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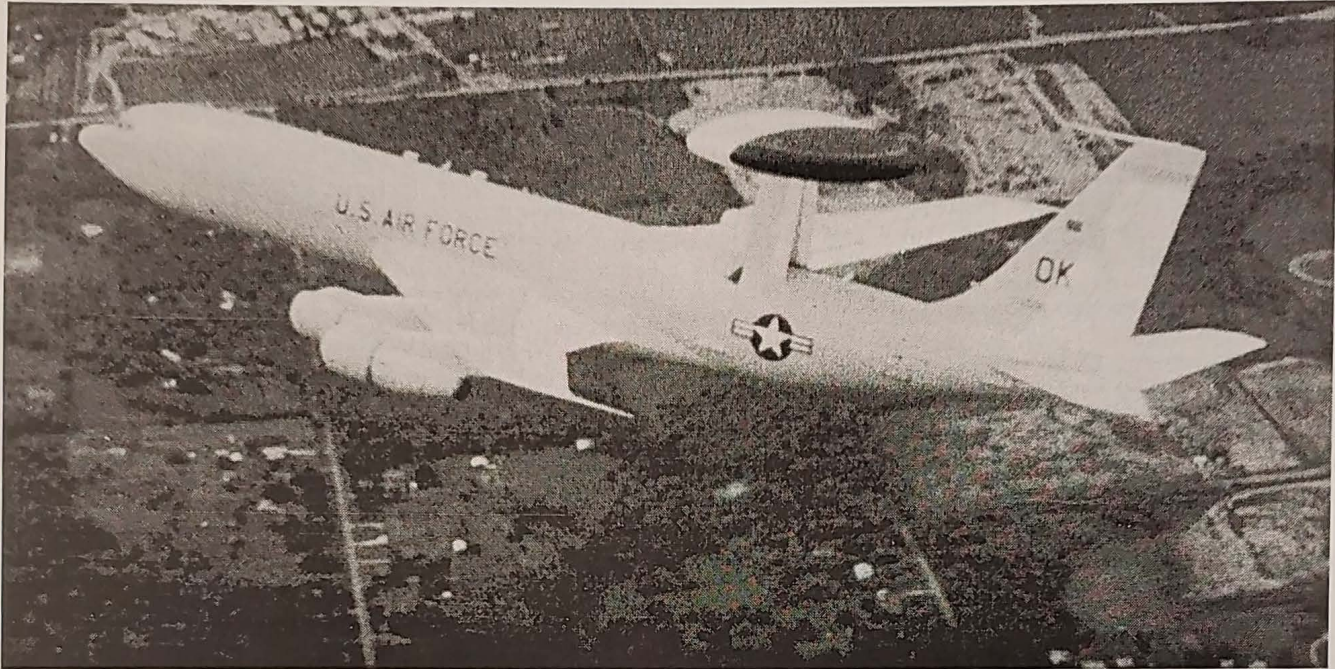


**Our Mission:**  
*Recruit, train, equip  
and retain personnel  
for deployment and  
support of DOD  
peacetime and  
wartime taskings.*

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507th Wing

Tinker AFB, OK



Flying the E-3 "Sentry" AWACS, members of the 513th Air Control Group took to the skies recently on their first Air Force Reserve drug surveillance mission. The

mission, a first for the unit involved both reservists and active duty members. (Photo courtesy of the 552nd Air Control Wing Public Affairs Office.)

## 513th flies first surveillance mission

*By Capt. Rich Curry  
507th Wing Public Affairs*

Just seven months after their unit was activated, reservists from the 513th Air Control Group (ACG), took to the air to conduct their first counter drug surveillance mission.

A team of Air Force reservists and active duty Air Force members from the 552nd Air Control Wing (ACW) flew the mission which took them on patrol over the Caribbean, searching for drug smugglers.

The 513th ACG is an associate unit, meaning active duty Air Force owns the E-3 "Sentry" aircraft flown, with the Air Force Reserve supplying both flying and maintenance personnel. As such, associate programs allow more continuous use of Air Force aircraft and reduces the stress of higher operations and maintenance tempos on active duty members.

The counter drug effort is a continuation of the Air Force's involvement with the nation's war on illegal drugs. The 552nd ACW's involvement with providing aerial surveillance began back in 1977. The Air Force Reserve's entry into the airborne warning and control systems (AWACS) mission is intended to

provide additional support, not only to drug enforcement officials, but in other DOD missions involving aerial surveillance and airborne command and control.

An advantage of maintaining a strong Air Force Reserve program stems from the fact that a majority of the reservists have prior active duty experience. According to the 513th ACG commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth Suggs, "This not only saves spending additional tax-payer money in training costs, but also creates an extremely stable and highly-trained work force."

The recent mission saw a mix of both reserve and active duty Air Force crew members. TSgt. Tina Hutts, one of the first reservists hired by the 513th ACG, flew on the flight. "It was an extremely smooth mission," the air surveillance technician said. "You could tell the experience level in this mix. There were no questions asked about anybody's job. We all did what we had to do." Hutts is a ten-year active duty veteran, five years of which were spent in air surveillance.

Sergeant Todd Jackson, a Communications Systems Operator on the mission agreed, attributing the smoothness of the mission

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**"Readiness Is Our Number One Priority"**

# Team will look at continuous improvement

By CMSgt. Belinda Journey  
507th Wing Quality Office

The Air Force Reserve Assessment Group, Unit Self Assessment Validation Team, will visit the 507th Wing next month.

The five to eight member team headed by Col. Arthur Howard will spend Dec. 12-17 with the 507th, reviewing the wing, its mission, processes and efforts towards Continuous Improvement.

## What to expect

The team will conduct interviews, review written materials that illustrate how we do things, conduct man on the street impromptu interviews, and write a preliminary feedback report designed to let the wing know where it is strong and where it has opportunities for improvement.

There's an interesting story told about the results from one of the Inspector General's (IG) previous visits to the wing. According to this exciting tale, one squadron had various programs which they were very proud of and had poured many man-hours into.

This same squadron also had a program that was a nuisance, frequently ignored, and generally in pretty bad shape. Prior to the IG visit. However, there was a surface polish put on this program just enough to avoid embarrassment. Imagine the squadron's surprise when the nuisance was singled out as a model while no favorable remarks were made for the programs that really meant something.

Why tell this story? A self assessment site visit doesn't respond well to last-minute polish. The unit self assessment summary report that serves as the basis for the site visit was sent to the IG on Oct. 1.

By the time the site visit begins, the members will have read, analyzed and evaluated the report independently and as a team. They will discuss the report's contents and come to a common understanding of what it says and why it says what it does.

So where does that leave you if you don't feel prepared for the visit? Hopefully, right where you need to be. What the team needs to understand is whether or not we know what we do, who we do it for, why it is important for us to be doing it, and how we know if we're doing a good job.

## Questions to ask yourselves

If you still don't feel ready, here are a few review questions you can use as a study guide:

**What is the wing's number one priority?** If you said readiness you were correct.

**Who depends on the wing's readiness capability?** If you replied with Air Mobility Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Fourth Air Force, AFRES, Air Force, the nation, or some combination of these, you are correct.

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## SEA views

By CMSgt. Bob Kellington  
507th Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor

During her recent visit to the 507th, CMSgt. Carol Smits, AFRES Senior Enlisted Advisor, commented on how much she enjoyed meeting our family members and how the rain did not dampen the spirit of Family Day.

Also, she had the opportunity to talk with General Richard Hawley, ACC commander, and relayed to him how the "OKIES" are up to any task. The *esprit de corps*, military bearing, and all around pride in the wing was clearly evident. She stated that the 507th Wing has a history of being able to accept change and turn possible negative circumstances into something positive, while fighting for what is rightfully theirs. Chief Smits declared the 507th a top-notch wing ready to answer the call to arms at a moment's notice.

I will tell you, as I told Chief Smits, that more and more people throughout our country are hearing about our wing. Our "can-do" attitude and expertise are hard to beat in any arena. We prove ourselves in our daily lives as civilians and as reservists. (And people know we are reservists.) We expect nothing but the best and give nothing but the best, maintaining a constant posture of readiness. We should continue to apprise others of our triumphs that they may continue to join us in keeping the tradition of the 507th alive. You are all "SH OKIES".

# Team will look at unit...

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Why is readiness important? This may have been a little tougher. If you've figured out that readiness is our reason for being and the ultimate cause of our funding, no matter what specific job you may do in the squadron or wing, then you really are catching on.

Final question: **How do we know if we're doing a good job?** If you answered no complaints, you need to study a bit harder.

If, on the other hand, you know we're doing a good job when you see inspection or results, repeat requests for our support to other units, after action reports, unit and individual recognition, favorable communication about the wing in various periodicals, or something along those lines no further study is needed.

If you're comfortable with your answers or the ones suggested, but you still don't feel quite ready to face the site visit there's one more thing I can suggest to help you get ready. Learn everything you need to know about your ability to add to the wing's success and come to work prepared to contribute just a bit more than your fair share.

## Not about special polish

The assessment site visit isn't about using special polish. The site visit is all about telling us if what we are doing, the way we are doing it is likely to lead to continued success for the whole organization.

Leadership plans, leads, and helps each of us understand our roles and responsibilities for contributing to the mission. We are trained to do our jobs so that the wing is able to meet the needs of those who depend on us. Periodically, the wings capability is tested using standards developed by higher headquarters agencies (think of them as your customers).

When the Assessment Group Site Visit Team rides off into the sunset, the wing will have important information that can be used to build an even stronger future for the organization. So when you see the team members around the wing in December, take a minute to tell them thanks for their contribution to our success.

## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dwight Magnus

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him. Bless His name!" Psalm 100:4.

I know the retail stores are now in high gear with their Christmas promotions. I want to take time this month to recognize one of my favorite holidays - Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving to me combines the Four F's - Faith, Family, Food and Football. What's not to like about a holiday like that?

I am grateful for the renewed focus on family life in the military, the church, and the community at large. With so many societal pressures that squeeze the family, I think it is appropriate to pause this holiday season and give thanks to God for our family.

If you think back just one year, I am sure the majority can think of some major change in your life or in the life of a family member. This is certainly true in my family. I have moved and taken on a couple of new jobs. One of my brothers lost his job, the other was transferred out of state and given a promotion.

My mother had successful surgery, and my dad, well, I guess one of us needed to have an uneventful year. He had enough on his hands dealing with all the changes going on around him. Some of the changes in our family I would not have asked for, but I am confident in God's love and care through the tough times. As I gather around the Thanksgiving table with my family, I will be grateful for all He has done in the past year.

Take the time to reflect on God's blessings in your life. Before you dig into the turkey, and root the Cowboys on to another victory, and plead with your preoccupied brother to pass the dressing, take a moment to pause and give thanks to God for all you hold dear.

I am thankful for each of you, and look forward to serving you in the months and years ahead.

# McIntosh sends for November 1996

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh  
Air Force Reserve Commander

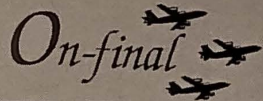
With the new fiscal year comes another change for the Air Force Reserve.

Congress has directed establishing the Air Force Reserve as a separate command. Actually, the Air Force has treated the Reserve as a major command for years. This latest action formalizes our role as proud partners in the total force.

The establishment of an Air Force Reserve command is a tribute to everyone who has served as a citizen airman and is recognition of the strides we have made in becoming a viable part of the Air Force.

This is not something that will happen overnight. As plans become finalized, we will get the word out to you.

The creation of an Air Force Reserve command will be a fitting opening to the observance of our 50th anniversary and a new chapter in Air Force Reserve history.



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# Total force teamwork saves life

By Tsgt. Mitchell B. Chandran  
507th Wing Public Affairs

A total force team involving active duty and reserve personnel from the Base Hospital and the 507th Wing resulted in saving the life of an aircrew member with decompression sickness last month.

Responding to a short notice request from hospital officials, the 507th Wing generated one of its KC-135R aircraft in about two hours for an emergency medical airlift mission to a hospital in Texas.

Notification for an emergency medical evacuation airlift came when doctors assigned here requested the unit to airlift an active duty patient with decompression sickness to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

"Decompression sickness happens when you go up or down with a rapid altitude change," said Dr. Robert S. Michaelson, an Air Force major and Chief of Flight Medicine with the 72nd Medical Group. "With decompression sickness, gases [like nitrogen] haven't had time to be absorbed and dissolved in the bloodstream, thus creating bubbles which get trapped in areas such as the spinal cord or brain." "Without immediate treatment," he said, "permanent damage, or even death could result."

## Reservists jump into action

Upon receiving the request from base doctors, 507th controllers immediately coordinated with approving authorities, aircraft and maintenance personnel.

"The coordination to get this flight approved and ready to go in such short notice worked out well," said Tsgt. Linda Nichols, Command Post Controller for the 507th. "After receiving the first notification from the base hospital requesting this flight, we coordinated straight with Air Force Reserve Headquarters (AFRES HQ) with our request to fly the patient. At the same time we were coordinating with the aircraft operations commander for availability and readiness of an aircraft. Between coordinating with AFRES HQ, 465th Air Refueling Squadron and the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron, the patient was in the air and on his way to further treatment in two hours and 15 minutes," she said.

Preparing a KC-135R aircraft for any flight involves checking many systems in the aircraft. Normally, it is about a six hour process. The preflight on this particular aircraft was already accomplished within its 72-hour "ready window." At the time of initial notification, all it needed was thruplight servicing.

"The aircraft's preflight was current from the night before," said SSGT. "Spike" Tompkins, crew chief for the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron. "At 10 a.m., we first got the call to get the plane ready. In this case, there was actually more than one specialty shop from the aircraft maintenance side of the house involved in getting all the servicing done," he said. "Everyone in maintenance just came together to get the plane ready."

"What makes our aircraft unique is the multirole mission it has," said MSgt. Steve Robinson, a scheduler with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. "It can be used for aerial refueling of other U.S. or NATO aircraft, transportation of cargo, personnel or any combination of the three."

"This was a team effort," said SMSgt. Jim Hackworth, Inflight Refueling Superintendent for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron,

"Our Life Support Shop provided a quick-don oxygen mask for the patient to breathe 100 percent oxygen during his flight and at the same time we were managing the cabin pressurization system to ensure the patient's condition was not further aggravated."

Dr. Michaelson accompanied his patient to Kelly Air Force Base where the patient was then picked up by waiting military medical personnel and taken to nearby Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, by ambulance to receive necessary treatment.

Brooks Air Force Base is a flight medicine research facility and houses a hyperbaric chamber which is used for equalizing gas pressure in the body.

According to TSgt. Chuck Latta, 507th Medical Squadron's Air Medical Services NCOIC, "The chamber slowly equalized the gas pressure within the patient's body helping return nitrogen gas levels to normal. I was on a temporary-duty assignment at Brooks two days after he left Tinker. I spoke with him and he was doing fine."

According to Lt. Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Operations Group Commander, "I am really pleased with our response to this emergency. One of the things that pleases me most is that we were able to accomplish this quick reaction without taking shortcuts and we were able to rapidly obtain all levels of approval by following the established processes. Our system works."

Providing quick responses to airlift requests is nothing new to the 507th. In September, the wing received a short notice tasking to support troops and equipment shipments to the Mid East. In four-and-a-half hours, 16 reservists and two KC-135R aircraft were airborne for the five-day deployment.

## Fall / Winter Exercise Schedule

### 1996 October

RAV (28 Oct-3 Nov.)

### November

Global Guardian (Battle Staff Exercise [BSX])

### December

Process Review  
USA Validation (12-17 Dec.)

### 1997 January

Mobility Exercise (MOBEX)  
Equipment Check

### February

Aircrew Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP) Testing  
Equipment Check

### March

ORI

### April

Hot Wash  
Equipment Check



The  
countdown  
continues

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
<b>Fri, 1 NOV</b>		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1430	Qtrly Training Review	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
<b>Sat, 2 NOV</b>		
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, Conf Rm
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Room
1300-1400	IG period w/LtCol Despinoy	Bldg 1067, OG/CC Conf Rm
1400-1500	Mandatory EST Managers Tng	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As designated by Unit
<b>Sun, 3 NOV</b>		
As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
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	Hazcom Training	Bldg 1030, LG Conf Rm
0930-1630	Ed&Tng Open by Appt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1200-1600	Newcomer's Ancil Trng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1300	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
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

## HOT TOPICS

- ✓ MPF will be OPEN now on UTA Sundays 0930-1630 and closed from 0730-0930 for in House Training.
- ✓ All 3A0X1 Training/Meetings have been cancelled this UTA.
- ✓ MPF Customer Service will be open ONLY for Newcomers In-processing this Saturday.  
Other MPF offices will be open this Saturday from 0730-1100 only. Normal MPF hours resume on Sunday.

# Training Planner

## Long Range Schedule

Nov	
30 Oct-	Operational Readiness Exercise & 4th AF Readiness Assist Visit
3 Nov	
TBA	USSTRATCOM Ex Global Guardian
Dec	
12-17	IG Site Visit for Unit Self Assessment Validation
Jan	
	Mobility Exercise
Feb	
	Aircrew SIOP Testing
Mar	
9-16	Operational Readiness Inspection (Tentative)

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



### 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
as of : 6 Sep 96	

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## 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
0900-1000	EO2000	SL
1000-1030	Base Populace	CEX
1030-1100	Counter Intel & Local Threats	SE
1100-1200	Lunch Break	
1200-1300	UCMJ	JA
1300-1400	Ethics	JA
1400-1430	Security Awareness (SATE)	507 CF
1430-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SP

## 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 through out 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 1200 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 1300 on Sunday of the UTA.

## Going to a Military Formal School?

All members attending formal military schools away from home station must outprocess through through the MPF before departing, and must inprocess upon return. This includes ARTs attending in-resident PME in civilian status. If you have any questions, please contact TSgt Unger, Chief, Relocations, at x47493. Remember, all members must meet weight standards prior to departure.

## Training Staff Assistance Visit Schedule

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.

## CCAF GRADS Apr-Aug 96

MSgt Gary Burkhardt 507 LSS  
TSgt Taunya Averry 507 AGS  
TSgt Jay Jahariqiri 507 LSS  
TSgt Kathy Lowman 507 AGS  
SSgt Mark Vardaro 507 CLSS

## Promotion Enhancement Program (PEP)

Packages Due	Promotions Effective
Jan UTA	1 Apr
Jul UTA	1 Oct

...and speaking of promotions, how does your education level and PME completion compare with your peers? The Education & Training Flight can help you get to that next higher level. Come see us!

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## Foreign Language Self-Assessment (FLSA)

All FLSA RIPS must be completed by the end of Nov. If you have not completed your RIP, complete it this UTA & turn it in to your 1st Sgt prior to sign-out Sunday of the UTA. Wing wide we have a 69% completion rate of Rips (Neg & Pos).

## FY 97 NCO LDP Dates

### 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

See your unit training manager to sign up!

## In-resident NCO Academy 6 Jan - 13 Feb 97

If you want to attend the in-residence NCO Academy, see Your Unit Training Manager to **APPLY NOW** for classes starting 6 Jan 97. Nomination packages for these quotas **MUST** be submitted through your Unit training manager, and received by the Education & Training Flight NLT 4 Nov 96. For more details, contact the Education & Training Flight at x47075.

## Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
5 Nov	13 Nov
7 Nov	15 Nov
12 Nov	20 Nov
14 Nov	22 Nov
19 Nov	27 Nov
21 Nov	29 Nov
26 Nov	4 Dec

## Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program

507th Wing Personnel are reminded that the enrollment period to either enroll or decline the coverage is open. Come by Customer Service Section, Bldg 1043, room 201, and complete this form. So far only 33% of Wing personnel have completed the election form. **ALL** personnel must complete a form to either accept or decline coverage.

## Parents' Drug Prevention Training

HQ AFRES has purchased materials to offer parents drug prevention training. They are nationally used and proven materials that are video based and peer facilitated. We have an opportunity to select one person-reservist, civilian, ART, or spouse of either to be our facilitator. No professional qualifications are necessary. HQ AFRES/DOU is funding the training classes here open to all. The training session for "Preparing for the Drug Free Years" is scheduled for 13-15 February at McChord AFB, WA. AFRES will fund the TDY. Volunteers need to submit their names by COB 17 Jan. POC is Marilyn Llanusa at x45101.



## Checklist for Administering Mandatory Career Development Courses

- \_\_\_ Unit Training Manager issues CDC material to supervisor and trainee, and briefs them on CDC policies and procedures.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor and trainee inventory CDC package.
- \_\_\_ Trainee instructed to post all changes. Supervisor briefed to verify corrections were accomplished.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor determines schedule and sequence of volume completion and issues first volume.
- \_\_\_ Trainee is expected to complete one volume and Volume Review Exercise per UTA unless supervisor specifically establishes a different completion schedule. If a trainee misses a UTA, he/she should be prepared to submit two Volume Review Exercises the next UTA. Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager of any adjustments to completion schedule.
- \_\_\_ Trainee informed that he/she should be prepared to take the final Course Examination within two UTAs after final VRE is turned in unless supervisor specifically establishes a different final test schedule. Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager of any adjustments to final test schedule.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor and trainee will coordinate with the Unit Training Manager each month to score completed VRE. Supervisor will conduct review training on areas missed and complete the bottom of ECI Form 34 (VRE Answer Sheet) to certify completion of review training.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor will annotate AF Form 623a as necessary and file ECI Forms 34 in the trainee's training record until course completion.
- \_\_\_ If trainee exceeds established volume completion time limits, the supervisor will determine the reason for slow progress, conduct counseling and document on AF Form 623a. Counseling must cover strengths, areas needing improvement, attitude, and ways to improve. If necessary, supervisor will place the trainee in supervised study.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager to request ordering of Course Examination, and if necessary, CDC enrollment extensions.
- \_\_\_ Supervisor will review the entire CDC with trainee to prepare for course examination.
- \_\_\_ Course examination results (ECI Form 9) will be filed in the training record until the trainee completes upgrade training.
- \_\_\_ Passing score is 65%. If a trainee fails the course examination on the first attempt, a Commanders Evaluation will be conducted to determine the cause and necessary action. One retake is permitted. A second failure may result in withdrawal from training and possible separation.
- \_\_\_ The trainee is responsible for actively participating in the learning process and budgeting time to complete assigned training tasks including CDC and self-training requirements.

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## Reserve supports U.S. anti-drug efforts

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The 513th Air Control Group, an Air Force Reserve Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) unit, recently flew its first drug surveillance mission over the Caribbean. Flying the E-3 "Sentry" aircraft, Air Force reservists patrolled the skies looking for signs of potential drug smugglers.

The Air Force Reserve's entry into aerial surveillance represents the latest move in Department of Defense efforts to reduce the flow of illegal drugs into this country. More than 20 years ago, Congressional approval allowed use of DOD resources in support of law enforcement agencies.

Today, DOD support includes detection and monitoring of suspected drug traffickers; training federal, state, local and foreign law enforcement officers; supplying and helping maintain excess DOD equipment such as boats, computers, helicopters and telephones for law enforcement agencies; and providing translators and intelligence analysts.

Flying AWACS missions represents the latest involvement for the Air Force Reserve in reducing the flow of narcotics into the country. Previously, law enforcement officials have requested Air Force Reserve helicopters for marijuana eradication, for travel to and from suspected drug activity locations, and to transport prisoners from remote areas. Reserve aircraft have also been used for their airborne sensor capabilities to detect illegal drug activities as well as to airlift law enforcement teams.

Air Force Reserve civil engineers have previously helped by constructing aircraft hangars for use by anti-drug enforcement teams while other reservists were involved in listening post and observation post operations, intelligence analysis, language translation and technical training of law enforcement agencies.



more than DOD spends on food, clothing, medical supplies, fuel and weapon systems spare parts, according to a Defense Logistics Agency spokesman.

An estimated 2.2 million Americans use cocaine and half a million use heroin, according to the national strategy report. About 9.8 million Americans use marijuana regularly. Each day, about 3,700 Americans are arrested for drug-related offenses. While Congress approved DOD support for counter drug efforts, that does not include approval to search, seize or arrest, officials stressed.

The primary areas the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) patrol over include the Caribbean and the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Current missions call for identifying and tracking suspected drug traffickers in international waters and airspace before the traffickers enter U.S. territory.

Once airborne, depending upon the region to be patrolled, Reserve AWACS crews performing drug surveillance

to the "prior AWACS active duty experience the Reservists brought with them into the mix." Jackson also served 10 years on active duty, with six years as a communications operator. "This mission was no different from when I flew drug operations on active duty. It was a great mission," he said.

The joint mix on the mission proved valuable to both active duty and reserve crew members by providing the opportunity for team training during the flight. "We had reservists training active duty students and active duty members training reservists," Hutts said.

To date 77 reservists have been hired toward the 513th ACG's eventual manning of 450 members. For more information about a career in the 513th ACG and Air Force Reserve call 1-800-257-1212.

## AWACS unit flies first mission

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# 72nd Aerial Port Squadron welcomes new commander

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Maj. Guy B. Lindholm assumed command last month of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron (APS) during a change-of-command ceremony.

After serving as operations officer for four years at the 73rd APS, Carswell Air Reserve Station, Texas, Lindholm succeeds Lt. Col. Frank Hale, who retires to his Michigan residence after 26 years of military service.

During the ceremony, Lindholm praised the track record the 72nd APS holds, saying one of his priorities is to carry on the 72nd's unique tradition.

While officiating the ceremony, Lt. Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Operations Group Commander, told the audience a squadron commander's job is a difficult one. It's the members who move the unit but, it's the commander who sets the tone and determines the direction.

"When I learned of Lt. Col. Hale's retirement," Despinoy said. "I was left with a tough decision for it was my job to find a leader to take the aerial port into the next century. My concerns were eliminated upon discovering Major Lindholm."

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., August 5, 1953, Lindholm graduated from Merritt Island High School in 1971, and enlisted in the Air Force in 1972 serving as an accounting and finance clerk at Shaw AFB, S.C., Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines and Homestead AFB, Fla.

The major attended the University of Florida earning a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1980 and master's degree in Business Administration in 1991.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree, Lindholm attended Officer's Training School where he was commissioned a second



Left to Right: Lt. Col. Dean Despinoy officiates the change-of-command ceremony for Maj. Guy Lindholm to assume command from Lt. Col. Frank Hale of the 72nd APS. Hale is retiring after 26 years of military service. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)

lieutenant. His first assignment was Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas, as a computer systems analyst and as a computer systems development officer. Lindholm later served as deputy accounting and finance officer at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases, Texas.

The major entered the Air Force Reserve at Kelly AFB, Texas, in 1988 as an air terminal operations center officer for the 43rd APS. In 1992, he was assigned to the 73rd APS.

Lindholm's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one star device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters and Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters among others.

Lindholm was promoted to major March 10, 1994 and is married to the former Sharon Canion of San Antonio, Texas. They have three sons.

## Members must complete their Income Insurance options

Officials in the 507th Military Personnel Flight have reported that as of mid-October only 303 members have responded to the new Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance program.

This represents 26.6% of the Wing population who have made an election to either accept or decline the coverage. Of those people who have signed the form 6.9% have elected to accept the

coverage. Of those who have elected coverage, six are officers and 15 are enlisted members. The amount of coverage has ranged from the minimum coverage of \$500 per month up to the maximum coverage of \$5,000 per month.

The program is designed to provide monetary supplement to income loss during mobilization. Program rules

stipulate members must personally enroll or decline coverage in writing.

To date, more than 800 unit members have not done this. MPF officials request members stop by as soon as possible to complete their coverage paperwork. For more information call ext. 47492.

## Meet Colonel Pillar -- 507th Vice Wing Commander

By Maj. Donald W. Klinko  
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Colonel Mark Pillar came on board as the 507th Wing Vice Commander July 1. A Southeast Asia veteran, he flew EC-47 aircraft out of Da Nang Air Base (AB), Republic of Vietnam, and Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AB, Thailand, in 1972-1973. (How many older heads remember tales of NKP?) Following a tour with the 305th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom AFB, Indiana, Col. Pillar transferred to the Air Force Reserve's 434th Air Refueling Wing, also based at Grissom AFB, in 1978. For the next 17 years, he served in various operations positions throughout the wing, his last assignment being that of Operations Group Commander. His situation in that assignment was rather unique in that he was one of only two traditional reservists in the Air Force Reserve serving in that capacity. All other operations group commanders were full time Air Reserve Technicians. When he's not on duty as a reservist, Pillar flies a Boeing 727 for Delta Airlines.

Perhaps the uniqueness of his former position threw a spotlight on him. "When Col. Mazick called and offered me the job, he already knew me and my reputation. He decided to hire me in spite of that," he joked. What really drew him here was the 507th Wing's focus on its missions and Col. Mazick's clear priorities. "It's important for people to know what their jobs are, and I think Col. Mazick has done a great job of making every member aware that their job supports launching those aircraft. Last month's Wing Annual Planning Workshop was a good example of that."

"After I'd hung out at Grissom for 22 years of active and reserve duty, 507th people are probably wondering what I'm doing here," he remarked. "You might say what brought me here were the challenges. Bringing up the AWACS mission is new and exciting for the Air Force Reserve. The 507th's dual mission will give me a broader perspective and, I'd like to think, increase my worth to the Air Force."

In these last few months, Col. Pillar has had the chance to form some opinions about how the 507th does things, and he likes what he sees. Actually, his first extensive contact with the Okies happened when he was still assigned to the 434 ARW. The colonel's last deployment with his old wing was to Pisa, Italy,

where he served as the tanker detachment commander supporting Operation Joint Endeavor. The 434 ARW was the lead unit, supported by a sizeable contingent from the 507th. Col. Pillar was impressed by the traditional Okie work ethic and ingenuity. "My Grissom folks said they fit right in," he commented.

"Coming from a unit with a long tanker background, I found that 507th people with their long fighter background brought valuable new ideas to the tanker world."

"The Okies form an outstanding organization," he continued. "You always want to think 'My people are the sharpest,' but my impressions of the 507th have gone beyond that already. They're truly amazing, and I'm proud to be a member of the wing." Has he identified anything that needs improvement within the wing?

"Sure I have. There's always room for improvement. I think we have a long way to go in getting 507th people the recognition they've earned and deserve. Commanders and supervisors need to keep their people motivated. Do that, and they'll take care of you, and even more important, they'll take care of the mission. Much of my contribution to the wing, I'd like to think, will be in breaking down barriers to allow good people to accomplish good things. Let's start the ball rolling by giving credit where credit is due, and then you'll see what continuous improvement really means."

Col. Pillar wanted to make everyone in the 507th Wing aware that his welcome mat is always out, for topics of discussion ranging from career counseling to just hearing somebody else's opinion. "I have been and will continue to be a strong advocate for traditional reservists. The Air Force is asking more of us every year, and I know first-hand how difficult it can be to balance Air Force Reserve duty, family life, and a civilian job. The kind of dedication needed to do that needs to be recognized."



Col. Mark Pillar

## December blood drive offers unique option

By Capt. Rich Curry  
507th Wing Public Affairs

Unit members are asked to show up and donate blood from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 14 during the Wing's Blood Drive to be held in the Prime Ribs Building 1178.

According to Mr. Dave Mugg, 507th Blood Drive coordinator, a special feature of this drive is that it will be the first time members can donate red blood cells and plasma using a process called apheresis.

Until recently the apheresis process could only be accomplished in a laboratory. This new 30-40 minute procedure utilizes new, automated technology which safely separates and

retrieves red cells and plasma while the blood is being drawn. Platelets cannot be donated with this mobile process and must be taken at selected blood centers. This process allows members to donate selectively only those blood components that are needed for transfusion, with the rest of the blood immediately returned. Members will still be able to donate whole blood.

Mugg said, with the older process, it was only possible to donate platelets and plasma using apheresis, but not red blood cells. He said red blood cell and plasma blood donation is important, because, "Now you can help two patients at once. Your donation will result in two transfusable doses (one of red cells and one of plasma)."

Whole blood can be safely given every 56 days. Plasma every 28 days and platelets every 14 days. For platelets, times can be shorter during an emergency. The human body replaces all of its platelets every five days.

Mugg explained that red cells are important because they carry the hemoglobin and oxygen in a body. Anemic patients and those having transplants or heart surgery need red cells, usually in multiple units. Plasma, or the liquid portion of the blood, is most needed by burn or trauma patients. Platelets aid in the clotting process to benefit patients who develop bleeding disorders from leukemia, cancer therapy or open heart surgery. Free T-shirts will be given to apheresis donors.

# Reserve News

## AMEX fraud alert issued

A recent report issued by the Fort Huachuca Resident Agency, 6th Military Police Group, warns of possible compromise of American Express (AMEX) cards by computer hackers.

The report, based on information received from the US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Agency Program Coordinator, warns that hackers are acquiring AMEX credit card numbers and posting them on PC World Network Systems.

In one incident described, an installation employee received a phone bill for \$1,800 for calls made on his AMEX card subsequent to a TDY trip. The AMEX card number was surreptitiously received and posted on the Internet. To minimize the problem, AMEX cardholders must be careful with their cards and should immediately report any discrepancies to their AMEX point of contact.

## Officers promoted

Congratulations to the following officers upon their promotion to Captain: Richard Peterson, Michael Keel, Michael Morrisett,

Alice Richardson, Danny Williams and Dennis Sivert.

## New fees set for on-base lodging

Starting last month Air Force lodging activities began charging a \$2.00 daily surcharge for each person occupying on-base quarters. Revenue generated from this surcharge will be used for construction of temporary living quarters and for lodging improvements.

The surcharge will be collected regardless of the lodging occupants' status, *i.e.*, TDY, IDT, annual tour, space available, *etc.* This will apply to organizational accounts as well as lodging paid by the occupants. AFRES bases are not exempt from this policy. The lodging at Tinker has gone from \$8 to \$10. This amount must be included when estimating lodging costs for travel orders.

## Members are needed

The 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) currently has vacancies in Supply (2S051), Transportation (2T051), and the following aircraft maintenance specialties: 2A654 (Fuels), 2A655 (Pneudraulics), 2A656 (Electrical/Environmental), 2A753 (Structural Repair), and 2A651A (Engines).

The unit supports Aircraft Battle Damage Repair on KC-135, B-1, and B-52 aircraft. CLSS engine teams support KC-135, B-1, B-52, C-141, F-16, and F-111 aircraft.

Unit members interested in these positions or who know of potential new recruits are encouraged to contact the 507th's Midwest City Recruiting Office at 733-9403.

## Air Force News video

The showing of Air Force Television News and Citizen Airman Video Magazine are highly encouraged. Each 28-minute TV News 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 TV News. The 10 to 15-minute Citizen Airman Video features comments by Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, AFRES commander, and news clips from around the command.

## Charity drive planned

The Family Readiness and Chaplain Offices are sponsoring a food, clothing and toy drive starting October 28 through the holidays.

Wing members can bring any non-perishable food item, articles of clothing, children's toys, *etc.*, to designated Christmas boxes supplied by all first sergeants.

Items collected will be distributed to needy members of the 507th and to the Christmas Connection which is sponsored by KWTW, Channel 9.

For more information or to volunteer your services, call the Family Readiness Office at 734-7963 or the Chaplain Office at 734-5632.

## 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 & Vance AFBs, OK.**  
MSgt. Al Garza  
405-734-5331

**Midwest City, OK.**  
TSgt Jackie Stanley  
TSgt Erick Glick  
405-733-9403

**Sheppard, Altus AFBs & Lawton, OK.**  
MSgt Bob Wright

**Sheppard AFB, (Mon/Tues)**  
817-676-3382  
**Altus AFB, (Wed/Thur)** 405-481-5123  
**Lawton, OK, (Friday's)** 405-357-2784

**McConnell AFB, Kans..**  
MSgt. Terry Gosh, 316-652-4350  
MSgt. Lester Shaw, ISR, 316-652-3766



## Planning begins to recognize 507th's 25th Silver Anniversary

Planning has begun to recognize next year's 25th Silver Anniversary of the 507th Wing as an Air Force Reserve unit.

The unit was activated at Tinker AFB, Okla., on May 14, 1972 with the unit first flying the F-105 "Thunderchief," then the F-4 "Phantom," F-16 "Fighting Falcon" to its present mission with the KC-135R "Stratotanker."

Among plans being discussed by anniversary working groups are hosting a unit-wide dining out and producing a 25th anniversary video.

The Air Force is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1997.