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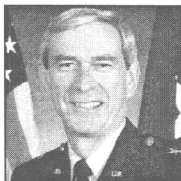
507th Air Refueling Wing - 513th Air Control Group M A G A Z I N E

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507th ARW Mission: Man, train, equip, and sustain a Reserve force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.



507th ARW Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich
507th ARW Commander

Safety is an attitude

Safety is an attitude, and if you don't have the right attitude, chances are I'll be reading about you one day.

There are many forums that highlight our safety programs. Whether it's during a wing commander's call, taking a flying down day to review safety practices, or the 101 Critical Days of Summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day), the focus is on awareness and attitude. We have many tools at our disposal to help us: policies and procedures, checklists, Crew Resource Management (CRM), Operational Risk Management (ORM), and maybe most important—common sense.

Many smart people before us have developed policies, procedures, and checklists that, if followed, generally result in a safe operation. CRM is another layer of "protection." Whether you're towing an aircraft, flying an aircraft, setting up a communication network in the field, or guarding the perimeter of a base camp, you need to manage the resources to back each other up and complete the task as safely as possible.

ORM applies to everything we do. It may be a defined multi-step process for a complex operation, or merely thinking it through if you're mowing your lawn or going water skiing. Oversimplified, ORM involves cause and effect—weighing the causes (risks) that produce the effects (results). The goal is to manage the risk to an acceptable level that still produces an acceptable result. And, having done all this, it should still pass our common sense test.

As we approach the 101 Critical Days of Summer, common sense may be our last line of defense. Many of us are not as young as we once were, and consequently are not quite as good at what we once did. Recognizing this is common sense. Making adjustments for it is ORM. Applying this to our activities with friends and family is CRM.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year, the Air Force has lost five individuals due to drowning mishaps, compared to two during all of FY99. Two had companions with them when they drowned, two others were swimming in the ocean alone while intoxicated, and another became unconscious after striking his head and was swept over a waterfall.

As we get ready to enjoy the summer and all the activities it brings, please don't lose that attitude. You can be safe and still have fun.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

The story is told of a turtle who longed to fly. He watched with envy as the ducks flew by. One day he had a brilliant idea. He asked the ducks to help him fly. The ducks laughed at the turtle, pointing out the obvious lack of wings. The turtle was persistent. He asked them to hold a stick in their mouths,



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. John Fobian
513th ACG Commander

Preparing for deployment

You've all probably read or heard about Expeditionary Air Force (EAF) and Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEF) and wondered how this new way of doing business affects us all. Since AWACS is a low density-high demand weapon system the TDY rate, on average, is very high. Just ask your active duty counterparts. Sustained OPTEMPO has impacted Air Force readiness, morale, retention, and recruiting.

The EAF embodies the Air Force vision to organize, train, equip and sustain the Total Force—Active, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve—to meet the security challenges of the 21st century. The fundamental objective is to enhance operational capabilities provided to the warfighting CINCs, while sustaining a viable force that can also provide those capabilities in the future. The EAF concept provides the tools to better manage the force, determine its stresses, and when, where, and how to focus contingency operations tempo relief.

AEF provides pre-designated combat, mobility, support and leadership capabilities from which the Joint Force Commander can tailor the desired operational effect. AEF elements fulfill a 90-day period every 15 months. This offers Air Force units, members, their families and civilian employers greater stability and predictability to make their plans accordingly.

We are starting final preparations for aircrew members deploying, later this summer, as part of AEF 8. The 552nd ACW will evolve its deployments to conform to the EAF concept. Our long range planning will be based on the 15-month cycle. We will work our schedules for exercises to train the way we fight. The 513th ACG will be prepared as a partner in the Total Force.

while he held on to the middle of the stick. Then, when they flew, the turtle would too.

They agreed to the plan and, indeed, the turtle flew. As they flew over the town, one of the townspeople remarked, "I wonder who thought of such an ingenious plan."

"I did," said the proud, and falling turtle.

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall"
Proverbs 18:13. May we all do an attitude check, and serve with humility.



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This is your magazine. Take it home with you to share with family, friends, and employers.

On the cover...



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Capt. Rob Reneau, Maj. Steve Price, Defense Logistics Agency, and Col. Mario Goico, vice commander for the 507th ARW (pictured in his civilian flying suit) crewed the flight that landed the ninth KC-135R for the 507th ARW Apr. 12.



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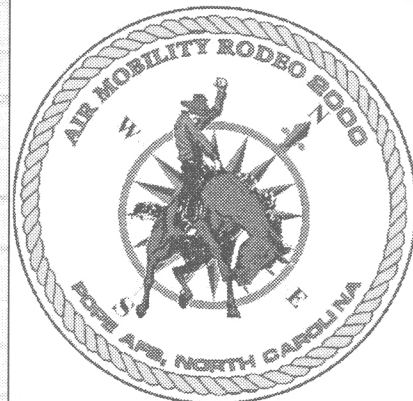
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The 507th Air Refueling Wing's 21-member team began training in earnest last month for Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2000 competition.

The competition, scheduled to be held May 6 through 13 at Pope AFB, N.C., will pit 100 active duty, Reserve, Guard, and international teams in a test of skill and determination. This competition focuses on improving the worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities.

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Notice to Airmen

Expeditionary Aerospace Force Update

By Gen. Michael Ryan
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

A year and a half ago we launched our effort to become an Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF). We've come a long way since then. EAF planners, MAJCOMs, the new Aerospace Expeditionary Forces Center, and Airmen in the field have done a great job in making the EAF happen. But the road to EAF is a continuing journey, so I want to update you on where we stand.

The Air Force must be able to rapidly deploy powerful aerospace forces anywhere on the globe. To meet this challenge, we divided deployable Air Force personnel and assets from Active, Guard, and Reserve units into ten Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEFs) and two crisis-response Aerospace Expeditionary Wings (AEWs). Each AEF is scheduled to deploy, or be on-call, for one 90-day period every 15 months. The AEWs will rotate on-call status every 90 days, ensuring one AEW is always ready to respond to pop-up contingencies. When not deployed or on-call, AEFs and AEWs will remain mostly at home station, focusing on training for their next deployment or on-call window. Additionally, we created five mobility lead wings, one for each AEF rotation period, to respond to humanitarian crises around the globe.

We started executing the AEF schedule on 1 October 1999 and AEFs 1 through 4 have already deployed and returned home. AEFs 5 and 6 are currently engaged, and the AEW at Seymour-Johnson AFB and the expeditionary base leadership wings at Davis-Monthan AFB, Shaw AFB, and McConnell AFB are on-call for crisis-response. Rotations have gone well so far, but we've had our share of challenges. We'll continue to learn from our deployments and get better in the future.

The impact of the AEF schedule varies depending on the deploying Airman's specialty. Airmen in fighter and bomber units who normally deploy with their squadrons may not have noticed major changes initially, and this was expected. Just as in the past, they deploy as a squadron when tasked. The major benefit for these Airmen will be the stability and predictability in knowing their future deployment schedule, which hasn't always been the case. In fact, personnel who have just returned from AEFs 1 through 4 deployments should already know their on-call or deployment dates next year and

should be able to plan personal and professional events around those dates.

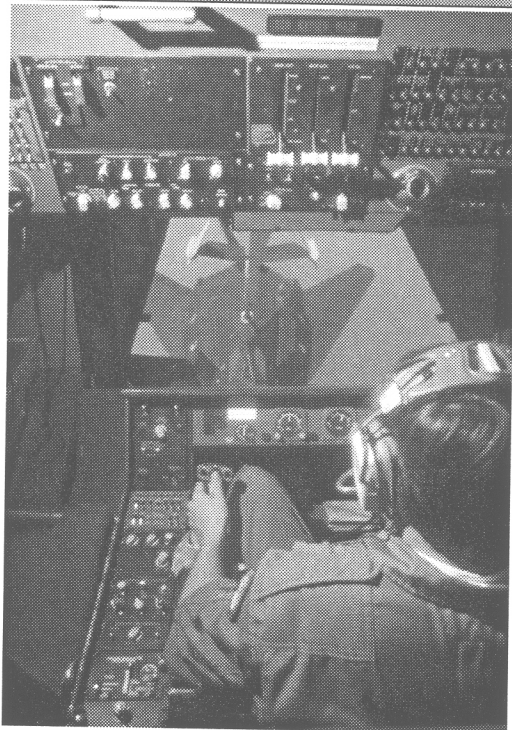
Our Guard and Reserve Airmen also benefit from the AEF schedule. Since they are aligned with AEFs just like their Active

counterparts, they too will know their deployment schedule well in advance. This enables them to coordinate earlier with their employers to smoothly transition from their civilian jobs to their deployment and back home again.

Airmen in support specialties who previously deployed as individuals, such as security forces, civil engineering, and contracting, will notice major changes starting with the deployment of AEFs 5 and 6 in March 2000. AEFs 5 and 6 are the first to deploy expeditionary combat support specialties as teams grouped by Unit Type Codes (UTCs). This offers significant benefits over deploying as individuals. First, deploying by UTC lets people train and deploy as a team. Each deployable Airman is assigned to one UTC team, and each UTC team is assigned to one AEF. This means Airmen will know which AEF they are in, who they will deploy with, and when their AEF rotation is scheduled,

Air Force photos





giving them the same stability and predictability I mentioned earlier. Additionally, Airmen will benefit from deploying with team members from their home station — preparing together, deploying together, and then bringing their shared experiences back to the home base as a team.

There will still be cases where Airmen are de-

ployed individually, but we are working to minimize those occurrences. In fact, 94 percent of support specialties in AEF 5 and 6 deployed as UTC teams. Not bad for our first attempt, and we expect to do even better in future rotations.

Airmen in low-density, high-demand (LD/HD) systems like AWACS, Rivet Joint, JSTARS, and CSAR currently benefit the least from the AEF schedule. Because of their limited numbers and constant need by joint warfighting commanders, LD/HD units aren't currently aligned with AEFs — the demand for their services is simply too great. But by showing the impact of their high OPTEMPO and building a more firm LD/HD schedule, we have been able to reduce demand for these assets — and today we have the smallest number of Airmen deployed since 1993. We are also seriously looking at the numbers of LD/HD assets to determine where we need to procure more aircraft and increase crew ratios. In the future, I want all LD/HD assets to be an organic part of the AEFs. These personnel need the same predictability and stability that the AEF schedule gives other Airmen. We're working hard toward that goal, but it will take time.

The AEF schedule also impacts our mobility forces. Some

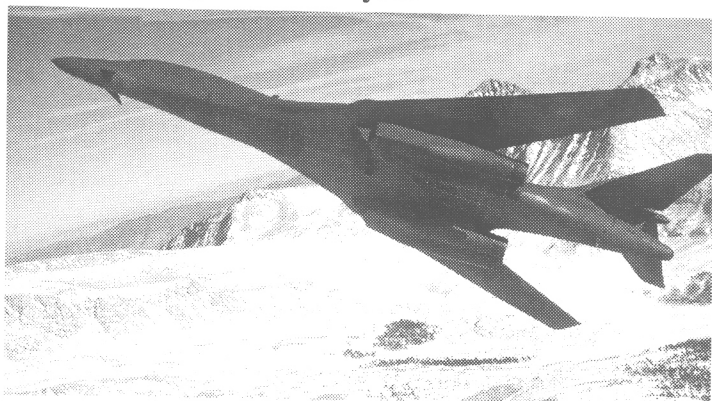
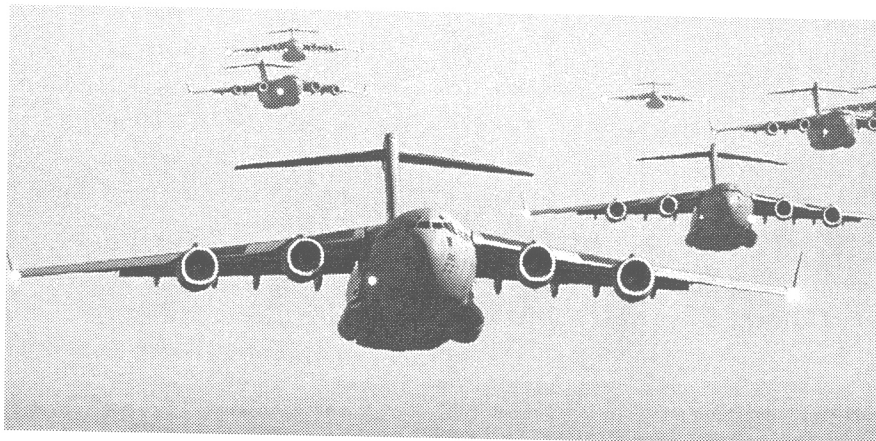
mobility units are assigned to AEFs to provide expeditionary theater mobility capability and will deploy or be on-call for 90 days every 15 months. A large portion of our mobility force, however, will continue doing what they have done for years — providing the unmatched strategic mobility capability that is so critical to our nation. Because of the high demand for this capability, strategic mobility units, like LD/HD units, may not notice major changes. But the AEF schedule will yield some additional predictability since units can plan around periods of highest demand when AEFs rotate four times a year.

To this point, I've only discussed Airmen who deploy — what about the rest of the Air Force? About 35% of our Airmen do not deploy, but they still play a very important role in EAF. For example, strategic deterrence provided by our space and missile forces is the umbrella under which all other Air Force operations occur. And our space forces provide reachback capability for weather, comm, intel, surveillance, and reconnaissance. They are absolutely essential to EAF and our ability to rapidly project aerospace power around the world. Other specialties are equally important — research and development, acquisition, and training just to name a few — and although many of their major functions do not deploy forward, many will serve on expeditionary combat support

teams.

Despite a few bumps in the airspace, the Air Force is well on its way to integrating our Total Force into an Expeditionary Aerospace Force — rapidly responsive aerospace forces from the Active, Guard and Reserve, meeting our nation's global commitments. It will take

some time to feel the full effect, perhaps several rotations, but we'll get there. Keep up the great work — **America's Air Force is strong because of you.**



Military training attributed to civilian promotion

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

You know about Awards and Decorations program. If you have been in the Air Force or Air Force Reserve for any length of time, you have been at a ceremony where an award or decoration has been presented. Perhaps you have even received one.

There sometimes seems to be one individual who gets more awards or decorations than you thought ever existed. In the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), there is an individual like this who seems to have "just that many." Who is this person? What have they done?

SSgt. George Stiltner, mechanical technician for the 507th CES, is a recipient of many awards.

While off duty, Stiltner is a correctional officer at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center, and there has earned more awards than most of us would ever dream of.

Last year, he was selected as Correctional Officer of the Year for the Jackie Brannon Correctional Center. He was then picked as Correctional Officer of the Year for the Eastern Region of the state. Finally, he was chosen as Correctional Officer of the Year for 1999, the top person out of more than 1,600 individuals.

In March, he was promoted to lieutenant at his civilian job -- promotion partly attributed from his experiences and training from the military. As a member of the 507th CES, Stiltner serves in the mechanical section of the heating and air conditioning division.

Stiltner was promoted to lieutenant in near record time thanks to his Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) credentials and active duty experience. "The military bearing I learned on active duty, which continues today in the Air Force Reserve, certainly played a major role in my promotion," he said.

Stiltner is scheduled to appear at the state capitol to be honored by both houses of the state legislature. There is also a possibility he will be going to Washington, D.C. to meet with his counterparts from other states.



SSgt. George Stiltner

507th SFS gets the green light on new patch

A new emblem design has been approved for the 507th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) as of Feb. 17 by the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL.

SSgt. Richard Kozik, security forces specialist for the 507th SFS, started the project with a design for this new emblem and received approval through numerous Air Force and Army channels.

This is the first official emblem in the squadron's history. This new emblem boasts the following colors and elements: blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun, and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe represents the scope of Air Force operations and the unit's 24-hour commitment. The knight signifies the strength and protection the squadron provides to its parent organization. The chain of lightning the knight grasps symbolizes the unit's control over powerful destructive forces in the defense of freedom. The scroll beneath the emblem reads "In Peace and War", representing the squadron's dual modes of operation.



Family Readiness Office is here for you

By TSgt. Mary Randolph
507th ARW Family Readiness Office

In the event of mobilization, are you familiar with the services that are available to you and your family members through the Family Readiness Office?

If not, The 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) Family Readiness Office has a variety of services that can benefit your family if you are deployed.

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, has been the premier leader facilitating

The No-Zone

By MSgt. Gary Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

family readiness issues and took the lead in establishing offices in all Air Force Reserve wings to serve the needs of your families in the event of mobilization.

I am new to the Family Readiness Office. However, I am learning very quickly that taking care of our families is one of the wing's highest priorities and we have absolute support from our commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, and Tinker AFB Support Agencies. Having served in the Air Force for more than 17 years, I have seen the sacrifices made by members who were called to active duty. I can relate to this because it happened to me when I was activated to support Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm for several months at the Air Terminal Operations Center here. We worked seven day, 12 hour shifts processing cargo for shipment. I was fortunate to serve at home station; however, it was extremely difficult to raise my family. It created hardships for my husband and our three children, but we survived.

I can just envision the hardships on separated families if they are not prepared. If there had been family readiness offices for us during that critical period, I'm sure it would have been easier for my family.

I have been very fortunate in my career, having been assigned to Logistics and Information Management. I feel these assignments will help me serve you in the future.

Today, I am proud to contribute my personal experiences and knowledge of Family Services. It is a great privilege to be assigned to the Family Readiness Office, and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

I am also excited about meeting your families and sharing information. We take great pride in our services, but more importantly, we are proud of our reserve families. Our office will continue to keep you advised of activities that are available through the base Family Support Office. Take advantage of these services. They have been developed for you. You have earned them!

Readiness is our profession and we must be prepared to answer the call when our nation needs us. It's not just one person, but a team of professionals who must work together to ensure our Reserve members and their families are informed and prepared. That team is your senior leaders, peers, and families. Together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish! We are all one Reserve family committed to excellence in all we do. TSgt. Darryl Wingo, Chief of the Family Readiness Office, and I, take our role serious and we are determined to provide members and their families in the 507th ARW and 513th Air Control Group with quality service "second to none" in the Air Force Reserve. This is our pledge to you.

The Family Readiness office welcomes the opportunity to visit with you and your family members. I can assure you that you will not regret it! Please feel free to contact us at Ext. 4-6869 or come to our office, Bldg 1043, Room B-6.

We are about to enter the **101 Critical Days of Summer** which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day and has proven in the past to be the most dangerous time of the year. So before you take to the highways for your summer vacation, you should know about tractor-trailers and their "No-Zone."

The "No-Zone" represents danger areas around tractor-trailers where crashes are likely to occur.

Department of Transportation statistics say 250,000 crashes occur with more than 5,000 deaths annually between cars/pick-up trucks and tractor trailers.

REAR BLIND SPOTS – Tractor-trailers have deep blind spots directly behind them. Avoid tailgating in this No-Zone. Vehicle operators that follow too closely greatly increase their chances of a rear-end collision with the tractor-trailer. ***If you can not see the mirrors of the tractor-trailer in front of you, then the tractor-trailer driver can not see you!***

SIDE BLIND SPOTS – Tractor-trailers have very wide side blind spots. When operators of cars and pick-up trucks ride in a tractor-trailer's side blind spots, tractor-trailer drivers can not see them. If the truck driver needs to change lanes quickly for any reason, a serious crash could occur in this No-Zone. Remember, tractor-trailers make wide turns! A car that cuts in between the tractor-trailer and the curb or shoulder of the road increases the chances of an accident.

PASSING TRACTOR -TRAILERS – A car that cuts in front of a tractor-trailer too soon after passing, then abruptly slows down can cause a very serious accident. A tractor-trailer driver cannot slow down fast enough to compensate for the vehicle that has cut in front of them. As result, the tractor-trailer rear-ends the passenger car. This type of accident usually occurs when cars must quickly cut in front of a tractor-trailer to avoid missing a turn-off or exit. In order to avoid accidents in this No-Zone, maintain a consistent speed when passing tractor-trailers, acquire the cab of the vehicle in your rear-view mirror, ensure you are a safe distance away from the tractor-trailer, and then pull into the lane.

Remember, tractor-trailers **DO NOT** drive like cars and generally speaking the bigger they are:

- the bigger their blind spots;
- the more room they need to maneuver;
- the longer it takes them to stop;
- and the longer it takes to pass them the more likely you are going to be the loser in a collision.



SMSgt. Terrie Munsey



SSgt. Richard Kozik



SSgt. Kimberly Belcher

Senior NCO, NCO, Airman of the Quarters announced

Period from Jan. 1 through Mar 31, 2000

Senior NCO of the Quarter

SMSgt. Terrie Munsey, 135-B team chief for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), has made a seamless change from the 507th CLSS Logistics Plans NCOIC to her current position.

According to Maj. Donald Harlan, commander of the 507th CLSS, she is dual hatted as Chief of Systems/Element responsible for Shop Concept training for all fuels, Electric/Environmental, and Pneudraulics personnel in the squadron.

Among other accomplishments, she coordinated site survey to set up training for annual tour at Fairchild AFB, Wash. with active duty and Air National Guard.

Munsey coordinated off-station UTA training for two 14-person KC-135 maintenance teams at Altus AFB, Okla. in March, established a vital training link with her civilian counterparts at Altus AFB for future training opportunities for the 507th CLSS, and established a vital training link with the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Aircraft Generation Squadron allowing new personnel out of Tech School to receive 45 training days, among other accomplishments.

During her off-time, Munsey is a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and has received Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding customer service and perfect attendance.

NCO of the Quarter

SSgt. Richard Kozick, fire team member with the 507th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), was chosen by his supervisors as noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of Mobility Section and as an addition, monitor of the Awards and Decorations Section for his squadron.

According to Capt. Dennis Sivert, commander of the 507th SFS, Kozik is always seeking challenging tasks which need to be accomplished within his squadron. Among other accomplishments, he selflessly stays after duty hours to bring time-sensitive tasks to completion. He has also volunteered for months

worth of man-days to support daily operations and fly-aways when a lack of other volunteers existed.

Kozik has single-handedly inventoried over 50 pallets of various squadron equipment damaged by a flood saving the squadron hundreds of dollars worth of man-days.

He organized the storage of damaged equipment, bringing it into compliance with fire codes, and initiated the completion of new mobility records after the previous records were destroyed.

Kozik is one of the top marksmen in the wing with the M-9 semiautomatic pistol and the M-16 semiautomatic rifle.

Airman of the Quarter

SrA Kimberly Belcher, services disaster preparedness readiness monitor for the 507th Mission Support Squadron (MSS), was recognized, among other accomplishments, for developing an organizational system for unit chemical warfare equipment which has enabled unit mission effectiveness to be more than exceptional, ensuring that all equipment is maintained and in top condition for deployment.

According to Maj. Michael Miller, commander of the 507th MSS, Belcher has eagerly accepted the task of Assistant Lodging Coordinator for the 507th ARW and has developed a rapport with the active duty services personnel to ensure all members requiring lodging during a UTA receive it. She has aided in the reduction of no shows for lodging.

Belcher is also the Assistant Ancillary Training Manager. She assisted in developing an outstanding Ancillary Training Program which helps monitor training requirements for all members of the 507th Mission Support Squadron and 507th Communications Flight.

She is a dedicated young airman with an extraordinary amount of knowledge in her skill level. She constantly demonstrates a "can do."

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY NCO Academy In-Residence class dates: A letter of recommendation from your unit commander must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT not later than 60 days prior to class start date:

Class	Quotas	Dates	Location
00-6	1	000731-000907	Tyndall AFB, Fl
00-7	1	000918-001026	Tyndall AFB, Fl

4AF SENIOR NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

23-24 September 2000 at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. Please submit your name to Command Chief Master Sergeant Kellington. All E-7s through E-9s are encouraged to apply.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning to further their education up to a Bachelor's Degree (members who have a Bachelor's Degree are eligible to pursue a second degree).

The basic enrollment requirements are that, you must:

- Pay for the course up-front and after satisfactory completion, be reimbursed 75% (tuition only) per course, not to exceed \$1500 per FY.
- Enroll in only 1 course at a time, using the institutions listed in one of the three DANTES catalogs.
- Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).
- Complete enrollment form and have unit commander's approval.

For more information contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or the College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) tests FREE! The DSST and CLEP programs consist of a series of examinations that test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. Combined, the programs offer you more than 85 ways to get college credit. You must test at your Reserve DANTES approved test center. Testing at another DANTES test center will be on a case-by-case basis. The third Tuesday of each month at 0800 has been set aside for testing. You must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test by test date. Some tests are stocked while others must be ordered. **For more information contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075. The 2000 Edition CLEP and DANTES Study Guides are available in our office.**

TINKER AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS)

Reservists have now been provided the opportunity to attend the Tinker AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS). The purpose of the school is to (1) Prepare SrA to become effective supervisors (2) Modify SrA's values to appreciate the Profession of Arms (3) Develop SrA's knowledge of Leadership, Followership, Communication, and Team Development. The course length is 24 academic days/189 hours. Students will be awarded 8 semester hours through CCAF upon completion of ALS. You must have 48 months time in service. This course requires a great deal of commitment on the part of individuals selected - time away from job and study. Interested individuals should contact their unit training manager or MSgt. Cain in wing training.

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9 Jun - 13 Jul 00

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18 Aug - 21 Sep 00

HOT TOPICS :

✓ **CDC Testing is accomplished at 0750 on Sundays of the (main) UTA. You do not have to schedule it, just be there NLT 0750 at Bldg 460 (the active duty HQ), Room 213. You need to enter through the South East corner door. If you cannot make it, our Education office also tests on Wednesdays at 0800 and 1300. You DO need to schedule this one 24 hours in advance. Important note: If you are retaking a test, make sure you bring the authorization letter with you or you will not be allowed to test.**

If you are testing for Course 5A, please call DPMT at extension 47075 at least two days prior to the UTA.

✓ EDUCATION REMINDER:

This is just to remind everyone who wishes to update their Education Records, officer and enlisted, that we need OFFICIAL Transcripts to send or accomplish any updates. This means that it CANNOT say "ISSUED TO STUDENT." You may have the college/university send it, we can request it, or you may bring it in as long as it is in a sealed envelope with a SEAL on the flap AND it does not say "ISSUED TO STUDENT."

✓ **Pass and ID Hours of Operation: 1200-1600 on Saturdays of the UTA.**

✓ **IEU OPEN FROM 1200-1500 ON SATURDAY OF THE MAIN UTA.**

Professional Military Education (PME) Extensions must be submitted on ECI Form 17! Call DPMT, x47075 for assistance.

FY2000/2001 UTA Schedule

03-04 Jun 00	02-03 Dec 00
15-16 Jul 00	06-07 Jan 01
05-06 Aug 00	03-04 Feb 01
09-10 Sep 00	03-04 Mar 01
14-15 Oct 00	07-08 Apr 01
04-05 Nov 00	05-06 May 01

as of 04 Apr 2000

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1600	Top 3 Council	Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Room
Sat, 06 May 2000		
As Designated	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
by Unit		
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0900	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	To Be Determined
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1330-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, General's Office
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins	Bldg 1043, Room 101
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0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	Unit Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	To Be Determined
1045	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1100-1300	"CGOLD"	To Be Determined
1130-1300	Retention Focus Group	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1330	Personnel Record Reviews	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
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0900	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	To Be Determined
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1330-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
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Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

		<u>Phase I</u>	
	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1330-1400	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1630	Human Relations	SA
		<u>Phase II</u>	
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0930	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	0930-0945	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0945-1045	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP

UCMJ Briefing:

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0800 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing:

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0800 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical Warfare Training, by name, at least one UTA prior to the requested dates by calling CEX at 734-4460. All personnel must bring a complete training ground crew ensemble (GCE) including the mask and its hood to all classes. Those attending Initial must be prepared to process through a tear agent chamber. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without a complete GCE with mask, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show.

Drug Testing: You must report within two hours of notification.

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This is the single most important source of information within your personnel record for dependent data and notification of next-of-kin in an emergency. If data is incomplete or incorrect, the Air Force cannot extend dependent benefits, nor can proper and timely notification be made in the event you become injured or die on duty. You are the only one who can update this record. If any information is in error or out of date, see the people in the MPF Customer Svc Office.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 1 or 6 you have until 31 Aug 2000 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. **NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.**

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Anthrax lecture series begins

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

Fourth Air Force has established a medical lecture team to travel to Reserve units across the country to brief reservists about the anthrax vaccination.

The focus of the team which was created by 4th AF Commander, Maj. Gen. Wallace Whaley, is to provide reservists with solid answers on the safety of the anthrax vaccine.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) David Vu, 507th Medical Squadron (MedSq) Flight Surgeon has become a member of the medical lecture team, recently returning from Beale AFB, Calif.

Dr. Vu and Maj. (Dr.) Cheyn Onarecker, 507th Medical Squadron Chief of Aerospace Medicine, will be presenting a series of lectures to unit members during the May UTA weekend. Each lecture will last no more than 45 minutes, with 15 minutes for the lecture and the balance open for audience questions and answers. Attendance is mandatory for all reservists.

Vu is eminently qualified to speak to the subject of immunological issues. In 1965, while a doctor with the South Vietnamese Army, he led a research team to establish medical procedures to treat the dengue hemorrhagic fever outbreak that was killing thousands of Vietnamese children and adults. His research on and treatment of this virus was published and still used in medical textbooks.

"I gave my first seminar at Beale AFB on April 7," Vu said. "It was a very difficult mission, confronting a crowd already misled and misinformed. I was requested to give 4 seminars and ended up doing 5. There is so much misinformation going on that people are most hysterical concerning the safety of the vaccine. I got more than 50 questions at each seminar and I believe, after my answers satisfied the crowd about the worthiness and safety of the vaccine."

"The anthrax vaccine is not well known because anthrax was such a rare and exotic disease...until Saddam Hussein came upon the idea to make it a biological weapon (borrowing the idea from the Japanese Imperial Army and Hitler from WWII)," Vu said. "People do not realize that this vaccine was approved by the FDA since 1970 and it is not experimental."

Still, Vu said he considers unit reservists as being very well informed and anticipates them asking difficult questions. "People will ask all kind of questions, some of them not related to anthrax. But that's what we want. We want this to be an open and frank discussion."

"The anthrax vaccine is the best defensive tool we have at this moment in our arsenal," Vu said, adding that only the Department of Defense has the greatest experience with the management of biological attacks because it has dedicated considerable resources to the research on biological warfare. Vu said that all experts on bioterrorism agree on one point: It is not the question of how a biological attack will occur, but WHEN?

AFRC News Summary

This summary is intended to give the reader a brief look at some Air Force Reserve issues and recent events.

Bankers takes command of 22nd Air Force in May

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Brig. Gen. James D. Bankers, assistant vice commander at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command here, will assume command of 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., effective May 7.

He will replace Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., who will transfer to Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, for a joint service assignment as the director of mobilization and reserve affairs for U.S. European Command. The directorate of personnel in the Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon announced Bankers' reassignment March 9 but did not name his replacement.

New options to pay government travel card bills

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) — Two new options are making the "mail in method" of paying the bill of your NationsBank Government Travel Card obsolete.

Now bills can be paid electronically, either by the traveler via telephone or by the travel pay office when the travel voucher is paid.

One way is, the traveler can pick up the phone, dial 1-800-472-1424 and "speed pay" the bill directly from his or her bank account, after a little set-up work is done - like providing the bank's routing number and the checking account number. This can be done from anywhere 24-hours-a-day.

Another option is for the travel pay office to pay the bill when the travel voucher or interim travel voucher (if the temporary duty is more than 45 days) is paid. To do this, the traveler checks the "split disbursement" block at the top of the Department of Defense Form 1351-2 and fills in the amount to be sent to the charge card account. Any money not sent to pay the travel card bill will be sent to the traveler's bank account. If there is a balance remaining on the charge card, the traveler will be billed for it at the end of the billing cycle. If the traveler pays too much to the charge card, the traveler calls the 800 number and requests a refund for the credit balance be issued. It's as simple as that. No checks, no stamps, no bills to mail. (Information provided by AMC's financial management directorate)

Air Mobility Expeditionary



RODEO 2000

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) 21-member team began training in earnest last month for Air Mobility Command's (AMC) Rodeo 2000 competition.

The competition, scheduled to be held May 6 through 13 at Pope AFB, N.C., will pit 100 active duty, Reserve, Guard and international teams in a test of skill and determination.

Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo 2000, is the Mobility Air Force's (MAF) biennial readiness competition. This competition focuses on improving the worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities.

Rodeo showcases airdrop, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, security forces competition, short field landings, and related ground operations, and provides an opportunity for the world's best aerial refuelers and airlifters to demonstrate capabilities, improve procedures, compare notes, and enhance standardization for worldwide operations.

This year, the 507th ARW is sending three reserve teams to compete in Operations, Maintenance and Security Forces events.

"There's no question about it," said 507th ARW Team Chief Capt. Jerry Malloy, "the competition criteria is tough and those participating in this event represent the very best the free world has to offer."

Malloy stated the operations team has already flown several Rodeo training missions and hopes to complete at least eight prior to the event. "We want to fly more if we can. We're also trying hard to link up and refuel airlift teams from other units that are also going to Rodeo. We can both get the training we need that way."

With each mission lasting between 3 and a half to 4 hours, and the fact that some of the team members are traditional reservists with civilian jobs, Malloy stated it takes some planning to get the crew together to practice. "We're practicing as hard as we can. So far, I'm really pleased with what we've been able to do."

For operations, timing and airmanship skills are examined closely. "Our competition grading begins from the time we depart Tinker AFB. We have a specific landing time at Pope AFB, and points are deducted for every second that we either land too soon or too late." Malloy said the same is true when the aircrew fly competition refueling missions. "We are expected to be at a specific spot at a specific time. If we're not there, points are deducted."

The aircrew must work closely together to calculate things such as crosswinds, airspeed, aircraft turn radius, and other factors, quickly and accurately to stay in the competition fight. "Every competition refueling mission will involve carrying one or more inspectors on their aircraft. They hear what we're saying and watch everything we're doing."

That includes the boom operator who is graded for hookup accuracy, timing, and correct calculation of fuel offloads. Even more so than points received for speed and accuracy, safety is the biggest focus of the event. "Safety can never take a backseat in this competition. You can do your mission faster and better than everyone else, but if you commit a safety violation, you might as well not have flown that day. It has that much impact on your score," Malloy said.

As the aircrew team works to get in quality practice time, special challenges face the 507th ARW's maintenance team.

"Man, we're busy," said Maintenance Team Chief MSgt. Ricky Abbott. "We've been training constantly for this competition since April 1."

Abbott, who has more than 20 years of maintenance experience, stated the biggest problem facing the maintenance team's training schedule has been the unavailability to work on the unit's Rodeo designated KC-135 aircraft. Of the 507th ARW's eight aircraft, five are completing modifications for radar system upgrades. As such, the remaining three aircraft are heavily tasked to support national defense air refueling requirements. "With most of our unit aircraft completing their radar upgrade modifications, one of the few aircraft we have left to fly regular refueling missions is our 'Rodeo' aircraft. If it's up flying a mission, we don't have as much time as we want to work on it and get it ready for the competition."

Abbott said the team was pressing ahead by pulling longer days to work on the aircraft when it returns from a mission. "Our enthusiasm is good. We're supporting our operational flying and working in our Rodeo training in between, wherever we can."

Working those long days will also prepare the team for the actual competition, Abbott said. The last time the 507th ARW competed in an AMC Rodeo was in 1996. "On the first day we landed at Rodeo in 1996, our maintenance team worked a 17-hour day. We expect to average 12-14 hour days for the entire event to keep our aircraft competitive."

For the maintenance teams, Rodeo competition can be extremely demanding. The nine-member maintenance team, consisting of aircraft crew chiefs, engine, avionics, electrical and hydraulic specialists will be inspected on how well they launch, recover, and refuel the aircraft on the ground. The unit's aircraft will be scrutinized as inspectors go over maintenance logs and examine the aircraft inside and out. Safety also weighs heavy on the maintenance team portion of the competition.

"We are under constant observation from the time we land at Pope AFB until the time we leave. There is always an observer on the flightline somewhere with binoculars, watching," Abbott said. "Maintenance competition events are graded for time, with points being deducted for each second longer a team takes. But if a team commits a safety violation, like not wearing goggles or gloves when required, the amount of points deducted can ruin your whole day."

We are all upbeat and looking forward to this challenge. In fact, the closer we get to the competition, the more enthused we are," he said.

A five-member security forces team makes up the final component of the 507th ARW's Rodeo 2000 team. The Security Forces members are responsible for conducting the defense of both built-up and austere air bases. The team will compete in four events: combat tactics, combat endurance course; combat rifle competition, and combat handgun competition.

"Our group has been traveling to Camp Gruber, near Muskogee, Okla. We're using the Camp Gruber facilities to prepare for the obstacle course and orienteering portion as well as to fire weapons," said TSgt. Shannon Buhl, team leader.

For the combat tactics competition, the team uses land navigation skills to plan and conduct an assigned mission, interact with host nation friendly forces, and defend against enemy aggressors. The endurance course pits the security forces team against obstacles on a grueling, 2K course followed by a cross-country run. The

team completing the course in fastest time wins the event.

"The obstacle course is very physically demanding. Working as a team is paramount here. This is not about individual abilities. We must all finish together as quickly as possible to get the best score," said Buhl.

For the combat rifle competition, the reservists test their ability to engage targets over rough terrain using the M-16 rifle on an automated pop-up range, whereas during the combat handgun competition the crew must engage enemy targets with their 9mm semi-automatic pistols, in the shortest time using the least amount of ammunition.

"Each of these events challenge a team to compete at the peak ability. We're doing a lot of physical conditioning to prepare ourselves and we'll keep training up until the last possible moment," Buhl said.

But win or lose, the 507th ARW reservists are looking at this year's Rodeo as an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and as a chance to learn and refine their skills.

Collectively, the ultimate goal of the Rodeo competition is to develop and improve techniques and procedures that enhance air mobility operations. "It's a spirited competition that strengthens national defense as well as mutual goals and bonds of friendship," said Malloy.



Commander's Coin recipients

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

507th Commander's Coins are presented monthly to unit members demonstrating dedication to the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. The following individuals received coins during April.

SMSgt. Marie D. Johnson, NCOIC Logistics Plans, 507 Combat Logistics Support Squadron

"Sergeant Johnson was instrumental in coordinating training for KC-135 teams at Altus AFB. Through her contacts, she has provided new training opportunities for the unit. She also actively assists Air Force Reserve recruiting efforts at Altus. She recently cross-trained to our unit in order to fill a vacancy in our Logistics Plans NCOIC position. Sergeant Johnson is among the most dedicated Senior NCOs in the squadron."

- Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507 CLSS Commander

SSgt. Mike Richardson, 507th Maintenance Squadron

"I had the opportunity to recognize one of our finest on his last day with the Logistics Group. On the retirement of our DLR/Cost per Flying Hour person, SSgt. Mike Richardson stepped in to fill the vacancy and track the entire budget for us. SSgt. Richardson has provided outstanding fulltime support in this position for the past year and a half. He will be greatly missed and will make a tremendous asset to the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron."

- 1st Lt. Dan Moore, 507 MXS Commander

TSgt. Richard A. Hinckley Jr., 465th ARS Life Support Section.

"Sergeant Hinckley is a professional in every way. He has become 'The Man To Go To' for survival tactics/techniques. His hands on approach and manner gets the point across on what to do when in a difficult survival situation and he makes it fun. He is also a resident technical expert for repair and trouble - shooting of computers, an endeavor that saves the unit many dollars yet is completely different than his specialty. He epitomizes what one thinks of an individual who goes the extra step making everything better for all around them."

- CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant

SrA John Carter, 707th Communications Flight

"SrA Carter is a Small Computer Operations Specialist with our Flight. His notable performance is accented by a positive can do attitude. Specifically, he installed multiple network drops (LAN Connections) in difficult to reach areas. He also

worked the LAN help desk assisting one of the administrators clean a malicious virus from the system so it would not disrupt network operations. He consistently performs above what is expected and handles the most difficult task with a smile."

- Maj. Hal Collins, 707th CF Commander

MSgt. Delonna Fowser, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"MSgt. Delonna Fowser recently created an innovative idea to promote the reading of an information guide put together by one of our ARTs. The idea was to hold a contest to test their knowledge, based on a popular game show. MSgt. Fowser composed the 15 multiple choice questions and devised the rules of the game (3 lifelines instead of 4), and, with another member, arranged for 'prizes.' We ran the 20-minute contest just prior to formation. It turned out to be fun and everybody learned something worthwhile."

- Maj. Renee Lane, 507th CES Commander

TSgt. Janice Holloway, 507th Operation Support Flight

"The 465 ARS and 507 OSF presented a commander's coin of excellence to TSgt. Janice Holloway in recognition of the continuing excellent administrative support she provides to our wing intelligence branch. She also earned her degree from the Community College of the Air Force this month. She performs her administrative duties well and with a smile and is always willing to do the hundreds of little things needed to accomplish the Intel mission."

- Lt Col. Jerry Lauth, 507th OSF Commander

Maj. Cheyn Onarecker, Flight Surgeon, 507th Medical Squadron

"Maj. Onarecker provides outstanding leadership in the development of new processes to monitor and enhance the physical examination program, willingly responding to short notice assignments, and providing extended coverage of physical exams. He always has a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to help."

- Col. Steve Gentling, 507th MDS Commander

SSgt. Kim Belcher, 507th Support Group, Services Section

"SSgt. Kim Belcher recently, as an additional duty, inspected and serviced wing chemical warfare equipment. Her direct efforts resulted with a 'no discrepancies' finding for the unit's gas masks and a commendation during a Staff Assistance Visit. She also volunteered to help manage the wing's lodging program and provided immediate results with this tremendous workload, ensuring all wing and 513 ACG members had appropriate on or off base billeting."

- Maj. Mike Miller, 507 MSS Commander

Snapshots



Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

Members of the 707th Communications Flight take a moment to pose for the camera. They took the Air Force Reserve Command's Communications and Information Professionalism (Organizational Category) Award for outstanding performance during 1999. See story in April's issue of *On-final*.



Photo by MSgt. Tommy Clapper

Firemen from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron held a training exercise during the March UTA. The hands-on experience involved extinguishing a controlled fire at the training facility on base, and working with breathing gear.



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

The Air Force Reserve Enlisted Aircrew Planning Council held their meeting at the 507th ARW last month for four days. (Left to right) SMSgt. Terry Kennedy, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; MSgt. William Gates, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron; CMSgt. John Beasley, 465th Air Refueling Squadron; and MSgt. Mark Koneg, 95th Airlift Squadron.

MAY 2000



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

The 507th ARW Top-3 Council sponsored this year's Annual Food Drive receiving a pick-up truck full of donations going to the Tinker AFB Food Bank for needy airman. Food was donated by members of the 507th Logistics Group. Members who donated two or more items were treated to a 30 minute early release. Members involved in the collection are (left to right) MSgts Steve Wright, Neville Comas, Martha Smith; SMSgt. Cicero Quinn; and TSgt. Ron Rohlfs.

On-final

"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

AEF deployment: Getting down to business

Story by TSgt. Ty Yoshida
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

With just days before your Air Expeditionary Force deployment, you'll have a million questions racing through your mind. This overload is probably a symptom of the stress, worries and anxiety of the upcoming deployment, and probably fits into one of the following three questions:

- How can I possibly take care of all these checklist items in time;
- How will the family and I cope with the separation;
- Am I really prepared to successfully survive and operate "over there"

It's at a time like this to remember the words of your supervisor or commander often spoken before that exercise, readiness inspection or unit deployment: attitude is everything.

Time is tight

As a reservist, you'll probably work at your civilian job right up to the day of your deployment. The stress you're feeling is probably because time is so tight, and there is still so much to do. Somehow you still have to take care of those personal logistics details- decide what to pack and pack it, get those records, pick-up those tickets, out process.

Come on, you've done it before. You have your "go-to-war" bag of stuff at home. It really won't take that long to pack. Besides, you're authorized to take one bag plus two excess bags at a maximum of 70 pounds each, plus two carry-on bags. That's 220-plus pounds of luggage, plenty of room to take everything, including the kitchen sink.

Picking up those records and tickets won't take but a minute. And you're scheduled to out process a couple of days before you leave, so there is still time to accomplish anything missed on the checklist. So where's the stress?

Family matters

A deployment means separation from home, family and friends, and brings with it its own set of worries. How will I cope with being away from my family and friends? How will they cope? How will I feel when I can't reach out and touch my spouse or significant other or tuck my children into bed?

Since day one of becoming a reservist, preparing your family for your possible deployment has always been on the top of your list of things to do. It's time to enact that game plan (at least the part for a 15-day AEF rotation).

Your plans to handle personal affair matters (legal and financial) are probably in good shape. So no big worries there. But do you have a personal plan for you and your family's emotional survival during your deployment? Do you have a plan to minimize the worrying?

Into the unknown

For your deployment, you have a mission and you want to do a good job. But there are many threats, known and unknown, out there. By gathering more information about where you are going, and remembering your training, you can better cope with the anxiety you may be feeling.

If it hasn't hit you by now, you will eventually get that urge to survive the deployment. You'll want to talk to Intel to learn more about the terrorist threats and what's up with human intelligence (spies), and on your own learn more about local culture and customs. You'll want to prepare for the heat of Southwest Asia, and all the medical threats out there (the mosquito alone could bear malaria, dengue-fever [breakbone fever, Rift Valley fever, yellow fever, filariasis, Western Nile encephalitis]).

You will want to review your notes from all those ancillary training classes you attended to refresh your memory on things like chem warfare, how to combat terrorism, buddy care. Prepare to excel, survive and operate. Be confident.

Attitude is everything.

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles by TSgt. Yoshida related to his deployment to Southwest Asia as part of AEF 5.)

In Their Own Words from Basic Training

To MSgt. Larry Wheatley,

I'm still here and kicking. This weekend, I'm in my last and final week. We start to wear our blues. It's been really exciting getting to this stage. After this card, all I have to work on is technical school. Thank you very much. I'll get in touch once I get back to Oklahoma.

- Amn. Richard Garcia



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Update

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing regarding their AEF rotation to Moron, Spain:

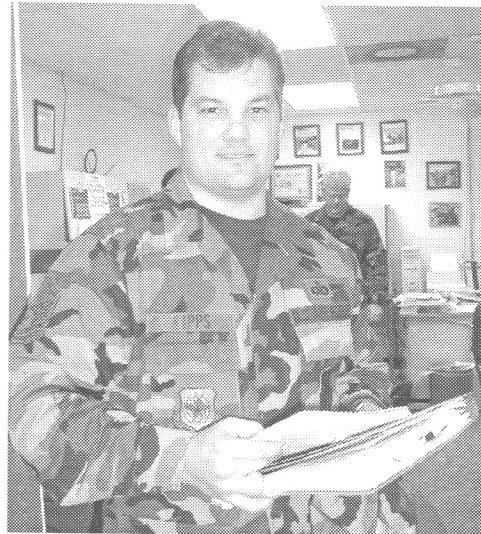
"On your AEF rotation, what did you find when you arrived?"



Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus

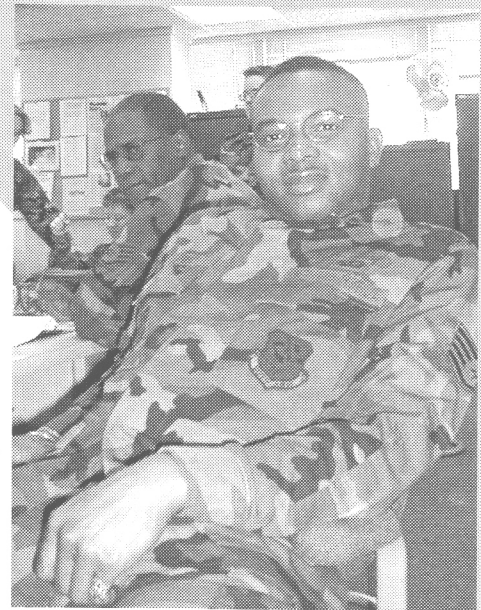
507th Air Refueling Wing

"I found a good on-going Chapel program at Moron. There was excellent acceptance by the actives of the reservists coming in. I met a lot of neat people. We set a good foundation for future AEF rotations there."



MSgt. Shannon Fipps
507th ARW Command Post

"From a Command and Control perspective, I found the operation at Moron to be very similar to the day-to-day C2 functions that we normally participate in. I would recommend this TDY to anyone."



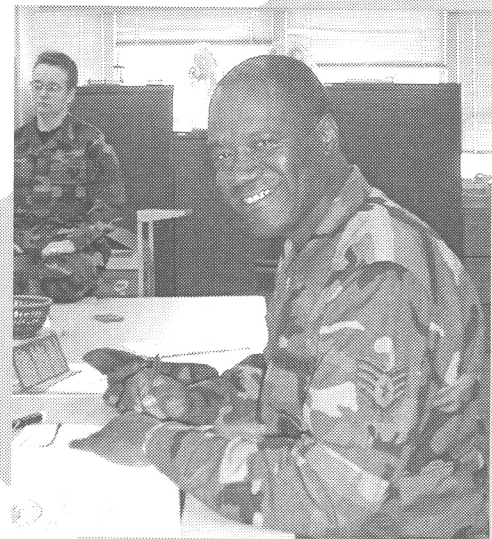
SSgt. Cedric Williams
507th Mission Support Squadron

"The weather was gorgeous. The ground connections to Moron were poor. The people in Spain were splendid. Our hours of work was flexible enough to allow enough time to tour the large city of Seville. With all the traffic I saw, I didn't see any accidents"



A1C Becky Campbell
507th Mission Support Squadron

"The weather was great. When we arrived, the orange trees were already blooming. Everyone was so friendly."



SSgt. Marvin Lewis
507th Mission Support Squadron

"The flight was long, but enjoyable. The weather was excellent. The atmosphere and environment was clean. The Spanish people were friendly. The sights were amazing. I would like to go back again."

507th ARW Honor Guard needs you!



R-NEWS

Basic Dental Coverage available for Reservists

Effective Oct. 1, '99, basic dental coverage is available for Reservists with premiums costing \$4.22 per month. Enrollment is \$16.88. For more information, call toll free: 1-800-211-3614 or visit the website at:

<http://www.humana-military.com>

Night at the ball park

The 507th ARW & 513th ACG present "A Night at the Ball Park" June 3 at 19:05 for the Oklahoma Redhawks Vs. Sacramento River Cats game. The cost is \$5 per person.

Come join the fun at the Bricktown Ballpark. Bring family & friends for a great time at the "ole ball game!"

See your first sergeant by the 6-7 May UTA to sign up or call the Chaplain's Office at Ext. 4-5632 or e-mail us for more information.

Honor Guards needed

The Tinker AFB Honor Guard is looking for reserve volunteers. If you are

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interested in joining, contact TSgt. Debbie Kidd at the base Honor Guard office at Ext. 4-4226/2743 or at the 507th MSS Services office, 4-5847.

507th CES has openings

3S271 Education and Training Craftsman
3E0X2 Power Production
3E4X2 Liquid Fuels
3E2X1 Pave Construction Craftsman
3E9X1 Readiness Craftsman
3E3X1 Structural
3E4X1 Utilities

Blood Drive

The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) will conduct a one-day blood drive on the 507th ARW campus Saturday, June 3 from 0800-1600 hours.

The campus goal for a UTA is 50. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the April UTA blood drive, the unit had 59 persons sign up to donate blood. The goal for June 3rd will again (despite only being one day) be 50 donors.

Suzette Dyer is the new OBI-507th coordinator and she will gladly visit units during formations and Commanders Calls to brief the process and field ques-

tions from unit members. Visit the public e-mail bulletin board for more information on donating.

Congratulations

Congratulations goes to SSgt. Heather Drennen, 507th Mission Support Squadron, for scoring a perfect 100 on her CDC exam.

Help unit recruiters by giving them a name, or contact them directly by calling any of the following numbers:

Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickle
(580) 357-2784

Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Danny Bretthorst
(405) 734-5331

Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Bill Thompson
(918) 665-2300

MSgt. Larry Wheatley

TSgt. Rhonda Nolan
(405) 739-2980

Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Michael Tubbs
(940) 676-3382

Midwest City, OK

TSgt. Pam Peterson
SSgt. Mike Gonzales
(405) 733-9403

Altus AFB, OK

MSgt. Ronald J. Salafia
(In-Service Recruiter)
(580) 481-5123

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. David McCormick
(316) 652-3766

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. David McCormick
(In-Service Recruiter)
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