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**TOP RIGHT:** TSgt. Bill Nelson, 465th Life Support, helps aerobatic champion Patty Wagstaff suit up.

**ABOVE:** You're not an "Okie" 'till you get the patch.

**RIGHT:** Wagstaff stars in two Reserve television commercials after the flight.  
(Photos by Capt. Rich Curry)



## Champion pilot flies with 507th

Reigning aerobatic champion, Ms. Patty Wagstaff, blazed through the Oklahoma skies recently during an F-16 orientation flight with the 507th.

Wagstaff, a three-time winner and current U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, took off with Lt. Col. Jack Ekl, 465th Operations Group Commander, Feb. 13, getting her first taste of high-performance military flight.

After the mission, Wagstaff was featured in the production of two Air Force Reserve Public Service Announcements for future television airings.

Wagstaff talked about the differences between F-16

performance and her civilian aircraft used during her performances.

"There's an incredible amount of power in the F-16," she said. "In the aircraft I use for my show, I experience high-G forces, but it's not sustained like the F-16."

Wagstaff also passed on some remarks for future women fighter pilots saying, "I think there some tremendous opportunities for women fighter pilots. I believe women can do this job as well as men. Had this opportunity been available to me, I'm sure I would have tried for it."

Wagstaff said she will be competing in the World Aerobatic Championship this August.



## "CLOSNER SENDS"

By Maj. Gen. John J. Clossner  
Commander, Air Force Reserve

Air Force Reserve commanders attending the mid-winter conference in Washington heard encouraging words from Gen. Merrill A. McPeak.

The Air Force chief of staff had much good to say about the role and value of the Reserve. He called the Reserve a "priceless asset" that must be protected. As an example, General McPeak noted the surge-value of our associate program to the airlift mission.

In the face of more and deeper Defense Department cuts, it's imperative we perform all missions as smartly — and efficiently — as possible. As General McPeak told our commanders, protecting the cost-effective Air Force Reserve is critical.



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## Managing work stress

by MSgt. Cody Smith Jr.  
507th Safety Office

Pressure at work, worry about a sick child, not enough time; many things can cause stress on the job. Fortunately, however, there are many positive ways to deal with negative stress.

### Identify Stress

What is stress? Simply, it is when you are asked to respond to any person or event. Stress is neither good nor bad. As a matter of fact, if your life had no stress, it would mean no one and nothing is asking you to respond. You would hardly be living at all!

These are examples of stress: trouble with coworkers; worry about layoffs; the excitement of a promotion. You can learn to handle stresses related to your job. First, write them down in a few words: "new job, lots of changes;" "long commute;" "kids have to wait for dinner."

Don't be surprised if your list is long. Most people who work must juggle many parts of their lives. This in itself can be stressful.

### Identify Responses

Next to each stress, write down a few ways you usually deal with it: "watch T.V. when I get home;" "listen to radio during traffic jams;" "have older child fix a snack for the little ones." When you're done, look over your list. Place a check mark next to the responses that don't work well or are not good for your body.

### New Responses

You can come up with ideas for new ways to respond. You might ask a family member or friend to help you with this part.

Go through all your checked responses and brainstorm some new responses. "Brainstorm" means think up ideas without deciding whether they're good or not. The more ideas you come up with, the more chance you'll come up with a good one.

Try to come up with at least three ideas for each stress. For example, let's say the stress is time pressure: you never have enough time to get your work done. A list of brainstorm responses might be:

- Get to work earlier;
- Make a list of what things are most important to do first;
- Figure out what my "time wasters" are.

Once you have all your ideas, go through them. Pick one or two that might help you experience less stress related to work. Commit yourself to starting them all within two weeks.

### Helping Hints

These extra hints can help you manage your stress at work.

- When you are tense or angry, take five deep breaths.
- Avoid unhealthy ways of relaxing. Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, and overeating add to your stresses in the long run.



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## Conversion News

"Serving your information needs"



507th Air Refueling Group

## Proposed budget calls for smaller reserve

ROBINS AFB, Ga. — The Air Force Reserve will have fewer reserve positions and aircraft, but a greater portion of national defense responsibility under President Clinton's fiscal year 1995 defense budget.

The budget proposal announced Feb. 7 calls for a reduction of 2,800 positions in the Air Force Selected Reserve from 81,500 in FY 94 to 78,706 in FY 95. It also recommends lowering the Reserve's total aircraft inventory by 46 from 542 in FY 94 to 496 in FY 95.



### The look of things to come.

One of the 507th's new KC-135R's, #0063, stopped briefly at Tinker AFB last month enroute to its acceptance inspection at Grissom AFB, Ind. Several unit members went along to assist. (Photo by Capt. Rich Curry)

The Department of Defense budget provides for a 1.6 percent pay hike for military and civilian personnel, and \$140 million in transition assistance for guardsmen and reservists affected by force reductions.

The Air Force's \$1.4 billion military construction budget features \$28,190,000 for the Air Force Reserve. Projects for the Reserve include:

- Replacing the electrical substation at March AFB, Calif., \$3.9 million;
- Constructing a new fire fighter development center at Dobbins AFB, Ga., \$1.1 million;
- Ensuring the Grissom AFB, Ind., cantonment area meets environmental compliance, \$2.2 million;
- Replacing taxiway "G" for \$5.1 million and under ground storage tanks for \$1 million at Westover AFB, Mass.; and
- Setting aside \$5 million to add to and alter facilities for aircraft conversion at an undisclosed location.

The budget proposal must be reviewed by Congress and is subject to change.

The budget begins to implement DOD's Bottom Up Review which recommended reducing U.S. forces from the Cold War

baseline but concluded that those forces must be sufficient to deal with two nearly simultaneous major regional conflicts. The review called for paring the Air Force's 16 active-duty and 12 Air Reserve Component fighter wings to 13 active-duty and seven Guard/Reserve equivalent fighter wings between 1995 and 1999. At the height of the Cold War in FY 90, the Air Force had 24 active-duty and 12 Guard/Reserve fighter wings.

At the same time the review directed greater reliance on the National Guard and Reserve to help carry out the new military strategy. This also will ensure U.S. forces will remain capable of meeting challenges to domestic stability, such as natural disasters, said DOD officials.

Although the Guard and Reserve are taking cuts in FY 95 and later, they will have fewer reductions than active forces, according to officials. DOD plans to capitalize on proven Guard and Reserve roles, such as strategic airlift and aerial refueling, to compensate for a smaller active force. (AFRESNS)

## Reservists gain equal course chance, commitment

ROBINS AFB, Ga. — Reservists will compete equally with other bluesuiters for class dates, and commanders will determine their tour status when the Air Force begins implementing mandatory, in-residence skill level courses.

The first two-week, in-residence seven-skill level courses will start in 1994, according to MSgt. Sharon L. Benoit, NCO in charge of Headquarters Air Force Reserve's Education Services and Requirements Branch at Robins. She says it may be 1996 before all specialties have a course in place.

For the first time, reservists will compete on a first-come, first-served basis for class dates with active-duty personnel. In most cases, their commanders will have the option of sending them in annual tour, school tour or RPA (Reserve Pay Appropriations) status.

"Mandatory course attendance will make training more uniform," Benoit said. "The Air Force is setting seven-skill level courses at two weeks because it can't afford to have some people away from the job for longer periods of time. It's easier to have people away for a two-week course than for an eight-week course."

In the case of longer technical schools, Air Force career field managers are working on exportable course materials to prepare people for the in-residence courses. (AFRESNS)



# What is my new AFSC??

When the Air Force overhauled its specialty code classification system (AFSC), unit members were faced with trying to remember their new code.

The reason for restructuring and simplifying AFSCs was to reflect new objective wing structures by organizing skills by function. The new system groups officer and enlisted personnel in the same functional areas. It reduces the number of codes necessary to identify the Air Force's personnel needs and career paths.

Previously, there were 216 officer and 203 enlisted AFSC's. Under the new system, these figures drop to 120 and 180, respectively.

So how does one figure out their new skill code and codes of others? When you receive your newest Record Information Product (RIP) from personnel, it will reflect your new specialty code. If you are enlisted, your AFSC is represented by a five position code.

The first number is your career group, the second position is a letter for your career field-family, the third is your functional category, the fourth is skill level and the fifth and last number is your specialty.

The Functional Category (third digit) and Specialty (fifth digit) may both be reflected with a number 0-9, and,

depending on your career field code could represent any of the 180 total possible AFSCs.

For Officers, the first position is for career group, the second is for career field-family (both the same as for enlisted), the third is for functional category, and the fourth is qualification level.

The AFSC change was automatic and does not require any action by supervisors of service members. Talk to your first sergeant or supervisor for more information.

## Career Groups (First digit - Same for both Officer and Enlisted)

- 1 - Operations Career Group
- 2 - Logistics Career Group
- 3 - Support Career Group
- 4 - Medical Career Group
- 5 - Professional Career Group
- 6 - Acquisition & Financial Management
- 7 - OSI Career Group

## Career Fields - Enlisted

- 1 - Operations Career Group
  - A - Aircrew OPS
  - C - Command and Control
  - N - Safety
  - S - Aircrew Protection
  - W - Weather
- 2 - Logistics Career Group
  - A - Aircraft Maintenance
  - B - Marine
  - E - Comm-Electronics
  - F - Fuels
  - G - Logistics Plans
  - M - Systems Maintenance
  - P - Precision Measure
  - R - Maint Management
  - S - Supply
  - T - Transportation
  - W - Munitions & Weapons
- 3 - Support Career Group
  - A - Information Mgmt
  - C - Comm-Comp Sys
  - E - Civil Engineering
  - H - Historian
  - K - Commissary
  - M - MWR
  - N - Public Affairs
  - P - Security Police
  - R - Printing
  - S - Mission Support
  - U - Manpower
  - V - Visual Information
- 4 - Medical Career Group
  - A - Health Services
  - B - Bioenvironmental
  - C - Mental Health

- D - Diet Therapy
- E - Public Health
- F - Aeromedical
- N - Medical Svc
- P - Pharmacy
- R - Radiology
- T - Laboratory
- U - Orthotic
- V - Optometry
- Y - Dental

## 5 - Professional Career Group

- J - Paralegal
- R - Chaplain Support

## 6 - Acquisition & Financial Mgt

- C - Contracting
- F - Financial

## 7 - OSI Career Group

- S - Special Investigation

## Officer Career Fields

## 1 - Operations Career Group

- 1 - Pilot
- 2 - Navigator
- 3 - Space/Missile
- 4 - Intelligence
- 5 - Weather
- 6 - OPS Support

## 2 - Logistics Group

- 1 - Aircraft Maintenance
- 2 - Missile Maintenance
- 3 - Supply
- 4 - Transportation

## 5 - Logistics

## 3 - Support Career Group

- 1 - Security Police
- 2 - Civil Engineering
- 3 - Comm-Comp Systems
- 4 - MWR/Services
- 5 - Public Affairs
- 6 - Mission Support
- 7 - Information Mgmt
- 8 - Manpower

## 4 - Medical Group

- 1 - Health Services
- 2 - Biomed Clinicians
- 3 - Biomed Specialists
- 4 - Medicine
- 5 - Surgery
- 6 - Nurse
- 7 - Dental
- 8 - Aerospace

## 5 - Professional Career Group

- 1 - Legal
- 2 - Chaplain

## 6 - Acquisition

- 1 - Scientists
- 2 - Engineer
- 3 - Acquisition Mgmt
- 4 - Contracting
- 5 - Finance

## 7 - Special Investigations

- 1 - OSI



Aircraft mechanics SSgt. Lee Clark and TSgt. John Meissner (old AFSC - 45274B) now have the new AFSC of 2A373B. (Air Force photo by Capt. Rich Curry)

## March Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
<b>Fri, 11 Mar</b> 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 12 Mar</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1000	Mobility Rep meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1200-1300	PCIII Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300	Sexual Harassment Class	Bldg 201E
1300-1400	EST Manager Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Shaw	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 13 Mar</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0900-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Tng
0900-1000	3S0X4 Training	Bldg 1043, Rm 204
0930-1030	Unit Career Advisor meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300	Sexual Harassment Class	Bldg 201E
1400-1500	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	MPF Closed for In-House Trng	Bldg 1043, MPF
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

## NOTEBOOK...

**Subject: Community College of the Air Force Graduates for April 1994 are:**

MSgt Thomas Clapper, 507 CES, Administrative Management degree  
TSgt Ronald Kisslinger, 507 MS, Acft Armament Systems Technology degree  
TSgt Brent Vancamp, 403 CLSS, Logistics degree

**Subject: Sexual Harassment Training for Commanders and First Sergeants**

Each unit commander is to attend Sexual Harassment training on 12 March 94 at 1230. First Sergeants are to attend class 13 March 94, same time. The class will last approximately 3 hours.

All others will be trained as scheduled in this publication. The classroom is in Bldg 201E, Social Actions area. If there are any questions contact Social Actions at 45019.

# Training Planner

March-April '94

Looking Ahead...

<b>April 94</b> 1	Conversion to KC135R Acft
<b>9-10</b>	Primary UTA Conversion Ceremony
16-30	72APS Annual Tour
<b>May 94</b> 9	Silver Flag(CES) 9-13
14-15	Primary UTA
<b>June 94</b> 4-5	Primary UTA
19-28	SPS Annual Tour
<b>July 94</b> 9-23	72APS Annual Tour
16-17	Primary UTA
<b>August 94</b> 20-21	Primary UTA
<b>September 94</b> 17-18	Primary UTA

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your Social Security Number ends with either a 4 or a 9 you have until the end of the month of April to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. The reserve payroll office will forward a listing to Unit BAQ Monitors prior to the Feb UTA. BAQ Monitors are to return the listing complete with all BAQ recertifications to the Reserve Payroll office. Please complete AF Form 987 located at your unit.

**NOTE:** If you don't have dependents you do not need to recertify your BAQ.



## April Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
<b>Fri, 8 Apr</b> 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 9 Apr</b> As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0800-0900	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
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1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1600	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 10 Apr</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0900-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
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As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

### CDC and PME Course Exam Testing

UTA Sunday, 1300, Bldg 460, Rm 213  
Wednesday, 1300, Bldg 1043, Rm 206

Names of personnel with tests on file are published in the "CDC COURSE EXAM LISTING" distributed each month to all Unit Training Managers prior to the UTA.

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

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

If a you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately.

If extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking your exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date, notify your Unit Training Manager as soon as possible, they will contact MSMPT to prevent possible destruction of your exam.

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

## Ancillary Training Information

### Disaster Preparedness Information

All personnel who normally wear contact lenses, attending Chemical Warfare training, will not wear them during training. Bring your New Mask, and spectacles if you have them. Personnel are to be on time for all classes, or be reported as "No Shows". **Ensure all personnel bring their Go-Bags with them to all classes.**

Supervisors may schedule Chemical Warfare training thru-out the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT 2 weeks prior to class requested. Units must report the names of personnel requiring training when scheduling training.

In order to utilize the go-to-war MCU-2A/P protective masks for training, TQT, ORE's and deployment; notify 507 LSS at extension 45335. Let them know **Two Weeks Prior** to your need for masks, the quantity of each size your organization requires. Specify when they will be returned to Base Supply. Personnel retrieving masks will sign an AF Form 1297 (Hand Receipt) for all of the masks you receive.

An MCU-2A/P guidebook will be provided to everyone signing for masks. The guidebook will cover the fitting, donning, cleaning, sanitizing, and inspection of the masks.

### UCMJ Briefing

All first and second term enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing. Second term enlisted personnel are due the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. UCMJ briefing times is 1400-1530, Bldg 201, Sunday of UTA.

## More What, When, Where

### MPF Customer Service

#### Hours of Operation

**Primary UTA Weekends**  
Saturday 0730-1630  
Sunday 0730-1500

Closed Sunday for In-House Training from 1500-1630

**Weekdays**  
Monday-Friday  
0730-1630

Closed Thursdays for In-House Training from 0730-1230

#### Phone Numbers

MSM/MSMA/MSME/MSMD/MSMP  
MPF Management, 47494  
MSMAC...Customer Service, 47492  
MSMPU...Personnel Employment, 47493  
MSMAQ...Career Enhancement, 47494  
MSMPT...Education & Training 47075  
MSMPR...Personnel Relocations, 47494

### TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing

Personnel Relocations (MSMPR) is standing by to help with relocation processing, but they need your help.

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

Monday thru Friday: 0730-1530  
UTA Saturday: 0800-1530

The schedule is for your convenience; times noted assure your access to agencies with processing responsibilities. Your cooperation in complying with this schedule is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call MSMPR, x47494.

### Chapel Service Information

Devine service held Saturday at 1515, Hospital Pharmacy. Sunday service held at 0730, Disaster Preparedness, Bldg 1030, flightline side.  
Catholic Mass: Sat, 1700, Sun, 0940, 1220.

### Tips for Faster MPF Service

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

*Avoid Saturday morning* unless you have an appointment. Due to In-Processing activities, the Customer Service section is short handed until about noon on Saturday. *Call ahead*, find out how long the wait may be. *Be sure* you bring any required documents with you and avoid the need for a second trip to finish your business.

### DD Form 93 Record of Emergency Data

This is the single most important source of information within your personnel record for dependent data and next of kin information.

If data is incomplete or incorrect, the Air Force cannot extend dependent benefits, nor can notification be made in the event you become injured, seriously ill or die while on duty.

You are the only one who can update this record. Remember there are no minor errors on a DD Form 93. Data accuracy is critical. You may be one of the lucky ones and escape injury or illness, but can you risk the alternative?

Check the form in your mobility folder, if it is wrong, come by MPF Customer Service and get it updated.

### Hours of Operation for...

#### Pass & ID

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

#### Individual Equipment Issue (IEU)

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

### Medical Services Information

#### Immunization Monitors

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

#### Physical Examinations

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

#### Random Drug Testing

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

### Military Pay: Ext 45016

File for pay on or before:	Receive Direct by:	Deposit
13 Mar	21 Mar	
20 Mar	31 Mar	
27 Mar	04 Apr	
05 Apr	15 Apr	
10 Apr	18 Apr	
19 Apr	29 Apr	
26 Apr	04 May	

#### Dining Facility

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

Breakfast	0600-0900
Lunch	1100-1300
Dinner	1530-1800



## Insurance Dividends Reminder

Correspondence with the Department of Veterans Affairs has confirmed that all purported payment of dividends on government insurance that may have been in force while an individual was on active duty in the United States Armed Forces is a false and misleading rumor again sweeping the nation and plaguing the VA with thousands of phone calls and letters.

Congress did not pass any new law giving veterans a dividend based on the amount of months their insurance was in force while on active duty. Also false is the rumor that individuals who are currently serving or who served in the military after 1965 and are or were insured under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program are entitled to a refund. There has never been any dividends, rebates, or refunds due to surplus funds in the SGLI program.

Point of contact is TSgt Fuqua, x47492.

## Family Readiness ...Our Goal

To effectively apply our limited resources, and aggressively facilitate efforts to resolve your most pressing family related needs in a timely manner.

Liaison:

UTAs/Weekdays - TSgt Fugua,  
405-734-7492  
UTAs - TSgt Vandawalker,  
405-734-7492

## SGLI Election

March 31, 1994, marks the anniversary of the deadline for military personnel to elect an additional \$100,000 of SGLI coverage without having to attest to insurability (SGLV-8285).

As you are aware, the additional \$100,000 is not automatic, but requires a voluntary election by the member. Several recent casualty cases revealed that some members had not completed the new form.

## SGLI Election cont'd

It is imperative that all members review their election certificate (SGLV-8286) when coming into the MPF to review OPRs/EPRs, updating personal data, DEERS transaction, etc., and reaccomplish the necessary form(s) at that time, if required.

Making an SGLI election does take some thought as to how much coverage to carry, and who will be named beneficiaries of the proceeds. The purpose of SGLI is to protect the families of military members.

SGLI should be considered as a supplement to and not a substitute for any other insurance (commercial or government) you may have. SGLI may be converted to VGLI at separation/retirement without a requirement for health certification by a physician.

Remember if you are leaving the 507th and being reassigned, outprocess with your UNIT and the MPF before you leave.

## New Educational Benefits Under the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill, Chp 106

Effective 30 Nov 93, Public Law 103-160, provides for educational assistance under the MGIB, chp 106, for programs of instruction beyond the Baccalaureate degree.

All members who are currently eligible or who become eligible for educational assistance are immediately eligible for post-graduate studies provided they have not exhausted their benefits. The ten year period to use this benefit begins on the date eligibility was first established through receipt of a DD Form 2384/2384-1.

Under no circumstances may a member be paid for graduate courses taken before 30 Nov 93. Signing a new six-year contract guarantees eligibility for post-graduate benefits (barring any other disqualifying factors).

## Training Communicator

### MGIB cont'd

Current members who signed a six-year contract before 1 Oct 90, are still serving on that contract, and had their eligibility terminated due to receipt of a Baccalaureate degree, may reestablish eligibility (guidance has not been provided as yet on how to reestablish eligibility).

All members determined eligible and interested in post-graduate benefits, should contact the VA immediately to apply for the benefits. However, while having the authority to approve post-graduate study benefits, the VA does not yet have the specific guidance to pay for the benefits.

To get paid for the post-graduate school benefits, and to find out how long it will take to receive payment, contact the VA coordinator at the school you will or are attending. The coordination will provide counseling on the VA approved study programs available, including the rules governing full-time, half-time enrollments, and the required VA forms to be filled-out. Normally members may expect a check from the VA within 60 days after enrollment into an approved study program.

Point of contact is MSMPT, x47075.

## NCO Academy Class Dates for FY 94

Listed below are the FY 94 NCO Academy class dates. SSgts with 8 years satisfactory service, and TSgts are eligible to attend. Each squadron may submit 1 and only 1 nomination to MSMPT. Nominations must be endorsed by Unit Commanders. Selections are made on Saturday of the UTA at the First Sergeants meeting.

Class Dates NCOA	Nominations Due MSMPT
1 Aug 94-8 Sep 94	5 Jun 94
19 Sep 94-27 Oct 94	17 Jul 94

Contact MSMPT, x47075 if additional information is required.

## Senate confirms Perry for Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Senate unanimously confirmed William J. Perry Feb. 3 as secretary of defense to replace Les Aspin, who announced his resignation in December.

The 66-year-old Perry was deputy secretary of defense when President Clinton tapped him to succeed Aspin after retired Adm. Bobby Ray Inman withdrew his name from consideration Jan. 18.

One of Perry's first official acts was to travel to Munich Feb. 4 to take part in an annual international security policy conference, said Pentagon officials.

He was to testify before Congress Feb. 8 on the fiscal 1995 defense budget, officials said.

In his statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee Feb. 2, Perry talked briefly about the United States' continued need for "strong, flexible and ready military forces."

He noted that some 80,000 U.S. military members are deployed around the globe in "peacekeeping, peacemaking, border

monitoring, humanitarian relief, and deterrence through presence."

**Perry said the military is carrying out such diverse missions in a period of declining defense budgets -- a period which, historically, the United States has not managed well.**

"This time, we must get it right, or we will pay the cost later either in blood or treasure or both," he said.

Perry concluded his statement with a quote inscribed on a painting near his office. The photo is of a soldier praying in church with his family.

"Below it," he said, "are inscribed the words from Isaiah: 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' The men and women in uniform have responded to the nation's call with 'Here am I: Send me.'"

"We owe them," Perry said. "I owe them my best possible effort, and they shall have it."



Secretary of Defense William Perry delivers a message to NATO troops on the importance of their role in Operation Deny Flight during a visit to Aviano AB, Italy, Feb. 20. (Air Force wire photo by TSgt. John McDowell)

## Family readiness program to jell in 1994

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Family readiness continues to receive attention, and the Air Force Reserve program's manager expects it to be even more visible in 1994.

"We hope to fully institutionalize family readiness in the Reserve in '94 and have a viable program in '95," said Natalie Bassett.

Part of the plan is for all Reserve installations to have a full-time family readiness director in 1994. At the end of 1993, the command had four of the 16 directors' chairs filled.

The director's job is not for everyone, according to Bassett. "Directors have to attend a four-week course at Maxwell AFB

(Ala.), have training in social sciences and must have worked in a family readiness office of one of the military services."

Three-fourths of the reservists in the technician positions on Reserve bases and in the liaison jobs on active-duty bases completed training in 1993. Technicians assist the Reserve's directors, and liaisons coordinate assistance with active-duty directors.

Family readiness requires on-going training, according to Bassett. "It's like the fire department," she said. "You can't train only once and expect to know how to put a fire out five years later." (AFRESNS)

## Report gifts from foreign governments

Government employees receiving gifts from foreign governments are required by law to report them or face penalties, according to the 507th Legal staff.

According to officials, AFR 11-27 requires all Air Force military and civilian personnel, as well as their dependents, to report gifts from foreign governments if the gift or a combination of gifts made at one presentation exceeds a U.S. retail value of \$225.

This requirement also includes gifts that recipients desire to retain for official use or display. Failure to report gifts valued in

excess of \$225 could result in a fine of the retail value of the gift plus \$5,000.

Gift reports are due to HQ AFMPC/DPMMASA 2,550 C Street West Ste 12, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714, within 60 days after receipt of the gift. For more information, contact the Legal Staff at ext. 43823.



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# Men and their machines; these boys have fun with their "toys"

by TSgt. Stan Paregion

During December, two members of the 507th Security Squadron were able to combine their hobbies and take their "toys" to new heights in the Oklahoma skies.

TSgt. Carl Herrman, of the security squadron, is a licensed aircraft pilot and instructor.

SSgt. Ronald Allen is an avid photographer with awards to prove it.

Together, these two turned into a "dynamic duo" soaring through the air above Oklahoma. Herrman guided the steel bird and Allen captured the view on film.

Last year Herrman made an offer to Allen for a free airplane ride in his hobby, a single engine Cessna 172 RG plane. Allen decided to take him up on it while bringing along his hobby, a 35mm camera.



SSgt. Ronald Allen, 507th CATM instructor, and TSgt. Carl Herrman, 507th Security Police Squadron, pose for a photo before their flight.

aircraft and start a flying club in Tulsa.

The trip departed at the downtown airport in Oklahoma City and took them about 65 miles away. They flew over the outlet mall in Stroud, Oklahoma.

The flight was short, only 40 minutes, but long enough for Allen to snap pictures and feel the effect of how Oklahoma wind affects light aircraft.

"I hadn't had lunch. I felt queasy, nervous. Herrman offered me the controls but I told him no.

"I kept telling myself, 'You are not going to get sick. You are not going to get sick'", Allen laughed.

"We weren't going that fast," said Herrman. "We were fairly low because of the wind and it was a bit bumpy but not too much," he added.

Has Herrman ever been scared or sickly?

"I flew with another pilot to New Mexico one time and we were in a twin engine plane. By regulation we had to shut down one engine to test the plane and be sure we could fly with only one working. It took a while to get it restarted," Herrman said.

Herrman spends about 10 hours a month in the plane as a multi-engine flight instructor. He rents out his time for special events like Christmas lights tours.

He has an associate degree in Aeronautics Science and taught a year at Spartan.

"In the future, I hope to own my own corporate

## SGLI election is not automatic

By TSgt. Deborah Fuqua  
507th Military Personnel Flight

March 31, 1994, marks the anniversary of the deadline for military personnel to elect an additional \$100,000 of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance coverage without having to attest to insurability.

As you are aware, the additional \$100,000 is not automatic, but requires a voluntary election by the member. Several recent casualty cases revealed that some members had still not completed the new form.

It is imperative that all members review their election certificate (SGLV-8286)

when coming into the MPF to review OPRs/EGRs, updating personal data, DEERS transaction, etc., and reaccomplish the necessary form(s) at that time, if required.

Making an SGLI election does take some thought as to how much coverage to carry, and who will be named beneficiaries of the proceeds. The purpose of SGLI is to protect the families of military members.

SGLI should be considered as a supplement to and not a substitute for any other insurance (commercial or government) you may have. Because of its low cost, SGLI is a very cost-effective and desirable additional protection.

Additional emphasis is placed on the fact that members may not be able, for health reasons, to buy insurance after discharge.

SGLI may be converted to Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) at separation/retirement without a requirement for health certification by a physician.

Whether or not to purchase SGLI in any amount is a personal decision. This is just a reminder that if you are leaving the 507th and being reassigned, outprocess with your unit and the MPF before you leave.

For more information, call the MPF at ext. 47492.

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## Fighter units help Deny Flight over Bosnia

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve fighter pilots along with Air National Guard and coalition forces helped keep the lid on the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina in late 1993 and early 1994.

The reservists flew Operation Deny Flight missions over the war-torn countryside to enforce a military no-fly zone in accordance with a United Nations security council resolution.

Reserve A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots flew 858 hours during 285 sorties in support of the operation, and Reserve F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots logged 1,522 hours in 622 sorties.

The first contingent of Reserve fighter forces deployed to Aviano AB, Italy, in mid-November. It consisted of six A-10s, and aircrew, maintenance and support personnel from the 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La. The Guard also sent six A-10s and personnel.

Reserve crews and support people from the 442nd Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., and 434th Wing, Grissom AFB, Ind., followed on a rotational basis. The Guard and Reserve personnel worked together during the "rainbow" deployment, a term referring to the diverse organizational and geographical make-up of the A-10 unit.

Six F-16s from the 301st FW, Carswell AFB, Texas, and six F-16s from the 944th Fighter Group, Luke AFB, Ariz., deployed to Aviano in early December. These units swapped out aircrew, maintenance and support personnel until early February when U.S. Air Forces in Europe units resumed Deny Flight operations.

"The missions have been pretty much what we expected, no surprises," said Capt. Dion Thorpe, a 944th FG pilot. "Our unit

training missions in Arizona are more intensive and difficult than what we've done here. The maneuvers we practice and the way we go about doing our jobs helps us understand the threat and not take it lightly."

In addition to giving active forces a holiday break, the Guard and Reserve deployments allowed USAFE F-16 squadrons to convert to a newer version of the aircraft and bring USAFE's A/OA-10 squadron home for training. (AFRESNS)



Crew chief A1C Daniell Camper helps pilot Capt. Pete Siana strap into the seat of his A-10 Thunderbolt II, while preparing for an early afternoon Operation Deny flight mission at Aviano AB, Italy. (Air Force wire photo by TSgt. John McDowell)

## General talks about Air Force Reserve future

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Brig. Gen. John Harvey, director of plans at Headquarters Air Force Reserve, Robins AFB, Ga., recently visited the 446th Airlift Wing (Associate), McChord AFB, Wash. During his visit, the general discussed the future of the Air Force Reserve and its flying mission as it faces a possible 20 to 25 percent reduction in cockpits by the year 2000.

**Q: What do you see as the future of airlift in the Air Force Reserve?**

A: Mobility is currently two-thirds of the Air Force Reserve mission. It will be the major business for the command for the foreseeable future.

Some specifics will change. C-130s went to Air Combat Command, KC-135s will take on some cargo hauling missions like the Small Package Express, but airlift will remain important.

**Q: And what about the tanker business?**

A: Tankers are the only mission that is growing in the Air Force Reserve today. They give us global reach by giving us the capability of getting to any target, anywhere, within 24 hours. Tankers

provide immediate logistical support essential to sustaining the force until ships and ground transportation begin to arrive with the bulk of supplies.

Tankers will remain critical. The U.S. is the only country with a large fleet of tankers, and I believe that is a significant reason we continue to be a world power.

**Q: Is the associate program, in your opinion, still a viable option for the Air Force?**

A: The associate program is one of the Air Force Reserve's core competencies. The RAND study validated the high value added of the associate program. Currently about one-third of AFRES units are associate. I expect that number to grow.

Some changes in the program may be to move into support programs like communications and security police. We now have our first associate space squadron.

The associate program is one thing the Air Force Reserve provides the Air Force that is not provided by the National Guard. Our command will continue to support the associate program.

**Q: There is greater concern about the stresses the airlift mission requirements put on the relationship between reservists and their civilian employers. Do you see that trend continuing, increasing? What is AFRES doing in response?**

A: I don't see the pressures lifting any time soon. They will continue to be very high.

One thing that is happening at the command level is General Closner (Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, chief of Air Force Reserve) has tapped the staff to study a new category of reservist.

A category where an assured level of participation will be given in return for an assured level of availability. I expect this idea will be worked hard during 1994.

**Q: Are there other issues you feel might be important to unit reservists?**

A: One thing I am concerned about is the philosophy of some senior officials that since the active force and the Reserve grow together, they should face equal drawdowns together. I think the cuts require better analysis than that.

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## Reserve News

### First Reserve B-52s aloft

BARKSDALE AFB, La. (AFNS) -- The 93rd Bomb Squadron here flew its first B-52 mission Feb. 1, said Air Force Reserve officials.

The unit, part of the 917th Wing, received the first B-52H Stratofortress Dec. 7. It is scheduled to accept its fourth bomber Feb. 18 and will eventually have eight B-52s.

Unit officials expect the unit to be fully mission ready within 18 months.

Plans call for the unit to have 116 full-time and 151 Reserve positions, and the 793rd Maintenance Squadron will consist of 102 full-time and 130 Reserve positions. (Courtesy AFRESNS)

### Who pays the bill?

Officials with the 507th Budget Office are warning reservists to be wary of additional charges on their billeting bills.

According to Gary Delozier of the 507th Budget Office, "As you are aware, the 507 pays for billeting for those individuals who require lodging for UTA weekends."

Problems come, however, when additional charges such as personal telephone calls, room service for meals or in-room movies are added in to the bill.

"These are items we cannot pay for," Delozier warns. "Each member is responsible for making sure they pay for any add-on charges and that they are not included on the unit's bill."

### School via satellite coming

Soon all Air Force Reserve units will complete linking with a satellite system which will enable reservists to learn new skills without leaving their unit.

Teletraining Network, or TNET, permits students to see their instructor at another location and to hold a discussion.

They can also interact visually and audibly with all locations. (AFRES/PA)

### Earthquake aid given

A Reserve C-5 enroute home to Kelly flew 168 California emergency services personnel and 40 tons of cargo from Travis to Los Angeles within hours after the Jan. 17 earthquake. The flight was one of several AMC C-5 and C-141 disaster relief missions to LA after the quake. (AFRES/PA)

### Essay entrys needed

Deadline for the Freedoms Foundations military essay contest is May 1. This year's subject is "Prepared and Proud." The

foundations can provide more information at (215) 933-8825. (AFRES/PA)

### Top DOD enlisted reservist has been selected

Command Sergeant Major Douglas E. Murray is the new Senior Enlisted Advisor to Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

The 55-year-old Army Reserve soldier replaced Chief Master Sergeant Charles Joseph who retired. (AFRES/PA)

### New challenges ahead

The Guard and Reserve will take on new or expanded roles and missions as the active force draws down, according to Deborah R. Lee, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

Examples of change in the Air Force Reserve include the addition of B-52 bombers, more KC-135 refuelers and fewer fighters. (AFRES/PA)

### Air Force teamwork

C-141 units at Andrews, March and Wright-Patterson got pats on the back from the commanders of AMC and AFRES.

The units were praised for loaning five Starlifters to the active-duty wing at McChord when its aircraft were grounded last year because of weephole problems. (AFRES/PA)

## AF to start issuing automated ID cards

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force will begin issuing new Department of Defense automated identification cards this year.

"Right now eligibility for the card is event driven, such as a promotion, reenlistment or erroneous information on the card," said Bob Burnett, chief of entitlements at Headquarters AFRES at Robins AFB.

Reservists at the Pentagon, and select active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard bases could receive the new card this year. Selected active-duty bases with major Reserve organizations as tenants include Andrews AFB, Md.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Kelly AFB, Texas; March AFB, Calif.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; Peterson AFB, Colo.; Robins AFB; Scott AFB, Ill.; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. All bases should have the card by the end of 1995, according to Air Force officials.

"We are still waiting on a decision on which Guard and Reserve bases will receive the card this year," Burnett said. "It will take time for some locations to acquire the equipment, train the people and ensure equipment security."

The automated card is a more secure, positive form of identification that resists damage, tampering and counterfeiting, officials said. Key features include a digitized photo and two bar codes with identification data.

The new card is about the size of a credit card and is coated with a tamper-proof laminate. It's faster to produce and costs about \$3 less than the current card.

Nearly 15 million people have DOD identification cards, including reserve and active-duty personnel, retirees, and family members. (AFRESNS)



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