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Photo by Senior Airman Caroline Hayworth

Molly and Jack Starrett enjoy their snow cones as they watch the family day festivities at Will Rogers Air National Guard base Sept. 11.

Another fun family day held at Will Rogers

By Senior Airman Patricia Baker
137 ARW/ Public Affairs

Over 1,400 Airmen, Soldiers, and their families attended family day at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Sept. 11.

Jennifer Lain, the base Airman and family readiness program manager, said that family day was held at a great time this year because of the recent unit compliance inspections held on base. She said it offers a great way for troops and their families to relax and re-energize.

“It’s nice to have a day to come see what the guys do,

to know what they mean when they say this or that,” said Ashley Murphy, the wife of Tech. Sgt. Jeremeh Murphy, an Airman for the 137th Air Refueling Wing.

“It’s an excellent opportunity for families to get together,” said Airman 1st Class Susanna Hayworth, a command-post controller for 137 ARW, “my mom loves to come out here.”

“It’s nice to see people you don’t see for a year or so,” said Lisa Dudzinski, the mother of Staff Sgt. Michael Dudzinski, an 137th Maintenance Wing aircraft mechanic.

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The “OUTSTANDING” came Monday morning!



By Col. Lloyd Coker,
137th Maintenance Group
Commander

As you know, we just completed an incredible summer. Your 137th Maintenance was tested with a combined Logistics Compliance Assessment Program with our 507 MXG partners in late July.

The LCAP provides the unit an objective evaluation of how key logistical processes are performed. The hard work and dedication over the past two and a half years produced a final grade of “Outstanding.”

Scores were unparalleled by the numbers. MXG = 97 percent, AMXS = 97 percent, MOF = 96 percent and MXS led the pack with an incredible 99 percent!! Overall 137th Air Refueling Wing score was a well earned 96.5%. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Group to thank the entire Wing for all the support and encouragement leading up to that inspection.

After a major evaluation that calls to task the very core of your metal, it is easy to become a bit complacent the morning after. Especially when the hard work and many

hours spent focused on the event results in success.

That being said, I have got to share with you what I saw as the most “Outstanding” results from July. It was not so much the score itself but the Monday morning that followed. The celebratory “spike the ball” in the end zone action and or language by the Group was nowhere to be found. In fact, the ball was never relinquished and the Group “pressed on” with its usual confidence for the business at hand, which of course for maintenance is aircraft readiness.

The Maintenance Group function ensures aircraft are safe, serviceable and properly configured to meet the 137 ARW flying mission. Everyone in the MXG has a vital role to play in that mission success and it was the professional attitude by the members that shined through not just for a team of inspectors but for the mission that followed the morning after.

I have got to say the challenges just keep on coming as we head forward to the next chapter as a Wing. Someone mentioned there is an ORI on final.

Air warriors that we are, let us challenge each other with a “BRING IT” attitude.

After the UCI, HSI, ASEV, and that sleeve rolling LCAP, we have once again proven the 137th is not afraid of hard work.

I am thankful, humbled and very proud to be a member of the 137 ARW. I also thank each of YOU for the dedicated service you and your family provides this great state and country.

Congratulations to these “Outstanding Performers” for their contributions to the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspections: From 137th Maintenance Group here, Master Sgt. Henry Willie, Master Sgt. Sergio Factuar, Tech. Sgt. Mike Hill, Tech. Sgt. William Smith, Tech. Sgt. Robert Ahern, Tech. Sgt. Robert Harding, Staff Sgt. James Axcell.

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Master Sergeant Ryan Porter



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Unit/Position...137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Superintendent A-6 (NCOIC of Communications)

In the Air Guard...16 years

Job Duties...The duties associated with my position are very diverse. As a 3D173, my career field is designated as spectrum operations. In a deployed setting, I and two to five other personnel would join a user service such as an Army Combat Surgical Hospital and provide a medical link to Air Force medical and airlift assets. I would ensure this group has communications capability both on base and worldwide in order to coordinate with unit across the globe. I would also assist the Medical Service Corp Officer with administrative functions and the medical flight crews with transportation, loading and unloading of their equipment and patients onto the aircraft.

My primary responsibility in garrison is to provide resources for training and operations to the other members in the communications section and insure their training is appropriate and documented.

Career goals...I want to have the greatest impact on the largest number of people possible. Whether that is through development training, mentoring, or doing my job, I just want to know that I am doing the best job I can. I also want to know that the Air Force is better for my participation, and I gave to it instead of only taking away. If additional

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



promotions or recognition come with that, then I will appreciate and take serious the responsibility that comes with those. I just appreciate the ability and opportunity to serve and give back to a state and country that have given me so much.

Hobbies...My children are my number one hobby. We enjoy riding our bikes, being outside and finding new activities to keep us busy. When I have additional time, I like to work around the house making home improvements or doing the occasional woodworking project.

Advice to new Airmen...“Service Before Self” is a complex value that once understood will allow you to go as far as you desire. It is a value of putting the needs of the Air Force before your own desires of self promotion. When you realize that everyone is a single part of a much larger machine, and your job is essential to that machine operating efficiently and effectively, then your purpose as an airman will begin to take shape. All of us have the potential to impact the Air Force and others in a significant way, but we have to take advantage of our talents and abilities. Furthermore, take your career into your own hands. Set goals for yourself and find ways to accomplish them. Seek advice and consultation from mentors or others that you trust.

Finally, remember that “Service Before Self” is not the same as service before all else. Keep your priorities in line. Remember to serve and take care of your family. Never compromise your values, and take care of those who serve with you.

One of your most rewarding experiences while serving in the Air Guard...My life has been impacted by so many amazing people and experiences. I enjoy it when someone expresses how they took away something from one of the enlisted development programs, and it is rewarding when I see the other members of my section really enjoying their training and time at drill.

Most of all, it has been the lives I have been able to assist in evacuating throughout the years. I have helped evacuate civilians during domestic disaster (hurricanes), and I have helped evacuate my fellow “brothers in arms” during times of war. I have focused my career on service, and it is rewarding to know that I have had an impact in other’s lives.

Family day energiz

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“I think it’s fun for everybody to get out without the stress of a normal drill schedule,” said Col. Glen Baker, the base vice commander. “They can reconnect with some of their guard families that they may not get to see regularly.”

Cristin Hartman, the wife of Tech. Sgt. Kris Hartman, said that family day provided a chance for her family to “see what Dad does” and meet the people that he talks about during the month.

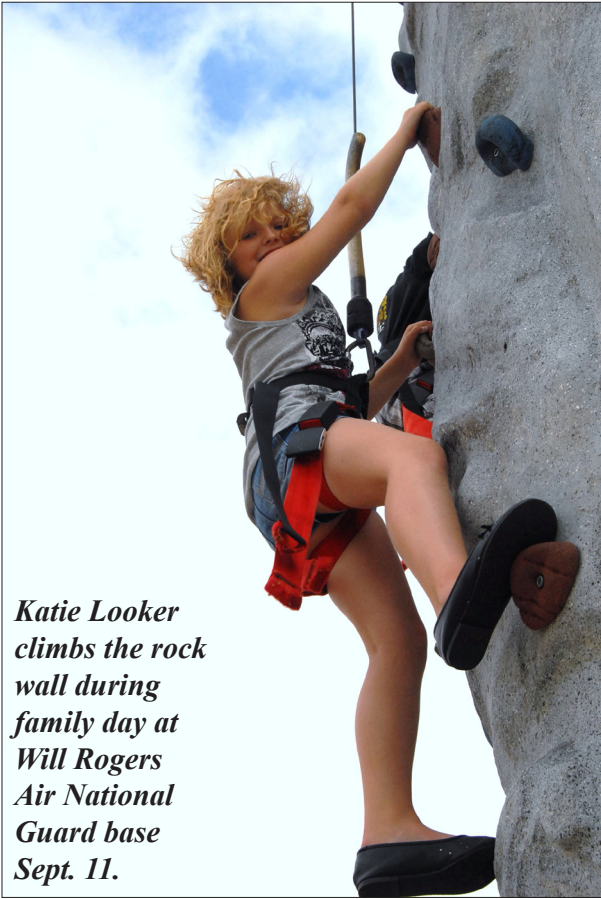
Husbands and wives of service members had the opportunity to ride on a “spouse flight” on a KC-135 during family day.

“I loved it!” said Dudzinski’s wife, Whitney.

The spouse flight flew to eastern Kansas and conducted a mid-air refuel with an F-16 aircraft from the 138th Fighter Wing based in Tulsa, Okla. before heading back to Will Rogers.

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Katie Looker climbs the rock wall during family day at Will Rogers Air National Guard base Sept. 11.

Photo by Senior Airman Caroline Hayworth

Hunter Young tries his hand at flying one of the helicopters on display during family day.



Photo by Senior Airman Caroline Hayworth

Contestants of the wiener dog race release their pups. Eight dachshunds ran the race this year, and with “flash” were a force to be reckoned with. The top three winners were: first place was Master Sgt. Tracey, second was Lt. Col. Laurence Scharff with “Woody,” and third was Airman 1st Class Nicole Buckner.



izes Will Rogers

s and helicopters
 ble for families to climb in, look at, and take
 s with. Among these was the F-16 aircraft and
 f the base’s own KC-135 refuelers.
 haven’t done anything but look at the air-
 s!” said Cash Perry, one of the children who
 led the event.
 brisket lunch was provided, volleyball matches
 held and eight contestants competed in the third
 l wiener dog races.
 her activities included a rock-climbing wall,
 bounces, cake walks, a youth baton-twirling
 rmance, arts and crafts and face painting. Adults
 ildren alike enjoyed popcorn, cotton candy,
 cones, watermelon and deserts throughout the
 ents and activities of family day were held at
 s locations around base including the flight line
 e base main hanger.

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 names like “the rocket” and
 hree winners received a Petsmart
 Hogan with “Walt”, finishing
 y ‘Flash’ Johnson”, and finishing



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Lauren Elders (right) and Alexa Elders (left), participants in this year’s family day festivities, prepare their pooch “Atticus” for the third annual family day wiener dog race Sept. 11 at the base civil engineering building. In addition to the race, other family day festivities included seven static displays of various aircraft, a rock-climbing wall, moon bounces, cake walks, snow cones, a brisket lunch and more.

Darwin “Scott” Throckmorton, one of over 1,400 people who participated in the day’s festivities, enjoys his cotton candy during family day held on base Sept. 11.

Devin McCloud sits with his dad, Tech. Sgt. James Peters, in the back seat of one of the seven airplanes and helicopters displayed on base.



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Personnel Updates

Newcomers:

Airman 1st Class Jessica Burnett
 Airman 1st Class Rachel Gibson
 Airman 1st Class James Irwin
 Airman 1st Class Rian Keylon
 Airman 1st Class Rebecca Long
 Airman 1st Class Candice McKnight
 Airman 1st Class Courtney Powell
 Airman 1st Class Sylvia Trillo
 Airman 1st Class Matthew Uceio
 Senior Airman Blake Hunt
 Senior Airman Chance McGuinness
 Staff Sgt. Anthony Rice
 Staff Sgt. Ryan Siegfried
 Tech. Sgt. Joshua Thomas

Promotions:

Senior Airman David Dunn
 Senior Airman Nathan Kliever
 Senior Airman Briana Perry
 Senior Airman Bryan Sanders
 Senior Airman Jared Tooley
 Staff Sgt. Madison Hamrick
 Staff Sgt. Tommy Olds
 Staff Sgt. Karen Perkins
 Staff Sgt. Michael Rigsby
 Staff Sgt. Matthew Turner
 Staff Sgt. Timothy Woelk
 Tech. Sgt. Jerry Bolster
 Tech. Sgt. Matthew Burnett
 Tech. Sgt. Shauna Ford
 Tech. Sgt. Dasha Johnson
 Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Murphy
 Tech. Sgt. Jason Norman
 Tech. Sgt. John Whang
 Tech. Sgt. Sara Willhight
 Master Sgt. Vanessa Davis
 Master Sgt. Nathan Watson

Retirements:

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Guthrie
 Tech. Sgt. Jon Hogan
 Master Sgt. Robert Templeton
 Senior Master Sgt. John Dallarosa
 Capt. Robert Ratcliff

October Menu

Saturday:

Pork loin, baked stuffed fish, potatoes, salad bar, dessert

Sunday:

Meatloaf, teryaki chicken, mashed potatoes, salad bar, dessert

2010 Drill Dates

October	2-3
November	6-7
December	11-12

Christian Worship Services

Wing Conference Room,

10 a.m.

Saturday:
Catholic Mass

Sunday:
Protestant Worship

Help after assault

If you have been sexually assaulted, you have a choice in reporting the offense. Whether it's a restricted or unrestricted report, contact your SARC, Maj. Liz Kettler: 686-5564 or 517-9400 or the 24-hour hotline at 686-5561. You have a choice and can get the help you need.

Oklahoma National Guard Family Programs Office's internet talk show: Blog: On Guard in Oklahoma

Tracy Poindexter (Army National Guard) and Jennifer Lain (Air National Guard) have joined forces to bring you live internet shows featuring guests, information and resources you can use. Call-in, chat or subscribe to their podcast through www.blogtalkradio.com/ogok.

Volunteer Opportunities

Nationwide honor flights recognize veterans of World War II and take them to Washington, D.C., to see the war memorials.

The next flight is Oct. 12 and YOU can be a part by escorting the war heros to and from the plane. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Rosebrook at (405) 686-5174.

What can you do that makes a difference in your life today, in your office tomorrow, in your community in the future?

Become a mentor/mentee through the 137 ARW Mentorship program. Contact Senior Master Sgt. James Ergenbright at (405) 686-5719 or James.Ergenbright@ang.af.mil.



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The greatest asset the Air Force has is its people



By Master Sgt. David Morris,
137th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron First Sergeant

While I have only been in the office of a First Sergeant for a few months, it's become clear to me that many Airmen don't clearly understand the role of a First Sergeant. I remember seeing someone come out of my predecessors office and think, "I wonder what they do?" Many believe all we do is Family Care plans, drink coffee, and follow the commander around. But after finishing the First Sergeants Academy in February, the role and office of the First Sergeant has taken on new meaning to me.

Who we are: First Sergeants are made up of individuals who see the needs of Airmen as a priority of the Air Force. The greatest asset the Air Force has is people; many times the greatest asset to those individuals is the First Sergeant. When a crisis happens in an Airman's life it usually is the Shirt who assists during that time of need. Helping those who are in need is part of our job. We are Airmen. We know what it means to have someone help carry the burden of an unfortunate event.

What we do: Many drills are made up of meetings with individuals, First Sergeants Council, supervisors, support staff and our Commanders. Writing letters to family members about a family care plan and seeing troops off on a deployment is part of the job. Taking the time to recognize an

Airman's effort to exceed the standard is always good for morale. Being a sound board for the commander to make a difficult decision, which will affect the entire squadron is a necessary event.

Why we do it: It all relates back to the people. Seeing an Airman succeed means the mission succeeds. If the Shirt makes a difference in the lives of a few, it means the lives of many are exponentially changed. The Shirt is embedded with the foundation that people are why we do what we do. We must be there to ensure there is no one left behind due to misfortune. 2nd Lt Randy Starnes, Maintenance Operations Flight commander, recently stated to me that First Sergeants make the difference in a successful TDY and one in which we survived. At one time or another we may have all had to see the First Sergeant; good or bad, they were there for us.

Who we serve: Our nation's heroes, you who have served days months years and decades. I am proud to serve those who have dedicated their time and efforts to this great country.

In the words of General Baron Von Steuben "...intimately acquainted with the character of every soldier in the company and should take great pains to impress upon their minds the indispensable necessity of the strictest obedience as the foundation of order and regularity."

This foundation had been set early in my career and has taken precedence in every aspect of my time in the Air Force. After 19 honorable years of service, I have accepted the position of First Sergeant for the 137th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard. I signed a commitment for three years to this position and I have made a commitment to the "People" of my unit. "People" are the reason I have decided to become an Air Force First Sergeant.



This month in Air National Guard History...

Much as it did a quarter century before, the United States immediately demobilized its' armed forces after World War II. Based on the Army Air Force's wartime achievements and future potential, however, the U.S. Air Force won its independence as a full partner with the Army and the

Navy on September 18, 1947. Stuart Symington became the first Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, its first Chief of Staff. Within a month, on October 14, 1947, test pilot Chuck Yeager flew the Bell XS-1 past the speed of sound, launching the new Air Force into the supersonic era.



The 205th Engineering Installation Squadron honors the retirement of (pictured right to left) Tech. Sgt. John Hogan, Master Sgt. Robert Templeton, Master Sgt. Mark Banner and SMSgt. Milford Camp, over the September UTA here at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base. Together, the four Airmen leave with more than 100 years of combined service and expertise.



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Air Force Core Values
Integrity First
Service Before Self
Excellence In All We Do

WILL ROGERS MISSION STATEMENT
“To enhance global reach by serving our nation, state and community through the unique capabilities of the 137th Air Refueling Wing, the 205th Engineering Installation Squadron, and the 146th Air Support Operations Squadron.”

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