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507th Air Refueling Wing

Tinker AFB, OK



A 507 ARW maintenance specialist de-ices a KC-135 at Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire. The unit flew refueling missions in support of Operation United Shield. (Photo by Capt. Richard Curry, 507th Public Affairs).

507 force visits New Hampshire

*By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs*

Even as the last United Nations peacekeepers withdrew from Somalia March 2, the work of bringing thousands of tons of U.S. military equipment, supplies and personnel back to the United States had begun.

Four KC-135R Stratotankers and 52 reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing arrived at Pease Air National Guard Base March 5, to support returning C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft carrying that equipment.

The reservists worked out of Pease for about two weeks, providing aerial refueling support for the northeast corridor of that return leg. The 507th ARW served as the lead unit providing all aerial refueling for the returning aircraft.

The deployed team from Tinker worked long hours to support the returning aircraft. The redeployment, dubbed United Shield, marked the last of the U.N. forces to withdraw from Somalia, ending a two-year presence in the African nation. 507th efforts involved 10 aerial refueling missions, off-loading more than 116,000 gallons or approximately 700,000 pounds of fuel during the two-week period.

"We came expecting to fly three to five missions a day or about 27 missions in all and to stay pretty busy keeping our aircraft ready to respond," said Maj. Rod Lane, 507th ARW maintenance officer. However, last minute delays and flight cancellations, sometimes occurring hourly, of the returning aircraft, created an added intensity for both mission and maintenance planners.

"Flexibility is the key to air mobility," Lane said after several cancellations of in-bound aircraft.

The deployed team worked together from one large operational room provided by the 157th Air Refueling Group, Air National Guard, throughout the duration of the deployment.

"The members of the 157th were very helpful and stopped by daily to see if we needed anything," said Lt. Col. Dean Despinoy, detachment commander for the deployment. Despinoy said the 507th would be relieving the 157th this June when the unit deploys to Deny Flight in France. "The relationships we built there will help us both later on," he said.

Despinoy added, "It's really amazing how similar the Pease field is to where we'll be operating out of at France. This was great training for Deny Flight."

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McIntosh sends

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
AFRES Commander

My words this month aren't mine at all, but Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ron Fogleman's. During the chief's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner praised the Air Force for its remarkable use of Air Force Reserve forces. In response, Fogleman said the Air Force makes sure Reserve forces are equipped with first-line equipment just like active-duty forces. He went on to say that when a commander in chief is given Reserve forces, he knows they are first-class in every way.

I know it's gratifying that your hard work is publicly appreciated, keep it up -- I'm proud of all of you.



Well done!

"I am always proud when I see the men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing recognized for their successes. To receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for meritorious service is such an occasion.

Please pass my congratulations to everyone who helped earn this award, including the civilians, traditional reservists and technicians. They continue to set a standard of excellence for all of us. Well done!"

Robert A. McIntosh, Maj. Gen.
Chief of Air Force Reserve

Congratulations

"Please pass our congratulations to the Commander, 507th Air Refueling Wing. Being selected for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is an exceptional honor.

We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to each individual who contributed to winning this award. We're very proud of the 507th Air Refueling Wing."

James E. Sherrard III, Maj. Gen.
Vice Commander, Air Force Reserve

We salute you

"All of us at HQ 4th Air Force add our heartiest congratulations for a job well done. It is a proud time to see the recognition from higher headquarters of the efforts of the members of your unit.

Once again, congratulations! We at HQ 4AF salute you."

Wallace W. Whaley, Brig. Gen.
Commander, 4th Air Force

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Safety corner

By the 507th Safety Office

What does the following statement mean to you? **Hearing Protection required.** Your reaction to this might be, come on, is this a trick question or what? It isn't, but evidently some are unaware of that statement's meaning since they will continue to operate equipment with a sign posted directly in front of them which requires Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while using that machine. That PPE device is for YOUR protection. It is an employee's responsibility to PROTECT themselves by using the equipment.

Give yourself a break and protect yourself. If you see a sign that requires protective gear, wear it. If you think it's a trick and you don't heed the warnings, the trick is on you.

New Hampshire

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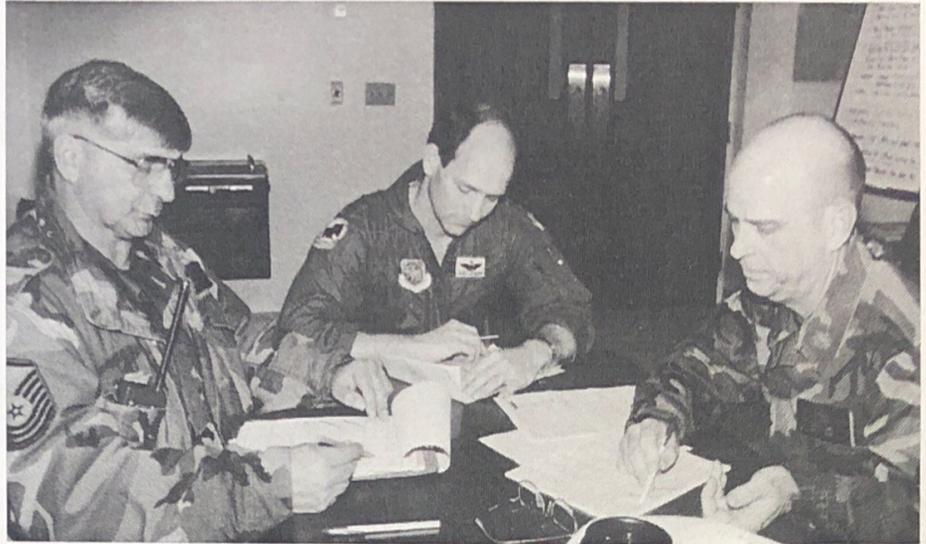
Another advantage from working out of a common area was voiced by SMSgt. Clark Heinbach, aerospace maintenance supervisor. "Having maintenance and operations work out of the same area was very interesting to me. I've been in maintenance for 22 years and never understood why missions were changed at the last minute. Here, I got a chance to hear what problems operations have to deal with and watch them in action. It's been very educational."

During several days when temperatures took a dip, 507th maintainers received an opportunity to receive field training on aircraft deicing procedures.

Said one member, "It was good training (deicing) but we learned unfortunately there are just some times you can't stay upwind."

The operation served as a milestone for the reservists who 11 months earlier were flying and maintaining F-16 Fighting Falcons on a daily basis. The 507th was the first Air Force Reserve unit to swap fighters for air refueling aircraft as a result of post-Cold War reorganization of the Air Force.

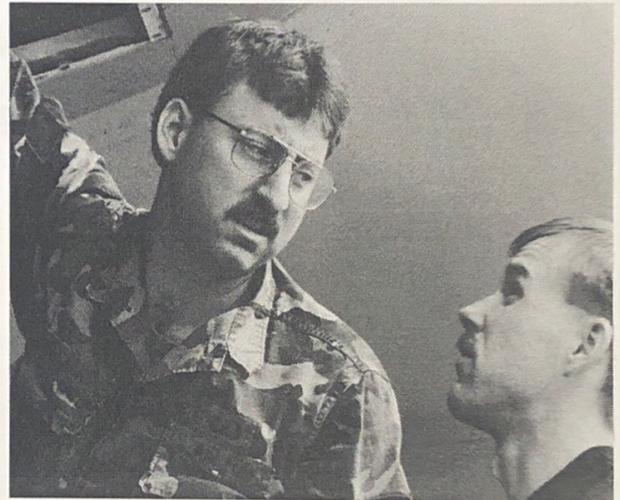
United Shield is not a unique operation for the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, according to Despinoy. "The Guard and Reserve have previously worked together in many endeavors worldwide," he said. "With current Air Force downsizing, this is an example of the cooperation now necessary between active-duty, Guard and Reserve forces to meet national defense requirements using the Total Force Policy."



Planning is critical to success. Above, team members (left to right) SMSgt. Clark Heinbach, Maj. James Jackson and Maj. Rod Lane get set for the day's events in New Hampshire.

Left:

TSgt. Ricky Abbott watches out an overhead window from the deicing truck while another member hoses down an aircraft.



Right middle:

SSgt. Dale Blanchard and SrA. Brian Scheef discuss the best way to make a repair.



Right bottom:
SSgt. Todd Odell tightens a fitting.

(Photos by Capt. Rich Curry)

Reservists in action around the unit last month



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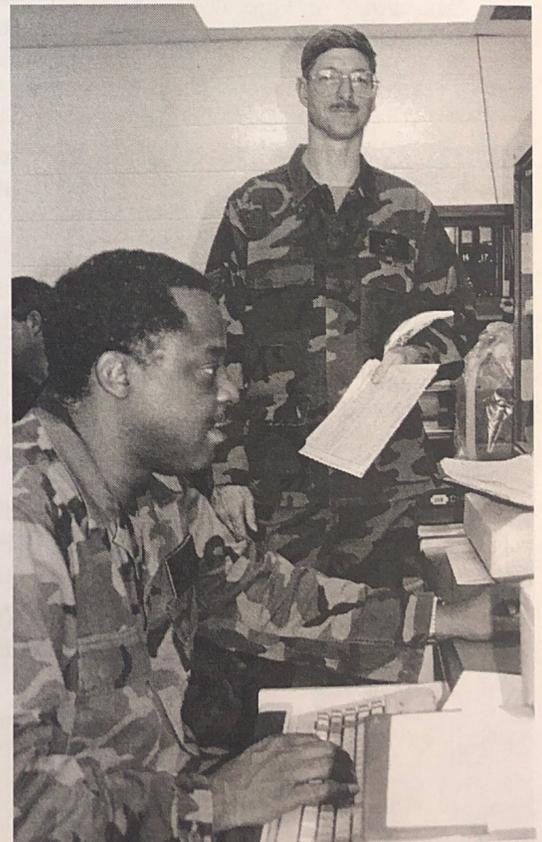
TSgt. Bert Rickner, chaplain's assistant, gets additional training on the unit forklifts and pallets.

TSgt. Dennis Cain takes care of another re-enlistment and education package for TSgt. Wilton Weeks.

MSgt. Ronald Coley receives an American flag and congratulations from Col. Robert E. Lytle and Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shirley. Coley retired last UTA after serving 33 years.

(Photos by TSgts. Stan Paregien, Mitch Chandran and Ty Yoshida)

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April Schedule of Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 07 Apr 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 08 Apr As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0730-0745	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0900	Newcomers Orientation	TO BE DETERMINED
0900-1000	3A0X1 Training	CANCELLED
1000	Mobility Rep meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300	Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Trng	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
1300-1400	Ancillary Training Manager Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint period w/Lt Col Despinoy	Bldg 1067, CC Office
1300-1430	Immunizations/Flu Shots	Bldg 1030, Hanger Floor
1400-1500	Training Manager Meeting	MAY UTA
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 09 Apr As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0745-1500	Initial Chemical Warfare Trng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1100	Newcomers Ancillary Trng Phase I	JUNE UTA
0900-1000	Hazardous Communications	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Trng
0930-1030	Unit Career Advisor meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1230-1600	Newcomers Ancillary Trng Phase II	JUNE UTA
1300	Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Trng	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1400-1500	3A0X1 Training	CANCELLED
1500-1630	MPF Closed for In-House Trng	Bldg 1043, MPF
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

Training

Planner

April-May '95

April 95	
8-9	Primary UTA
ORE (Employment)	
29 Apr-13 May	72aps AT Hickam
May 95	
6-7	Primary UTA
June 95	
1-30	Deny Flt
3-4	Primary UTA
3-17	Med Sq, Nellis AFB
10-24	72APS, Kadena FB
29-12 Jul	MSS/SV, Germany
July 95	
15-16	Primary UTA
August 95	
12-13	Primary UTA
September 95	
16-17	Primary UTA
16	Family Day
16	CLSS Dining Out

Memorandum for the Record...

1. NCO Academy Class Dates for FY 95

Listed below are the FY95 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 DPMAT

Nominations must be endorsed by Unit Comman

Class Dates	Nominations Due
NCOA	DPMAT
31 Jul 95-7 Sep 95	7 May 95
18 Sep 95-26 Oct 95	16 Jul 95

2. AMN/NCO/SNCO of the Quarter/Year: Nominations are due EOD, Saturday of the following UTAs: Quarter - June, September, December 95'
Year - Dec 94'

Contact DPMPE, TSgt Fuqua, 734-7494

3. Ancillary Training Phase I & II: June UTA will be next Newcomers Ancillary Training class.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your Social Security Number ends with a 4 or 9 you have until *EOM 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.

May Schedule of Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 05 May 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 06 May As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0745	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0900	Newcomers Orientation	TO BE DETERMINED
0900-1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1043, Basement Classroom
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300	Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Trng	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/Lt Col Despinoy	Bldg 1067, CC Office
1300-1430	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1300-1400	Ancillary Training Monitor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400-1500	EST Manager Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 07 May As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0745-1200	Refresher Distaster Preparedness	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef Bldg
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900	Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I	JUNE UTA
0900-1000	Additional Duty Safety Rep	Bldg 1030, Comf Flt Trng*
0900-1000	3S0X4 Training	Bldg 1043, Rm 204
1000-1100	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300	Sexual Harassment Sensitivity Trng	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
1300	Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase II	JUNE UTA
1300	CDC Course Exam testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1400-1500	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	MPF Closed for In-House tng	Bldg 1043, MPF
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 Tng 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 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 (UTM) as soon as possible. The UTM will contact DPMAT to prevent possible distraction of your exam.

To schedule testing on a Wednesday, call LGLT, 45508 if you are Maintenance Sq, 465 AMU, LSS, LG. 507 CLSS call MSgt Moore 95375. Everyone else call DPMAT 47075 to schedule testing on a Wednesday

Ancillary Training Information: Phase I & II will be conducted qtrly; Feb, May, Aug

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 1 UTA 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 enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ Briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. This Briefing is held during Phase II of the quarterly newcomers Ancillary Training at 1315 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 3333.

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

DPM Management, 47494
DPMPS...Customer Service, 47492
DPMAE...Personnel Employment, 47493
DPMPE...Career Enhancement, 47494
DPMAT...Training & Education, 47075
DPMAR...Personnel Relocations, 47493
DPMZ...Information Management, 47494

TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing

Personnel Relocations (DPMAR) 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 DPMAR 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 DPMAR, 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

Sign in for Physical Exams is at 0730 at the Base Hospital. Attendance is mandatory due to Air Force Reserve requirements, however, reschedules will be permitted due to special circumstances. If you are on flying status your physical must be accomplished no later than the last day of your birth month. It is recommended that flight personnel schedule their physicals 3 months in advance of their birth month. If you are unable to meet an appointment, you must call TSgt Latta, 43151 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 Deposit by:

09 Apr	19 Apr
11 Apr	21 Apr
16 Apr	26 Apr
18 Apr	28 Apr
23 Apr	03 May
25 Apr	05 May
30 Apr	10 May
02 May	15 May
07 May	17 May

Dining Facility

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

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

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

SGLI is a very valuable and affordable benefit. To purchase SGLI is a personal decision, and our goal in the MPF Customer Service Section is to provide periodic publicity so members are aware of the SGLI program. Fully informative counseling, and timely accurate processing of paperwork for those electing to purchase SGLI is available in Customer Service. The Veterans Administration Handbook (VAH) (H-29-75-1) is an invaluable source providing SGLI information and can be reviewed in Customer Service. Reserve members are encouraged to stop and give this program some deep thought. Premiums are low and benefits are high. For those of you who already have SGLI in force, you are reminded to keep your beneficiary up-to-date. Come by Customer Service and update paperwork if necessary.

Airman/NCO/SNCO of the Quarter

We are pleased to announce:

Airman of the Quarter

SrA Samuel D. Reid, 507 SPS

NCO of the Quarter

TSgt Charles G. Latta, 507 Med Sq

Senior NCO of the Quarter

MSgt Sachiko Keene, 507 Med Sq

Congratulations!

We received many outstanding submissions and thank all the units who submitted.

The next AMN/NCO/SNCO of the quarter will be the June UTA. Just a reminder that the deadline is COB on the Saturday of the UTA. The form used is AF Form 1206 which can be found on Per-Form.

Any questions can be directed to MSgt Fuqua, 47491.

BONUS AFSCs

The following list is the authorized bonus AFSCs for the period of 1 Jan 95 to 30 Jun 95:

DAFSC	TITLE
1C3X1	Command/Control 507 ARW
2A7X3	Arcft Structural Maint 507 MS
2T0X1	Traffic Management 507 CLSS/LSS
2T1X1	Veh Ops/Dispatch 507 LSS
2T2X1	Air Transportation 72 APS
3E0X2	Electric Power Prod 507 CES
3E4X1	Utilities Systems 507 CES
3E9X1	Disaster Preparedness 507 CES

Individuals must meet all eligibility requirements IAW AFRESR 39-1. If you have an individual reenlisting and/or retiring into one of these AFSCs, please send them to see SMSgt Epps or SSgt Boyd.

Effective 1 Jul 95; REPEAT EFFECTIVE 1 Jul 95 - Approval has been given to begin payment of increased bonus amounts to coincide with Title 37 U.S.C. Reenlistment and Prior Service Bonuses will increase approximately \$1,000 to \$2,500 from the current entitlements depending on the eligibility criteria - effective 1 Jul 95 Bonus list. We will keep you informed as information is obtained.

PEP Release

The following personnel need to be congratulated on their promotion effective 1 Apr 95 resulting from the PEP board.

From SSgt...

TSgt R. Abbott, 465 ARS/AMU

TSgt N. Foster, 507 OG

TSgt K. Sperry, 507 CLSS

From TSgt...

MSgt L. LeTarte, 465 ARS/AMU

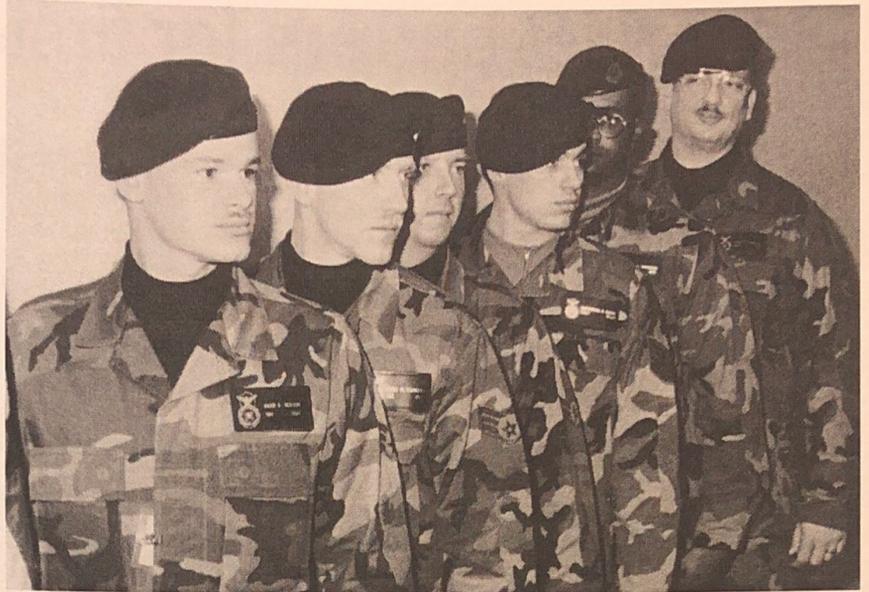
No results have been received as of this date in regards to the SMSgt and CMSgt PEP board.

Again, Congratulations!

POC, MSgt Fuqua, 47491.

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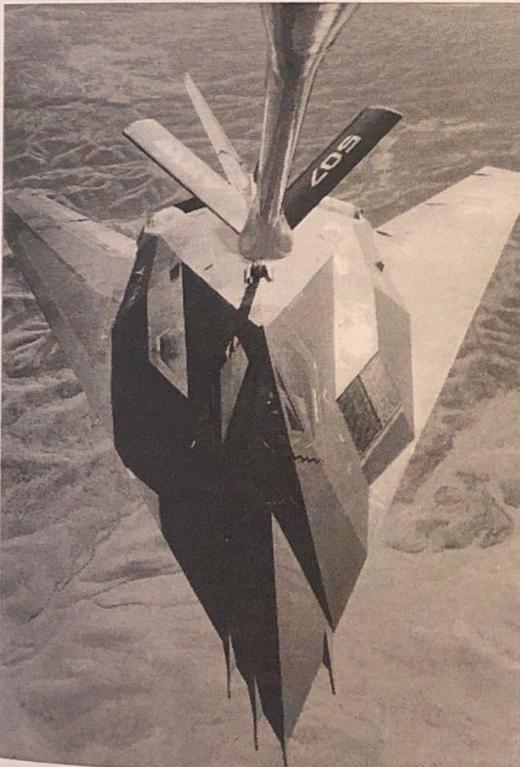
Security Police members swept up the 507th Airman, NCO and Senior NCO of the Year program last year with six of the squadron members winning quarterly and yearly honors. Pictured, left to right, are SrA. David Dickson, SrA Daryl Flanders, SrA Robert Stremlow, TSgt. Shannon Buhl, SrA Howard Donaldson, and MSgt. Rickey Larwence.



A change of command ceremony was held last month for incoming Combat Logistics Support Squadron commander, left, Lt. Col. Barry Roberts who replaced Lt. Col. Kenneth Settle, while 507th Commander Col. Robert E. Lytle officiates. Maj. William Morgan reads the orders to make it official. Roberts has risen through the ranks in the unit for many years. Settle is taking a position at AFRES Headquarters.

Civil Engineers worked vigorously on a new building platform that will go up between the headquarters office and the OPS office.

SSgt. Steve Switzer snapped this shot of an F-117 being refueled by a unit aircraft.



Reservist barter for first-aid kits

by TSgt. Stan Paregien
507 ARW/PA

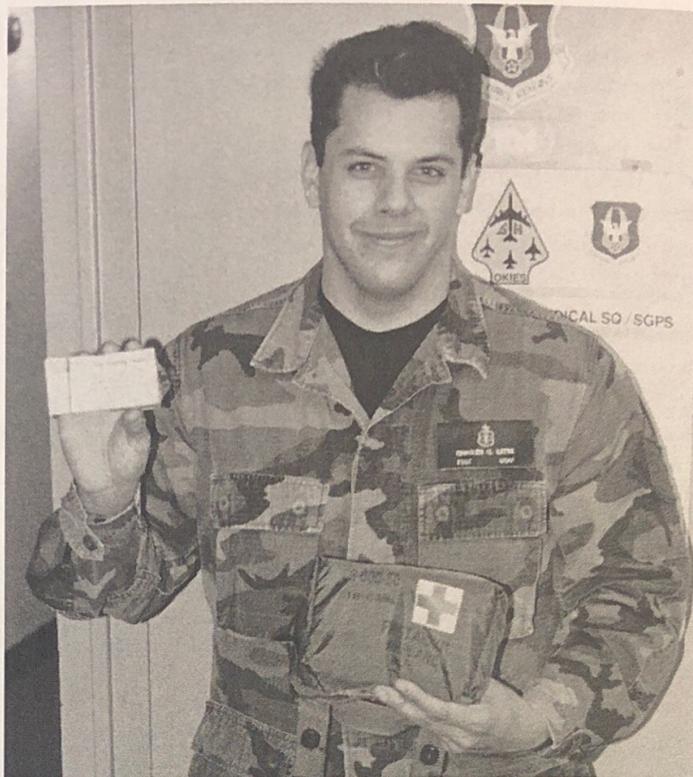
When the 507th Aerial Refueling Wing converted from F-16's to the KC-135R aircraft, something was missing. Sure, the roar of the fighter jets was gone, but it was what was not inside the KC-135 that got one Air Force Reserve member thinking.

When the KC-135 planes came in for the conversion they were supposed to have three first aid kits per plane. Instead, each aircraft came up short, leaving the 507th to deal with the shortage.

"TSgt. Charles Latta stepped forward and really did a great job handling this problem," said MSgt. Amy Jackson of the Medical Squadron. He is a relative newcomer to the unit, having served as a combat readiness instructor at Shepherd AFB in Wichita Falls teaching active duty and Reserve forces how to load C-130s, learn self-aid and buddy care, and prepare units for moulage training. He had only been with the unit a little over a year when this problem cropped up.

TSgt. Latta got on the phone and called his old unit at Youngstown, Ohio to set up an exchange with them for some excess medical equipment for one of their taskings going to Bosnia. In return, they provided us with around 100 first aid kits," said Latta.

The active duty members helped load and unload supplies during the exchange. The crew "hot loaded" the cargo with the engines running. The ramp dropped down and the trade took place smoothly. "We loaded it quickly and they unloaded it. We only needed around 30 kits but we got 70 extra. The active duty folks were great because they provided ramp space and manpower on that Super Bowl Sunday. They could have gone home, but they stayed to help us. The C-130s made it back home in time for the Super Bowl game!," Latta said.



TSgt. Charles Latta displays the first aid kits he helped secure for unit aircraft. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

Survey reveals interest in more career, benefit info

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force reservists can expect to see more information about career opportunities, benefits and Reserve policy as a result of a communications survey conducted last summer.

More than 700 reservists responded to the random sample, command-wide survey, giving their opinion on how well the Reserve keeps them informed.

One of the major outcomes of the survey was the mailing in March of Air Reserve Personnel Center personnel fact sheets to every reservist. Only 22 percent of those who responded to the survey indicated they recognized the fact sheets. These products, which are updated annually, provide information about promotions, career opportunities and retirement, entitlements, travel, and employer support.

More emphasis is also being placed on commander's call as a result of the

survey. Every month the commander and vice commander of AFRES and the three numbered air force commanders now review proposed topics, add their comments and forward them, in turn, to the Reserve's wing commanders.

In addition, Reserve policy now encourages commanders at all levels to conduct commander's call on a monthly basis. Ninety percent of those who replied to the survey said they valued their commander's views, and more than 90 percent said they wanted the opportunity to address action line questions and learn about unit goals and achievements.

The desire for information about policies and benefits also showed up in responses to questions about *Citizen Airman* magazine and unit newspapers. More than a third said they wanted to see more of this coverage in the command magazine and local unit paper. The

magazine staff and unit public affairs offices have been told to place greater emphasis on these subjects in these high-visibility publications.

Ninety-four percent said they knew about the magazine, and 86 percent said they were familiar with their unit newspaper. More than 70 percent said they read most or every issue of the magazine and unit newspaper.

Air Force Reserve officials said the survey results have been helpful and pointed out a need to improve communication effectiveness in the Reserve. Six and one half percent of the survey respondents said the Reserve was doing an excellent job of informing people. Nearly 48 percent said the Reserve was doing a good job, and another 36 percent gave the Reserve a fair rating. However, nearly 9.5 percent said the Reserve was doing a poor job of informing its people.

Worldwide quality-of-life survey coming

In an effort to take care of people, Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, initiated a worldwide quality-of-life survey.

"I'm committed, first and foremost, to taking care of our people, and building a team within a team," Fogleman said in a message.

"Toward that end I am interested in getting inputs from the field via a worldwide quality-of-life survey. As we move forces with Air Force programs to support Secretary of Defense Perry's quality-of-life initiative, it is important to understand where we can make the most difference in the lives of our people."

Each active duty Air Force member received a survey in February focusing on issues where the Air Force can make changes or influence change.

These issues will range from ops/personnel tempo to housing and personnel. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel will receive a separate survey later in the spring.

Participation will be through a worldwide computer-based survey, with survey distribution made to units through the major commands. The survey can be completed on a computer at work or at home.

"Please take this opportunity to help us in this effort. Feedback on the survey

results will be available by early summer 1995," said Fogleman.

"Together we can put our best efforts toward building a team within a team while pursuing the highest quality of life we can for our people." (AMC News Service)



An Air Force Quality-of-Life Survey is underway to determine how to improve conditions for military members. Information gathered will help determine appropriate operational tempo for Reserve and Guard units during exercises.

People readiness, resources are keys to strategy

American Forces Information

Sustaining people readiness, managing turbulence and infrastructure reductions and increasing Reserve component integration into day-to-day operations are the main ingredients for the success of Reserve components in the post-Cold War world.

That's what Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, recently told members of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Readiness is the key to the National Guard and Reserve helping fight and win major regional wars, Lee noted.

The Reserve Policy Board serves as the principal policy advisor to the secretary of defense on matters relating to Reserve components. Board members are drawn from Reserve and active components and secretariat appointees.

People readiness leads the list of Lee's major challenges for Reserve components. "We're making great strides in putting people first," she said. "Sustaining people readiness includes everything from pay raises to benefits to employer support and family care to initial-entry and duty training."

"Putting people first means preparing reservists and their families for the often unexpected disruption associated with Reserve military service and providing families with an infrastructure to help them be self-reliant," Lee said.

DOD officials are exploring several initiatives aimed at taking better care of reservists and their families, including employer tax credits, activation insurance and family support programs.

She noted important updates and improvements on Reserve employment and re-employment are now law.

"We're also working hard to protect what we already have--pay, the retirement system and commissary privileges," Lee said. Reserve Affairs officials are also trying to help reservists from inactivated units move into positions in other units and provide transition benefits for those leaving due to downsizing, Lee added.

Increasing Reserve components integration into day-to-day operational missions is another major challenge.

Gone are the days of large American military presence overseas to handle operational missions. Then, Reserve and National Guard were responsible for mobilization training - "training for the sake of training," Lee said.

"What we need for the future is a paradigm shift away from the Cold War stance of training for the sake of training to a post-Cold War stance of doing more operational missions with training as the by-product," she said.

"We're already moving in that direction. As the world order has changed, so has our thinking about national security needs and the institutions of national defense," Lee said. "We know our military will be a smaller force, with challenging new roles and missions for the National Guard and Reserve," said Lee.



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Mandatory Deny Flight meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all members scheduled for the Deny Flight deployment at the Prime Beef Building at 8 a.m. Saturday. Any questions, call CMSgt. Ray Deutsch at 734-5101.

Congratulations

Congratulations on TSgt. Norma Foster's latest addition to her family. She had a baby girl March 21 at 4:08 a.m. The baby's name is Erica Rose and weighs 8.2 lbs and is 20-1/2" long.

Credit card policy given

The new Air Force Instruction 65-104 provides guidance for establishing and operating a government travel charge card program. This instruction applies to all Air National Guard and US Air Force Reserve members.

If you have a government-issued American Express Card, you may wish to order a copy of this Air Force Instruction for reference.

Reservist recognized by base

SSgt. Emmanuel Bruce-Tagoe from the 72 APS was recently selected as an "Employee of the Month" by Tinker Air Force Base. SSgt. Bruce-Tagoe, while working on MPA mandays, supported the F-16 EWSS project for the base. In recognition of his efforts, his name was displayed "in lights" on the Electronic Marquee at the North side of Bldg. 3001.

UTA parking fees not refundable

Those of you who have performed UTA/AFTP duties and have been assigned contract quarters at the Medallion hotel in downtown OKC are aware that the hotel charges for \$4 per day for parking in the hotel garage.

According to reports from members, the hotel is collecting the parking fees at the time of checkout. HQ AFRES has advised that this is proper procedure for inactive duty training and that there is no reimbursement to the reservist for the fee.

You have three options:

Option 1: Request that the base billeting office assign you to a hotel other than the Medallion.

Option 2: If the Medallion is the only hotel available, leave your car on base and request that Base Transportation take you to the Medallion and pick you up for duty. The telephone number for the Base Taxi is 734-2803.

Option 3: If option 1 or 2 is not available or chosen, parking fees will be your responsibility and must be paid at the time of checkout.

Members promoted

The following members were recently promoted this month under the PEP program.

To Technical Sergeant:

Ricky Abbott, 465 ARS/AMU
Norma Foster, 507 Operations Group
Kenneth Sperry, 507 CLSS

To Master Sergeant:

Lawrence Letarte, 465 ARS/AMU

ROA election planned

Chapter 66 of the Reserve Officer's Association is scheduled to hold its annual election of officers during its next meeting at 4:45 p.m. Saturday at the main Operations briefing room in Building 1048.

All officers are invited to attend.

Med Squadron moves

The 507th Medical Squadron's full-time administration offices have moved from the barracks into the south-side section (new addition) of the Base Hospital.

Personnel can enter through the north entrance (OBGYN door) to rooms T-16 through T-23 where the new offices are located.

Phone numbers for administration and records, 44445, 43151, and 42487 will

remain the same. Any questions, call SMSgt. Hiroko Yates, administration and patient services for 507th Medical Squadron, at 44445.

Safety hotline activated

The Safety Office now has a hotline, 42014, available 24-hours-a-day for callin-s on safety discrepancies or issues of concern.

Members are encouraged to use this line to leave messages, compliments, or voice their safety concerns.



On-final is NOT produced for citizens of Russia such as the one shown here in front of the Red Square in Moscow. However, a reader is a reader. Make sure you get your copy monthly. (Photo courtesy of 2nd Lt. Walter Jacques)

Refer a friend for a career future!

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/ MOSRank _____

Referred by: _____ Phone#() _____

There are still positions available within the 507th. Help out unit recruiters by providing them a name or contact one of the following recruiters:

Tinker AFB - MSgt. Brasher _____ 405-734-5331
Midwest City - TSgt. Weld _____ 405-733-9403
Lawton - MSgt. Wright _____ 405-357-2784
McConnell AFB, KS - TSgt. Tubbs _____ 316-652-3766

You may also drop this form off at 507th Recruiting in Building 1043 or mail to: 507ARW/RS, 7435 Reserve Rd., Tinker AFB, OK 73145-8726.