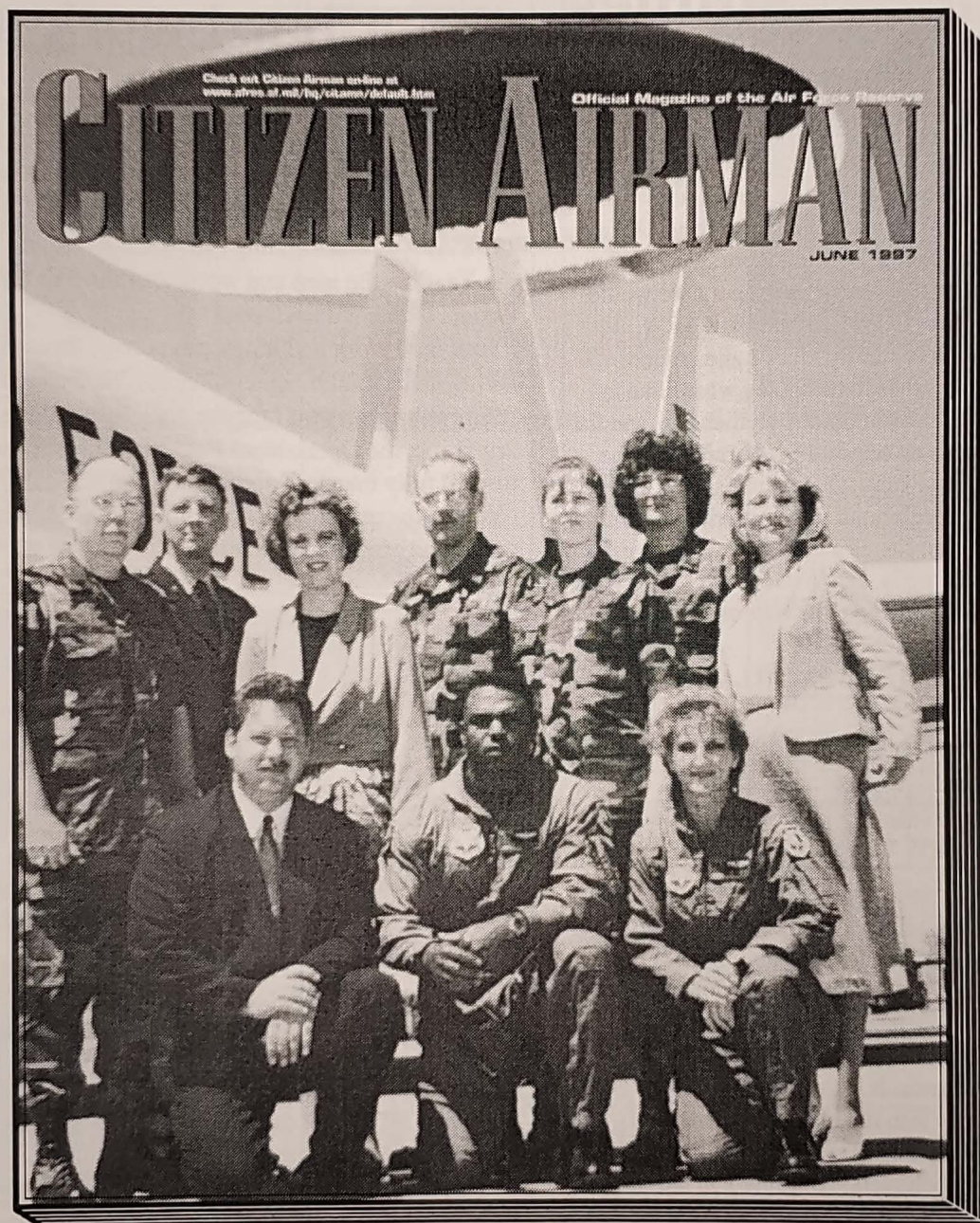


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## **513th Air Control Group: AFA's "Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit of the Year"**

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507th ARW Mission: Recruit, train, equip, and retain personnel for deployment and support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.





**507th Air Refueling Wing**  
**Commander's Column**  
By Col. Martin M. Mazick  
Commander

## Welcome Families

I want to tell you how much of a pleasure it is to have you here for our 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) Family Day. This day truly centers on you.

We take this day once a year to thank you for the sacrifices you make during the year, which allows all our reservists to support the National Defense. Our military readiness depends on the support we get from our families. If it weren't for your support, we would not be able to do our job here at the 507th ARW.

We realize the reserve family faces some unique challenges when it comes to balancing what I like to call our "TRIAD:" the family, the civilian job, and the Reserve. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the challenges of the past year. Our desire is to let you see where we work and celebrate this time with you with a barbecue, games, and fun. Please enjoy yourselves—take in the entire campus, and visit our aircraft. I want to personally thank you again for your outstanding support.

**YOU ARE SPECIAL!**

## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Elaine Henderson  
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Recently, I again experienced the "gas chamber" as a way of maintaining readiness. The instructor suggested it was a way to learn to love the mask required to keep us safe in chemical warfare. It's not just one more boring class we have revisited. It serves a purpose.

From my perspective, there is no better teaching tool than personal experience. It is the personal experience that enables us to buy into the idea presented. For first timers in the chamber, they came out as coughing, choking, and crying believers! (Because I'm the chaplain, you know where I'm going with this, right?)

It's necessary to be prepared for war. It's also necessary to be prepared for battles in life. Our greatest defense against life's battles is our faith. We must nurture our faith in the gas mask's ability to help us survive. We must also nurture our faith in God. Then we don't panic because we know what works.

**God bless you**



**513th Air Control Group**  
**Commander's Column**  
By Col. Kenneth D. Suggs  
Commander

## Your hard work shows

This UTA Sunday, Lt. Col. Jack Ramsaur, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron commander, and I will depart for Washington, D.C., to attend the annual Air Force Association's (AFA) awards banquet. What an honor it is to bring home the 1998 AFA's "Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit of the Year" to the men and women of the 513th Air Control Group.

Your hard work and innovation drove this unit to achievements much, much higher than anyone's expectations. Our future is bright as we face the challenges of the Air Expeditionary Force, the Operational Readiness Inspection, and our drive toward fully manned, operational squadrons.

You have created a superior unit. Let us dedicate ourselves to continued growth and excellence.



## QUESTION MARK

By Col. Mark A. Pillar  
507th ARW Vice Commander

**Why can't we get unit-distinctive caps to wear with our BDU uniforms? Can we also have the commander authorize unit distinctive black T-shirts for local station wear on weekends?**

The unit recently ordered 507th ARW ball caps for every unit member. We should be handing these out in the near future.

Unit distinctive ball caps are only authorized in garrison (at home station only) and are not authorized to be worn TDY. Only the flight cap, BDU cap, or camo ball cap are to be worn when TDY.

We also researched the issue of obtaining unit distinctive T-shirts. Air Force Instructions permit this, but at this time, we have not come to a final decision. If approved in the future, they will be available for purchase but not supplied by the unit. If you think this is a good idea, provide your inputs to your squadron's Enlisted Council Advisor (EAC) representative. The EAC meets every drill weekend to talk about topics just like this one.

If you have a question, contact Col. Mark Pillar at 4-5101 (507ARW/CV) or the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office at 4-3078 (507ARW/PA.)

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## On the cover



Citizen Airman cover photo by TSgt. Tyrone Yoshida

Featured on the front cover of *Citizen Airman* magazine, June 1997, the 513th Air Control Group is the recipient of one of the highest awards given by the Air Force Association. This year's "Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit of the Year" award is given to the 513th ACG just over two years after their activation.

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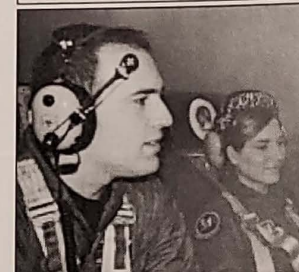
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(Top left): MSgt. Robert Greenlee prepares with 27th CS members to climb a watertower (right) at Cannon AFB and repair a "giant voice" speaker. (Large photo): MSgt. Nikki Stewart (second from left) and SrA. Jesse Werner (far right) work with their active duty counterparts in the BNCC at Cannon AFB.



Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

## 707th Communications Flight

# Providing total communications

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

Many of us take it for granted that our home telephones, computers, televisions, or radios will work when we need them. We tend to give little thought to all the network systems, people, and equipment supporting our communication needs.

Likewise, the military has its own massive communications network systems. From hand-held radios to ground-to-air communication networks, the military finds it no easy task to keep every installation's network systems operational and effective.

For this reason, members of the 707th Communications Flight (CF), Tinker AFB, train and work with their active duty counterparts.

The 707th CF is assigned to the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve, during peacetime. When activated, the

707th CF deploys to Cannon AFB to fill in for communications specialists of the 27th Communications Squadron (CS) when they are deployed.

The 707th CF is one of many Air Force Reserve associate units. With the military relying more on the "Total Force" policy, reservists receive advanced training working side-by-side with their active duty counterparts on their equipment. The Air Force Reserve associate program alleviates the need to buy equipment for reservists' training needs, saving millions of dollars, as well as creating a force multiplier effect. The program provides skilled manpower able to deploy with active duty members or to an active duty base on short notice, immediately taking over their functions without loss of continuity.

"Our main mission occurs in time of national emergency or a contingency," said Maj. Harold Collins, commander of the 707th CF. "Our unit activates to deploy and backfill the communication specialists at Cannon AFB. Additionally, we

have deployed to Cannon AFB to augment the 27th CS during their exercises to get the experience of stepping into their positions while they are processing out for a deployment."

Reservists of the 707th CF have a diversity of knowledge and responsibility in the communications field. Besides the training these reservists receive at home base, many other training requirements are met on-site at Cannon AFB two to four times a year.

Some of the systems 707th CF members are responsible for on Cannon AFB include the Base Network Control Center (BNCC), Wing Initial Communications Package (WICP), ground and aircraft radio systems, computers, and computer network maintenance, to name a few.

The BNCC is the control center for a base computer network. At Cannon AFB, BNCC members are responsible for network integrity of about 4,000

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base computers. They provide and maintain communications connectivity between computers to include Internet and e-mail capabilities.

"The BNCC provides for all types of communication and network needs for a base," said TSgt. Tim Jung, supervisor for the BNCC at Cannon AFB. "We even provide technical and maintenance support for computer-related problems. It's been my experience with reservists from the 707th CF that they are quite knowledgeable about our communication systems. I've also noticed the reservists who come here for preliminary proficiency training are willing and eager to learn," he said.

"Even though our base [Tinker AFB] has a BNCC, deploying to Cannon AFB and training at the BNCC and the communication maintenance complex gives us that one-on-one relationship with our active duty counterparts," said MSgt. Robert Greenlee, chief of maintenance for the 707th CF. "This allows us to learn the mission of the person we would replace when they mobilize and we are activated to deploy there to backfill their jobs. Also, we are the nearest Air Force Reserve unit to Cannon AFB, so it only makes sense we would be the associate unit with the 27th Communications Squadron," he said.

An effective communications network is essential for a home base to function. It is just as important when a unit has to deploy to a forward operating base. The chances for a flying or support unit to deploy to an isolated location without facilities are greater now than ever before.

After the experience of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Air Force had to re-examine its process of deploying communications equipment to support combat units in isolated areas. The concept of the Wing Initial Communications Package (WICP) was created from this experience.

The WICP consists of communications equipment and trained maintenance

personnel able to support the initial communications needs of a unit sent to a remote site (bare base) with a usable runway and little or nothing else. The WICP is designed to give a deployed unit the essential communications capability for about 30 days until a combat communications squadron can arrive and set up more permanent equipment.

At Cannon AFB, the WICP is composed of 16 team members: six core members and 10 assigned augmentees. This team is prepared to deploy within 72 hours of notification. Members assigned to the WICP keep communications equipment (i.e., deployable Local Area Network System, ground-to-air radios, tactical switchboard for telephone service, lightweight satellite equipment, radios, etc.) ready to deploy and set up for initial communications at a bare base.

CMSgt. Gary Zoelzer, superintendent of the 27th CF's Missions Systems Flight, oversees the shops that set up and repair communication equipment for Cannon AFB, to include all airfield and ground communications, radar systems, and the WICP.

"Our job is to maintain all the communications equipment for the base. We have a great working relationship with the 707th CF. One of the things I really like is when these reservists come here [Cannon AFB], they are eager to work. We know they will backfill us effectively if we go to war. They want to learn and our challenge is to teach them," Zoelzer said.

"The last time they were here, we needed a critical radio cable for the WICP shop. Two of the reservists volunteered to drive back to Tinker, get the cable, and bring it back while we stayed here getting ready for our ORI. We needed it so badly that even overnight shipping would have been too late. That's how eager they are to work with us," he said.

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## "Year of the Family"

By TSgt. Darryl Wingo  
507th ARW Family Readiness Office

Although every year should be the year of the family, 1999 will be especially recognized as such by Air Mobility Command.

In keeping with the "Year of the Family" theme, the 507th ARW Family Readiness staff hopes to establish the Voluntary Advisory Council (VAC). Families are a critical component to readiness and retention. The family's voice has been a silent voice for too long. We hope to make that voice audible through the VAC.

We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers at Family Day activities September 12. Be sure to let your spouses know that this council is forming and in need of volunteers. We envision this council will work to advise and assist the wing's staff in improving things that affect impact Family Readiness.

## Just Not Enough Time

By TSgt. Darryl Wingo  
507th ARW Family Readiness Office

It seems there is never enough time. We go through our everyday living never feeling we have enough time to do all that we need to do. We often feel parts of our life's goals are not being met because attaining other goals take all our time. We must find ways to enhance our day to day living to release some of the stresses that touches all of us.

Too often, our family is the part of our lives that gets less attention when time pressures get the best of us. We believe that our families will always be there for us and there is no urgency in putting in the necessary time. Our minds play tricks on us by making us think we will get to family matters tomorrow or later on. We take family for granted.

No person can make it in this world alone. No person has ever succeeded without help from someone. Our families are key ingredients in being fulfilled at work, home, worship, or anywhere else. Without the love of family, we cannot reach our full potential. Our families are the foundations from which we build our branches to other parts of our lives. But yet, we are willing to subordinate family to jobs, recreational activities, and anything else which appears important at the time.

Family is the key to a strong and vibrant military force which makes it a key to a strong and vibrant you. Let's be supportive of strong and vibrant families and put them on the top echelon where they belong.

Your Family Readiness staff, TSgt. Steve Burroughs and TSgt Darryl Wingo are located in the basement of Building 1043. We want to do all we can to enhance family relationships and the readiness of the 507th ARW. Our 24-hour number is 1-800-753-3487. During the week, (405) 734-5363 or DSN: 884-5363. On UTA's, 734-7638 will put you in touch with us. You may visit our website from the 507th ARW homepage at: <http://bncc.tinker.af.mil/507arw/default.html>. Click on the 507th ARW patch for access to the index, then click on the Family Readiness icon. Happy Family to you!

## An idea that payed-off



SrA. Emmitt F. Waskom III, (left), 513th Maintenance Squadron (MS), prepares the first E-3 "Sentry" compass adapter compensator synchro assembly to be modified under a new technical order based on his Suggestion Program idea.

Waskom's suggestion, estimated to save \$13,275 in Depot repairs during the first year alone, involved adding a form of epoxy compound to reinforce wiring at connector pins, which frequently broke during disassembly. Waskom, the 513th MS Guidance and Control Section chief, was awarded \$1,991 for his idea.

Watching the procedure is SSgt. Anthony Mitchell, 552 Component Repair Squadron, Guidance and Control Section Chief, Waskom's active duty counterpart.



## Notice to Airmen

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan  
Air Force Chief of Staff



### Evolving to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force

Since the end of the Cold War, our Air Force has been continuously engaged in contingency operations across the spectrum of conflict around the globe. We have met these challenges well

through your hard work and selflessness. To sustain this level of effectiveness into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must further evolve as an aerospace force. We need to continue the transition from a threat-based Cold War garrison force, focused on containment, to a capabilities-based expeditionary force focused on responsiveness. This means embracing a culture and an approach which emphasizes more rapid and effective operations, with forces trained to task. It means creating an expeditionary mindset that ensures we are properly equipped, organized and led, to meet the wide range of global contingencies. We also have a responsibility to put predictability into the expected Air Force OPTEMPO for all our Air Force people. The expeditionary aerospace concept leverages aerospace power's inherent versatility and responsiveness to support the National Military Strategy while recognizing that some parts of our strategic missions will continue to be done in a traditional way. While this concept focuses on our capability to react to small scale contingencies, it also contributes to our capability to respond to Major Theater Wars (MTWs).

Lighter, leaner forces, prepared for expeditionary operations and tailored to respond to CINC requirements across the spectrum of crises, must be able to deploy rapidly to execute the CINC's mission. These deployments will be derived from approximately ten Air Expeditionary Forces (AEFs). An AEF will consist of geographically separated, but operationally-linked units to provide both rotational support to ongoing operations and rapid response to crises. Once committed, these AEFs will be organized in accordance with Air Force doctrine.

### How will these AEFs be organized?

A typical AEF will consist of pre-designated active, Guard, and Reserve units that offer a wide range of aero-

space capabilities and support functions. These capabilities will provide packages of fighter, bomber, tanker, airlift, command and control, radar and electronic-warfare aircraft, and space, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets, with the appropriate complement of support people (e.g., security, medical, and mission support). At any time, 2 of the approximately 10 AEFs will have forces available to deploy. Each AEF will move through a rotational cycle of training, deployment work-ups, on-call for deployment, and standdown. With multiple AEFs, forces can be scheduled and rotated in a way that will bring predictability and stability to the force.

Unit training is critical to the effectiveness of the AEF. Following deployment and standdown, units will resume readiness training as we do today to meet our MTW response timing. During the AEF work-up or integration period, geographically-separated units will make deployment preparations and conduct integrated AEF training. At the end of this approximately one-year training cycle, an AEF will be fully prepared for its next deployment.

### How will AEFs affect Air Force members?

In addition to tangible warfighting improvements, people across the Air Force will benefit. Predictability in schedules will improve quality of life. We will robust, with added personnel, those support career fields involved in expeditionary operations. This will provide the needed support for both our deployed forces, nondeployed forces and families at home. Knowing projected deployment dates over a year in advance will allow Air Force members to plan for training, education, and family activities.

Stability and predictability also will allow more complete integration of our active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian members. The combined effects of using our Total Force smartly and linking geographically-separated units for deployment mean overall tempo will decrease.

Air Force members, from the lowest ranking airmen to our most senior leaders will have to "think expeditionary." Participation in future deployments will require more focused training for our Air Force units expected to operate in austere conditions.

### What's Next?

We're moving out to implement the AEF concept within our Air Force. By January 2000, we intend to have the procedures, doctrine, and organization to allow for the most effective use of people and resources to meet the national security requirements of the next century.

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# New AMC commander outlines priorities

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - The Air Force can't do its job without air mobility, and "world-class" air mobility doesn't happen without satisfied and dedicated people.

That's why Air Mobility Command's new commander is placing people at the top of his priority list.

"Mobility today is like 'motherhood and apple pie' as far as the Defense Department is concerned," said Gen. Tony Robertson. "The country can't do what it needs to do without air mobility. In the same manner, AMC can't do what it needs to do without a lot of very good, hard-working people on the line making the mission happen every day."

Robertson, who previously commanded 15th Air Force at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., took over as AMC commander during ceremonies at Scott AFB, Ill., Aug. 3. He assumed command from Gen. Walter Kross, who retired after 34 years of service.

Robertson sees air mobility as the linchpin to most successful military operations in recent years and doesn't expect the coming years to change that connection.

"The air mobility story is written in every headline you read," he said. "The success of U.S. military operations around the world for the last several years has been an almost direct byproduct of the excellence of the people of Air Mobility Command - active duty, Guard and Reserve, officer, enlisted and civilian - along with our commercial partners."

Robertson, following Kross' footsteps, plans to focus on people issues first. Issues such as adequate pay, retirement, medical care, operations tempo and turbulence all affect the AMC force. Robertson said he is confident these issues are understood and being worked aggressively by senior leaders at Air Force and Department of Defense levels.

"We will get through this period of challenges," Robertson said. "Until we do, my role in this is to serve as our people's No. 1 spokesman and the command's No. 1 action officer in our efforts to eliminate these distractions to our people's performance."

Robertson also wants to eliminate any other roadblocks that exist "between our folks and the efficient and effective accomplishment of our mission."

During his tenure as 15th AF commander, the general earned a reputation for traveling frequently to bases under his command, as well as to bases of AMC's customers in the Pacific. He has visited most 15th AF bases at least three times in two years and

has spent up to 25 days each month away from home.

The trips gave him access to the people making the mission happen, and he said he plans to continue traveling as AMC commander. "I figure I've met half of them, the western half already. Now I have to meet the other half."

Robertson said he is especially excited about following Kross, an opportunity he sees as a win-win situation for the command.

"It's not often you get to assume command from an officer you also consider to be one of your best friends," he said. "He not only left the command in superb shape, postured perfectly for the future, but he also included his subordinate commander 100 percent in the command's planning process for that future."

And, like Kross, Robertson outlined three basic themes framing the command's future direction:

## Readiness

"Our mission and our readiness to accomplish that mission will remain and will always be our primary focus. Our No. 1 job is to make the other warfighting commanders in chief successful in theirs. It's what we get paid to do. It's our reason for being ... and we can never forget that."

## Modernization and process improvement

"You can expect a continued emphasis on force modernization and the improvement of our mobility processes, as well as on the integration and synchronization of these two efforts. If we hope to leave our mobility world better than we found it, these are the two areas that are going to pay us dividends."

## Focus on people and their families

"There will be no doubt that our good people and their families — what they stand for and all that impacts their happiness — will always be our No. 1 consideration in every decision we make. I can't imagine there is anyone in the military today who doesn't think that our people - active-duty, Guard and Reserve — are the bedrock of all that we are and underscore all that is possible and impossible in what we do every day. People are the essence of our readiness. People are the key to our modernization and process improvement efforts, and AMC's people will always be our No. 1 priority."



Gen. Tony Robertson

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## NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 99 NCO Academy In-Residence class dates: A letter of recommendation from your unit commander must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT not later than 60 days prior to class start date:

Class	Quotas	Dates	Location
99-1	1	981105-981217	Tyndall AFB, FL
99-2	1	990104-990211	Tyndall AFB, FL
99-3	1	990223-990401	Tyndall AFB, FL
99-4	1	990420-990527	Tyndall AFB, FL
99-5	1	990621-990729	Tyndall AFB, FL
99-6	1	990802-990909	Tyndall AFB, FL

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning to further their education up to a Bachelor's Degree (members who have a Bachelor's Degree are eligible to pursue a second degree). The basic enrollment requirements are that, you must:

- Pay for the course up-front and after satisfactory completion, be reimbursed 75% (tuition only) per course, not to exceed \$1,500 per FY.
- Enroll in only 1 course at a time, using the institutions listed in one of the three DANTES catalogs.
- Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).

■ Complete enrollment form and be approved by unit commander. For more information contact SMSgt. Charlotte Epps or TSgt. William Miller in the MPF Education & Training Office @ 734-7075.

## SRNCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY99 Senior NCO Academy class dates:

Class Number:	Class Start Date:	Grad Date:
99-A	2 Nov 98	16 Dec 98
99-B	20 Jan 99	3 Mar 99
99-C	18 Mar 99	28 Apr 99
99-D	12 May 99	23 Jun 99
99-E	8 Jul 99	18 Aug 99
99-F	9 Sep 99	21 Oct 99
00-A	1 Nov 99	15 Dec 99

Packages are due to AFRC in July for normal selections and October for the alternate board. You must have a current (less than 1 year) full length 3/4 turn pose photo without jacket or decorations. A current Report on Individual Personnel (RIP) must also be submitted. Contact MSgt. Dennis Cain @ 734-7075 for an application. Please don't wait until the last minute.

For more information on Officer PME, JOLDS, or any other special officer courses, contact MSgt. Dennis Cain in the MPF Education & Training Office @ 734-7075.

## HOT TOPICS :

✓ On Saturday of the September UTA (12th), the PASS & ID office on-base will be open from 0800-1600 for any reservist or reservist's spouse to obtain a vehicle decal.

✓ IEU: Hours of operation are 1200-1500 on main UTA Saturdays and 0800-1400 Mon-Fri. You can call them @ 739-3444. Check with your Unit Orderly Room before you attempt equipment issue or exchange.

✓ CDC Testing is accomplished at 0800 on Sundays of the (main) UTA. You do not have to schedule it, just show up at 0800 at Bldg 460 (the active duty HQ), Room 213. You need to enter through the South East corner door. If you cannot make it, our Education office also tests on Wednesdays. You DO need to schedule this one 24 hours in advance. Important note: If you are retaking a test, make sure you bring the Commander's evaluation/authorization letter with you or you will not be able to test.

✓ EDUCATION REMINDER: This is just to remind everyone who wishes to update their Education Records, officer and enlisted, that we need OFFICIAL Transcripts to send or accomplish any updates. This means that it CANNOT say "ISSUED TO STUDENT." You may have the college/university send it, we can request it, or you may bring it in as long as it is in a sealed envelope with a SEAL on the flap AND it does not say "ISSUED TO STUDENT."

## The New FY 99 UTA Schedule

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09-10 Jan 99	10-11 Jul 99
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## September 98 Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
<b>Fri, 11 Sept 98</b>		
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1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
<b>Sat, 12 Sept 98</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	Self Inspection	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000-1115	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1120	<b>Escorts pick-up Newcomers</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
1000-TBA	<b>Family Day Activities Begin</b>	<b>507 ARW Campus</b>
As Designated by Unit	Sign Out	
<b>Sun, 13 Sept 98</b>		
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, TNET Rm
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
<b>0800-1115</b>	<b><u>CDC/PME Course Exams</u></b>	<b><u>Bldg 460, Rm 213</u></b>
0800-0900	Personnel Systems/Appl Trng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>1200</b>	<b>Escorts pick-up Newcomers</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300-1400	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As Designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

## October 98 Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
<b>Fri, 2 Oct 98</b>		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
<b>1430</b>	<b>Quarterly Training Review</b>	<b>Bldg 1043, Conf Rm</b>
<b>Sat, 3 Oct 98</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	Self Inspection	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
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, Conf Rm
1500-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
As Designated by Unit		
<b>Sun, 4 Oct 98</b>		
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, TNET Rm
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	HAZCOM Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
<b>0800-1115</b>	<b><u>CDC/PME Course Exams</u></b>	<b><u>Bldg 460, Rm 213</u></b>
0800-0900	Personnel Systems/Appl Trng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0930-1030	Career Advisor's Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
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## FREE COLLEGE TESTING

The opportunity now exists for Air Force Reserve spouses and civilian employees to take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or the College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) tests FREE! The DSST and CLEP programs consist of a series of examinations that test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. Combined, the programs offer you more than 85 ways to get college credit. Spouses may test at any Reserve or Guard DANTES approved test center. Call 734-7075 for info.

## 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 MPF Education & Training Office @ 734-7075.

		Phase I	
	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE

		Phase II	
	Time	Subject	OPR
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

### 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:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical Warfare Training (CWT), by name, at least one UTA prior to the requested dates by calling CEX at 734-4460. All personnel must bring a complete training ground crew ensemble (GCE) including the mask and its hood to all classes. Personnel attending the Initial CWT must be prepared to process through a tear agent chamber. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without a complete GCE with mask, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show.

**Drug Testing:** You must report within two hours of notification.

## AFRC NCO LDP

Listed below are the FY99 NCOLDP class dates:

**Class 99A:** Phase I 11-15 Jan 99  
Phase II 1-5 Feb 99

**Class 99B:** Phase I 12-16 Jul 99  
Phase II 2-6 Aug 99

See your Unit Education & Training Manager for more details.

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 2 or 7 you have until 31 Oct 1998 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:
10 Sep	18 Sep
15 Sep	23 Sep
17 Sep	25 Sep
21 Sep	1 Oct
24 Sep	2 Oct
29 Sep	7 Oct
1 Oct	9 Oct
6 Oct	15 Oct
8 Oct	16 Oct
13 Oct	21 Oct

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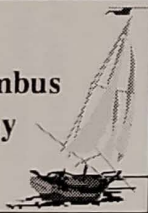


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# Mobility Exercise on Tap

TRAINING PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <b>WING-WIDE MOBILITY EXERCISE ON TAP FOR OCTOBER - CONTACT XP IF YOU HAVE AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST YOU WANT TESTED</b> </div>				1	2	<b>3 UTA</b> •LG ___ Groups •HAZCOM Training  <b>Blood Drive</b>
<b>4 UTA</b> •LG ___ Groups •HAZCOM Training	<b>5</b> Global Guardian 5 October thru 11 November	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>   Wing & Group Commander Stakeholder Reports Due to CCX	<b>8</b> ▲ ▲	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Columbus Day 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Quality Awareness Training  CLSS Bivouac CES Off-UTA
<b>18</b> Quality Awareness Training  CLSS Bivouac CES Off-UTA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Base Quarterly Enlisted Awards Luncheon	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   Halloween

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# Expeditionary force to accommodate part-time duty

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Reservists can expect to receive more advanced notice about possible deployments and continue to serve them on a rotational basis under the Air Force's new Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF) restructuring plan.

Finding its Cold War structure inadequate to handle recent hot-spot contingencies, the Air Force is changing how it organizes and trains its forces to support regional unified commanders. By the year 2000, the new structure will reflect the kinds of forces and capabilities needed to deal with regional conditions. The EAF will also help to reduce the impact of today's high operations tempo for Air Force people by providing them with responsibilities spelled out a year or more in advance.

Ten air expeditionary forces (AEF), made up of bluesuiters from active-duty major commands, Air Force Reserve Command, and the Air National Guard will form the EAF. Each AEF will consist of fighters, bombers, tactical airlifters, air refuelers, and radar and electronic-warfare aircraft from the various major commands, Guard, and Reserve.

"The Expeditionary Aerospace Force is an evolutionary change for the Air Force," said F. Whitten Peters, acting secretary of the Air Force. "It will affect the way we think and how we organize, train, equip and sustain aerospace forces. It will also allow us to meet the requirements of the national military strategy and the challenges of a changing global security environment."

Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan discussed the EAF during a news briefing Aug. 4.

In the briefing, Ryan said the Reserve commitment for a forward deployment could take the form of a "rainbow" unit, consisting of several aircraft, crews, and support people from two or more units.

"We've done this before with C-130s and fighters in other instances," he said. "If we give the Guard and Reserve a long-lead notice, then their people can arrange their schedules and their employers to be available when needed. They've done this in the past and say they can do it better in the future with more notice."

Under this scenario, active, Guard, and Reserve units would share aircraft and rotate troops into and out of the theater of operations to cover the duration of the deployment. (AFRC News Service)

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## AFRC NEWS SUMMARIES

This summary is intended to give the reader a brief look at some Air Force Reserve events which occurred during the month.

### Security forces reservists return from 4-month desert duty

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - It was lip-blistering, energy-sapping, sweat-drenching hot, but when their four-month tour of duty in the desert ended, 38 Air Force reservists went home with the satisfaction of having accomplished one of the Air Force's newest missions.

Along with reservists already assigned, a half dozen National Guard volunteers transferred to the 439th Security Forces Squadron to round out the Air Force Reserve Command's A Flight, 820th Security Forces Group. The deployment began in late February and ended in mid-June when a giant C-5 "Galaxy" landed and they deplaned at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., the security forces flight's home station.

### Airlifters, medics support U.S. response to bombings

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command C-141 aircrews from McGuire AFB, N.J., and Andrews AFB, Md., airlifted investigators, security forces and equipment overseas Aug. 8, the day after the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Reserve aeromedical evacuation teams from McGuire also left Aug. 9 and 10 to support the U.S. response effort to the terrorist attacks.

A Reserve C-141 crew and aircraft from Andrews' 459th Airlift Wing left the base about 7 a.m. Eastern time Aug. 8 with a team of federal investigators on board. They flew to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where the crew stopped for scheduled rest. An active-duty crew continued the mission and returned the aircraft to Ramstein. From there, the Reserve crew returned home Aug. 10.

### Anthrax vaccinations begin for reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force reservists scheduled to deploy to the Southwest Asia theater of operations for 30 days or more will receive the anthrax vaccine as part of their pre-deployment preparations.

The vaccinations are part of a three-phased Department of Defense plan to protect all military members against exposure to the infectious disease. In May, Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved implementation of the anthrax vaccination program for the total force.

"This is an efficient, effective and safe way to protect our forces against an emerging threat," Cohen said.

Mandatory vaccinations for all military members deploying to Southwest Asia began Aug. 16. DOD will implement the same vaccination program Sept. 9 for all military members deploying to Korea.

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Photos by 2LT Stan Paregien

### Air Force Association award

## 513th Air Control Group named top Reserve unit

By 2nd Lt. Mechille Braden  
513th Air Control Group UPAR

In a recent announcement, the 513th Air Control Group (ACG), Tinker AFB, Okla., was named the recipient of the Air Force Association's "Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit of the Year" Award. This award comes just over two years after the 513th ACG was activated.

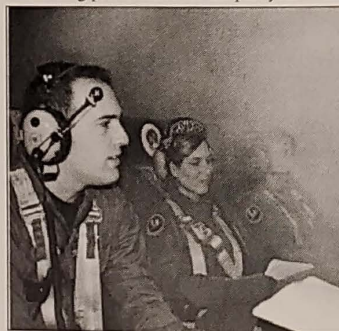
Col. Kenneth D. Suggs, 513th ACG commander, will accept the award during ceremonies Sept. 14, at the AFA's 52nd national convention in Washington D.C.

The Air Force Association, a 170,000-member, independent, nonprofit, civilian organization, was formed after World War II, and promotes public understanding and acceptance of the pivotal role a well-manned, well-equipped, and well-trained Air Force plays in the security of the nation and its allies, and the relevance of overall American military strength to global peace.

The selection of the 513th ACG keeps

this coveted award in Oklahoma for a second straight year. The 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla., was selected by the AFA as last year's winner of this award. The award, one of the highest presented by the AFA, is being presented in recognition of the group's outstanding performance for the past year.

Since the 513th ACG was activated March 15, 1996, as an Air Force Reserve Command associate unit, the group has grown to more than 300 Air Force Reservists. As an associate unit, the reserve aircrews and maintenance personnel of the 513th ACG share flying and maintenance duties on the active-duty



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(Top) During an early morning Florida fog, Reserve E-3 "Sentry" crew members prepare for another day's mission at CHUMEX 97-1. (Left) Working in the fog laced cabin inside the E-3, crew members calibrate the sophisticated radar equipment. A dedicated crew chief (opposite page) stands ready to receive and park the aircraft after its mission.

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forces E-3 "Sentry" airborne warning and control system (AWACS) aircraft.

As the first and only associate unit in Air Force Reserve Command to operate and maintain the E-3 Sentry aircraft, the 513th ACG supports Air Combat Command's worldwide airborne command and control requirements, United States counter-drug policy objectives, and other North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) air sovereignty tasking and training.

The 513th ACG includes the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (ACCS), 513th Operational Support Flight (OSF), 513th Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS) and 513th Maintenance Squadron (MS). During the award period, the 513th ACG grew rapidly and under went many changes while chalking up many successful accomplishments.

In May 1997, group members flew to Winnipeg, Canada, to participate in its first international airshow. The crew was a "rainbow" crew comprised of reservists and active duty Canadian Air Force personnel. Returning from the airshow, the 513th ACG was tasked to participate in NATO's premiere exercise, "Central Enterprise '97." A total success, this first major deployment occurred less than one year after the organization's standup. Two fully qualified reservist aircrews and several maintainers participated in this exercise.

Soon after, the crews participated in BALTOPS '97, a Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) exercise integrating air and sea assets while supporting a multi-national fleet in the Baltic Sea.

Fresh from Central Enterprise and BALTOPS '97, the 970th AACCS provided weapons support to the 120th Fighter Wing, Great Falls International Airport, Mont. (Air National Guard) in a large force exercise in support of their Operational Readiness Inspection.

To reduce the active duty operations tempo, the 970th AACCS

rotated to Panama and played an active role in counter-drug operations while flying numerous sorties at home station while their active duty counterparts were deployed in support other "real world" missions.

Last December, the group supported another large-force exercise, CHUMEX 97-1, an exercise featuring reservists, Air National Guard, and Canadian Air Force. During CHUMEX, the Southeast Air Defense (SEAD) sector tasked the crew to assist with real world situations. The unit was personally commended by the SEAD commander for outstanding performance and professionalism.

Most recently, the 513th ACG participated at Top Scope 98, NORAD's premier command and control competition. Teams from all over North America competed in many peacetime and wartime air defense scenarios. At Top Scope, the 970th AACCS, the first reserve crew ever to compete, brought home the coveted YUKLA trophy, having placed first in the team awards.

As valuable to the overall accomplishments of the 513th ACG were the successes of the group's maintenance personnel. In one example, a 513th ACG maintainer working with others from another command saved the Air Force over \$150,000 through his fabrication of a training device for a E-3 main landing gear and writing of a computer program for an avionics door modification.

Other successes included development of an AWACS requalification program which reduced training time and costs, and development of an innovative Intranet server that has provided 513th ACG's personnel ready access to important scheduling, training, and administrative information.

In early 1998, Colonel Suggs set his two highest priorities for his group when he said, "We have two priorities. First, reach Initial Operational Capability by September 30th. Our focus here continues to be manpower and training. Second, continue to reduce active duty operations and personnel tempo."

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## 513th Air Control Group News

The following are excerpts from Letters of Appreciation to 513th ACG personnel.

"SSgt. Henry Woods and SrA. Jordan Lohman (513th MS) worked diligently, performing extensive electrical checks to verify the operability of the left override boost pump, fixing repairing the discrepancy on a transient KC-135 aircraft belonging to the Hawaiian National Guard during the night of 1 Jul 98."

Lt. Will Estrada, AGS Swing Shift Production Officer, email 2 Jul 98.

SrA. Emmitt F. Waskom, III, (513 MS) innovative idea to add potting compound after repairing broken wires on compass adapter compensator synchro assemblies was approved, saving \$13, 275 in the first year.

Tinker Idea 980077, 27 Jul 98.

"Thanks to everyone for solidifying our reputation as a class act. With folks like you, the 513th ACG is garnering a strong reputation of 'excellence in all we do.'"

Col. Ken Suggs, commander.  
18 Aug 98.

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## NOTAM

Successful implementation of this concept will require innovative ideas from both field units and staff organizations.

In the near future, we will brief commanders on this concept. You can expect periodic updates in future NOTAMs and detailed information through the command chain as we approach implementation.

### Increasing Active Duty Service Commitment (ADSC) to 10 Years for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot (SUPT) Training

Our rated management system continues to evolve with our transition to an expeditionary force. Our goal is to sustain the overall number of pilots necessary to meet requirements while retaining a credible combat "go-to-war" capability. With an eye toward our long-term objectives, we examined increasing the ADSC for SUPT to 10, 11, or 12 years. After careful consideration, we decided to change the commitment for SUPT to 10 years effective 1 October 1999. Pilot candidates in Air Force Academy classes of 1998 and 1999 and Reserve Officer

"SrA. William G. Harvey (513 AGS) achieved distinguished graduate status in the Avionics Guidance and Control System Specialist Course."

Lt. Col. Ben McCollum II, 332d TRS, Keesler AFB, MI.  
14 Jul 98.

"Please extend appreciation to this dedicated swimmer, Major Chuck Diven, 970th AACSS, and to your organization for supporting SWIM-A-CROSS. He raised \$75."

Linda G. Delp, Station Manager, American Red Cross, OK.  
Chapter Ltr, 3 Aug 98.

"Capt Dan Fallon was an outstanding host, taking time to involve us [4 cadets] in mission planning, weather briefing, and explaining the various duties on board the AWACS aircraft during a sortie."

Lt. Col. Beth White, Director of Aerospace Education, Civil Air Patrol, OK. Wing, 28 Jun 98.

Training Corps pilot candidates commissioned during FY98 and FY99 will be the last classes to receive an 8-year ADSC. Individuals who incur a 10-year commitment will not receive any additional flying ADSCs; however, they will still incur PCS, promotion, school, and other non-flying commitments. Increasing the ADSC from 8 to 10 years will put the U.S. Air Force in line with other modern Air Force's pilot commitments and assure a viable force of experienced aviators in future years.

### Transitioning Pilots - Phoenix Aviator 20 (PA20) Test

We recently agreed to a one-year test of an innovative pilot retention initiative to help meet the nation's aviator needs. PA20 is a program that facilitates the transition of Air Force pilots to a second career in commercial aviation after the completion of a successful 20-year military career. Starting in October 1998, eligible pilots who volunteer for PA20 will be placed in, or remain in flying positions. During the test program, only pilots becoming eligible for retirement in 2001 will be accepted. Also, a PA20 office will be created at the Air Force Personnel Center providing transition assistance to a selected group of pilots with established retirement dates as early as 1999. We will need substantive input during the test period before we commit to a long-term program. Further program details will be made public once the implementation plan is approved.

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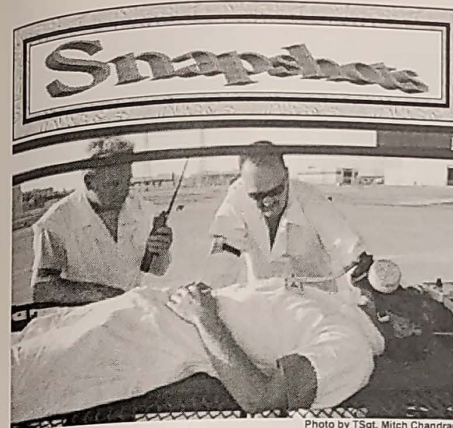


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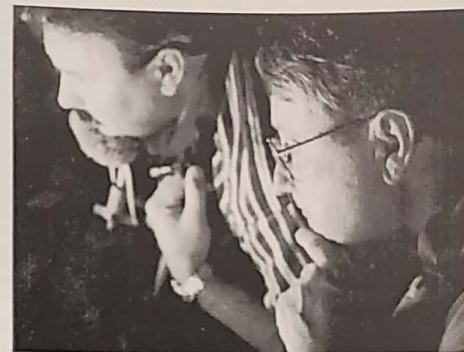
Tsgt. Jerry Lloyd (left), SSgts Chris Warren and Todd O'Dell (lying down), from the 507th Maintenance Squadron's fuel shop, recently participated in an annual emergency response exercise.



Photos by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

The 507th Air Refueling Wing sponsored a Civic Leader Flight July 28 for 37 Oklahoma civic leaders. The team went to Colorado Springs, Co., where they toured the Air Force Academy, NORAD, and Space Command. (Top Left) TSgt. Kathy Lowman gives assistance to one guest during the flight to Colorado.

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Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Civilian employers of 507th Air Refueling Wing reservists are given a flight Aug. 7 to see first hand an in-flight refueling mission and gain a better understanding on the Air Force Reserve mission.



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

As the 507th ARW's newest colonel, Col. Barry Roberts, former commander of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, gets assistance from his wife, Paula, and Col. Martin Mazick, 507th ARW Commander, with the pinning on of his eagles during his promotion ceremony. Roberts' new assignment is with 4th AF.

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# Update

## People

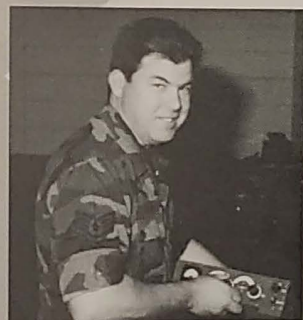
Members of the 707th Communications Flight recently deployed to Cannon AFB to spend one week of their annual tour working and training with their active duty counterparts. Some members were asked the following question:

**How do you view your role in the "Total Force" policy?**

**SrA. Jesse Werner**  
Communications  
Computer Systems  
Operator



"To gain more knowledge and be a more reliable member of my unit's part of the total force."



**SSgt. Robert Hannabass**  
Radio Maintenance Technician

"I think it is a great policy in that the reserve training with the active duty gives both sides an opportunity to learn from each other and share new ideas how to accomplish the mission. Working as a team provides strength and camaraderie for the mission and a sense of reliability knowing that if the Air Force Reserve is called up, the job can be accomplished with little or no support from the active duty side."

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**SSgt. Marilyn Newton**  
Secure  
Communications  
Systems Maintenance

"Our communications flight has acquired some valuable skills through the recent addition of new personnel. On this latest trip to Cannon AFB, the small computer shop was down to two people due to temporary duty. Our three members gave them the manpower that they needed to significantly reduce their list of open jobs. Plus, we have a good rapport with the Cannon AFB shop from our quarterly visits. I feel we play a necessary and needed role in the total force policy."

**SSgt. Kent Allsbrooke**  
Computer Switching  
Systems Maintenance



"When I am fully trained for my career field and familiar with the everyday functions at our active duty location, I'll be able to help keep the other squadrons and shops up and running to fulfill the Air Force mission."



**SSgt. Daniel McGrew**  
Secure Communications  
Systems Maintenance

"Backfill vital communications positions in case of war. I would like to see more formal training in the communications field. I would love a headsup, from time-to-time, concerning communications career field combinations and divisions. Just a simple explanation from up top, explaining what is happening to my career and my life. The more information that I have, the better able I will be to make those decisions."

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## WHO'S WHO in the 507th Air Refueling Wing



**SrA. Veronica Garrett**

507th Medical Squadron  
Position: Medical Administration Specialist  
Hometown: Hesperia, California  
Hobbies: Dancing, horseback riding, watching movies  
Music: Everything  
If I weren't here, I'd be ... "swimming at a friend's house."



**SSgt. Troy Powers**

507th Medical Squadron  
Position: Medical Laboratory NCOIC  
Hometown: Pratt, Kansas  
Hobbies: Fishing, pursuing a pilot's license  
Music: Old rock 'n roll, old country  
If I weren't here, I'd be ... "mowing the lawn or swimming with my daughter."

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The following is an excerpt from a letter sent to Col. Mazick. The message is for everyone.

"Taking care of our community's blood needs would not be possible without the generous support from donors like those in the 507th Air Refueling Wing.  
Thank you for an incredible blood drive August 8. I am thrilled to inform you 89 people attempted to give with 78 donations being given. Additionally, July 24, you had 14 whole blood, 2 apheresis plasma and 4 RBC&P donations given for a grand total of 100 donations given.  
...It is always a pleasure having the opportunity to work with your people..."

Sincerely,

Tammy S. Whitmarsh  
Blood Program Consultant



## September



**Sept. 1, 1960:** Active-duty gaining major commands assumed responsibility for supervising, training, and inspecting reserve units.

**Sept. 1, 1965:** The Air Reserve Records Center in Denver, Colo., became the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

**Sept. 14, 1989:** Beginning with weather reconnaissance missions Sept. 14 through the final insect spray missions Nov. 20, Air Force Reserve units conducted missions for the Air Force and other federal agencies as the result of Hurricane Hugo.

**September 1992:** Crews and aircraft from the 445th Airlift Wing, Norton AFB, Calif., moved medical personnel, equipment and supplies to Hawaii in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki.

**September 1992:** Air Force Reserve aircraft and crews from the 913th Airlift Group, Willow Grove, Pa.; the 914th Airlift Group, Niagara Falls International Airport, N.Y.; and the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., flew humanitarian cargo to Mombassa, Kenya, the staging point for relief shipments into Somalia.

**September 1994:** Reserve volunteers supported Operation Uphold Democracy, the multi-national peacekeeping effort in Haiti. The reservists came from C-130, C-5, C-141, KC-135, and KC-10 units as well as medical, airlift support, aerial port and communications organizations. By Sept. 20, more than 1,100 volunteers supported Uphold Democracy. Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., served as a staging base for the operation.

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# R-NEWS

## Letter of Commendation: Two points

Any civilian employee (ART or civilian) receiving a Letter of Commendation should make a copy of the letter and send it to 72 SPTG/DPCET.

The Civilian Personnel Office will ensure a copy of the letter is filed in your permanent civilian records and award you two rating points for future job consideration. Letters of Appreciation are not sent to DPCET and are kept with the immediate supervisor in the (971) file.

## Prevention might earn cash, trip to U.S. capital

Enlisted people who prevent substance abuse, fires, and traffic accidents may qualify to compete for a coveted national award.

Each year the Government Employees Insurance Company awards \$2,500 and an all-expenses paid, five-day trip for two to Washington, D.C., to an active-duty and a reserve component member for contributing to the military or private sector.

The 1998 award period is Oct. 1, 1997, to Sept. 30, 1998. Write-ups must cite facts and specific accomplishments that occurred on or off duty, describing how the local or base community benefited.

Nominations must be in bullet or point paper, not a narrative, format on one single-spaced page of Air Force Form 1206. A nomination package must contain the original and five copies of the write-up. Six copies of a one-page, single-spaced, typewritten biography are also required.

For more information or nomination submission, contact TSgt. Terri Lindsay, Military Personnel Flight, Chief of Career Enhancement, at 4-7491.

Deadline for MPFs to submit packages to Headquarters AFRC is Oct. 1.

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## Immunization Clinic closed

The Immunization Clinic will be open 0800-1200, Saturday, Sep. 12. The clinic will be closed the remainder of September's UTA due to the deployment of medical personnel. The clinic will be open during October's UTA.

## Magician extraordinaire performs for Family Day

Dewey Beene, Jr., son of TSgt. Dewey Beene, Sr., will be here to perform his magic act during the wing's Family Day.

Beene, whose act can be seen at "Frontier City," will perform two or three shows during the day. This magician extraordinaire is a must-see for both young and old alike.

## Congratulations to the following new majors and major selects

### 507th Air Refueling Wing

Fred Hyman,

### 507th Operations Group

Matt O'Donnell

### 465th Air Refueling Squadron

John Philebaum, James Danen, and Donald Cox

### 507th Medical Squadron

Richard Davidson and Thomas Franklin

### 72nd Aerial Port Squadron

John Fitter

### 513th Air Control Group

Milton Campbell

### 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Howard McWhorter, Ronald Hendricks, Bryan Stephens, Matthew Vanwinkle, and Daniel Fallon

### 513th Operations Support Flight

Douglas Applegate



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## CyberSpace



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