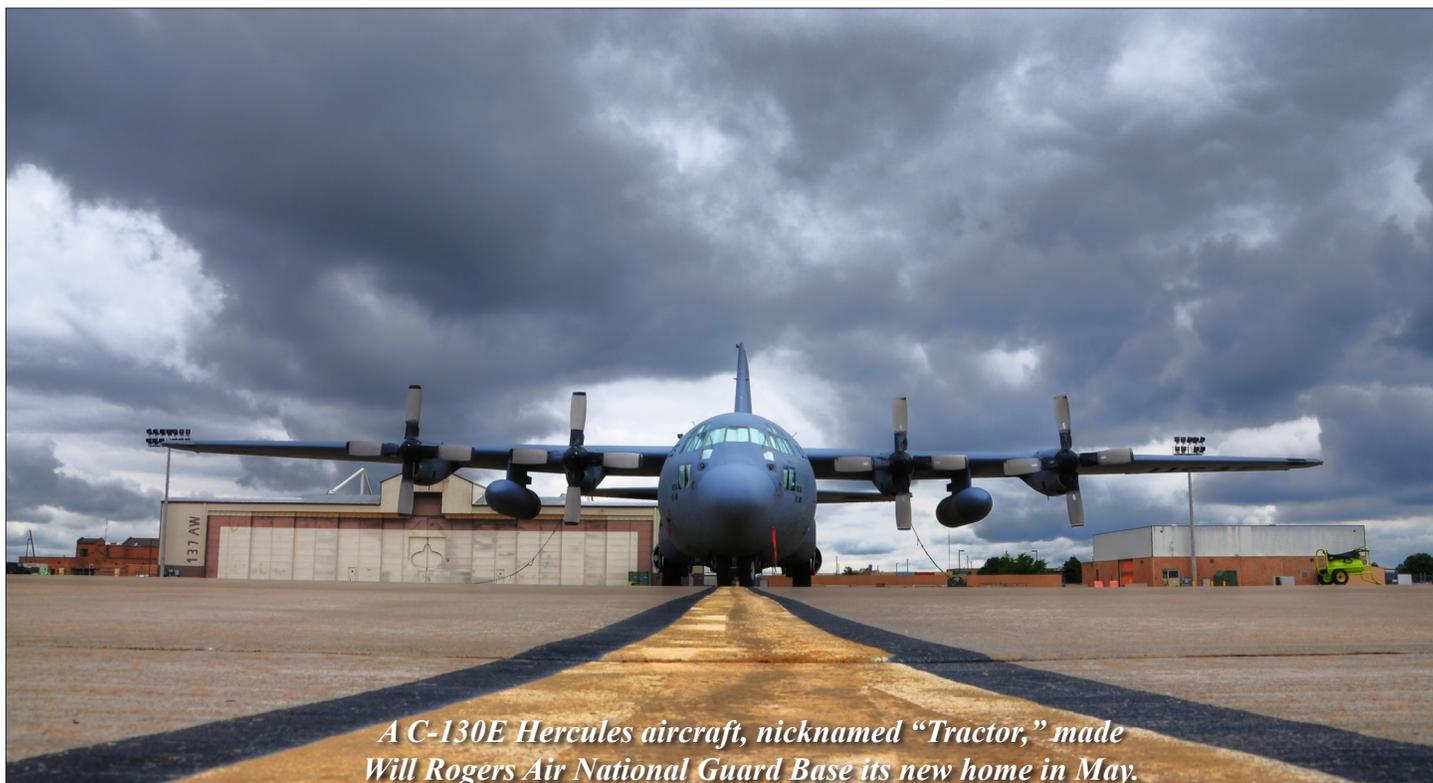


SOONER AIRLIFTER

July 2011



A C-130E Hercules aircraft, nicknamed "Tractor," made Will Rogers Air National Guard Base its new home in May.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Caroline Hayworth

Hercules finds new home at Will Rogers

**By Master Sgt. Jeff Wilkinson
137 Maintenance Group**

A C-130E Hercules aircraft, nicknamed "Tractor," has found a home at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base.

The C-130, tail number 62-1834, has a distinguished service record and has had several homes in her career before retiring at WRANGB.

"Tractor" entered the US Air Force in May 1963. Aircraft records are not available for her until 1973, but firsthand accounts place her at

Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam, in 1971 as part of Det. 1, 776 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 314 Tactical Airlift Wing. The 314th was based at Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan.

In 1973 she was assigned to the 374 TAW at Clark AFB, Philippines, and in October 1975, she was reassigned to the 909 CAMS, Air Force Reserves, at Andrews Air Force Base. This move closely coincided with the arrival of the first C-130As at Will Rogers.

In May 1986, "Tractor" was transferred to the 934 TAW, AFRC, at Minneapolis-St. Paul. During her time at the 934th, she participated in Operation Provide Promise, Coronet Oak, Operations Southern Watch and various others.

While on the ground unloading supplies in Bosnia, her left aileron was hit by flying debris during a mortar attack. In April, 1997, "Tractor" appeared to be at the end of her flying career when she was

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Impact of Air Force enlisted force structure



**By Command Chief
Master Sgt. Pam
Geberth**

What is the purpose of the Enlisted Force Structure?

It provides the building blocks for success, a stable career structure, professional growth, responsibilities by rank and enables mission accomplishment.

It provides a wealth of information used to guide you through your career, a tool for officers and enlisted to guide and mentor subordinates, and serves as a baseline for all members to follow.

The enlisted structure can and does impact our mission. Without it there is no foundation for good order and discipline. It establishes the rules of enlisted hierarchy and clearly defines roles for each tier, in addition to establishing the rank structure and their responsibilities.

We all have roles and responsibilities. Knowing what they are and what is expected of us is one part of mission accomplishment.

There are three enlisted force structure tiers: Junior Enlisted Airman, the Noncommissioned Officer, and the Senior Noncommissioned Officer.

Airmen are the backbone of the work force. They accept and execute all duties, instructions and lawful orders in a timely manner, place duties and responsi-

bilities above personal gains and desires. Airmen have an awesome responsibility: your superiors rely heavily on your performance, so does our nation.

NCO's are the frontline supervisors and are highly trained technicians in their skill set. They maintain a high degree of proficiency, recognize and reward outstanding performance, resolve personnel problems, develop and cultivate leadership skills and professional development.

SNCO's are the managers of anything and everything. They are responsible for developing future leaders and they establish and maintain rapport and open lines of communication.

They take the lead in wing and community involvement, in achieving, maintaining and enforcing personal appearance standards and foster a climate for good order and discipline.

Each tier has their own responsibilities and yet you'll see personal readiness, education and involvement are a couple of common themes.

Personal readiness is not just being physically fit to meet the Air Force fitness standards, it also includes your technical, mental and spiritual readiness.

Personal and professional education contributes to a lifetime of knowledge, to include being awarded a Community College of the Air Force Associates Degree in your career field.

Involvement includes joining and participating in professional organizations (base councils, NGAOK, EANGUS, NGAUS, AFSA, etc) and community events through volunteerism.

Be proud of the stripes you wear or the rank on your shoulders, and be proud to be a member in the best Air Force the world has ever known!

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Personnel Updates

Newcomers:

Airman 1st Class Phillip Cabe
 Airman 1st Class Ethan Patton
 Airman 1st Class Hung Nguyen
 Airman 1st Class Bronson Taylor
 Senior Airman Megan Baumgartner
 Senior Airman Greg Childers
 Senior Airman Breanna Mack
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 Staff Sgt. Daniel Griswold
 Staff Sgt. Marshall Stafford
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 Senior Airman Misti Cassels
 Senior Airman Megan Dedmon
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 Staff Sgt. Aaron Pittman
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 Tech. Sgt. Julie Peinado
 Master Sgt. John Mills
 1st Lt. Samuel Lingle
 Capt. Rachel Flint

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 Master Sgt. Geoffrey Egert
 Master Sgt. Edward Pulver
 Senior Master Sgt. Michelle Spacek
 Chief Master Sgt. Danny Gothard
 Brig. Gen. James McCormack

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2011 Drill Dates

July	9-10
August	6-7
September	10-11
October	1-2
November	5-6
December	10-11

Menu

Saturday:

Box lunch with sandwich, chips and cookie

Sunday:

Box lunch with sandwich, chips and cookie

Traditional Job Opening

Paralegal job open to Senior Airmen and Staff Sergeants only. ASVAB scores must be made readily available, and contact will need to be made by Aug. 6, by close of business.

Interviews are slated for September drill in the JAG office, building 1040, room 118. Contact Tech. Sgt. Kathryn Hannafon at khannafon@gmail.com if interested.

Pilot Training Interviews

The 185th Air Refueling Squadron here is slated to conduct an undergraduate pilot training board during September drill. The interview packet deadline is July 31. Please contact Maj. Justin Walker at 686-5562 for more information.

Numbers to know...

(Area code 405)

Emergencies: 911, then 686-5117
ID card appointments: 686-5212
Medical appointments: 686-5245
Help desk: 686-5000
Security forces: 686-5301
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Hotline: 686-5564 or 550-2971
Mishap reporting: 686-5555
Chaplain's office: 686-5145
Base information line: 686-5UTA

SAPR information... If you have been a victim of a sexual assault contact the SAPR hotline 24/7 at 550-2971.

If you want an investigation, your case will be unrestricted which means command is notified and an investigation will be initiated.

You are also entitled to make a restricted or confidential report about the sexual assault. The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim's Advocate, Health Care Provider or a Chaplain can all help you confidentially.

Talk to your SARC, Maj. Liz Kettler, (405) 686-5271, for more information.

EANGUS

40th Annual Conference

August 14-17

Charleston, West Virginia.

NGAUS

133rd General Conference

August 27-29 in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin. For information and

details please contact Belva Hahn at (405) 475-2152.

Join us at the NGAOK family picnic Saturday, July 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Regional Training Institute in Oklahoma City. There will be family fun and games for all ages.



Photo by Master Sgt. Rob Thompson

Brig. Gen. McCormack retires after 35 years of service

Brig. Gen. James McCormack (left) celebrated his retirement here in April, joined by Adjutant General of Oklahoma Maj. Gen. Myles L. Deering. General McCormack has served the Oklahoma Air National Guard for 35 years. He has served as a copilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, flight examiner, chief of standardization and evaluation, squadron operations officer, squadron commander, operations group commander, air wing vice commander, air wing commander and his final assignment, Assistant Adjutant General, Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Emergency data update is annual requirement

**By Maj. Rick Mutchler
137 FSS Commander**

The 137 Air Refueling Wing is kicking off a base wide campaign in which ALL members will be required to update their emergency data before 31 Dec 2011 and starting not before 1 July 2011.

This is an annual requirement for validation and is critical information for members and their families in the case of an emergency. FSS will be providing Commanders and First Sergeants progress reports until 100% completion is satisfied.

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data satisfies the requirement of the

DD Form 93 and is the official source document required by law for you to provide the Air Force with emergency contact information in the event you become a casualty. It also designates beneficiaries for certain benefits in the event of your death.

It is your responsibility to keep this information current, and completion of this program is mandatory. If any of the information changes, the vRED should be updated as soon as possible to ensure timely next of kin notifications.

This does NOT affect your SGLI beneficiary designation. To change your insurance you must visit your

military personnel section Customer Service Unit.

It only takes a few minutes to complete.

- Log on to Portal
- Click on the vMPF (left side)
- In vMPF, click on "Record of Emergency Data"
- Read statements and select "Next Page"
- Validate/Edit information, also ensure you have a PADD assigned.
- Click "Submit" (Don't skip this!)
- Click on OK to acknowledge the update

Remember, this must be completed prior to 31 Dec 2011.

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transferred to the 374 AW at Yakota Air Base, Japan, and redesignated as a GC-130E for use as a ground trainer. In Sept. 1997, she was once again designated a C-130E and returned to flying status with the 374th at Yakota. In 2009, she was transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base.

She was now showing her age with flight restrictions due to wing fatigue, but she was still able to make at least one deployment to the Middle East. She ended her

flying career with 28,417 hours and 9,437 landings.

So, why the nickname "Tractor?" While at Minneapolis, her crewchief was a farmer who likened her toughness and reliability to his tractor at home.

The name stuck in Peru where she landed in a field to deliver humanitarian supplies. The field was 8-in deep mud, but she was able to "plow" through the mess.

Now, once again she is slated to be used as a ground trainer.



Airman assigned to WRANGB prepare for physical fitness training at the base track May 13, 2010. A new guard fitness club is now looking for members wanting to improve their fitness.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Caroline Hayworth

Fit to fight: new guard fitness club

Staff Sgt. Lindsay Roe
137 ARW Public Affairs

Whether you are in need of help with your running regime or just looking for camaraderie, the Guard Fitness Club is just what you need!

The free club can 1) Help you meet people and make friends 2) Help you stay motivated in exercise and training 3) Give you the opportunity to learn and share new things about fitness and health 4) Help you discover new running routes and 5) Help you train for a specific goal such as a race or increasing speed and distance.

Fitness Club Purpose and Vision: To allow guardsmen of all endurance levels, paces, distances and months or years of fitness experience to run together in a casual, non-competitive atmosphere and to get to know each other through a variety of social activities.

Meetings are Saturday at 8:00 am at varied locations each week. There will be a distance for every fitness level. Check for details on Facebook: Guard Fitness Club. Contact Lee Kastor at cubswin2@cox.net or (405) 609-7943 for further information.

Did you know... delicious base dining info

By 1st Lt. Paul Blankenship
137 ARW Force Support Squadron

Did you know that the quality of food served during drill weekend is participation based?

Yep, that is what I said; the amount of people that eat on UTA weekend has a direct correlation to the quality of food that will be served.

The 137 FSS/FSV Food Ser-

vices Team prepares approximately 9,600 meals per year. That is about 800 meals each UTA weekend or 400 meals Saturday and Sunday respectively and that equates to about six thousand dollars per year in substance allowance.

Consider this, LESS people eating in the dining facility could equal hamburgers and pasta but MORE people eating could equal steak and seafood. Get it?

This hard working team arrives at base early each UTA morning in order to begin preparing all the meals for the troops on base. They even donate most of the unconsumed food to the Grace Rescue Mission.

So why not show your support by eating in the dining facility on UTA weekend? Besides where else can you eat for free? I will see you there.

Data breaches: how to avoid them

Compiled by:

Lt. Col. Tracey Hale

137 OGI/ Intelligence

Major data breaches occur all the time. Most of them don't get much publicity. Given the nature of the world we live in, it is impossible to fully protect yourself from the threat of cyber attack. However, there are a few steps you can take to lower your risk.

1. Get out of marketing data bases. They all allow you to opt out; you may just have to take a few minutes to figure out how. Sometimes these links can be hard to find, a good place to start your search is in the broker's Privacy Policy, usually shown in small print at the bottom of the page.

2. Unsubscribe from every commercial e-mail list you're on. If you opt out at the source, your name should be removed from the large, pooled data bases.

3. Stop most direct mail. The Direct Mail Association provides a website, letting you opt out of various types of promotional mail from its members. The opt-out lasts for five years. After that, you will have to go through the process.

4. Stop your bank from sharing your name. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you can tell your bank not to give your name to any of its affiliates for marketing purposes, as well as to outside marketing firms. You have to give notice in writing, citing your rights under FCRA. Ask for a written acknowledgment that you've been taken off the list.

5. Stop sharing personal information on your Facebook, LinkedIn or MySpace pages with the general public. Share only what you wouldn't mind seeing in a database and leave off banking identifiers. Birthdays, birthplaces, home addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are all items which could be exploited and used maliciously in the hands of the wrong person.

6. Stop phone calls from telemarketers by signing up with the National Do Not Call registry. Since 2008, you are able to block them permanently.

7. Opt out of credit card offers. You can stop receiving them by signing up with the OptOutPreScreen, which is run by the consumer credit reporting industry.

8. Don't be fooled. Never open an email telling you that you've won something, that you have an unclaimed package, or that there's a problem with your tax return or bank account. Just by opening it, you might introduce malware onto your computer, which searches for passwords to financial accounts.

Anyone with banking, retail, email, college or credit relationships will have their data stored somewhere and depending on the institution; there might not be sufficient cyber security measures in place to keep it safe.

Taking a few small steps to better secure your information is far better than not taking any. After all, no one cares about your security like you do.

Please visit moneywatch.bnet.com for further details and information.

This month in Air National Guard History...

Maj. Gen. Verna Fairchild has accomplished several firsts in Air Force and Air National Guard history.

She was the first member of the Nursing Corps to become a commander of an Air National Guard Tactical Hospital in June 1986.

In June of 1990 she became the first ANG assistant for nursing to the surgeon general of the Air Combat Command.

On Oct. 16, 1993, she became the first nurse and the first female to be appointed as assistant adjutant general for air in ANG history.

The general was also the first female appointed as an ANG representative to the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

Please visit http://kynghistory.ky.gov/people/registry/def/fairchild_verna_d.hth for more details.



Every period of life has its challenges



By Ch, Lt. Col. Timothy Fuller, 137 ARW

Living in this modern world can be described in many ways. But no description is probably more accurate than to simply say it tires us out. It wears us down. Life isn't easy for anyone.

The truth is that every period of life, whether young or old, has its own special challenges. But they all have at least one thing in common, none of them is easy. In our youth we may have thought some day we would get all of the difficult things behind us.

Out there somewhere, we would top a hill or turn a corner, and suddenly all of our problems would be solved. Then, like the people in fairy tales, we would "live happily every after." But some of us have now lived long enough to realize that is never going to happen.

We solve one problem, and another is standing there, waiting to take its place. And many of our problems, we haven't solved at all. At best, we've simply learned to live with them. It's easy to think of this struggle as if it were peculiar to our own time and place. But in truth, it has always been a part of the human experience.

Life has always been heavy and hard to carry. So how can we deal with it in a positive way? In the Christian scriptures, there is a saying, "Do not worry about tomorrow, let tomorrow take care of itself."

Think about that. That is great common sense. In other words, divide life's burdens into manageable parts. Don't try to carry the entire load all at once.

Even the heaviest of burdens can be moved from one place to another if it is moved one small piece at a time. What wears people out is when they add tomorrow's troubles to today's troubles, and then try to carry the entire load all at once.

No one in the world is strong enough to do that for very long. And the good news is that none of us needs to do that. The burdens of life can be disassembled and divided into smaller, more manageable parts. Whatever challenges might be in store for us today, my guess is we can handle them.

Whatever challenges tomorrow might bring, my guess is we can handle those, too. But when we put the two together, we create a burden that no human being was ever intended to carry.

But also remember we don't need to handle life's burdens alone. We all need someone we can talk to, someone we can share the secret anxieties that weigh on our hearts.

That someone might be a counselor, a chaplain, or maybe a wise and trusted friend. Everyone needs some other person who is an able and willing listener. Because one of the most foolish things we can ever do is persuade ourselves that somehow it is noble for us to bear our burdens alone.

Life is meant to be shared, not only with people but also with God. This is the true significance of prayer. It's not begging God to give us things. It is giving ourselves to God, and allowing God to give himself to us. It is a mutual sharing. We give our weakness to him, and he gives his strength to us. When we allow God to strengthen us, we will then find no anxiety, no burden is impossible for us to carry.



Worship Services

Catholic mass

Scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday of drill in the wing conference room.

Protestant worship

Scheduled for 10:00 am on Sunday of drill in the wing conference room.

Sun: Protestant worship Wing conference room, 10 a.m.



Photo by Master Sgt. Rob Thompson

From left to right, Oklahoma Congressman Daniel D. Boren, Oklahoma University president David L. Boren, and Adjutant General of Oklahoma Maj. Gen. Myles L. Deering. President Boren was presented the Oklahoma Medal of Freedom during the business meeting of the 59th NGAOK Military Ball, held in Tulsa, Okla. on April 29.

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Integrity First
 Service Before Self
 Excellence In All We Do

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