

WRANGB honors fallen soldier and family



Photo by Staff Sgt. Caroline Hayworth

Members of the Will Rogers Air National Guard here render salutes during the processional of 2nd Lt. Jered Ewy, of the 45th Infantry Brigade on Aug. 7, 2011. Ewy died during his third tour in Afghanistan.

**By Staff Sgt. Lindsay Roe
137 ARW Public Affairs**

Hundreds of Airmen and Soldiers lined the streets of Will Rogers Air National Guard Base to honor a fallen Oklahoma Army soldier, whose dignified transfer was performed August 7, 2011.

2nd Lt. Jered W. Ewy, 33, of Edmond, was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 279th Infan-

try, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, headquartered in Vinita, Okla.

In addition the supporters, who stood shoulder-to-shoulder lining the quarter mile route on base, the motorcade included over 50 Patriot Guard Riders and Guard Dogs on motorcycles, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and the Vets and Patriots of Oklahoma.

“I am extremely proud of all the members of the Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard for the very professional and well executed honoring of Lt. Ewy and his family,” said Lt. Col. Aaron Wardlaw, 137th Air Refueling Wing Chief of Safety.

Ewy died from wounds inflicted by an improvised explosive device in Janak Kheyli, Afghanistan.

You made your point... did you make a difference?



**By Col. Mark Privott
137 ARW Medical
Group Commander**

While reviewing the happenings of ORTP-4 on the flight home, I thought about some of the corrective actions of the cadre at Volk Field. More often than not, the cadre made good points that were constructive in nature. This was an exercise, not an inspection. Sometimes points or criticisms are not always constructive. A few of the cadre lack the maturity and knowledge to really communicate in a way that teaches their audience. That is the nature of an exercise of this magnitude. A huge number of moving parts and people came together for a few days, and overall, I feel it was a resounding success.

As I review the actions of the cadre, I can't help but think about my own communications with members of the medical group. There is a story about an old farmer that had a blind horse for sale. He told a prospective buyer, that "this horse don't look too good." The man bought the horse anyway. After get-

ting home, he realized that the animal couldn't see. He called the farmer and was reminded that he was told that the horse "don't look too good."

I have to ask myself if I make a difference when I speak my thoughts. Am I really getting the point across? Just about all of us have some good ideas to share with others that fall under our leadership. The trick is to communicate in a way that makes a difference. Most of the time, if my comments are brief, positive, and encouraging, they have much greater impact (honesty is important as well-unlike the farmer). Hopefully, I can learn from the cadre, not only from what they said, but how they said it.

Looking around at my fellow passengers on Chalk 6, I noticed every airman in a web-seat had some kind of electronic technology device (or two). I saw iPhones, Kindles, laptops, noise-reducing headphones, etc. It seems ironic that with all of the pocket-sized gizmos, we are still dependant on the good old 1950's designed C-130 to bring us home. Being among the senior members in my unit, it is good to see that some things never go out of style.

As I proudly gazed at some of the fine young members of the medical group near me, I realized that it is the young airman that bridges the gap between what is old and reliable and continuing-to-evolve technology. It is a good mix, and I am proud to be in it!

JUST A REMINDER: Alcohol Policy

Members are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages in uniform off military property, including restaurants. Exceptions include: dining outs, military association events and military weddings. Please be responsible.

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Personnel Updates

Newcomers:

- Airman Sandra Moran
- Airman 1st Class William Brunton
- Airman 1st Class James Carter
- Airman 1st Class Brock J. Childs
- Airman 1st Class Nicholas Thigpen
- Tech. Sgt. Daniel Harwood
- Master Sgt. Danielle A. Marshall

Promotions:

- Senior Airman Lacey Ballard
- Senior Airman Jonathan Gill
- Senior Airman Jamell Perry
- Staff Sgt. David Labourde
- Staff Sgt. Alejandro Salinas-Yearly
- Tech. Sgt. Brian Baker
- Tech. Sgt. Amber Graham
- Master Sgt. Wade Vakulick
- Senior Master Sgt. Christina Tippett

Retirements:

- SMSGt Curt L. Randall
- Lt. Col. Thomas L. Cutter

2011 Drill Dates

September	10-11
October	1-2
November	5-6
December	10-11

Golf Tournament

The 137th Air Refueling-Wing annual golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, at Cimarron National Golf Course. Cost is \$55 per person. Check in is at 8:00 a.m. Price includes green fees, cart, dinner, and prizes. Sponsorship and/or registration can be made by contacting Chief Steve Martin (Ret.) at 405-623-5190 or Chief John Waller at 405-

Expeditionary Combat Support System Kick-Off September 26

Air Force logistics procedures are undergoing transformations. ECSS program officials will deliver an informational and educational briefing about ECSS, its goals, program timelines and how the Air Force will be affected.

Two meetings are scheduled on September 26 in Mayberry Hall: Group Commanders and above at 8:00 and ECSS users at 10:00.

For more information, contact Major Liz Kettler, 686-5271, or visit www.ecss.

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 contact 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, command will be 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.

Worship Services

Mass

10 a.m., Saturday
Wing Conference Room

Protestant

10 a.m., Sunday
Wing Conference Room

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Please join the mentorship program as we host our first financial management meeting.

Location: Wing Conference Room

Guest speaker: Lt. Col. Blair

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 12:30 p.m.

137th Air Refueling Wing Professional Military Education

Non-commissioned officer academy and Airman leadership school are available through home-station and in-residence course plans.

These courses are essential to career development of Airmen. Class sizes are limited. Please contact your unit training manager for details on course schedules for this year.

Menu

Saturday:

Salisbury steak, fried chicken, potatoes, salad, dessert

Sunday:

Baked chicken, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert

Mega drill success for services flight

**By Capt. Marlene Fanning
137 ARW Food Services Officer**

Approximately 60 members of the 137th Force Support Squadron participated in Mega Drill, a six-day training assembly, during May 2011.

Mega Drills offer units the opportunity to focus on completing a large amount of annual training.

“Combining two flights with different missions isn’t always easy, but where there’s a will, there’s a way,” said Major Rick Mutchler, Commander of the 137th Force Support Squadron. “We are fortunate to have some well organized members who developed comprehensive training schedules, which allowed us to accomplish this mass training. The key here is to plan ahead and be flexible.”

Members of the Services Flight started their Mega training with a search and recovery exercise. Over the next six days various instructors provided training on contingency mortuary, field lodging, fitness programs and recreation operations.

“We were able to complete an immense amount of training in a short period of time,” said Master Sgt. Scheryl Coulter, Services Flight Training Superintendent. “The savings of home station training allow us more funds to devote to additional training such as Force Support Combat Training or the Fitness Fundamentals Course.”

On the Personnel side of the house, it was an

opportunity to focus on contingency concepts, sustainment actions and redeployment training.

“During a standard UTA, members of the Personnel Flight are busy serving the base community and do not have the opportunity to complete com-

puter –based training and it becomes difficult to get everyone on the same page,” said Master Sgt. Lorie Stephens, Personnel Readiness Technician. “Our ability to conduct mass training on accountability concepts positively impacts our mission, whether deployed or at home station.”

The whole squadron came together to complete training common to both Personnel and Services Flight members. Supervisors were able to attend the Supervisor Training Course, while others attended fire extinguisher training, with a “hands-on” performance objective. Bystander Intervention Training and “Don’t ask don’t tell” policy brief-

ings were also included.

At the end of Mega Drill, more than 40 training objectives and 15 ancillary training modules were completed. However, no Mega Drill would be complete without team building exercises, a healthy dose of camaraderie and a good old fashioned barbecue.



Photo by Maj. Rick Mutchler

Members of the 137th Force Support Squadron look on as a controlled fire is put out successfully during fire extinguisher training.



Photo by Maj. Rick Mutchler

Master Sgt. Homer Reynolds and Tech. Sgt. Shauna Ford participate in team building exercises at the commencement of the Force Support Squadron Mega Drill.



Photo by Senior Airman Patricia Baker

Fatality Search and Recovery Member, Staff Sergeant Darwin Apala, helps team mate with the Powered Air Purifying Respirator mask.



Photo by Senior Airman Patricia Baker

Master Sgt. Tina Connel instructs the Air Force Training Course. More than 40 training objectives and 15 ancillary training modules were completed during the course of Mega Drill.



Photo by Senior Airman Patricia Baker

Tech. Sgt. Marvin Winterink and crew open the Single Palletized Expeditionary Kitchen.

Antivirus software, your defense against attack

By Staff Sgt. James Lawler
137 ARW CF Cyber Transport

Running antivirus doesn't slow down your computer as much as an actual virus does. A common belief about antivirus software is that it takes up too much of your computer's resources to actually be worth running. Updated antivirus software can help keep your computer from becoming a victim.

The Department of Defense Anitvirus Software License Agreement with McAfee and Norton allows DoD employees to acquire these antivirus software programs for free. In the Air Force Portal,

there is a link to download antivirus software off the home page on the Cyber tab, or you can request a copy from the Communications Focal Point. Also, there are many free alternative antivirus solutions on the internet.

Unfortunately, having antivirus software is not enough. You must be aware of what sites you browse and what questions you click "yes" to. At times, your operating system (i.e. Windows) will display a pop-up asking for approval to run a program or app-let. Be sure you warranted this action, verify the source and what program it is try-

ing to run. Another effective way to keep your computer safe is by keeping your OS up to date with the most current patches from Microsoft. On average, an un-patched PC will last eight minutes on the network before an attack by some form of malicious software.

Keeping current antivirus software, updating with the latest patches, not browsing to suspicious sites, setting up a non-administrative account to surf the internet with, and continuing education is your best defense against threats on the internet. Think before you surf. Sources: Isc.sans.org

Wing history: pilots sacrifice all

By Col. Douglas Hayworth
137 ARW MXG/ Commander

The dangers of flying are easy to forget because of our long and incredible flying safety record. In the 64-year history of the 137th, there have been six pilots who lost their lives in accidents during local training flights. Presently, there are no monuments, pictures or plaques on base to commemorate their sacrifice. This is part 2 of a 3-part series:

In the afternoon of April 27, 1951, a USAF B-36 bomber out of Carswell Air Force Base was intercepted over Edmond, Oklahoma, by four F-51s from the 185th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Will Rogers Air National Guard Base. The purpose was to "attack" the B36 and provide gunnery practice for its aircrew. At the request of the B-36 pilot, the flight leader Captain Robbie Reisner and his wingman 1st Lt. Fred Black made a frontal attack. During their attack, Black's F-51 impacted the top of the B-36 causing the bomber to break apart and fall to the earth near Carney, Oklahoma. Black and 13 crew-



members onboard the bomber were killed. Black, age 24, had been an OU petroleum geology student until he was recalled to active duty with the Air National Guard on April 1, 1951. Ironically, he died less than 30 miles from his home town of Paden, Oklahoma.

At 1:00 p.m. on November 13, 1956, Capt. Lewis W. Stalder took off from Will Rogers ANGB in an F-80 to conduct a routine test flight. In addition to being a pilot for the 185th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Stalder was a maintenance officer and handled much of the aircraft testing work. Immediately after takeoff, at an altitude of 700 feet, two explosions were heard and the aircraft plunged toward the earth approximately 2 1/2 miles southeast of Wheatland. Stalder ejected from the aircraft at an altitude of 75 feet, but it was not high enough for his chute to open.

Stalder, 34, was a native of Crescent, a World War II veteran and a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard since 1952. He was survived by his wife and six children.

Right way may not always be the easiest



By Ch. Danny Baker
137 ARW

I run in my neighborhood every day. There is a road that leads past one house to where I live, over half way through my run. The temptation to take a shortcut is strong, but I would miss out on a quarter of my run. I would compromise my total workout. Ultimately, that one little shortcut would become habit forming and a bad choice. I am usually hurting and wanting my run to be over at that point which makes it twice as tempting to take that shortcut.

We live in a world full of shortcuts. Many people believe that shortcuts are great opportunities to gain some sort of advantage. There are two ways in life that we have a choice of choosing: one is a narrow way or the way less traveled. This way is not too popular with most people and it can be difficult. However difficult, it can also be rewarding. The end of the

narrow way leads to a life of blessing and reward. I'm not referring to a health and wealth belief or a name it and claim it type of life-style. Rather a life-style of choosing a path that most people find rather difficult to travel. This path is not too easy but at the same time one that can lead to so many blessings.

The other way is a broad way. It's traveled by most because it's easy, simple and seemingly full of temporary blessings. It's so easy in fact that it's described as wide to most because so many people seem to travel it. We make decisions based mostly on which way seems "easiest" to succeed. Our Lord describes this way as one that can lead to destruction if people aren't careful when they are confronted with which path to take in life.

We have a choice to make and there are only two ways. One way is difficult which can lead to ultimate blessings and the other is easy, leading to destruction.

We have many opportunities in life and those opportunities bring choices. There are no shortcuts when following the Lord. The Way is clear, the Truth is plain and Life everlasting has no shortcuts. I hope you make good choices in all you do and remember the right way may not always be the easiest.

Death: how do we recover after loss?

By Angela Cunningham
137 ARW Director of Psychological Health

I'm sure everyone is aware that our state has suffered several losses from our Oklahoma Army National Guard while in Afghanistan. Our ASOS soldiers stand next to them in the heat of this battle.

You may find yourself having many mixed emotions right now that are quite normal. Too many of our home-grown soldiers have fallen within such a short period of

time. It is overwhelming, hard to comprehend and can leave us with a feeling of helplessness. What can you do? What do you say?

The emotions of grief: shock, disbelief and deep sadness are felt in the heart of each of us right now. We are trying to make sense of things that sometimes do not make sense. I have watched these emotions become more intense with each loss during these weeks.

We need to talk with each other, be supportive and sensitive to each

person's individual style of coping. It is so important that we respect each other's grief and the valiant efforts made to honor these young men. We owe that to each other and to these young men and their families.

If you would like to discuss coping techniques, contact me at 686-5145 or 496-4412. There are many handouts and resources available in building 1009, room 124.



Photo and caption by 2nd Lt. Trevor Smith

The 137 Civil Engineering Squadron repairs an airfield crater in the foreground and the folded fiberglass mat team (bolted to the pavement over the filled crater) is working in the background. Members of the 137 CES deployed to the 119th Regional Training Site in Fargo, ND, Jun. 9-12, 2011 for critical, hands-on core task certification. Training included aircraft and structural firefighting mock-ups, utility pole-top rescue, mobile aircraft arresting system exercises and airfield crater repair. All 73 members refreshed skills on specific contingency equipment and taskings in electrical distribution, power generation, environmental controls, water treatment and constructing a tent city.

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