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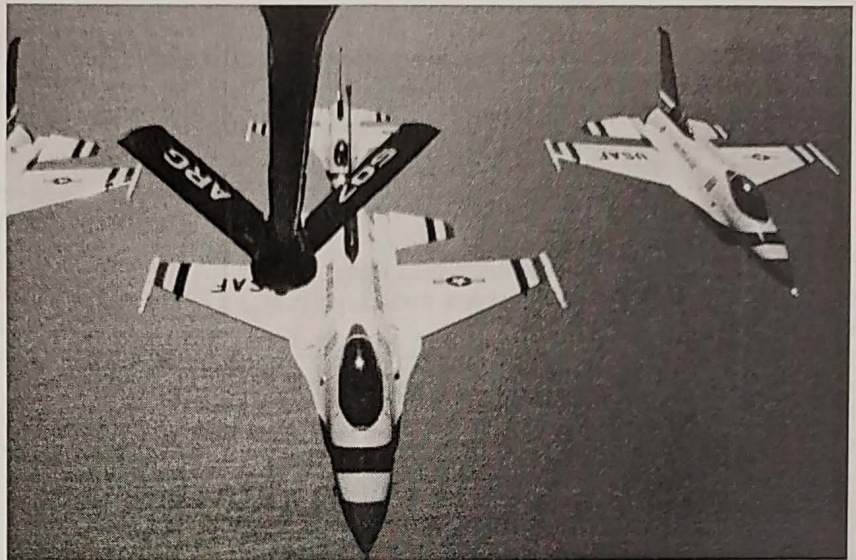
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507th members brought back the Air Force Thunderbirds from Hawaii during a recent mission on the west coast. (Photo by SSgt. Gary Bristol)

Announced changes mostly in name only

507th becomes a Wing

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Reserve units underwent several name changes Oct. 1, but few manpower or equipment alterations as a result of the fall 1994 Air Force basing announcement Sept. 30.

Of local importance, the 507th Air Refueling Group was redesignated the 507th Air Refueling Wing in the announcement.

According to the HQ AFRES Historian Office, the 507th will maintain its historical lineage which dates back to WWII. Another change in the announcement deactivates the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and reactivates it as the 507th CLSS and part of the 507th Logistics Group. The 507th CLSS will still be gained by the Air Force Material Command upon activation.

According to the 507th CLSS Commander, Maj. Kenneth Settle, "We have functioned as part of the 507th team for years, so this change really isn't a problem." The major expressed disappointment that, as a result of the change, the squadron has to retire its Outstanding Unit Award as well as other historical lineages.

Throughout the Reserve, other key changes affect four C-130 Hercules units. They are:

- Duke Field, Fla. -- The Air Force canceled its previously announced conversion of the 919th Special Operations Wing from AC-130A to AC-130H aircraft. Instead, beginning in late 1994, the unit will start transitioning to HC-130N/P aircraft. The 919th SOW will initially receive four HC-130N/Ps, with the final number and mixture of aircraft, personnel impact and timing to be announced once they are finalized.

- Peterson AFB, Colo. -- In mid-1995, the Air Force will continue Reserve modernization efforts by replacing six of the 302nd Airlift Wing's C-130E's with six C-130Hs. This change does not impact manpower.

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CLOSNER SENDS

By Maj. Gen. John J. Closner
chief of Air Force Reserve

When I took this job, I knew the challenges I would face -- that we would face together -- sometimes would be difficult. I also knew that we would meet those challenges head-on and succeed. I'm happy to say that, because of your dedication and effort, I was right.

I can honestly say that the last four years have been among the best in my life. This is mostly because of you, the outstanding officers, NCOs, airmen, civilians and families of the Air Force Reserve. Called upon in increasing measure to support the Air Force, you always come through. Without each of you, it would be all but impossible for the Air Force to meet its worldwide commitments.

I'm certain the future holds other challenges for you. And I know that you are ready to meet those challenges and excel. Good luck and Godspeed to you all. I'll miss you.



Commander's Comments

By Col. Robert E. Lytle
507th ARW Commander

For more than a year and a half, the 507th has been striving to learn and practice the concepts of the Air Force Quality Initiative.

Even though our progress hasn't been perfect and we've made mistakes along the way, I want you to know it's working. The 507th is rapidly gaining recognition throughout the Department of Defense for our innovative approach and achievements during our conversion.

I'd like to stress that word "achievement." I know that when you're working hard at your jobs, sometimes it's hard to stop and look around to see the "big picture." Well here it is: Since last November, you, each and every member of the 507th, stepped out and have established this unit as the "model" to follow for future aircraft conversions. What that means is, while there are still improvements others could make, they should still at least meet the standards set here at the 507th.

This should be important to you. You have set the standards, not only for other Air Force Reserve units, but the entire Air Force. This accomplishment is not mine. It's not the Management Steering Group's. It's yours. You've had to use Quality tools and processes that at times, I'm sure, made you feel unsure if you were going in the right direction.

You have been empowered to make decisions and do things you never would have done in the "old" Air Force. And I'm sure you probably wondered if anyone would visit or write you after the dinosaur bureaucrats hauled you away. But you kept on working, in spite of everything, and continued to show your OKIE "Can-Do" spirit.

It's a good feeling to brief high ranking officials about this conversion and watch them shake their heads and say, "How the heck did you get that done so quickly?" I want to share that feeling with you because rightfully, it belongs to you. Your efforts, your initiative and innovative approaches brought us here. I know we still have a long way to go, but take a moment to reflect on where we were, where we are and where we're going. Enjoy the knowledge that you've done a great job.

Blood drive planned

The 507th ARW will hold a blood drive on Saturday. A bloodmobile from the Sylvan N. Center (Oklahoma Blood Institute) will be parked on the ramp near the main hangar from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

According to Mr. Dave Mugg, unit blood drive coordinator, "Our last drive was fairly successful, but the need for blood is still great. Nationwide, blood reserves are still dangerously low."

Mugg encouraged all unit members to participate in this month's drive.

October brings numerous changes

By Jim Miller
HQ AFRES/PA

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The 1940s comedy team of Abbott and Costello entertained millions of moviegoers with their "Who's On First" routine.

Keeping track of the number of scheduled changes happening in the Air Force Reserve may seem equally confusing. Here's a rundown by base of previously announced changes that took effect Oct. 1:

- Barksdale AFB, La. -- Nine active-duty KC-10A Extenders along with active-duty and Reserve aircrews and support personnel transfer to McGuire AFB, N.J., are becoming part of the East Coast super air mobility base.

- Bergstrom ARS, Texas -- The Reserve's 924th Fighter Group converts from 15 F-16A/B Fighting Falcons to 15 F-16C/Ds.

- Carswell ARB, Texas -- The U.S. Navy takes control of the installation, renaming it NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base.

The current host, the Air Force Reserve's 301st Fighter Wing, becomes a tenant organization.

- Dover AFB, Del. -- The Reserve's 512th Airlift Wing (Associate) reduces its manpower authorizations when the active-duty wing loses three C-5 Galaxy transports.

- Grissom AFB, Ind. -- The base becomes an air reserve base. The Reserve's 434th Wing goes back to being an air refueling wing when its 930th Operations Group inactivates and subsequently loses 18 A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft.

- Luke AFB, Ariz. -- The 944th Fighter Group reduces its manpower authorizations when it loses three F-16 fighters.

- March and McClellan AFBs, Calif. -- March's 452nd AMW and McClellan's 940th Air Refueling Group reduce manpower authorizations when each lose one KC-135 Stratotanker.

- McGuire AFB, N.J. -- The Reserve's 514th Airlift Wing becomes an air

mobility wing and decreases manpower authorizations when the active-duty wing loses 18 C-141 Starlifters. At the same time, the host wing also becomes an AMW and receives nine more KC-10s from Barksdale AFB.

- Selfridge ANGB, Mich. -- The 927th ARG decreases its manpower authorizations when it loses one KC-135.

- Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C. -- The 916th ARG, an associate unit, has fewer aircraft to fly when the active-duty wing loses three more KC-10s.

- Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio -- The 906th Fighter Group inactivates and its 89th Fighter Squadron becomes an airlift squadron, flying eight C-141s.

In other action, C-130 units assigned to 22nd Air Force transfer to 10th Air Force. The units are at Dobbins ARB, Ga.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y.; Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa.; and Willow Grove ARS, Pa. (AFRESNS)

Changes line up with AF blueprint

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force Reserve is revamping its organization to align with the Air Force's new objective structure.

Many of the changes took effect Oct. 1 and are a result of the Air Force's Blueprint for Organization which began with the objective wing concept.

One change eliminates the word "associate" in units in which Reserve aircrews fly active-duty aircraft.

Numerous redesignations, activations and inactivations occur in the medical community with little change in the total number of units. In many cases, the name change reflects a new mission. In

revisions at Headquarters AFRES, the 2400th Reserve Readiness and Mobility Squadron changes to the 951st Reserve Support Squadron. The 8600th Air Force Reserve Command Support Group becomes the 952nd Reserve Support Squadron, and the Command Band of the Air Force Reserve drops the word "command." The headquarters directorate of recruiting also functions as the Air Force Reserve Recruiting Squadron.

Smaller geographically-separated units -- primarily aerial port, civil engineer and medical units -- will report to a regional support group at each numbered air force headquarters, effective Jan. 1, 1995. (AFRESNS)

AFRES starts civilian reduction in force

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Headquarters Air Force Reserve officials have instructed unit commanders to start reduction in force actions on civilians who have lost or are about to lose their position authorization.

The officials said the RIF is the result of downsizing directed by the Air Force's Feb. 28 force structure announcement, executive order and other projected manpower losses. To lessen the impact on employees, they encourage

commanders to use voluntary early retirement authority requests or grant authority for voluntary separation incentive pay.

AFRES received Department of Defense approval to offer VERA to GS-14 and 15 positions through Sept. 30, 1995. Command officials said they will administer this authority through "windows of opportunity" as necessary to reduce the adverse effect of the high-grade reduction. They said all major

commands are experiencing some form of reduction in force. By fiscal year 2001, AFRES could lose some 1,620 civilians and perhaps an additional 440 if ARTs are not "fenced" (protected from RIF action).

In some cases, employees can request to stay on the job for short periods if they are needed for new missions or other cost-effective reasons. (AFRESNS)

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Announcement makes 507th a Wing

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• Willow Grove ARS, Pa. — Two actions affect the Reserve unit at Willow Grove. The 913th Airlift Group becomes the 913th Airlift Wing, one of 15 geographically separated Reserve flying groups changing to wings. This change aligns with the active Air Force's new objective structure. In addition, the Air Force Feb. 28, 1994, announcement reducing the unit by four C-130E aircraft along with the associated manpower impact has been canceled. The 913th AW will retain its current number of 12 assigned aircraft.

• Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport ARS, Ohio -- This Reserve unit also changes from a group to a wing. At the same time, the Feb. 28, 1994, announcement reducing the unit by four C-130H's is canceled. Instead, the 910th Airlift Wing will gain four C-130H's, giving it a total of 16 aircraft; activate a second flying squadron; and establish a regional service and maintenance facility. Air Force officials are still determining manpower authorizations for the second squadron and the regional maintenance facilities.

Heraldry plays a part in the force structure changes with the activation of the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The unit, formerly the first associate unit in the Reserve, based at Norton AFB, Calif., replaces the 907th Airlift Group, which inactivates.

In another action, the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead ARB, Fla., changes to the 482nd Wing with the return of the 301st Rescue Squadron to Homestead. There is no manpower impact.

The 932nd Aeromedical Airlift Group at Scott AFB, Ill., becomes the 932nd Airlift Wing. Other Air Force Reserve units changing from groups to wings include:

- 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, Ala.;
- 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa.;
- 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y.;
- 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.;
- 924th Fighter Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Texas;
- 926th Fighter Wing, NAS JRB New Orleans, La.;
- 927th Air Refueling Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.;
- 928th Airlift Wing, O'Hare IAP ARS, Ill.;
- 934th Airlift Wing, Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP ARS, Minn.;
- 940th Air Refueling Wing, McClellan AFB, Calif.;
- 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

The Air Force Reserve part in the Air Force's new objective structure eliminates some layers of management and places operational responsibility at the lowest level by having the new wings report directly to numbered air forces. This restructuring will not change funding, manpower or facilities, according to AFRES plans officials. (AFRESNS)

Reservists are awarded Army medal

Three 507th Combat Logistic Support Squadron (formerly 403rd) reservists, participating in the joint Military Service Operation, received Army Achievement Medals Aug. 21 for their contributions in the Sept. 6-7, 1993 Nite Owl exercise which took place in Lexington, Okla.

TSgt's Ann M. Fordyce and Donna J. Harrel, material facility specialists, and SSgt. Brent A. Brown, an inventory management specialist, participated in OP Nite Owl, which included the Oklahoma National Guard, U.S. Naval Reserve, U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Fordyce and Harrel left Lexington on Sept. 6 in a UH-1 helicopter for Camp Gruber, Okla. Once on the ground the "Down Pilot Team" moved over land to a predetermined hind-site to await contact from the search and rescue team while Brown was tasked with identifying the pilots for recovery. Once pilot identification was established, the three reservists were flown back the next day by UH-1 helicopters to Lexington.

According to the award citations, each of these members demonstrated perseverance, ability to adapt and perform under unfamiliar conditions with exemplary results, which contributed to the success of the mission.

Sones is distinguished grad

SSgt. Shawn Sones, of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, was selected as a Distinguished Graduate out of 180 students during his graduation from the NCO Academy Class, Sept. 8, at Barksdale AFB, La.

"I was really honored to be selected... to attend the school (let alone be selected)... as a Distinguished Graduate," Sones said. Only 20 people out of the class were selected for that honor, he said.

The six-week school provides advanced courses in the Air Force Quality Initiative, leadership and supervision, military standards of conduct, customs and courtesies, dress and appearance, drill and ceremonies, speaking and writing and wellness. All NCOs who are between the ranks of staff sergeant, with more than eight years of satisfactory service, and technical sergeant are eligible to attend.

In regards to the quality portion of the Academy, Sones praised the training received at the 507th prior to attending. "They're really hitting hard on the Quality Initiative," he said. "But thanks to the training and experience I had in the 507th, I had a sizable advantage over most of the other students."

For more information on the Academy or to enroll, see the training bulletin in this month's On-final, visit your unit orderly room or call the 507th Training Office at Ext. 47075.

October Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
Fri, 14 Oct 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 15 Oct As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0745 0730-0930	Sign-in for Physical Exams Newcomers In-processing	Base Hospital Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom CANCELLED CANCELLED Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
0900-1000 0900-1015 0930	3A0X1 Training Newcomers Orientation Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Dining Hall, Sun Rm Bldg 1030, CC Office Bldg 1030, Break Rm Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg, 1043, Conf Rm
1000 1030 1300-1400 1300-1400 1300-1400 1400-1500	Mobility Rep meeting First Sergeants Meeting IG Complaint period w/Lt Col Shaw Immunizations Ancillary Training Monitor Meeting EST Manager Meeting	
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 16 Oct As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0830-0930 0900-1000 0930-1030 1300 1300	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting HAZCOM Unit Career Advisor meeting CDC Course Exam Testing Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Awareness Class 3A0X1 Training	CANCELLED Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Tng? CANCELLED Bldg 460, Rm 213 Bldg 201E
1400-1500 1500-1630 As designated by unit	MPF Closed for In-House Trng Sign-out	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, MPF As designated by unit

Memorandum for the Record...

Subject: Ancillary Training Phase I & II Schedule

Phase I & II will be conducted quarterly: November, February, May, August.

NCO Academy Class Dates for FY 95
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 Comman

Class Dates	Nominations Due
NCOA	MSMPT
09 Jan 95-16 Feb 95	6 Nov 94
28 Feb 95-6 Apr 95	11 Dec 94
18 Apr 95-25 May 95	12 Feb 95
31 Jul 95-7 Sep 95	7 May 95
18 Sep 95-26 Oct 95	16 Jul 95

Training Planner

October-November '94

October 94	
14-16	WICP 3-day UTAs
15-16	Primary UTA Mobility Exercise - SPT GRP and Medical Top 3 Meeting
16	
November 94	
5-6	Primary UTA
December 94	
10-11	Primary UTA Christmas Party Blood Drive
January 95	
07-08	Primary UTA Top 3 Meeting
February 95	
11-12	Primary UTA
11	Officers Call
Mobility Exercise:	Aviation&HQ Pkgs
March 95	
11-12	Primary UTA
April 95	
8-9	Primary UTA
ORE (Employment)	
29 Apr-13 May	72aps AT Hickam
May 95	
6-7	Primary UTA
June 95	
3-4	Primary UTA
July 95	
15-16	Primary UTA
August 95	
12-13	Primary UTA
September 95	
16-17	Primary UTA

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your Social Security Number ends with a 2 or 7 you have until 15 November 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.

November Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
Fri, 4 Nov 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 5 Nov As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0745 0730-0930	Sign-in for Physical Exams Newcomers In-processing	Base Hospital Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
0900-1000 0900-1015	3A0X1 Training Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
1000 1015	Mobility Rep Meeting Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
1030 1300-1400 1300-1400 1300-1400 1400-1500	First Sergeants Meeting IG Complaint Period w/Lt Col Shaw Immunizations Ancillary Training Monitor Meeting EST Manager Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm Bldg 1030, CC Office Bldg 1030, Break Rm Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 6 Nov As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0830-1530 0830-0930 0900	Initial Chemical Warfare Training Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting Ancillary Training Phase I	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef Bldg Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
0900-1000 0900-1000 0900-1000 1000-1100 1300	Additional Duty Safety Rep Top Three Meeting 3S0X4 Training Unit Career Advisor Meeting Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Awareness Class	Prime Beef Bldg Bldg 1043, Rm 204 Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300 1300 1400-1500 1500-1630	Ancillary Training Phase II CDC Course Exam testing 3A0X1 Training MPF Closed for In-House tng	Bldg 1043 Bldg 460, Rm 213 Bldg 1043, Conf Rm Bldg 1043, MPF
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit
CDC and PME Course Exam Testing		
<p>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 Tng Managers prior to the UTA.</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p>The exceptions to this rule are 6E, 8E, and Officer PME course exams. If you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately.</p> <p>If extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking your exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date, notify your Unit Training Manager (UTM) as soon as possible. The UTM will contact MSMPT to prevent possible destruction of your exam. Contact MSMPT, 4-7075, to schedule testing on Wednesdays.</p>		

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 45871. 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 time 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...Training & Education, 47075
MSMPR...Personnel Relocations, 47493

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 Latta, 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 Receive Direct Deposit on or before: by:

16 Oct	25 Oct
18 Oct	31 Oct
23 Oct	01 Nov
25 Oct	03 Nov
30 Oct	07 Nov
01 Nov	09 Nov
06 Nov	15 Nov

Dining Facility

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

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

Education Updates

All officers and NCOs should ensure that their education records are updated to reflect correct information. Officers and Enlisted personnel must obtain an Official (NOT ISSUED to STUDENT) transcript(s) and have them sent to the Wing Training Office, 507 MSS/MSMPT, 7435 Reserve Rd, STE 206, Tinker AFB, OK 73145-8726. Officer education is updated by AFIT/RRA, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. NCO education data is updated here in the Wing Training office. **You should not wait until you are meeting a promotion, assignment or selection board and expect to have your education updated immediately.** It is your responsibility and in your best interest to check your Personnel Records information periodically to make sure all information is correct.

AF Resrv Prior Service Retraining Program

The following retraining guidelines were specifically developed to support the intent of AFRES/CV FY manning policy IAW HQ AFRES/DPT 051310Z AUG 94 msg. There are two types of retraining:

-Voluntary: This is an action by eligible airmen and/or recruiters for the purpose of retraining into a specialty to meet mission needs and attain effective manning levels.

-Involuntary: This is an action initiated by a unit commander or designated representative to determine the disposition of personnel who become overages due to locally generated UMD reductions/changes, force structure changes, crew ration reductions, weapons system conversions, or withdrawal of an AFSC IAW directives, medical disqualification, or the inability of a member to maintain currency requirements for flying status. This type of retraining is AF Reserve driven and does not require the concurrence of the member.

Retraining Updates

Basic retraining eligibility criteria are as follows:

-Airmen may not voluntarily retrain out of shortage/critical AFSCs.

-Prior service accessions will only be retrained into a vacancy when the CAFSC previously held is not authorized or no vacancy/authorized overage exists in that AFSC.

-All applicants must have at least 36 months on their current enlistment prior to approval of the voluntary retraining action.

-All applicants who previously retrained are ineligible for voluntary retraining until they acquire a skill level commensurate with the skill level of the AFSC from which they previously retrained. Example: A SrA with a 5 skill level who retrainees must attain a 5 skill level in the new AFSC before he/she will be eligible to retrain again. Exceptions: Humanitarian reasons and two-time CDC/EOC failures. Non-prior service members will acquire the journeyman (5) skill level prior to requesting voluntary retraining.

-All retrainees must attend mandatory (3-skill level) technical school within 12 months of the approved retraining application.

The Military personnel Flight (MPF) Personnel Employment element will assist airmen in determining eligibility to ensure members are qualified for retraining IAW all governing directives. Please contact Personnel Employment at x47493 for further information.

Wear of Badges

AFI 36-2923 is the new Air Force Instruction that establishes guidelines on the wear of aeronautical, duty and occupational badges. Basic criteria for wearing of badges are as follows:

Officers - Wear the basic badge after graduating from technical school or after attaining fully qualified AFSC when technical school is not required. Wear the senior badge after 7 years in the specialty and the master badge after 15 years in the specialty.

Enlisted - Wear the basic badge after completing initial skill training. Wear the senior badge after award of the 7-skill level, and the master badge as a master sergeant or above with 5 years in the specialty from award of the 7-skill level.

Retrainees - Do not wear an occupational badge for a former specialty. Credit for new badges start upon entry into new AFSC. Example: Retrainees into personnel from Security Police can only wear the Manpower and Personnel badge. Exception: Members retraining but remain in the same occupational badge grouping continue to wear awarded badge. Prior Service Officers may wear the awarded occupation badge for the career field in which they served as an enlisted member if their officer career field is parallel. Members who were awarded an aeronautical badge and retrain into a new AFSC will still be able to wear their previously awarded aeronautical badge. Members assigned in a specific duty and issued a duty badge, may only wear the duty badge while performing that specific duty. Example: Anyone assigned in a joint duty capacity can only wear joint duty badge while assigned to that duty. POC for this AFI is the Career Enhancement Office. For further questions and information call x47493.

Commentary

New mission requires tighter security

by Capt. Mary Roehl
507th Alternate Group Security Manager

Hey, did you hear the news? Our unit has been tasked to support air operations over...

Would this information be classified? Our new mission is going to involve real-world deployments and contingencies. Information pertaining to operations and deployments has a good chance of being classified.

Good security practices are imperative. Loose lips can ruin an operation and waste millions of dollars while possibly getting other members killed.

If you receive a briefing about a contingency, chances are, it is classified. If the briefer does not tell you it is classified, ask! If the information is in message, memo or letter form, and you

think it could be classified, treat it as classified and ask your security manager to check it out.

So what are good security practices? First, if someone does not have correct security clearance, do not give them any information. Second, does that person have a need to know? These are the biggest mistakes made with classified information. It doesn't matter if you have a top-secret clearance if you don't have a need to know.

Other ways to protect classified information is to avoid "talking around" the subject. Don't talk about classified information over the telephone and never discuss operations that are classified or unclassified. Security is not the most important thing we do here, but good security practices make our mission effective—and that's important.

Retiring officer, B-52 Bomber share history

By Tsgt. Larry Wilson
72nd APS Unit Public Affairs
Representative

A 72nd Aerial Port Squadron officer and the B-52 aircraft, number 695, on static display at the Air Depot gate on base share a slice of history.

Lt. Col. Richard Divis went to navigator training in 1971 and, after getting lost in airspace, decided he would rather be an electronic warfare officer. In 1972 he completed EWO school and in 1973 the good colonial was assigned to "01695" and quickly found that being lost in space was better than being found by radar in the Hanoi skies.

According to Divis, "01695 and I have flown some good missions over Vietnam and she always brought us home safe and sound."

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As is the custom, graffiti and fliers go together. You see, Divis scumbled his name on the inside of "01695" sort of like, "Kilroy was here" type stuff.

Divis was squadron operations officer for the 72nd APS. He retired in September and during his career he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal with three devices.

"The 72nd Aerial Port Squadron is an outstanding squadron and I couldn't think of a better way to close my career than by having the opportunity to serve the them. I also thank my wife Treana and daughters Carlye (Miss Borger) and Kristin for these years of sacrifice in order for me to serve my country," said Divis.

Col. Divis, we appreciate your leadership. Thank you and good luck in your retirement.



Lt.Col. Richard Divis, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron officer, stands in the shadow of "01695", a plane he flew in the '70s. (Photo by TsGt. Larry Wilson)

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Key messages relay Reserve issues of interest

No let-up in operational commitments

As contingency and peacekeeping operations continue to unfold in far-flung places like Rwanda and Bosnia, AFRES can expect no let-up in operational commitments within the foreseeable future.

Reserve airlift operations are running at about 90 percent of the peak for the Gulf War. Thousands of Reserve airlift crews, medics and aerial port workers are helping the refugees of Rwanda's civil war. Meanwhile, other Reserve aircrews are supporting Operation Provide Comfort, the humanitarian mission to help Kurdish refugees displaced by the war with Iraq, and Operation Deny Flight, enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia. Closer to home, reservists have supported firefighting operations, flood relief, and counter narcotics efforts.

This high level of activity is creating special challenges for traditional reservists, their families and their employers.

Volunteerism is key to accessibility

As America comes to rely more on Reserve forces to offset a smaller active force, Air Force Reserve volunteers are stepping forward to help shoulder the load. Recently proposed legislation would change the time a reservist may be called to active duty for wartime operations from 90 plus 90 days to 270 days. While the Air Force Reserve supports extending the time reservists may be called for war, there's a continuing need to be sensitive to employer support and retention. Maximum consideration always should be given to encouraging access to reserve volunteers for peacetime contingencies rather than ordering reservists to extended active duty.

Needed: enough resources for the mission

Reservists are participating more than ever, providing critically needed support to several ongoing contingency operations around the globe. Without additional resources to accommodate these contingencies, normal training for wartime missions is forced to take a backseat.

While AFRES welcomes the chance to provide greater support for these missions, appropriate resources must be budgeted to cover the increased responsibilities. Also, when the Reserve is asked to take on base ownership responsibilities as the result of an active-duty base realignment, sufficient resources must be allocated to the Reserve to cover the extra operating and personnel costs.

Reserve prepares "blueprint"

As part of an Air Force-wide effort to streamline and strengthen command relationships, the Air Force Reserve will take a few links out of its chain of command and put operational responsibility at the lowest level.

The new blueprint for Air Force Reserve command organization is part of a continuing effort that began with the restructuring of numbered air forces. Effective Oct. 1, most of geographically separated flying groups were redesignated as wings and report directly to numbered air forces. The change allows more latitude in justifying and staffing appropriate levels of base operating support. AFRES will reorganize some of the geographically

separated support units to make them more accountable to numbered air forces. The changes bring the Reserve more closely in line with the active force and the "one base, one boss" concept.

Modernization sustains readiness

The fiscal 1995 defense budget submission contains nearly \$70 million for Air Force Reserve equipment, which will be used to modernize several aircraft within the Air Force Reserve, including parts of the airlift and tanker fleets.

Despite a slowdown in modernization across DoD, the Reserve must be included in all active-force upgrades — in a timely manner. Otherwise, it will not remain compatible and integrated with the active force, and readiness suffers.

Best person for the job is readiness issue

Readiness of the Reserve is a key issue when selecting the best person for a position. The skills, desire and professional experience need to be the guiding factors in the selection of individuals to fill military and civilian vacancies in the Reserve. Every person, whether he or she fits the traditional mold or not, needs to be developed to his or her full ability. The Reserve represents a cross-section of our nation, and the leadership should reflect that. It is incumbent on commanders and supervisors to take on the responsibility of growing the best person to the job.

Next Base Realignment and Closure list

Defense planners have started work on the next set of recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Each list thus far has included a progressively larger number of decisions affecting the Reserve.

While base closures are very emotional issues for communities to deal with, the process is neutral. The overriding concern is determining what basing structure will best serve the defense interests of the nation and its people — the American taxpayers.

Legislative issues for employers, reservists

Employers are an integral part of the Reserve. Without their support, AFRES could not succeed. Employers of reservists have expressed interest in relief for the extra expenses incurred for employing reservists. HR 71 proposes a tax credit for employers of the Reserve and National Guard.

Other legislation being considered includes provisions to pay quarters charges for reservists during inactive duty training, changes to tax laws which would allow reservists to itemize certain personal expenses incurred because of reserve commitments, and income protection insurance to protect the civilian employment income of reservists called to active duty.

Key messages are published twice a year by the Office of Air Force Reserve Public Affairs Division in the Pentagon to support command information programs. Reserve spokespeople are encouraged to work these themes into their communications with internal audiences, media and the American public. Address comments or suggestions to AF/REL, 1150 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1150.

Tinker reservists support Haitian operation

A KC-135 and 16 Air Force Reserve members from the 507th Air Refueling Group were deployed in support of the multi-national Haitian taskforce.

The 507th, which flies the KC-135R Stratotanker, had received a call for volunteers to support aerial refueling operations.

Although the President has the authority to call to active duty as many as 200,000 members of the reserve forces and had authorized Secretary of Defense Dr. William Perry to recall 1,600 reservists, the small group of Oklahoma reservists deployed consisted of volunteers.

The President signed the order to initiate Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up on Sept. 15, to support the multi-national effort in Haiti.

The Oklahoma reservists deployed to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, Saturday. Had hostile military operations commenced, the reservists would have been tasked with aerial refueling for various military aircraft.

The 507th converted to an aerial refueling unit last April and currently possesses 9 KC-135s. Since flying operations began last April the unit has flown 863 hours and since last May the unit has off-loaded 2,553,900 pounds of fuel during refueling training operations.

According to a unit official, "We were highly pleased that after only six months into our conversion, higher headquarters had the confidence in our unit and our abilities to task us for support."

The Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Michael A. Shirley

I can't believe, that in a little more than two months, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah. Where has the time gone?

This time of the year has become a season of peace, kindness and giving. In conjunction with this season, the 507th seeks to celebrate this holiday by giving toys and food to needy children and families. We will call this "Operation Christmas Spirit." Donation boxes will be placed at your sign-in/out locations throughout the entire unit and will be available on Sunday.

Will you join us in giving to others? We have been told that it is more blessed to give than to receive. This is very true. Bring NEW toys and donate to children who will not enjoy this season like your children. Bring food and help families who will find their cupboards bare.

All toys and food will be distributed through the Family Readiness/Support Services of the 507th and Tinker. We will be helping many of our own. Thank you for your kindness. You will be blessed for it.



Readiness is required

by MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507 Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

"Families come first" was the message of Colonel Robert E. Lytle, Commander, 507th Air Refueling Group speaking to the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) at their Fifth Annual Dining-Out held last month.

Lytle recalled his own personal recollections of deployment, intertwaving them with stories of those of the 507th called up during Desert Shield/Storm, to demonstrate the importance of Family Readiness.

During his speech, Lytle said a survey of the Israeli military indicated that those military members with family troubles were more likely to be wounded or injured as they were not completely concentrating on the military matters at hand.

"The most important people are the ones we leave behind," the colonel commented. "And the Air Force Reserve learned from Desert Shield/Storm. We now have a Family Readiness office and program. We have highly trained and motivated personnel who are ready to assist Air Force Reserve Families. The Reserves have the infrastructure in place and are prepared to assist families if the need arises."

Only one thing is missing he said.

"You, the reservist, are the missing link in the chain," the colonel concluded. "We have made our preparations but you have not made yours. The families are waiting for information. The Family Support Center is ready to provide it. It is up to the individual reservist to complete the information link between the Family Support Center and their family. It is up to the individual reservist to take the necessary action to inform his or her family of the services and resources available."

Lytle concluded by challenging the audience to "Link up."

Reserve News

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Air Force phases out uniform items

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force phased out three uniform items Sept. 30 and a fourth item the next day.

The items include the blue formal dress head gear, woman's blue beret and maternity smock. Women have the option of wearing their service cap or flight cap in lieu of the beret, and the maternity blouse with or without the maternity jacket instead of the smock.

Oct. 1 was the last day Air Force members could wear the olive drab green T-shirt. They can wear the brown T-shirt or, where authorized, the black T-shirt. More information about uniform items is available in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Personnel. (AFRESNS)

Remote Space Available Travel Sign-up Approved

Military Space "A" travelers planning travel abroad now can sign up for travel by faxing their travel request to the locations from which they plan to depart.

Transportation officials at Air Mobility Command headquarters, Scott AFB, Ill., said that the new procedures are another step in the command's efforts to improve service to their customers.

Under the new procedures, active members of the Reserve components should telefax a copy of their current DD Form 1853, Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility, statement of border clearance documents and the list of five country destinations desired. Travelers are reminded that the fifth destination can be "all" to take advantage of opportune airlift. The telefax should be sent on the effective date as the telefax data header will establish the basis for date/time of sign-up. Members will remain on the space available travel register for a period of 45 days.

Active reserve members may only register for travel to/from the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam. Family members are not eligible for space available travel.

Members of the reserve components who have received notification of retirement eligibility, but have not yet reached age 60, are limited to the same travel destinations of active status Reserve members.

Members can also mail their request to the appropriate locations, but mail requests take longer to reach a destination. Requests received through the mail will be stamped with the date and time they are received to show entry on the space "A" registry

A complete listing of AMC terminals with the capability of providing space "A" travel can be found in AMC Pamphlet 76-4, Space Available Travel Information. (AMC News Service)



Refer a friend!

There are still dozens of positions available within the 507th. Help out unit recruiters by providing them a name.

Drop this from off at 507th Recruiting in Bldg 1043 or mail to: 507ARG/RS, 7450 Reserve Rd., Tinker AFB, OK 73145-8726 (405) 734-5331.

Name _____ Age _____ Sex: M F

Address _____

Work Phone() _____ Best time to call _____

Home Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Prior service: Yes / No What Branch(es) _____

Date of Birth: _____ AFSC/MOS _____ Rank _____

Referred by: _____ Phone#() _____