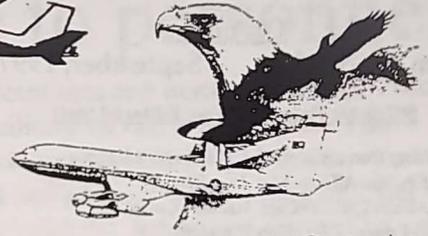


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On the cover



Members of the 507th attend a rally at the State Capitol to raise awareness of a fund-raising effort to help build a memorial recognizing women in the military.

(Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregijn)

McIntosh sends

By Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh
Air Force Reserve Commander

You may be reading about what is or isn't in the Fiscal Year 1998 Defense Bill being considered by Congress.

One item both the House and Senate authorization bills agree on is to terminate the mobilization income insurance program.

The House specifies that all benefit payments that are due will be paid in full, and remains receptive to new proposals from the Secretary of Defense to provide protection against the loss of income by activated reservists.

In addition to paying back the benefits, the Senate also requires the Secretary of Defense to refund all premiums paid by reservists who have not received benefits under the program. It also requires a report on why the program failed, if there is a need for the program, and if so, to recommend an improved program. Only after the joint conference committee completes their work and the completed bills are sent to the President of the United States for signature will we really know what the new fiscal year brings us.



Chief of Staff sends message to personnel

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The following is a letter from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman to Air Force personnel:

Dear men and women of the United States Air Force,
As my tenure as your chief of staff ends, I want to tell you what an honor and a privilege it has been to represent everyone in the United States Air Force.

The timing of my announcement was driven by a desire to defuse the perceived confrontation between myself and the Secretary of Defense over his impending decision on the Khobar Tower terrorist attack. The decision to retire was made after considerable deliberation over the past several weeks.

On one level, I've always said that my serving as the Chief of Staff was a "tour" not a "sentence" and that I would leave when I made all the contributions that I could. After I accepted this position in 1994, I met with other senior leaders of the Air Force to discuss our goals for my tenure. We wanted to take care of the troops and their families, to stabilize the force, to set a course for modernization and to develop a new strategic vision.

During some difficult and challenging times, we have worked hard to accomplish that and more. Certainly there is more to be done, but the framework of the plan and the leadership is in place to move forward with the support and

efforts of the magnificent men and women of our Air Force.

On another level, military service is the only life I have ever known. My stock in trade after 34 years of service is my military judgment and advice. After serving as Chief of Staff for almost three years, my values and sense of loyalty to our soldiers, sailors, marines, and especially our airmen, led me to the conclusion that I may be out of step with the times and some of the thinking of the establishment. This puts me in an awkward position. If I were to continue to serve as Chief of Staff of the Air Force and speak out, I could be seen as a divisive force and not a team player. I do not want the Air Force to suffer for my judgment and convictions. In my view this would happen if I continue as your chief. For these reasons I have decided to retire and devote more time to personal interests and my family — but the Air Force will always be in my thoughts.

Miss Jane and I have met a lot of wonderful American service men and women — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilians and family members and they will continue to be a part of our lives. We have been proud to represent the men and women of

the United States Air Force around the globe and to serve in the finest Air Force in the world. God bless and keep you all as you continue to serve this great nation.



Unit returns to air refueling wing status

By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs Office

So what's in a name?
That's what members of the 507th are discovering this drill weekend.

The 507th Wing was officially redesignated an air refueling wing (ARW) on Aug. 1. This represents the sixth name change for the 507th in less than 5 years.

Starting out in 1972, the unit was called the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. After an Air Force-wide restructuring process in 1992, the name was shortened to 507th Fighter Group. In 1994, reflecting the unit's conversion to the KC-135R "Stratotanker" refueling mission, the unit became the 507th Air Refueling Group. Another round of Air Force-wide restructuring changed this name to 507th Air Refueling Wing.

The 507th ARW became a composite wing in March 1996

when the Air Force activated the 513th Air Control Group (ACG) and its 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS), and assigned these airborne warning and control system (AWACS) units to the 507th.

This latest change in status for the 507th ARW, an Air Mobility Command-gained unit, occurred because these AWACS units now report directly to 10th Air Force, which oversees Air Combat Command-gained units. The 970th AACS shares flying and maintaining the E-3 "Sentry" AWACS aircraft at Tinker with the 552nd Air Control Wing, an active duty ACC unit, in an associate unit capacity.

Although the AWACS units are no longer in the 507th ARW chain of command, they will continue to receive administrative support from the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

So what's in a name? Not much, actually, as long as the "Okie" pride and can-do spirit remains a constant.

History of the 507th Air Refueling Wing

By Maj. Don Klinko, Capt. Rich Curry, and
TSgt. Mitchell B. Chandran
507th Public Affairs Office

The 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), Air Force Reserve Command, has seen many changes during its 25 years on Tinker AFB, from four different aircraft transitions to multiple name changes.

The one constant among 507th members during this time has been the 507th member's "Okie can-do" attitude.

The lineage of the 507th can be traced further than 25 years with active duty members maintaining and flying P-47N "Thunderbolt" fighters during WWII.

The 507th Fighter Group (FG) was first activated at Peterson Field, Co., on Oct. 12, 1944. Its operational flying squadrons—

activated on the same date—included the 463d, 464th, and 465th Fighter Squadrons. The group moved to Dalhart Army Air Field, Tx. Dec. 15, 1944. There, the 507 FG was trained for bomber escort duty in the Pacific Theater. For this duty, the group was equipped with the Republic P-47N "Thunderbolt" very long range escort fighter.

Assigned to the Twentieth Air Force and later transferred to the Eighth Air Force, the group was originally intended to escort B-

29 bombardment aircraft during the latter's raids against the cities of the Japanese home islands. The group established its headquarters on the island of Ie Shima on June 24, 1945. Ie Shima is a small island off the coast of Okinawa, Japan which proved to be a strategic location for combat operations which commenced July 1.

By the time the 507 FG arrived in the Pacific Theater, the 20th Air Force had determined that Japanese home

island's air defenses posed little significant threat to the low-level B-29 incendiary bombing missions then being flown. Instead, 507th pilots were ordered to fly interdiction missions

against targets of opportunity in Japan, Korea, and China. Employing their P-47N aircraft as fighter-bombers, 507th pilots relentlessly attacked Japanese shipping, railroad bridges, airfields, factories, and troop concentrations. Reassigned to Eighth Air Force on Aug. 1, 1945, the group met little enemy fighter opposition until flying its only B-29 escort mission Aug. 8. On that date, it

fought off a large formation of Japanese interceptors attacking the bomber formation over Yawata, Japan, destroying ten enemy aircraft. During a combat sweep over Korea Aug. 13, the 507 FG encountered Japanese interceptors and destroyed 18 of them, for which action it received the Distinguished Unit Citation. Following the Japanese surrender, the group moved to Yontan, Okinawa, on Jan. 29, 1946, and was inactivated May 27.



507th FG members pose in front of a P-47N on the island of Ie Shima, 1945.



The unit was activated on Aug. 18, 1955 at Kinross AFB (later Kinchloe AFB), Michigan, as the 507th Fighter Group under Air Defense Command. Its single subordinate operational flying squadron, activated on the same date, was the 438th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, which initially employed Northrop F-89H "Scorpion" aircraft.

The group was subsequently re-equipped with Convair F-102A "Delta Dagger" aircraft in 1957, followed by Convair F-106 "Delta Dart" aircraft in 1960. The 507th Fighter Group was superseded by the 507th Fighter Wing at Kinchloe AFB on Feb. 1, 1961. The 507th Fighter Wing continued to employ F-106 aircraft at Kinchloe AFB until its inactivation on Sep. 30, 1968.

A brief history of the past 25 years as an Air Force Reserve unit

Reserve units have served at Tinker for 51 years, dating back to June 1946, when they were still part of the Army Air Forces. Since that time, Air Force Reserve units on base have flown bombers, trainers, fighters and eventually air transport aircraft. On May 14, 1972, the 507th was reactivated at Tinker AFB as the 507th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG), Air Force Reserve. The group's single operational flying squadron, the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), was activated on the same date and equipped with Republic F-105D "Thunderchief" aircraft.

As such, it was the first Air Force Reserve group to be equipped with fighter aircraft in nearly twenty years. In 1980, the group was re-equipped with McDonnell Douglas F-4D "Phantom II" aircraft.

In 1989, the 507th converted from F-4s to General Dynamic's F-16A/B "Fighting Falcon" aircraft.

Within the last seven years

In the early 1990s, active duty Air Force units were undergoing a downsizing and restructuring process. The restructuring process created a smaller Air Force, emphasizing rapid deployment, self-sustainment, and combat flexibility.

Starting in 1992, the 507th went through the first of many



Prior to 1972, the 305th Troop Carrier Squadron, Heavy, (Reserve) used the main hanger for its C-124 aircraft. Photo circa 1962.

restructuring changes to align itself with the US Air Force objective wing structure, able to rapidly blend in with active forces in time of war or national emergency.

In February 1992, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group was designated to 507th Fighter Group (FG).

On Nov. 13, 1993, the 507 FG received a message from Headquarters Air Force Reserve advising that the unit would be redesignated as an Air Refueling Group (ARG), converting from fighter to tanker aircraft.

On Jan. 21, 1994, by Special Order GB-0011, the 507th was converted to its current aerial refueling mission employing

KC-135R "Stratotanker" aircraft and officially became the 507th Air Refueling Group. At the same time, the 507th was reassigned from Tenth Air Force to Fourth Air Force for its direct reporting unit and from Air Combat Command to Air Mobility Command. Entering the tanker mission ended more than 21 years of jet fighter missions.

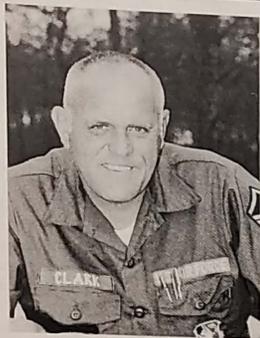
On Oct. 1, 1994, the 507 ARG was redesignated the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW).



Brig. Gen. Jim Wade, first commander of the 507th, was responsible for building the unit during its inception in 1972.

507th Air Refueling Wing's Silver Anniversary on Tinker

On Mar. 15, 1996, the 513th Air Control Group (ACG) (Associate) was officially activated and the 507th ARW was designated the 507th Wing (WG). Now, the 507th was responsible for two airframes: the KC-135R and the E-3.



SMSgt. Jim Clark, first Air Force Reserve air reserve technician. Photo circa 1973.

On Dec. 2, 1996, the 507th WG officially started its tanker alert mission with crews on alert 24-hours a day year round.

On Feb. 17, 1997, the Air Force Reserve was designated the Air Force Reserve Command giving the Air Force nine commands.

On Apr. 1, 1997, the 513th ACG was reassigned to report to 10th Air Force.

On Aug. 1, 1997, the 507th WG was redesignated the 507th ARW.

The 507th flew its first real-world tankers/airlift mission within a year of converting, delivering food and clothing supplies to flood victims in Georgia. Since then, the 507th has supported such contingencies as Operations Deny Flight, Joint Endeavor, Phoenix Tusk, and others. On a daily basis, 507th aircraft can be



The 507th maintained and flew the F-105 "Thunderchief" from 1972-1980. Photo circa 1975.

found anywhere in the world fulfilling the same missions as the active duty force.

During its 25 years at Tinker AFB, the 507th has received five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. Groups and squadrons in the wing have received such prestigious awards as the Clouse Trophy (twice in a three-year period) for maintenance excellence, multiple flight safety awards, and many other accolades reflecting the achievements and contributions of the wing and its individual members.

Although the 507th has seen many name changes within the last few years, the basic mission and dedication of the wing and its members has remained the same. The 507th's mission is to recruit, train,



Munitions personnel, seen here under the wing of an F-105, served more than two decades with the 507th, 1975.

equip and retain personnel for deployment and support of Department of Defense peacetime and wartime taskings.

Approximately 1,350 men and women serve on base with the 507th ARW and the 513th ACG. The majority of members are traditional reservists, who serve on a part-time basis with about 175 air reserve technicians (ARTs) who serve as a full-time support cadre.

Today, the 507th ARW consists of three subordinate groups, twelve squadrons, and four flights in addition to the wing's headquarters element.



Administration and support personnel are a major ingredient in a unit's success recipe. Notice the lack of computer equipment. Photo circa 1979.

507th Air Refueling Wing's Silver Anniversary on Tinker

The 507th Operations Group

The 507th Operations Group has a lean staff consisting of the commander, quality assurance, and standardization-evaluation functions. The group commander oversees three subordinate units: the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Operations Support Flight, and 72nd Aerial Port Squadron.

The 465th Air Refueling Squadron is the flying organization of the 507th ARW, incorporating pilots and traditional operations functions. The squadron operates and maintains 8 Boeing KC-135R aircraft. As civilians, many of the pilots assigned to the refueling squadron are employed by commercial airlines. As military pilots, they are required to fly the same type sorties as their active-duty counterparts to remain proficient and combat ready.

The 507th Operations Support Flight consolidates and incorporates all other traditional operations staff supervisory functions such as intelligence, flight records maintenance, and military training.

72nd Aerial Port Squadron personnel load, unload, and process air freight arriving from and departing for locations worldwide.



The 507th has traditionally been recognized for well maintained aircraft, equipment, records, and programs. Photo circa 1984.

The 507th Logistics Group

The 507th Logistics Group brings all logistics support activities under a single commander. The group staff is small, consisting primarily of quality assurance personnel supporting intermediate-level maintenance. The Logistics Group consists of four squadrons: the 507th Maintenance, Aircraft Generation, Logistics Support, and Combat Logistics Support Squadrons.

The 507th Maintenance Squadron is responsible for all intermediate-level aircraft and support equipment maintenance.



The Okie "can-do" spirit and teamwork has been prevalent in the 507th throughout the years. The 507th has seen 14 of its members become general officers, two of whom became Air Force Reserve commanders. Photo circa 1985.

This includes all back shop maintenance support.

The 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron is responsible for directing all on aircraft activities such as aircraft pre-flight generation and post-flight maintenance.

The 507th Logistics Support Squadron carries out all other

logistics staff functions, including those pertaining to transportation, supply, contracting, fuels, maintenance training, and plans.

The 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron provides trained technicians for field, intermediate, and depot-level aircraft maintenance and modification, as well as the critical aircraft battle damage repair mission. The squadron's supply section acts as purchasing agent for the unit, and a transportation section handles packaging and shipment of parts. Squadron members routinely deploy overseas to perform on-site aircraft maintenance.



Because of dedication by unit members, the 507th received five Outstanding Unit Awards. Photo circa 1985.

507th Air Refueling Wing's Silver Anniversary on Tinker

The 507th Support Group

The Support Group commander oversees three squadrons and one flight: the 507th Mission Support, Security Forces, Civil

Engineer Squadrons, and the 507th and 707th Communications Flights.

The 507th Mission Support Squadron provides personnel management support to the entire 507th ARW. It additionally supplies mortuary, billeting, and food service support.

The 707th Communications Flight provides backfill support to the 27th Fighter Wing at Cannon AFB, N.M. Their mission is to support the Wing Initial Communications Package-Associate.

They perform setup, operation, and maintenance of voice and data communications systems essential to wing operations.

These include all manner of radio, telephones, teletype, and computer systems. They also support 507th WG activities.

The 507th Communications Flight is a consolidation of the Wing's Information Management, Race Eagle (deployment communications) and

small computer support (software installation and trouble shooting) functions into one organization.

The 507th Civil Engineer Squadron trains and equips engineering teams for worldwide combat support. The squadron's personnel can perform rapid runway repair, structural bomb



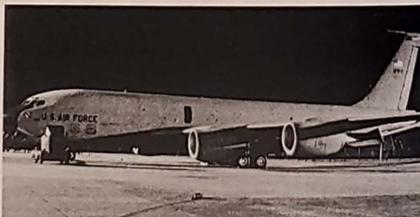
The F-16A "Falcon" was the last fighter aircraft the 507th flew. The unit maintained and flew the F-16 from 1989-1994. Photo circa 1990.

damage repair, fire fighting, and crash rescue.

The 507th Security Forces Squadron is tasked to provide air base ground defense, and to protect weapon systems and support personnel. The squadron's Combat Arms Training Section trains wing personnel in the use of small arms.

507th Medical Squadron

The 507th ARW also has its own Medical Squadron to maintain medical records, give physical examinations and shots, and provide sick call and emergency care. Medical reservists integrate into the medical staff at the Tinker Air Force Base Hospital, and if mobilized, could augment a field hospital.



The 507th team completed the KC-135 conversion safely and well ahead of schedule.



The KC-135R "Stratotanker" can refuel virtually any AF, DoD or NATO aircraft.

Sept Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 12 Sept		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1400	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1030, ConfRm

Sat, 13 Sept

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1000	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

ALL DAY FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

As Designated by Unit Sign Out
Ancil Trng Ph I will be rescheduled for next UTA

Sun, 14 Sept

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043,
NETRm		
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1130	<u>CDC/PME Course Exams</u>	<u>Bldg 460, Rm 213</u>
0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG ConfRm
0930-1030	Career Advisor's Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
0930-1330	Ed&Tng Open by Appt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

OUR 507TH FAMILY DAY IS HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

INVITE YOUR FAMILIES TO JOIN US IN THE FUN



HOT TOPICS

- ✓ **FY 98 NCOA DATES SET:** Apply now for the 971023-971204 class at Tyndall AFB. See your UTM or supervisor for application process. Other dates will be announced in next months Planner.
- ✓ **CDC/PME Course Exams** are scheduled for 0815 on Sundays of the UTAs. Exams will also be scheduled for 0815 on each Wednesday.
- ✓ If you are taking a Course Exam **RETAKE** on a Mandatory CDC, (Not PME) we must have an authorization letter from your supervisor, UTM, or CC or you will not be permitted to test! Training records are no longer required. UTMs please help us by informing all personnel.
- ✓ **REMINDER:** When you change addresses, please come by Education Office and update it with us too. This is vital if you want educational assistance/correspondence from us.

Training Planner

..... Long Range Schedule

Sept	Wing Anniversary
13	Wing Anniversary
14	Base MOBEX
22-30	465 ARS Geilenkirchen AB, Ge
Oct	UNIFORM CHNGS IN EFFECT
	SEE 1ST SHIRTS
04-05	UTA
04	Blood drive
13	Columbus Day
25-26	Quality Awareness Trng
Nov	
01-02	UTA
08-09	HQ AFMC ORI
11	Veterans Day
15-16	Annual Planning
27	Turkey Day
28	Tinker Energy Day
Dec	
01	01 Dec-03 Jan 98 507th
	Piza Rotation
13-14	UTA
13	Blood Drive
25	CHRISTmas Day
26	Tinker Energy Day
Jan 98	
01	New Year's Day
02	Tinker Energy Day
10-11	UTA
19	Martin Luther King B-Day
31	Quality Awareness Trng
Feb	
01	Quality Awareness Trng
07-08	UTA
23	President's Day
Mar	
07-08	UTA

(Also, look on the W:drive for more long range information not published here!)

FY 98 Revised UTA Schedule

04-05 OCT 97	04-05 APR 98
01-02 NOV 97	02-03 MAY 98
13-14 DEC 97	06-07 JUN 98
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07-08 FEB 98	01-02 AUG 98
14-15 MAR 98	12-13 SEP 98

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Fri, 03 Oct		
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1300	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1030, ConfRm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1430	Quarterly Training Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

Sat, 04 Oct

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0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG ConfRm
1000-1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG period w/Col Pillar	Bldg 1043, Rm B6, Basement
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1500-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

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Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted monthly 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.

Phase I	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Sunday	0900-1030	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1030-1130	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP
Sunday	1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

*Patience,
Perseverance,
Consistency*

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness

Units may schedule Chemical Warfare training, by-name, throughout the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT one UTA prior to requested class date. Ensure all personnel bring their "go-bag," including gas mask and chemical warfare ensemble to all classes. It is imperative that classes start on time. Anyone arriving late will be reported as a no-show.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Bring gas mask eyeglass inserts if you have them. In addition, please be aware that contact lenses can not be worn during this training.

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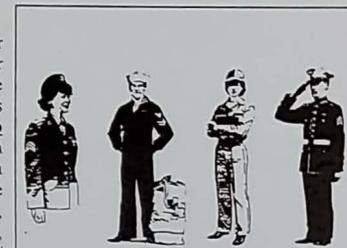


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or words
carelessly.
Neither can be
retrieved.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 2 or 7 you have until 31 Oct 1997 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. **NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.**

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
11 Sep	19 Sep
16 Sep	24 Sep
18 Sep	26 Sep
22 Sep	01 Oct
02 Oct	10 Oct
07 Oct	15 Oct
09 Oct	17 Oct

NEWCOMERS TAKE TOP BILLET

Newcomer's need to take top priority with everyone, not just the newcomer's supervisor. We all know this is because this may be the only chance we get to set him/her on a **positive** productive path here at the 507th. If we don't, we could be spending the next 7 years trying to figure out why some people aren't happy, don't work, or even leave. Each new person needs to be treated as if they could be the one to take the 507th to the next higher standard. Now this will get everyone to think quality improvement if they think/feel this. I know we

can do this! Let's give our newcomer's TOP BILLET and show them WE really do care about them becoming a part of our TEAM. We can start to do this by simply knowing what, where, and when our newcomer's need to do/be on their first UTA(s). We too need to know when to get involved. Spend the next few moments and see what your newcomer's are doing during their in-processing and the Ancillary Training, which, by regulations needs to be accomplished within three UTAs. This information can also be found in each Training Planner on page A2.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR NEWCOMERS

Saturday- 0730-0930	(Bldg 1043 Rm 201C) Newcomer's In-Processing
1000-1100	(Bldg 1030 Classroom #1) Newcomer's Orientation. Speakers are 507 Wg/CC, 507 SEA, JAG, Chaplain, Wg Retention Program Mgr., PA. Newcomers will also view the Wg mission and American Express videos.
1100-1120	Pay section in-processing those members not previously done
1120-1230	Take enlisted personnel to the Vanwey Dining Hall on a bus (if officers choose to eat at the Dining Hall, they would have to pay the 30% surcharge in addition to the regular charge, enlisted members eat for free on UTAs)
1230-1245	Bus returns to Bldg 1043 to pick up officers who chose to eat separately
1245-1300	<u>ALL</u> newcomers take bus to IEU (Bldg 469)
1300-1430	<u>ALL</u> newcomers get sized for CW gear and establish an individual equipment account. (Units will provide a copy of members assignment order and category letter to the Customer Service Office of the MPF)
1430-1500	Bus tour of base to include: shoppettes, BX & Commissary, hospital, bowling alley, theater, dining hall, Enlisted & Officer's Clubs. (Actual tour time is 20 minutes and returns to Bldg 1030 which leaves 10 minutes for people to get off bus, take a short break and get back upstairs to classroom #1)
<u>(Beginning of Ancillary Training)</u>	
1500-1600	(Bldg 1030) Classroom #1) Human Relations-SA
1600-1630	Local Conditions-SE
1630-	Newcomers are released for the day and must return to Bldg 1030 Classroom #1 at 0730 on Sunday morning.
Sunday- 0730-0800	(Bldg 1030 Classroom #1) Base Emergency Prep./Orientation-CEX
0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol-SG
0900-1030	UCMJ/Ethics-JA
1030-1130	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism
1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)-SP
1200-	Newcomers are released to their respective unit escorts who will take them to lunch and introduce them to key members in their unit. (The Education & Training Office will provide the escorts with a checklist verifying what ancillary training each new member has received)

507th Air Refueling Wing's Silver Anniversary on Tinker

513th Air Control Group (Associate)

The 513th ACG provides theater and Air Force commanders with systems and personnel for airborne surveillance, warning and control of US and allied military aviation assets.

Under the Air Force Reserve's Associate program, the active duty forces actually "own" the aircraft, with Reserve units providing both aircrew and maintenance support. The group's mission is to provide trained aircrews and maintenance personnel for the Air Force's operational inventory of 32 Boeing E-3 "Sentry" aircraft. Its subordinate units include the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, the 513th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and the 513th Maintenance Squadron.

While it no longer reports to the 507th ARW, the 507th continues to provide support such as personnel records, information management, military pay, command post, to name a few, to the 513th ACG.



Col. Martin Mazick, 507th ARW commander, and Col. Ken Suggs, 513th ACG commander, display the first 513th ACG (Associate) flag in 1995.

970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

The 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron is the flying organization of the 513th ACG. It performs aircrew training and traditional operations functions. Reserve E-3 aircrew members are required to fly the same type sorties as their active-duty counterparts to remain proficient and combat ready. Reserve crewmembers may either perform all-Reserve or mixed missions with their active-duty counterparts.



Contributions by women in all career fields have made a significant impact to mission readiness.

The 513th Maintenance Squadron works in conjunction with active-duty maintenance teams and is responsible for all inter-

mediate-level aircraft and support equipment maintenance. This includes all back shop maintenance support.

The 513th Aircraft Generation Squadron works in conjunction with active-duty maintenance teams and is responsible for directing all on aircraft activities such as aircraft pre-flight generation and post-flight maintenance.

Economic Impact

The 507th ARW has an annual operating budget of about \$21 million. This involves a \$17 million payroll which includes air reserve technicians, civilians, and reservists salaries as well as about \$4 million, which covers items such as supplies, equipment, contractual services and other operating expenses. When fully staffed, the 513th ACG (Associate) will have an annual operating budget of about \$16.5 million. This includes about \$7.5 million in air reserve technicians, civilian and reservist salaries and about \$1.5 million for supplies, and about \$7.5 million for flying costs.

Over the years, the 507th has been featured pictorially in several international aircraft magazines and past 507th aircraft showcased with plastic model kits.

Fobian new operations group commander

by TSgt. Stan Paregien
507th Public Affairs Office

Col. Dean Despinoy handed over command of the Operations Group last month to Lt. Col. John Fobian. Fobian grew up knowing he wanted to go into the Air Force.

"I was raised in SAC (Strategic Air Command). Dad was a boom operator and retired as a master sergeant in 1971 after serving 21 years. As an 'Air Force brat,'



Lt. Col. John Fobian

we moved a lot but I understood what the tanker business was like. I always wanted to be a pilot and things worked out for me," Fobian said.

Fobian was born in 1953 in Savannah, Ga., and graduated from Layton High School in Utah in 1971. He attended college at Utah State University and was commissioned after graduation through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1974.

He has a master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and completed Air War College.

Lt. Col. Fobian entered active duty in July 1976 at Langley AFB, Va. He earned his pilot wings in October

1980 at Reese AFB, Texas. He was then assigned as a KC-135 pilot at Dyess AFB, Texas; Zaragoza AB, Spain; and later at Minot AFB, N. D.

Fobian left active duty in September 1990, and joined the Air Force Reserve as an air reserve technician (ART) with the 349th Air Mobility Wing, March ARB, Calif., where he worked in the 336th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS). As an ART, he served in the 336th ARS as an instructor pilot, operations officer, and squadron commander.

Recalling his very first flight as a KC-135 pilot, Fobian reflected on his father's work on the same airframe years earlier. "It was exciting to be on the 'front end' of business that my dad had been on the 'back end' of for so long. I learned a lot from my dad about the refueling business. He always told me that it took three officers to get him (a boom operator) to work in refueling," Fobian said. "Now, I was one of the three who was getting the boomers to work."

While flying at Dyess, he received intense exposure to the alert routine, upgraded to aircraft commander and also served as a command post controller. He upgraded to instructor in 1986 in the same instructor pilot class as Col. Despinoy.

"The Pacific and European Theaters were places I had heard about from my dad and I finally got the chance to go over there. In Spain, I was part of the Tanker Task Force. This gave me the opportunity to visit a challenging overseas working environment including Southwest Asia and the Mediterranean," said Fobian.

The biggest change he has seen during his career has been the formation of Air Mobility Command and its increased use of tankers for cargo airlift missions.

"Now, we are working cargo, and passengers too, and we're becoming a bigger part of the team alongside C-17's, C-5's, and C-141's. It is an evolving system that's using KC-135's more and more."

Fobian said he noticed the increased operations tempo with the beginning of Pacific Express flights when the KC-135 became more involved as an airlift asset.

"We still have an alert role and we support STRATCOM, but it's not like before when the entire

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Fobian new operations group commander

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KC-135 force was on alert with the bombers. The drawdown of active forces has caused the Reserve to have an increased role because we own more of these planes than the active duty."

"The tempo has increased to a higher demand. We ask a lot of our Reservists and their time and we're making them work harder to balance their civilian job, family obligations and their Reserve careers. We need to take care of our people. They are vital to our success and we want them to be able to hold up their part of the team," Fobian said.

In addition to his father, another man who played a key role in his life was Brig. Gen. James Sanders, the 349th Wing Commander. "He had a strong influence on my goals and guidance," said Fobian. "I would encourage everyone to make the most of the time they have while they are out here to stay proficient in this and their civilian job."

He said his most challenging assignment in the last six

years was his work at March ARB, Calif. He helped the reserve unit take over the base after the active duty moved to Travis.

"It became a straight reserve base and initially, a lot of civilians thought the base would get run down because part-timers would be in charge, but over the past year, we proved them wrong by running the base as well as the active duty had.

"We adapted by providing our own support with transportation and service, etc. Reservists had to take on these functions to suit our needs, but we did it," Fobian added.

Fobian's rating is as a Command Pilot with more than 3,500 hours. He has flown the T-37B, T-38A, and KC-135A/E/R aircraft.

Lt. Col. Fobian is married to the former Kim K. Tefft of Chula Vista, Calif., and they have four children.

"My wife and I are excited to be here at the 507th," Fobian said.

Farewell to the flagpole

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

We all have an affection for "Old Glory," but how many people think about the pole from which it flies?

Members of the 507th did during the August UTA when five civil engineers and two logistics group members removed the old flag pole outside Building 1030 which had been flying our nation's flag since the '50s.

"Removing the old flag pole was discussed by Wing leadership," said Col. Gary Mixon, 507th Support Group commander, "Everyone wanted to preserve our heritage and safeguard this important part of our history."

With a renovated reserve area, Two flagpoles didn't fit into the landscape. There was also the problem of preservation. Flags can easily be replaced but not flag poles. The old flagpole also presented a maintenance problem. The final decision was made to remove the flag pole but preserve the top of the pole for historical purposes.

"It wasn't your ordinary weekend assignment," said MSgt. Tom Irwin, 507th CES equipment section su-



pervisor, "We took extra safety precautions because of the sheer size of the iron staff." Irwin was pleased that 507th personnel were able to meet the challenge of this assignment and preserve part of the 507th's heritage.

"It is part of our history," said Maj. J. Renee Lane, 507th CES commander, "On the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force and 25th anniversary of the 507th, we all want to preserve our heritage and that is what we did."

The top portion of the staff will remain with the 507th "Okies" as a treasured symbol of our history as it continues its silent vigil over the men and women of the Air Force Reserve.

Simpson leads 513th maintenance

By TSgt. Stan Paregien
507th Public Affairs Office

Starting up a new unit is no easy job. The person who steps up to the challenge needs courage and the ability to adapt.

The man chosen for the job as commander of the new 513th Maintenance Squadron is Lt. Col. William Frank Simpson.

When Simpson was in the eleventh grade in high school, his father suggested that the young man should get a summer job. What started simply as seasonal employment then, has grown into a 28-year career at the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* where Simpson works in pre-press production.

The man who hired Simpson had the attitude that a worker should always give 100 percent and the rewards will come back to them. Simpson listened and took it to heart and the job has taken care of him for 28 years.

Today, he sees similarities between responsibilities in his civilian job and the military.

"Our newspaper deadlines are similar to military deadlines. It means working in a fast-paced environment. We put out a paper every day with deadlines in the morning and afternoon just like with launching an

airplane. It is a hectic life. I'm basically just wearing a different uniform at each career," he said.

Simpson started his military career as an enlisted troop in 1970 working for the Arkansas Air National Guard. In 1981, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. and became the executive support officer to the deputy commander for maintenance.

"In the military, one of my first squadron commanders always pushed me to do more. He said to 'take care of your people and they will take care of you.' People are the most important part of any organization," Simpson said. "Without good people, it just won't work."

Simpson sees some definite challenges to military success in the future. "Doing more with less is the key.

We will have more missions and less people. Getting the most out of each person we have is important. With this new associate unit, I think, in two to three years, a great deal of E-3 knowledge at Tinker will rest in the Reserve because of retirements and active duty transfers. Our Air Reserve Technicians and traditional reservists will be a long-term stable work force," Simpson said.

And what attracted Simpson to come to the Air Force Reserve? "I heard about the AWACS unit forming and being part of the ground floor and building it up was a great challenge that I wanted to be a part of. Not everyone gets a chance to do this. The E-3 is a unique mission," said Simpson.

What goals does he have in mind for the new AWACS associate unit? "As we get to full strength in the unit, my goal is to have everyone fully trained to work on the E-3 and ready to support the active duty mission. At first, some of the active duty folks were apprehensive about reservists, but after seeing our work in Germany last June they couldn't tell the difference".

Dedication to the military keeps him going. He works hard for his civilian employer and then drives 331 miles to work diligently for Uncle Sam. How does he drive five and a half hours both ways and then rebound for his "regular" job? "Since we are so new, I told Col. Suggs I would come in and

work a couple of days before the drill to get things ready for the unit activities. I usually go just fine on five or so hours of sleep each night anyway so Monday I'm right back at work," Simpson continued.

Simpson said that between the two jobs, he doesn't have much time for hobbies. Before work, he drops off his children at assorted activities. "I've got three children that keep me busy with basketball and golf. I do enjoy reading and the wife and I like to travel with the kids," Simpson added.

How can the United States maintain the Reserve force during times of cutbacks? Simpson was adamant: "We must keep strong posture and stay motivated. The Reserve and Guard will provide a larger pool of personnel for contingencies in the years to come."



Lt. Col. William F. Simpson

First sergeant positions are available in unit

CMSgt. Bob Kellington, 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA), is accepting applications for First Sergeant positions in the 507th ARW and 513th Air Control Group. Below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for applicants per AFI 36-2113 and the AFRC supplement:

1. Must be a volunteer for the position.
2. A letter of recommendation from present supervisor endorsed by your unit commander or first sergeant if commander is not available.
3. Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self improvement, leadership and managerial skills.
4. Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.
5. Possess an Air Force Specialty Code 7-skill level.
6. Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.

7. Have completed the NCO Academy.
8. Minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GEN.
9. Ability to speak distinctly.
10. Be financially stable.
11. Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Over-all image should exceed minimum standards.
12. Selectee(s) must attend Air Force Reserve Command First Sergeant Academy at the earliest possible date but no later than one year after selection.
13. Meet a review/interview board made up of the Wing SEA, 1 unit first sergeant, and a senior NCO of equal or higher grade than the applicant(s).
14. Applications must be turned in to the 507th ARW command section no later than 3 p.m. Sept. 14. The command section will request an information sheet on each individual from the military personnel flight.
15. The interview board will convene at 3 p.m. Oct. 4.

3-mile walk struts in as Reserve puts brakes on bike

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command wants unit reservists to take a walk - a three-mile walk to complete annual physical fitness testing. In July, Air Force approved use of the walk test for reservists as an alternative to the cycle ergometry test, according to the command's directorate of health services here. Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC vice commander, announced the new program.

Sherrard tasked commanders to test all unit members by Dec. 31, unless they complete cycle ergometry testing earlier this year. "The annual fitness test requirement ensures reservists are physically prepared to support all military operations, exercises or other contingencies," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Alan Berg, Chief of the Aerospace Medicine Branch. "A timed three-mile walk, done within guidelines, adequately checks cardiovascular fitness."

Berg emphasized reservists don't have to pass the test by the end of the year, but they do have to complete it. "Failure of the fitness test is not a reason to discharge a reservist. However, reassigning a reservist to inactive status for not successfully completing a remedial fitness improvement program is an option for commanders. Every reservist should already have a year-round conditioning program emphasizing cardio-respiratory endurance." Before making the three-mile walk, reservists will complete a fitness test screening questionnaire. "They will be reviewed by a unit fitness

program manager before anyone is allowed to take the fitness test."

The three-mile walk not only allows testing of large groups of reservists but has other benefits as well.

Standards for the three-mile walk in minutes and seconds:

Age	Men	Women
17-29	40:54	43:52
30-34	42:04	45:10
35-39	43:15	46:29
40-44	44:25	47:44
45-49	45:34	48:55
50+	48:19	52:02

"Just about everyone can do it," Berg said. "There are fewer reasons for waivers than there are for the cycle test. There are provisions for certain short-term waivers such as injuries or pregnancy. Commanders still have to option to use cycle ergometry as an alternative testing method for reservists.

Program details are in AFRC Instruction 40-501. The instruction also contains guidelines for a self-paced fitness program. Under the self-paced program, reservists can select walking, jogging, cycling, stationary cycling, aerobic dancing, racquetball or squash to improve their physical fitness. (AFRC News Service)

Brig. Gen. Jimmy Stewart: a model citizen airman

By MSgt. Jerry White
Office of Air Force Reserve

The Air Force Reserve Command lost one of its own with the recent death of Jimmy Stewart.

Almost lost in the glitter of his acting career was outstanding service to country and the Air Force in both war and peace, rediscovered by many only after his passing. An aviation enthusiast since childhood and a licensed pilot, Stewart enlisted in the Army Air Forces as a \$21 a month private at age 32, only weeks after accepting his Best Actor Academy Award in 1941.

After being commissioned and winning his wings, he made one short recruiting film, credited with helping ensure the AAF attracted the necessary aviation cadet recruits to meet wartime needs. He then flew bombardier training missions at Holloman Field, N.M., and served as a B-17 instructor

pilot and operations officer at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Transferred to the 445th Bomb Group at Sioux City, Iowa, he flew B-24s and commanded the 703rd Bomb Squadron, training them for combat service and leading them overseas.

He flew 20 combat missions during the heaviest, most vicious phase of the air war over Europe, 14 of them as a combat wing or division lead. He later served as a group operations officer and completed his wartime service as chief of staff for the 2nd Combat Wing, 8th Air Force. He rose to colonel before his release from active duty, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Keeping his Air Force Reserve commission after the war, he served as mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff for operations, Strategic Air Command. Promoted to brigadier

general in 1959, he then served as mobilization assistant to the Air Force director of information (now public affairs) until his retirement May, 31, 1968. Upon retirement, he received the Air Force's Distinguished Service Medal, at the time only the second reserve officer so honored.

His wartime service and post wartime career were not well known because he had a standard clause in his movie contracts forbidding use of that information for publicity purposes.

Stewart believed in airpower and the Air Force, serving as a charter member of the Air Force Association.

Jimmy Stewart not only projected decency, integrity, and honesty, but he lived these values as well in his personal and professional life. His service to his country marks him as a model citizen airman, his patriotism demonstrated through deeds, not words. (AFRC News Service)

Jackson assumes command of 465th ARS

By TSgt. Mitchell B. Chandran
507th Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. James (J.J.) Jackson took command of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, July 12, in an assumption-of-command ceremony at the squadron. Jackson succeeds Col. David Ortman, who will fill an IMA position on Tinker AFB after being a member of the 507th Air Refueling Wing for more than 14 years.

Jackson accepted the squadron's guidon from Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Operations Group commander, during the ceremony. "There's a lot going on in your life," Despinoy said to Jackson during the ceremony. "You are a new father, a new commander, and you're starting off a new civilian career. I know you have all the capabilities to handle this awe-



Lt. Col. James Jackson

some job."

As Jackson's wife, Barbara, his father, Robert, and son, Tyler, witnessed his assumption, Despinoy continued speaking saying a commander that is a good commander, and knowing J.J. will make one, influences quietly sometimes and more loudly

other times. Both the verbal and nonverbal things said are what counts.

Jackson was born in Ashland, Ky., and graduated from Highlands High School, North Highlands, Calif. He entered the Air Force in 1978 after graduating from the Air Force Academy with a Human Factors Engineering Degree. He has more than 3,500 flight hours in various aircraft, including the T-41, T-37, T-38, F-4, F-16, and KC-135R. "Without the support we get from our loving families,"

Jackson said during the ceremony, "I wouldn't be able to do this job. It all boils down to the pride that Colonel Despinoy already talked about.

"This is a great outfit. It was then, and is an outstanding unit now. I told the flight commanders then, and I tell you now, we have an outstanding squadron," he said. "I'm very proud to be part of this unit," Jackson said.

Best of luck Colonel Dave Ortman

By Maj. Don Klinko
507th Chief of Public Affairs

Col. David A. "Sort" Ortman relinquished his two-year command of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron and pinned on his new colonel's eagles July 1.

Following a brief assignment as Special Assistant to the 507th Wing Commander, Ortman assumed a new assignment Aug. 15, as Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, 72nd Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB.

Originally from Middletown, Ohio, Ortman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Michigan State University in 1969. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Following undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas, Ortman completed upgrade training in the North American F-100 "Super Saber" fighter aircraft at Luke AFB, Ariz., and served as an F-100 pilot with the 524th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cannon AFB, N.M. In September 1972, he attended transitional training for the Cessna O-2A "Skymaster" aircraft at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and subsequently flew that aircraft in combat as a forward air control pilot with the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron (TASS), Tan Son Nhut Air Base (AB), Republic of Vietnam. Following the withdrawal of American forces from South Vietnam in March 1973, Ortman served a brief tour as a command post controller with the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea. He returned to Hurlburt Field for transitional training in the Rockwell OV-10 "Bronco," a larger, more heavily armed FAC aircraft. The colonel later served as an operational OV-10 pilot with the 23rd TASS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, before separat-

ing from active duty and becoming a pilot for Continental Airlines.

Ortman joined the Air Force Reserve and the 507th Tactical Fighter Group in 1983. After a break in service, what made him put on the uniform again? "I had friends in the unit—Randy Stollard and Cam Dooley. They told me it was a great opportunity to get back into military flying, and convinced me that the unit was a great bunch of people to serve with." Ortman noted that in his nearly fifteen years with the unit, he has served with five wing commanders and seen eleven changes of command in the 465th Squadron. He also had the opportunity to fly three different types of military aircraft in the 507th: the F-4D and F-16A fighters, and the KC-135R tanker. "Each of these aircraft and missions were unique," he added. "They all had their own special challenges and appeals."

The colonel has seen some very significant changes in the Air Force and its reserve components since 1983. "When I joined the unit, the F-4Ds we were equipped with were taking a 'back seat' to newer fighters like the F-15 and F-16. The active duty side of the house evidently planned to use us as a 'second string' in the event of a general war. With the conversion to F-16s, we began to be treated like the 'front line' unit we always were capable of being. Now, with the KC-135, we're an equal partner with the active duty units in day-to-day Air Force operations. Crews of aircraft receiving fuel from us can't tell—and don't care—whether the tanker is being

flown by active duty or reserve aircrews.

The Air Force has experienced both substantial force reductions and increasing worldwide commitments over the past decade, and the demands on all Air Force personnel have increased dramatically as a result. Welcome and deserved as it may be, the Air Force's increased recognition of its reservists' professionalism and dedication has brought its own set of challenges that demand Ortman's attention.

"I've always believed in the concept of the 'Citizen Airman.' There's not really much difference between that concept and the Citizen Soldier who comprised George Washington's Continental Army. The concept is as sound and healthy for the country

today as it was 200 years ago. But with the Air Force's increasing operations tempo, I have a concern that the 'Airman' seems to be taking ever greater precedence over the 'Citizen.' I think the solution lies in another concept I firmly believe in — that of the 'Reserve Family.' First of all, support of the reservist's family is the cornerstone of the Citizen Airman model, and increasing emphasis on family support must be a top priority of senior commanders. There's more to it than that, though. We want the reservists themselves to feel like they're part of a family both on and off-duty. We welcome them, and we want them to know that we sincerely appreciate the time they're taking from their civilian jobs and families. We certainly need them; our country needs them, and we want them to feel they're needed. Finally, we must let them know that reservists take care of each other and their families."



Col. David Ortman

Reserve News

Report FWA problems

The 507th Fraud, Waste, and Abuse program monitor is Maj. Mike Miller. To report possible FWA cases, contact Maj. Miller at 4-7963.

Welcome 507th families

Saturday, Sept. 13 is Family Day at the 507th Air Refueling Wing. Stop by the Family Readiness booth and pick up your copy of the new Family Member's Deployment Guide. Don't forget the 25th

Career Futures

Help unit recruiters by giving them the name of a potential recruit. Contact them directly by calling these numbers:

Tinker & Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. Al Garza
(405) 734-9403

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith
TSgt. Larry Wheatley
TSgt. Eric Glick
SSgt. Jody Sutton
(405) 733-9403

Sheppard AFB, Texas

MSgt. Bob Wright
(817) 676-3382

Lawton, OK

MSgt. Larry Giles
(405) 357-2784

McConnel AFB, KS

MSgt. Terry Gosh,
(316) 652-4350

Anniversary Dining Out Saturday evening starting at 6 p.m. at the Clarion Conference Center on Lincoln Blvd.

Video features "Okies"

The latest (July) Citizen Airman Video devotes segments to people and missions, including a look at the 507th CLSS and 513th ACG.

At Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Maj. Gen. Frank Watson, mobilization assistant to the commander of Air Force Space Command, discusses the Reserve's present and future role in space.

At Tinker AFB, CMSgt. Carol Smits, AFRC senior enlisted advisor, visits the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron to interview members on their mission. The video follows with a segment on the Reserve's newest mission, AWACS.

The video runs 12 minutes. See the Public Affairs Office to check out a copy.

Dental insurance available

DoD awarded a contract to administer the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program (TSRDP) to Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.



The *On-final* is read by people like SMSgt. Theron Lord, 507th Senior Recruiter.

The program will be implemented on Oct. 1. The TSRDP will provide for diagnostics, preventive and emergency care; partial coverage for fillings (80-90 percent); partial coverage for oral surgery (extractions- 60-70 percent). Maximum annual benefit for services is \$1,000.

The program will cover Selected Reserve members only and will require a minimum one-year enrollment period. Reservists will pay 40 percent of the total premium (\$4.36) and the government will pay the remaining 60 percent of the premium (\$6.53).

Modest changes to the premium levels are expected annually. Co-pays for services will be from 10-30 percent for those personnel who are E-4 and below and 20-40 percent for all others.

How to enroll

Reserve personnel who are members of the Selected Reserve will receive enrollment materials directly from the Humana network. Because the DEERS database will be the source of eligibles; all information should be kept current. The contractor will be provided an updated file each month to include newly assigned personnel and those separating from the Selected Reserve.

Enrollees must submit 4 month's worth of premium payments with their initial enrollment form. Following the initial enrollment period, premiums will be collected through payroll deductions.

A reservist's participation in a plan will be terminated when called to AD for more than 30 days or upon separation from the Selected Reserve.