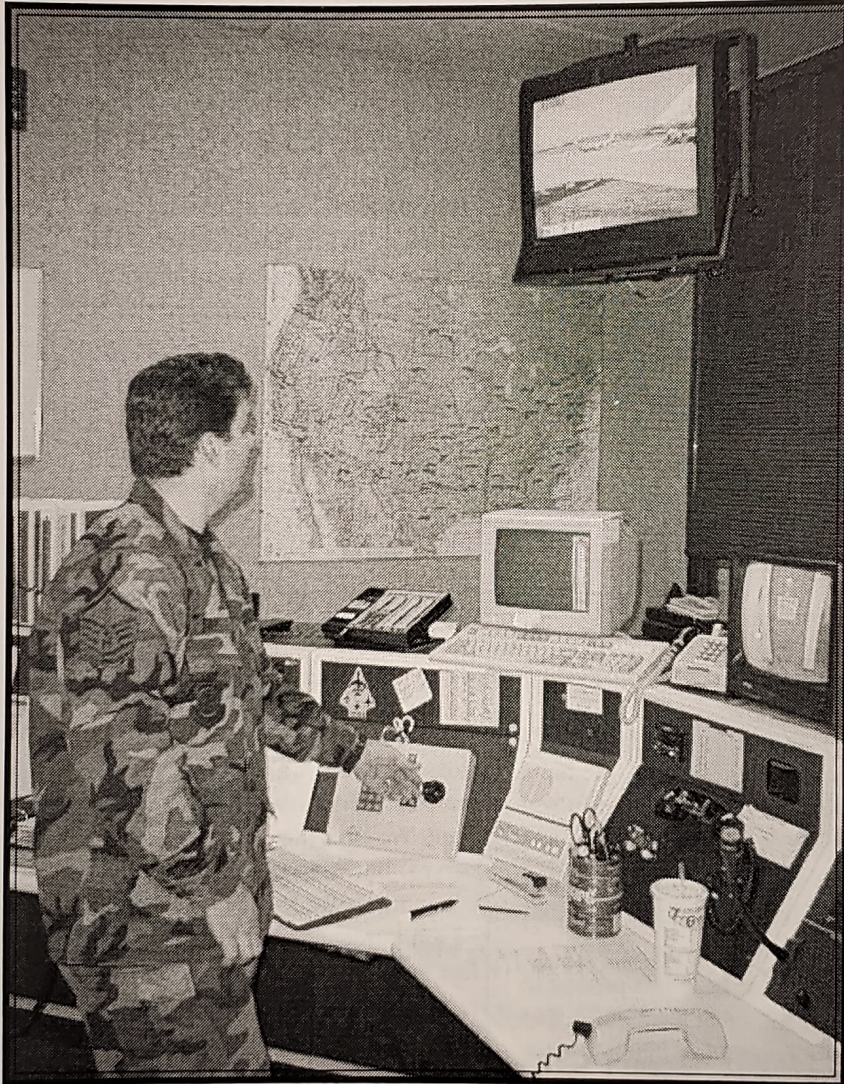


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Commander's Column

By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th ARW Commander

Goodbye

The time has come to say goodbye. However, first I need to say thanks.

Whatever the list of accomplishments are over the last three and one-half years, and it is long, we did it as a team and I thank you for that. When the journey seemed long and arduous, I was fond of a saying, "Just keep pushing on the rock." Well, we pushed that rock in the 507th Air Refueling Wing and we all pushed in the same direction.

While living the journey, it was, at times, tough to see movement; but as I step back and take the time to look, I see the long way we have come.

You have taught me much and I am grateful for it. Over the last couple of months we have received accolades for our performance. These are well justified.

I believe this organization has become a model of change for the 1990's, not because we are so smart or have the perfect plan, but because you get it done. This inherent "OKIE" pride and capability are what will continue to make this organization strong and viable into the next decade.

I'm sure the challenges and opportunities for the 507th ARW will continue into the new millennium. We have laid the groundwork for continuous improvement. You have the tools and the people here to continue your ethic of being the best. You just have to want it. You have made a difference in National Defense, our Air Force, and our community.

I can honestly say that my time here has passed in the wink of an eye. I fondly look back and feel it was fun and exciting. I'm not sure I could say that while we were living it, but in retrospect it's true. I am very proud to have worked for you these last couple of years. I consider it an honor to have been a 507th "OKIE" and look forward to our paths crossing in the future. My best to each of you!

WELCOME

931st Air Refueling Group to the
507th Air Refueling Wing family



AWACS Sends

By Col. Kenneth D. Suppe
513th ACG Commander

If I mentioned the Godfather, would you think of Marlon Brando or Al Pacino? If I asked about the Godfather of Soul, would James Brown or Bobby Blue Bland come to mind? What if I asked about the Godfather of the Reserve Associate AWACS? Would you know that it is Col. Martin M. Mazick?

Thanks "M3," for hiring TSgt. Tina Sanftner and Maj. Steve Mittuch and me, the "initial" initial cadre. Thanks for the office space, the use of phones and computers. Thanks for the seed money to get the unit started. Thanks for making the stand-up of the 513th Air Control Group (ACG) a 507th Air Refueling Wing priority. Thanks for keeping us in the "Okie" reserve family.

Thanks for your leadership and friendship during some pretty stressful times. Thanks for mentoring me. Thanks for showing me options I hadn't thought of and then allowing me to make the decision. None of us in the 513th ACG will ever forget your contributions to our unit. We will miss you both professionally and personally, but we know you are only an e-mail away. We wish you continued success at Westover Air Reserve Base, and may God watch over you and your family during your travels.

Keep pushing on that rock!

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (HLC) Dwight Magnus
507th ARW Chaplain's Office

I love writing about the family. The family and marriage are passions of mine. I have great love and respect for my parents and brothers. I have the greatest wife and daughter anyone could ever want. We have our conflicts, and days where we get on each other's nerves, but we are committed to each other, and love each other unconditionally, for life.

I am burdened about the divorce rate in our country. It pains me that so many couples choose to live together rather than entering the commitment of marriage. Yet I know that even worse is the idea that there are many who treat both of these choices as the unpardonable sin. They are not. God desires the best for you, and that definitely includes the best for your family life.

I challenge each of you to examine your relationship to your family. As the ops tempo increases, so does the stress on family relationships. Take the time now to invest your best into your family. Let your spouse, child, or parent know of your love for and commitment to them. Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal. Take the time this month to slow down, turn off the TV or computer, pull your loved ones aside, and express your renewed commitment and love for them.

May God bless you and your family.

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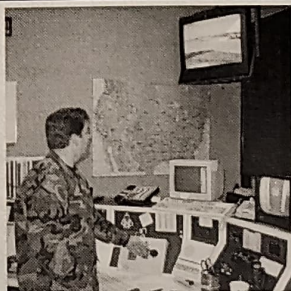


Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

MSgt. Shannon Fipps, 507th ARW Command Post Superintendent, uses the newly installed electronic surveillance system for the 507th ARW ramp area. Read about it on page 10.

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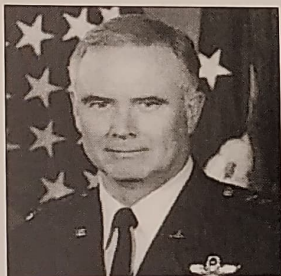
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Commander's NOTAM

As Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ryan serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipage of 750,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and the other service chiefs function as military advisers to the Secretary of Defense, National Security Council, and the president.

Notice to Airmen

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



People. We fought long and hard to ensure that quality of life for our Air Force members was addressed in the FY00 budget. Specifically, we focused on a balanced approach to improving compensation by addressing retirement reform, increasing pay, and reforming the pay table.

- **Retirement.** The president's proposal includes funding to end the "redux" retirement system, restoring retirement benefits from 40% after 20 years of service to 50% for all airmen who entered the Air Force after July 1986.
- **Pay.** President Clinton has proposed a 4.4% pay raise for next year. Our aim is to keep pace with inflation and narrow the gap between military and private sector wages. In addition, we addressed the long-standing issue of revising the pay table. Pay raises targeted for NCOs and mid-grade officers will focus on promotion rather than longevity and recognize the education, training, experience, and leadership skills of our mid-career personnel.
- **Family Housing.** The budget increases family housing revitalization funding. In FY00, 2,500 of 59,000 substandard homes will be revitalized, an increase of 700.



Readiness. Overall readiness, as measured by the combat ready status of our forces, has declined 18% since 1996—4% of that decline occurred since September. The additional funding received in this budget will help arrest current readiness trends. Key focus areas include:

- **Aircraft Spares.** Increases funding of Depot Level Repairables from 95% to 100% and includes funding for new spares for C-17, B-2, and JSTARS aircraft
- **Training and Combat Ranges.** Funds critical readiness training to include F-117 aircrew training computers, Combat Search and Rescue, and combat ranges
- **Base Operating Support (BOS).** FY00-02 total force BOS funded at approximately 95% of FY96 obligations, an increase of almost 20% over this year
- **Technical Orders.** Funds urgent technical order updates
- **Communications Infrastructure.** Fields high capacity satellite systems for Combat Communications units to support Air Expeditionary Force deployments. Fields hardware/software to support Global Combat Support System implementation
- **Bare Base.** Funds replacement and reconstitution of critical readiness equipment to support contingency operations

Modernization. It is important that we remain focused on the present, but we also need to focus on modernization to ensure a ready, capable force well into the next century. The current budget proposal adds programs that allow the force to age more gracefully:

- **Aircraft**
- **F-16** - Procures F-16 Block 50 aircraft with spares and support equipment
- **C-17** - Purchases additional C-17s to increase our special operations capabilities
- **Engines** - Funds engine modernization programs for C-5, B-1, T-38, RC-135, C-130, C-17, and F-15E
- **F-15 Modifications** - Funds radar and engine modifications

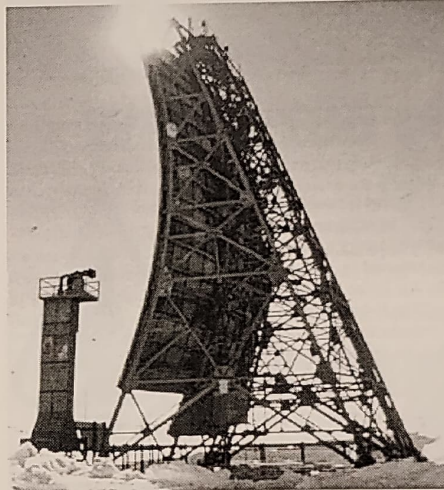


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- **Space Systems**
- **Space Based Laser (SBL)** - Funds SBL technology development
- **Space Range Modifications** - Accelerates telemetry and communication modifications and implements Global Positioning System for rocket tracking
- **Munitions**
- **Sensor Fused Weapons.** Restores program buy to 300 weapons per year

This proposed budget is a good start, but there is still much work remaining. We will continue to press for increased and sustained funding to take care of our Air Force people, keep readiness high and continue to modernize for the future—all this to ensure that the U.S. Air Force remains the world's premiere aerospace force.

Year 2000 (Y2K) Mission Readiness - Update

We're less than a year from the millennium rollover. We've made progress toward ensuring the Air Force can perform its missions, but we have more to do. So far, we've certified 82% of our 400-plus mission critical systems as Y2K compliant. We're continuing to closely monitor those mission critical systems that weren't compliant and track over 3200 other systems for Y2K purposes.

Although we're devoting considerable resources to finding and fixing Y2K problems, we must assume that some mis-

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sion-threatening failures will occur. Therefore, we'll ensure the Air Force can perform its missions by *planning* for failures in critical processes. We'll test our Y2K fixes and continuity of operations plans in a series of Air Force and CINCSponsored exercises over the next eight months.

We will develop and test "workarounds" to ensure we get the job done. The active involvement of all airmen, and especially commanders, is essential in assessing what can go wrong and developing methods to accomplish the mission by alternate means.

Rating Air Battle Managers



Air Battle Managers (ABMs) are responsible for in-theater airspace and data link management, and managing real-time interface

among command, control, and battle management agencies worldwide. ABMs serve on the E-3, E-8, EC-130E, as well as mobile and fixed air control squadrons.

In 1996, we began a process aimed at rating ABMs. Over 60% of this career field is currently in flying positions and is essential to the theater battle management mission. Rating the career field accentuates the fact that ABMs, like pilots and navigators, complete their primary duties while airborne. Rating ABMs will provide a larger pool of officers with operational expertise critical to employing command and control in a combat environment.

When rated, ABMs will receive Aviation Career Incentive Pay (currently paid to pilots and navigators), rather than Enhanced Hazardous Duty Pay. However, before we make this change, we need "save pay" legislation to ensure members do not lose pay during conversions from one pay system to another.

I am committed to rating Air Battle Managers, but not if it will take money out of their pockets. The outlook is good that we will have a "save pay" measure in the FY00 budget. As soon as I am confident that the pay issue is resolved, we will rate ABMs.



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The heart of the 507th ARW

By TSgt. Carolyn Cowan
507th Aircraft Generation Squadron UPAW

What is the heart of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and what makes this Air Force Reserve unit so strong? Is it the aircraft? Is it the pilots? Is it the maintenance crews and all the support people behind the scenes?

At the 507th ARW, there are many aspects which can be examined to answer this question.

On May 14, 1972, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) was activated at Tinker AFB with the unit flying and maintaining the F-105 "Thunderchief" fighter aircraft. This new reserve unit on the base was known by its call sign, "SH," meaning "Sierra Hotel." The group's 465th Fighter Squadron selected an unofficial blue patch in the shape of an Indian arrowhead. The arrowhead was the symbol of the Oklahoma Indian heritage. They were called the "SH Okies." The Thunderchief was well named. According to TSgt. Bob George, maintainer for the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron, "Tinker soon became accustomed to the daily sound of four Thunderchiefs in full afterburner take-off."

One of the distinctive features of the Thunderchief was their somewhat quiet approach as they fly toward a point, then as they passed overhead the roaring thunder of their engines became evident.

The 507th TFG was growing and becoming well-known throughout the Air Force Reserve when in 1980, the group was re-equipped with McDonnell Douglas F-4 "Phantom II" aircraft.

This brought changes to the design of the unit's arrowhead patch. The patch sported a new yellow color

with the F-4 silhouette in the center and "SH Okies" lettering around the silhouette. The F-4 was a strong aircraft and people often referred to it as "the backbone of the Air Force."

"The F-4 aircraft took off with its distinctive trail of smoke behind its engines, you knew your efforts were rewarded as you watched it fly away," said MSgt. Dave Phillips, crew chief for the 507th ARW.

Just as the unit was growing stronger and flying higher than ever before, unit members would see another change in the aircraft they would fly and maintain.

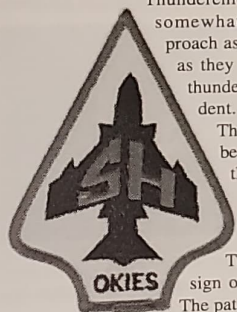
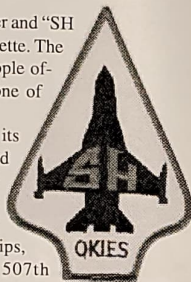
In 1989, unit members received General Dynamic's F-16 "Fighting Falcon" and the patch again was changed to reflect this aircraft. Over the years, the 507th ARW has received six outstanding unit awards while at Tinker AFB, seven total, and matured into a well-trained unit.

The "SH Okies" patch has become symbolic as the heart of the 507th ARW. People have seen this distinctive arrowhead patch affixed to many different items to include T-shirts, hats, helmet bags, lunch boxes, toolboxes, and even car bumpers just to mention a few.

The early '90s brought about much change in this country's military structure. Many military installations and units were being examined for realignment or closure. The 507th TFG did not escape the scrutiny of officials during this time of change of our military's history.

Due to many factors, with one of them the unit's performance record, the 507th ARW was destined for yet another change in both aircraft type and unit structure.

In late 1993, the 507th FG received a message from Headquarters Air Force Reserve advising that the unit would be converted to an air refueling group, changing from fighter to tanker aircraft.



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News Around the Wing

Early in 1994, the unit was redesignated the 507th Air Refueling Group (ARG) and received its first KC-135R "Stratotanker" aircraft. With tankers sitting on the unit's ramp, the mission of this unit with more than 21 years experience as a fighter organization have acquired quite a different mission to perform. All in all, members of the 507th ARW are still very proud of their aircraft. Since then, the unit has had its designation changed to Air Refueling Wing, then Wing, then back to Air Refueling Wing, which remains today.

"You have to understand that in the 135 community, we are the new kids on the block and with that comes the ever-increasing learning curve and growing pains," said MSgt. Steve Robinson, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. "But you would never know it, especially

when you see this unit attack all the contingencies and commitments associated with this new mission. This is a direct reflection on the legacy this unit has had throughout its existence and is a monumental credit to its dedicated members."

This Air Force Reserve unit has changed their aircraft and their mission many times, but through it all the people have continued to be the driving force that makes this unit a vital part of the total force.

Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing are truly the heart of this highly trained and professional unit. It's not the aircraft that makes a unit, but the people who fly, support, and maintain every aspect of a flying unit's needs that keeps this unit going and going well.



Meet Barbara in recruiting

By Ms. Marilyn Trask
507th ARW UPAW

Ms. Barbara Waldroop, secretary for the 507 Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Recruiting Office, joined the unit in January 1992, as the publications clerk in the Information Management office.

Due to her reputation as a true professional who is dependable and hardworking, she was later asked to join the recruiting office team. Little did Barbara know that when she accepted this position, she was going to be challenged beyond belief.

Since being assigned to the 507th ARW Recruiting Office, the unit went through a conversion from F-16 "Fighting Falcon" fighter aircraft to KC-135R "Stratotanker" refueling aircraft and the stand-up of two new missions.

These changes, coupled with increasing manning demands, have placed a tremendous amount of pressure on her office responsible for recruiting people for both the 507th ARW and the 513th Air control Group. Through all of this, the recruiting office has met or exceeded the needs of both units, and these accomplishments would not have been possible without Barbara's undying loyalty and superb organizing skills. Ac-

cording to her supervisor, SMSgt Theron Lord, "Without Barbara, this team would be incomplete."

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander for the 507th ARW said "Barbara is the golden thread of continuity in our outstanding recruiting office."

Regardless of the great influx of customers she deals with daily, Barbara is a true professional who will always greet you with a smile. When asked why she is so happy in her profession, Barbara said, "I love my job because of the constant changes and challenges that I am faced with and the daily opportunity I have to meet new people from all walks of life."

She went on to say that having a supervisor who not only supports her, but also empowers her to do more with her career, inspires her to be the best she

can be.

As a result of her dedication to the 507th ARW, Barbara will always be considered a true "Okie" — a title earned by members in this unit, past and present, who are proud to be on our team and have always gone the extra mile to ensure the unit's success. The 507th ARW is lucky to have Barbara Waldroop on our team!



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Hemp oil usage prohibited for Air Force members

By Maj. Jerry Beard
507th ANW Judge Advocate's Office

Recently the Air Force amended AFI 44-121 (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program) to prohibit military members from ingesting hemp oil or products made with hemp seed oil.

The reason for the change is simple: hemp seed oil contains "THC," a chemical found in marijuana. While the level of THC found in hemp seed oil is insufficient to "get high," it is sufficient to trigger a positive result during random urinalysis. So, by prohibiting military members (including Reserve and Guard personnel) from using hemp seed oil products, the Air Force hopes to eliminate the chance that a military member might erroneously test positive for marijuana use.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, the new prohibition on the use of hemp-seed oil results from a recent high-profile court case. In *United States v. Gaines*, the defense obtained an acquittal in Gaines's court-martial charges after Gaines's expert witnesses testified that the innocent ingestion of hemp seed oil would allow for a positive test for THC. The result in the Gaines case led the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, along with several private research firms, to conduct studies that concluded that the THC found in all hemp seed and hemp oil products nearly always produces a positive urinalysis test.

The new Air Force policy will ensure the continued effectiveness of the Air Force Drug Testing Program as an important tool in ensuring a fit and ready force.

According to Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, Surgeon General of the Air Force, "The prohibition on hemp seed oil products is designed to ensure the integrity of the urinalysis testing program and its effectiveness as a tool in promoting readiness of our military forces. By eliminating the use of these products, we also protect the individual, preventing instances in which hemp seed oil use as a dietary supplement results in positive urinalysis test results and raises the specter of illicit drug use. We don't want people testing positive and jeopardizing their careers because they consumed something they may have thought was good for them."

As a practical matter, only a small number of military members will be affected by the new policy. Gen. Roadman notes that "The majority of airmen don't need to be concerned about unwittingly ingesting hemp products in foods and drinks because these products are generally marketed and sold in health food stores and bought for a specific health purpose."

Weight-lifters and health-food enthusiasts should take special care to ensure they do not ingest products containing hemp seed oil.

This Air Force prohibition on use of products containing hemp seed oil takes effect immediately as publication of Interim Change 99-1 to AFI 44-121. Any military member found violating this Air Force Instruction will face the full range of possible judicial and administrative action. An offending member's commander retains authority to determine the appropriate legal action based upon the unique circumstances of each case. For additional information on the new Air Force policy, contact the 507th Air Refueling Wing Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

WASHINGTON — In the mid-'80s, the standard urinalysis testing became an effective weapon in the Air Force war against drugs. Now, the program that has produced a healthy force of drug-free professionals may be compromised by something actually being touted as a healthy dietary supplement. It's called hemp oil.

"In the interest of military readiness and good order and discipline, active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard members are now prohibited from consuming any products containing hemp seed oil," said Lt. Col. Greg Girard, with the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Office in the Pentagon.

Recently, a number of new "hemp" products have appeared on the shelves of many health food stores accompanied by claims they contain high concentrations of essential amino acids and fatty acids. Girard was quick to add that the Air Force is not challenging such claims but rather pointing out that their use by airmen "effectively interferes" with the Air Force's ability to maintain a drug-free force.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has found some level of THC in all hemp seed and hemp oil products tested. This is why the Air Force has amended its alcohol and drug abuse prevention program to forbid use of such products by airmen.

As program manager for the Air Force drug abuse prevention and treatment program, Lt. Col. Peter Durand of the Air Force Surgeon General's Office said that without the ban on hemp products, drug users could hide their crime simply by claiming they ingested a hemp-based dietary supplement.

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
99-5	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 have unit commander's approval.

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 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 :

✓ 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."

✓ IEU OPEN FROM 1200-1500 ON SATURDAY OF THE MAIN UTA

✓ Customer Service closed until 0930 every Saturday due to newcomers inprocessing. Please take care of business after that time.

The New FY 99 UTA Schedule

10-11 Apr 99	10-11 Jul 99
01-02 May 99	07-08 Aug 99
05-06 Jun 99	11-12 Sep 99

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Fri, 05 Mar 99

1400	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1600	TOP 3 Council	Bldg 1030, CLSS Con Rm

Sat, 06 Mar 99

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
0800-0900	Suicide Prevention Briefing	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
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
1330-1630	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, Rm 102
As Designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

Sun, 07 Mar 99

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
0730-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0800-1115	<u>CDC/PME Course Exams</u>	<u>Bldg 460, Rm 213</u>
0800-0900	Personnel Systems/Appl Trng	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
1000-1200	HRDC (All Members)	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1045	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1130	LTs Luncheon	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
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 by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

Fri, 09 Apr 99

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1600	TOP 3 Council	Bldg 1030, CLSS Con Rm

Sat, 10 Apr 99

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0900-1000	3A0X1 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
1330-1630	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, Rm 102
As Designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

Sun, 11 Apr 99

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
0730-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	HAZCOM Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0800-1115	<u>CDC/PME Course Exams</u>	<u>Bldg 460, Rm 213</u>
0800-0900	Personnel Systems/Appl Trng	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	HRDC (Retention Group)	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1000-1100	HRDC (Mentoring Group)	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
1030-1130	HRDC (Recruiting Group)	Bldg 1043, CConf Rm
1045	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1130	LTs Luncheon	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
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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.

		<u>Phase I</u>	
	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1330-1400	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
		<u>Phase II</u>	
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0930	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	0930-0945	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0945-1045	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 0800 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 0800 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.

Math requirement for CCAF degree

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) has a requirement of three semester hours of mathematics for all students regardless of major or AFSC. The mathematics can be satisfied by taking any college-level math course that satisfies the delivering institution's mathematics requirement for graduation. College Algebra is not the sole course acceptable. Courses such as accounting, business mathematics, computer mathematics, statistics (taught outside the math department), are not applicable.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 4 or 9 you have until 30 Apr 1999 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.**



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Always check your statements

Scam artists target government travel cardholders

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force people with NationsBank VISA government travel cards need to guard against scam artists attempting to defraud them or the government.

An individual posing as a representative from a credit card security company called an Air Force servicewoman in January offering a monthly service to cardholders.



The woman became suspicious and contacted NationsBank to learn an unauthorized charge was made to her account.

In January, another individual received an unsolicited e-mail from a travel agent to use his government travel card for purchasing airline tickets and obtaining "triple frequent flyer miles."

Officials advise Air Force Reserve Command people not to give their government or personal credit card numbers to any unknown source. If they are solicited by an unknown source about their government travel card, cardholders should contact the NationsBank security desk at 1-800-472-1424.

Travelers cannot use their cards to purchase anything solicited. It is unauthorized.

When arranging official travel, people must use a government-contracted commercial transportation office, an in-house travel office or a General Services Administration Travel Management Center. Otherwise, travelers must have their orders-issuing official authorize reimbursement for transportation obtained directly from a common carrier or a commercial transportation office not under government contract due to unusual circumstances.

Cardholders should review and verify charges appearing on their monthly NationsBank billing statements. If there are any unauthorized or erroneous charges, they must take them up with NationsBank and should inform their travel card agency program coordinator about these incidents. (AFRC News Service)

AFRC News Summary

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

Reservist to receive Air Force's highest safety award

WASHINGTON - An Air Force reservist with the 756th Airlift Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is the 1998 recipient of the Koren Kolligian Jr. Trophy, the Air Force's top aircrew safety award.

Capt. Mark S. Barker, a pilot in Air Force Reserve Command's 459th Airlift Wing, successfully managed a serious in-flight emergency to land a crippled C-141 Starlifter aircraft safely under adverse weather conditions.

President's budget calls for fewer reservists, less money

WASHINGTON - The president's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2000 seeks \$2.62 billion and an end-strength of 73,708 reservists for Air Force Reserve Command. Announced Feb. 1, the budget request asks for 534 fewer reservists and \$18 million less than the budget approved by Congress for FY99.

Reserve seeks candidates for Capitol Hill tour

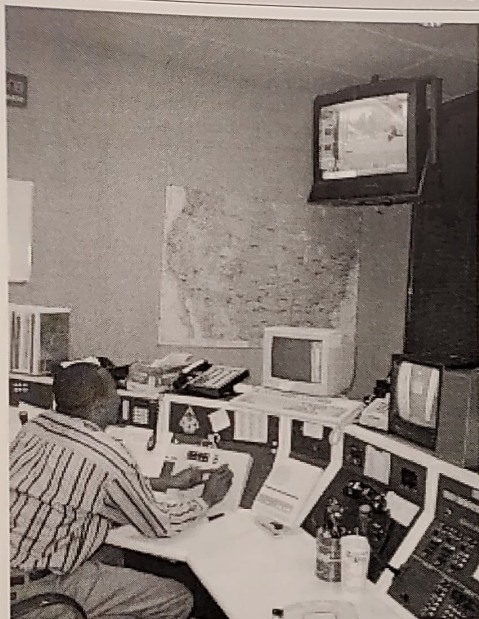
WASHINGTON - Air Force Reserve Command officers interested in serving a 13-month, special-duty assignment in the U.S. capital have until April 9 to apply for tours starting this fall.

Each year, the Air Force Reserve Capitol Hill Fellowship Program offers opportunities to as many as four qualified officers who want training and hands-on experience in the processes, procedures, and culture of the United States Congress.

Majors and major selectees in any Air Force specialty may apply through their wing commander or agency of assignment directly to HQ USAF/REI, 1150 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, D C 20330-1150.

Conceived by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman in 1995, the Fellowship program began its first class in January 1996.

Questions about this program may be directed to HQ USAF/REI at DSN 223-2452 or (703) 693-2452. (AFRC News Service)



507th ARW command post watches over ramp with...

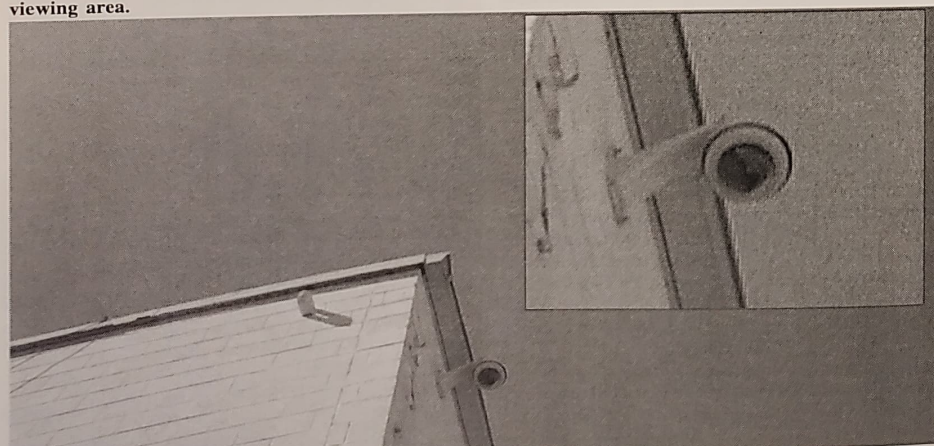
24-hour surveillance system

Story by ZLT Stan Paragon
Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chaudron
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) command post is now watching the unit's KC-135 ramp area with 24-hour eyes. A new installation of video cameras now allows the ramp to be videotaped around-the-clock for security and documentation purposes. The technology gives the 507th ARW command post the ability to visually follow an aircraft's movement all the way out to takeoff and landing.

The unit put in a request for an unfunded requirement and it was approved after two years. Total cost for the project was around \$51,000. Lucent Technologies and a commercial security company in Oklahoma City did the installation. It has

(Top photo) TSgt. Barry George, controller for the 507th ARW command post, manipulates the camera to get a close-up of one of the maintenance trucks on the ramp showing the versatility of the system. (Below) One of the cameras mounted on the maintenance hangar can be seen showing the glass casing allowing for a 360 degree viewing area.



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been an Air Mobility Command (AMC) requirement for all AMC command posts to have flight line surveillance.

"The local system they have at Tinker AFB is a black and white system with limited functions and the one that we are using is color and is digital, so the imaging is crisp and clear.



A close-up view of Bldg. 3001 can be brought into closer view from across the airfield with the new camera system. (Bottom Photo) The controller unit allows for complete programming and control by the user.

"Our system also ties into Central Security Control at Tinker, to allow security police the capability to also keep an eye on the 507th ramp at all times" said MSgt. Shannon Fipps, command post superintendent for the 507th ARW.



The system will allow command post controllers to record all action on the tarmac, including accidents and emergencies. Video-tapes will be changed out in

intervals that will keep a constant record of events.

"We have three new employees that will allow us to operate 24 hours a day. Our 24 hour operation is projected to begin in June of 1999. With the help of MSgt Bob Greenlee (707th Communications Flight superintendent) and local contractors, we will also start the additional phases in the near future to increase the overall coverage of this video system," said Fipps.

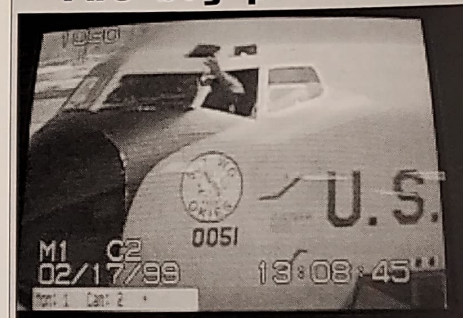
The next phase will tie the 507th ARW video cameras into the base alert ramp video system to give controllers a look at the unit's alert aircraft. The following phase will add two to

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three more cameras around the 507th ARW campus to keep an eye on the area including Building 1030. The final phase will be a local area network connection that will allow commanders to view all these areas on their desktop.

"We are one of the few 4th Air Force reserve units to get this system. It's really got some nice features including the ability to do random rotation of areas. The camera can be programmed so that sensors will alert the cameras of any movement and then they zoom in for a closer look. We will use a quad split screen to see four different areas at a time and we also have the capability to add 14 more cameras in the future, it's really a state of the art system" added Fipps.

The big picture



(Top photo) This close-up shot of one of the 507th ARW's pilot waving to the camera from the cockpit of a KC-135 shows just how close the camera can zoom in from the corner of the main hagar to the ramp area. (Bottom photo) when the camera pulls away, the viewer can see the distance the camera is working with and get the "bigger picture" of activities taking place on the flight line.



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513th Air Control Group News



HYDRA on-line

By 2Lt. Mechille A. Braden
513th Air Control Group UPAN

SSgt. James Matthey, 970th AACs, affectionately known as "Boy Wonder," is the genius behind a scheduling database program known as the Hydra. And no, it doesn't share any characteristics with the mythical beast that Hercules slew.

Drawing on his scheduling experience gained while in his military career, he realized that a better system was required for the unit. "I knew what technologies were available and adapted existing technologies to fulfill a specific need," said Matthey.

The Hydra is a scheduling database program which allows aircrew members to electronically sign up for both on-station and off-station sorties. He created the Hydra, fulfilling a requirement for his graduate studies program in Computer Resources and Information Management at Webster's University. "It took months to develop. The Hydra is tailored specifically to aircrew users. It's based on their unique requirements," said SSgt. Matthey.

"Hydra is awesome! It is 'a one-stop' program which removes the paperwork burden from the section chiefs, freeing us to concentrate on other duties," said Capt. Michael Toney, Chief of Pilots.

The Hydra replaces a time consuming, tiresome, and paperladen process. Aircrew members would volunteer for sorties with their section chiefs who then passed their names to the Scheduling Section. The Scheduling Section would input the names in Excel and provide a copy of the loadlist to the Director of Operations or Assistant Directors, for approval. However, every time a flyer was added or deleted from the aircrew load list, the entire process would start have to start over. The existing process was labor intensive and redundant.

Automating this burdensome paper process, Hydra provides a timely load list while saving valuable man-hours. Changes are automatically noted, providing section chiefs, aircraft commanders, and the Director of Operations with an accurate and timely list.

Welcome 931st ARG to the 507th ARW family

The 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) welcomes the 931st Air Refueling Group (ARG) into the 507th ARW family.

Effective Feb. 17, the 931st ARG, McConnell AFB, Ks., the first Air Force Reserve KC-135 associate unit, was re-aligned to report to the 507th ARW commander.

The mission of the 931st ARG is to fly and help maintain KC-135R

"Stratotanker" aircraft.

Other units assigned to the 931st include the 931st Military Support Flight, the 931st Civil Engineer Squadron, the 931st Operation Support Flight, and the 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron. The 931st commander also has a contingent of staff personnel.

The 507th ARW is not new to accepting additional missions within the organiza-

tion. The most recent addition to the wing was the activation of the 1st Aviation Standards Flight, Will Rogers World Airport, Okla., with the Air Force Reserve mission of providing combat flight inspections of navigational aids, radars, and instrument procedures in support of national mobility plans during wartime, crises, contingencies, and Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) exercises.

Unit members can dial-in from any Department of Defense computer terminal or access the Hydra through their dial-in account, which is established by the 970th AACs Computer Section. Hydra allows them to view the weekly flying schedule and scheduled sorties. Reservists can then select those flights to best matching their availability.

Another home-grown First

SrA David Lightfoot, crew chief for the 513th AGS, graduated from a 4 1/2 month Able Crew Chief School conducted by 9th Field Training Detachment at Tinker AFB. He was one of four graduates. The school is a follow-on assignment from the Aircraft Maintenance School at Sheppard AFB.

The Able Crew Chief School was created to familiarize newly assigned crew chiefs with the basic systems and maintenance requirements of the E-3 "Sentry" AWACS aircraft. Crew chiefs are ultimately responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the aircraft and will usually deploy with the aircraft. Lightfoot was the first reservist to graduate technical school and from the Able Crew Chief School.

513th AGS Reenlistment



Photo by 2Lt. Mechille Braden

Capt Dale Andrews, commander of the 513th Air Generation Squadron (AGS) conducts a reenlistment ceremony during the February UTA. (Left to right), SMSgt. Larry LeTarte, TSgt. Ronald Huggins, MSgt. Michael Stewart, and SSgt. Jonathan Smith.

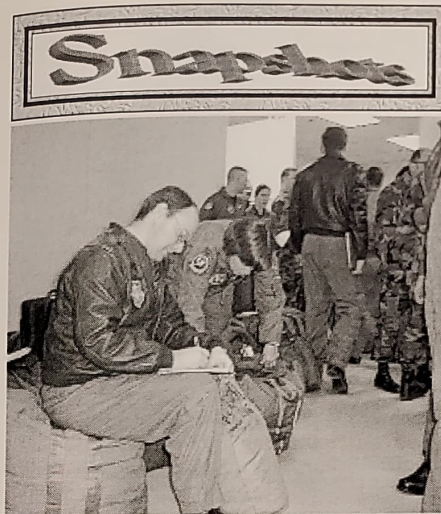


Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

Captains Steve Seaman and Elaine Boyd, both Senior Weapons Directors with the 970th Airborne Control Group, 513th Air Control Group, fill out luggage tags for their personal baggage prior to their recent mobility processing. Both reservists departed with more than 200 member Airborne Warning and Control Systems active duty and reserve deployment package in support of Operation Desert Fox.



Photos by SSgt. Dave Herman

(Top photo) TSgt. Mahlon Smith, crew chief for the 507th AGS, de-ices the wing of one of the unit's aircraft while at Hill AFB, Jan 20-24. (Left photo) MSgt. Dave Phillips, crew chief for the 507th AGS gets his turn managing the de-icing machine while crew members supported the 419th Fighter Wing's deployment to Cold Lake, Canada.

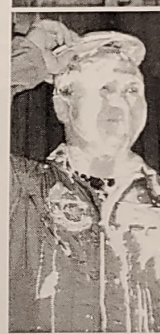
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Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

PIE IN THE FACE?

(Top photo) CCMSgt. Bob Kellington officially, and somewhat gently, places a whipped cream pie on behalf of wing members in the face of Col. Mark Pillar, vice commander for the 507th ARW, during February's Commander's Call. Money raised from the "Commander's Pie in the Face" went to Christmas baskets for needy reserve families during the holidays.



Administrator of the Year



When Col. Steve Gentling, (left) commander of the 507th Medical Squadron, is not serving his country in uniform, he is serving his country as Director for the Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Gentling was recently presented with the American Society for Public Administration's Award as the Administrator of the Year for constantly exhibiting the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accomplishment throughout his Federal career.

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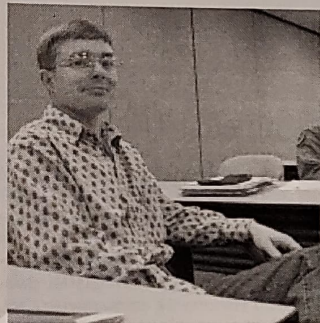
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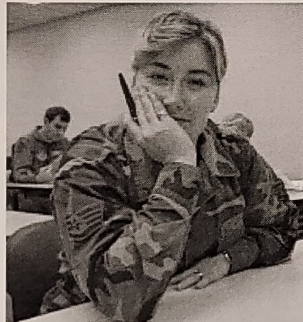
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Update

The following question was asked of newcomers to the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group: "What was the biggest factor that made you decide to join the Air Force Reserves?"

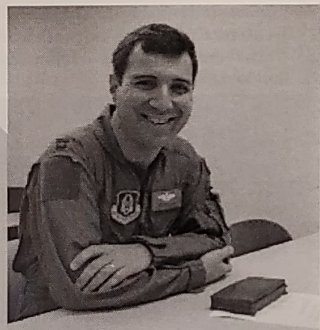


SSgt. Christopher Stearman
507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron
(Prior service, Navy)
"I look forward to the training opportunities and schools."



Amn Onisa Rice
513th Aircraft Generation Squadron
(Recent basic training graduate)
"I always wanted to join the Air Force, and also go to college. This way I can do both."

SSgt. Kimberly Green
507th Mission Support Squadron
(Prior service)
"I wanted a change from active duty."



Capt. Steve Boone
1st Aviation Standards Flight
(Prior service)
"I was talked into joining by a crew member from my civilian job who is a retired former 507th member. He convinced me during a 8,000 mile flight across the Pacific."



SSgt. Scott Doud
50th Maintenance Squadron
(Prior service)
"I got out of active duty to go to school full time. The reserve helps me continue a military career."

SrA Brett Frantom
513th Aircraft Generation Squadron
(Prior service)
"I hope it'll open up a full-time opportunity."

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WHO'S WHO in the 507th Air Refueling Wing



Name: CMSgt. Debra Shepherd-Moore
Position: Technical Advisor for the 507th Logistics Group
Hometown: Cumberland, Md.
Hobbies: Boating and skiing
What does getting promoted to the rank of chief mean?
"It is a dream come true. I hope that someday I will be someone's mentor just the chiefs before me have been to me. Making a difference in one person's life is an accomplishment."



Name: CMSgt. Joseph C. Tytanic
Position: Chief of Maintenance for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron
Hometown: Harrah, Okla.
Hobbies: Spending time with family and new grandson in Wichita, Kan.
What does getting promoted to the rank of chief mean?
"It is an honor to be associated with the top 1 percent of the Air Force and Air Force Reserve and it's the biggest challenge I have had. I am in a position to make changes and change people's lives, so I take this job very, very serious."

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Reservists need to review bennies before bailing out

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Reservists who plan to leave Air Force Reserve Command before they become eligible for retirement might want to reconsider what they are passing up.

Shopping privileges, pay and incentive bonuses, and the opportunity to earn a military retirement are among the benefits being offered to traditional reservists. Many of these career incentives have come about in recent years.

It wasn't until 1974 that reservists could shop at the BX during unit training assemblies. Those trips were limited and based on the member's monthly leave and earning statement. Since 1991 reservists and reserve retirees under age 60 have had unlimited access to the BX and use of revenue-generating morale, welfare and recreation facilities.

In 1989, reservists received their first commissary privilege cards, which were limited to 12 trips per year. These trips were in addition to the days reservists could shop if on active-duty orders. Two years later reserve retirees under age 60 gained the 12-trips-per-year privilege. Last year reservists and retirees under age 60 began earning 24 trips to the store per year.

Since Oct. 1, 1985, dependent survivors have been eligible for medical, commissary and exchange benefits if a reservist died while on active, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training, including travel to or from place of duty. Before that date, reservists had to have been on active duty for 31 or more days for their survivors to qualify for those benefits.

When the Air Force Reserve became a component of the Air Force on April 14, 1948, reservists could count on drill pay and that was about all.

Today's reservists can qualify for a myriad of special pays and allowances, including enlistment, reenlistment, prior-service enlistment and affiliation bonuses. Other special pays include imminent danger, foreign language proficiency, and flight pay. Although foreign language proficiency pay is still prorated according to the number of days on duty, imminent danger pay was recently changed to pay reservists an entire month's allowance even if they serve just one day. This is just one example of how reservists have achieved parity with their active-duty counterparts.

Shopping privileges, pay and retirement benefits are just a smattering of what's available to reservists. Other benefits include dental insurance, health care, education opportunities, and job security.

But these alone are not the sum total of what the Reserve has to offer. Intangible benefits of reserve duty include the friendships developed within the unit over the years and the opportunity to perform new and challenging missions at home station and other bases. (AFRC News Service)

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R-NEWS

Immunization Clinic open Saturdays

The 507th Medical Squadron Immunization Clinic is open Saturdays of each UTA from 0830 to 1130 in the Internal Medicine Clinic at the Tinker AFB Hospital.

Is your unit telling its story?

Have you ever wondered why some squadrons within the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) get more publicity in the *Tinker Take-Off*, the *On-final Magazine*, and other newspapers than other squadrons?

It doesn't have to be that way!

Every squadron should have an assigned Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR).

A squadron's UPAR is the liaison between the unit and the public by helping to get unit stories published.

A squadron's UPAR doesn't have to be a journalist. A squadron's UPAR doesn't have to be a skilled photographer. A squadron's UPAR doesn't have to devote a lot of time to this additional duty.

A squadron's UPAR simply works with the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office about stories and information on what their squadron and its people are doing.

There are also benefits which come along with being an active UPAR that aren't associated with other additional duties: chances for travel are available as well as the opportunity to work closely with the squadron's leadership

Softball

Softball season is just around the corner and the "Men in Black" team are looking for a few good players. If you are interested in playing on the team this season, contact SMSgt. Bob Gaspar at 4-4230.



There is such a thing as "a free lunch"

A restaurant gift certificate, valued at \$30 is available to any 507th ARW or 513th ACG member who recruits the most "new" blood donors for the March 1999 Blood Drive.

Simply come to the 507th ARW Quality Office in the Headquarters Building, Bldg. 1043, to pick up donor recruit slips or call CMSgt. Belinda Journey at 4-5543 for more information on how you can get a "free lunch."

"In your corner"

The 507th ARW Top-3 Council would like to thank all of the 1998 executive board members for a super job in getting this fledgling organization started in the right direction. This year's Top-3 Council Officers will try to improve on the processes already in place and find new and rewarding programs to branch out into.

Some of the programs looked at during the council's recent meeting were:

1. Developing a SNCO orientation seminar similar to the active duty program
2. Airman, NCO, SNCO, First Sergeant of the Year
3. Hughes Memorial Award
4. Getting involved with family support issues
5. Getting involved with the base NCO Association

Please feel free to let any of the Top-3 Council Members know what your ideas are. The Top-3 has a website listed under the 507th ARW Homepage index. Members can be e-mailed directly from this site. Council members look forward to serving the unit this 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 AFB, OK

MSgt. Vic Bradford
(In-Service Recruiter)
(405) 739-2980

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith
(405) 733-9403

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