

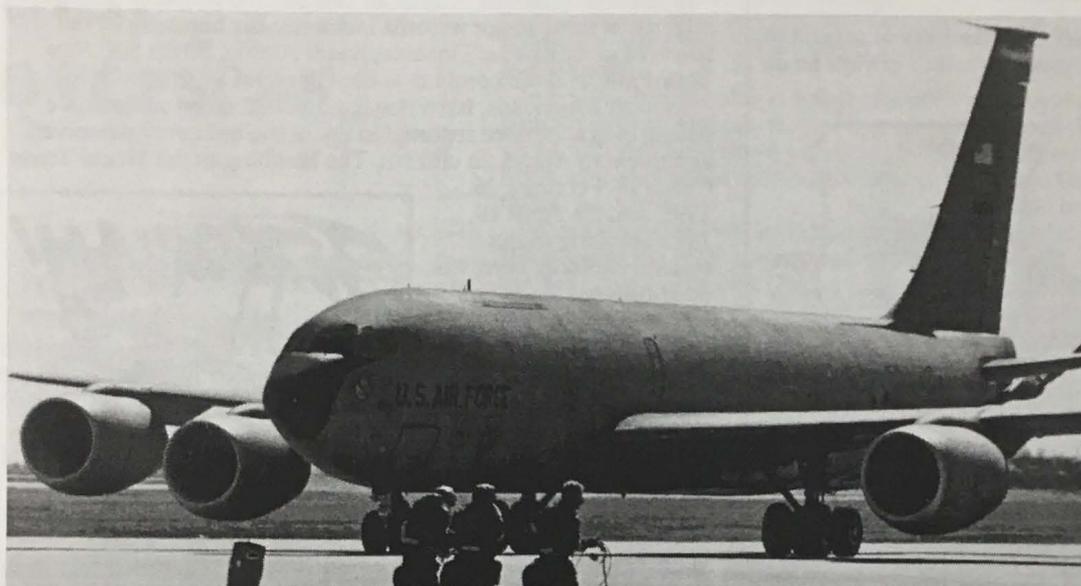
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507th Wing

Tinker AFB, OK



Members of the 507th Wing bid farewell July 1, as the first of two KC-135R Stratotankers is shipped to the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The 507th will retain eight of its original ten KC-135R tankers.

507th KC-135R shipped to California

With one on the ramp and another on its way in September, the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., is converting its fleet to KC-135R Stratotankers.

The conversion of the Air Force Reserve unit from KC-135E tankers to the newer "R" version will reduce noise pollution, increase fuel off-load capabilities, boost payload capacities and extend flight range.

March received its first KC-135R from the 507th Wing July 1. A second tanker from Tinker is to arrive Sept. 1. The 507th Wing, with its dual mission of unit-equipped KC-135 tankers and associate-unit E-3A Sentry aircraft, is transferring the aircraft to March on a permanent basis.

The aircraft was flown in by 507th Wing Commander Col. Martin M. Mazick, complete with oversized symbolic "keys" to present to the 452nd AMW Commander. The 507th will maintain eight KC-135R aircraft.

Transfer of the tankers will give Reserve crews at March an opportunity to train with KC-135R's as their KC 135E's are refitted with R model engines and related equipment. Eight of the March's KC-135E's are programmed to undergo the transformation by November 1998. The first one goes in for engine replacement Aug. 12. March's two other KC135E's will go to other units. When the engine changes and aircraft transfers are completed, the 452nd AMW will have a fleet of 10 KC-135R's.

Boeing Co. facilities in Wichita, Kan., which share a joint airfield with McConnell AFB, will fit the new engines, structural components and new electrical devices, including an onboard auxiliary power unit. Six of March's KC-135E's are slated to be

refitted with new engines by April 1997. The seventh KC-135 is to be ready by October 1998, and the eighth by November 1998.

"The production schedule will probably overlap with three aircraft in various stages of assembly," said Roger Wallace, KC-135 manager in the aircraft maintenance branch at Headquarters AFRES. "One could be just entering the facilities, another in the middle of the process, and the third ready to come out."

Reserve officials want to see the command's KC-135E's at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., and McClellan AFB, Calif., upgraded too, but no production schedule has been announced.

Congress continues to fund KC-135R upgrades for the Reserve and Air National Guard. The House Appropriations Committee's Fiscal Year 1997 Defense Appropriation Bill markup earmarked \$96 million for the Guard and Reserve to receive engine kits.

Modernizing the engines not only extends the life of the KC-135s but also satisfies the Federal Aviation Administration's noise level requirements and the Environmental Protection Agency's pollution prevention goals. The KC-135R engine decreases the noise footprint by 90 percent, exceeding FAA noise pollution requirements, and produces 69 percent less pollutants than the KC-135E version.

KC-135s have proven to be one the most reliable aircraft in the Air Force inventory. The first ones were built in 1955 and production ended nine years later. With its dual capacity to haul fuel or cargo, Air Force officials plan to continue using the KC-135 well into the 21st century. (AFRES News Service)

McIntosh sends for August 1996

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
AFRES Commander

The terrorist bombing that recently took the lives of several of our fellow airmen is a grim reminder that we must always be on guard against danger, especially when we are deployed.

Our jobs often put us in risky situations in dangerous regions of the world. Consequently, we need to be cautious and aware of our surroundings at all times.

Be constantly aware of your environment. This will help ensure your safety and that of those around you. A little extra vigilance could save your life.



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Are you aware of terrorist threats?

By Maj. Mark Rowland
507th Intelligence Officer

In less than a month, American citizens and property have been targeted in three major terrorist incidents, the bombing of the barracks at Al Khobar/Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Flight 800 New York-Paris, and the bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta.

To most Americans, terrorism has affected other unfortunate people overseas, been reported in the news, but never perceived as a threat to American citizens. The bombing of the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, and the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Federal Building here, has demonstrated the nation's vulnerability to terrorist attacks. In reality, the United States has been the target of over 32 percent of all terrorist attacks worldwide, second only to Israel.

Terrorism is defined as the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property for the purposes of intimidating or coercing a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political and social objectives.

In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee in April 1995, Admiral William O. Studeman, Acting Director of Central Intelligence, summarized the terrorist threat to the United States in the following manner: "International terrorism remains one of the deadliest and most persistent threats to U.S. security. The motives, perpetrators, and methods of the terrorist groups are evolving in ways that complicate analysis, collection, and counteraction and require the ability to shift resources flexibly and quickly.

"The rise of the new breed of terrorist who is interested in inflicting mass death and destruction does not bode well for the future security of U.S. interests. These groups can strike at any time, anywhere, spurred by seemingly unrelated events for which they judge the United States to be blameworthy. They have a widening global reach and a high degree of proficiency with more sophisticated weapons and tactics."

Prior to any overseas deployment or TDY, all U.S. military and civilian personnel should receive a terrorist threat briefing. The briefing will also include specific information on the host nation, and region. Wing Intelligence personnel can provide these briefings on relatively short notice, or an in-depth briefing can be scheduled with AF Office of Special Investigations. AFOSI requires 2-3 day's notification to prepare current information. They are willing to brief one individual or an entire squadron preparing for deployment.

The Wing contact to receive a terrorist threat briefing, or for more information, is Maj. Mark Rowland, 507th INTEL Office at ext. 44230.



Hoover commands provisional unit overseas

By Jim Miller

Headquarters Air Force Reserve

When bluesuiters deploy to bases in Europe this year, there's a good chance the person running the place is an Air Force reservist.

At Istres Air Base, France, Lt. Col. Al Hoover of the 507th Wing, is the 4600th Group (Provisional) commander. His tour

on the French Riviera began July 15 and ends Jan. 9.

In that capacity, Hoover acts as a liaison between U.S. KC-135 tanker troops and their French host. The traditional reservist got the job because he is a "natural fit," according to his coworkers at Tinker.

He knows the language, he went to a test pilot school in France, and he has several friends in the local area, including the French base commander. Hoover also served as a liaison during the 507th's deployment to Istres last year to refuel fighter aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

In civilian life, Hoover is a first officer with Southwest Airlines. Before that he was a full-time air reserve technician F-16 flight instructor when the 456th was a fighter squadron.

From December 1987 to February 1990, Hoover was the X-29 project manager at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif., the only Air Force test pilot assigned to the NASA-led team. While stationed at Edwards, he spent two years at the Air Force test pilot school with the F-20 and two years as chief of the fighter branch before the opening came up to work on the X-29 project.

Some 650 miles east, Col. Paul R. Cooper, 440th Airlift Wing commander from Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis., is the 4100th Group (Provisional) commander at Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Cooper arrived at the active duty operation June 29 for a four-month tour of duty. He is responsible for some 250 airmen at Tuzla.

His deputy at Tuzla, Lt. Col. Bruce L. Davis is a "Hurricane Hunter" with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron from Keesler AFB, Miss.

Reserve officials are hoping to fill another slot -- this one with strategic or tactical airlift experience -- as the 4300th Group (Provisional) commander at Sarajevo AB, Bosnia, a 179-day tour that starts Oct. 7. This full colonel position could be a high visibility job because of the planned drawdown and redeployment of U.S. forces.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe has been trying to fill these positions with active-duty colonels, but went to the Reserve and Air National Guard when it had difficulty finding candidates. According to USAFE officials, some active-duty officers have held these positions more than once. (AFRES News Service)

507th Wing gets F-16 mission back !

By Capt. Bryan L. Runion

*507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron
Senior Air Reserve Technician*

The 507th Wing is back in the F-16 business! (Well, sort of). The 507th CLSS was recently given approval by Headquarters Air Force Material Command (AFMC) to convert its F-4 engine teams to the F-16.

The conversion began as a local initiative for the CLSS. Earlier this year, the CLSS was faced with the impending retirement of the F-4 and trying to find a new mission for its engine teams. The squadron stood to lose 10% of its manning, so its leadership took a proactive stance and developed a proposal to convert its engine teams to the F-16.

A point in the 507th's favor was that the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center (OC-ALC) is the primary depot for the F110 which is used in the F-16. With that in mind, the proposal was approved by both Headquarters AFRES and AFMC.

The CLSS took immediate steps to begin the conversion. The squadron coordinated weekend drill training on the F110 engine line at the OC-ALC. Also, in June, the newly formed F-16 engine team deployed to Nellis AFB, Nev. for hands-on training on the F-16.

While at Nellis AFB, the 15 member team supported flight operations with the 57th Wing. Receiving training at Nellis AFB were: SSgt. Robert Ohrenberg, A1C Jody Hyde, SrA James McMillen, SSgt. Hoyt Peyton, SSgt. Donald Robertson, TSgt. David Comstock, TSgt. Bobby Failing, SSgt. James Perryman, SrA Brian Snider, MSgt. Ken Sperry, A1C Brent Lefler, TSgt. Liddell Kirk, SSgt. Mark Vardaro and SSG John Vaughn.

Also at Nellis AFB, SSgt. John Vaughn coordinated with the local Field Training Detachment (FTD) and began the process of converting the teams training records to the F-16 format.

Future plans for the F-16 team call for FTD training during the FY-97 annual tour. The CLSS will be looking into off-station weekend drill opportunities with F-16 Air National Guard units at Tulsa, Okla. and Ft Smith, Ark. The CLSS is also working with 4th Air Force to obtain an F-16 for Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) and engine removal training. This would replace its current F-4.

CLSS members have expressed their excitement about their new mission and are looking forward to world-wide opportunities supporting the F-16.



SSgt. Mark Vardaro, 507th CLSS jet engine mechanic, works on the Nellis AFB flightline. (Photo by Capt. Bryan Runion)

CLSS team gains valuable training on deployment

By MSgt. Marie Filbin

507th Combat Logistics

Support Squadron Career Advisor

The 507 CLSS B-52 Team spent their annual tour recently with the 93rd Bomb Squadron and 917th Operations Support Squadron at Barksdale AFB, La.

Between June 8-22, the team performed a variety of maintenance activities while gaining valuable hands-on experience.

Engine specialists TSgt. Ernie Longendelpher and SSgt. Jim McDonald participated in engine runs, replaced "O" rings and seals to fix oil leaks, removed and replaced an engine bleed air check valve and troubleshot engine pressure ratio (EPR) problems. TSgt. Warren Wood, an electro-environmental specialist, was called in on a "redball" to repair an engine EPR problem, which required a transducer to be replaced.

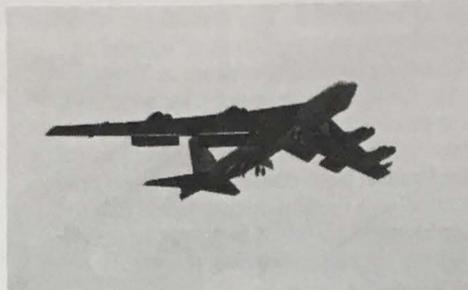
A redball is an emergency during a launch requiring immediate repair and involvement from specialist flights.

Wood helped out during another redball situation, installing needed replacement parts and conducting operational checks on the systems. He removed, replaced and checked a gyrosystem as well as troubleshooting and repairing two autopilot writeups. Wood also helped crews upload and download chaff.

TSgt. Bill Armstrong, a pneudraulics specialist, participated in a launch redball involving troubleshooting a hydraulic system on the number five engine, resulting in the later removal and replacement of the hydraulic pump. He participated in a second launch redball involving a low pressure reading on a hydraulic gauge. Armstrong removed and replaced the signal amplifier on the number three engine and conducted a systems check. He removed hydraulic steering units and hardware for gear replacement. Then he reinstalled the unit and hardware after main landing gear replacement.

Sheet Metal workers TSgt. John Dronberger, TSgt. James Alger, SSgt. Gerald Christian, SSgt. Eric Currier, SSgt. Mark Wilson, SrA Samuel Belcher and SrA Michael McWater worked with the 917th Operations Support Squadron. They installed a scab patch on a horizontal stabilizer, removed and replaced rivets on an engine cowling, landing gear doors, flaps, and access doors.

The team also bead blasted a brake housing for a non-destructive inspection (NDI). They assisted in the manufacture of an A-10 precooling fairing, constructed



507th CLSS members helped keep Reserve B-52s flying last June during a deployment to Barksdale AFB, La

boxes for containment of ground equipment, and manufactured an access door for an A-10 pylon.

The highlight of the trip for the airframe, powerplant general crew, MSgt. Marie Filbin, TSgt. Harvey Barger and SrA Randy Rhodes, came during a strut change on an active B-52. A seal had blown on the strut, forcing a change.

Deployment brings hands-on training opportunities

This provided the opportunity for the crew to do some unscheduled maintenance. The team jacked up the approximately 200,000 pound aircraft, removed both tires and brakes to remove the strut. After installation, the team serviced the new strut with hydraulic fluid and air to prepare it for operation. The team also participated in launching and recovering B-52 aircraft. They conducted pre- and post-flight inspections, towed one aircraft to the wash rack, inspected engine inlets and exhaust, installed seat

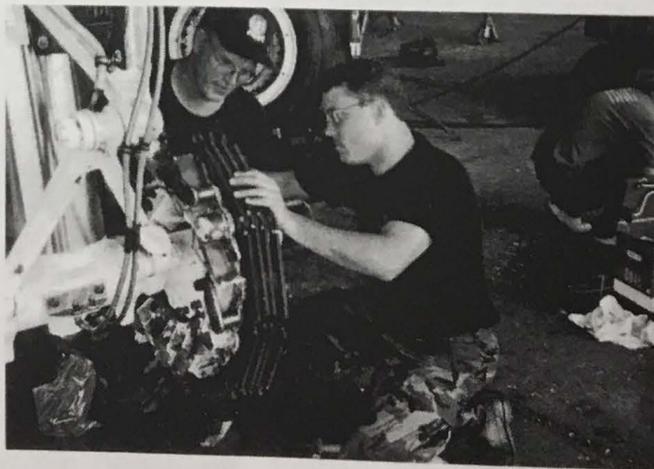
pins, called flight controls, and refueled aircraft.

On the final day of the deployment, Rhodes was on the headset calling flight controls when he identified a problem with maintaining 5 degrees lateral trim of the spoilers, an attitude required during normal flight. He coordinated with the aircrew to run the spoilers several times to isolate the problem. Running the system did not fix the problem, so Rhodes coordinated with the expediter to get repair teams on the scene. With a four-way line of communication between Rhodes, the aircrew, and other teams, the problem was isolated and fixed, allowing the aircraft to make an on-time takeoff.

Keeping the pilot in mind, Rhodes made sure that the pilot had air conditioning provided during the hour of trouble shooting in near 100 degree heat and very high humidity. According to 507th CLSS, B-52 Team Chief SMSgt. Larry Jobe, "Rhodes showed a strong sense of professionalism and attention to detail to his work in this matter."

Jobe said this was the second consecutive year that the 507th CLSS B-52 Team worked with the 93rd Bomb Squadron and 917th Operations Support Squadron at Barksdale.

"The growing relationship has allowed the team to build skills and gain experience in the field that they cannot receive at Tinker AFB. Without the efforts and support of the 93rd and the 917th, many of our training requirements could never be met," Jobe said. "At Tinker AFB we can't get training on operational B-52 aircraft. The members have expressed to me the enjoyment that they receive working with the people of Barksdale AFB," he said.



TSgt. Harvey Barger, left, and SrA Randy Rhodes, 507th CLSS B-52 team members align brake pads for removal. (U.S. Air Force photos by SSgt. James McDonald)

Program expands foreign military contacts

Officers and enlisted members alike are being sought to help further contacts between U.S. and foreign military forces.

The Military to Military contact program (Mil to Mil) is a Joint Chiefs of Staff sponsored Headquarters U.S. European Command and component-administered initiative. The program seeks to promote expanded contacts between the military forces of the United States and those of the newly emerging governments of the Former Soviet Union, Central/Eastern Europe, and the Baltic nations.

The Mil to Mil Program encourages the development of civilian controlled military forces which foster peace and stability in a democratic society. Joint-Service Military Liaison teams travel to the host country's Ministry of Defense and work directly with host country counterparts on many diverse tasks.

Interested personnel should contact HQ AFRES/CVX, Col Ferguson, at DSN 497-0270 or commercial (912) 327-0270, for applications and information.

All tours are currently for 179 days (MPA days) in the following countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Albania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, and the Czech Republic.

Foreign language skills are requested, not required, and all AFSC's will be considered. Air Force Reserve personnel in the grades of O-3 thru O-6, and E-7 thru E-9 are eligible for this Program.

Reservist saves life

SSgt. Michelle R. Carloss, 513th Air Control Group, has received an Air Force Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing her successful efforts to save a life.

On February 19, Carloss was eating at a local fast food restaurant when other patrons began calling for medical help.

A homeless, disabled veteran had collapsed and gone into a diabetic seizure. With no medically trained personnel on the scene, Carloss took charge and used her Air Force "Self-Aid and Buddy Care" training to stabilize the victim until an emergency medical crew arrived.

"I really didn't have time to think about it. I just stepped in because he needed help," she said.

When the victim was loaded onto the ambulance, one of the paramedics credited Carloss with the probability of having saved the man's life.

New recruiter makes a home at the 507th

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

TSgt. Eric Glick is the newest recruiter to come to work at the 507th Wing. He is located at the Midwest City office.

"Our recruiters at the Midwest City office explain the unit mission and unit jobs as well as the pros and cons of being in the Air Force Reserve. If a person likes what they hear, Glick's job is to put them in the unit," said SMSgt. Tom Pitzer, 507th Senior Recruiter.

"I tell people to check out everything and then they come back later to me to join. I want to get people who want to stay in," said TSgt. Glick.

Glick came from Dobbins Air Reserve Base near Atlanta, Ga. He has over five years in the reserve and over six years on active duty in Texas and California.

"My main goal is to get unit manning up to 100 percent and help man the new AWACS unit.

"I want to get quality people into the unit that are going to stay. Even though we don't directly work retention issues, we do get people that we would like to work with ourselves as reservists.

Glick said he will begin visiting sections throughout the unit, visiting members and determining their recruiting needs.

"I want input from our unit about the kind of people they need. We're a team. If people are happy with their job, they'll do a good job and they will want to stay with the unit.

"We only have two recruiters handle all of Oklahoma for the unit. We need everyone's help in bringing people to our unit. Everyone that wears a uniform is a recruiter. If you have a name and phone number for us, call me at 733-9403.

"We give out shirts to anyone who helps to bring a person into the unit. Our biggest challenge now is having the new AWACS unit and recruiting for them as well.

"AFRES will look at us closely to see how we are doing and to see how our quality is holding up. Not only that, it is a challenge

to keep the mission up for all areas of the 507th at the same time. I see all the restructuring and mission changes with the drawdown affecting how we do our jobs. The more help we can get from folks in the 507th, the better we can do our jobs," said Glick.

In his spare time, when he's not working 10 hour days, he likes to hike, camp and ride his 850 cc motorcycle.

Navy Reserve finds smooth sailing on the great plains

***By TSgt. Larry Wilson
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative***

The Naval Reserve Advance Base Command, Naval Overseas Cargo Terminal, out of Lincoln Nebraska, visited the 72nd APS in May for help with training.

When asked how they found out about the 72nd APS, MS 1 Doris Stephens said, "We had been to Tinker in 1992 and 1993. We knew Tinker had the facilities and we found the 72nd had the skills to help us train for our ORE".

"Our training with the 72nd has been outstanding and they provided top notch instructors like TSgt. Chuck Wilson, TSgt. Dwight Hendricks, TSgt. Dwight Lane, SSgt. Dave Haider, MSgt. Terry Wakelee and SSgt. Mario Starr," MS 1 Stephens said.

Equipment Operator Chief Carl Vang said, "We really want to come back in September for additional training. We learned a lot about Aerial Port operations."

Engineers and Services troops get "Fired Up"

By SSgt. Shawn Sones
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative

Sunday of the May UTA brought CE and Services personnel a unique training opportunity; live-fire weapons and security tactics training from members of the 507th Security Police Flight.

Realistically, in a deployed environment, Security Police would have the responsibility for overall and perimeter security, while CE and Services would handle their own internal security and augment Security Police as needed. The recent ORE deployment, however, identified a need for some specialized training in some aspects of security, such as team movement and sweep techniques.

This training was spearheaded by Capt. Heidi Gill, CE Mobility Officer. She coordinated with Services to have their participation, and with Security Police, to have their personnel provide the training, as well as supply weapons and blank ammunition. Capt. Gill also arranged for the use of the Glenwood Training Area, which is across SE 29th Street from Tinker AFB.

"This exercise provided invaluable hands-on training," Gill said stating most members only get to handle and fire an M-16 for annual qualification.

"Our members were able to practice sweep and clear procedures against "real, live aggressors" rather than just simulation. It also allowed for communication and interaction between the three core units of the 507th Support Group," she said.



SrA Greg Williams, 507th Services Section, heads out on patrol in the Glenwood area.



Eager to get on the show on the road, TSgt. Delonna Fowser, 507th CE structures specialist, motions she's ready to begin training.



Surprisingly thick with undergrowth, the Glenwood area provides security challenges to SrA. James Bannon, 507th CE utilities specialist.

Training Planner

August Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 9 Aug		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043 ConfRm
1415	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043 TBA
Sat, 10 Aug		
As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0900-1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
1000-1100	Senior 3A0X1 Meeting	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
1000-1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Room
1300-1400	IG period w/LtCol Despinoy	Bldg 1067, OG/CC office
1400-1500	Mandatory EST Managers Tng	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1615	Mandatory Officers Call	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As designated by Unit

Sun, 11 Aug		
As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0800-1100	Newcomer's Ancil Trng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
0900-1000	Addl Duty Safety Meeting	Bldg 1030, LG ConfRm
0930-1630	Ed&Tng Open by Appt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1100	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1100-1200	Chiefs Luncheon	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1200-1600	Newcomer's Ancil Trng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
TBA	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1400-1500	3A0X1 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
1500-1630	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

Long Range Schedule

Aug	
04-10	CF AT (Cannon AFB)
10	UTA 10-11 Med Sq AT 10-23 (Sheppard AFB, TX) Blood Drive
31	72 APS AT until 14 Sept (Travis AFB, CA)
Sept	
14	UTA 14-15 Wing Family Day
14	CLSS Dining-Out
26-27	Joint Civil Leader Flight (Langley AFB, VA)

HOT TOPICS

- ✓ **Mandatory Officers Call - Sat, 1615, Bldg 1115**
General Nester briefing IMA program &
Capt Collins briefing ROPMA program
- ✓ **Col Mazick hosts Chiefs Lunch Sun, 1100, CC Conf Rm**
All CMSgts assigned to the Wing are invited
- ✓ **No Medical Services this UTA - MedSq on AT**
- ✓ **December UTA changed to 14-15**
- ✓ **MPF Customer Service Hours M-F 0730-1630**
Main UTAs - Sat 1000-1600 & Sun 0730-1600

Revised - Dec UTA Changed

FY 97 UTA Schedule	
05-06 Oct 96	12-13 Apr 97
02-03 Nov 96	03-04 May 97
14-15 Dec 96	07-08 Jun 97
11-12 Jan 97	12-13 July 97
08-09 Feb 97	02-03 Aug 97
15-16 Mar 97	06-07 Sep 97

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1415	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043 TBA
Sat, 14 Sep		
As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0900-1000	IG period w/LtCol Despinoy	Bldg 1067, OG/CC office
ALL DAY	Family Day Activities	507 Wing Area
1000-1030	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As designated by Unit
Sun, 15 Sep		
As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
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Disaster Preparedness

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 they will be reported as "no-shows." Ensure all personnel bring their Go-Bags with them to all classes.

Supervisors may schedule Chem War training throughout the year by calling DW office at 45249, NLT one UTA prior to class requested. Units must report names of personnel requiring training when scheduling.

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 monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training, at 1315 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030.

Ethics Briefing

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

Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I are conducted **monthly** on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

Time	Subject	OPR
0800-1000	EO 2000/Drug & Alcohol	SL
1000-1030	Base Populace	CEX
1030-1100	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
1100-1200	Lunch Break	
1200-1300	Laws of Armed Conflict	JA
1300-1400	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
1400-1500	Counter Intel & Local Threats	SP
1500-1530	Security Awareness (SATE)	507 CF

FY 97 NCO LDP Dates Set

The NCO Leadership Development Program is a great way for SRAs (who have completed course 0001) through MSgts to continue their professional development in a classroom environment. Just as technology and philosophies continue to change, so must leadership skills. Even when it seems that computers and machines will someday replace humans in the work place, they will never be able to replace our need to relate to each other. This fast-paced, information-packed two week course is provided in two one-week phases. This makes it optimum for reservists to attend classroom instruction hopefully without too much conflict with their civilian schedules.

And Hey! If this isn't enough to encourage you to attend, you get two college credit hours in Management for attending. This can be applied to your CCAF or civilian degree.

Interested yet? If so, see your Training Manager to sign up. Here is the schedule:

Class 97A (phase I): W-Su 2-6 Apr 97 (phase II): M-F 28 Apr-2 May 97

Class 97B (phase I): M-F 7-11 Jul 97 (phase II): M-F 28 Jul-1 Aug 97



Training Staff Assistance Visit Schedule

10-11 Aug 96	507 OG/OSF/ARS
14-15 Sep 96	507 Comm Flt
05-06 Oct 96	LG Units
02-03 Nov 96	LG Units incl 507 CLSS
07-08 Dec 96	Follow Up SAVs as req'd

Unit Commanders: Please contact CMSgt Judy McKisson (x47075) if you have a need to reschedule your unit's Training SAV.

Military Pay

File for pay by: **Receive Direct Deposit by:**

06 Aug	15 Aug
13 Aug	21 Aug
20 Aug	28 Aug
27 Aug	04 Sep
29 Aug	06 Sep
03 Sep	11 Sep
05 Sep	13 Sep

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 1 or 6, you have until 31 Aug 96 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Military Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay. NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you don't need to recertify.

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Enlisted Education and Training Path

Education & Training Requirements

Basic Military Training School

Apprentice Tech School = 3-Skill Level

Upgrade to Journeyman = 5-Skill Level

- 6 Months Duty Position/Apprentice Experience is Required Before Beginning Journeyman Training
- Minimum 12 Months On-The-Job Training (OJT)
- Complete Appropriate CDC
- Sew-on SrA

Airman Leadership School (ALS)

- Must be a SrA with 48 Months Time In Service
- ALS/Correspondence Course Required to Sew-on SSgt

Upgrade To Craftsmen = 7-Skill Level

- Minimum Rank of SSgt
- 18 Months OJT Prior to Attendance of Formal Advanced Skill Training (7-Level Tech School)
- (Interim: Until All 7-Level Schools are Available, Minimum Rank of SSgt with 18 Months OJT)
- Must be 7-Level to Sew-on TSgt

Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA)

- Must be a SSgt or TSgt
- Must Complete NCOA for Promotion to MSgt

USAF Senior NCO Academy (SNCOA)

- Must be a MSgt or SMSgt
- Must Complete SNCOA for Promotion to SMSgt

Upgrade To Superintendent = 9-Skill Level

- Minimum Rank of SMSgt
- Must Complete SNCOA

Average Sew-On Time



6 Months



16 Months



1.9 Years



4.5 Years Average



8.2 Years Average



13.1 Years Average



18.0 Years Average



21.4 Years Average



Trainer:

- Appointed (In Writing) by Unit Commander
- Certificate for Formal OJT Trainer Training
- Airman Leadership School Graduate (Resident/Correspondence)
- Possess a Higher Skill Level or Experience Level (Civilian) (Interim: All of Above Except the Formal OJT Trainer Course. It Will be Available in April 1994.)

Certifier:

- Be Appointed (In Writing) by Unit Commander
- Certificate for Formal OJT Certifier Course
- Possess at Least a 7-Skill Level or Equivalent Experience (Civilian)
- Be a person other than the Trainer (Interim: All of the Above Except the Formal OJT Certifier Course. It Will Be Available in April 1994.)

Rank	Earliest	HYT
SSgt	36 Mos	33 Yrs
TSgt	5.0 Yrs	33 Yrs
MSgt	8.0 Yrs	33 Yrs
SMSgt	11 Yrs	33 Yrs
CMSgt	14 Yrs	33 Yrs

Engineers "Deck the Hill"

*By SSgt. Shawn Sones
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Rep*

Sunday of the June UTA, Col. Martin Mazick, 507th Wing Commander and Col. Gary Mixon, 507th Support Group Commander, cut the ribbon to open the newest facility in the 507th Wing.

The 507th Civil Engineering Squadron recently completed a wooden deck erected between the Headquarters and Operations buildings that will benefit the entire Wing.

This deck was intended to provide an alternate and unique location for small, informal meetings, social gatherings, or just a place to sit and relax, CE officials stated. Officials added the deck will be dedicated, with a plaque to be installed later, to the men and women of the 507th Wing who assisted in the aftermath of the Murrah Federal Building bombing.

From its inception, the project was planned and designed to be a CE training/construction exercise, using only weekend drill and annual tour days. Actual construction started on the July 1995 weekend drill with completion on the May 1996 annual tour.

The length of the project, officials stated, was due to the fact that construction efforts were scheduled around other primary civil engineer training such as mobility exercises, bivouacs, a Silver Flag deployment and a deployed ORE, as well as individual personnel appointments and training schedules.

The deck was spray treated on the June UTA, and, in keeping with the environmental emphasis, the roof will eventually be truly "green". It will be comprised of 13 wisteria flowering vines. There will be a border of 52 Burford holly bushes skirting the base of the structure, and two 10 to 12 foot sweet gum trees will be planted to complete the project.

"This project not only allowed Structural Specialists to get actual hands-on training they normally don't get outside of tech school, it was truly a team effort," said Maj. Renee Lane, 507th CE Commander.

Lane said all members of CE were encouraged to pitch in and help whenever possible regardless of their section. The Mobility Officer was the engineer that designed and laid out the deck; Engineering Assistants plotted the layout and site information on computer aided drafting machines, and developed the site in order for construction to begin; Readiness and Supply specialists arranged for the procurement and acquisition of all the necessary material; equipment personnel prepared the site and personnel from the Utilities, Electrical and Mechanical sections volunteered to help with construction. Fire fighters also pitched in with the project, providing extra labor as well as benefiting from multi-skill experience. All told, 46 individuals participated in the project.

Those who helped included:

Mobility: Capt. Heidi Gill

Readiness: SMSgt. John Cameron

Structural: SMSgt. Dennis Clapp, MSgt. Mike Reed, MSgt. Armando Nira, TSgt. Delona Fowser, TSgt. David Haggard, TSgt. Jim Harden, TSgt. Daren Kennedy, SSgt. Alan Young, SSgt. Jeff Alexander, SSgt. Candice Romani, SrA Richard Williams.

Engineering: SMSgt. Theresa Pruitt, SSgt. Hiram Fernandez, SSgt. Stacey Binkley.

Supply: TSgt. Andy May.

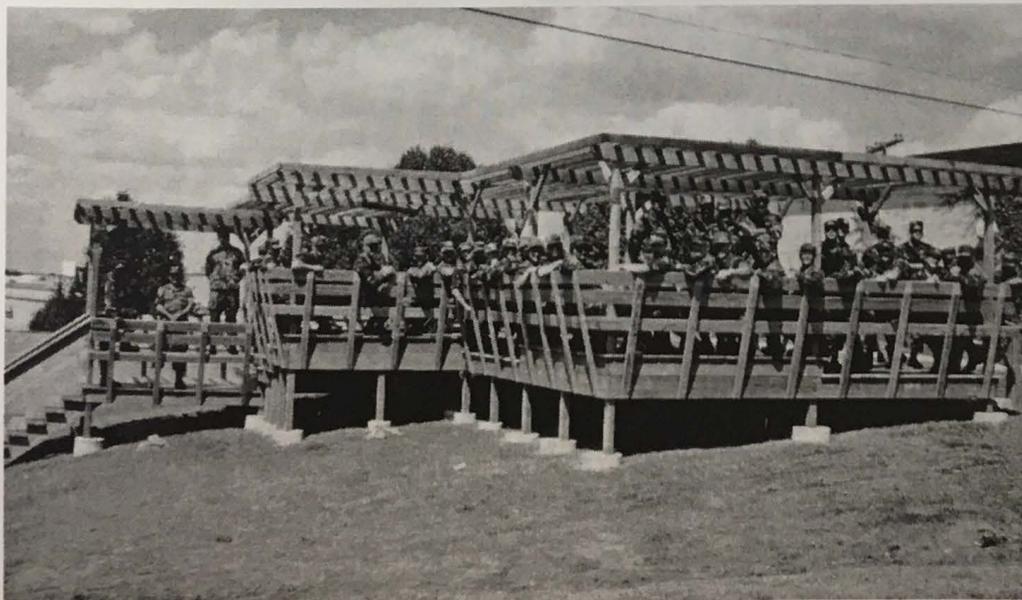
Equipment: MSgt. Luther Bagwell, MSgt. Dan Luttrell, TSgt. Joe Normandin, TSgt. John Ries, TSgt. Mike Boon, TSgt. Gary Brown, SSgt. Roger Sparks, SSgt. Sam Neal, SSgt. John Niesen, SrA Roger Sullivan.

Utilities: MSgt. Tim Smith, MSgt. David Liszeski, MSgt. Malada Mouse, TSgt. Thomas Tolliver, TSgt. Robin Lawson, TSgt. John Potter, TSgt. John Lawson, TSgt. David Abdo, SSgt. Lawrence Foster, SrA Billy Davidson, A1C Ezequiel Cervantes.

Electrical: MSgt. Irma Lowery, SSgt. Tom Sisney, SSgt. William Bethel, SSgt. Anthony Bird, SSgt. Mark Henry.

Mechanical: SSgt. Michael Hogan

Fire Fighter: TSgt. Michael Delaney, A1C Jason Williams.



Members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron pose with their latest project, a deck located between the Headquarters and Operations building. The project provided multiple skills training for CE members and now serves as a break area for the entire Wing.

ROPMA revamps officer career program

By Bo Joyner

Headquarters Air Force Reserve

After more than 14 years in the works, the much-anticipated Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act will take effect Oct. 1, bringing with it some significant changes in the way Air Force Reserve officers are appointed, promoted and separated.

"ROPMA is important legislation that will likely affect all Reserve officers at one time or another in their career," said Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, Air Force Reserve commander, in a recent video explaining provisions of the act. "It will help us better manage our forces, strengthen the promotion process and provide tenure controls when we need them. Ultimately, with ROPMA, we're closer to one system, one Air Force."

"Basically, ROPMA has three primary objectives," said Lt. Col. Ron See, chief of the Personnel Plans, Programs and Analysis Division at Headquarters Air Force Reserve. The first is to update and consolidate the law governing officers in all reserve components: Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. The second is to achieve uniformity and compatibility, where practical, with the active-duty Defense Officer Personnel Management Act. And the third is to streamline the way the reserve components manage all aspects of appointment, promotion, tenure and separation of officers that are not on the active-duty list.

See said changes in the promotion and retirement systems are the ones that will have the greatest impact on most reserve officers.

"ROPMA dictates that we use the 'best qualified from among the fully qualified' promotion system," he said. "This means all boards for promotion to captain through colonel will have a quota applied. Basically, that's the same system we have today for selecting our lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel."

Under the old fully-qualified system, an unlimited number of qualified officers could be promoted. With the best-qualified system, the number promoted is based on need and the quality of the officers' records.

While this is a major change, See said that by keeping time-in-grade requirements at or near what they are today, the Reserve should be able to provide future promotion opportunities that are comparable with historic rates.

"The law provides zones of promotion," See said. "For example, it says that a captain has to have between three and seven years time in grade to be eligible for promotion. We see ourselves right now trying to stay at the high end of that range -- in other words, seven years for mandatory promotions -- in order to be able to continue to offer future promotion rates that would be compatible with our historic averages in each grade.

"If you looked at the tables and we were to be naive enough to set the promotions at the minimum (time period) for every grade, you could actually go from second lieutenant to colonel in about 12 1/2 years. Our force management system simply could not sustain that."

Another change in ROPMA eliminates the total years service date in computing promotions.

"Under the old system," See said, "for mandatory promotion, a captain going to major would have to meet a mandatory board at seven years but would also have to have 14 years of total commissioned service. Under ROPMA, that goes away, and we will go to a straight time-in-grade system, which means that some people will probably meet boards a little bit earlier."

The colonel said this part of the law is flexible based on individual service needs.

"We have a five-year transition window beginning Oct. 1 where we can make changes. We have to look very carefully at how the force stacks up in each grade to make sure we have the balance of grades and skills to do the job. We have the provision to continue to use the total years service requirement during transition if management deems that to be necessary."

The other big impact item in ROPMA involves time in grade for retirement. ROPMA establishes a three-year active reserve status time-in-grade requirement for retirement as a lieutenant colonel or colonel and six months for retirement below lieutenant colonel.

See said it's important to remember that the three years satisfactory service in grade requirement is not applicable to lieutenant colonels and above who pinned on prior to Oct. 1 of this year.

"Current lieutenant colonels and above are grandfathered," he said. Therefore, the first groups affected will be those selected

by the October 1996 colonel board, non-line officers selected by the March 1997 lieutenant colonel board and line officers selected by the June 1997 lieutenant colonel board.

"The concern there is how do I continue in a reserve status if I get promoted out of my position?" See said.

"The answer is that we hope that our current assignment systems and normal attrition will allow officers to interchange between the unit and individual mobilization augmentee programs to provide use in the higher grades and ensure the continued viability and integrity of both programs.

"In individual cases where that might not work, we're expanding our current program for points only training to allow for assignments with follow-on training attachment opportunities, and we'll continue to encourage assignments to our admissions and liaison programs as ways to meet the new requirements."

Under ROPMA, the practice of so-called "hip pocketing" a promotion is not guaranteed and is expected

to be a selectively used option. Because each hip-pocket promotion reduces future promotion quotas, there will be very few of them under ROPMA, and all of them must be approved at headquarters level.

See explained that ROPMA has its roots in the total force effort to streamline force management during the late 1970s and early 1980s. The original intent was to have DOPMA for the active duty and ROPMA for the reservists. DOPMA was submitted and enacted Sept. 15, 1981, and the House of Representatives directed the secretary of defense to submit the companion ROPMA bill to bring the reserve officer personnel management system in line with DOPMA. ROPMA appeared before the 99th, 100th, 101st and 102nd Congress before finally passing in 1994.

"The best guess as to why ROPMA did not pass earlier is that there were significant differing views among member of the House and Senate on key provisions of the proposed ROPMA language that reverted the bill to the Department of Defense and the services to resolve," See said. "It took more than 14 years to resolve all the issues and guide the bill back through the House and Senate for congressional approval."

Officers with specific questions about ROPMA and how it will affect them should contact their servicing military personnel flight. (AFRES News Service)

Scenes from Rodeo '96



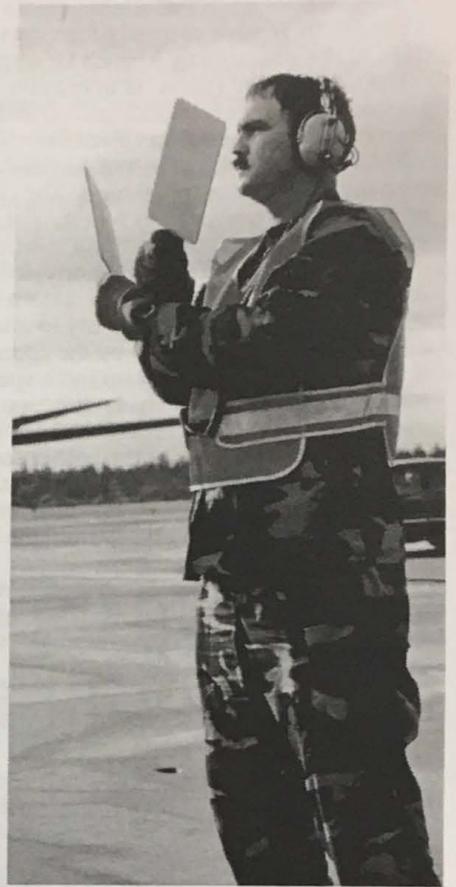
Last month, 507th members participated in Air Mobility Command's joint multi-national airlift and aerial refueling competition, Rodeo '96.

Top left: A hard day's work brings smiles to the faces of (from left) TSgts. Gary Reagan, David Huntley and Robert Peetz, 507th maintenance team members

Top right: TSgt. Ricky Abbott, marshals in the 507th KC-135.

Bottom left: Running towards the obstacle course finish line are 507th Security Police team members SrA Jennifer Taff and SSgt. David Dickson.

Below: Capt. Matt O'Donnell, 507th team navigator, shows some of the flying competition events to Col. Martin Mazick, 507th Wing Commander and CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Senior Enlisted Advisor.



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photos by TSgt.
Stan Paregien*



507th Human Resource Development Council is seeking volunteers

The 507th Wing is currently forming the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) by direction of AFRES Headquarters.

The thrust of the HRDC is to recommend actions and processes which will further an environment of professional growth and equal opportunity and treatment for all 507th reservists and non-ART civilians.

The HRDC is not a subset of Social Actions, nor is it an affirmative action program with quotas and arbitrary targets. The challenge facing the 507th HRDC is to positively impact unit diversity issues by establishing processes to improve retention, accession, and career opportunities for both military and civilian participants.

To this end, we are seeking motivated, competent persons with the ability to effect forward movement from within a team environment. Key people involved must have a reasonable amount of availability to attend meetings, participate in projects, and carryout the tasks allocated by the council. The council will be comprised of an at-large membership, a steering group (with specified permanent members), and a chairperson who will manage and provide direction to the objectives of the council. The overall authority for the 507th HRDC is the Wing Commander.

Duration of terms are at the convenience of the Wing Commander. Selection to the HRDC is a quasi-formal process, in that all volunteers should submit their names through their unit commanders or supervisors. The chairperson, Maj. Ben A. Kendrick, will select a list of candidates from the volunteer pool and submit it to the Wing Commander for final decision.

To be successful, membership must reflect a cultural cross-section of the wing. I fully support the HRDC initiative and strongly encourage Junior and Senior NCOs, Junior Officers, non-ART civilians, representatives from units, and 507th Wing professional groups to submit your candidate.

signed

MARTIN M. MAZICK, Col, USAFR
Commander

Safety Spotlight

By Lt. Col. Leonard Kight
507th Safety Officer

Just a quick note and reminder from the Safety Office. We're past the half way mark of the "101 Critical Days of Summer."

The bad news is we have had some injuries. The good news is we haven't had any fatalities or permanently disabling injuries. Some of the lessons which should have been learned are to be vigilant, use extra caution when in unfamiliar territory, buckle up when riding in cars and don't mix alcohol with driving, boating or anything else which requires "GOOD" judgement for survival.

We're getting a break from the hot weather for now, but don't get caught off guard when it heats back up. Keep drinking plenty of water and take frequent rest periods when the weather is really hot. Be careful and continue to enjoy your summer.



Make It Click!

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dwight Magnus

Emerson once said that there is no fear like the fear of being known. No doubt all of us have something we'd like to hide, to "do over". It could be something you've said, a habit that once held you in its grip, a moral problem, or a deep dark secret only you know about. Now imagine this failure makes the headlines of the daily paper, or, worse, it is the subject of a *60 Minutes* feature. Frightening thought isn't it?

Even a casual reading of the Bible tells us that God was not eager to hide men's faults. From Noah's drunkenness to Moses' act of murder, to Peter's denial of Christ, man's faults are in plain view. Yet despite their faults, these men went on to do great things for God. General Fogleman says we are not a one mistake Air Force. We do not serve a one mistake God, either.

It's not often you find someone willing to give you a second chance. In God you have such a one. Whatever the darkest moment of your life may be, God stands ready to forgive, and give you a second chance. Do you have the courage to accept it?

Promote!

Congratulations to the following on their July 1, 1996 promotion:

To A1C:

Diane Wilson CLSS

To SrA:

Ezequiel Cervantes CES
Christopher Gann LSS
Chong Horn CLSS
Jeffrey McCorkel CLSS
Kevin Richison APS
Jason Williams CES

To SSgt.:

Daniel Bates CES
Samuel Belcher CLSS
Steven Branscum CLSS
Michelle Carlross WG
Kyle Howell CLSS
Donald Matheson SPS

Heather McTurnal MSS
Edward Suleski MEDS
Christopher Thomas AGS
Graham Weidner APS

To TSgt.:

Carol Bow APS
Phillip Brand ARS
Sandra Dronberger CLSS
Jeremy Overton OSF
Lonnie Royal MEDS

To MSgt.:

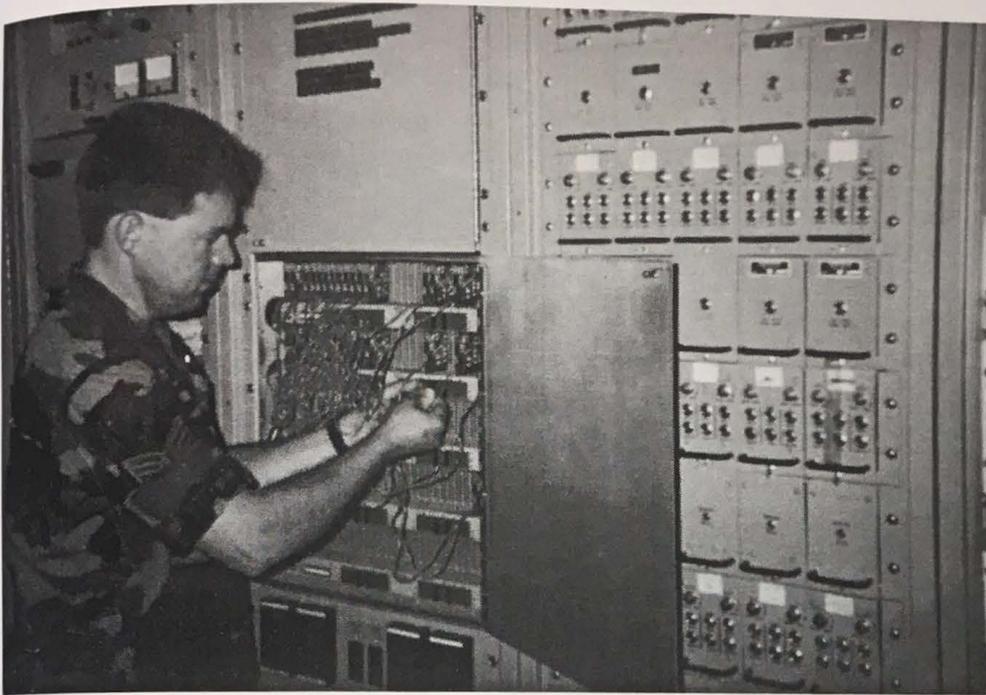
Lee Lytle ARS
Tresa Vrooman MSS

To MSgt.:

William Oaks CLSS

To SMSgt.:

Randolph May CLSS



SrA Robert Hannabass, 507th Communications Flight, replaces wiring in the OJ-314 Console Control at the Air Traffic Control Tower at Cannon AFB, N. M. Hannabass was among a team from the 507th CF deployed to Cannon providing support to the active duty there. (Photo by MSgt. Robert Greenlee)

507th Communications Flight provides communicators to support Cannon

*By MSgt. Robert Greenlee
507th Communications Flight*

Members of the 507th Communications Flight honed their communications and computer skills during a recent deployment to Cannon AFB, N.M., June 1-7. According to Maj. Harold Collins, 507th CF Commander, deployments to Cannon AFB are becoming a regular part of reserve duty with the 507th.

The 507th CF is one of nine Air Force Reserve communication units that are assigned the backfill mission known as the Wing Initial Communications Package - Associate, or WICP-A for short. Each reserve unit is designed to backfill an active-duty communications squadron when they deploy their WICP (primary) for exercises or contingencies. Reserve personnel ensure that fixed communications and computer support continues at Cannon AFB when the active-duty WICP deploys.

Other reserve units with WICP-As support Langley AFB, Va.; Seymour-Johnson AFB, S.C.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Holloman AFB, N.M.; Moody AFB, Ga.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; and Hill AFB, Utah.

507th CF personnel train in and support such activities as running the communications center, telephone switchboard operations, running the Base Network Control Center, and providing radio technicians to ensure vital Air Traffic Control radio systems are operational.

"This mission is a radical change from our former taskings in which the reserve unit owned its own communications equipment and operated in a tactical environment in the European Theater," stated MSgt. Jimmy Guthrie, 507CF Operations Superintendent.

"This may not be a glory-laden job, but it's a critical one and reserve units fit the mission perfectly," he said.

"We are very pleased with the support that the reserve folks provide us here at Cannon and look forward to a long relationship with them," said MSgt. T. Hanson, WICP team chief for the 27th Communications Squadron at Cannon. "We were surprised at the knowledge base and experience level the reservists brought to the mission and they have definitely been a plus to the base." Hanson said.

"The 507th provides personnel to Cannon with such diverse skills as radio maintenance to digital switching. Some of our people, like radio maintenance, do the traditional communication jobs that have always been found in a comm unit....replacing tubes, transistors, and building cables. However, we also provide some leading edge skills, such Local Area Network managers and switching specialists," said Collins. "These high-tech skills are in big demand at any Air Force base and many of our reservists have similar jobs on the outside, so they bring a wealth of knowledge to the mission."

Reservists from Tinker travel to Cannon AFB as many as seven times a year to support and train with active duty. "It's a stretch for reservists to leave home that many times a year, but we have been very fortunate in having personnel who are dedicated to seeing this mission succeed," Collins said. Collins stated their reservist's 15 days of annual tour is split into three 5-day increments, and once a quarter they spend a Unit Training Assembly at Cannon AFB. This gives the reservists a lot of face time with the active duty communicators and customers there.

"507th reservists have become such a common site at Cannon, that base customers consider them part of the active duty comm squadron," Collins said.

Reserve News

Catholic Mass offered

A Catholic Mass will now be offered at 7:30 a.m. each UTA Sunday in the TNET Room located in the basement of bldg. 1043, 507th Headquarters.

Chaplain Marty Fitzgerald, an active duty Chaplain, will be conducting the Mass. Chaplain Fitzgerald has recently joined the active duty ranks and been assigned to Tinker AFB, since September 1995. He is originally from North Carolina and presently the only Catholic Chaplain assigned to the base chapel.

Hill takes Air Force top cop award

The 419th Security Police Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah, is the Air Force's Top Reserve Security Police Unit for 1995.

Air Force Security Police officials announced this award along with the best small, medium and large active duty units and Air National Guard unit July 11.

Commanded by Maj. Randy B. Hill, the Hill unit competed with the 507th Wing for the Air Force title. (AFRES News Service)

ART extension policy outlined

A new policy for air reserve technician officers makes requesting an extension to their mandatory separation date more consistent for those under different

Refer a friend for a career future!

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. Garza
405-734-5331

Midwest City - TSgt. Stanley
405-733-9403

Lawton - MSgt. Wright
405-357-2784

McConnell AFB, KS - MSgt. Shaw
TSgt. Tubbs
316-652-3766

retirement systems. Under the new policy, ART officers covered by Federal Employees Retirement System may request an extension to the earlier of the following: their 55th birthday with 25 years of creditable service or their minimum retirement age of 55-57 with 20 years of creditable service.

Previously they could request extensions only to their minimum retirement age with 20 years of creditable service. ART officers covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may request an extension of their mandatory separation date to their 55th birthday with at least 20 years of creditable service.

War on drugs continues

A long-time combatant in the War on Drugs, the Air Force Reserve is taking the battle to a new front by offering parents drug prevention training at the unit level.

Thirty-five volunteers from units throughout the country recently attended the first Preparing for the Drug Free Years training at McChord AFB, Wash., and 12 went to the initial Parent to Parent training session at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

For more information on the Preparing for Drug Free Years, members may contact TSgt. Norma Foster at ext.4-4259.

Citizen Airman Video Magazine available

The 507th Public Affairs office has received a copy of the new Air Force

Reserve news video. The video may be loaned out to units for commander's call. The videos contain topics of interest throughout the Air Force Reserve.

Public Affairs also has the latest Air Force Television News video available for loan. Each 28-minute video portrays the "big picture." A 15-minute capsule version, which may be more suitable for commander's call, appears at the end of each VHS copy of Air Force Television News.

McIntosh talks to Congress

Appearing before the Senate Armed Service Committee earlier this year, Chief of Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh said, "Originally intended for wartime augmentation, we now find that we are involved in military support of national objectives on a daily basis.

There were times in 1995 when as many as a thousand Air Force reservists were deployed around the world on any given day, supporting U.S. national objectives. Reserve aircrews continue to average more than 110 days of participation a year and support personnel participate at record levels as well."

General McIntosh thanked the senators for their support of new benefits for reservists and explained how the Air Force Reserve is efficiently using taxpayer dollars to maintain and improve the force.

Pen Pals meet

Six years ago, Leslea Bow found a special pen pal: a writing buddy she picked out in a sixth grade project and one that made his home overseas during the Gulf War.

The daughter of TSgt. Carol Bow, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, Leslea was just trying to win a Coke and a snack, by becoming the first student in her class to get a response back.

Six years after she started corresponding with Lt. Commander Kenneth Trass, executive officer aboard the *USS Reasoner*, she recently made a trip to visit him.

Leslea and her mom traveled by bus to Everett, Wash., to attend Trass' ceremony relinquishing command of the guided missile frigate.

"The trip and ceremony were great. He worked me into his speech, and the admiral came up and said how great it was to meet me," Leslea said. "He's coming down for my graduation next year," she added.



Leslea Bow, talks with her pen pal of daughter of six years, Lt. Commander Kenneth Trass. Leslea is the daughter of TSgt. Carol Bow, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron.