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ASK THE COMMANDER **ELECTRONIC SUGGESTION BOX**

One person cannot do it alone, so I have established an Electronic Suggestion Box to get ideas directly from you that will help our wing grow. *How do I use the Electronic Suggestion Box?* Simply go to the Wings Share-Point site: <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/110AW>. On the 110 AW page go to "Ask the Commander" under the Discussions section. Click [Add a discussion](#). Add a subject. Add your suggestion in the Body. *Is this Anonymous?* Yes, no name is tied to the suggestions unless you put your name in the body. The only people that can see the suggestions are the person submitting the suggestion and the Wing Commander. *(For an electronic copy pdf to walk you through go online under UTA updates.)*

COMMANDER

110TH AIRLIFT WING COMMANDER
By Colonel Ronald W. Wilson

Members of the 110th, welcome to the first drill of 2014.

Once again we begin the year with big changes on the horizon. If you remember, last year at about this time we were facing the possibility (and eventual reality) of not getting the C-27J, possibly getting the C-130, definitely losing the C-21, and not knowing we would be converting to MQ-9s. It was as if every day was an adventure in ambiguity, frustration, and a constant test of emotional fortitude. But in the end, after all the dust settled and decisions finalized, we ended up with an outstanding mission that along with the AOG should sustain the Wing many years into the future. This is a great accomplishment, one that each of you who faced this adversity and stood fast can proudly take ownership in achieving. But, as it is in life, transformation is once again upon us.

Regrettably, we are again facing a big shift in our organizational landscape. Earlier this month we were notified that the 27 firefighters who work out here full-time will likely be cut at the end of September. I want to be very clear on what I'm saying: full-time, not Traditional. This is a potential consequence we have considered since learning that we would no longer have an airframe to support, but not something we were willing to accept without a fight. Wing leadership has spent the last several months collaborating with community stakeholders, Joint Headquarters and NGB to try to mitigate this loss, with many great ideas and creative alternatives being thrown on the table in hopes of avoiding this occasion. But the reality is that a price tag hangs from every proposal, and in times of economic uncertainty it is extremely difficult to solicit buy-in from decision makers who are operating on nickels and dimes. Even the most practical ideas have been a tough sell. But we have not given up. We continue to work toward maintainable options and remain hopeful that a solution that will keep the firefighters right here in Battle

Creek can be found.

In the meantime, for those directly affected I cannot stress enough the importance of being proactive in taking control of your careers. Like I said to those who found themselves in a position of uncertainty after learning we would not be getting the C-27J or the C-130s, it is tremendously important that you do not sit back and wait for something to happen or expect that things will simply work out. When it comes to change, an attitude of constructive acceptance and ownership will take you much further than pessimism and anger. The Wing is here to help in all ways possible and will provide whatever supports we can over the next several months to ease into the transition, with the understanding that each of us is ultimately responsible for taking advantage of resources and making decisions based on individual expectations. No matter the situation, we are committed to working just as hard as you do to find a solution that fits your needs. Set the pace.

On that note, I want to point out a couple examples that to me define what is so great about the 110th; illustrations of the men and women of Battle Creek pitching in to keep us moving forward. I want to first thank Major Gawrych's Security Forces Squadron for their willingness to step up and travel across state to provide coverage for Selfridge during their inspection this month. As members of the Air National Guard, we are responsible for being available at a moment's notice to step up when called upon. Security Forces did just that. Without forewarning or hesitation they shelved their civilian plans on a Saturday morning to don their uniforms and secure the gates for our friends to the east. It was a seamless response that validates the professionalism and commitment of our armed force. I also want to recognize Major Guy and the Communications Flight for their achievement of having the fewest number of vulnerabilities per computer across the Guard. Not only were they best in the ANG, the average number of vulnerabilities at the 110th was 200X better than the active duty Air Force. This is a huge accomplishment. I also want to point out that of the five Airman of the Year spots for the State of Michigan, Battle Creek has filled four; once again representing the majority of award winners and attesting to the excellence within our ranks. Take a few minutes this weekend to congratulate each of these high-fliers.

And finally, as you likely heard, several states activated their Guard units during the recent snow storms. So I want to say a few words about our role and expectations during these kinds of emergencies. We are the National Guard; the last stronghold when all else fails. In other words, we must be available at all times. The base never closes. That's not to say that we need every single person, every day, not matter the conditions. Safety is the highest priority during a weather-related event. It does us no good to have airmen strapping on their Superman capes and diving headfirst into the snow only to become another person stuck on the side of the road. When weather is the bad guy, the rules of engagement are pretty simple: common sense and accountability. This means that a quick glance out your front window or dipping a toe in the snow and calling it the storm of the century is not sufficient. It is your responsibility to make a reasonable effort to determine the scope and intensity of the event. You should at minimum gather information about the storm from reliable sources (Facebook does not count), consult with your co-workers and family, and balance conditions with your own comfort levels. If, after doing that, you decide the situation is hazardous and it is prudent to stay home, you are responsible for contacting your supervisor to let them know your plans. What you cannot do is assume the base is closed and simply not come in. Use common sense, communicate, and stay safe.

Have a great drill weekend.

COLLEGE DAY

*Saturday UTA, February 22, 2014, 1000-1400
Building 6922 (AOG, Training Room)*

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY CERTIFICATION

What is it?

How do I get it?

Chief Bottorff will be here to explain.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

U of M Flint

Central Michigan University

Davenport University

Kellogg Community College

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Community College of the Air Force representative

Lansing Community College

Cornerstone University

Sienna Heights University

Western Michigan University

University of Phoenix

Consortium of Veteran Educators

VA Resource Representatives

GI BILL QUESTIONS?

POST 9-11 GI BILL QUESTIONS?

We Can answer them!

SNCOA

*Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy,
Course 14-NEW VERSION*

Effective 1 Oct 2013, SNCO Academy Course 00014, Version 6 will be released on a new learning management system, Blackboard (Bb). The new course features new lessons and updated interactive content.

The old course 14, version 5 on the Air University ADLS site will be shut down on this date. All students enrolled in the old course 14 have until 30 September 2013 to complete the course. Students who do not complete the current course by 30 September will be disenrolled from the old course and can enroll in the new course when it becomes available.

PROMOTIONS

*Please Congratulate the following for their
January 1, 2014 Promotion*

Tech. Sgt. Robert J. McCulloch (AOG)

Staff Sgt. Jonathan A. DenBoer (CES)

Staff Sgt. Wendy M. Houseman (MDG)

Senior Airman Ethan M. Torres (LRS)

Senior Airman Kaleb R. Willson (AOG)

Airman 1st Class Adam Hammond (AW)

GUARDSMEN OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

1st Lt. Ryan Church

Event Details:

The Veterans Affinity Group also supports fundraisers and organizes events supporting other organizations such as Horses for Heroes, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Wounded Warriors Project, the VFW and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. Furthermore, the group attends numerous military job fairs throughout the year to support unemployed veterans find employment. The Veterans Affinity Group consist of four chapters and for the past three years 1st Lt. Church has served as president of the Milford Chapter.

Lt. Church recently assisted with planning of the 5th annual Veterans Affinity Group Golf Scramble, which took place September 7, 2013 with the purpose of raising funds to support Piquette Square, a 150-unit apartment project aimed at offering support to veterans and reintegrating them into society following their service. For this specific event, Lt Church assisted with the advertisement and soliciting of teams and sponsors. They successfully signed up 36 4-person teams, and raised enough funds to make a \$7,500 donation to Piquette Square.

UTA CHILDCARE

Attention 110 AW military members:

Need childcare during UTA? 12 Slots available for childcare on Saturday & Sunday of UTA 0600-1800.

Requirements: Must be attending UTA; Officer or Enlisted children can participate.

Children's age must be between 6 weeks-12 years.

Child must be immunized according to American Academy of Pediatrics.

Currently, completely free. Call MSgt Tammy Zerafa with questions. 269-969-3565

DFAC MENU

	<i>Saturday</i>	
Pulled BBQ Beef	Turkey a la King	Rice
Mashed Potatoes	Beef Gravy	Peas & Onions
Corn		
	<i>Sunday (Breakfast 0730-0900)</i>	
Pacakes/French Toast	Sausage/Bacon	Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits & Gravy	Hashbrowns	Toast/Bagels
Fruit	Yogurt	Cereal Bars

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS CONCERT

This complimentary concert is dedicated to the service of our Veterans and is made possible through the generosity and support of community partners and volunteers.

1964 THE TRIBUTE

"Best Beatles Tribute on Earth" - Rolling Stone Magazine

February 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.

W.K. Kellogg Auditorium, 50 W. Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, Michigan

FREE TICKETS will be available January 7, 2014 by calling (269) 223-5527

AIRMAN-2-AIRMAN

*Raising Awareness, Reducing Stigma
& Promoting Help-Seeking Behavior*

The Airman-2-Airman team is a peer support network open to ALL members of the 110th; no matter your rank or status. Our goal is to increase general awareness of mental health issues and reduce the stigma that sometimes hinders people from getting help when they are going through tough times. This team started over a year ago with just a few people, but has grown to a dynamic group of airmen from around base who are now working closely with our various support programs to ensure every member of the 110th has access to the tools and resources needed to stay ahead of the problems we sometimes face.

This year, we are going to kick off several new initiatives like coffee at the Club on Sunday mornings of UTA, a 5K walk for May is Mental Health Month, an ice cream social during Wingman Day, and a bake sale to help fund a new self-help library. And beginning February 5th, we are going to host a monthly popcorn and movie afternoon in the Ops Group Auditorium. The subject of the movies will be based on mental health issues, with a brief training and discussion session immediately afterward. But we can always use more help and input. So, this weekend we will be passing out a short survey during the lunch hour at the dining facility both Saturday and Sunday. The purpose is to get a better idea of the support gaps you see on base as well as gather your ideas for ways to improve the general health and wellbeing of our members. The survey will be completely anonymous and should not take more than 2-3 minutes to fill out. Please be sure to grab one and let us know what you'd like to see from A-2-A.

If you are interested in learning more information about A-2-A we have a training class on one Wednesday of the month in the Medical Group Conference Room. You can visit the A-2-A SharePoint site/calendar for dates and times. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Dave Marshall (Wing Director of Psychological Health) or MSgt Angela Jameson.

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STRONG BONDS FOR SINGLES

The chapel staff is considering doing a Strong Bonds Event for singles. If you would be interested in attending, please email Senior Master Sgt. Jeanne LaHaie or Staff Sgt. Slocum or call us in the chapel office at 3371. Your response doesn't commit you to anything, but it will help us in our planning process. *Annual Prayer Breakfast February 2014*

CPL COURSE MILITARY DISCOUNT

A class is being arranged for military members to receive their concealed weapons permit. The class is taught by a corrections officer at the prison in Jackson, and will take place in Jackson sometime next month. The cost will be \$75 for the 8 hour course, with an additional \$40 charge for members who require a rented pistol and ammunition. I need 10+ people to express interest before the class can be scheduled (as this is a large discount), and those people will be listed on a first come- first serve basis. I will take as many names as there are interested members, then work my way down the list to confirm attendance once a date has been set. Military members only, unfortunately the discount does not apply to dependents. Please email Catherine.wasylewski@ang.af.mil (alternate Catherine.wasy@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the course.

GREAT LEADER YOU MUST BE A GREAT FOLLOWER

110TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON
Chief Master Sgt. Herb Ward

Always trying to better my Leadership abilities I read what others have to say about Leadership. One common theme I always come across is "If you want to be a great leader you must be a great follower". An article in Forbes "The 11 Leadership Secrets You've Never Heard About" I thought was very good. I'm going to summarize the important items to me, but here is the link if you would like to read the whole article (<http://www.forbes.com/sites/augustturak/2012/07/17/the-11-leadership-secrets-you-never-heard-about/>).

1. Great Followers Seize the Initiative: Leaders need followers with fresh ideas not worker bees waiting to be told what to do.
2. Great Followers Create their Own Job: Find a goal, create a plan and present it to the boss before they ask for it.
4. Great Followers Anticipate: If I were my boss what would I want next?
5. Great Followers are Great Communicators: Give the boss the Good and the Bad before he has to ask.
6. Great Followers are Goal Driven: Use goals to prioritize, don't be a reactor to in-box and email.
8. Great Followers Earn Trust: Keep promises; meet deadlines no matter how trivial.
9. Great Followers Offer Solutions: Easy to find problems; offer solutions.
10. Great Followers are Compassionate: Let the boss know you understand what they are dealing with and you can be counted on to assist.
11. Great Followers are Loyal: Never undermine the boss; present a united front.

Every great leader has these traits. And don't forget that every leader has to still be a follower because everyone has a boss somewhere.



NEW YEAR FOR BETTER SECURITY

Let's start the new year off right by changing passwords and using the following tips to better secure our personal and company data.

- 1) Never provide your credentials (log-in ID, password, bank account number, SSN) via email
- 2) Do not open emails from people you don't know
- 3) Think before you click! Examine the URL first
- 4) Avoid using the same password for multiple accounts
- 5) Use complex passwords (8 characters or more with upper case, lower case, numbers and special characters)
- 6) Use screen locks on mobile devices and personal computers and log out of accounts when no longer in use or present at your PC
- 7) When conducting online transactions, check that you're on a secure site

Statistics show that: 20% of users don't check links before sharing 19% of users have been instructed to change their password due to account compromise 1 of 6 Social Network users report that their profile has been hacked 1 of 10 Social Network users have fallen victim to a scam or fake link 1.5+ million cybercrime victims per day that cost US consumers \$21 billion per year

Make the use of good cyber practices your New Year's Resolution!

RANSOMWARE – A TOP THREAT FOR 2014

It's that time of year when security companies provide their predictions for the next year.

Ransomware was among some of the predictions as a nuisance for 2014. While cloud based attacks, mobile device attacks and targeted attacks were among the other predictions.

WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?

For those that haven't heard of ransomware, it is a type of malware that requires a ransom to be paid to the creator for the malware to be removed. The creator promises to restore the victim's access to their data once the ransom is paid.

There are a few types of ransomware, but the motive is commonly money. The money received by ransomware victims is usually a lot more than what is gained from stolen data or mobile devices. In some cases, it is possible that the creator does not keep their promise in removing the malware after the ransom is paid.

CryptoLocker was a prevalent type of ransomware in 2013. The malware was received through e-mail

or an infected device on the victim's network. Once the malware was loaded, it proceeded to encrypt several, if not all, files. The user was then told via a pop-up window that they only had a few days to pay \$300 in order to receive the key to unencrypt their files.

Unlike typical ransomware campaigns, these cybercriminals started accepting bitcoins for victims hesitant about providing a credit card. They even adjusted the payment of bitcoins when the value went up and kept their promise of providing the decryption key once the payment was received. Some agree this move was done to encourage the payment of the ransom.

It has been reported that CryptoLocker received around \$30 million dollars from only a fraction of it's victims, most victims being in the U.S. Some speculate that the amount received is far more than that and was gained in only a few months.

HOW TO PREVENT RANSOMWARE

As of today, there is no way to fully prevent ransomware. The best way to avoid paying the ransom is to frequently back-up your personal files onto removable media and disconnect it when not in use. Of course, you will want to be cautious of overwriting files and connecting the device in the event that you later become a victim.

Other ways to avoid falling victim to this scam is to use the typical cyber practices:

- 1) Don't open emails from those you don't know and be cautious of attachments
- 2) Be sure your anti-virus and software is up-to-date
- 3) Think before you click - be vigilant when going to web sites and when downloading software

WHY RANSOMWARE MAY INCREASE

While data theft will surely continue, the publicity and reports of the money gained from CryptoLocker may encourage more of this activity. Not only does ransomware gain millions, but it can also cause a disruption to organizations, which may also be a motive to the cybercriminals.

The income from credit card theft, like the breach Target just experienced, eventually discontinues once the company catches on and credit cards are cancelled. Granted, ransomware can also have an expiration but is not always as easy to stop.

Security awareness and knowledge sharing may be the best way we can combat these scams. With the lead from Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan is striving to combat attacks through these means and we hope you will join us in the fight.

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