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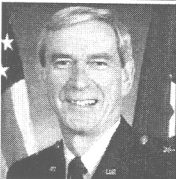
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Merry Christmas

From the
507th Air Refueling Wing

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



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. John Fobian
513th ACG Commander

Wishing you a joyous holiday

As Y2K draws to a close and we approach what I feel is rightly called the new millennium, we should reflect back on the support we received from our families, friends, and employers. While I believe this is the best part-time job around, I also acknowledge it can also be the most challenging – one that we could not perform without this support structure. If you haven't thanked them recently, please do. You're surely going to need their support next year.

While many Americans seem to take their freedoms for granted, I am sure there are many more that truly appreciate what they have. I am also confident they are thankful, as I surely am, there are men and women such as you in the 507th Air Refueling Wing who continue to proudly serve year after year. Thank you for being part of the team and "twice the citizen."

To the families of our reservists – thank you for your continued support. Your sacrifice and understanding of the TDYs, short-notice deployments, missed holidays, UTA weekends and the added stress our reservists face as they balance family needs with the needs of their civilian and military employers is greatly appreciated. Your support and encouragement are critical to the success of the reserve program and I salute you!

As we approach another holiday season facing uncertainties around the world, Janet and I thank each of you and wish you a joyous holiday and prosperous New Year.

Happy holidays

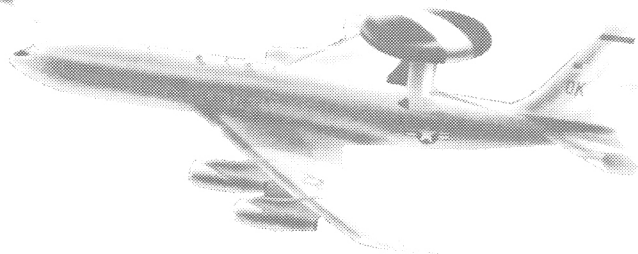
This past year has been full of important accomplishments for the 513th Air Control Group. We continued to grow and have proven ourselves as contributing members of the AWACS team. The professionalism and dedication to the mission demonstrated by every member of the group are vital factors contributing to our success.

Highlights from 2000 included declaring the unit fully operational capable. We participated in our first Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment with four crews supporting Operation Northern Watch. We've deployed an aircrew and maintenance to support counter drug operations. We covered two Flag exercises entirely with staff, crews, and maintenance. Countless days have been volunteered to reduce the perstempo and support critical missions overseas.

This next year will be just as challenging as the past. We are scheduled for two major inspections, the 12AF Stan/Eval inspection and AFRC Unit Compliance Inspection. Our next AEF deployment will be in October. We'll also continue to support numerous exercises as well as our normal flying training operation.

Find time to enjoy the holidays with those who matter most. I encourage you to take some time away from work to spend with your family and friends and to re-vitalize yourself for the year ahead. I ask that whatever you do, do it safely. If you drink, don't drive. Be especially careful on your travels because not everyone will be as safety minded as you. Drive defensively and arrive alive.

Along with my thanks and appreciation for all of your support, Kim and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a very prosperous New Year.





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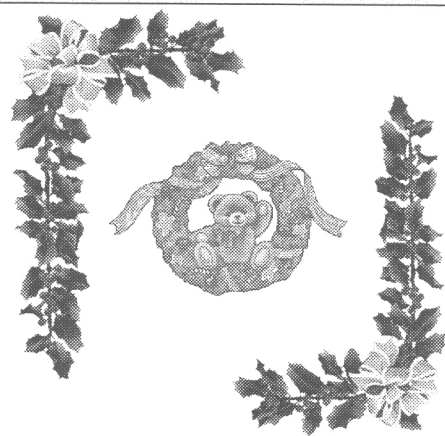


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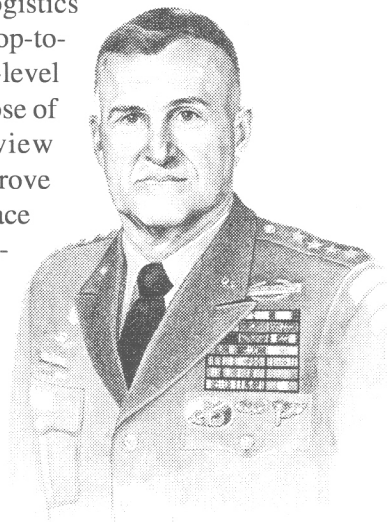
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Notice to Airmen

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Chief of Staff, Air Force

CSAF Logistics Review

Last year I asked our logistics community to perform a top-to-bottom review of all wing-level logistics issues. The purpose of the CSAF Logistics Review (CLR) was simple: to improve our Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF) combat readiness. During the Air Force leadership meeting at CORONA Fall, we reviewed the team's progress and agreed to a test program to validate our findings.



Our operational environment has changed since the end of the Cold War. To meet the challenges of today's global security environment we have revamped our concept of operations to become an EAF. Looking back over the past year we have made tremendous improvement in giving our people a more predictable deployment schedule, adding needed stability to their family lives and career paths. But implementing EAF does not stop there. We must continue to reshape all our processes, logistics included, to better fit our on going and future expeditionary challenges.

During the CLR team review, MAJCOMs identified disconnects in policies, procedures, training, and execution across all functional logistics areas, and developed corrective proposals. The team categorized over 400 issues that affect how we take care of people, our equipment, and our readiness levels. They focus on four basic logistics processes:

Enlisted Technical Training and Officer Development:

Increasing availability of training managers; defining and standardizing wartime tasks; changing Air Force recurring training timing to coincide with Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEF) cycles; providing additional maintenance leadership management training for SNCOs and senior officers; improving officer career development, and creating a weapons school for logistics officers.

Materiel Management: Developing metrics to drive pipeline requirements to support AEFs; building standard policy, training, tools, and metrics required to support Regional Supply Squadrons; merging (where appropriate) Supply and Transportation Squadrons; and developing tools / capabilities required to support combat support command and control.

Contingency Planning: Developing contingency planning metrics; establishing policy for deployments and site surveys; building Joint Operations Planning and Execution System certification policies and tracking those so trained; and standardizing logistics plans under Logistics Group Commanders.

Sortie Production / Fleet Management: Providing policy and specific metrics required to drive balance between sortie production and fleet health; establishing senior leaders' metrics guidance and formal training; validating appropriate maintenance tanker organization; and realigning, specifically defining, and renaming the Maintenance Operations Center; as well as possible regionalization of intermediate repair facilities.

We will proceed cautiously with our trial changes in CLR transformation. We will first test the recommendations at selected wings and provide a feedback loop to incorporate your inputs before any Air Force-wide implementation.

Our objectives for the CLR program are:

- Improve Non-Mission Capable for Maintenance (NMCM) rate 10% by 2004
- Improve retention of our critical 5-level logistics and maintenance personnel
- Train our force more professionally across all logistics disciplines
- Stabilize Flying Hour Program execution
- Expand officer logistics technical training for both logisticians and commanders
- Enhance contingency planning, deployment, and execution
- Instill a balanced level of focus for fleet health and sortie production

We need to adjust our logistics processes to better fit the expeditionary challenges we will continually face in the 21st century. We will take the next steps to test implementation at selected wings. With your continued support we can fine tune the successes of our trial CLR initiatives into sound Air Force-wide implementation.

HELP!

Command asking all reservists to aid recruiting effort

With the announcement that the Air Force met its active-duty recruiting goal for this fiscal year, it is more important than ever that Air Force Reserve recruiters get their numbers up as well, but they can't do it without the help of fellow reservists.

The new Get One program, which kicked off Oct. 1, is designed to do just that: get reservists involved in the process of bringing more people into the Reserve.

"We've actually always had this type of program in the Reserve, there just wasn't any command-wide administration, management or communication of it," said Chief Master Sgt. Eric Snipes, superintendent of recruiting's Advertising Branch at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. "We want reservists to think of themselves as honorary recruiters." The Reserve is beefing up the Get One program because data show reservist referrals, more than any other type of leads, result in the most enlistments.

"With fewer people leaving active duty, recruiters must concentrate on bringing more people into the Reserve from other sources," Snipes said. "And that is what the Get One program is designed to do."

Get One is simple to use. All reservists have to do is fill out a response card (included in this magazine). The card includes space for a potential recruit's name, address and telephone number, as well as the reservist's own information, for recognition purposes. The card is postage paid and pre-addressed, so once it's filled out, all a reservist has to do is drop it in a mailbox. No stamp is required. In addition to being provided in this and future issues, cards will be available through local Reserve recruiters.

If a reservist doesn't want to use regular mail, information about a potential

recruit may be entered onto an electronic form similar to the card. This form is available on recruiting's Web site

www.afreserve.com/getone

There is also a toll-free number available for reservists to provide referrals:

(877) 786-2372

"Our goal is to make the program as user friendly as possible," Snipes said. The redesigned program includes new incentives for reservists whose referrals result in someone entering the Reserve. "Every member who sends in the name of a potential recruit under the Get One program will receive a token of appreciation," Snipes said. "Subsequently, if the referral enlists, there will be even more rewards and recognition. For the top 'recruiter' in each wing, there will be special awards and recognition from the wing commander."

The Get One program is modeled after successful employee referral programs in the civilian sector.

"Member referrals are great leads because reservists affiliate with people like themselves," Snipes said, "so they know who would and wouldn't make a good member."

"When AFRC gets new recruits, units get more manning, thus there are more people to help do the job," Snipes said. Reserve recruiting will be spreading news about the program through a direct mailing to every reservist's home. In addition, periodic reminders will be placed on reservists' leave and earnings statements; in IMA Update, a publication produced by the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver; and Citizen Airman magazine. And finally, recruiters will be visiting organizations during unit training assemblies to pass out brochures and post flyers to remind reservists to "Get One."

LETTERS FROM BASIC TRAINING

Hi Sergeant Bickle,

This is Dawn. Also in my flight is another recruit you enlisted, Monica Folsum. We will be going to tech school together. We're hoping to be in the same dorm. I passed my PC evals. I also passed my EOC test. All I have left is my Commander's Run. We're getting ready to go off to Warrior Week and then become airmen so I'm excited. Monica is going to write you soon. Take care.

-- Emerald Dawn Jameson



Toll-free: 877-786-2372
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Preventive Dentistry

What does it mean to you and your health?

By SrA Kristie Punley
507th Medical Squadron, Dental Clinic

The primary goal of preventive dentistry is to maintain good oral structures using the simplest acceptable methods. The overall objective of preventive dentistry is to stop dental caries that can lead to more severe oral diseases.

Preventive dentistry starts with you and your own methods to maintain good dental practices. It can reduce the chances of occurrence of dental caries and diseases. In order to maintain good dental health, it has to start at home, with you! Good dental health also starts with getting a regular dental exam and teeth cleaning every year.

Remember it is up to you to maintain good oral health. Improving your dental health will also improve your overall health. Get motivated to improve your own personal oral hygiene.

There are many benefits of preventive dentistry. Some of the benefits are:

***Prevent diseases of the teeth, which can affect your health, nutrition development and learning.**

***Prevents unsightly teeth, which can affect your confidence and self-esteem level.**

***Prevents concern over bad breath, which may affect your relationships with other people.**

***Prevents dental pain and disease.**

***Prevents the waste of human resources due to dental neglect.**

The major concern of preventive dentistry is to stop potentially dental diseases from occurring. All types of dental neglect can cause pain, health problems, financial costs, and most importantly the risk of loss of man-hours, which is detrimental to the Air Force mission of readiness.

Prevention is the key to success. Educate yourself and take the initiative to develop good dental practices. Remember it is up to you!

Air Force Green

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Is the Air Force turning green? The answer is 'yes' if you listen to Colonel Patrick T. Fink, Chief of the Environmental Division at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

Fink was at Vance AFB, Enid, Okla., to explain the implications of Executive Order 13148—Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.

Fink's presentation highlighted the successes and challenges federal agencies encounter when balancing mission and environmental concerns. He also recognized Vance AFB's efforts in pollution prevention and congratulated the base upon receiving the 1999 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Excellence Award. Vance AFB also received the 1999 General Thomas D. White Pollution Prevention Award for a non-industrial installation by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command.

One of the individuals behind both the award and presentation was Jennifer Kilbourn, a civilian employee at Vance AFB and a traditional reservist as an engineer with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES). In her civilian capacity as an environmental engineer, she is responsible for quality assurance evaluation of all the environmental and energy programs at Vance AFB. She is responsible for review and coordination of more than 20 different environmental plans, covering a variety of areas such as hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and pollution prevention. Kilbourn's environmental concerns also transfer into her work for the Air Force Reserve. Kilbourn spent a portion of her annual tour supporting the United States Air Force Civil Engineer, Environmental Directorate in the coordination and execution of the 1999 Air Force Department of Defense Environmental Awards ceremonies.

The go-to guy

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

His job description says "Utilities Systems Technician" with a secondary career series in structures, but TSgt. William D. Dean, 507th CES, is far, far more. He is the unofficial straw boss of the Glenwood Renovation Project.

You have to know a lot about everything to run such a project. In short, a general contractor. Which is what Dean is in civilian life. He doesn't do it all by himself, though. He has plenty of help from other civil engineering folks from the 507th, but Dean is the man to see.

Each week there are different members from the 507th CES

who volunteer for man-days to work on the project. Dean knows them all. "One thing I really enjoy," said Dean, "is working with the different people in our unit. They are all great folks and this helps me know and appreciate them that much better."

For his hard work, Dean has been recognized in many ways. This is proven by the Commander's Coin of Excellence he received recognizing his talent, ability, hard work, dedication, and leadership. He was also the recipient of a Letter of Appreciation from the Top Three Executive Council. He was also recognized for his work at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia, in 1998 and 1999. The Glenwood Project isn't the first major engineering mission he has directed. As the language says in his letter of recognition from Saudi Arabia, Technical Sergeant William Dean is the "Go To Guy."

Personal best

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

On Sept. 16, five reservists from the 507 ARW participated in the Air Force Marathon and ran the race of their life.

A marathon race is 26.2 miles long, approximately the distance a runner in ancient Greece ran to deliver an important message that saved Athens. He died of exhaustion but not until he delivered the communication that spared the city. Ever since then the marathon has had a prominent place in the hearts and minds of athletes. It represents the ultimate athletic effort—where the human body, mind, and soul are tested to their limits.

Members who participated were; Capt. Jennifer Kilbourn, SMSgt. Billy Singleton, MSgt. Rene Martinez, and SSgt. Robert Atkins, all from 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, along with Maj. Ernest 'Monty' Goodman, commander of the Services Section. Kilbourn's father not only attended, along with her mother, but competed as well.

One party consisting of Singleton, Martinez and Atkins along with Kilbourn's father who ran the race as a relay. Both Kilbourn and Goodman ran the entire 26.2 miles. This is Kilbourn's second marathon. She previously ran the Andy Payne Memorial Marathon in Oklahoma City and is turning marathon races into a hobby.

Our troops were surprised by the cold, wet weather they encountered. Martinez left Texas to attend and considered it a 'cold run.' The team that was worried about cooling off was faced with a climate that made them shiver. This team finished their run as did Kilbourn and Goodman. They won't be running at the Boston Marathon, but most of them broke their own personal records for the distances covered. As Martinez said, "It was our personal best."

Commander's Coin recipients for November

TSgt. Todd Odell, 507th Maintenance Squadron

"He consistently demonstrates expert skills in correcting working fuel problems. He looks "sharp" in uniform and presents himself professionally whether on or off duty. He never fails to do whatever is needed to ensure mission accomplishment, defining the term of "Service Before Self."

— Capt. Dan Moore, 507th MXS Commander

MSgt. Norma Foster, 465th Air Refueling Squadron

"As our information manager, Sergeant Foster has been the mainstay of our squadron administrative function and orderly room. During her short tenure she has trained four new admin folks, while maintaining our orders publication and processing. She is definitely the leader of our admin office."

— Lt. Col. William Erickson, 465th ARS Commander

TSgt. Tony Bird and **SSgt. Troy Siler**, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Sergeants Bird and Siler are members of Civil Engineers' Pallet Build-up Team and the Wing's Mobility Quick-Fix Team. Their superb effort for the November exercise began on Friday before the UTA, and continued throughout the entire weekend. After the squadron's pallets were built, sent to marshalling, processed, and released, they alone remained to quick-fix the rest of the Wing's pallets—an above and beyond effort to accomplish the mission."

— Maj. J. Renee Lane, 507th CES Commander

TSgt. Donna Shoemaker, 707th Communications Flight

"Sergeant Shoemaker recently rejoined the Unit after a tour with the Wyoming Air National Guard. She enthusiastically volunteered to take on the responsibility to represent the unit at the Quarterly Wing Safety meeting and at the 507th Support Group December Activity Planning meeting without interference to her intense training schedule. For her enthusiasm and dedication to duty, I awarded her the Wing Commanders Coin of Excellence."

— Maj. Harold Collins, 707th CF Commander

MSgt. Douglas Carrell, 507th Communications Flight

"Sergeant Carrell was presented with the coin during his retirement ceremony. Sergeant Carrell's outstanding leadership and mentoring skills were evident during his tenure as Team Chief when his flight was recognized with six command awards in a two-year period. His expertise in providing ground radio communications support during wing operational readiness exercises and bivouacs were "above and beyond." He has proven to be a great role model and inspiration for future generations and will be missed by the 507th Communications Flight."

— Capt. Donald Satterlee, 507th CF Commander

Tips for Volk Field

The Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO)

By MSgt. Doris Hill
507th CES, Readiness Flight

Contamination avoidance

-- Place everything possible, especially critical resources, inside a facility, structure, or under cover prior to an attack so it won't get contaminated.

-- For those items that must be left outside, use pallet covers, tarps, cardboard, garbage bags, ponchos, or anything you can imagine to cover them.

-- Place radios, notebooks, checklists, tools, *etc.* in plastic bags. Close aircraft canopies, doors, and cover intakes; close vehicle doors and windows; close building doors, windows, and seal any holes.

Trans-Attack

-- Shut down non-chemical - biological filtered ventilation systems.

Fill and seal water containers for later use, and place them inside or under cover.

-- Take extra cover. In addition to your chem gear, take cover under a structure, roof, trees, or under your poncho. During missile attacks, stay covered for the first hour when outside.

-- Take the best available cover in the immediate area.

-- Don all remaining required individual protection equipment.

-- Seek protection from blast, projectiles, shrapnel, heat, and contamination, as directed by the threat.

-- Close ventilation to the outside. Shut doors / windows, close canopies, and cover intakes.

Post-Attack

-- Avoid obviously contaminated items and areas.

-- Look out for suspicious puddles, dust or clouds.

-- Check detector paper / tape for color change.

-- Mark off and report suspected contamination, dead animals, holes, and UXO entry sites.

-- Watch where you step and sit. Do not kneel on the ground. Although you have protective gear on, you need to reduce the amount of contamination soaking in.

Be Alert

-- Mark and report contamination to warn others!

FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) or Regents College Examinations (RCE) tests FREE! These examinations test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. 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 in our office.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Become a certified professional in a field related to your military training. DANTES and AFRC funded certification examinations are available for certain career fields. Go to <http://www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm> and click on AFR Matrix which identifies the eligible AFSCs, certification exams available and internet addresses for more info. If you desire to take an exam, **contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further their education up to a Bachelor's 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 \$2500 per FY.
- Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).
- Complete enrollment forms in our office.

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

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
2001-3	1	27 Feb - 5 Mar 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-4	1	17 Apr - 24 May 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-5	1	04 Jun - 12 Jul 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-6	1	06 Aug - 13 Sep 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-7	1	24 Sep - 01 Nov 01	Tyndall AFB, FL

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME)

Reservists interested in attending Professional Military Education or Continuing Education Courses can now refer to a public Web site for more information. By clicking on the Air Force Reserve Command Public Web Site's "News and Information" icon and going to "AFRC News," people can access a Microsoft Excel file containing course schedules and titles, locations, and dates for fiscal year 2001, which started Oct. 1. By making the schedule available on the public site (www.afrc.mil), reservists can browse the Excel file at their leisure from their home computer.

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 Commander's evaluation/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.**

✓ **THE MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT WILL CLOSE AT 1130 ON SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2000.**

FY2000/2001 UTA Schedule

02-03 Dec 00	05-06 May 01
06-07 Jan 01	02-03 Jun 01
03-04 Feb 01	14-15 Jul 01
03-04 Mar 01	11-12 Aug 01
07-08 Apr 01	08-09 Sep 01

as of 1 November 2000



Fri, 01 Dec 2000			Fri, 05 Jan 2001		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1600	Top 3 Council	To Be Determined	1600	Top 3 Council	To Be Determined
Sat, 02 Dec 2000			Sat, 06 Jan 2001		
As Designated	Sign In	As Designated by Unit	As Designated	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
by Unit			by Unit		
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206	0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0900	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	0900	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	1030	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
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1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, General's Office	1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, General's Office
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins	Bldg 1043, Room B-1	1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room	1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
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0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0830-1030	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213	0830-1030	HAZCOM Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0930-1130	Top 3 Meeting	AWACS Auditorium	0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000-1100	HRDC Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	0930-1130	Top 3 Meeting	AWACS Auditorium
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
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1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room	1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1330	Personnel Record Reviews	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	1330	Personnel Record Reviews	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	OPS Briefing Room	1500	Fly Safety Mtg	OPS Briefing Room
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EDUCATION

Air Force Reserve members needing info on the ACT, SAT I, GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, or LSAT contact **CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.**

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Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 201, Base Education Building**. **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.

Phase I

	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1330-1400	Counter Intel/Protection from Terroism	SP
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1630	Human Relations	SA

Phase II

	Time	Subject	OPR
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	SA
Sunday	1015-1115	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

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 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 201, Base Education Building.

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 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 201, Base Education Building.

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.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: Recertification due in month in:

1	November	January
2	December	February
3	January	March
4	February	April
5	March	May
6	April	June
7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
0	August	October

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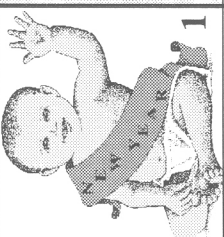
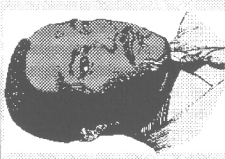
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News you can use

Enrollment in new dental program starts in December

WASHINGTON – Starting Feb. 1, 2001, traditional reservists and their families may participate in an expanded U.S. government dental program if the reservists express an intent to remain in the reserve for at least 12 consecutive months.

Enrollment in the new TRICARE Dental Program is voluntary and begins in December 2000, with coverage effective Feb. 1, 2001. Service members enrolled in the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program or the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan will be automatically enrolled in the new program.

To enroll, service members must have at least a one-year service commitment in the active force, reserve forces or a combination of the two. Under the new plan, all eligible family members of a sponsor will be enrolled if one of them is enrolled. Children under the age of 4 will not have to be enrolled. Also, the sponsor can only enroll family members from one location if family members reside in two or more geographically separated locations.

Reservists are currently eligible for the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program, which offers limited dental care for Selected Reserve reservists only.

Members of a reservist's family are not eligible for the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan unless the reservist is on extended active duty for at least 24 months.

The Department of Defense awarded a five-year, \$1.8 billion contract April 14 to United Concordia Companies, Inc., the current TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan administrator.

"With this new TRICARE Dental Program contract, we have addressed some important concerns of our beneficiaries," said Dr. Sue Bailey, who was assistant secretary of defense for health affairs when the contract was awarded. "We will now offer a more uniform benefit across beneficiary categories and include our reserve component families. The new contract offers expanded and improved benefits, and it solves some problems associated with the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program. We believe our beneficiaries will be pleased with this new dental plan."

In the Air Force, the Selected Reserve includes about 60,000 reservists in the Air Force Reserve Command unit program and more than 12,000 individual mobilization augmentees.

See complete story on AFRC website

<http://tecnet2.jcte.jcs.mil/htdocs/afrcnews/index.html>

AFRC News Summary

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

AMC reserve advisor to command Tinker unit

WASHINGTON – The reserve advisor to the commander of Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., will become the 507th Air Refueling Wing commander at Tinker AFB, Okla., effective Feb. 5, 2001.

Col. Timothy J. Wrighton will replace Brig. Gen. Jon Gingerich, who retires effective Feb. 4. Gingerich has commanded the Air Force Reserve Command KC-135 unit since March 1999.

The Office of Air Force Reserve's Directorate of Personnel announced the reassignment Oct. 31.

507th ARW posts job openings on-line with state agency

TINKER AFB, Okla. - A unique partnership between the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission began this week as Air Force Reserve job opportunities were posted on the Oklahoma Job Net, a web site designed to help Oklahomans find employment opportunities within the state. Oklahoma Job Net lists available jobs statewide and may be used by both job seekers and employers seeking workers. The Oklahoma Job Net may be accessed by visiting the resource room at any Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Work Center, or from community libraries and home computer systems at:

<http://www.oesc.state.ok.us/job-opportunities/job-opportunities.htm>

Reserve space program expands with activation of 2 units

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force reservists blazed another trail to "the final frontier" with the activation of two more space squadrons at Schriever AFB, Colo., in October.

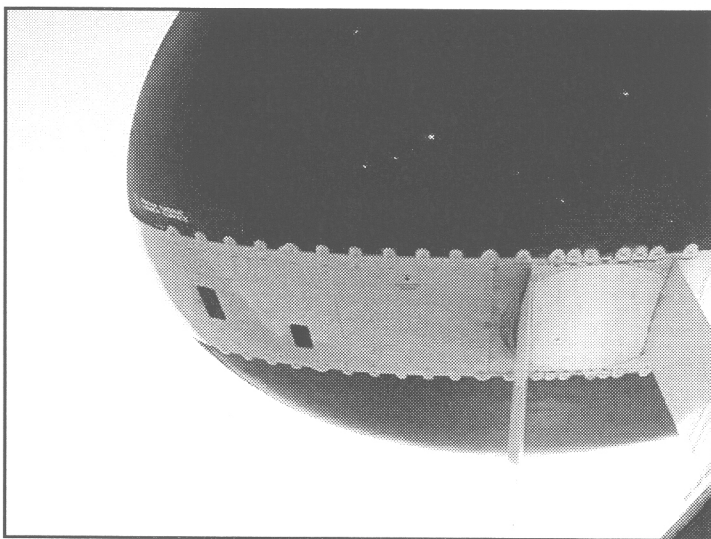
The 14th Test Squadron (TS) and the 19th Space Operations Squadron (SOPS) were activated Oct. 13 during a ceremony at the Joint National Test Facility. The squadrons stood up effective Oct. 1 and are part of Air Force Reserve Command's 310th Space Group, also based at Schriever.

The 14th TS will assist Air Force Space Command in performing operational test and evaluation of space systems. The 19th SOPS, a Reserve associate unit, will conduct Global Positioning System operations with the active force's 2nd SOPS.



Chumex: 513th ACG

Rodeo 2000: 507th ARW



Maple Flag: 513th ACG

YEAR

Although not yet over as of this writing, Year 2000 has provided more than its share of examples of the dedication of 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and 513th Air Control Group (ACG) members.

The 507th ARW finished the first phase of its Pacer CRAG Aircraft Modification Program, as well as continued training and support of national defense objectives.

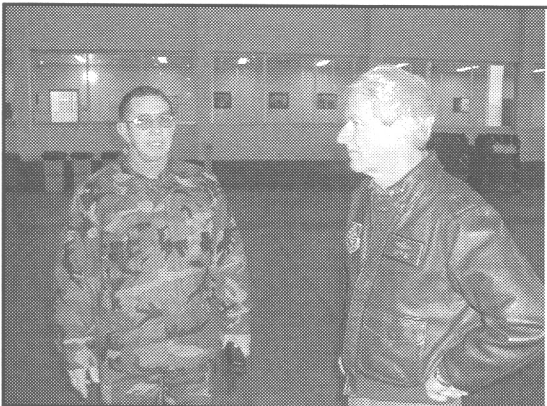
The fledgling 513th ACG, activated Mar. 15, 1996, remained busy with defense support missions and training for their goal to achieve Full Operational Capability, which they declared ahead of schedule in July. Although both units were involved in too many events and missions to mention, the following is a small sampling of what the two units did in the Year 2000.

The 507th Air Refueling Wing

Ten aircraft and 16 crews were deployed to Istres AB, France, in support of Operations Deliberate Guard and Joint Force. The 1st Aviation Standards Flight, activated 2 October 1998, under the 507th Operations Group, continued to test and certify airport instrument approaches throughout the world. The 507th ARW wrapped up 1999 when aircraft, aircrew, and maintenance personnel returned at the end of December from Istres AB, France, supporting Operation Deliberate Guard.

The unit's aircraft supported a major exercise at Moron AB, Spain, in February. Also unit aircraft supported Air War College students and faculty with a Northwest Asia tour from

Operation Joint Forge, AEF 3: 507th ARW





2000

that same month through March.

After the Air Force announced the temporary stand down of a sizable percentage of the KC-135 fleet, the unit responded to a "911 call" from Air Mobility Command (AMC), deploying its unaffected aircraft again to Istres AB in support of Operation Deliberate Guard in February through March. 507th ARW aircraft supported a major Navy exercise while deployed to MacDill AFB, Fla. In March The unit supported another Navy "Business Effort" exercise at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico, in May. All of these missions were accomplished with only eight operational aircraft. At any given time, one of our primary aircraft was in Programmed Depot Maintenance, while another spent at least two months off station undergoing Pacer CRAG modifications. We completed aircraft modifications on a new inter-phone panel, air refueling pumps, and overcame challenges with the KC-135 fleet stabilizer trim actuator problems. 507th ARW maintenance crews completed the air refueling transfer pump Time Compliance Technical Order in less than half the allotted time. The wing continued maintaining a tanker aircraft and a mission crew on 24-hour alert status supporting US Strategic Command's Single Integrated Operations Plan requirements. In April, 507th Medical Squadron (Med. Sq.) members deployed in support of Air Expeditionary Force taskings. During May, the 507th Med. Sq. also became a lead unit in providing support to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command's tasking for anthrax edu-



Red Flag : 507th Med. Sq.



Red Flag : 513th ACG

Air Base Eagle: 1st ASF





cational briefings. Lt. Col. David Vu, flight surgeon for the 507th Med. Sq., traveled across the country providing this education at Air Force Reserve Command units. The wing's 40-member Security Forces Squadron supported 20 Airborne Warning and Control System's (AWACS) fly-away missions with three personnel for each mission, while concurrently deploying 12 personnel to Southwest Asia, and providing 16 personnel to support air shows in four different states. The 707th Communications Flight deployed several times to Cannon AFB, N.M., in support of Air Combat Command contingency taskings. Wing aircrew, maintenance and Security Forces members participated in Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2000 in May. In August, the wing hosted the 4th Air Force Pilot Seminar. Pilots from across the United States flew into Tinker AFB to meet and discuss issues and events for the upcoming year. In May, the 507th ARW Command Post completed its first year of 24-hour operational capability.

The 513th Air Control Group

Although the 513th ACG is still relatively new to the Air Force Reserve community, members of the group have been



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training and performing real-world missions at the same pace as established units. The 513th ACG and 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) entered Year 2000 at an already busy pace, having just returned from Chumex '99 at Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., during December. Group members started Year 2000 participating in Red Flag, Nellis AFB, Nev. During Red Flag, the 970th AACS E-3 crew diverted in flight from an exercise mission to assist search and rescue efforts responding to the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261. The crew provided radio relay, restricted area surveillance and deconfliction to US Coast Guard and other rescue forces. Warrior Rescue 2000 at Naval Air Station New Orleans, La., kept other group members busy in January. Desert Rescue, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., in February was the next stop for group members. Other deployments and missions during Year 2000 consisted of the All Service Combat Identification Evaluation Team 2000, Ft Stewart, Ga., Febru-

**SNCO, NCO, and Airmen
of the Quarters**

Oct. 1 to Dec. 30, 1999

**MSgt. Debra Clancy, TSgt. Jennifer Johnson,
and SrA Roger Swope**

Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2000

**SMSgt. Terrie Munsey, SSgt. Richard Kozik,
and SrA Kimberly Belcher**

Apr. 1 through June 30, 2000

**MSgt. Lisa Lusignolo, TSgt. Mark Wilson,
and A1C John Babbitt, Jr.**

July 1 through Sept. 30, 2000

**SMSgt. Michael Reed, TSgt. Jodie Zollo,
and SrA Phillip Baker**



ary through March; Sentry Leap, Tinker AFB, Okla., in February; and Weapons and Tactics Instruction, MCAS Yuma, Ariz., March through April. Members of the group participated in Maple Flag at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Canada, in May and were the first all-Reserve USAFAWACS participation in this joint-service, multinational large force exercise. The Maple Flag scenario provided a realistic simulation of current theatre operations in a United Nations resolution enforcement operation requiring combined and joint offensive strike operations (including aerial refueling) against a realistic threat.

The 513th ACG returned to Red Flag in March, and later participated in Amalgam Warrior, Bangor ANGB, Maine, and Tyndall AFB, Fla., in April; Initial Link 2000 and Capstone, Nellis AFB, Nev. in May; another Maple Flag, CFB Cold Lake, Canada, in May through June; Global Patriot, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Roving Sands West, Davis-Monthan AFB, N.M., in June; and another Red Flag exercise featuring German Mig-29 aggressor aircraft and Capstone/Green Flag, Nellis AFB, Nev., in July. Beginning in July 2000, 513thACG members provided a contingent to Aerospace Expeditionary Force 8. The 970th AACS provided one full E-3 air crew and maintenance support personnel in support of Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey from July through September.

Pushing new boundaries

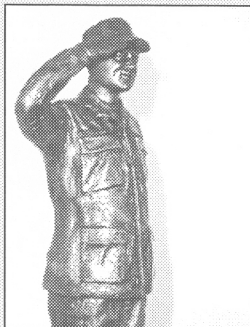


Recognition in 2000

- * **Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich** - Air Force Association Medal of Merit
- * **2nd Lt. Jodi Velasco** - AFRC Junior Supply Manager of the Year for 1999
- * **Capt. Michael Morriset** - Oklahoma Air Force Association Reserve Officer of the Year for 1999
- * **Capt. Teresa Beardslee** - Company Grade Officer of the Year for 1999 (513th ACG)
- * **SMSgt. Shelia Russell** - First Sergeant of the Year for 1999 (507th ARW)
- * **MSgt. Denise Bralley** - AFRC's Outstanding Civil Engineer Air Reserve Technician of the Year for 1999
- * **MSgt. John Glover** - SNCO of the Year for 1999 (507th ARW)
- * **MSgt. Kathy Lowman** - AFRC's Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year for 1999
- * **MSgt. Kathy Lowman** - The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service for 2000
- * **MSgt. Karen Perkins** - First Sergeant of the Year for 1999 (513th ACG)
- * **MSgt. Jason Yocum** - AFRC Air Force Education and Training Manager of the Year for 1999
- * **TSgt. Jermaine Boyd** - Oklahoma Air Force Association Reserve Enlisted of the Year for 1999
- * **TSgt. Jermaine Boyd** - NCO of the Year for 1999 (507th ARW)
- * **TSgt. Jimmy Easton** - AFRC Leo Marquez Aircraft Maintenance Technician Supervisor of the Year for 1999
- * **TSgt. Jennifer Johnson** - AFRC Outstanding Services Military Supervisor for 1999
- * **TSgt. Mary Randolph** - Outstanding AFRC Communication and Information Professional of the Year (Information Manager NCO) for 1999
- * **SSgt. Scott Branscum** - AFRC's nominee for Air Force Sergeants Association Pitsenbarger Lifesaving Award for 1999
- * **SSgt. Brian Wilson** - Outstanding AFRC Communication and Information Professional of the Year (NCO for Communications for Computers) for 1999
- * **SrA Marvin Hudson** - Airmen of the Year for 1999 (507th ARW)
- * **SrA Trina Schooley** - AFRC Outstanding Services Military Technician for 1999
- * **SrA Derek Wilson** - Outstanding AFRC Communication and Information Professional of the Year (Airman for Communications for Computers) for 1999
- * **Mr. James Holland** - Outstanding AFRC Communication and Information Professional of the Year (Junior Civilian) for 1999
- * **707th Communications Flight** - AFRC Communications and Information Professionalism Award for 1999
- * **513 Air Control Group** - ACC Flight Safety Award for 1999.



Air Force Photos



The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service is presented annually to the enlisted member of the 507th ARW whose duty performance and everyday conduct have exemplified the United States Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do." The award, instituted by the men and

women of the 507th ARW, commemorates the life of TSgt. Billy Lee Hughes, an Air Reserve Technician for the wing's predecessor organization, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group.

Lowman receives Hughes trophy

Award period - Oct. 1999 through Sept. 2000

MSgt. Kathleen Lowman, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, is this year's recipient of the Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service at the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Awards Banquet.

This is the third year this prestigious wing award has been presented to an enlisted member for exemplary service since the award inception in 1998.

The past two recipients of this award are: MSgt. Terrie Munsey, 1998; and TSgt. David Dickson, 1999.

This year's nominees for the award were SMSgts Robert Gaspar, 507th OSF; Joe Lafitte, 507 MXS; Michael Reed, 507 CES; MSgts Gary Burkhart, 507 LSS; TSgts Bryon Carlson, 707 CF; Robert Enriquez, 507 MPF; Tim Laguinda, 72 APS; Mark Wilson, 507 CLSS; SrAs Phillip Baker, 507 MDS; and Michelle Rice, 507 SFS.

CCAF



Five members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing received degrees from the Community College of the Air Force. (Top photo) SMSgt. Karen Perkins, 507th Logistics Support Squadron; MSgt. Donald Matheson, 507th Security Forces Squadron; MSgt. Barry George, 513th Air Control Group; SrA Sharon Anderson, 507th Mission Support Squadron; and TSgt. Michelle Adams, (bottom photo) 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. Contact the 507th ARW Training Office, Ext. 4-7075, for more information about CCAF degrees.



(Left photo) MSgt. Marty Lockman, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, explains how the boom at the back of the KC-135R "Stratotanker" works to a group of Boy Scouts last month. Tours of the 507th ARW and its aircraft are routinely given to civic groups and schools providing a meaningful insight of what the Air Force Reserve is all about.

Update

By TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing:

"What is your favorite tradition you observe during the holiday season?"



SSgt. Steve Shockley
465th Air Refueling Squadron

"I guess the only tradition I have is the ability to spend quality time with close friends and family each holiday season."

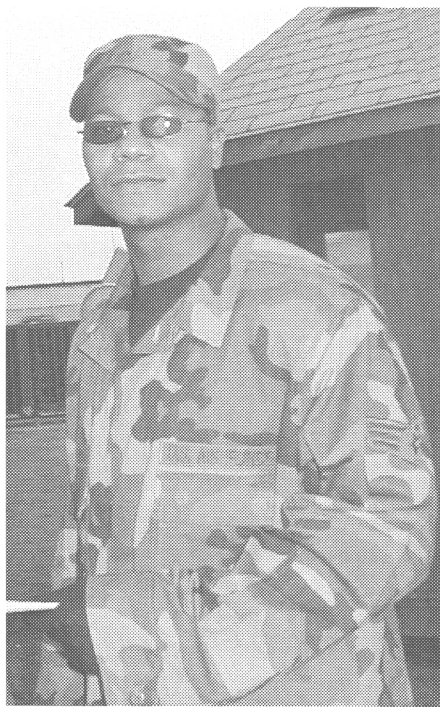


SSgt. Thomas Pumpkin and wife Harriet
507th Maintenance Squadron

"Probably as with all families is getting together and celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. One thing my mom used to do on Christmas is to get each child a coat and put candy and presents in them."



TSgt. Carla Swingle
507th Mission Support Squadron
"My tradition is to go overboard in debt and spend the rest of the year trying to pay it off. It's time to change that tradition."



SrA. Sam Woodberry
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"Our family gets together the day before Thanksgiving and on Christmas Eve, and have a night of prayer."



Maj. Bill Erickson
465th Air Refueling Squadron
"My family enjoys getting together, partaking of good camaraderie, and roasting a goat for dinner."



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Gooden

R-NEWS

Congrats to a winning team

MSgt. Delonna Fowser's, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, was a first-place winner along with her Women's Relay Team Nov. 4 at the National Firefighter's Combat Challenge in Las Vegas, Nev.

Fowser's team, composed of members at her civilian job, Oklahoma City Fire Department, competed in a regional event and set a new record. At the national competition they set a new record of 2 minutes and one second, beating the old record by more than 10 seconds. Extensive photos and details can be accessed on the Firefighter Challenge website at:

www.okccombatchallengeteams.com.

Academy of Military Science Alumni Association

The call to join the Academy of Military Science Alumni Association is being announced. If anyone is interested or needs more information, contact 1Lt. Mechille Braden at Ext. 4-6729.

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Civic leaders from around the Oklahoma City area were shown the weapon's vault as part of their tour at Eglin AFB Nov. 8-9, held jointly by Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and the 507th Air Refueling Wing. This Civic Leader Tour showcased the Air Force and Air Force Reserve's role toward our national defense. Other stops around Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field included a tour in the Climate Control Center, Air Force Special Operation Command Headquarters, and the 16th Special Operations Wing.

Chaplain assistant opening

The Chaplain's Office has a traditional reservist slot open, 5R071, for up to technical sergeant. For more information, contact Chaplain Sias or Chaplain Magnus at Ext. 4-5632.

Open season still open

The Federal Employees Health Benefit season is still open for civilian employees wanting or needing to change their health benefits. Starting Nov. 13, the open season will continue until Dec. 11. Health brochures are available at Building 3001, next to the vault room.

Think when using E-mail

Officials on Tinker AFB are scrutinizing E-mail traffic all the way to viewing contents of specific messages. Types of messages a sniffer software will be looking for are: Chain letters, messages with graphic attachments (Large pictures etc.).

This means any type of non-official mail that is illegal, could cause network slow downs or create network/e-mail problems.

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

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Midwest City, OK

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