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## 190th member receives YWCA leadership award

**By Staff Sgt Joe Blubaugh**  
*190th Public Affairs*

Senior Airman Tosha Modde considered her nomination for the YWCA Women of Excellence award a tremendous honor. But being one of five women selected to receive the award was more than she could hope for. "It was an such an honor to me," said Modde. "It was wonderful to hear people saying such positive things."

Modde, a traditional guardsman in the Maintenance Squadron as a jet engine mechanic, was one of 49 women who were nominated for this year's awards. In all, only five of the 49 women nominated received the women of excellence award. Modde was recognized in the area of operations. Other categories included entrepreneurs and executives, management, professional and direct services. "I was just thrilled to be sitting among 50 other women who had accomplished so much," said Modde.

In addition to excelling in her male dominated career field, Modde also participates in several other military endeavors. Last year, she served as the camp director for 30 teens at the Kansas National Guard Teen Camp. After last year's inaugural two-day camp, Modde suc-

cessfully lobbied to expand the camp to four days. She also serves on the Youth Advisory Council for the National Guard and volunteers for STARBASE by providing tours of the engine shop and giving presentations to the all girl STARBASE academy called "Amelia's Angels".

In her civilian career, Modde is a special education paraprofessional for the Carbondale Attendance Center where she works with students with mental and behavioral disabilities. She says her job can be frustrating, but it is also very rewarding. "You form a bond with kids that not everybody can do," said Modde. "It is great when the students start to show progress in the areas you have been working on."

Modde also assists in several school programs including student council dances, Veteran's Day assemblies and Kansas Day activities. She is a member of the Carbondale Family Fun Fest committee and a volunteer firefighter and first responder for Carbondale. She hopes to continue her education and eventually become a teacher, specializing in special education.

In spite of her success at such a young age – Modde is only 22 – she



### Women of Excellence

Senior Airman Tosha Modde with 190th Wing Commander Gregg Burden at the YWCA "Women of Excellence" awards banquet. Modde is a traditional jet engine mechanic with the 190th.  
(photo submitted)

says she will be happy with whatever rank she obtains throughout her military career. She plans to remain in the engine shop as she finds her chosen career extremely challenging. "I learn new things everyday," said Modde.

Modde's family has a long history of military experience. Her father and stepmother are both members of the Kansas Army National Guard and her mother worked as a civilian for the military. In addition, both of Modde's grandfathers were members of the military.

# Support our Troops: More than a bumper sticker

**By Col. Dennis Lawlor**

*190<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron Commander*

I don't know about you, but I enjoy reading bumper stickers. When I am driving to work, or stuck in traffic taking my kids to school I really do enjoy checking out people's bumper stickers. Religious themes, Chevy's supremacy over Ford or Dodge, or vice versa, are common.

It seems the most common theme of all this past year is "Support Our Troops." There are many varieties, most with some type of stars and stripes emblazoned on it. To me, the multitude of cars displaying these bumper stickers is a reality check. What I see on television, in the newspaper, and on the internet would make me think there is little positive support for our troops in this country. But I believe the reality is what people, real people driving cars and trucks to school or work, put on their bumpers. These real people wish to publicly display their support for our troops.

I sometimes wonder about the depth of support from these bumper sticker people. Were they prior military? Do they have a son or daughter in the military? Or is it displayed just because it is the popular thing to do? Honestly, I had thought most people with these bumper stickers were just paying some type of lip service.

A friend of mine who works at the same hospital as I do has a "Support our Troops" sticker on his truck. I noticed it one day when we arrived at a similar time one morning in the parking lot. I figured I would ask him about it. I suspected it was a popular thing to do when the combat scenes in Iraq dominated the news. My friend noted he had displayed his bumper sticker for nearly 18 months. I was

wrong about the television news theory. I asked him if he had prior military service suspecting he had not. No, he had no prior military service. Starting to feel like my assumptions were correct, I began to turn away. He asked me if I wanted to know why he had put the bumper sticker on. He had put it on to show his support for his son in the Marines. His son, he notes is now deployed in Iraq, just outside Fallujah. At first he had not thought to put a bumper sticker on. When his daughter joined the Marines shortly after his son, he had felt the need to display his support. Now with his son, daughter and a son-in-law in the Marines he doubts he will ever remove his "Support our Troops" bumper sticker. I was left humbled by his story.

"By the way," he said, "Did I know Bob," another coworker, "has a 'Support our Troops' bumper sticker, too?" Bob had given him his sticker. Now, curiosity aroused, I had to see where Bob's interest in 'Support our Troops' bumper stickers came from. It turns out Bob has no prior service, and has no children. He loves military aviation and has always dreamed of being a pilot but his poor eyesight prevented him from pursuing that dream. I saw his medical clipboard covered on the front and back with squadron stickers from his many military air shows he had attended. Bob said to me, "I know you are in the Air Guard. I wish I could serve, but since I cannot, I wish to let those around me know where I stand on supporting our troops."

We who serve in the Air National Guard have made a commitment to our country that is much more than a bumper sticker. Each day, I see how our troops from the 190<sup>th</sup> distinguish themselves. I am especially



**Col Dennis Lawlor**  
**190<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron**  
**Commander**

impressed with those behind the scenes, the support personnel. Examples abound: crew chiefs and maintenance personnel in Turkey, weather personnel in Yugoslavia, fuel and supply specialists in Baghdad, transportation people in Kuwait and Iraq, firefighters in Baghdad, and security forces all over the world. Recently two of our medical personnel returned from their deployment in Iraq. I am sure there are many other examples I am not mentioning.

The commitment and sacrifice by our fellow guardsmen is recognized by the active duty and reserve troops we work alongside. Sometimes we need to be reminded that this commitment is recognized and appreciated by our fellow countrymen. So at those times you think support for your military service is just lip service, perhaps just a bumper sticker, think again. Like me, you would find that support for our troops runs deep. **Support for our Troops** shows up in surprising ways, if you just look.

# 190th deploys to Turkey; attains Excellent and Outstanding rating

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

Over 200 members of the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during the months of January, February and March 2004.

While deployed, the 190<sup>th</sup> transferred more than 2 million pounds of fuel to a variety of aircraft flying in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to performing the OEF mission, the 190<sup>th</sup> also participated in an Inspector General Inspection, for which the unit received an "outstanding" rating for redeployment operations and an "excellent" rating for the flying and maintenance operations.

"The 190<sup>th</sup> once again operated at the level that has become the standard for our unit," said Col. Gregg Burden, 190<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander. "The results of the inspection are another indicator of our members' job knowledge and pride in the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the Kansas Air National Guard."

Seven KC-135 tankers from the 190<sup>th</sup> participated in the overseas mission replacing an Air National Guard unit from New Jersey. The Alaska Air National Guard replaced the 190<sup>th</sup>



### Fill 'er Up

The 190<sup>th</sup> ARW refuels a C-17 aircraft while deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

(Photo by: Maj John Hutter)

upon its return to Kansas in early March.

## IGX Info

### 2 Lt Johney Edward James

The 190th was saddened to learn of the untimely death of 2Lt Johney Edward James on 28 April 2004. Lt. James had recently returned from the Academy of Military Science where he earned his commission and was awaiting entry into Pilot Training.

Services were held on Saturday, May 1 at the First Baptist Church in Perkins.

Johney was born May 20, 1980, in Abilene, Texas to John Steven and Lauree Ann James.

Johney was a graduate of the Aledo High School class of 1998. He was also a graduate of Oklahoma State University in 2003 majoring in aviation. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Kansas Air National Guard's 190th ARW on April 23, 2004.

He enjoyed planes, cars and Corvettes and his time with Cristiana.

Johney was a member of the First Baptist Church in Aledo and had been attending the Countryside Baptist Church in Stillwater.

The family asks that memorials in Johney's name be made to the OSU Scholarship Fund or for Gideon Bibles.



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

## IGX Tidbits

### MOPP SOCKS

To get those MOPP boots on and off easier, try putting a plastic shopping bag over your leather boots. Then put your bagged boot in the MOPP boot.

### TAPE DOWN

When you put M-9 or Sim M-9 tape on your BDO or CPO, be sure that the sleeves and pant legs are loose. Taping your sleeves and pant legs too tight will cause you to have difficulty removing your jacket or pants.

### BUDDY TABS

When you do put the tape on remember to fold over the edge of the end. This will make it much easier to remove.

Look for more tips in future editions.

# Base supply announces new program for uniform exchange

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

Beginning August 1 there will be a new streamlined way for unit members to be issued most clothing items. Known as VPV (Virtual Prime Vendor), the program is a computer based clothing program designed for use by reserve components – specifically, the Air and the Army National Guard, the Navy reserve and the Marine Corps reserve.

This new system is for all enlisted members of the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. Items will continue to be exchanged on a one for one basis.

This new system will directly affect the way the 190<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron does business. It's an upgrade designed to make things easier for customers and to save them some money, said Capt. Karl Fruendt, Distribution Flight Supervisor, 190<sup>th</sup> LRS.

This program eliminates individual reserve component units from having to maintain extensive stores of clothing and clothing items in all sizes – some of which may never be issued out at all and eliminates the space required to maintain a large supply of on-hand items.

This system also precludes the Department of Defense from having to maintain large warehouses stocked with uniforms. The uniforms will now be stocked by a civilian enterprise known as KYLOC (Kentucky Logistics Operation Center).

KYLOC purchases uniforms directly from the manufacturers and warehouses them in their facility until ordered on-line by a reserve or Guard unit, said Master Sgt. Wendy Mulanax, Warehouse Supervisor, 190<sup>th</sup> LRS.

KYLOC not only ships ordered uniform items to the unit, but they also sew on most of the patches at their facility prior to shipping.

The patches include all rank chevrons on the dress blue jackets, blue shirts and BDUs, said Mulanax. They also include the nametape and the U.S. Air Force tape and the Mobility patch on the BDUs, she said.

KYLOC will not sew on optional patches such as flight wings, jump wings, and AFSC qualification badges, she said.

The dress blue pants will not come hemmed, said Mulanax. "You'll have to get that done on your own," she said.

The 190<sup>th</sup> LRS will maintain one size of each uniform item in stock for

unit members to try on to ensure they have selected the proper size, said Fruendt.

Supply will order the item on line and the system is designed to have the item arrive at our location in seven to 10 days, said Mulanax. The items will be shipped via UPS or Fed-Ex.

It is anticipated that the unit members will eventually be able to electronically bring up request forms through the 190<sup>th</sup> intranet and submit them to supply, but for now – unit members should go to the 190<sup>th</sup> clothing issue shop and fill out paperwork requesting the clothing items.

Supply will process validated requests through the KYLOC web page and the unit member will be notified when the items(s) arrive, said Mulanax.

The National Guard Bureau has stated they want all Guard units participating in this system by October, but our unit is beginning launching the system August 1, said Fruendt. "This is so we will be familiar with the system and the process by the end of the fiscal year," he said.

"Now would be a good time to go through your uniforms and check their fit and insure they are ready," he said. "Everyone should do that once a year," said Fruendt.

## Students Tour 190th

# Students tour 190th Medical Squadron

**By Maj Kevin Remy**  
*190<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight Commander*

Eighteen Highland Park students and teachers visited the 190<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron in April to tour the facility and ask questions about military health professions.

The students are currently enrolled in a Health Careers Class at Highland Park High School.

Chief Master Sgt. Howard Steanson, Tech. Sgt. Sherry Hertlein,

Tech. Sgt. Terry Martin and Tech. Sgt. Denise Montgomery explained their role in the Medical Squadron and why they joined the Air National Guard.

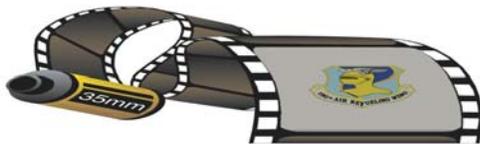
Recruiter Tech. Sgt. Chad Bellquist briefed the enlistment process and shared the numerous benefits that Guardsmen and women receive for their commitment to the State and Nation.



# 190th events caught on film



**WWE Superstars meet the Kansas Coyotes**  
 WWE Wrestlers Matt Hardy (left) and Lita visited the 190th in April. They autographed pictures and toured a 190th KC-135 prior to their performance at the Kansas ExpoCentre.  
 (photo by: Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Gamber)



**A Sweet Taste of America**  
 Krispy Kreme and the 190th teamed up to deliver a sweet taste of home to U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Germany and The Netherlands. The 190th, who was already scheduled for a flight to Germany, transported the 6000 donuts from Forbes to their final destination in Germany - to the delight of over 500 Air Force personnel.  
 (Photo submitted)

## Coyote Comments

### What are your summer vacation plans?



**A1C Ashley Stewart**  
**Medical Squadron**

"I am going to Disney World with my boyfriend and sister. I am also leaving July 6 for 20 weeks of tech school at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas."



**TSgt Matt Small**  
**Electro-Environmental Shop**

"I am taking July 4th week to spend with my son. I will also use the summer to catch up on some house repairs and yard work."



**SMSgt Doug Copeland**  
**AMXS**

"I will be taking a motorcycle trip with my wife and brother-in-law to Knoxville, Tennessee."



**Capt Brad Bray**  
**Staff Chaplain**

"I don't have plans set for the summer yet, but I hope to attend my niece's graduation from the Columbia School of Theatre in Chicago, Illinois."

# Senior Airman Erin Burden



**ORGANIZATION:** Mission Support Flight

**JOB TITLE:** Employment, Readiness & Relocations clerk

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITY:** Initial enlistment and in-processing of new 190th ARW personnel.

**CIVILIAN CAREER:** Student

**EDUCATION:** Junior at Emporia State University

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** 1 year, 5 months (190 MSF)

**GOALS AND AMBITIONS:** Graduate from Emporia State University with a degree in Secondary Education, and teach Theatre in High School. I would also like to

apply for, and receive a commission as an officer with the 190<sup>th</sup>.

**HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES:** I am very involved in the Theatre department at Emporia State - I love all aspects of the theatre. I also work with a Venture Scout Crew - I enjoy the high adventure camping we have the opportunity to do.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Member of the First Five Council's Dining Out Committee.

**MOST MEMORABLE 190TH MOMENT:** I would have to say my enlistment. I was really nervous, but it has turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life.

## FYI



### TSP Open Season: April 15-June 30

The next Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is upon us. The current limit for contributions for 2004 uniformed services accounts is 9 percent.

Members will can complete the enrollment process as well as change contribution amounts on the TSP website at <http://www.tsp.gov>.



### Civil Engineering Readiness Officer Vacancy

The 190th ARW has a Traditional Civil Engineering Readiness Officer vacancy, AFSC 32E3B (Undergraduate academic specialization is mandatory in architecture or civil, electrical, general, environmental, construction, architectural, or mechanical engineering).

If you are interested, submit your package to 190 MSF/DPMA, MSgt. Janet Smith by close of business on 8 August 2004.

Officer Package consists of:

Resume and cover letter, College Transcripts (4-year degree), 3 letters of character reference, AFOQT scores, Record review rip (if currently in military), DD 214 or NGB 22 (if prior service).



### Traditional Chief Master Sgt Vacancy Homeland Security Assistant Joint Force Headquarters

Kansas Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) – Air Component announces the vacancy of an enlisted Traditional Guard Homeland Security Assistant position.

This position is appointed by the Assistant Adjutant General (Air) and is a member of the JFHQ staff.

The role of this position is to work and coordinate with the JFHQ Homeland Security Planner and the Director of Military Support (land component) to develop and implement the preparation and maintenance of contingency plans for natural disasters, domestic emergencies, civil disturbances, state and federal contingency operations.

Mandatory requirements for this position are: Must be SMSgt, must be able to complete all trainings and exercises applicable to homeland security. Prefer applicants have security forces or law enforcement background. All interested/eligible applicants need to submit a resume to your Wing Commander to be forwarded to JFHQ for review and selection. Resumes are due to your wing commander by close of business 18 June 2004. Questions regarding this position should be directed to Major Kim Smith at (785)274-1473

**Promotions**

**SRA**

Dorothy A. Beatty, SFS  
 Alike A. Courtney, Services  
 Jerry S. Holloman, SFS  
 David L. Lacore, SFS  
 Michelle McCormack, CES  
 Benjamin A. Webb, Maint.



**TSG**

Douglas B. Hickman, Comm.  
 Scott C. Tanos, Comm.



**MSG**

Dustin L. Nichols, CES



**SSG**

Josh A. Falk, Maint.  
 Jesse R. Price, Maint.



**2Lt**

Nathaniel L. Berroth, Stu Fit



**Enlistments, Reenlistments, and Retirements**

**Enlistments**

Senior Master Sgt. James M. Nudd  
 Tech Sgt. John P. Ryan  
 Tech Sgt. Von R. Burns  
 Staff Sgt. Todd R. Smith  
 Staff Sgt. Gabriel Calvillo  
 Staff Sgt. Leslie R. Perez  
 SrA Bradley R. Shafer

SrA Zachary T. Washington  
 A1C Andrew J. Lee  
 A1C John C. Steinert  
 A1C Keri L. Christian  
 A1C Ryan M. Hand  
 A1C Jesika K. Osburn  
 A1C Tru D. Knudsen

**Retirements**

Lt Col Ronald J. Palmer

**Blast From the Past!**

From the 190th history books...

This photo was taken during the planning stages for what would eventually become the 117th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station.



POSSIBLE LOCATION of 117th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron buildings at HNAS is pointed out by Maj. Gen. Joe Nickel, Kansas Adjutant general, who conferred with HNAS officers on Kansas Air National Guard facilities. At right is Capt. George B. Chafee, HNAS commanding officer. At left is Major Carl L. Boggs, CO of the 117th, and Col. Edward R. Fry, KANG air chief of staff. Locating KANG at the air station hinges on joint-usage agreement.

**Coyote Cafe Menu**

**Saturday June 5**

Salad Bar  
 Chicken Fried Steak  
 Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
 Glazed Baby Carrots  
 Texas Toast  
 Apple and Cherry Crisp  
 Iced Tea

**Sunday June 6**

Tossed Salad with Dressing  
 Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole  
 Italian Style Green Beans  
 Bread Sticks  
 Brownies  
 Iced Tea

**Hotel for June**

Ameri Suites

**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.

**Wing Commander's Call**

There will be a Wing Commander's Call on Saturday, June 5 at 0800 in hanger 662.

**Family Readiness Events**

**Family Readiness Dance**

**June 5:**

7:00pm - 11:00pm  
 Vinewood Roadhouse

**Operation KUDOS**

**July 10:**

2:00pm - 4:00pm  
 Coyote Cafe

Contact Tonya VanSickle at (785) 861-4940 for more information.

**B-Gate Open on UTAs**

On UTA weekend's, Security Forces will open B-Gate from 0630 to 0730 hrs. If you work in or south of building 662, please use B-Gate. This will help alleviate congestion at the main gate.



**Parachute Shop  
 Uniform Patch Sewing**

Bldg. 665 ~ West Side Entrance

Business Hours: UTAs:  
 1400-1600 Hrs. Tuesday and Thursday  
 1400-1600 Hrs.



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