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

Commander's Column

By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th ARW Commander

Happy holidays and thanks

Well, we are wrapping up another fine year here at the 507th ARW, and I wanted to say thanks to all of you for making it a successful and safe 1998. We have proven ourselves again by not only deploying around the world, but also standing up another brand new mission and not missing a beat performing our tanker mission. You did your job and reduced our ground injury rate by 47 percent this year. That's an accomplishment. We dedicated the year to our enlisted airmen and awarded the first Hughes Memorial Trophy for Exemplary Enlisted Service. This award honors one of our own from the past and recognizes one of our own in the present—**Congratulations MSgt. Munsey!**

Next year promises to be full of challenges as we upgrade our tankers through Pacer Crag, without standing down. Your work continues to make the 507 ARW one of the premier wings in AFRC. I am *really* proud of you. So come back from the holidays safely, because *you are critical* to our success!

From the Mazick family to your family, we wish you a Happy, Holy, and Safe Holiday Season!

You make a difference!

By F. Whitten Peters
Acting Secretary of the Air Force,
and Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

Last month, world events again caused America's leaders to call on you to protect our nation's interests abroad. As expected, our total force responded magnificently, with enthusiasm and professionalism. We were extremely proud as you showcased our readiness and capabilities - sending a powerful message to friends and adversaries alike.

Faced with tough challenges, you once again showed the remarkable versatility of our expeditionary aerospace force. On extremely short notice, we responded to the latest crisis in Iraq. At the same time, we helped our Central American neighbors cope with the catastrophic devastation of Hurricane Mitch, and provided airlift support to our nation's senior leaders.

Setting up the air bridges to Southwest Asia in both eastward and westward streams was a real test, made even more difficult by simultaneously performing the other missions. The rapid deployment of forces was a critical factor in resolving the current crisis, and a great demonstration of our capacity to project aerospace power whenever and wherever needed.

No other air force in the world could do what you just did. This is a real success story, and a tribute to the total force.

We salute your superb performance, which exemplifies our core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. As the Iraqi crisis recedes, we will keep faith with our commitment to you and quickly draw down forces no longer required. Thanks!

Sherrard sends

By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III
Chief of Air Force Reserve

I am honored to be the commander of Air Force Reserve Command. My predecessors have created an outstanding legacy, which I plan to continue. I know I can count on each of you to assist me in reaching the goals that we will set and overcoming the challenges we will face.

Foremost on my agenda are you, the people of this great command. Our command has many highly skilled and experienced people and you are our greatest asset. In the coming weeks, I will address many issues to improve the quality of life of our Reservists, including better facilities, a more equitable promotion system and better long-range scheduling so your families and employers can adequately prepare for those times when you are called to duty. Because each of you is an important part of the command, I want you to be safe during the holiday season.

Many of you will visit friends and family. Give yourself plenty of time for travel. Winter is the time for inclement weather and, many times, bad weather shows up with little or no warning. Many holiday festivities include alcohol. Don't drink and drive. Use a designated driver and arrive at your destination safe and sound. Most importantly, spend quality time with your friends, families and loved ones. Thank them for all the support they've given you during the year.

Marsha and I wish each of you the happiest of holidays and a joyous New Year. We look forward to working with each of you to ensure our Air Force Reserve remains a premier force by every measure.

EDITOR'S NOTE: An Air Force Reserve Command News Service release, printed in November's *On-final* contained an error regarding to the new authorization bill and benefits approved for reservists.

Although coordinated and approved for release, officials state the story incorrectly stated that the Air Force and other services must present a U.S. flag to active duty and reserve component members upon retirement. This entitlement is only extended "upon the release of a member...from active duty for retirement."

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On the cover...



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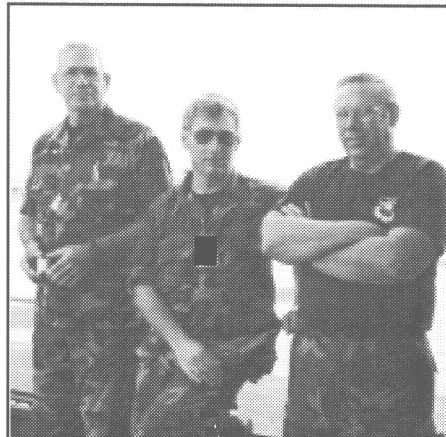
The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service was awarded to one of 13 nominees during the wing's dining out Nov. 6. See story on page 4.



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It's amazing what the KC-135R "Stratotanker" can do when called upon for service.

The men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing put the tankers capabilities to the test again last month with not one but multiple tasked missions, one right after another.

From air refueling to medical evacuation, the tankers performed flawlessly carrying out its missions and then some.

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The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service is presented annually to the enlisted member of the 507th ARW whose duty performance and everyday conduct have exemplified the United States Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do." The award, instituted by the men and women of the 507th ARW, commemorates the life of TSgt. Billy Lee Hughes, an Air Reserve Technician for the wing's predecessor organization, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group.

Setting precedence

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

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

The 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) Top-3 Council hosted the wing's Second Annual Dining Out, Nov. 6 at the Noncommissioned Officers Club here, with the spirit of Air Mobility Command's "Year of the Enlisted Force," for its theme.

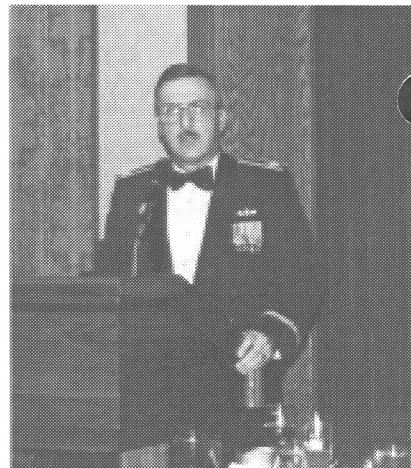
This year's dining out set precedence with the award of the wing's first TSgt. Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service.

Guests included, among others, were Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III, commander of the Air Force Reserve; Patricia Hughes, Billy Hughes' widow; Gary and Andrea Hughes, son and daughter-in-law of Billy Hughes; Dawn Vande, stepson, and his wife Carol; Kim and Craig Vande, children of Dawn and Carol. Maj. Gen. Sherrard was the guest speaker for the evening.

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling and award of the Hughes Memorial award.

"After six months of planning it turned out to be a monumental evening," said CMSgt. John Beasley, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron and president of the Top-3 Council. "When Patricia and Gary unveiled the trophy with Col. Mazick at their side, I don't think there was a dry eye in the house."

When the unveiling was finished, all 13 nominees for the Hughes Trophy were called to the front and given special certificates. With letter in hand, Patricia Hughes called out the winner of the 1998 Hughes Memorial Award: MSgt. Terrie Munsey,



U.S. Air Force Photos

"This is your night and our opportunity to honor our enlisted folks. And what a coup for us, as an organization, to have here the new Chief of the Air Force Reserve..."

Col. Martin M. Mazick



With CMSgt. Leon Walker, 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Patricia Hughes opens the envelope and reads the name of the recipient for the Hughes Memorial Award.



MSgt. Terrie Munsey accepts the Hughes Memorial trophy from Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III during the Nov. 6 Dining Out.

first sergeant for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, with Maj. Gen. Sherrard presenting the award.

"I'd like to extend a special thank you to Martha Smith, 507th Maintenance Squadron, for all her dedicated time and effort. She personally took responsibility to oversee the the almost insurmountable task of negotiating and printing the programs for this event and assembly of all the dining out books," said Beasley.



(Left to Right) Dawn Vande, Carol Vande, Kim Vande, Gary Hughes, Patricia Hughes, Andrea Hughes, and Graig Vande pose for photographers while Gary holds a smaller version of the Hughes Memorial Award.



"Tonight is a special night for me, in my new position, because to sit and look at an organization that is willing to stress themselves with all the other things we are asking them to do and to put on a function like this tonight - honoring the Year of the Enlisted during our fiftieth anniversary year as a command- is a great, great tribute..."

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III

MSgt. Terrie Munsey

1998 recipient of the

TSgt. Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service

MSgt. Terrie L. Munsey, First Sergeant for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, is an outspoken advocate for the enlisted force of the 507th Air Refueling Wing. She has earned a solid reputation for integrity, service before self, and excellence in all she does.



Among her other accomplishments, Munsey was cited for preparing for the February 1998 Air Force Reserve Command Unit Compliance Inspection, she leading all first sergeants in the 507th Logistics Group in building a new self-inspection program for command functional areas. In Munsey's squadron, she received praise from the Inspector General team for her Family Care and Weight Management programs, which were cited as "Best seen in the wing."

One of her innovations included a squadron Temporary Duty Weight Check program to ensure members were in compliance with Air Force standards before departing for a temporary duty tour. She also established a program for squadron custody and control of government America Express cards to reduce the potential for abuse.

In 1998, Munsey was chosen as the mentor for two new first sergeants in the 507th Logistics Support Squadron and the 513th Air Control Group. Along with her many other responsibilities, she serves as treasurer for the wing's Top-3 organization. She is a model Non-commissioned Officer who clearly reflects the Air Force Core Values.



NEWS

AROUND THE WING

Then and NOW!

A WELL DESERVED DAY OFF

By SSgt. Robert Shahan
72nd APS UPAR



CMSgt. James Alspaugh

Imagine being a young airman in Air Force Basic Training, Lackland AFB, Texas, during the hard winter of 1965. Then, one morning, waking in a feverish drench of sweat. Your throat feels like the Mojave Desert. You want relief but are afraid to ask.

You've heard stories about an outbreak of spinal meningitis on the base. An outbreak so severe, it takes the lives of several troops. You're not scared of the

disease but afraid a trip to the infirmary at Amarillo AFB, Texas, would delay your next assignment.

For CMSgt. James F. Alspaugh, Squadron Operations Superintendent for the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron (APS), [then Airman Third Class Alspaugh] the greatest concern he had during that time was just finishing.

Alspaugh was determined not to let even a deadly disease stop him from fulfilling a career in the Air Force.

"They [Lackland officials] quarantined everyone," Alspaugh said. "They stopped moving in new troops. My basic training flight couldn't eat with anyone else, couldn't work or have any outside activities with other flights. Our training was cut short due to the condition. I was afraid I would be held back for two weeks while waiting for tech school. I felt and ached really bad but kept it to myself. The outbreak occurred a couple of weeks before I arrived at Lackland and I, like everyone else, was tested for it," he said.

It is now November 1998 and how have things changed for Alspaugh. The Airman Third Class rank has been replaced by Chief Master Sergeant stripes. In 1965, the spinal meningitis test resulted in a mere flu bug for him. However, the feverish feel has returned to Alspaugh. This time, however, the sweat is self-imposed. This time it's okay because it is a case of the nerves. The reason? Alspaugh's peers, the folks with whom he has worked side-by-side with for so long, are honoring him. The reason for the celebration? Alspaugh's being commended

for a military career spanning 33 years of meritorious service.

Alspaugh joined the 72nd APS when it was formed in 1971.

During his tenure here, he held a number of responsible positions up to his current superintendent slot. Alspaugh sewed the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in 1990.

Alspaugh has enjoyed his career which spans four decades, a career that he will truly miss.

"I'll miss the folks and the different Reserve groups I've met over the years," Alspaugh said. "I've had a lot of positive experiences, had lots of friends and met lots of people. I would have liked to stay longer but it gets to a point when you've got to let go. It's been a great run, developing friendships and seeing places I'd never been able to go unless with the Reserves."

One friendship in particular Alspaugh enjoyed was with Maj. Guy B. Lindholm, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron Commander.

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Year of the Family



By TSgt. Steve Burroughs
507th ARW Family Readiness Office

In preparation for the "Year of the Family" the 507th ARW Family Readiness office is putting together a volunteer organization to promote Air Force Reserve family education and interaction.

We had approximately 40 people sign-up as volunteers. Sunday, Nov. 8 we had our first meeting. We put together calling and entertainment committees.

Our next meeting is Dec. 5. I would like to thank all who attended the Nov. 8 meeting and hope those who didn't make it will be able to attend in December.

If you or your spouse would like to be a volunteer, please e-mail me at: sburroughs@tik.afres.af.mil.

If you haven't had a chance to look at our Family Readiness Web page, take a moment and look at some of the agencies involved with our families: <http://bncc.tinker.af.mil/507arw/index-2.html> then select Family Readiness.

513th ACG provides support to active duty

By 2Lt. Stan Paregien
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The 513th Air Control Group, an Air Force Reserve Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) unit, provided support to its active duty counterparts during the recent military buildup at Tinker AFB.

"Maintenance folks leaned forward and helped the active duty before they left. Our 513th Air Control Group (ACG) maintainers put in their time getting the jets ready to go. We had two aircrews come in that Friday morning to preflight the jets. This was to prepare the aircraft for the Saturday launch. We worked in concert with active duty to make the takeoff times," said Lt. Col. George A. Gorham, Director of Operations for the Air Force Reserve's 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS).

The active duty 552nd Air Control Wing (ACW) asked for volunteers from the Oklahoma Reserve unit who could give themselves to the mission for 30 or more days. This resulted in 15 operations personnel along with nine maintainers volunteering for a tour of duty in Southwest Asia. Although they were not tapped when the final numbers came down, the Oklahoma Air Force Reservists provided a pool of instructors and evaluators. Having the troops ready to go is a big boost to assisting the active duty and relieving operations strain.

"A large number of our Reserve crews have Desert Storm experience from the years when they were on active duty. Their

knowledge and hands-on challenges, seasoned skill, and overall know-how have been retained in the Air Force Reserve which feeds back into the active duty at times like these," said Gorham.

One Air Force Reservist, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Di Tommaso, 513th ACG Superintendent, is on a 30-day tour of duty in Southwest Asia supporting Air Force mission requirements.

As a result of so many 552nd ACW active duty people deploying in mid-November, the Reserve's 970th AACS and the 513th ACG are assisting with some aspects of the active duty training at Tinker. As Gorham noted, "We are flying 'rainbow crews,' which are a combination of Air Force Reserve and active duty people. We provide training and checkrides for them as we share the assets and aircraft to maximize the training opportunities for both the active duty and Reserve Air Force personnel. This practical use of 'total force' airmen provides the best operational payoff to our customers, the American taxpayers,"



Maj. Bryan Dickson and Lt. Col. George Gorham, 513th Air Control Group.

Robertson praises AMC members for safety record

By Gen. Tony Robertson
Commander, Air Mobility Command

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — I congratulate you all on a record safety year for Air Mobility Command in fiscal 1998!

You have made significant contributions to the Air Force's safest year ever. AMC had no fatal on-duty mishaps and there were no destroyed aircraft. How-

ever, we did lose four of our AMC family to off-duty mishaps. Although this is a 50 percent improvement over last year's off-duty mishap rate, we did not meet our goal of zero fatalities. We cannot afford to lose any of our people and resources.

Everyone has responsibility for safety. Commanders must balance safety with operational performance, while staffs should integrate safety into programs, plans and orders. Supervisors need to apply safety concepts to daily tasks,

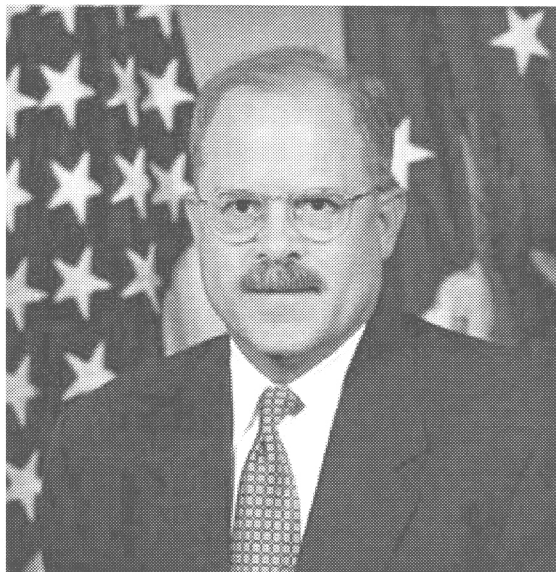
helping operators identify and implement risk-reduction efforts. All individuals must report hazards and issues beyond their control.

Our continued goal in AMC is zero fatalities and 10 percent fewer other mishaps each year. To safely provide the force enhancement capability our country depends on, mobility air force team members need to think readiness, use risk management and communicate! (AMC News Service)

Prior to being appointed to his current position, Mr. Peters was the principal deputy general counsel of the Department of Defense where he worked a wide range of issues, including acquisition reform, countering domestic terrorism, protecting the department's information systems and affirmative action. Before serving as a senior executive with the federal government, Mr. Peters was a litigation partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Williams & Connolly, where he specialized in complex civil and criminal litigation, including the defense of government contract fraud, antitrust, tax and security cases.

Acting Secretary sets sights on retention, future

By F. Whitten Peters
Acting Secretary of the Air Force



WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As your Acting Secretary, I am acutely aware of the strains that life in today's Air Force puts on you and your family. In recent months, I've visited many stateside and overseas bases to assess the readiness of our forces, and I've seen firsthand the effects of our high operations tempo.

My primary objective on these trips was to listen to your concerns; at each stop, I engaged in frank question-answer sessions with enlisted folks and officers alike. After each visit, I discussed your concerns with senior Air Force leaders to find solutions. Now, I want to share my impressions with you and discuss the things we're doing to improve life in the Air Force.

What stands out most is the remarkable reservoir of energy, teamwork, talent and positive attitude I see in you and your loved ones. Despite the exhaustion of deployments and long hours of work at home, you have set aside personal ambitions and opportunities for greater financial rewards, faced separation from your family and placed yourself in harm's way. I am extremely proud of what you're doing for America, especially at this time when you must perform heroically with aging equipment and insufficient supplies.

It's also clear to me that many of you are deployed too often. Or you are overworked when at your home base because you're doing both your job and the jobs of those deployed. Our increased operations tempo (OPTEMPO) — the result of reducing forces by 33 percent while increasing deployments fourfold — has put heavy strains on you and your family. As Chief of Staff General Mike Ryan and I said in August, you've done everything we've asked — and more — but we've been asking too much. This needs to stop, and it will, with our reorganization into an Expeditionary Aerospace Force (AEF) over the next 12 months.

The EAF will significantly reduce the strains of OPTEMPO by spreading the load of deployments across the Total Force and by

increasing the number of airmen assigned to specialties that frequently deploy. This organizational reform will provide you predictability and stability and, at the same time, will provide our warfighting commanders in chief more flexible, tailored and better-trained forces.

You'll begin to see the benefits of the EAF in early 2000, when our first Aerospace Expeditionary Forces are established and operating. At that point, OPTEMPO demands on our people will drop dramatically. And the situation will improve even more over the next several years as we add 5,000 people to high-deployment career fields like security forces, civil engineering and communications.

The EAF will help us manage your OPTEMPO, but we know your family also needs help. We've worked hard to provide a wide array of information and services to help families deal with the strains of high OPTEMPO. Our family support centers seem to be working well but many families are not aware of the services available.

We must do a better job spreading the word on how to get help. I've discussed this issue with commanders, senior enlisted advisors, chaplains and first sergeants, and I believe you'll see more emphasis on getting information to your family.

While OPTEMPO is definitely on your mind, it's only the tip of the iceberg. I've also heard about how the lack of spare parts is driving our maintainers to 12-hour days as the norm.

This situation is unacceptable and must be changed. To keep parts available, we've added about \$1 billion to spares and depot repair accounts since 1997, and we're working hard to improve depot productivity. We've put spares and repairs high on the list of items for which we seek additional funding in fiscal years 1999 and 2000. It takes 18 to 24 months to turn money into spares, so our sustained emphasis on spares and depot maintenance funding should start to pay off soon.

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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
99-2	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 \$1500 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. Epps or TSgt. Miller in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may 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. You must test at your Reserve DANTES approved test center. Testing at another DANTES test center will be on a case-by-case basis. The third Tuesday of each month (15 Dec, 19 Jan, 16 Feb and so on) at 0800 has been set aside for testing. You must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test by test date. Some tests are stocked while others must be ordered. **For more information contact SMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.**

BE A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

Air Force Reserve members may receive job certification through DANTES or Air Force Reserve Command funded programs. DANTES has agreements with more than 30 nationally recognized certification associations who allow their certification examinations to be administered at your Reserve test center. Examinations are available in many skill areas. Certification provides recognition of skills learned while in the military and demonstrates a high level of professional competence for the civilian job market. Certification tests must be AFSC related. HQ AFRC must approve requests to test outside of your AFSC. HQ AFRC funded tests will be paid in advance by the member and reimbursement will be for test cost only. **For information on type tests, eligibility, application procedures, fees and test dates, contact SMSgt Epps at 734-7075.**

HOT TOPICS :

✓ Starting with the December UTA, customer service section will be closed from 0730-0930 on Saturday. I.D. cards will not be issued from Jan. 11- Jan. 22.

✓ 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."

✓ **Newcomers Ancillary Training** Change in schedule. SEE page A3 for more details.

✓ **NEW IG HOURS:** The time and place has changed. More info on page A2.

✓ **BE PREPARED FOR THE QUARTERLY TRAINING REVIEW IN JANUARY!!!!**

The New FY 99 UTA Schedule

12-13 Dec 98	01-02 May 99
09-10 Jan 99	05-06 Jun 99
06-07 Feb 99	10-11 Jul 99
06-07 Mar 99	07-08 Aug 99
10-11 Apr 99	11-12 Sep 99

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Fri, 11 Dec 98

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

Sat, 12 Dec 98

As Designated Sign In **As Designated by Unit**
by Unit
 0730-1000 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 0800-1600 Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service Bldg 1043, Rm 206
 0800-1600 Flu Shots Bldg 1030, Hangar
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1000 Mobility Rep Meeting Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
 1030 First Sgts Meeting Dining Hall, Sun Rm
 1300-1630 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1500 LTs/CC Meeting Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
As Designated Sign Out **As Designated by Unit**
by Unit

Sun, 13 Dec 98

As Designated Sign In **As Designated by Unit**
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's Safety Tng Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0800-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams **Bldg 460, Rm 213**
 0800-0900 Personnel Systems/Appl Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0930-1030 Career Advisors Mtg Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
 1000-1200 Human Resources Dev Council Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1100 Escorts pick-up Newcomers **Bldg 1030, Classroom 1**
 1230-1630 EO 2000 Training Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1300 SORTS Mass Briefing Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1500 Fly Safety Mtg OPS Briefing Room
As Designated Sign Out **As Designated by Unit**
by Unit

Fri, 08 Jan 99

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
 1430 **Quarterly Training Review** **Bldg 1043, Conf Rm**

Sat, 09 Jan 99

As Designated Sign In **As Designated by Unit**
by Unit
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
 0800-1600 Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service Bldg 1043, Rm 206
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Self-Inspection Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1000 Mobility Rep Meeting Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
 1030 First Sgts Meeting Dining Hall, Sun Rm
 1300-1630 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
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by Unit

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by Unit
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
 0730-0800 Catholic Chapel Service Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
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 0730-1200 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 0815-1115 Supervisor's Safety Tng Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0800-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams **Bldg 460, Rm 213**
 0800-0900 Personnel Systems/Appl Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0930-1030 Career Advisors Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1000-1200 Human Resources Dev Council Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1100 Escorts pick-up Newcomers **Bldg 1030, Classroom 1**
 1230-1630 EO 2000 Training Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
 1300 SORTS Mass Briefing Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 1500 Fly Safety Mtg OPS Briefing Room
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EDUCATION

Air Force Reserve members wishing to take the ACT, SAT I, RCEP, GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, or LSAT contact **SMSgt. Epps** in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

OFFICER PME, JOLDS OR ANY SPECIAL OFFICER COURSES
Contact MSgt. Dennis Cain at 734-7075

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 at 734-7075.

Phase I

	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1300-1400	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1630	Human Relations	SA

Phase II

Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0930	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	0930-1030	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP

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, 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. Those attending Initial 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 NCO LDP 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

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 3 or 8 you have until 31 Dec 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:
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1 Dec	9 Dec
3 Dec	11 Dec
10 Dec	18 Dec
15 Dec	23 Dec
29 Dec	6 Jan
30 Dec	8 Jan

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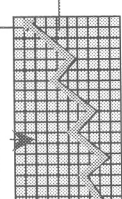
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10 UTA MPF IN-HOUSE TRNG 0800-0930 - LG Groups MOBEX - OPS MX, CLASS	11	12	13	14	15	16 CES Firefighter Off-UTA
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17 CES F.F. Off-UTA	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	19 MPF IN-HOUSE TRNS 0730-0900	20 SNCOA Class 99-B 20 Jan - 3 Mar 98	21	22 Blood Drive	23 Quality Awareness Training
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Reserve airlifters, air refuelers support Gulf deployment



ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Volunteers from the Air Force's reserve components helped additional American combat forces deploy to the Arabian Gulf region for possible action against Iraq last month.

Air Force Reserve Command strategic airlift and air refueling units from around the country sent aircraft and reservists to stateside and overseas locations in November to form links in America's air bridge to the region. In addition to aircraft and crews, an air bridge consisting of people on the ground, who refueled and maintained aircraft and performed other support duties.

"Our participation in this operation is a testament to the active force's confidence in AFRC's capabilities," said Maj. Gen. David R. Smith, AFRC vice commander. "Reserve aircrews routinely fly airlift and air refueling missions around the world. They are supported by a host of other reservists, who also volunteer to pick up and go anywhere in the world.

"Air Force reservists come from all walks of life. Except for unit patches, you can't tell them from active duty folks. That seamless blend of active duty, Guard and Reserve people make us truly a total force."

These Reserve KC-135 units are providing long-range air refueling capability for the deployment:

- * 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Ind.;
- * 452nd AMW, March ARB, Calif.;
- * 507th ARW, Tinker AFB, Okla.;
- * 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.;
- * 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.;
- * 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.; and
- * 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif.

Other reservists supported the military buildup indirectly, picking up missions and duties that would be performed by deploying active duty people.

President Clinton authorized the deployment after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein refused to comply with U.N. resolutions by suspending all dealings with U.N. weapons inspectors.

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.

Reservists airlift relief supplies to Central America

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command flew more than 1.5 million pounds of badly needed relief supplies to areas of Central America hardest hit by Hurricane Mitch.

On Nov. 7, AFRC flew approximately 780,000 pounds of food, water, medical supplies and shelter material to Honduras. Additional relief missions were flown by volunteer aircrews and support personnel from at least 13 AFRC units.

According to AFRC officials, relief flights were made into Honduras at Soto Cano Air Base and Goloson International Airport.

Reserve launches squadron with 25-year heritage

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command traded one satellite operations squadron designation for another Sept. 25 when it activated the 6th SOPS at Schriever AFB, Colo.

The 6th SOPS, formerly an active-duty unit, had been inactivated since June. It traces its roots to 1963 as the 4000th Support Group, a Strategic Air Command unit based at Offutt AFB, Neb. The 6th SOPS replaces the 8th SOPS, which was activated in September 1997 and is now inactivated.

Since its inception, the 6th SOPS has provided weather data to military units stationed around the world. Today the unit provides emergency backup for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Suitland, Md., as a result of a presidential directive in 1994 designed to combine civilian and military environmental satellite operations.

New Enlisted Rank!!!

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Senior enlisted advisers will become command chief master sergeants Nov. 1, a name change that more closely aligns their job titles to their service counterparts.

Air Force leaders decided to restructure the senior enlisted adviser position during the Fall Corona meeting at the Air Force Academy, Colo.

Besides the name change for the 9E000 position, command chief master sergeants will also wear a distinctive new chevron, which is going through the procurement process. In conversational address, command chief master sergeants, or CCMs, will still be referred to as chief, just like all other chief master sergeants.

Getting to know you

The KC-135R can be a freight hauler, airborne ambulance and flying gas station. In a five-day span during October, an aircrew from the 507th Air Refueling Wing's 465th Air Refueling Squadron flew two KC-135R "Stratotankers" using all the mentioned capabilities.

On the first day, the crew picked up and flew some five pallets of cargo bound for missonairies in Haiti at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and took it to Charleston AFB, S.C. (See "OKIE-42" in the October 1998 issue of *On-Final*).

On day two, the crew flew from Charleston back to Tinker AFB, Okla., where they switched from the pallet-configured aircraft to another that they flew to MacDill AFB, Fla.

On days three and four, the crew teamed up with members of the MacDill-based 37th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron for familiarization training. The KC-135R, not usually tasked for the aeromedical evacuation role, was made available so the medical teams could become familiar with the particulars of patient loading and patient care during flight onboard the aircraft. The daily flights took them over the Florida Keys.

Climaxing the five-day mission was the aerial refueling of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds over Colorado during the flight back to Tinker. The rendezvous, scheduled months in advance, was made and transfer of fuel from the KC-135R to the six F-16s was successful.

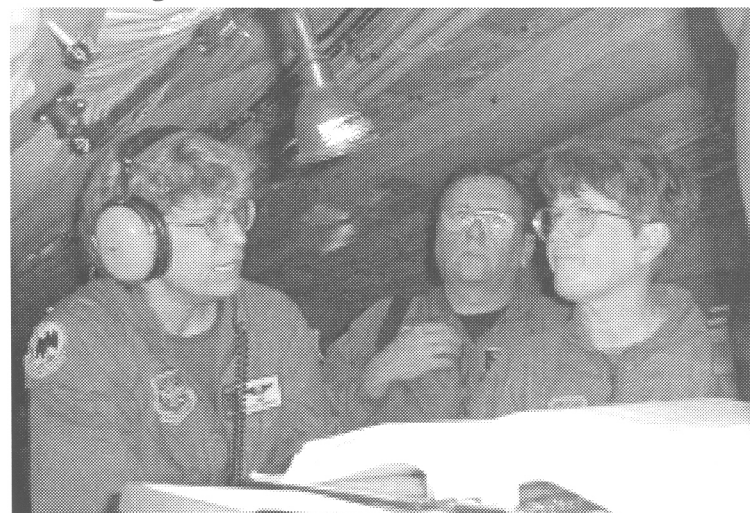


On board the KC-135R, personnel of the 37th AES practiced floor loading of patients and simulated patient care during training flights over the Florida Keys flown by members of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron.

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Members of the 37th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, MacDill AFB, Florida, go over the finer details of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's KC-135R during familiarization training in October.

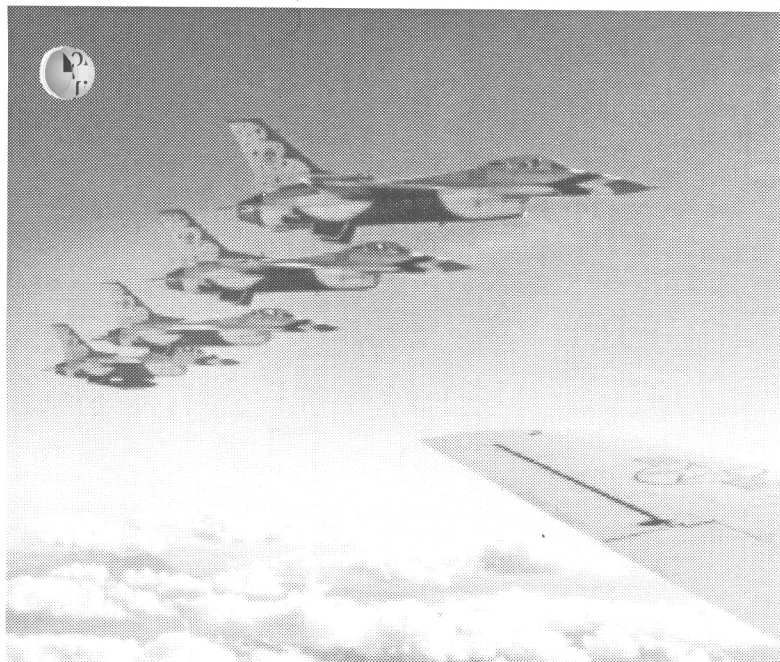


Discussing the load plan of the training flight is TSgt. Kathy Lowman, 465th ARS, with MSgt. Tom Tait and Maj. Debbie Serling, both members of the 37th AES.

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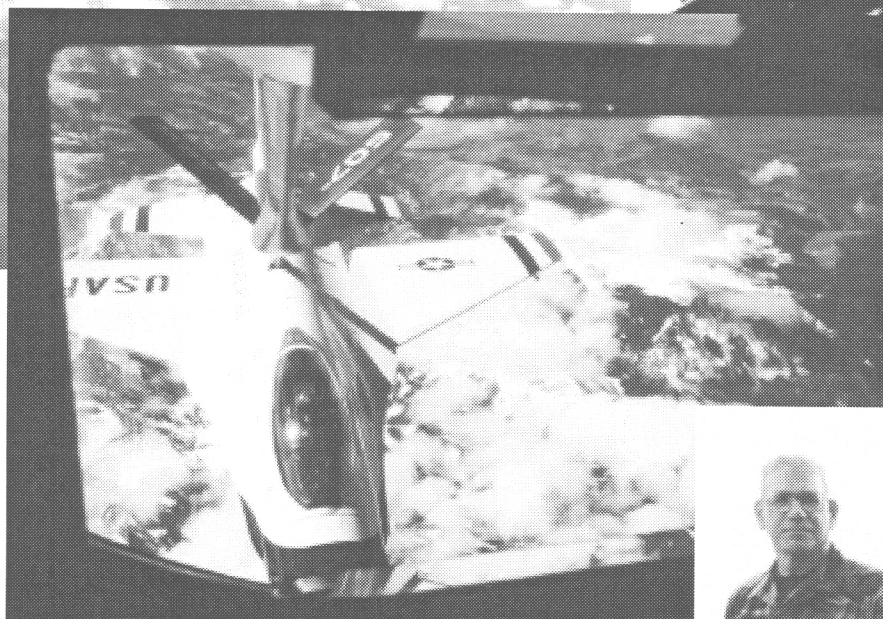
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Left: The return trip from Florida included an aerial refueling of the USAF Thunderbirds over Colorado.



TSgt. Kathy Lowman, 465th ARS, operating the refueling boom makes the connection with one of the Thunderbirds (left).



Story and photos by
TSgt. Ty Yoshida
507th ARW Public Affairs Office



Aircrew members flying in the missions from MacDill AFB, were Capt. Tom Hudnall, aircraft commander, Lt. Col. Steve Tromley, Capt. Michael Morrisett, 1Lt. Ken Humphrey, and TSgt. Kathy Lowman.



Left: The KC-135R gets a fresh water rinse at MacDill AFB, Florida. Above: Ground support crew for the mission to Florida were MSgt. David Phillips, TSgt. Michael Tompkins and TSgt. Bob Peetz, members of the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

PETERS

What concerns me most — and what I am tracking most closely — is retention. Our retention

rates are alarmingly low, and the reason seems clear. Many of you have told me that “erosion of benefits” is causing you to leave the Air Force. Whatever the reason, it’s clear that our success depends on being able to retain good people to operate and support our high-tech machines. We must make Air Force life more appealing than it currently is.

Think about this: between now and 2001, 90% of our enlisted people — more than 265,000 airmen — will face a re-enlistment decision. If you’re one of them, or if you’re an officer about to make a career decision, please consider the following facts about benefits:

— First, we know military pay has lagged behind civilian pay. But change is in the air. The President, Secretary of Defense, and Congress have committed to substantial pay increases over the next few years.

— Second, we’re working the retirement issue. General Ryan, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and I are pushing for retirement reform to ensure every military retiree will receive adequate and equitable benefits. Congress has already begun to debate a reversal of the 1986 “Redux” retirement cuts.

— Third, we’re working to improve TRICARE. I know the new system has had a rocky start, but I believe it’s getting better as it matures. To make sure this is the case, I’ve asked the Inspector General to conduct an independent survey of TRICARE users in areas where TRICARE has been established for several years. I should have the results of this survey by early next year and will take prompt action if needed.

My point is we don’t want to lose you. If you are considering separating, please get all the facts (pay, benefits, job challenges and responsibility, future initiatives) and discuss your options with your families and other members of our Air Force team — coworkers, supervisors and commanders. I use the word “team” for a good reason. I worked in the private sector for more than 25 years, and I guarantee you will not find in most private-sector jobs the teamwork, high quality co-workers, trust and camaraderie you enjoy in your unit.

You owe it to yourself to “look before you leap.” Ask yourself these questions as you look: Do I enjoy the people I work with? Do I enjoy what I’m doing? Do I feel good about serving my country?

Our goal is to help you answer those questions so you, your family, our Air Force and America all win. If you can’t answer “yes,” tell us why. I know we won’t be able to resolve all your concerns, but we’ll do our best to focus resources where they have the greatest positive impact on our people and on national security.

We have the best people in the world, and thanks to you, our Air Force remains ready to perform its critical mission. But for too long, you’ve been forced to choose between your own needs — and those of your family — and the needs of our Air Force. General Ryan, Chief Benken and I will do all we can to ensure we develop and implement policies that help rather than hinder you in accomplishing the missions you perform so well.

I am honored to serve as your Acting Secretary. As I look to the future, I know it will be a team effort that will sustain our success. I’m counting on leaders at all levels to help our people overcome the significant challenges we face, but I’ll need the help of the entire Air Force team. I hope I can count on you!

ALSPAUGH

“Our relationship goes back to June 1989,” Lindholm said. “when we were together on a Patriot Partner exercise at Travis AFB [Calif.], I always enjoyed his sense of duty, his sense of responsibility and his commitment to this unit. I especially enjoyed his sense of wit and sense of humor,” he said.

It’s hard to say goodbye and Chief Alspaugh’s retirement ceremony is no exception. “It’s always tough to get through a ceremony, I always get emotional especially when it involves someone who has a high level of commitment like the Chief,” Lindholm said. “It’s the hardest part of the military. You get caught up in the emotion of the moment

and feel a sense of loss. Even though they can still be around and can talk with them, it’s still not the same.”

For the 72nd APS --in particular its younger troops-- Alspaugh offers these words of wisdom: “There are going to be things that don’t go as exactly as they should. Keep your head down and keep working hard. The opportunity is no greater than it is now. There is going to be a lot of movement and changing in the ranks, lots of open opportunities that will be put before them. You’ve got to keep your training up-to-date and go to your schools. You can’t keep waiting for those doors to open. Nothing is guaranteed. It’s a lot different today than it was 15 years ago. Some folks think the military owes them without doing the work,” Alspaugh continued. “It’s hard for me to understand. I never wanted to

get something without earning it. It bothers me, but the times have changed from when I came up.”

One early memory Alspaugh shared occurred during basic training. His flight and his sister flight held a confidence course challenge. The flight having the fewest falls in water obstacles would earn a one-day pass. The chief’s flight won the challenge and the extra day off. However, he and his teammates never got the opportunity to use it. “I still have the pass folded away in an old billfold,” Alspaugh said laughing. “I’ve kept it hoping I could eventually use it. I kept it for a rainy day.”

Chief Alspaugh, from all of us at the 72nd APS, enjoy your day off. You’ve certainly earned it.

Snapshot

WELCOME TO HEFNER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Photo by Capt. Rich Curry

With the help of TSgt. Chris Treu and 1Lt. Cliff Vaughn, 507th ARW Command Post, more than 6 computer systems were donated to Hefner Middle School last month. Although each system was outdated for the wing's requirements, Mr. Meeks, principle for Hefner Middle School, gladly accepts them for the school's computer lab from Col. Martin Mazick. Treu is a teacher at Hefner Middle School during her off-duty time.



MSgt. Randy Long, 513th Air Control Group, takes a short break during a recent mission.

Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien



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Members of the 507th Medical Squadron participated in a mass casualty exercise at the Glenwood Training Center, Midwest City, Okla., involving civilian and other government agencies.

The training allowed members the opportunity to respond and manage a large scale disaster.

SSgt. Roland Brock, KC-135 structural repair technician for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, along with 14 other squadron members performed their annual tour at Eielson AFB, Alaska, working with the 168th Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard, on KC-135 aircraft July 25 through Aug. 8.



Photo courtesy of 507th CLSS

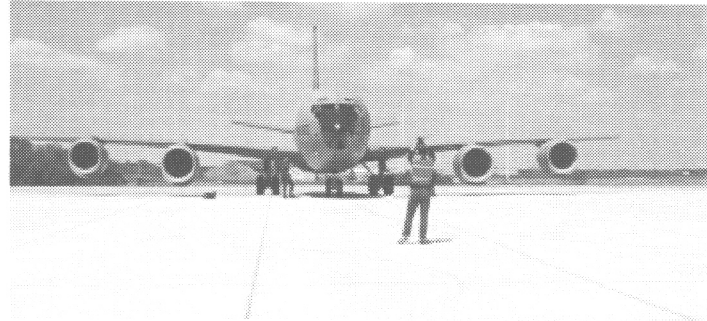


Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

One of the wing's refueling aircraft supported Operation Phoenix Scorpion III, the latest buildup of forces overseas. The KC-135R "Stratotanker" and its crew flew to western Europe Nov. 13 and returned Nov. 18.

Twelve 507th Civil Engineer firefighters last month utilized for the first time the new live fire Structural Training Facility for their fire fighting certification.



Photo by MSgt. Brent Nelson

Upclose

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing during November's Unit Training Assembly:

"How would you rate your COMBAT readiness, and why?"



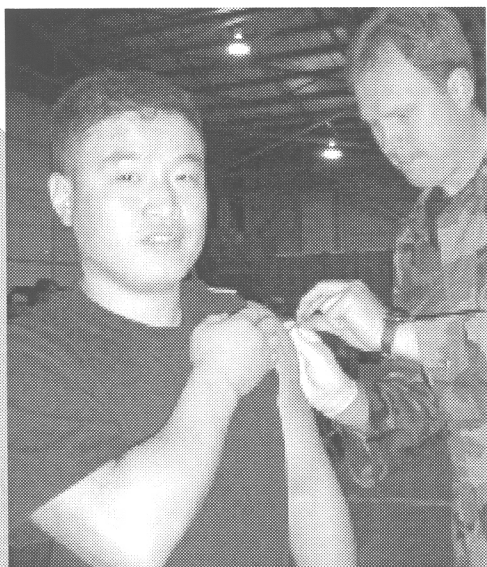
SrA Benjamin Long
72nd Aerial Port Squadron

"I would give myself a '10.' I just got off active duty and had a lot of combat readiness training classes there."

SSgt. Ronnie Byrd
72nd Aerial Port Squadron

"I would rate myself as good because I've had good instructors and good training."

By TSgt. Ty Yoshida
507th ARW Public Affairs Office



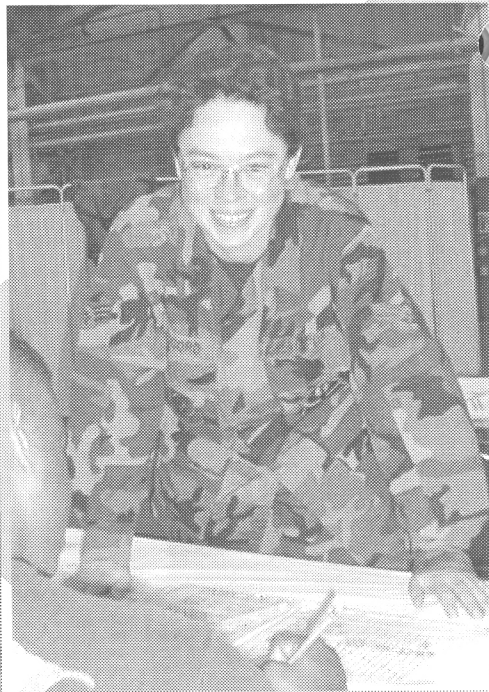
SSgt. Youngjin Choe
513th Aircraft Generation Squadron

"I think I'm only half-way ready. Only once a month training is not enough. On the M-16, I qualified at the firing range, but don't have any experience with it in the field."



TSgt. John Carpenter
72nd Aerial Port Squadron

"I think it's excellent. I recently completed deployment readiness training at Dobbins ARB -- and it was an excellent course."

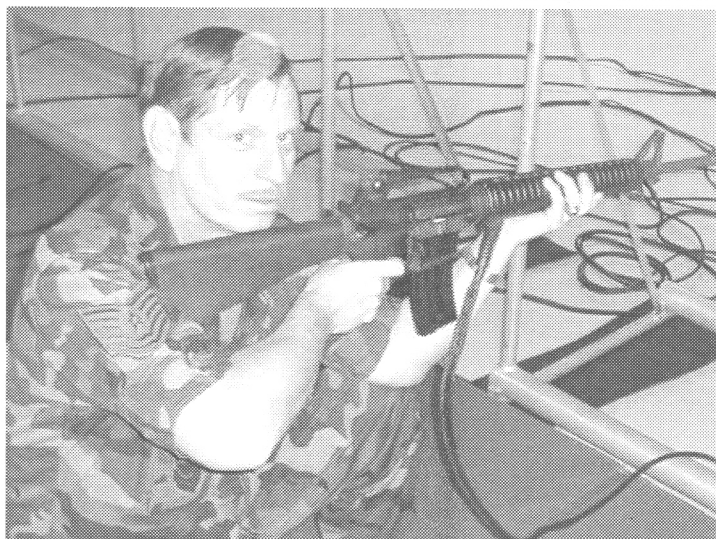


SrA Cherry McCord
507th Medical Squadron

"From 1 to 10, about a 5. I say 5 only because I'm new to the unit. After tomorrow's mass casualty exercise, I'll be more confident."

WHO'S WHO

in the 507th Air Refueling Wing



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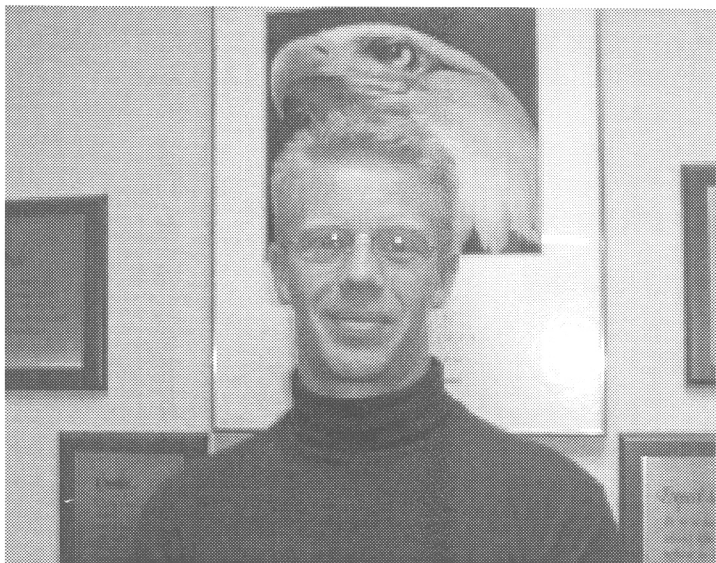
Position: Pharmacy Supervisor, 507th Medical Squadron

Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK

Civilian Occupation: Processing technician for Centeon BioServices, an international plasma firm

Hobbies: Piano playing; collecting old videos, trivia books

Favorite Music: Classical



Name: SSgt. Ivan Esau

Position: Paralegal, 507th Air Refueling Wing

Hometown: Breckenridge, CO

Civilian Occupation: Senior, University of Oklahoma;

Concert Promoter for Box Talent

Hobbies: Volleyball, skiing

Favorite music: Rock 'n' Roll

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507th ARW exceeds CFC goal

The 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) exceeded its goal this year for Combined Federal Campaign contributions by about 111 percent.

1998's goal for the 507th ARW was \$10,018. Members of the wing contributed more than \$11,100.

With 206 full-time employees, both air reserve technicians and civilians, an average of about \$54 per wing member was contributed.



December



Dec. 1, 1967: President Johnson signed the "Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act (PL 90-168). Provisions of the act took effect Jan. 1, 1968.

December 1989: Air Force Reserve, Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command associate unit crews made a major contribution to the Panama intervention, Operation Just Cause. As of Dec. 31, crews had flown 1,500 hours during 455 sorties. They carried more than 5,900 passengers and 3,700 tons of cargo, and conducted air refueling missions from Dec. 19-31. AC-130 gunships flew 29 sorties and expended more than 7,000 rounds of ammunition. Other Reserve units were also directly involved.

Dec. 1, 1990: Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney raised from 120,000 to 188,000 the total number of Guard and Reserve personnel who could be ordered to active duty at one time during the Persian Gulf crisis.

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A real bonus

Exam offers certification for job skills

Air Force Reserve Command is the first Department of Defense component to offer reimbursement of exam fees for the Job Certification Program.

Through a memorandum of understanding with the Reserve, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, better known as DANTES, offers certification examinations, recognized by 32 professional agencies, at education offices. Professional certification provides recognition of skills learned while serving in the military and allows service members to demonstrate a high level of professional competence. Each service funds the professional certification tests on a one-time basis to enhance retention by supporting the service member's military professional development.

Bonus' exam covered finance and business law, office systems and administration, and management. The exam, combined with his education and experience, earned Bonus the title "Certified Professional Secretary." The CPS title is awarded by the Institute for Certification of the International Association of Administrative Professionals of Kansas City, Mo.

Certification will not only enhance a member's military career but it is readily recognized and well respected in the civilian community. Some colleges and universities will also grant college credit for the examinations.

Sandra Winborne, DANTES certification program manager, has more information about the program at DSN 922-1360 or (850) 452-1360 or call the 507th ARW Training Office, 4-7075

Chaplain's Corner

Looking for the "right" gift?

By Chaplain (1Lt.) Dwight Magnus
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Not all Christmas gifts are wonderful. There was the year I asked for "anything but golf balls and cologne." Yep, my family made sure I had an ample supply of range balls and cheap cologne (the names of which will remain anonymous to protect the innocent). There was the time at a Christmas party, while playing "dirty Santa" that a friend of mine ended up with a big spoon and fork. The kind that went on my dining room/kitchen wall....in the 70s.

Yet for all the forced smiles and emergency trips to the exchange section of the department stores, I have been blessed with many wonderful gifts at Christmas. And many of these gifts were not under the tree: reunions with family, the joy of my child, the lights, the music, the desserts, the kind words.

For Christians, the best gift of all is Christ Himself. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son."*

Thank you for giving to "Christmas Spirit" so that others might have a brighter Christmas.

May God bless you this Holiday Season with all the best gifts for you and your family. Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year



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Help unit recruiters by giving them a name, or contact them directly by calling any of the following numbers:

Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Larry Wheatley
TSgt. Rhonda Nolan
(405) 734-5331

Tinker In-Service Recruiter

MSgt. Vic Bradford
(405) 739-2980

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith
TSgt. Bill Thompson
(405) 733-9403

Tulsa, OK

MSgt. Michael Lugrand
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Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Larry Giles
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Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickle
(405) 357-2784

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. Terry Gosh
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TSgt. David McCormick
(316) 652-4350

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. Terry Gosh
(316) 652-3766

CyberSpace



The 507th Air Refueling Wing commander has put the word out to all computer managers in the wing to turn in ALL 386-type CPUs.

If, for any reason, someone in the wing is still using a 386-based CPU and has reason to keep it in use, you MUST send your justification to Col. Mazick for approval.

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Merry Christmas