



507th reservists responded quickly April 19 after an explosion destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

Reservists respond quickly after terrorist attack

*By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs*

The explosion that rocked downtown Oklahoma City April 19, destroying the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, brought forth an immediate federal response from both military and federal workers located at Tinker Air Force Base.

Those responses came and are continuing to come from active duty, civilian employees and Air Force Reservists from the base.

Reservist MSgt. Kenneth Coffey, of the 465th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, who went over Sunday night after a weekend drill, found his part to play by helping warehouse and maintain the enormous amount of donated supplies flooding in from

throughout the surrounding area. Coffey, a KC-135 crew chief, was one of many unit reservists who arrived after the days military drill to volunteer to help.

"Several of us reported to a warehouse at 5th and Oklahoma downtown and started unloading trucks. The warehouse owner offered relief crews the use of his loading dock on Wednesday after the explosion.

"Originally, the warehouse owner didn't realize the magnitude of the supplies coming in. Quite frankly, the entire warehouse was rapidly filling up with relief supplies. Basically, he thought we were only going to need a small portion of his warehouse.

"But car after car kept coming in. Folks were driving up and unloading vans or just giving us a grocery bag full.

"We were working hard to separate the materials out in rows, first-aid supplies here, equipment there. We needed to get an idea of what we had and be able to get it out to the rescue crews quickly.

"I was there for about an hour when they made the supervisor for the shift. People would see my uniform and walk past the civilian workers to talk to me," Coffey said.

Then the word came that the local Coca-Cola manufacturer at 10th and May had offered use of a large warehouse to consolidate about 4 or 5 smaller ones located throughout the downtown area.

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McIntosh sends

By Maj. Gen Robert McIntosh
AFRES Commander

Currently, on any given day between 450 and 600 Air Force reservists are supporting the Air Force mission at eight to 10 contingency locations throughout the world. Typical missions supported are C-17, C-141, C-5, KC-10, KC-135, C-130, HH-60, F-16 and A-10. Pure support missions typically include medical and civil engineering people.

In FY 94 alone, almost 6,000 Air Force Reserve people were directly involved in Air Force contingency operations.

I'm extremely proud of all our reservists and appreciative of their demonstrated desire to volunteer in support of the Air Force and the nation.



Help is available

By Captain Rich Curry
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The senseless tragedy with the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building has truly shown the courage and selfless dedication of the men and women of the 507th. Unit volunteers have both rushed into the very jaws of death and rallied to help the community wherever they can.

The damage and shock to this nation and community cannot be undone, but throughout it all, the ideals of our country, it's citizens and it's military shines through as a ray of hope for all.

You find both military and civilians everywhere downtown, placing their love for country and community before thoughts of themselves; laboring to exhaustion, yet still willing to continue.

We're are also finding unit reservists everywhere we look. Their names and stories so overwhelming as to be impossible to capture and tell them all. And still they continue, with more volunteering their services by the hour, the minute.

Many do not want their stories told; such is the feeling for them that their work is "just something I had to do." Some express their frustrations that they, "can't do enough" as if the entire fate of the rescue efforts rested on their shoulders. Others may grieve a more private, dark despair.

Colonel Lytle, 507th ARW Commander, has asked that all unit reservists tasked to support the rescue operation be provided counseling. It is impossible, however, to identify everyone who volunteered on their own.

Experts are advising that it is better for us to talk out our anger and frustrations and not to bottle them up inside.

As reservists, we may think that the realities of going to war, witnessing destruction and fallen friends prepares us and helps to steel ourselves should we be called to defend our nation. But nothing can prepare one for this senseless waste.

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shirley, who provided counseling for those families of the victims, will be available to talk to anyone who feels the need. This is not a time for embarrassment, it is a time to heal. Please feel free to talk with him, or ask for counseling assistance.

It's available for you to help you work out your feelings. If you feel the need to talk, please call the Chaplain's office at ext. 45632.

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Reserve support proposed in a new Congressional bill

This is a summary of the legislation CM Greg Laughlin (D-TX) will soon be proposing in support of the Reserve components. Laughlin spoke at a ROA luncheon recently and is a strong advocate of the Reserve.

Congressman Greg Laughlin's Reserve Bill of Rights

Resourcing

Direct DoD to report short falls in Reserve personnel, operations and maintenance, and military construction funding

Accessibility to Ready Reserve

Up to 1 million Ready Reservists for up to 24 months.

- Increase CINCs' access to RC-unique skills.
- Use of federal Reserve assets for domestic emergencies.
- Periodic reports to Congress justifying continuation on active duty of Ready Reserve units.
- Limits number of mobilizations of Reservists during a given period.
- Requires report by SECDEF to Congress when call-up authority exercised

Chiefs of Reserve Components

- Grade: O-9 (Reserve Component) -- 4-year nonextendable/nonrenewable term.
- Service staff principal--advises CS of service, etc. on RC matters



The new congressional bill proposed would provide tax incentives to employers of mobilized reservists. Above SSgt. Marilyn Newton prepares a pallet during January's mobility exercise.

- Assisted by deputy chief (O-8) (Reserve Component)
- Commander of Reserve component and other Ready Reserve component personnel
- Reports to Service chief as major commander provided that operational (post mobilization) control remains with CINCs as required by law
- Assisted by deputy commander (O-8) (Reserve Component) and chief of staff (O-7) (Reserve Component)



The new proposed congressional bill, if approved, would provide smiles for reservists with a new dental care insurance package. Pictured above is TSgt. Ty Yoshida.

- Director and functional manager of Reserve component appropriations -- Manager of component full-time support programs
- Required to submit independent annual report to Congress on status of component (roles, missions, readiness, structure, etc.)

Codification of Reserve commands

Would permanently establish in law each military service's Reserve command under the command of its reserve chief

Nonaccountability of Reserve general and flag officers on active duty against active service allocations

Decouples Reserve general and flag officer active duty allocations from congressionally mandated active service ceilings

Increases Reserve general/flag officer allocations

Increases number of general/flag officers not on active duty authorized to the Reserve components

Full-time support personnel exempted from DoD across the board manpower reductions

Exempts full-time support personnel from all manpower reductions except those resulting from structure reductions

Low-cost income insurance for Ready Reservists

Provides low-cost income protection insurance for Reservists mobilized to support contingency missions

Ready Reserve Dental Plan

Directs the services to authorize enrollment of Ready Reservists in a dental plan similar to that now available to Active component personnel and their families

Employer tax incentives

Directs DOD to submit to the appropriate committees of Congress draft legislation providing tax reduction incentives to employers whose Reservist-employees are mobilized in support of contingency operations.



Reservists respond to explosion

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"We began packing up all the supplies for the move," Coffey said. However, moving to the larger location proved tougher than anyone had thought.

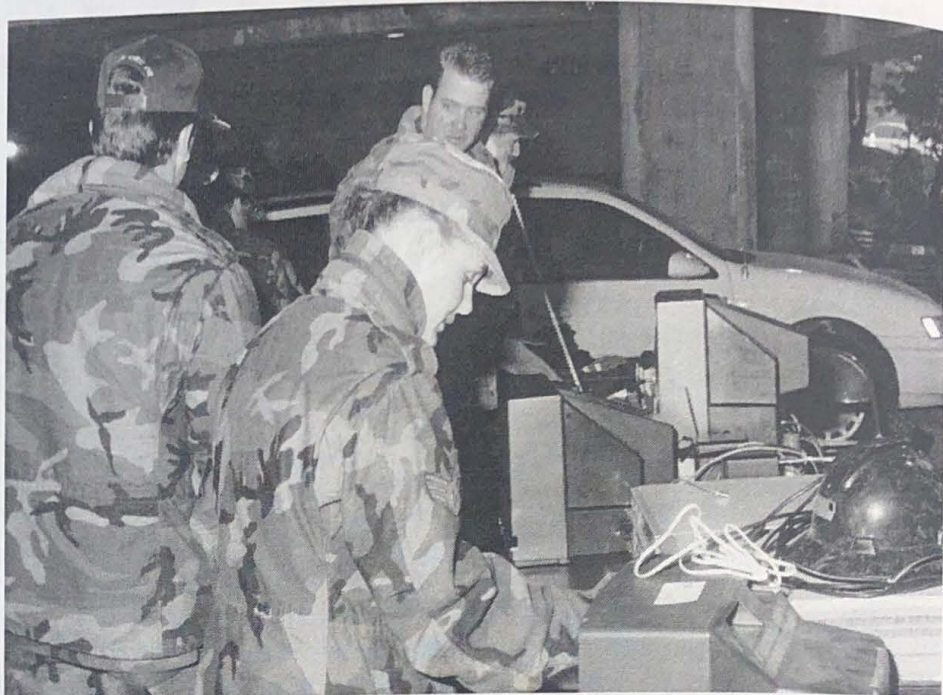
"We were trying to palletize everything and at the same time people kept driving up with more donations. We even had a van load of supplies come in from Canada. While this was going on we still had runners out delivering supplies and equipment to the site. Someone showed up with about 200 submarine sandwiches and then someone else showed up with about 50 pizzas.

"Around 11 p.m., a bus load of 28 college students from Edmond showed up and started helping us with the move. We loaded eight semi-trucks full of equipment to the new location," he said. Coffey said more warehouse crews will be needed in the nights ahead.

Some wanted to see the destruction first-hand, trying somehow to understand. Most, however, just want to help. And they wanted to know where to go.

Other Air Force reservists were there too, helping control the crowds, checking entrance passes at intersections in downtown Oklahoma City. Reservists like TSgt. Rickey Abbott, who just showed up, wanting to help.

Abbott, a KC-135 crew chief, along with several other maintenance members, worked several hour shifts in spite of already completing a full day of work at the base. The reservists were asked to help control the crowds, keeping the



Air Force Reservists, National Guardsmen, and active duty alike responded rapidly to assist Oklahoma City. Above: Members of Tinker AFB's video production unit set up equipment to assist FBI, ATF and FEMA officials. (Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida)

access open for rescue and relief workers moving in and out of the area.

"I really haven't had any problems with the people, a lot of them are just curious. We just couldn't sit here and not do anything," Abbott said. "We just wanted to help somehow."

Other members found they could help by delivering equipment and supplies to the bomb site in support of the relief and fire department crews.

"We served as runners, getting supplies to wherever it was needed. There a tremendous amount of activity going on, we were working non-stop," said SSgt. Dan Chandler, air refueling boom operator. "I'm trying to work in as much volunteer time as I can between my flying schedule," he said.

507th civil service employee Kittie Richardson found herself working in a field kitchen set up at the Myriad Center, April 23.

"We worked the food line at the Myriad as well as setting up bedrolls and cots

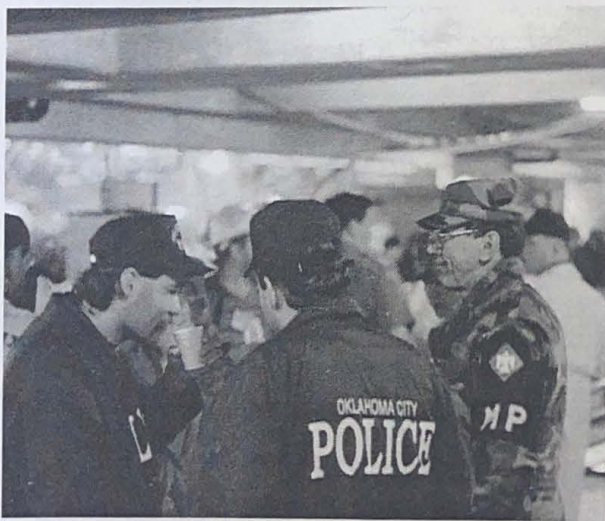
for the relief workers to sleep there," she said.

Richardson, who works as an administrative clerk with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, said her sense of just wanting to do something brought her to the site where a massive car bomb instantly took away the lives of hundreds of fellow federal workers.

"From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. we prepared more than 1,200 meals and served them to the rescue and support crews. We made 20-30 dinners at a time, loaded them up in waiting volunteer UPS trucks that delivered them to workers at the bomb site. We did whatever we could to help out," she said.

Richardson said the volunteer rescue workers were very surprised to find out they had a hot meal waiting when they came in to the Myriad. They came in 30-40 at a time just "dog-tired."

"We gave them warm, dry clothes and a warm place to sleep. The workers I talked with said this was unheard of at the other places they had been. One worker was so thankful when he heard we had some hand lotion there for him. Others just put apples and bananas in their pockets and headed back out to work. It made you feel really good," she said.



Relief workers take a quick break at the underground command post. (Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida)

Two reservists tell their story

*By TSgt. Stan Paregien
507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs*

Volunteering wherever they could, in hopes of making a difference, Air Force Reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing and across the country rushed to assist emergency relief efforts after the April 19th bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in downtown Oklahoma City.

Capt. Gail Livengood, a clinical nurse was working her civilian job as an occupational therapist, near St. Anthony hospital downtown when the explosion occurred. After the word came out that an explosion had occurred, Livengood pulled into the emergency room of St. Anthony's.

"I found out they already had more help there than they needed, so I went to Presbyterian hospital instead," she said. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. she helped triage 80 people. "We were working fast and furious for quite a few hours. We helped with the victims, stabilizing them and preparing them for surgery," she said. "We dealt with everything from minor cuts and abrasions to major head traumas. We also had a few deaths."

Livengood said the disaster was handled like any Air Force mass casualty training exercise. "I know my Air Force Training

came in handy that day. The entire medical community response to this was excellent," she said.

On the day of the explosion, Air Force Reserve units across the country sprang into action transporting people and equipment to Oklahoma City. A C-141 from the 446th Airlift Wing out of McChord AFB, Wash., airlifted 62 Phoenix-area firefighters and 16 tons of support equipment and gear on April 19. A C-5 from the 512th AW, Dover AFB, Del., also arrived at Tinker AFB carrying an FBI team, two vehicles and 8.5 tons of support equipment. A C-141 crew from the 452 Air Mobility Wing, March AFB, Calif., transported members of the Los Angeles County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, a total of 77 passengers, six search dogs and 57,000 pounds of equipment.

Twenty-nine Air Force Reserve firefighters also answered the call. Eight from the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker AFB, NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas sent 12 reservists; Kelly AFB, Texas, five; and Bergstrom ARS, Texas, four.

A huge number of reservists from the 507th ARW have also responded on their own initiative, reporting to command post near the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building to volunteer their assistance.

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LEFT: TSgt. Stan Paregien talks with a local television reporter about the disaster relief efforts. (Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida)

BELOW: Throwing on their uniforms dozens of unit reservists simply showed up downtown to volunteer their services. Other reservists were already there in their civilian jobs as medical support personnel, fire and policemen, among a few. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)



Two reservists.....

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The stories are everywhere about people like SSgt. Crystal L. Chesnut who works with the electrical shop at the 507th.

"I went down to volunteer my services. I have search and rescue experience from active duty. I found out they needed people to help with morgue detail, to help take gurneys into the area and bring out bodies to the morgue.

"They said they needed people that they knew could take the stress. I really had to have a talk with myself when they gave me that job. But, being a Christian, I knew that these were just shells. Their souls have already gone on to God.

"I worked several hours Saturday evening, April 22, and helped bring out three bodies from the rubble," she said. Chesnut, in civilian life works at the Cardiovascular Clinic downtown.

SSgt. Lisa Abrams, a 507th medic, came to the scene to volunteer help injured workers and relief crews with medical assistance, taking care of minor lacerations and referring more serious cases to doctors, if needed.

"I also work at a civilian hospital and heard that they needed a hand out here. I decided I would come out here and give it my best; I will be here as long as they need me," she said.

"As a Reserve medic, I usually do things like assist with physical exams on weekends or work the floor in the base hospital. Our unit also has assisted at the VA hospital in the past," she said.

The Oklahoma City bombing called on Abrams physical and mental toughness to carry out her tasks.

"I made two rounds Friday night, April 21, to the perimeter to check on the people out there. I checked to see if they needed any medical care. Getting close to the site and seeing the extent of the damage was a lot more than the television can ever show. It's very sad. I don't know any of the people, but it's still on my mind," she said.

"This mirrors things we train for, but now I have a whole new perspective on human nature and the stress of this type of situation," she said.

On several rounds checking the workers at the perimeter, Abrams got a complete soaking. "I've been warm, cold, wet and I've even been hailed on out here," she



Reservist helped with crowd control around the perimeter area as well as running supplies back and forth to rescue workers after the explosion. (Photo by TSgt Mitch Chandran)

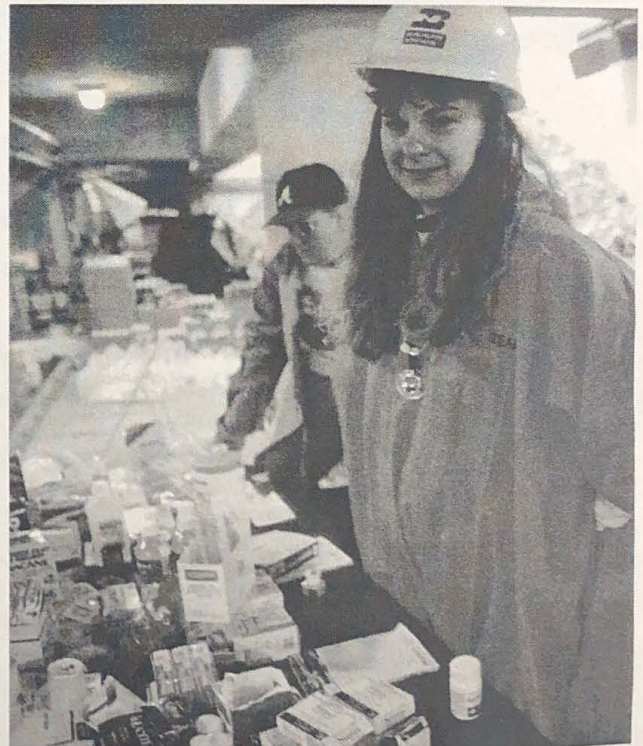
said. Then on Sunday, April 23, the national day of mourning, the sun peaked out as if to give hope to the workers, before going back again behind the clouds.

"You just..you have no idea what it is like until you come out here and you see the people and the heartbreak. Even the dogs are heartbroken. The dogs have their heads and tails down because they know the rescue mission is not very successful. There's a bad outcome to most of it and it's not what we want it to be. We want to find more live people and even the dogs know that it's not happening," she said.

In the midst of the sadness, the long hours and the heartbreak, Abrams' positive attitude has sparked new friendships.

"I've met people from all over. They're all great to come out for something like this. You can't say enough about them; they are truly wonderful and I've made some good friends out here that I

hope will last forever. I'm glad to be here, I just wish it wasn't under these bad circumstances," she said.



SSgt. Lisa Abrams, 507th Medical Squadron, works at a first-aid station in Downtown Oklahoma City. (photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida)

The block west of 5th and Robinson, Oklahoma City

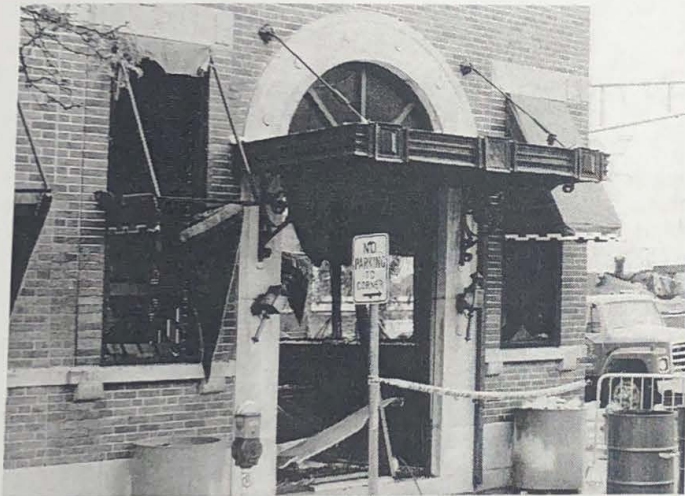
By TSgt. Mitchell Chandran
507th Public Affairs

You're walking down an Oklahoma City sidewalk on a rainy Saturday morning. Like any other city in the United States, tall buildings surround you, cars parked along the street in front of their respective parking meters, people passing you by while they walk up and down the sidewalk as if rushing to their favorite lunch spot. As you walk down this normal looking city street you see at the next intersection, 5th and Robinson, a seven foot tall chain link fence stretched perpendicular of your path, running along the eastern side. A blue tarp is draped from the top; warning signs and police are around it.

Walking past the entrance point of this fence you become one of a limited few to have access granted to enter into "Ground Zero". Your first sight on the "inside" is that of a block long, seemingly war-torn looking building as if hit by an enemy strike force. This is what's left of the Alfred P. Murrah, Federal building. To the right are other buildings and dozens of cars in a parking lot that look like a battle scene straight out of Desert Storm. Windows of every building in sight are completely blown out. A telephone handset dangles out of one blown-out 4th story window across from the Federal Building, giving testimony to the



This was the sight awaiting reservists arriving at the site of the Oklahoma City bombing. (Photo by TSgt Mitch Chandran)



More than 72 downtown buildings were damaged in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City April 19. Here is just one. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)

fact that people once worked here.

A small children's playground across the street, cata-corned to the Federal Building, looks nothing more than an old unmanaged woodpile. The only hint of what it once was is a colorful bicycle, twisted like a pretzel with the little wheels still attached sitting in front of a pile that once was a wooden playset with swings and slides for preschoolers.

Contrast from the previous colorful street scene of tall white, beige and brick buildings, this is a world of nothing but charcoal black and dusty gray shapes. Exposed wires, conduit, concrete slabs and trash are ever where you look.

Walking towards the Murrah building you look up from its base to what one citizen described was "as if a giant bear had swiped with it's claw from the top down."

Hundreds of people are inside and outside the restricted area, moving rapidly, some wearing dark blue jackets with big yellow letters on the back reading, FBI, ATF, Secret Service, U.S. Marshall collecting evidence, investigating pieces of rubble and managing personnel. Many firefighters and rescuers wearing yellow and red overcoats, pants and boots, from all over the country, work diligently to remove debris, shore-up weak structures, locate survivors and mark areas with the letters "DB" to show extractor crews those who didn't make it.

At one point during the cloudy afternoon on Sunday, April 23, a service was held for all the agents, fire and rescue workers off to the side, in a clear area of the Federal building. Seventy-five or more people, gathered in a semicircle around the Chaplain who reminded them they still had strength and comfort by God's promise.

During the course of the memorial service that President Clinton attended at Oklahoma's fair grounds, a quite moment was held at the bomb site. All cranes and generators were stopped. Workers on various floors of the Federal Building could be seen with their hard hats pressed against their chests, heads bowed. A quiet came across the area.

It's true that words cannot describe this area and the overwhelming feeling of despair and helplessness that continues to encompass it three days after the devastating tragedy.

Some cars were so badly twisted and burned that identification of make or model were impossible. Two cars stood no more than two feet in height with piles of brick compressed on top of them. At one spot, an ATF agent is pulling out debris from one of the twisted vehicles. At another location, a small group of FBI agents were huddled over another vehicle, using the Jaws-of-Life, to pull it apart, searching for clues. Still other cars appear as if riddled with shrapnel.

Three checkpoints north of "Ground Zero", there is a rest area offering a brief relief for the men and women involved in the recovery effort. Smiles came from all the volunteers who, just as tired as workers, were still at their posts, offering coffee and encouraging words. The people continue on, they are the only goodness left here. Their selflessness stands out as a testimony of what truly is America.

Reserve budget holds steady as end strength drops

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force Reserve portion of the proposed fiscal years 1996-1997 Department of Defense budget calls for moderate price increases in the reserve personnel account, and operation and maintenance funding with a hefty cut in military construction.

The proposed DOD budget, announced Feb. 6 by the president, includes requests for a 2.4 percent pay raise in fiscal 1996 and a 3.1 percent hike the next year in the reserve personnel appropriation.

The Reserve will see a \$14 million increase in its reserve personnel account from \$768.8 million in fiscal 1995 to \$782.8 million a year later. Funding will dip somewhat in FY 97 to a proposed \$777.1 million. The \$782.8 million request for FY 96 includes a price growth of \$18.2 million with a program decrease of \$4.3 million. The \$777.1 million request for FY 97 includes a price growth of \$15.4 million and a program decrease of \$21.1 million. The reserve personnel account received \$785.8 million in fiscal 1994.

Despite the slight, overall upswing in funding due to price increases, the Selected Reserve's end strength -- what Congress

authorizes and funds -- will drop dramatically from 78,706 in fiscal 1995 to 73,969 in 1996. End strength will slip another 809 to 73,160 in 1997. Reserve personnel officials forecast an end strength of 73,213 in FY 99, down approximately 6,400 from an end strength of 79,621 in fiscal 1994.

O & M funding will climb steadily through fiscal 1997, from \$1.47 billion in 1995 to \$1.49 billion in 1996 and \$1.51 billion in 1997. The Reserve received nearly \$1.36 billion in fiscal 1994. The \$1.49 billion budget request for FY 96 supports a price increase of \$18.7 million, a program decrease of -\$15.2 million and functional transfer of \$10.9 million. The FY 97 request of \$1.51 billion supports price growth of \$29.7 million and a program decrease of \$6.6 million.

Military construction funding will shrink from \$57.1 million in FY 95 to \$27 million in FY 96. The fiscal 1997 budget request calls for milcon funding of \$30 million. The FY 94 milcon was \$63.9 million.

Projected miscellaneous equipment funding figures for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 are unavailable. Funding plummeted from \$241.7 million in 1994 to \$92.6 million in 1995.

Pentagon officials say the proposed DOD budget supports greater use of Guard and Reserve forces for peacetime operations to help prevent excessive strain on active forces. The active-duty Air Force end strength -- slated to be 400,051 by the end of fiscal 1995 -- will decrease by 11,851 to 388,200 by the end of 1996.

Air Force civilians will also feel the pinch of downsizing -- from 190,061 by the end of fiscal 1995 to 184,398 by the end of 1996. (AFRESNS)

Senator Warner praises Guard and Reserve

WASHINGTON -- During testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1996, Sen. John Warner praised the Air Force for its use of Guard and Reserve forces and their dedication to service.

"I have personally experienced in trips to certain places in Europe, including trips into Bosnia, the Reserve and Guard flying many of those missions," he said.

The senator from Virginia directed his remarks to Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman as fellow members of the Senate Armed Services Committee listened during testimony in March.

Warner, a Korean War veteran, said he had to leave the Marine Corps Reserve after 10 years because he could not balance it with the demands of a job and raising three children.

"I am wondering how, today, apparently your department has been able to manage the pressures which are still on the young officers and airmen from family obligations and work obligations. Somehow, you are making it work extraordinarily well.

"The American taxpayers are getting a full bang for that buck, not only in terms of what the Guard and Reserve are doing,

but picking up and working as a full partner with the active forces."

Widnall said she was about to embark on a trip to a unit to ask, "How do you manage to do this? How do you get this high degree of volunteerism from your people? How does it work out with your employers?"

She said the Air Force is the envy of the other services and gave much of the credit to Fogleman for programs he instituted while commander of Air Mobility Command.

Fogleman told the senator that three elements enabled the Guard and Reserve to work as full partners with the active forces.

"First of all, we have tried to make sure that our Air National Guard and our Air Force Reserve units are equipped with first-line equipment," Fogleman said. "When we go to a commander-in-chief who needs a mission done, that commander-in-chief in the field is not reluctant to take our guardsmen or reservists because he knows that they will show up with first-line equipment. The second key element is flexibility in tour length and deployment length, and it is tied to the third line, which is advance planning and scheduling."

Fogleman said his people can go to the Guard or Reserve headquarters to cover a deployment and turn it over to them to work out a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the theater CINC and the reservists.

Some deployments require support for 90 days or more, but the Guard and Reserve components are able to send their people on a rotational basis to cover these deployments.

This scheduling flexibility allows guardsmen and reservists to deploy to another location, even overseas, during their two-week annual tour or for longer periods. The reservists receive valuable training and the theater CINCs get the support they need. At the same time, the schedule does not place an unreasonable burden on the reservist's family and employer.

"Maybe we are only going to have people (deployed) for 21 days or two weeks," Fogleman said.

"But we assure them that the level of training is such that there will be no decrease in capability if they give us that." (AFRESNS)

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
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0730-0745	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0900	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
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	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 08 May As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0745-1200	Refresher 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	Additional Duty Safety Rep	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	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

T Training

P Planner

May-June '95

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 5 or 10 you have until *EOM June* to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. *The reserve payroll office will forward a listing to Unit BAQ Monitors in April.* 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.

June Schedule of Events

Ancillary Training Information

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 02 Jun 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 03 Jun 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, 04 Jun As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0745-1500	Initial Disaster Preparedness	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef Bldg
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900	Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
0900-1000	Supervisor Safety Training	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	Bldg 3333, South Entrance
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

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.

ETHICS Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics briefing within 90 days of entry on duty. This Briefing is held during Phase II of the quarterly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 1230 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 3333.

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 destruction 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

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
DPM AE...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:

07 May	17 May
09 May	19 May
14 May	24 May
16 May	26 May
21 May	31 May
31 May	12 Jun
04 Jun	13 Jun

Dining Facility

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

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

One fireman's story

**By TSgt. Mitchell Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs**

9 a.m. April 19:

"I was on a manday working at my Air Force Reserve unit on Tinker Air Force Base," said Tsgt. Brent Nelson, firefighter with the 507th Air Refueling Wing. "I came on duty at 7:30 Wednesday morning and was outside our Civil Engineer Building packing mobility bags, when... it went off. I wasn't sure what it was, I thought at first it was a sonic boom... then I saw the smoke from downtown Oklahoma City. I knew there was definitely something wrong."

Nelson, who also holds a civil service firefighter position with the Base Fire Department had just got off of his civilian shift that morning at seven to report to the 507th. He was called back almost immediately.

"I got a call from the Base Fire Department, asking me to report back to work. They were recalling all off-duty firemen," Nelson said.

"They had already sent crews from Tinker to the scene," he said. "By the time I got back to the Base Fire Department, Tinker crews had already been requested to report downtown."

Nelson's crew consisted of other reserve/civil service firefighters: MSgts. Jerry Philpot and Steven Henthorn; and TSgt. Peter Burke. They quickly went downtown as a team to backfill crews already in place.

"When we first got there, we reported at the scene and then proceeded to work 80 hours straight, with on-and-off, 12-hour shifts. There was just only so many people who could go in at a time, so you might sit around for four or five hours until it was your crew's turn to work in the building," he said.

"We have a friend of ours in the Oklahoma City Fire Department, Mike Shannon, who would ride us in. Each crew was given a specific task that needed to be done," he said. His crew worked with crews from W. Virginia and Sacramento, Calif.

"The crew from Sacramento would go into the building with high-tech gear, looking for survivors or bodies. They did this with ultrasound and infra-red equipment. If Sacramento crew found a body, they would mark the area with the letters "DB" and draw an arrow pointing



Oklahoma City firemen go through a house nearby the bomb site to make sure no injured are inside. Reserve firemen, in their civilian jobs were there as well. (Photo by TSgt Stan Paregien)

to it. Next, the crew from West Virginia would "shore-up" or stabilize the marked areas to make it safe from further collapse or shifting.

"Then, individual firefighter crews would go in for no more than two hours at a time to extract the victims," he said. Nelson said the the work was tedious, consisting of removing volumns of debris before a victim could be extracted.

"We stayed together as a Tinker Fire Department crew," Nelson said. "We were a four-man team, with a Tinker crew chief leading the crew of three firefighters. If we needed assistance for something really bad, we requested assistance from specialized teams like the New York crew, the Virginia crew, or Phoenix crew.

"My first reaction, like everyone else," he said, "was the TV description wasn't near what it was like up close. It didn't do justice at all. The damage is much more devastating than what the TV's could show because they were held back from the area.

"Our first concern was building collapse. We were concerned about how unstable the building is because when you first enter the building, you don't see

anything except for damage. Once the Oklahoma City Fire Department personnel has taken you to your sight, the reality of what's actually happened hits you.

"Before that, all you see is a bunch of rubble, then you actually see a body. When you get to it, you have to focus more on your task. It's a tough job. You look at the hands or the feet but never the face. It's just too painful," he said.

Nelson said other reserve firefighters are serving in downtown Oklahoma, "We have TSgts. Michael Delaney and Berry Shisler; SSgts. Robert Hammond, William Tate and William Morris; SrA. Kenneth Anderson, Darrel Wilkes and Jason Griffith working there. These folks will be taking over the decontamination program for all the workers who enter the building."

"This is the most horrible thing I've seen in my entire life. Horrible is the only word I can use. After fifteen years working for the government, 15 years as a firefighter either civil service, reservist or active duty, this is the most horrible thing that I've ever seen," said Nelson.



507 CLSS crew repairs B1 bomber

*By TSgt. Ty Yoshida
507th Public Affairs*

Team members started to roll into Tinker AFB, shortly before showtime - 3 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Their mission for the weekend - get some hands-on experience working on the B-1B Lancer. With the usual paperwork completed and the arrival of flight kitchen meals, the team departed the warmth of the breakroom and boarded their transport.

By 3:30, the team was "wheels up." They settled in - some pulled out pillows and inserted earplugs - and made themselves comfortable for the 3-1/2 hour trip. They all wanted to grab some shut-eye. They faced some rough spots along the way, but the team trusted their pilot, bus driver SSgt. Rollie Fansler, to get them through it.

Sergeant Fansler steered the 29-passenger bus out the main gate, merged on to U.S. 40, then turned north on U.S. 35 in a heading towards Wichita, Kansas. The B-1B team of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron was on the road to McConnell AFB, Kansas, there to join up with members of the 184th Bomb Group, Kansas Air National Guard, owner of 10 operational B-1Bs.

The B-1B Battle Repair Aircraft Team, recently formed within the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, is the first Air Force Reserve unit with a war-time mission fixing the B-1B.

"Our go-to-war mission is to do air battle damage repair on the bomber," said MSgt. Randy May, B-1B team chief. "Since we don't have access to any B-1Bs at Tinker, we've made arrangements to conduct specialty training on the bomber at McConnell with the Kansas Air National Guard."

"This weekend trip is part of our UTA," said Sergeant May, "and is our second official visit. We plan on making three to four visits a year."

Besides pulling UTAs at McConnell, the B-1B team's yearly UTA schedule will include three weekends with air battle damage repair classroom training, four weekends at the depot (Tinker

AFB), and a PAD exercise. The B-1B team, like the other teams within the 507th CLSS, has a team leader, aerospace power generation, electrical / environmental, fuels, structural and pneudraulics technicians and specialists.

In addition to the B-1B team, the 507th CLSS has two KC-135 teams, a B-52 team and three engine teams. The squadron also includes the CLSS staff, and a support, air battle damage repair, and supply & transportation sections. As part of a recent squadron reorganization, the A-7 team transitioned to become the B-1B team.

Also dealing with transition were the men and women of the 184th Bomb Group, Kansas Air National Guard. Before the group converted to the B-1B on July 1, 1994, manpower-wise it was the largest air national guard unit. The unit, a fighter school, gave up 64 F-16s, and lost a cadre of instructor pilots, school people, administration support and many maintainers when they picked up their 10 assigned B-1Bs.

While the 184th transitioned to the B-1B, the 384th Bomb Group, the active duty B-1B-manned bomb group at McConnell, was losing theirs. Before the 384th deactivated in the fall of '94, its members provided valuable assistance to the local guard members. According to Maj. Richard Stumph, 184th Public Affairs officer, "there was a tremendous relationship with the 384th to get us up to speed. Because of the help, the group started flying more sorties sooner than originally planned."

Now the custodians of 10 B-1Bs, the members of the 184th have done the little things to reflect their sense of ownership and pride. They have named their aircraft, and have painted those names on them. They have also started defending the aircraft. "I had heard horror stories about maintaining the B-1B," said MSgt. David McSwain, 184th fuel shop training NCO, "but since working on them, it's been the best aircraft I've ever worked on."

Central to the B-1B's maintainability is the aircraft's Central Integrated Test System. This on-board computer records parts and systems failures that occur during a mission. The parameter monitor codes helps the maintainer pinpoint those areas in need of inspection and repair. "The systems on the B-1B," said

Previous Page: Six members of the 507th CLSS B-B1 battle-damage repair team pose under "The Kansas Lancer," during their February UTA training at McConnell AFB, Kan.

Right: 507th CLSS members SSgt. Rollie Fansler, SrA. Jimmy Easton and MSgt. Randy May are shown removing the covering from the F101GE-102 jet engine of the B-1B Lancer.



Sergeant May, "requires a different mindset; that this isn't how its been done on the B-52."

"The hands-on work on our mission aircraft," said Sergeant May, "teaches us more about the plane. And the more we know, the better we will be able to do our wartime job as fixers."

The members of the B-1B team's weekend mission proved successful. They received the hands-on experience they wanted from guard members willing to pass on what they themselves have on recently learned from the active duty forces.

Members of the B-1B team includes MSgt. Randy May, team chief; TSgt. Jesse Fletcher, airframe repair supervisor; SSgt. Shawn Blankenship and SSgt. Jerry Wroblewski, aircraft fuel system mechanics; SSgt. Rollie Fansler, SSgt. Mike Gibbons, SrA. Eric Gentry, and SrA. Jimmy Easton, airframe repair technicians; SSgt. Mike Clark, aircraft pneudraulics system mechanic; and SrA. Carlin Williams, TSgt. Jackson Coley, TSgt. Liddell Kirk, and SSgt. Floyd Parks, jet engine mechanics.



Above, SSgt. Mike Clark, aircraft pneudraulics system mechanic, takes a look inside a B-1B engine with a Kansas Air National Guardsman.



Left, SSgt. Mike Gibbons points out the touch screen feature of a laser-disc driven B-1B maintenance training computer program.

507 CES brings realism to unit bivouac training

by SSgt. David C. Ellison
507th Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

The 507th CES conducted bivouac training at the Glenwood area located in Midwest City. The unit was divided into groups which conducted exercises to prepare them for the forthcoming ORI.

The exercises lasted two days. The morning of the first day began with unloading of equipment and setting up living quarters for all personnel. This time-consuming work took the troops all the way to lunchtime which consisted of large sandwiches.

The security police conducted afternoon classes on security awareness and proper security procedures.

Food Service prepared dinner of t-bone steaks and members received a visit by General Wallace Whaley, 4th Air Force Commander. The security police concluded the final phases of training with the unit for the evening. However, there were low flying aircraft, simulators exploding and gun fire erupting until some time after midnight. This made the evening quite interesting for the security troops. Low on sleep, but high on adrenaline, the reserve members kept their eyes open for any unusual events.

The next morning, all was quiet and the group had breakfast. There was a first aid class conducted known as buddy care, which concluded classroom instruction.

During the buddy care class everything was going smoothly, with no mishaps, until an explosion went off. People jumped out of their chairs at the totally unexpected detonation. What happened?

In his fervor to get the news as it occurred, a unit member, had inadvertently tripped on a booby trap wire while trying to take pictures. The noise was enough to startle photographer, security police, and the students taking class.

A word to the wise: When you are sneaking up on a security police squad, watch your frontside and your backside; look up and look down. If you see wires crossing your path, reconsider your photography hobby.



Civil Engineer members trained for real world scenarios during recent bivouac training at the Glenwood area. (Photo by SSgt David C. Ellison)

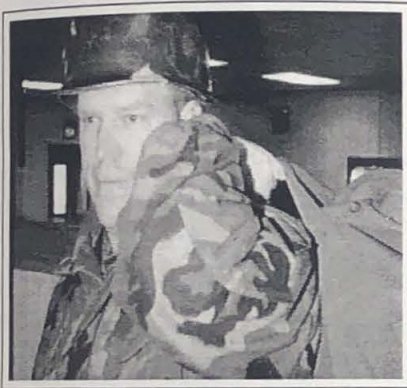


Civil Engineer crews prepare their "home for the night" by setting up this hard-back tent. (Photo by SSgt David C. Ellison)

Quality of Life is AFRES's number one priority

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
AFRES Commander

Secretary of Defense Perry strongly affirmed his commitment to improving the quality of life for all military people, active and reserve. We were glad to see the provision in the FY 1995 National Defense Authorization Act that authorized the Services to reimburse Reservists for housing service charge for transient expenses while on active or inactive duty training. We are also pleased to have the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act pass as part of the Authorization Bill. Because Reservists spend so much time away from home and civilian jobs, our families and employers remain two of the most important parts of the Reserve support structure. Any benefit or entitlement improvement that lessens this burden, whether for the Reserve family or an employer is always appreciated. As in years past, we support income insurance protection and tax incentives and credits.



Support to the active force will continue

Our operation tempo has remained high since late 1990 when we first got involved in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. We've been involved in Provide Comfort (Kurdish relief efforts); Provide Hope (relief to the former Soviet Union); Provide Promise (humanitarian relief missions to Sarajevo) and Restore Hope (humanitarian relief to Somalia.) We've also had F-16s and A-10s participating in Deny Flight since 1993 and we provided strategic airlift and medical support to relieve efforts in Rwanda. Reserve forces flew many airlift missions into Haiti during Uphold Democracy and Reservists also supported flood and hurricane relief

efforts in the United States and the Pacific Islands. In an effort to distribute the workload more evenly, we've moved taskings to different units throughout the Reserve. Although we don't know what long-term effects this high op tempo will have, we will, as always, be able to do what is asked of us.

Air Force Reserve Top Issues

Readiness

The men and women of the Air Force Reserve continue to play a major role in our nation's involvement around the world and at home. On any day of the year, Air Force reservists can be found at work on -- or over -- every continent in the world. The greater our participation, the broader our experience base becomes. Reserve skills become sharpened with use, and we become better able to serve the nation. Readiness is nothing new to us. We have demonstrated our readiness for years, responding, mission-ready, on short notice, exactly as advertised. However, we must closely monitor our resources in this era of drawdown and decreasing budgets to preserve our current readiness.

Quality of Life

People are the Air Force Reserve's most important resource. To maintain our history of success, we must be able to recruit and retain the best and brightest young people. Quality of life issues are a big key to doing that. Our focus is on the following areas: entitlements, improved quarters, family services and reducing personnel turbulence.

Requisite resources

Congress has expressed concern that the Reserve components are assuming additional missions without additional resources. This issue becomes more important as the country places more reliance on the Reserve components as the active side draws down. We are eager to assume new missions and taskings but must receive the accompanying funds and personnel.

Employer Support

Employers are an integral part of the Reserve triad (reservists, their families and their employers). We have vigorously pursued feedback from employers, and they have expressed an interest in monetary relief. To support Reserve employers, Congressman Bilirakis has introduced HR471, a bill which provides a tax credit to employers of members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard.

Equipment modernization

Congress appropriated \$25 million for Air Force Reserve miscellaneous equipment this year. Congressional help in the past has provided us with aircraft and upgrades which have enhanced our ability to fly anywhere in the world on a moment's notice. Modern equipment directly impacts readiness. The Air Reserve Components must continue to receive modern equipment at the same rate as the active-duty Air Force. This is another area that must be closely watched in this era of drawdown and decreasing investment budgets.



Full-time end strength

The Air Force Reserve is facing severe reductions and shortages in its technicians, civilians and reservists on extended active-duty programs, which forces us to emphasize the importance of end strength. Since the Air Force Reserve relies on ARTs for the day-to-day management of reservists, the arbitrary cuts in civilian end strength would have a drastic effect, possibly forcing us to close units.





A member of the 507th Security Police Squadron puts his ATV through the paces at Glenwood Acres.

All terrain vehicles ride into Tinker

*by ATV Instructor
SrA Keith Donnell*

For almost three years, four members of the 507th Security Police Squadron have been providing a community service for wannabe off-roaders.

The team has been working hard to teach All-Terrain-Vehicle Safety training classes to both military and civilians within the local community and the state-wide region.

"We became involved with ATVs because they are crucial for us to do our war-time mission during an employment," said MSgt. Leicle M. Bostic, air reserve technician for the 507th Security Police Squadron.

Bostic said when the SPs were given their ATVs several years ago, he realized no one knew how to operate them safely.

He said proper training is required by the Air Force before

"In all actuality, an ATV is a very easy vehicle to operate given the proper instructions."

allowing anyone to drive an ATV. Even though the Security Police were sent ATVs they did not have anyone who was properly trained to certify them.

As a result, the SPs approached a national safety organization for help and more information. Bostic said he also took the initiative to enroll himself into an ATV rider course while he was working in Massachusetts.

"I had found out the Security police unit there was conducting a class for their own troops," he said. "I decided this would be a great opportunity to get the training I needed and also get information about becoming instructor and teach our troops at home."

"There has been such a lack of knowledge about the proper handling techniques of the ATVs that the majority of the general public are afraid of even attempting to drive them," he said.

Bostic said that actually an ATV is a very easy vehicle to operate when given the proper instructions. One of the main problems people have with driving the ATVs, he explained, is unfamiliarity with the vehicle itself.

"Some people try to associate the operation of an ATV to the operation of a motorcycle. They are completely different," he said. "A motorcycle requires a greater sense of balance because it only has two wheels. An ATV has four wheels and a greater sense of control," he said.

He graduated from the instructor school in March 1993 and taught his first class to the 654th Security Police Squadron Headquarters Element here at Tinker AFB.

Bostic said that, after a while there was such a great demand for his class he realized he needed more ATVs.

Bostic also received permission to use the Glenwood Acres area as an ATV training facility and set up the first ATV training area for Tinker Air Force Base.

The demand soon became so great for the class more instructors were needed to meet the demand.

MSgt. Phillip W. Paz was the first addition to the training crew. Then came the addition of SSgt. Layne R. Wroblewski and SRA P. Keith Donnell.



Dirt flies and thunder rolls.

Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

ATVs...

Since then, the training crew has taught over 250 civilians, members from the 419th Security Police Squadron of Hill AFB, 22nd SPS of McConnell AFB, 72nd SPS of Tinker AFB as well as members of the Oklahoma Fish and Game Department, Oklahoma City Police Department, Mid-West City Police Department, Braum's, and the 507th SPS.

"We have a lot more people on our waiting list who've asked for this training," he said.

There are many other organizations that have requested the training and the team plans to train them and anyone else who asks.

Cops helping the community. For the 507th SPS, they are showing how the police are not just protectors but also patrons for the people.



An ATV soars into the Oklahoma sky during training.

Reserve News

Lieutenant Colonels can stay

Air Force Reserve wing commanders now have the authority to permit lieutenant colonel pilots and navigators to stay in a major's slot for up to 24 months.

In the past, commanders could only approve a waiver for a total of 12 months with the option of requesting an additional 12-month waiver from the AFRES vice commander.

Under the new policy that went into effect in March, commanders can approve waivers in increments not to exceed 12 months. The AFRES vice commander must approve third-year waivers.

The delegation of additional authority gives wing commanders more flexibility in maintaining their forces.

The new assignment policy does not affect the lieutenant colonel tenure policy.

Military personnel flights will notify the reservists of their option for reassignment to the Inactive Standby List Reserve Section or retirement at least 180 days before they exceed the waiver authority. (AFRESNS)

Reserve units on BRAC list

The Department of Defense recommended to the BRAC actions affecting Air Force Reserve units. The highlights are close Bergstrom ARS, Texas, and inactivate the 924th Fighter Wing, and close Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa., and inactivate the 911th Airlift Wing.

Other proposed actions are transfer 10th Air Force from Bergstrom to NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas; permanently keep the 301st Rescue Squadron at Patrick AFB, Fla.; and move the 710th Intelligence Flight from Brooks AFB to Lackland AFB, Texas, and the 72nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron from Roslyn ANGS, N.Y., to a location within the unit's recruiting area.

Although the Reserve has bases and units in the DOD announcement, the recommendations are subject to change as they pass through the process to Congress, said Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, Chief of Air Force Reserve.

AFRAT saves bombs & jobs

Air Force reservists from Grissom AFB, Ind., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and other locations are taking part in a program, which saves Air Force munitions while salvaging their careers.

Munitions being returned from overseas, combined with base closures and general downsizing efforts, have strained the maintenance capabilities of the Army facilities responsible for storing some of the Air Force's munitions.

Some 100 individual mobilization augmentees, many of them former unit reservists, are alleviating this problem by

inspecting and refurbishing Air Force munitions stored at Army facilities in Crane, Ind.; McAlester, Okla.; and Blue Grass, Ky.

Another Air Force Reserve Ammunition Team will inspect munitions at the Tooele Army Ammunition Depot, Utah, later this year. David Rupe has more information at DSN 458-7889 or (801) 777-7889.

507th awarded Clouse Trophy

"Congratulations to the entire maintenance complex of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, OK on your selection to receive the CMSgt James K. Clouse Memorial Trophy for demonstrated aircraft maintenance excellence during 1994.

"This annual award recognizes the 4 AF Maintenance Organization which has achieved the highest standards in flight safety, mission support, demonstrated ingenuity, mission accomplishments, and maintenance excellence.

"In earning the Chief Clouse Trophy, the 507 ARW attained excellence in every measurable category while meeting mission requirements. The Wing's ability to excel is remarkable and demonstrates the exceedingly high calibre and dedication of the Wing's Maintenance staff.

"The entire 4 AF staff joins me in congratulating each and every member of the 507 ARW's Maintenance Team on this special occasion."

**Wallace W. Whaley, Brig. Gen.,
Commander**

AFRES schedules seminars for junior officers

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Air Force Reserve's Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminars for 1995 will get under way in April and run through November.

Each seminar begins on Friday evening and ends early Sunday afternoon. Reserve, Guard and active-duty second lieutenants through majors are eligible for JOLDS.

Dates, locations and focus of this year's seminars are:

- * June 16-18, Colorado Springs, Colo., Leadership and Team Building.
- * June 30-July 2, Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Refueling Station, Wis., Communication and Conflict Resolution.
- * July 21-23, Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa., Team Building and Communication.
- * Aug. 18-20, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., Leadership and Team Building.
- * Sept. 15-17, Portland IAP, Ore., Leadership and Listening.
- * Sept. 22-24, Tinker AFB, Okla., Communication and Listening.
- * Oct. 6-8, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., Team Building and Listening.
- * Oct. 6-8, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., Team Building and Leadership.

Refer a friend for a career future!

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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.