact Maj. Doug Chase, Environmental Management Officer, at (785) 861-4402.

# Civil Engineers deploy to Minnesota

By Capt. Mark Green  
190<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering

In August 2003 the 190<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineers deployed to Camp Ripley, Minn. for their annual training.

Although tough at first, the coyotes quickly became acclimated to the cooler Minnesota weather and were able to complete assigned jobs with no sweat. The projects served dual functions in that they were necessary improvements to the Army National Guard Base as well as excellent training for coyote engineers.

Projects included resurfacing of an attack runway, renovation of the Minnesota National Guard Museum, construction of a new training and storage facility and installation of metal siding on eighteen storage facilities.

The attack runway was 3,700 feet in length and was a compacted gravel surface. The coyotes placed fill on both edges of the runway and

along the taxiways to ensure positive drainage and safe landing surface.

The museum renovation project required a variety of skills to install a new heating, air, and ventilation system as well

as installation of new gas lines and plumbing modifications. This project had been open for over a year. Due to the work accomplished by the coyote engineers, the museum is now much closer to being utilized.

The new training and storage facility became a testament to the talent of the Civil Engineers. The site was quickly surveyed and staked, forms were set, posts were set, and

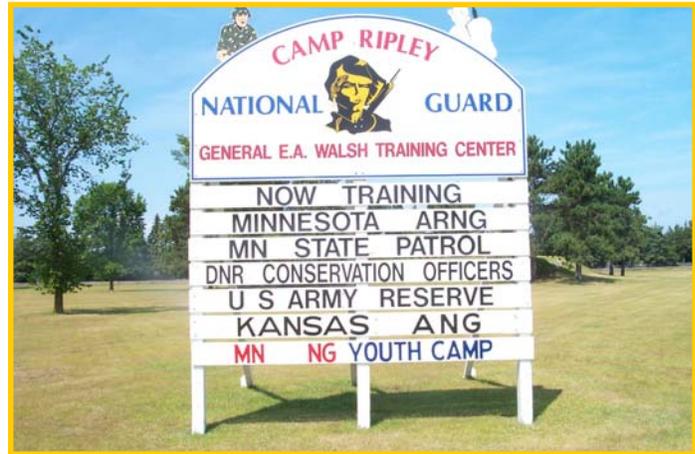
a new building erected to the grins of the host command.

The host unit was so impressed with the work, the Army Guard assigned the additional tasking of installing siding on the new building.

The final project was a change in the original plan in that it required a small detachment to leave the main body of the squadron and rehabilitate supply warehouses in Minneapolis (about 90 miles from Camp Ripley).

In addition to the work accomplished the coyotes were able to spend some time enjoying the many sights and scenery of Minnesota. Trips to the Mall of America, Duluth visits along Lake Superior, Canoe trips on the headwaters of the Mississippi, and enjoyment of several miles of paved bike paths were a few of the adventures.

During the deployment the squadron received word of Colonel O'Toole's passing. The Monday following First Sergeant Randy Johnson led the CE coyotes in a moment of silence. As we took pause to remember our fallen Commander we also took stock in all that we had and made our time together memorable and meaningful.



Master Sgt. Lenk, Master Sgt. Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Ellis, Senior Airman Morris and Army Guard members receive training on a Reverse Osmosis Water Purifying Unit. (photo submitted)

## Portrait of an Airman

### Senior Airman Rebecca Hastings



**Organization:** 190th Medical Squadron

**Job Title:** Medical Laboratory Apprentice

**Main Responsibility:** Collecting and shipping patient specimens in the medical lab

**Civilian Career:** Student at Kansas State University

**Education:** Freshman at KSU

**Military Experience:** Member of 190th since 2001

**Goals and Ambitions:** Graduate college with a high G.P.A. and possibly go to medical school

**Hobbies and Activities:** Traveling, reading and going to the movies

**Most Memorable 190<sup>th</sup> moment:** My most memorable moment was graduating Tech School

**Achievements:** Academic Achievement Award during 1st Phase of Tech School

## People

### Enlistments, Reenlistments, and Retirements

#### Enlistments

TSgt. Brian Geske  
SSgt. Savoskey Jones  
SrA David Rehnblom  
A1C Ryan Collins  
A1C Johny James  
A1C Joseph Palmer  
A1C Ana Tavares  
A1C Mindy Willis  
A1C Megan Zillinger

#### Reenlistments

SMSgt. Edward Williams  
MSgt. Joseph Ginzel  
MSgt. Patrick Moore  
MSgt. Martin Tension  
MSgt. Kathleen Thorton  
TSgt. Dustin Pippin  
SSgt. Clifford Kane

#### Retirements

MSgt. Tim Wing  
MSgt. Roy Good  
TSgt. Stephen Gill  
TSgt. Theodore Page  
TSgt. Dennis Sniff

### Unit News / Vacancies

#### Special Purpose Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance



#### Qualifications:

Mechanical Score: 44  
Normal Color Vision  
Tech School: Port Hueneme, CA (17 wks)

#### Description:

Performs vehicle maintenance activities on military and commercial design special purpose or base maintenance vehicles and equipment.



### First Sgt Vacancy 190th Maintenance Sq.



Submit application materials to Maj. Tony DeJesus, Maintenance Sq Commander by COB 7 March 2004. Materials should include a current RIP and Resume. Must be a Master Sgt. or promotable Tech. Sgt.



### First Sgt Vacancy Headquarters, 190th ARW



Submit application materials to Wing Commander's Office by COB 7 March 2004. Materials should include a current RIP and Resume. Must be a Master Sgt. or promotable Tech. Sgt.

## Promotions

### A1C

Ryan L. Collins, Comm Flt.  
Johney E. James, Stu. Flt.  
Ana M. Tavares, Med.  
Megan A. Zillinger, Maint.



### TSG

Michael J. Ahlstedt SFS  
Dennis J. Burdick, CES



### SrA

Daniel P. Benedict, Ops.  
Patricia A. Bulman, Med.  
Stella J. Burkey, Maint.  
Cortney A. Orbinatti, Maint.  
Reginald D. Turk, Maint.



### MSgt

Michael H. Swed, Maint.



### SMSgt

George Medina, Maint.



### SSG

Sandra C. Haenisch, Stu. Flt.  
Joseph L. Lovuola, Stu. Flt.



## Reserve Your Seat At The 2004 Dining Out



**Saturday**  
**March 6, 2004**  
**1800 - 2400**

**Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel**  
1717 SW Topeka Blvd.  
Sunflower Room

**Ticket prices**  
Amm \$15.00  
SSgt-TSgt \$20.00  
Senior NCO \$25.00  
Officers \$30.00

**Ticket Point of contacts are:**  
MSGT Bill Gilliland SrA Jacob King  
TSgt Terry Spangler SrA Erin Burden  
SSgt Eric Tincher A1C Justina Call  
SSgt Jorge Arvelo A1C Demorris Glasper  
SSgt Jason Murphy SrA Pete Tavares



## Coyote Cafe Menu

### Saturday February 7

Beef Enchiladas  
Cheese Enchiladas  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Beans  
Corn w/ pimiento  
Steamed Spinach  
Dinner Rolls  
Assorted Bread  
Salad Bar  
Dessert

### Sunday February 8

Teriyaki Beef Tips  
Sweet & Sour Chicken  
Rice  
Snow Peas  
Carrots  
Mixed Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls  
Assorted Bread  
Salad Bar  
Desserts

### Hotel for February

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.

## Parachute Shop

Uniform Patch Sewing  
Bldg. 665 West Side Entrance  
**Business Hours**  
(drop-off or pick-up)  
Tuesday and Thursday  
1400-1600 Hrs.  
UTA Saturday and Sunday  
1400-1600 Hrs.

Thank you in advance: Your  
cooperation / adherence to  
only these hours will be greatly  
appreciated.



## 190th welcomes four new chiefs



Chief  
Money



Chief  
Wadley

Chief  
Wilhelm



Chief  
Blanchard

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