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RESPONDING

to the call

*"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"*

507th ARW Mission: Man, train, equip, and sustain a reserve force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.



## Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Jon S. Gingerich  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Commander

### Get focused on manning, recognition

First and foremost, Janet and I would like to thank everyone in the 507th Air Refueling Wing for the superb welcome we received during our "whirlwind" trip to Tinker for the Change of Command. It was truly a warm "Okie" reception. This isn't our first wing-level command assignment, but without a doubt, it is off to a fantastic start. The often used expression, "flexibility is the key to airpower," was aptly demonstrated in pulling something like this off with such short notice.

But now that we've gotten the "pomp and circumstance" part of the changeover done, it's time to consider the challenges yet to come. A couple of our internal challenges are **manning** and **recognition**. Not only does an undermanned organization have a perilous future; the workload is often concentrated in a few areas rather than evenly dispersed.

Our taskings are based on our authorized manning, not assigned. If we want to be relevant in this business, we need to fill our vacancies and reduce our losses – a process we all should be actively involved with – not just the recruiters or career advisors. Part of retention is individual recognition. This could be handwritten notes, awards or decorations. I recently approved a **retirement** decoration for a member of the 507th ARW that was actually his **first and only** decoration after 20 years of service. Several supervisors over the years were apparently "too busy" to do what I think is a critical part of their job – taking care of people. I hope this is an isolated case, but I fear it is not. The Air Force has invested a lot in our people, and I need your help to get control of the "back door".



## AWACS Sends

By Col. Kenneth D. Suggs  
513<sup>th</sup> ACG Commander

### "You, Your Family, and SWA"

Now that we've cleared the hurdles of achieving Initial Operational Capability, getting something close to fully manned, and moving into our permanent facilities, we must address our next major tasking—our first major overseas rotational deployment. Our turn in Southwest Asia (SWA) will be here before we know it.

As with any other deployment, "the devil is in the details." Doubtless there will be unforeseen "glitches," but I'm confident they won't amount to anything we can't handle. The next couple of months are the time for each of us to make sure that we address preventable show stoppers, particularly in the area of personal readiness.

Is your will up-to-date? How about power of attorney? If you aren't sure about these, Maj. Jerry Beard of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Judge Advocate's office can help you determine if they need updating. Are your immunizations current? Have you checked your mobility folder lately? Our own 513th Air Control Group mobility folks can tell you if anything in your folder needs attention.

You're not going to be as effective as you could be on the SWA deployment if you're distracted by worries about your family back home. Have you thought about how your bills will be paid in your absence? How about child care issues? Now is the time to discuss these matters with your spouse, rather than waiting until the week before you leave. TSgt. Darryl Wingo of the 507th ARW's Family Readiness Office can assist you in considering family care options you may not have thought about.

## Chaplain's Corner

### You are part of the family

By Chaplain (Maj.) Elaine Henderson  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Chaplains' Office

A synopsis of Isaiah 43:1-5 serves as a verse for the day.

*Thus says the Lord who created you:  
"Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine...  
You are precious in my eyes, you are honored and I love you...Do not be afraid,  
for I am with you."*

In our families, we are known by name. In our families, God would like nothing better than for us to be salt and light for

each other. (Can you imagine food without salt, salt substitute or light?)

I think God would like us to treat each other as priceless, precious treasures. That is not always easy in a place where people know your name!

We continue with the Air Mobility Command's theme "Year of the Family." The word "family" rings of belonging, having someone with whom to share the holidays. I want to remind those of you who may not be married or have blood relatives that you are still part of a "family." The Air Force is a family of "blue suits."

As you read articles regarding the "Year of the Family," do not think you are forgotten.

Someone in the 507th ARW knows your name and he/she, along with God, has called you by name. You are part of a chosen family in the Air Force Reserve! Together we are salt and light!



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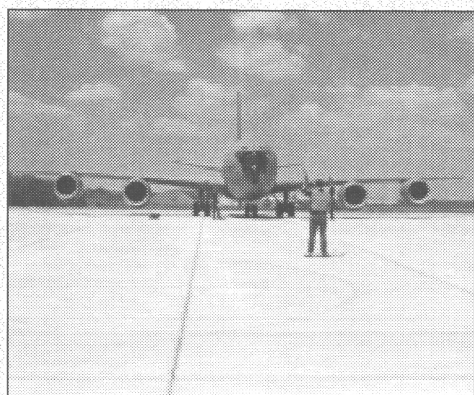
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## On the cover...



U.S. Air Force Photo

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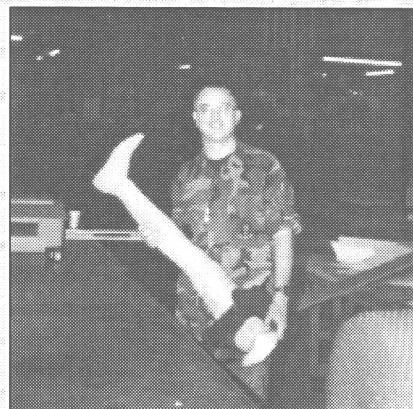
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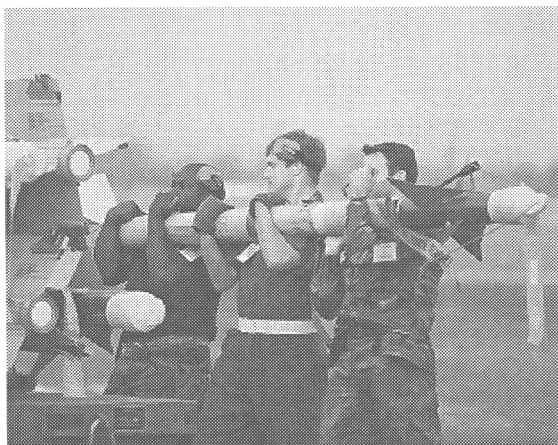
Gen. Charles T. "Tony" Robertson Jr. is commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command, and commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. As a unified command commander in chief, he is responsible to the secretary of defense for the nation's defense transportation requirements.

## AMC commander's views

By Gen. Charles T. Robertson  
Commander, Air Mobility Command

### Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF)

Air Mobility Command (AMC) continues to make great strides supporting the Air Force Chief of Staff's evolving Expeditionary Aero-



space Force (EAF) vision. AMC participated fully in the Air Staff sponsored Sourcing Conference conducted at Hurlburt Field, Jan 25 - Feb. 5, 99. At the conference, AMC planners and functional area managers identified specific global reach laydown units as Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) enablers. AMC personnel then identified specific units to provide expeditionary combat support to the 10 AEFs and 2 Aerospace Expeditionary Wings. The planning accomplished at Hurlburt Field laid the foundation for the AEF scheduling to be performed at Langley AFB Mar. 1-5 99.

### Aircrew Stability Working Group (ASWG)

AMC has continued its efforts to address aircrew turbulence and stability through the ASWG. The ASWG charter is to: first, focus on the root causes of aircrew scheduling and mission turbulence; second, provide cross-functional review and validation of initiatives, and third, provide 4-star visibility to aircrew issues.

(1) The ASWG, which is comprised of members from each unit, including representatives from Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC), met in Decem-

ber 1998 and validated 66 new aircrew stability initiatives. These initiatives were briefed to the senior staff and active duty wing commanders. The next step will be for Headquarters Air Mobility Command and Numbered Air Force staffs to review all initiatives. The status of these initiatives will be published in a forthcoming message. A follow-up meeting will be held at McGuire AFB in early summer to review the status of all ASWG initiatives. AFRC and ANG will develop a process for their unit level personnel to forward concerns to the AMC ASWG.

(2) I have also asked our staff to stand up a Support Stability Working Group and a Logistics Stability Working Group. Look for these in the near future.

### Inspector General

The AMC IG now publishes the "Top 10 lists" of strengths and areas for improvement as seen by our inspectors during recent inspections. These lists are available as a crosstell tool to help you improve your units' readiness and prepare for upcoming inspections. Each item includes a brief description and a point of contact for further information. The "Top 10 lists" are available on the AMC IG web page.

### AMC Air Mobility Team Survey

(1) As commander, AMC, I am interested in examining how we operate as an Integral Air Mobility Team. My intent is to find ways to improve how we carry out our missions and look after our people. I want to strengthen the rapid global mobility team by encouraging people to work more closely together through a sense of shared purpose. As a result, we have developed an air mobility team survey for all military and civilian members of AMC's active duty force and affiliated Guard and Reserve units. This survey allows us to collect more information and monitor progress as we build the air mobility team.

(2) We plan to conduct this web-based survey during Mar



and Apr 1999. If you belong to a Guard or Reserve unit that cannot access the AMC home page, you can request a disk-based version of the survey. You need not worry about privacy because your responses will be anonymous. We will combine all responses for analytical purposes. Though the survey is voluntary, I strongly encourage you to take it. You are a key part of the air mobility mission, and I need to know your views if we are to better perform that mission.

### C-130 modernization



(1) One of my top priorities for AMC is C-130 modernization. Our C-130 fleet if left alone faces several major challenges in the coming years. Many of our aircraft start reaching their service life as early as 2002 with as many as 150 aircraft reaching service life by 2020. In addition, the equipment on many C-130s is becoming obsolete and cost prohibitive to repair. Finally, our C-130 fleet does not comply with Air Force Navigation and Safety Master O-plan (Nav/Safety) or Global Air Traffic Management (GATM) requirements.

(2) The C-130X is part of our aggressive plan to counter these problems. A total of 360 combat delivery C-130s will be modified to a new C-130X configuration to include a modernized cockpit that is Nav/Safety and GATM compliant, an upgrade of T56-A-7 engines to T56-A-15, and an upgrade for e-models.

(3) The Air Force has recently taken delivery of our first C-130J's. We will start flying these aircraft in an Operational Test and Evaluation program this summer. Our first C-130J unit should start training on these aircraft early in 2000.

### Year of the Family (YOFAM)

YOFAM has hit full stride. To date, there are over 80 YOFAM initiatives being worked by the AMC staff. Child care, Tricare, education, and housing are four categories of major concentration. We have funded over \$2 million support of YOFAM projects. In addition, we will fund each wing

commander's number one quality of life initiative at a cost of about \$13 million. However, wing level participation is key to this program. We can do many things to help our families at no cost. When I visit your base, please show me what you are doing in support of YOFAM. Also, check out the YOFAM website on our AMC homepage for in-depth command information. Below are two initiatives I would like to highlight.

(1) A "Single Parents' Retreat" conducted by Ms. Barbara Schiller, a nationally recognized authority on single parent issues, will take place at each AMC base this year. Each retreat is designed to provide skills training for single parents, including family-related stress relief, discussion of the key principles of a healthy single parent family, and question and answer periods to deal directly with specific issues brought by the participants. A half-day leadership workshop will also be offered to orient the leadership at each base to the special needs of the single military parent.

(2) A program tentatively called "Around the World in 90 Days," is a professionally designed and managed marketing promotion developed to increase awareness of YOFAM events and maximize participation. The promotion rewards participants with game pieces which are collected to earn miles toward a virtual trip around the world. As participants reach pre-designated destinations, they can win various prizes, with the grand prize being a new vehicle. So far, we have over \$150,000 in commercial sponsorship for this initiative. This program will run June, July, and August 1999, and we expect it will provide a lot of excitement and competition among our bases while high-

lighting  
YOFAM.  
More details to follow in the near future.



### Closing Comments

This last year our Operations Tempo and Personnel Tempo have been the highest in command history. I expect all commanders to let our people know what we are doing to improve this situation along with improvements to their quality of life. Senior leadership across the services are telling the right people the right story, and they are starting to listen. With the EAF concept, along with improvements in military pay, retirement, and Tricare, we have turned the corner.

Please pass along my thanks to all our members and their families for their sacrifices and hard work.

# Going the extra step

**By MSgt. Doug Carrell  
507<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight**

Keeping pace with the communications needs of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) is a demanding job and meeting this requirement is a tremendous responsibility. That's why on Apr. 5 five members of the 507th Communications Flight (CF) spent three days training at Cannon AFB, N.M., with the 27th Communications Squadron (CS) keeping up in the latest changes in electronic technology and processes.



Photo by MSgt. Anita Mitchell

TSgt. Jeremy Overton (Second from left) and; inside right is Sra. John Simpson (kneeling) 507th Communications Flight members, work with 27th Communications Squadron members at Cannon AFB setting up components for the WICP.

Wing Initial Communications Package (WICP).

The five members receiving this training were MSgt. Doug Carrell, NCOIC of Air Reserve Component Advance Communication Element; MSgt. Anita Mitchell, computer operator specialist; TSgt. Mike Wepel and TSgt. Jeremy Overton, small computer electronic switching system specialist, and Sra. John Simpson, telecommunications specialist.

With two rental vans, all five members and communications equipment hit the road for New Mexico.

"Along with the valuable training we gained, we had the opportunity to see how our active duty counterparts put into practice some of the same processes we use," Wepel said.

MSgt. Robert Greenlee, air reserve technician for the 707th CF, coordinated and support of this mission. The deployed members were responsible for several functional areas while working jointly with the 27th CS.

Upon arrival at Cannon AFB, the commander of the 27th CS gave the five-member team an inbrief and conducted them to their temporary work stations.

Members of the 507th CF put into practice their Unit Type

Code (UTC) designated equipment and personnel assigned to deploy when needed. At Cannon AFB, Communications Flight members worked with the base's WICP. The WICP is a portable version of a local area network (LAN) system that is designed for deployment and complete setup within a short period of time.

"We set up a mobile network as part of our package and did training with it," Wepel said. "This was augmented with team training from the base's WICP and base's Network Control Center."

The PC based switchboard was set up and operational checks performed. LMR's were programmed to provide an intrabase Net.

"Without the help of the 27th CS members, this type of training would be much more expensive and harder to acquire," Mitchell said. "The location of Cannon from Tinker [AFB, Okla.] and the willingness of the 27th CS personnel to give us this quality training can't be beat."

By-product training (BPT) on this trip for CF members included computer-based training and tours of base telecommunications facilities and their infrastructure system.

"There are many BPT opportunities in the electronic field," Wepel said. "The knowledge of computer infrastructures is enormous."

## What about Bacillus Anthracis?

**By TSgt. Lonnie Royal  
507<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron UPAR**

Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and 513th Air Control Group (ACG) who will be serving in high threat areas in Southeast Asia and the Korean peninsula are currently required to receive the anthrax vaccine. Fear of this vaccine has resulted in reluctance in voluntarily taking the anthrax vaccine. The disease is fatal, but the vaccine provides protection from in-



Photo by TSgt. Lonnie Royal

SSgt. Jeff Faircloth, maintenance specialist for the 513th Air Control Group, receives his first in a series of Anthrax shots from TSgt. Richard Curtess, medical assistant for the 507th Medical Squadron.



fection by this deadly disease.

Anthrax is rare in the United States. However, because are military members are sent to areas of the world where it still exists, it is only prudent to provide the protection of the vaccine.

Almost all of the anthrax vaccine is produced in Michigan for military use. The vaccine is designed for people 18-65 years of age. Testing for ages above and below these have not yet been com-

pleted. Full protection from anthrax requires a series of six shots over an 18 month period. Sufficient information is available to indicate the safety of the anthrax (*bacillus anthracis*) vaccine. The anthrax shot has been proven to have fewer side effects than flu or typhoid vaccines.

According to Rear Adm. Michael Cowan, medical readiness director on the Joint Staff, the side effect percentage is

something like .0002 percent, which makes it many times safer, for example, than the diphtheria shots we give our children.

The 507th Medical Squadron has provided the vaccine during the unit training assemblies to deploying members of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG. There is a lot of information regarding the anthrax vaccine on the Internet.

## Questions and Answers

### AFRC Anthrax Vaccination program

*Q1: Why do members of Air Force Reserve have to receive the anthrax vaccine?*

A1: As members of the Total Force, Air Force Reserve members take part in many of the same missions as their active-duty counterparts. As a force protection measure, all AFRC members will be vaccinated against anthrax, beginning with those units deploying to Southwest Asia or Korea, followed by those units participating in Aerospace Expeditionary Forces and finally including all Air Force reservists.

*Q2: Why not just vaccinate everyone now? Why is this vaccine program being done in phases?*

A2: Not enough vaccine is currently available to vaccinate all members of the Air Force Reserve. Our first priority is to vaccinate those deploying to high threat areas.

*Q3: How many shots are required to provide full protection?*

A3: The anthrax vaccine is given in a six-shot series. Immunization consists of three subcutaneous injections, 0.5ml each, given two weeks apart followed by three additional subcutaneous injections, 0.5ml each, given at six, 12, and 18 months.

*Q4: How will you make arrangements for the second shot, which comes two weeks after the initial shot, when reservists are only required to perform training once per month?*

A4: Members will be required to perform an additional day of duty two weeks after receiving their first shot. They will be placed in training status and will receive pay when reporting for this shot. The remaining four shots can be given during normally scheduled unit training assemblies.

*Q5: Why do reservists have to be in some kind of duty status in order to receive the vaccine?*

A5: Reservists must be in a duty status any time they perform military functions related to their official position. The second anthrax vaccine must be given two weeks after the

first one, before most reservists are scheduled to participate in a regular monthly unit training assembly. In order to require them to report and take the shot, they must be placed in an official status.

*Q6: What happens if a reservist refuses to receive the second shot?*

A6: Reservists required to receive the vaccine are required to follow the sequence of shots in order to receive the most complete protection available. Failure to do so could result in unnecessary risk to the reservist.

*Q7: Is administrative or judicial action warranted for members who refuse to report and take the second shot?*

A7: As is the case with any required vaccination, such as typhoid and hepatitis, reservists can be removed from deployable status if they refuse to take the required vaccines. Administrative or judicial action is possible.

*Q8: What is the AFRC policy regarding members who refuse the vaccination? Can administrative or judicial action be taken against them?*

A8: The AFRC policy on refusals mirrors the active-duty Air Force policy. Education is the first step. We strive to ensure every reservist knows the threat of exposure to anthrax, the benefits of the vaccine, and its potential side effects. Whenever reservists are directed to take the initial shot and voice any misgivings, they are referred to unit medical people who discuss their concerns. If there is still uncertainty, commanders and first sergeants get involved in attempting to allay the individual's hesitancy. Only after all available education and counseling efforts have been exhausted will UCMJ action be initiated.

*Q9: Can reservists simply resign from the Ready Reserve to avoid getting the anthrax vaccine?*

A9: Yes, in some cases. Reservists who are opposed to the vaccine may submit a request for reassignment to the inactive reserve or retired status. Some of these requests may be turned down if the reservist has a remaining military service obligation as a result of certain unit-funded training, for example.

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Capt. Dan Williams, pilot for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, with his wife, talks to reporters from local media stations upon his return from Western Europe.

## 507th ARW members deploy supporting Operation Allied Force

### 507th ARW Public Affairs Office

A second KC-135R "Stratotanker" refueling aircraft and approximately 10 reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) departed April 15 to replace the first aircraft and crew of 14 who served in Operation Allied Force, the NATO air strike campaign over the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

The KC-135R with four aircrew and 6 maintenance personnel deployed to Western Europe for their two-week rotation. The 14 members of the 507th ARW who had deployed to Western Europe March 31 returned home on schedule Apr. 16.



Photos By 1Lt. Stan Paregien

**Brig. Gen. Jon Gingerich, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), talks with reporters from local news stations. The 507th ARW deployed a second aircraft to replace the first aircraft and crew who left Mar. 31.**

The Oklahoma reservists deployed to support air refueling requirements of NATO aircraft operating in the airstrike campaign as well as supporting the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

With the return of the first aircraft, all aboard were greeted by family, friends, wing members and local media.

The KC-135 aircraft and two crews returning Apr. 16, flew more than 80 hours within the first two weeks of operations and off-loaded more than a quarter of a million pounds of fuel to NATO aircraft. By comparison, it usually takes two to three months of normal refueling operations back home to put that many flying hours on an aircraft.



After his last flight flying a military aircraft, Maj. Larry Miller, navigator for the 465th Air Refueling Wing, gets the traditional "hosing down" from fellow squadron members as he departs from the aircraft. Miller plans to continue flying in his private airplane.



## 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

**NOTE:** These are the only quotas allocated for the Wing for the rest of the Fiscal Year. If we have alternates, they may attend at a different location.

**Bottom Line:** If you want to go, put in your request ASAP.

### 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 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."

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**Place:** Internal Medicine Clinic

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05-06 Jun 99	04-05 Dec 99
11-12 Sep 99	08-09 Jan 00
07-08 Aug 99	05-06 Feb 00
11-12 Sep 99	04-05 Mar 00
02-03 Oct 99	01-02 Apr 00
06-07 Nov 99	06-07 May 00

as of 18 Apr 99

<b>Fri, 30 Apr 99</b>				<b>Fri, 04 Jun 99</b>			
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm		1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm	
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm		1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm	
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0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206		0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206	
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1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm		1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm	
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0815-1115	Additional Duty Safety Reps	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2		0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2	
<b>0800-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Rm 213</b>		<b>0800-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Rm 213</b>	
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1030-1130	HRDC (Recruiting Group)	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm		1000-1200	HRDC (All Members)	Bldg 1043, TNET Room	
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0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206		0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2	
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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.

	Time	<u>Phase I</u>	
		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.

## AFRC NCOLDP

The next AFRC Leadership Development course will be held from 12-16 July 99, and return 2-6 Aug 99. We have provided a roster with a list of eligibles to each unit training manager. **This course was developed in response for the need to provide mid-level enlisted personnel with in-depth leadership and management training.**

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 5 or 0 you have until 30 Jun 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.**

## Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
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13 May	21 May
18 May	26 May
20 May	28 May
27 May	04 Jun
01 Jun	09 Jun
03 Jun	11 Jun
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**June Blood Drive Schedule: 1200-1600 5 June  
1000-1400 6 June**

NOTE: MPF IN-HOUSE TRNG 0730-0900 15 JUN

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## Airlifters, air refuelers support Kosovo mission

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Airlift and air refueling units from Air Force Reserve Command flew more than a dozen missions in support of the NATO-led effort in Kosovo as of March 31.

A C-5 crew from the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., flew to Hill AFB, Utah, to pick up people and equipment for delivery to England. C-5 crews from the 433rd Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, shuttled supplies to Germany and Italy.

Reserve C-141 aircraft and crews from the 445th AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the 459th AW, Andrews AFB, Md., and a C-17 crew from the 315th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C., also supported the operation.

KC-135 units deployed to Europe to provide on-going air refueling support in the region. The units were the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.; 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.; and 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif. (AFRC News Service)

## Keesler wing accepts first C-130J aircraft

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. - Calling it "a great day for the Air Force," Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, received a ceremonial key signifying the acceptance of the first of a series of new C-130J aircraft for Keesler's 403rd Wing.

William Bullock, president of Lockheed Martin Corp., presented the key to the general during a ceremony here March 31.

Terming the C-130J a force multiplier for the Air Force, Sherrard said the aircraft is "truly the airlifter of the future."

Equipped with a more powerful and efficient propulsion system, state-of-the-art avionics, and advanced structures, the new C-130 model will fly higher, faster, and more efficiently than older models.

The Reserve unit has had two C-130J trainer aircraft on loan for training and familiarization in preparation for delivery of the new aircraft configured for weather reconnaissance, which are scheduled to arrive in the fall. The J-model aircraft will gradually replace the wing's current 1960s-vintage airframes. The wing's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron flies the WC-130 and its 815th Airlift Squadron flies the C-130 airlift version.

Several other dignitaries attended the acceptance ceremony for the "Spirit of Biloxi," named in honor of the city's 300th anniversary. They included Lt. Gen. David McIlvoy, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command; Lt. Gen. Walter Hogle, vice commander of Air Mobility Command; U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor of Mississippi's fifth congressional district; and U.S. Sen. Trent Lott.

"It is fitting that the 403rd Wing is the first to get this new aircraft," said Lott. "I know it is going to do a great job, and I know that all the military men and women that fly it and look after it will do a great job." (AFRC News Service)

April 1999

## AFRC News Summary

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

### Air Mobility Command sets dates for Rodeo 2000

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Mobility Command officials at Scott AFB, Ill., recently announced that next year's Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo will take place May 6-13, 2000, at Pope AFB, N.C.

With the Air Force going to an expeditionary aerospace force, officials decided to re-name the competition Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo. It was previously called Air Mobility Rodeo.

### Reserve civil engineers pull long tours in Saudi

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Imagine going to an environment where you're given the chance to "get in tune" with your body.

No alcohol is permitted. Frequent walking is encouraged. The nights are full of stars. Doesn't this sound like a health spa?

Actually, that describes just about anywhere the United States has troops in Southwest Asia. Air Force Reserve Command has 11 civil engineers from five units deployed there for 109 days or more through at least May 8.

### Reserve F-16s deploy with laser bombs to Northern Watch

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command fighter aircraft are enforcing the no-fly zone over northern Iraq for the first time with precision laser-guided bombs.

F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., and the 944th FW, Luke AFB, Ariz., took off from Homestead April 7 for Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, to participate in Operation Northern Watch.

Homestead deployed more than 100 pilots, aircraft maintainers and support people to Turkey during the second week of April. Two weeks later another contingent from the south Florida unit took their place.

Reservists from the 944th FW will deploy from Luke in May, with a swap out after two weeks. Members of the 419th FW, Hill AFB, Utah, will follow in June. Pilots and possibly maintenance people from the 301st FW, based in Fort Worth, Texas, will augment the Hill reservists, so all of 10th Air Force's F-16 units will participate in the three-month deployment to enforce the no-fly zone.

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**"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"**

HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD, ONE RESERVIST IS...

# Making a difference

By 2Lt. Scott Jones  
507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron

# “RESERVE STYLE”

What started as vacation trips for this reservist has evolved into a humanitarian effort changing the lives of a special group of people halfway around the world.

With an idea, perseverance, and teamwork, 1Lt. Walter Jacques, superintendent of Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Section for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), as well as volunteers with the 507th CLSS, performed both training and a mission that was rewarding and productive.

Jacques conceived this humanitarian project three years ago.

"One day in the spring of 1996, I saw Senator Jim Inhofe on the news discussing the shipment of prostheses out of the country. I didn't give it much thought until the next night when I received email from the Ford Foundation in Moscow about a Russian woman who was a double amputee with four sons in need of prosthetic legs," Jacques said. "The combination of seeing this story on the news one night, then finding out about this needy woman the next with my ability to speak some Russian and fondness for traveling there was like hearing the voice of God say, 'You will help this woman.' So I did."



**While standing in front of the world's largest bust of Vladimir Lenin during a visit to the town where Preodolenie is headquartered, Ulan Ude, Russia, the group took a minute to pose for the camera. (Left to right) Luba Tatarova, vice president of Preodolenie, Ziniada Budaeva, Erzhen's mother, Erzhen Budaeva, president of Preodolenie, 1Lt. Walter Jacques.**

Jacques said the most difficult part of the problem was locating this woman in the middle of Siberia. The address that the Ford Foundation had was simply a post office box, and by the time he could send a letter there, the woman had moved with no forwarding address, and the letter was returned. It took a year and a half and countless email pleas around the world just to find someone who knew her and how to establish contact with her.

"One day, out of the blue, I got an email from a man named Aleksey at the Light of the World Christian Church saying, 'I know this woman. She's in my church group,' he said.

"In the meantime, I knew that I could probably make some calls, find out where I could find some prosthetic legs for this woman, then work out the logistics, along with giving the unit some packaging and transportation training, making this a win-win situation," Jacques said.

Since then, numerous similarly needy individuals have

been identified, and Jacques has been committed to meeting the needs of these people who would otherwise go without.

The Limbs for Life Foundation, an Oklahoma City nonprofit agency headed by Craig Gavras, donated the prosthetic limbs, valued at \$19,000. Rick Niemczyk of Edmond Wheelchair Repair and Supply donated the wheelchair.



Jacques' mission was to coordinate and deliver the prosthetic limbs to a group of disabled Siberians - an effort that was organized and funded at Jacques' own expense. The prostheses were delivered to the Russian organization, *Preodolenie* (The Overcomers). *Preodolenie* is an association of disabled people in the Buriat Republic of Eastern Siberia.

This was Jacques' third trip to the Russian Federation, and the second to work on this mission. On a previous trip he worked hard to establish contacts in Moscow and Siberia, which have since worked nonstop to reduce the "red tape" that would be encountered on the mission. He not only had to speak some Russian but also had to be careful to blend in while abroad so as not to draw attention to himself and the valuable cargo. Jacques feels this is not only a prime opportunity to help those who need it, but also a chance to provide a warm image of Americans in the hearts of numerous Russians.

The mission's efforts were helped by Siberian contacts Erzhen Budaeva, president of *Preodolenie*, and Evgeny Levandovsky, Pastor of Light of the World Christian Church in Ulan Ude. Heavily involved in Moscow were Boris M. Grafov and Valentina Tatarinovna, who are Jacques' close personnel friends; Chris Kedzie of the Ford Foundation; Olga Alekseeva, of Russia; several drivers, guides and a lawyer. Lucy Shropshire, from Yukon, Okla., a long-time friend of Jacques, did a lot of translation work for the customs declarations.

Also helping and getting training were 507th CLSS Supply and Transportation members MSgt. John Doss, SSgt. Joshua Shelton and SrA Christina Broom. Civilian help was provided by Thomas Gunion, Bruce Wallingford and Douglas Waggoner of the Stocks Readiness Branch for the 72nd ABW. Working together, the 507th CLSS personnel and civilians packaged the prostheses to the absolute maximum dimensions allowable for shipment by the airlines.

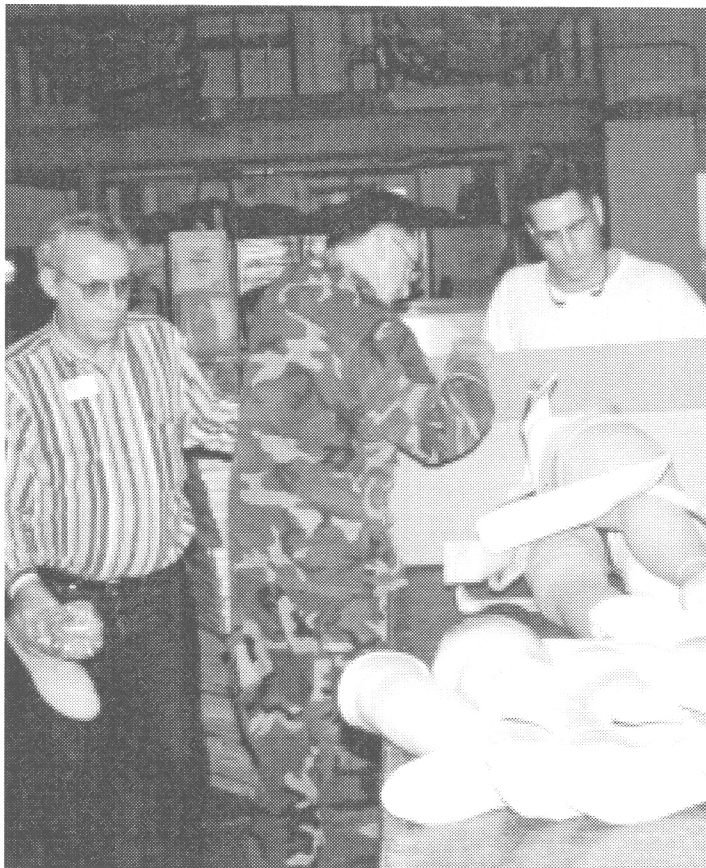
"This was such a massive, concerted team effort," Jacques

said, "It was a lot of planning, and literally trains, planes, and automobiles all over Moscow and Siberia. No one person could have done this alone. I certainly couldn't have."

Jacques said the logistics behind getting the supplies to their final destination were fantastic, and the experience was definitely one to remember. Had any one player dropped the ball during the past three years, the success of this project would have been severely jeopardized. Everyone involved gave 110 percent, and the whole thing ran like a Swiss watch.

"This is an example of the 'total picture Citizen Airman,' one who represents the USAFR with pride in the civilian community. His efforts are truly commendable," said Lt. Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group Commander.

Jacques, who is a programmer/analyst for the Oklahoma State Department of Health in civilian life, is now working to find alternate funding and additional transportation for the ongoing prosthetic limb shipments.



**MSgt. John Doss, 507th CLSS distribution specialist, helps with the packing process of the prostheses.**



**SrA Christina Broom, 507th CLSS distribution flight, Tommy Adams, and Bruce Wallingford Stocks Readiness Branch for the 72nd Air Base Wing.**



# 513th Air Control Group News

By 2Lt.. Mechille Braden  
513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group UPAR

## From Design to Reality

It took more than two years to happen. In March, members of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron moved into Building 1056 on Reserve Road. It couldn't have happened without the dedication and tireless efforts of many individuals. A special note of thanks is due to members of Squadron Move and Relocation Team (SMART).

The team, headed by Maj. Dan Fallon, 970th AACS Assistant Director of Operations, Flight, was created to identify and address all issues regarding the relocation to the new building. Other members included SMSgt. Randy Long, Operations Superintendent; TSgt. John Tilley, LAN Manager; TSgt. Buck Best, Technicians Flight Chief; TSgt. Tina Sanftner, Surveillance Flight Chief; TSgt. Dawn-Marie Williams, Training Technician; and SSgt. Woody Steinman, NCOIC, Surveillance Flight.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony held on Saturday, March's UTA, Col. Suggs, group commander praised the SMART's efforts. "Without them, we would not be standing here today. These individuals are a testament to the high caliber of dedicated Reservists in this organization. They've worked hard to make this building a reality. This building reflects their dedication. Thank you."

## Pocket Change

Want to earn a few extra bucks while on the job? Submit suggestions.

That's exactly what SSgt. Emmit F. Waskom, 513<sup>th</sup> MS Avionics Flight Guidance and Control Technician did! He

submitted two suggestions. His suggestions were simple, common sense changes to the technical orders (TO) regarding the inertial navigation unit of the KC-135 aircraft.

He recommended checking for +10 to +12 direct current voltage reading at specified test points to TO 5N1-4-8-2 which were required to complete voltage testing of the unit.

In his second suggestion, his idea to add a process for troubleshooting to TO 5N-4-24-2 improved troubleshooting procedures and improved maintenance of the inertial navigation unit.

Keep those suggestions flowing, Emmit!

## 513<sup>th</sup> ACG wins Safety Award

The 513th Air Control Group was one of eight flying units to earn Air Combat Command's flight safety award for Fiscal Year 1998. The award recognizes units for not having a command-controlled Class A or B mishap. A mishap is considered command-controlled if investigators determine the unit or individuals caused the mishap.

A class A mishap results in one or more of the following: reportable damage of \$1,000,000 or more, a person killed or totally disabled for life, or an aircraft destroyed. Class B mishaps are similar, but involve one or more of the following: reportable damage of \$200,000 or more but less than \$1 million, a person partially disabled for life, three or more people hospitalized on an inpatient basis.

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### Q & A

**Q10:** How many members of the Air Force Reserve have refused the vaccine so far?

**A10:** No Air Force reservists have received administrative or judicial action to date for refusing to take the anthrax vaccine. Some reservists have requested reassignment to the inactive reserve or retired status in order to avoid receiving the vaccine. However, because no reason must be stated when making this request, we have no definite numbers of members who have resigned as a result of the vaccine. In many cases, the anthrax vaccine is one of a number of con-

cerns reservists have voiced about their continuing service. At least 12 members of the 79th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis AFB, Calif. cited the vaccine as at least part of the reason for their resignations. Three or four indicated the vaccine was the sole reason, eight or nine listed it as one of several reasons.

**Q11:** What other concerns have reservists expressed as a reason for resigning?

**A11:** Each individual's decision is unique. However, the high tempo of operations and significant training commitments for reservists, especially air crew members, were cited as contributing factors.





Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

On Mar. 30, members of the 507th Logistics Group with Tinker AFB Civil Engineer personnel undertook relocating the Wing's F-105 "Thunderchief" to its new home at Tinker AFB's air park. Known as *Iron Duke*, this F-105 has been on permanent display in front of the base's main gate since March 1983, having flown its last mission October 1979.

(Right) Rolling, once again on concrete, *Iron Duke* heads not for a runway, but to the base's main gate for entry into the air park.

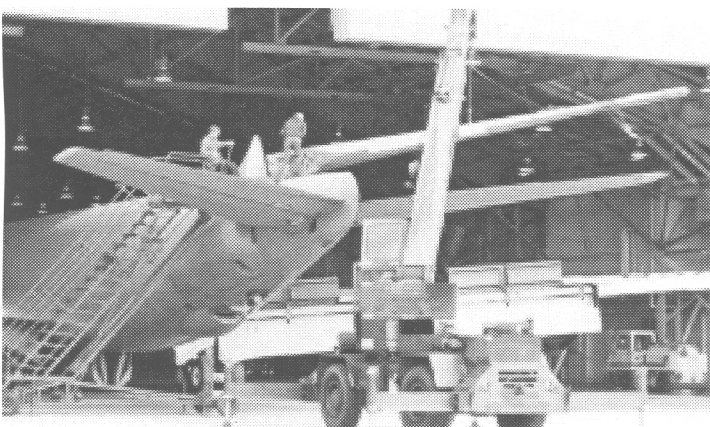
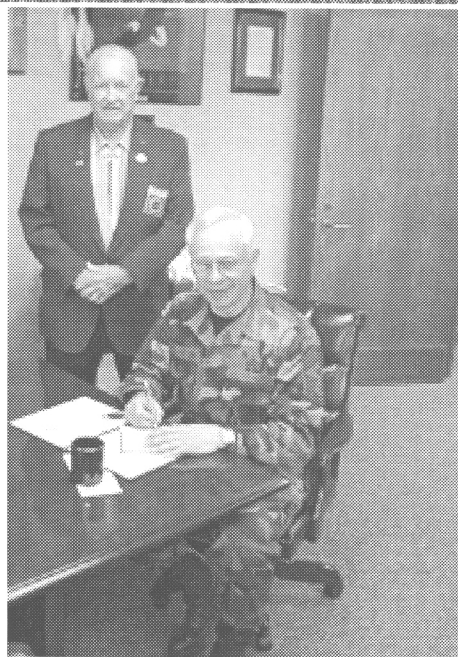


Photo by SMSgt. Don Coffey

507th Maintenance Squadron members prepare to raise the tail of this KC-135R after an inspection was performed.  
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Air Force Photo

CCMSgt. Bob Kellington, 507th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant, signed his Life Membership with the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) last month with Mr. Jack Hollister, President AFSA Tinker AFB Chapter 985, looking on. Kellington stated he has been a member of the AFSA for more than 20 years and

a Life member of the Noncommissioned Officers Association for three years. Kellington said he realized many years ago that we may win wars in the field but it takes representation in Washington to keep our benefits, and to work towards making the Air Force and other services a place to have a career and to contribute to our world and our nation's defense.



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Lt. Col. Rich Jones, (center) active duty advisor for the 507th Air Refueling Wing, shown with his wife, Sharon, and Col. Martin Mazick, commander of the 439th Air-lift Wing, Westover ARB, Mass., retired Apr. 9 after serving more than 22 years in the Air Force, of which about five years were served at the 507th ARW.

# Update

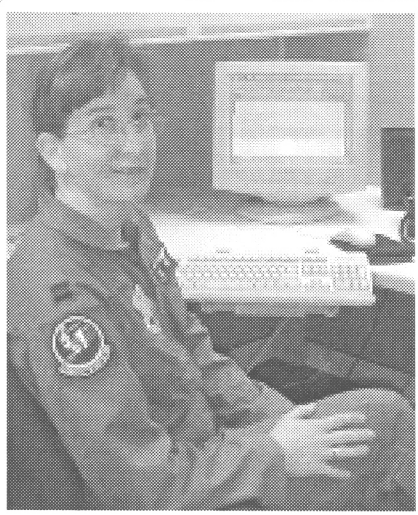
The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group:  
**"How has the worldwide web helped your life?"**



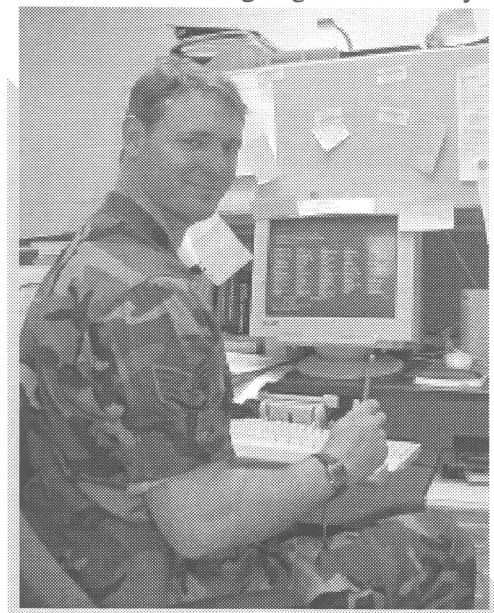
**SSgt. Shannon Wilson**  
**970th Air Control Squadron**  
"I'm in school studying computer repairs and networking. I find tons of research info at home without having to go to the library."



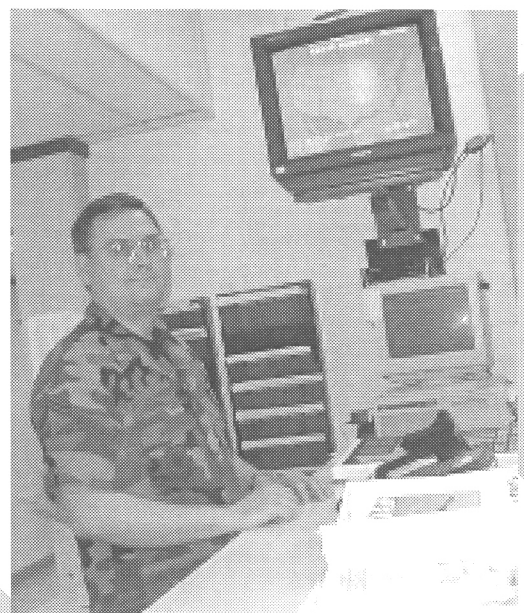
**MSgt. Gary Bristol**  
**465th Air Refueling Squadron**  
"It has given me access to a lot more research information that I find to be very useful."



**Capt. Teresa Beardslee**  
**970th Air Control Squadron**  
"I pay all my bills electronically over the web. This has simplified my life."



**SSgt. Daniel McCrew**  
**507th Communication Flight**  
"I helped get the web going. I ran a bulletin board for about three years. It is something I like to play with"



**SMSgt. Dave Hobbs**  
**465th Air Refueling Squadron**  
"The amount of information available at a finger's touch, and the multitude of sources that provide that information."



**SSgt. Crystal Stiltner**  
**507th Air Refueling Wing**  
"I'm a college student and I can gather a lot of worldwide research from the school library."



# WHO'S WHO

in the 507th Air Refueling Wing

## Year of the Family begins at home

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AMCNS) — Air Mobility Command is nearing the halfway point of the Year of the Family.

At MacDill, the YOFAM committee is working on many practical initiatives designed to better the lives of military families.

The goal of these efforts is for all members to be able to say at the year's conclusion that YOFAM had a positive impact on their lives and their families.

In order for this goal to be achieved, we must all first realize that YOFAM goes beyond these practical initiatives to include the spiritual, mental, and emotional responsibilities involved in being a father, mother, husband or wife.

We live in an age when the need to spend time with, watch over and protect our children seems to be increasing, while at the same time our ability to do so is decreasing, due to so many commitments and work requirements for military members and their spouses.

Just think, your son or daughter will only be in 8th grade once; he or she can only participate in so many football games, swim meets, cheerleading competitions or school plays.

Beyond these "big" events, the everyday interaction you have with your spouse and children can make or break you when it comes to making the difference that will make them "better than you."

Thus, it is paramount we remember that time spent simply listening to them, playing catch, helping with homework, or tackling a project is perhaps the most valuable time we can share with our children.

As military professionals, it is easy for us to become consumed with our responsibilities.

After all, we're in a serious profession that places significant demands on the military member and family alike. However, we must not allow ourselves to become consumed to the extent that we fail to take the actions necessary to enable our children to eclipse us in matters of both character and achievement.

It is important for us to remember that protecting tomorrow's freedoms to a great extent begins in our own households. Therefore, with respect to your home and work life, I urge you to strive for the kind of balance that will enable you to be a good parent, a good spouse, and a good supervisor and/or subordinate in the U.S. Air Force.

Air Force supervisors also need to realize how these matters affect one of the Air Force's most pressing crises, retention. As Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan recently said, "while we recruit individuals, it is families we retain."



**Name:** Amn. Michelle Ginn

**Position:** Personnel specialist for the 507th ARW Military Personnel Flight

**Hometown:** Newalla, Okla.

**Hobbies:** Shopping and hanging out with family and friends

**Civilian Occupation:** Fast food worker

**Favorite Music:** Rhythm and Blues



**Name:** SSgt. Kimberly Green

**Position:** Personnel specialist for the 507th ARW Military Personnel Flight

**Hometown:** Tyler, Texas

**Hobbies:** boating, skiing, fishing, hunting, and scuba diving

**Civilian Occupation:** Temporary work/student

**Favorite Music:** Country

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Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

## R-NEWS

### Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

Changes in government life insurance programs, recently signed into law by President Clinton, now allow terminally ill veterans to receive accelerated death benefits.

The Veterans Programs Enhancement Act established an option for the Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay these benefits under the SGLI and VGLI programs.

The option allows terminally ill SGLI and VGLI policyholders to receive as much as half of their coverage, up to \$100,000 during their lifetime." This benefit applies to retired or separated veterans who hold SGLI or VGLI policies. It does not apply to active duty personnel. Veterans wanting to claim this benefit

should provide a letter to the office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance from their attending physician stating the veteran is terminally ill. For additional information on this or other VA benefits contact your nearest VA office.

### Eat before you get shot

It is recommended that prior to receiving injections (vaccines), reservists eat within the hour before taking the injection. Reservists are also reminded that at the time injections are received that there is a 15 minute observation period following administration of the injection.

If you have questions, feel free to call Maj. Gail Livengood, OIC of Immunizations, at 4-2571.

### Blood Drive

Saturday, Apr. 10 from 1200 to 1600 and Sunday, Apr. 11 from 1000 to 1400 at the Chem Warfare classroom in the Prime Beef Building.

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

#### Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickle  
(405) 357-2784

#### Tinker AFB, OK

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

#### Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Bill Thompson  
(918) 665-2300

#### Tinker AFB, OK

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

#### Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. Terry Gosh  
(316) 652-3766

#### Altus AFB, OK

TSgt. Ronald J. Salafia  
(In-Service Recruiter)  
(580) 481-5123

#### Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith  
(405) 733-9403

#### Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Larry Giles  
(940) 676-3382

#### McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. Terry Gosh  
(In-Service Recruiter)  
(316) 652-3766  
TSgt. David McCormick  
(316) 652-4350

