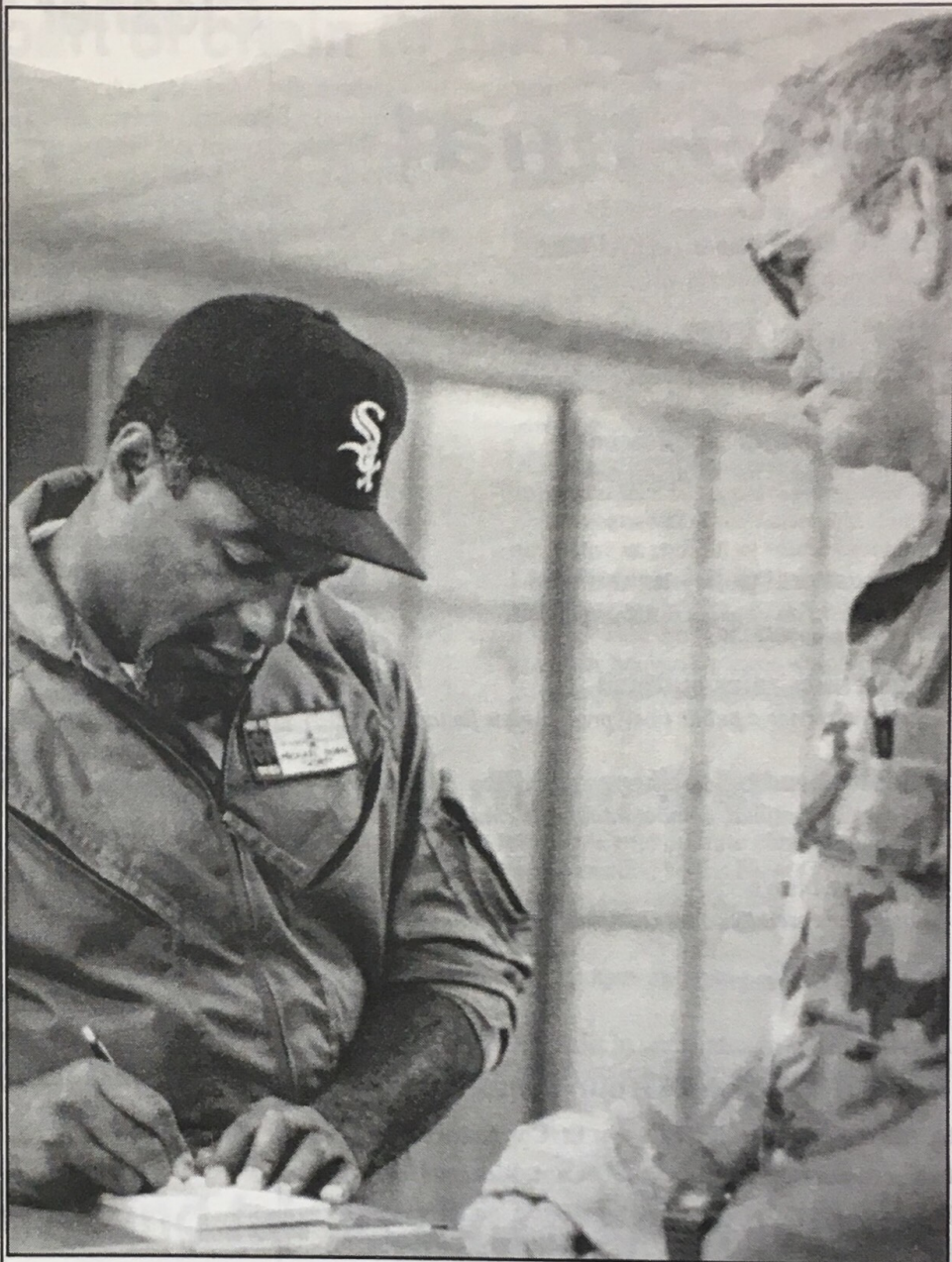


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507th hosts "Klingon", upcoming commercial

The 507th Fighter Group hosted Michael Dorn, one of the stars from the television series, "Star Trek, The Next Generation" last month.

Dorn is scheduled to return to the unit next October for several days to film a public service commercial for the Air Force Reserve.

Dorn, who portrays the alien "Klingon" character "Lt. Worf" in the series, took time out from his activities, which

included an F-16 orientation flight, to tour the 507th and visit with unit members.

As shown in the above photo, Dorn signs an autograph for MSgt. David Phillips, an aircraft mechanic with the 465th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. To the left, another 507th member tries to help Dorn feel at home.

Photo courtesy of MSgt. Kenneth Coffey



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Closner Sends

by Maj. Gen. John J. Closner
AFRES Commander

We've reached another milestone in the 1993 base realignment and closure process.

After several months of fact-finding and public hearings, the 93 BRAC commission voted on Department of Defense recommendations to close or realign a number of bases around the country.

Some of their decisions were expected, others were a surprise. One step remains in the process: Congress must act on the list. The President received the commission's recommendations on 1 July. He immediately approved the list without change and forwarded it to Congress on 2 July.

Congress must take action only if they want to veto the list -- approval is automatic and requires no formal action. I believe the list will survive and will become law by the end of the fiscal year.

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin said that none of the realignment or closure actions will happen overnight. Some actions will take several years, but the administration hopes to streamline the process to ease the transition at each location.

The 93 BRAC actions affect more than real estate. BRAC decisions also impact our recent force structure plan, which means we will have to reexamine force structure decisions made earlier. We may need an updated new force structure announcement once we digest the details.

We have waited for this announcement for some time. Now that it is here, we need to get the word to our Reservists as quickly as possible. We have much work ahead of us, but it's nothing we can't handle.

(See BRAC decisions announced on page 4)

Equal, fair treatment a must

by Lt. Col. Robert E. Lytle
Commander

Like all members of the United States Air Force Reserve, the 507th Fighter Group and associated units have only one mission: "To support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

There are, however, many aspects and applications to our mission. Air Force policy on Equal Opportunity and Treatment (EOT) is just one of many.

My policy on EOT is very clear: All military and civilian members will treat each other fairly and equitably. I will not tolerate arbitrary discrimination by act or influence. This policy also includes racial, ethnic, sexual jokes and slurs.

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Cycling safety part of chain to fun hobby

by TSgt Darrel Smith
507th Safety Office

As more and more adults and children take to their bicycles for both recreation and transportation, the need for bicycle safety has never been more important.

While many communities have their own rules regarding approved bike routes, safety equipment and accessories, the following are some general rules of thumb for safe cycling anywhere.

Choose a bike that "fits" you. When you straddle the horizontal bar, there should be about 1" between the bar and your crotch. The seat should be high enough so that when the pedal is at its lowest point, your knee is just slightly bent. Handlebars should be level with your saddle and shoulder-distance apart.

Wear the right clothes when riding your bike, such as firm-soled, non-slip shoes to prevent feet from slipping off pedals. Wear snug-fitting clothes to decrease "drag" and limit possibility of clothes becoming entangled in wheels or gears.

Always use safety equipment.

A bicycle helmet is a critical piece of safety equipment, and should always be

worn regardless of how far you may be traveling. Wheel reflectors, headlamps, and reflective clothing should always be used for night cycling.

Obey Traffic Laws. Always ride single file and stay to the right, going in the direction of traffic. Obey stop lights and all traffic signs. Be aware of cars even if they are parked. (A suddenly opened car door can block your path and send you flying!)

Avoid cycling in heavy traffic.

If you must cycle in traffic, use approved bike lanes if available and yield to cars whenever necessary. Do not weave in and out of traffic lanes. Look out for pedestrians and always signal before turning, even if no one appears to be in sight. Watch out for gravel or uneven surfaces which can interfere with your traction.



Computer operators should warm up first

Just as an athlete would warm up, people who work at "repetition jobs, such as at computer operators, should warm up too.

Carpal tunnel syndrome frequently strikes people who must do a task over and over.

The carpal tunnel is a bony wrist cavity through which nerves and tendons extend to the hand. Repeating the same wrist and hand motions makes tendons swell and press on the hand's main nerve.

The warm up moves for people who operate computers or similar equipment, as recommended by the Navy's Environmental Health Center, Norfolk, Va., are:

- Massage the entire hand
- Make a fist, then extend fingers as far as possible five to 10 times.
- Rotate your fists at the wrist in one direction five to 10 times and then reverse the direction five to 10 times.

Equal opportunity and fair treatment is a must

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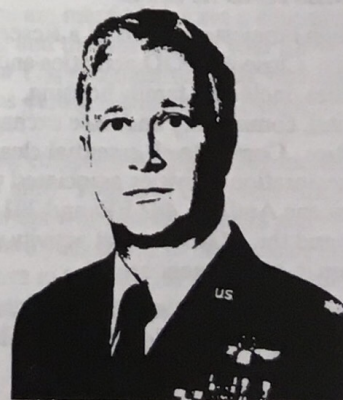
My policy does not condone and will not tolerate inappropriate comments even when intended as humor.

This type of joking and language can lead to serious personnel-management incidents.

I expect nothing less than complete compliance with the Air Force policy on EOT. It is the responsibility of every member of the 507th and it's associated units to actively promote and encourage positive relations at every opportunity.

Members who are unable or unwilling to comply with this policy will not be allowed to assume or continue in positions of authority. In addition, these members will be disciplined to the full measure of laws and regulations.

The 507FG can be proud of past accomplishments in regard to EOT. However, this progress can immediately be eroded by one careless word or act. We hold the responsibility for and to every person in the military. We have an obligation to the Air Force and the nation, to maintain and improve the progress we've achieved.



BRAC committee decisions affect AFRES units

Editor's Note: The recent announcements made by the Base Realignment and Closure committee will create sweeping changes within the Air Force Reserve as well as active duty.

The following actions affect AFRES units. Details and a timetable to implement these actions are pending. This information is accurate today, but may change somewhat as the process evolves. The window for these actions is from 1995 through 1999 unless otherwise indicated.

The President approved the following:

MARCH AFB, CA

Realign March AFB to a Reserve base. 79 ARS(Assoc) relocates to Travis AFB, CA. 445 AW, 452 ARW, and several tenant units remain.

Justification: March AFB currently requires a large active duty component to support a relatively small active duty force structure. This conversion achieves substantial savings and the benefit of a large recruiting population for the Air Force Reserve is retained.

McGUIRE AFB, NJ

Retain McGuire AFB as an active duty installation. 514 AW(Assoc) remains as is.

98 ARG(Assoc) realigns from Barksdale AFB, LA to McGuire AFB. 913 AG does NOT relocate to McGuire AFB.

Justification: The cost to realign McGuire AFB was underestimated by the Air Force. McGuire is closer than other bases considered for east mobility base status to customers of the military airlift system, prospective contingency onload points, and is in the heart of the northeast surface transportation systems.

HOMESTEAD AFB, FL:

Realign Homestead AFB as a Reserve facility. Close all DOD activities and facilities, including family housing, hospital, commissary and base exchange facilities. Complete all essential cleanup and restoration activities associated with Hurricane Andrew. 482 FW and 301 RQS and the NORAD alert activity will remain in cantonment areas.

Justification: The commission found the military value of Homestead AFB is very high because of its strategic location, but this does not justify

rebuilding the base to its previous capabilities.

Supplemental allocation plus savings from not moving the units are sufficient to rebuild facilities for the Reserve units. The commission found that it would be more economical for Dade County to operate Homestead AFB as a civilian airport with Reserve units as tenants.

O'HARE ARS, IL:

Close O'Hare ARS as recommended by the City of Chicago and relocate reserve component units to the Greater Rockford Airport or another location suitable to the Secretary of the Air Force, provided the City of Chicago can produce financing to cover the full cost of the relocation with no cost to the federal government.

Conversion/realignment must begin NLT July 95 and be completed NLT July 98. 928 AG relocates as indicated.

Justification: The commission found that units are adequately housed at O'Hare, but the community's desire to move the units undermines the typical community/base relationship found at other bases. They also found that flying operations are impeded during adverse weather when operating from the world's busiest airport, and that local VFR training is already conducted at outlying fields for the same reason.

BERGSTROM AFB, TX:

Cantonment area remains open. 704 FS and 924 FG support units remain at Bergstrom at least until the end on 1996. 10 AF was not addressed. **Justification:** The commission found that the Austin city council is committed to the reuse of Bergstrom as a municipal airport and has voted a \$400 million bond proposition to move its airport.

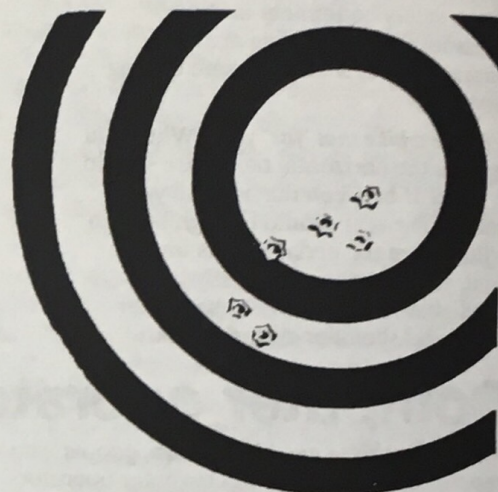
The commission also was concerned that the Air Force failed to consider potential recruiting and aircraft traffic problems associated with moving the unit to Carswell AFB now that the Navy plans to relocate several Naval Reserve units there.

CARSWELL AFB, TX:

Will become a Navy-operated joint reserve center. NAS Dallas will close and relocate its aircraft, personnel,

equipment and support, along with those of a number of other Navy and Marine Corps Reserve units, to Carswell AFB. 301 FW remains as a tenant.

Justification: The commission found that this action would alleviate current air and ground encroachment problems at NAS Dallas. This results in a significant reduction in excess capacity in reserve air stations while increasing the military value of the facility at Carswell.



MATHER AFB, CA

Redirect 940 ARG to Beale AFB, CA, vice McClellan AFB, CA. 940 ARG will temporarily relocate to McClellan while awaiting beddown at Beale.

RICKENBACKER ANGB, OH

Base will be operated as a municipal airport with ANG units operating from a cantonment area. 907 AG will realign to Wright-Patterson AFB as originally planned.

Previous force structure actions impacted by the commission's report include:

913 AG will NOT relocate from Willow Grove ARS to McGuire AFB.

514 AW(Assoc) will NOT become unit-equipped.

98 ARG(Assoc) will realign to McGuire AFB vice Plattsburgh AFB.

482 FW conversion to KC-135s is in question.

July Schedule of Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 13 Aug		
1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 14 Aug		
As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1200-1300	PCIII Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Walker	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1400-1500	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 15 Aug		
As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800-1000	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0830-1530	Initial Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Tng
0945-1145	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, CBPO
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

Notebook..

Subject: Airman/NCO of the Quarter/Year Nominations...

Nomination packages for Airman/NCO of the Quarter are due to the Group Career Advisor, MSgt Bryan on the following months: September, December. Airman/NCO of the Year selections for 1993 will be made in January, 1994.

Subject: AFSC By-Pass Award and Technical School Waiver Requests

CRT GRAM from HQ AFRES/DP crt #0714. The HQ AFRES Letter dated 24 Jun 93 is retracted effective immediately. Additional guidance will be provided upon receipt of AF policy implementation procedures for Year of Training.

Subject: ZIP Plus 4 is Now a Requirement

Do you have a PO Box as your mailing address? Have you recorded your residential address as living in Midwest City, Del City or Moore and have not gotten your most recent Leave and Earning Statement?

For Mobility requirements we must now have a residential address reflected in the Personnel Data System. With the availability to update both a mailing and residential address along with the problems of some ZIP + 4 addresses we recommend you contact Customer Service at x47492 to straighten this matter out.

Subject: Drug Testing/Social Actions

No Drug Testing for Saturday, 14 Aug.

Training

Planner

August-September '93

Looking Ahead...

August '93

07-08	Maint A Group UTA
14-15	Primary UTA (Proposed ORE/MOBEX)
14	Amn/NCO Qtr Nominations Due
21-22	Maint C Group UTA
27	Oct Tng Planner Inputs Due

September '93

04-19	Med Sq AT-Shepherd AFB
25-26	Primary UTA-All Groups
28	Nov Tng Planner Inputs Due

FY 94 Group UTA Schedule

16-17 Oct	09-10 Apr
13-14 Nov	14-15 May
11-12 Dec	04-05 Jun
08-09 Jan	16-17 Jul
12-13 Feb	20-21 Aug
12-13 Mar	17-18 Sep

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BAQ Recertification

If you are married or have a dependent child and the last digit of your SSN is a (2) or (7), you must recertify your BAQ status during the month of (Aug).

Please complete AF Form 987 located at your unit. Your unit BAQ recertification monitors will annotate rosters and forward your forms to the Finance office. Failure to accomplish this will result in the termination of your BAQ pay entitlement.

August Schedule of Events

Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) Weekend!

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 24 Sep 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 25 Sep As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0830-1615	Initial Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1000	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1200-1300	PCIII Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/Lt Col Walker	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1300-1400	EST Managers Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 26 Sep As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800-1000	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900	Hazardous Communication Tng	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Rm
0900-1000	732X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Rm 204
0930-1030	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0945-1145	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1200-1600	Self Aid/Buddy Care Instructor Class	Bldg 5910, Rm 1061300
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1400-1500	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, CBPO
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm

CDC and PME Course Exam

Testing

UTA Sunday, 1300, Bldg 460, Rm 213

Wednesday, 1300, Bldg 1043, Rm 206

These are the **only** times course exams will be administered. Names of personnel with tests on file are published in the "CDC COURSE EXAM LISTING" distributed each month to all Unit Training Managers prior to the UTA.

Trainees enrolled in mandatory CDCs will have a Test No Later Than Date of two UTAs of receipt of exam. Voluntary exams must be taken within 90 days of receipt. Course exams not taken within the time allowed will be destroyed.

The exceptions to this rule are 6E, 8E, and SOS course exams.

If a you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately. Your Unit Training Manager will submit an AF Form 1095 to MSMPT. This form could prevent your course exam from being destroyed if extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking the exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date

Contact **MSMPT**, 47075, to schedule testing on Wednesdays.

Ancillary Training Information

Disaster Preparedness Information

All personnel who normally wear contact lenses, attending Chemical Warfare training, must wear glasses instead. Bring your New Mask goggles if you have them. Personnel are to be on time for all classes, or be reported as "No Shows".

Supervisors may schedule Chemical Warfare training thru-out the year by calling the DW office at x45249. Units must report the names of personnel requiring training when scheduling training.

UCMJ Briefing

All first and second term enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing. Second term enlisted personnel are due the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. UCMJ briefing time is 1400-1445, Bldg 201, Sunday of UTA.

CDC Course Exam

Ancillary Training

Looking Ahead...

August '93 (ORE/MOBEX)

- 14 Initial CW Tng
- 15 Ref CW Tng (0800-0945)
- 15 Supr safety Tng

September '93

- 26 Refresher CW Tng (0800-0945)
- 26 Hazcom Tng
- 26 SABC Instructor Tng

Policy for Exceeding 139-Day RPA Special Tour Mandays

20 Year Notification letter

The basic guidelines for issuance of the 20-year letter:

A. Member must have at least 20 years of satisfactory federal service.

B. The last 8 years must be in a reserve component, but they do not have to be consecutive.

C. Issuance of the 20-year letter is determined by the member's retention/retirement (R/R) date.

Approximately 1 month after the member's AF Form 526, ANG/USAFR point Credit Summary is produced, and the member's satisfactory federal service shows at least 20-years, the technicians at Denver will receive a computer generated notice. This notice tells the technician that the member has reached the 20-year mark. The technician verifies the data and makes certain that the last 8 year requirement has been met.

The letter is then typed, checked by the technician and supervisor, and mailed to the member. The member should receive his/her 20-year letter approximately 90 to 120 days after the close-out of his/her R/R year.

EXAMPLE: R/R year- 2 Apr 92-1 Apr 93.

The close-out of this R/R year is 1 Apr 93. The PCARS technician will receive the computer generated notice in mid Jul 93. member should receive the letter by mid Aug 93.

All questions can be directed to MSMAC, point of contact is TSgt Fuqua or MSMAQ, point of contact is TSgt Jones.

The 419 FW/CC has established the following procedures for extending members beyond the 139 day RPA special tour mandays.

a. The Wing Commander has the authority to extend unit members beyond the 139 days, but not to exceed 179 days. This authority will not be delegated below the wing commander level.

b. These actions will be accomplished using the following format:

From: (Unit)

SUBJ: Request for Waiver to Exceed the 139-Day RPA Special Tour Manday Limitation.

TO: 507 FG/CC
507 MSMPT
In Turn

Request waiver of the 139-day RPA special tour manday limitation be approved for the following individual.

- a. Rank/Name/SSAN
- b. Unit of assignment
- c. PAFSC/DAFSC
- d. Training Category Code
- e. Current FY RPA Manday Status:

Number days performed to date

Number of additional days requested

f. Current FY participation performance

g. Specific project

h. Justification

(Signature of Supervisor)

1st Ind (Unit/CC)

Contact MSMPT, 47075 for additional information.

College Credit

A recent records review indicates that many personnel records reflect no college credit. We believe that you do have some college credit. If you completed Basic Military Training, if you finished an Air Force technical School, or if you completed OJT, you have college credit through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).

The 507th Training Office (MSMPT) can help get that college credit you've earned, entered into your military records. Call us or come by for a short education counseling session. We are located in Bldg 1043, Room 206. Our phone number is (405) 734-7075.

It will take only a few minutes to complete the required paperwork to update your records. At the same time, if you wish, you may enroll in a college degree program with CCAF and learn how you may earn an Associate of Applied Science degree. You may be closer to a degree than you think. All of the education services rendered by CCAF are FREE, so don't wait too long, that degree you've been wanting to complete is probably not far away. Call us now and get the credits you deserve--We can't do it without you.

More What, When, Where

CBPO Customer Service

Hours of Operation

Primary UTA Weekends

Saturday 0730-1630

Sunday 0730-1500

Closed Sunday for In-House Training
from 1500-1630

Weekdays

Monday-Friday

0730-1130

1230-1630

Closed Thursdays for In-House Training
from 0730-1230

Phone Numbers

MSM/MSMA/MSME/MSMD/MSMP

CBPO Management, 47491

MSMAC...Customer Service, 47492

MSMPU...Personnel Utilization, 47493

MSMAQ...Quality Force, 47494

MSMPT...Training & Education, 47075

TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing

Personnel Utilization (MSMPU) is
standing-by to help with relocation
processing, but they need your help.

TDY to school or reassignment out-
processing can only be initiated through
MSMPU during the times listed below:

Monday thru

Friday: 0730-1030 and 1230-1530

UTA Saturday: 0800-1530

The schedule is for your convenience;
times noted assure your access to
agencies with processing responsibilities.
Your cooperation in complying with this
schedule is greatly appreciated. if you
have any questions, please call MSMPU,
x47493.

Chapel Service Information

Nondenominational services are Satur-
day at 1515, Hospital Pharmacy.

Catholic Mass: Sat, 1700

Sun, 0940, 1220

Tips for Faster CBPO Service

*ARTS, or Reservists on Mandays or
annual tour can conduct personnel
business any week day and avoid
contributing to UTA congestion.*

*Avoid Saturday morning unless you have
an appointment. Due to In-Processing
activities, the Customer Service section is
short handed until about noon on
Saturday.*

*Call ahead, find out how long the wait
may be.*

*Be sure you bring any required docu-
ments with you and avoid the need for a
second trip to finish your business.*

Hours of Operation for...

Pass & ID

Located in Bldg 590, is open on UTA
Saturday, 1200-1600, for ID cards,
fingerprints, vehicle registration and base
decal.

Individual Equipment Issue (IEU)

Located in Bldg 469, is open on UTA
Saturday, 0800-1530. Enter door #36 on
the south side of the building. Check
with your Unit Orderly room before you
attempt equipment issue or exchange.

Air Reserve Technicians

If you have business with these agencies,
you should take care of it on weekdays so
services are available for other Reservists
on UTAs.

Dining Facility

Meal times are shorter, lines are longer:
Plan ahead!

Breakfast 0600-0900

Lunch 1100-1300

Dinner 1530-1800

Medical Services Information

Immunization Monitors

All shot records that are mutilated and or
have no space left need to be brought to
the immunization clinic located in the
Hospital between 1000-1200 on Sunday
of the UTA for new records to be made
up and issued. Point of contact is Capt
Livengood, x42487.

Physical Examinations

The 507th Medical Squadron is presently
trying to catch up on the backlog of
physicals. Therefore, the physical
schedule is extremely tight. If you will
be unable to meet an appointment, you
must call TSgt Davis, x43151 and
reschedule in advance of the UTA.

Random Drug Testing

Drug Testing is conducted at 0900 on
UTA Saturdays. The names of those
randomly selected for testing are released
by Social Actions to Unit Commanders
immediately after sign-in on Saturday. If
selected, you should consume as much
liquid as possible prior to reporting to the
lab. You cannot be released until the
required sample amount has been
obtained. if you have questions about the
Random Drug testing program contact
Social Actions, x45019.

Military Pay

File for pay on or before: Receive Direct Deposit by:

15 Aug.....	25 Aug
17 Aug.....	31 Aug
22 Aug.....	01 Sep
24 Aug.....	03 Sep
29 Aug.....	08 Sep
31 Aug.....	10 Sep
06 Sep.....	15 Sep
08 Sep.....	17 Sep
12 Sep.....	22 Sep
14 Sep.....	24 Sep
19 Sep.....	30 Sep
22 Sep.....	01 Oct
26 Sep.....	06 Oct
28 Sep.....	08 Oct
03 Oct.....	12 Oct
05 Oct.....	15 Oct

New Air Force Secretary nominated

Washington (AFNS)-- President Clinton has announced his intention to nominate Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, an Associate Provost at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to be Secretary of the Air Force, White House officials said July 2.

If confirmed by the Senate, Widnall would be the first woman to head a branch of the U.S. armed forces.

"Sheila Widnall is a woman of high achievement -- a respected scientist, a skilled administrator, and a dedicated citizen. I am confident that she will do an outstanding job of guiding the Air Force through this period of the post-cold war change," Clinton said.

Widnall, 54, was a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's board of visitors from 1978-84 and was chairman of the board in 1980-82. She also served on advisory committees to the former Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB, Ill., and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. A native of Tacoma, Wash., Widnall is known internationally for her work in fluid dynamics, particularly in the areas of aircraft turbulence and the spiraling airflows called vortices created by helicopters.

In addition to being an Associate Provost, Widnall is a professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT. She was the first MIT alumna appointed to the faculty in the school of Engineering, and the first woman to chair the entire faculty from 1979-80. Widnall received both a bachelor's and master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from MIT in 1961, and a doctor of science degree in 1964 -- the same year she joined the faculty as an assistant professor. She became an associate professor in 1970 and a professor in 1974. Widnall and her husband, William, also an aeronautical engineer, have two children and live in Lexington, Mass.



Proposed AF Secretary

President Clinton nominee for Secretary of the Air Force is Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, associate provost at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, she has served on numerous boards, panels and committees in government. (Photo by Donna Covenney, MIT).

Defense Department Reserve chief predicts increased reliance on reserves, readiness

Increased reliance on the military reserves and renewed emphasis on personnel and equipment readiness were predicted July 3 by the new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Speaking before the final banquet of the 67th national convention of the Reserve Officers Association, Deborah R. Lee focused on the "bottom-up review" of the defense department being conducted by Secretary Les Aspin.

"Let me assure you that Secretary Aspin's bottom-up review will produce a winning team, but it will clearly have a different look than what we experienced through the many years of the Cold War," Mrs. Lee said.

"In an environment of declining budgets, it makes sense to rely more heavily on the national guard and reserve. You know that it will be a smaller guard and reserve. We will do our best to ensure these reduction are done fairly and smartly.

"As for my definition of 'smart,' I do not favor proportional reduction. Rather, I prefer a nation we might call 'compensatory leverage,' that is, to look for opportunities to use reserve in new ways to minimize risk and contain costs. The bottom line is that we must form a team that will be better trained, better equipped, and able to win if called upon to fight."

Noting that readiness is another key area, Mrs. Lee complimented the reserve components as being "in their best shape ever, but I must emphasize the need to carefully track readiness to ensure that we don't return to the days of hollow forces. Real readiness of our forces is one of my top concerns.

"We must continue to recruit and retain high quality soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen in the reserve. We must ensure that they operate up-to-date equipment and we must demand that they receive the best possible training. They must be ready when called upon."

She said that equipment readiness is another essential ingredient to readiness.

New ethics rules outlined

by Greg Rippes

Kelly AFB, Texas-- The Office of Government Ethics has issued new rules governing standards of conduct that apply to all military offices and civilian employees, Air Force officials said.

The new rules replace Air Force Regulation 30-30, standards of conduct. While the rules use the term 'employees, they apply equally to officers and they will soon be expanded to apply to enlisted people as well," said Capt. Cheryl Thompson, Chief of Military Justice at Kelly. Some new rules are identical to those in the regulation, some expand upon the old rules and some are entirely new.

The rules start with the basic assumption that public service is a public trust," Thompson said. From this

premise flow the basic principles that the new rules seek to implement.

As general provision under the new rules, Employees:

--Must place loyalty to the constitution, laws and ethical principles above private gain.

--Shall not hold financial interests that conflict with faithful performance of duty.

--Shall not use non-public government information to further a private interest.

--Shall not use public office for private gain.

--Shall not give preferential treatment to anyone.

--Shall not seek or engage in outside employment that conflicts with public duty.

--Shall satisfy all just financial obligations.

--Shall avoid creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the regulation.

Regarding gifts from outside sources, the new rules say employees shall neither solicit nor accept gifts that

come from a "prohibited source" or that are given because of the intended receiver's position.

Thompson said a "prohibited source" is a government contractor or a "wannabe." A gift is anything of value, including services. But the prohibition doesn't include modest items of food, such as coffee and doughnuts, that are not part of a meal. Also accepted are exchanging greeting cards and presenting plaques.

"Employees may accept gifts based upon a personal relationship," she said. "The giver must be motivated by the relationship and not by the employee's position."

When it comes to gifts between employees, generally an employee may neither give a gift, make a donation for a gift to a superior nor solicit a contribution from another employee for such a gift.

As before, there are exceptions," said Thompson. "A superior may accept from a subordinate, on occasions such as Christmas, nominal gifts that are not cash and are worth \$10 or less, food and refreshments shared in the office.

Homosexual policy announced for military

President Clinton recently outlined his new policy concerning homosexual conduct in the military:

- "Service men and women will be judged based on their conduct, not their sexual orientation.

- "The practice ... of not asking about sexual orientation in the enlistment procedures will continue.

- "An open statement by a service member that he or she is a homosexual will create a rebuttable presumption that he or she intends to engage in prohibitive conduct. But the service member will be given an opportunity to refute that

presumption, in other words, to demonstrate that he or she intends to live by the rules of conduct that apply in the military service.

- "All provisions of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice will be enforced in an even-handed manner as regards both heterosexuals and homosexuals. ... Just as is the case under current policy, unacceptable conduct, either heterosexual or homosexual, will be unacceptable 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from the time a recruit joins the service until the day he or she is discharged."

Reserve supports counterdrug activities

Air Force Reserve support of the National Drug Control Program is second only to maintaining combat readiness. AFRES has been involved in this effort since 1991.

In 1992, the Air Force Reserve flew 962.7 hours and used more than 25,000 mandays to support counterdrug operations.

Law enforcement requested AFRES helicopters for marijuana eradication, for travel to and from suspected drug activity locations, and to transport prisoners from remote areas.

AFRES used its aircraft's airborne sensor capabilities to detect illegal drug activities and airlifted law enforcement teams and prisoners within CONUS.

Air Force Reserve civil engineers constructed an aircraft hangar in the Bahamas for use by drug law enforcement teams; the Air Force Reserve band regularly presented drug awareness and prevention programs to middle school and high school students in an effort to reduce the demand for drugs. Reservists were involved in listening post and observation post

operations, intelligence analysis, language translation, and technical training of law enforcement agencies. AFRES provided materiel storage and temporary housing for the witness protection program at some Reserve installations.

The Air Force Reserve strongly supports civil law enforcement agencies and will continue to participate in these activities to the full extent allowed by law and the budget, officials said.

507th medics to attend field training

by Capt. Richard R. Davidson
507th Medical Squadron

Nineteen members of the 507th Medical Squadron will be "roughing it" this September as they attend Continuing Medical Readiness Training (CMRT) at Sheppard AFB Texas

This is the second year of this type of field training for medics. Medical units are required to attend once every four years. Medics attending this year were unavailable last year due to taking part in the 507th's Coronet Soldier deployment to Italy.

The training takes place on a 51-acre field training site and consists of field trauma life support problems that would occur in a combat-type environment. Also a medical Red Flag,

an 18-hour war-time simulation, and an 18-hour mass casualty exercise is included during the two week annual tour.

The medics leave home to set up and manage a field hospital consisting of several large interconnected tents, as well as an Air Transportable Hospital (ATH). They must set it up as well as learn how to take it down by the end of training.

The reservists will also hone their skills in triage (level of treatment patients receive based on type of injuries), medical management in the field prior to transport, loading patients in different type of aircraft, and proper transport to the field hospital. Other training included involves the treatment of

patients in a chemically or biologically contaminated environment.

Long hours of exercise and rugged conditions await these reservists, but, according to those who attended last year, most feel it is well worth it. It brings about increased self-confidence in the performance of their war-time skills.



72nd deploys to "Land of the Rising Sun"

By SSgt. Larry Wilson
72nd APS Public Affairs Representative

Approximately 20 members from the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron left Aug. 7 for 15 days of annual training at Yokota AB, Japan. While overseas the reservists will train with active duty forces.

The squadron motto is "The force behind the force". They were activated for 180 days during the Gulf war to help run the air freight terminal at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, planning loads, loading and unloading air freight arriving and departing for points worldwide.

The 72nd has deployed to Korea, Japan, Guam, Hawaii, Germany, Italy and the Azores Islands for training to do exactly what they did during the Gulf war. Their mission is to support or replace active duty forces worldwide.

With approximately 120 members the unit, the 72nd is able "to step in at a moment's notice and take over control of any air freight terminal in the world while providing quality service," according to 72nd commander Lt. Col. Frank Hale.

The Air Force supports the "The total force policy" which was proven in Desert Shield/Desert Storm operations. The reserve was well trained and able to take charge when called to active duty, Hale said.

Promotions listed

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been promoted recently:

To Master Sergeant:

Joe Lafitte, Delbert Looper, Robert Mapes, Michael Tabor, Andrew Verner.

To Tech Sergeant:

Monte Buchanan

To Staff Sergeant:

Barbett Barnett, Noveta Battles, Gary Edwards, Robert Strub, Steven Taplin, James Taylor, Brian Veazey.

To Senior Airman:

Jerry Colbaugh, Johnny Douglas, Daniel Drennen, Terence Jackson, Timothy Parker, Bradford Phillips, Errol Thomas, Michelle Waters, James Wilson, Greg Wolfinbarger.

To Airman First Class:

Candy Canary and Kyle Howell.

Reserve News

New Air Force specialty codes

The Air Force will have a new specialty code classification system beginning Oct. 31.

The new system will be better aligned with the restructured Air Force and will provide members with better career path visibility. Another benefit of the classification restructure will be fewer AFSCs.

Currently, there are 216 officer and 203 enlisted specialty codes. Once the new system is implemented, there will be about 120 officer and 180 enlisted AFSCs. AFSCs will change for all military members under the new system.

BDUs now allowed in many off-base eateries

A recent change to AFR 35-10 allows people in battle dress uniforms to dine in local off-base eateries, including many full-service restaurants. BDUs are now allowed in establishments patronized by civilians wearing work clothes comparable to fatigues. However, members in BDUs are still prohibited from eating at places which have a more formal dress code.

Reservists help with flood relief

Reservists from the 932nd Aeromedical Airlift Group at Scott spent their July UTA weekend filling sand bags to stem the flow of the Mississippi River.

Reservists and C-5 Galaxies from the 433rd Airlift Wing at Kelly airlifted water purification equipment into Des Moines, Iowa, in mid-July as part of the flood relief. They began supporting the effort July 12 in response to a request for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Forces Command.

Base closures coming

The BRAC commission offered some surprises in its report to the president. Recommendations included keeping Bergstrom, Homestead and Willow Grove open as air reserve stations, but not turning McGuire into a reserve base. Congress has to decide by this month to accept or reject the entire proposal. See story on page 4.

Unit phone books available

Unit members wishing a copy of the 507th phone directory, 507 FG visual aid 11-1, need to contact their unit orderly rooms. Phone directories may be placed on order through them to the unit information management office.

943rd retires flag

March's 943rd Airlift Group closed shop in June but don't consider it down and out for the count. About 30 percent of its people have found a place in the 445th Airlift Wing. The group is also a survivor; it was inactivated in 1973 and came back to life in 1985.

Leadership changes

Three AFRES senior leaders changed roles last month. Maj. Gen. Sherrard III is now AFRES vice commander at Robins, Maj. Gen. McIntosh is 22nd Air Force commander at Dobbins, and Brig. Gen. Whaley is 4th Air Force commander at McClellan.

Ethics training

AFRES members will be receiving one hour of ethics training in the near future. The training will include a videotape and briefing, and is mandated by Congress.

940th on the move

Members of the 940th Air Refueling Group have pulled up stakes and moved from Mather to McClellan. Eighteen months from now they get to do it again when they trek over to Beale. Norton's 445th Airlift Wing marches over to March this month.

Reservists gain extra time for legal aid

WASHINGTON -- Unit reservists may obtain wills and powers of attorney at base legal offices even while not on reserve duty.

Air Force revised its policy on assistance for reservists and guardsmen to help ensure the readiness of reservists for mobilization and deployment.

The policy especially benefits reservists who work on or live near a military base because they can obtain assistance through the week rather than waiting for help on unit training assembly weekends or other training periods.

Dependents of reservists are not eligible for any legal assistance until the reservist is placed on active duty. (AFRESNS)

Relief efforts qualify for award

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force reservists directly involved in three disaster relief efforts may qualify for the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Among the relief efforts are:

- Hurricane Andrew disaster relief operations in Florida from Aug. 23 to Nov. 10, 1992, and in Louisiana from Aug. 26 to Oct. 8, 1992.
- United Airlines Flight 232 crash, Sioux City, Iowa, July 19-20, 1989.

Individuals are eligible to receive the HSM if they rendered direct hands-on assistance at the site of the operation during the award period and directly contributed to the action's successful outcome. Personnel offices should have already contacted most of the people eligible for the medal; however, reservists who were not notified may want to inquire about the HSM. (AFRESNS)