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Season's Greetings from the 110th!
Start your holiday season this year at the Wing
Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

WAR WEEKEND IN PHOTOS



(left) **WAR WEEKEND** U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Diann Marshall, 110th LRS, 110th Airlift Wing, wears protective gear during a mock drill attack while working at her desk, 110th Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 6, 2010. Marshall was participating in a Pre-Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI) exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/Released)

(right) **SABC** U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tyler Eldred (left), 110th Security Forces Squadron, Airman 1st Class John Wilson (center), 110th Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Triston Evans, 110th Airlift Wing, assist Senior Airman Lee Meyerhoffer, 110th Security Forces Squadron on a stretcher during training at the 110th Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 7, 2010. Airmen were training for an Operational Readiness Inspection. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/Released)



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

110TH AIRLIFT WING COMMANDER
Colonel Rodger Seidel

110TH Members

Wow...December already; almost the end to another year. Let me start by wishing all of you and your families the best for the Holiday season. Prior to starting this edition of December "Commander's Comments," I took a look at the past nine editions of the same. My first December letter came on the heels of one of the most horrific attacks on U.S. soil... 9/11. To say that the 110th has been through a lot since I wrote that letter nine years ago would be an understatement. Since that time you have deployed to SWA numerous times and have carried the fight to the enemy. During that period, with a mixture of on-target training, luck and the grace of God, we have suffered no casualties as a result of combat. As I write these comments, we have several members deployed around the world, spending their holidays away from home. Please keep these deployed personnel and their families in your thoughts and prayers until they are safely home.

Over the past nine years you have completely reshaped the 110th; transitioning from a Fighter Wing to an Airlift Wing consisting of two new missions; the AOG and C-21 Operations. New facilities have been constructed and new ones are currently being constructed. Even the manner in which we deploy has changed; as we march through this transitional period we see ourselves deploying smaller packages as opposed to the large aviation packages of two to three hundred personnel and twelve aircraft. Despite all the changes, the one thing that has remained constant over the past ten years has been the same level of dedication, willingness to make the required sacrifice, professionalism and never-say-die attitude displayed by the rank and file of the 110th

when I first took command. For that, I am truly grateful. Keep up the great work.

During November UTA, many of you had the opportunity to begin training for our upcoming ORI scheduled for next October. For some of you "veterans," this may have seemed like "old hat." For others, especially our "first timers," this may have been a unique experience. Over the next ten months the Wing will be fully engaged in the spin-up process for not only the ORI, but our Health Services Inspection and ESOHCAMP. As in the past, our success or failure during these inspections will be dependent upon every member doing their part. For those of you not tasked to support an ORI UTC, you will be part of the team that gets our ORI participants "out of town." For every member, success during our H.S.I. will be dependent upon your insuring all your medical requirements are met. And lastly, success with our ESOHCAMP will be based upon several factors including just basic good housekeeping.

In closing, our annual Holiday party will occur on the afternoon of Dec. 4th. If you have not already purchased your ticket, only \$2, please contact our Family Support Staff. I hope that you will join us in celebrating the season and your accomplishments over the past year. To all, thanks for your service to this great nation. See you at drill.

V/r,
Col. Seidel

FAMILY UPDATES

NEW CHILDCARE PROGRAM now available during drill weekends, funded by the Air Force. Contact Tammy Zerafa with questions at 969-3211. We also need more providers, contact us if you know of a child care provider who may be interested!

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT AND DISNEYLAND RESORT have launched new Military promotional deals and discounts. Contact the Family program Office or the Fed Center MWR Ticketing at 269-961-5084 for more info.

The Air Force Aid Society plans to award up to 3,000 grants to dependents of Air Force members for their college education through the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. Applications for these \$2,000 need-based grants are now available from the Society's Web site. Completed forms must be received by AFAS no later than March 11, 2011. The grant program is open to dependent children of active duty, Title 10 Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reservists and deceased Air Force members. Spouses of active duty members and surviving spouses of deceased personnel are also eligible. All applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduates at an accredited college or university during the 2011-2012 academic year, and are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA). For more information, see <http://www.afas.org>

DISCOUNTED DETROIT LIONS TICKETS are available to order for members, family and friends. (Tickets cannot be resold for

profit!) Tickets are \$35/\$42 each and will sell fast! Contact the Family Program Office to order.

- Sunday 12/12 vs. Green Bay Packers

ARE YOU A VETERAN OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM OR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM? If so, you are eligible to become a member of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). Membership is free and you get access to exclusive tickets, giveaways and more. And here's another reason to sign up for IAVA...IAVA members can sign up to receive a \$200 voucher for JOE Joseph Abboud merchandise, a line of contemporary menswear and accessories available exclusively at JCPenney. Female IAVA members can request \$200 certificates for apparel from Worthington, also redeemable at JCPenney. IAVA member veterans can request their \$200 certificates on The Rucksack NOW (these certificates are limited to the first 5,000 IAVA members to sign up so hurry). Find out more at www.IAVA.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE FED CENTER MWR. Please RSVP to: Steven.Gales@dla.mil or 269-961-7032.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR - 12/2, looking for more vendors!

DETROIT LIONS VS. PACKERS BUS TRIP - 12/12 \$75.00 per person

FACEBOOK

Check OUT of the 'Checked Into Application'

110TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The social media website Facebook has a new feature that lets your "friends" know where you are checking into around your location whether it's at your home or even if you use Facebook when deployed. This could be cause for concern and make you a target. Below are the steps to stop this application:

Step 1 – Click Account then Privacy Setting. On the first page that appears click Customize settings.

Step 2 – Under the Things I Share heading, disable the "Include me in "People Here Now" after I check in" box by un-ticking the box. Then change the "Places I check in to" tab to only me by clicking on the drop down menu on the right, choosing Custom, then Only Me, then Save Settings.

Step 3– To stop other users from posting your location on Facebook, under the "Things others share" section click the Edit Settings tab to the right of "Friends can check me in to places." Click the drop down menu, and choose "disabled."

Step 4 – The final stage is to stop the application itself from automatically posting your location. You do this by going back to the first page entitled "Privacy Setting." At the bottom of the page is a section entitled "Application and Websites." Click "edit settings" which is highlighted blue. Click the Edit Settings tab next to "Info accessible through your friends."

Step 5 – Then untick the boxes "Current Location" and "Places I check into" – once completed click on Save Changes, then Okay on the confirmation screen.

110TH DINING FACILITY MENU

COST

—Enlisted Traditional Guard in UTA status—FREE

—Officers & AGRs—\$4.25 Holiday Meal is \$7.10

Menu Subject to Change

DINING FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (Holiday Meal)

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| Baked Ham | Roast Turkey |
| Mashed Potatoes | Chicken / Turkey Gravy |
| Glazed Sweet Potatoes | Corn |
| Shrimp Cocktail | Dinner Roles |
| French Apple Pie | Pecan Pie |

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| Roast Rib of Beef |
| Giblet Dressing |
| French Green Beans |
| Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Assorted Cakes |

SUNDAY

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| Pork Loin | Baked Chicken |
| O'brien Potatoes | Rice |
| Corn | Lima Beans |
| Deli Sandwich Bar | |

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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

110TH AIRLIFT WING

Chaplain Gregory VanHeukelom

"Recently I had lunch with a good friend. Like many American families, his is blended. His lovely wife and he have been married around ten years. They each love all the kids as their own, they don't say, "my kids" or "your kids", but all the kids are "ours". I honestly look to him and others for advice and wisdom since I have found myself in a second marriage 3 years ago and the rules of engagement changes with step-children.

He shared with me a struggle he has gone through, one I am going through and maybe many of you are also. Recently he and his wife had a party for one of the kids. It was a wonderful birthday party with extended family, presents, great food and cake. The kind of party we all enjoy. Laughter filled the room and the love was felt from all, except the one whose birthday it was. You see, this child for years had been shunning the parents, the child has learned to "work the system" between birth and step parents. Demanding things and when he would not receive them, he would pout and make life miserable for all. He sees his parents as his servants. He is disrespectful and ungrateful, except when he wants or needs something: a ride to school, new jeans, or money for a movie with friends.

My friend shared that his pain often runs deep and at times he doesn't want to go home to face the kid. And yet the struggles have led him to think about his own life. How does he take others for granted, or used them? What he shared next struck me...that he realized that his step-child treats him the same way he often treats God. I asked, "What do you mean?"

His response came from a heart of pain but also love. "Too often I treat God as just my Santa Claus, when I need something I expect God will provide. Yet I do not give back the love, respect and adoration God desires and deserves."

His words hit bull's eye in my heart. How about you, in this Christmas season, where are we/you putting our emphasis?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

—John 3:16 (NIV)

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(left) **CHEMICAL GEAR** Members of the 110th Airlift Wing practice putting on their Chemical Warfare gear during a mock drill attack, 110th Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 6, 2010. Air National Guard members were participating in a Pre-Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI) exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steve Miller/Released)

(middle) **UXO** Members of the 110th Airlift Wing participate in a training exercise involving Unidentified Explosive Ordinance (UXO) at the 110th Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 7, 2010. Members of the 110th were participating in this training for preparation of an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/Released)

(right) **WAR WEEKEND** U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mat Ford, 110th AMXS, 110th Airlift Wing, reads his Airman's Manual during a mock drill attack, 110th Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 6, 2010. Ford was participating in a Pre-Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI) exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/Released)

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