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507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing - 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group M A G A Z I N E

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



**Welcome home AWACS, job “well done”**


**Commander's Column**

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

## Respecting our most important resource

I doubt that any of us got up this morning planning to deliberately offend someone during the day. Surely none of us has a goal or quota of cultural or sexual slurs or put-downs we must achieve in order for the day to be a success. And, yet it happens. Maybe not intentionally, but it happens. Does the fact it is unintentional make it Ok? Absolutely not!



By Col. Mark A. Pillar  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Vice Commander

## Yes! EAF concept really does work

I recently had the privilege of serving in the 60th Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW) at Rhein-Main AB, Germany under the Expeditionary Air Force Concept. Our AEW consisted of KC-135 E's, R's, KC-10's, and E-8 Joint Stars totaling 50 aircraft. The crews maintenance and support personnel were from Guard, Reserve, and Active Forces — more than 1700 members representing more than 50 different units!

So, what about the leadership? All Active Duty? Would they put "part timers" in charge? They would and they did. And it worked well. The Wing Commander was from Active Duty. The Vice-Commander, a KC-135 traditional Reservist. The Operations Group Commander, was from the

In the 507th Air Refueling Wing, our people are our most important resource. We must ensure each man and woman is afforded equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, national origin, or sex. Unlawful discrimination to include sexual harassment behavior is not acceptable.

Every member of this wing must be aware of what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Behavior such as the use of racial, sexual or sexist slurs, disparaging jokes or comments, and sexual harassment undermines readiness, morale, and individual productivity. Behavior offensive to a reasonable person may serve as a basis for confirming allegations of discrimination, regardless of the offender's intent.

The main issue is not the intent of the act, but the impact it has on the victim. What you said is what was heard — not necessarily what you meant to say. Each of us has our own paradigms — the way we view the world and those around us — our own set of eyeglasses. It may be time for some of us to get new prescriptions and shift our paradigms.

Guard and the Logistics Group Commander was Active Duty. The squadron commanders ran across traditional lines with one minor and one major exception. The Reserve 135-E crews came under a Guard commander and the Active Duty KC-10 maintenance squadron was commanded by a Guard KC-135 E maintenance officer. Why? Simply he was the best person for the job!

What a concept!! No squabbles. No turf wars. No politics. Just put the best qualified person there in the job and get on with it.

And that's what happened. They worked together to get the job done. Guard and Reserve maintenance pitched in and added experience and ideas to help solve KC-10 and J-Stars problems. Unless you looked really close at the subdued patches you couldn't tell who was doing what. But you know...it didn't really matter because everyone was focused on doing the best job possible.

And what a job they did! The unit's mission capable rate was better than 98 percent. J-Stars flew over 100 missions, logging more than 1300 hours. Long sor-

ties, huh? The combined tankers flew nearly 1800 sorties, logging over 11,500 hours and offloading more than 98.1 million pounds of fuel to more than 8500 NATO receivers. THAT is a success story!

Were there problems? Sure, but they got worked through as a team that made a conscious effort to consider the Guard, Reserve and Active perspective.

We lived together and worked together and played together. We grilled brats and burgers, played pranks on each other, (the KC-10 mascot was "kidnapped" and held for ransom) took joy in the births of new children and felt sorrow for those who lost loved ones back home. We developed wing coins, certificates of appreciation, patches, T-shirts and wine. Yes, wing wine. After all we were in Germany. Out of all our diversification we became a living, breathing, working unit.

Each of us came away with a greater appreciation of what the others could do and with the knowledge that as a TEAM we form the greatest, most powerful Air Force in the world. It was an honor to be a small part of that team.



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Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

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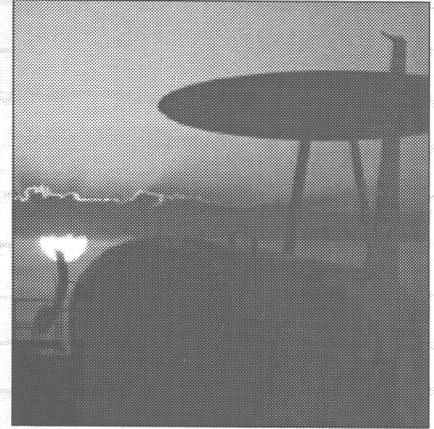
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCCM-FOA/CC

FROM: HQ USAF/CC  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330-1670

SUBJECT: Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program

Providing the best protection for our people is the highest priority. Recognizing this obligation, the Secretary of Defense approved the implementation of the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program. For Air Force people, I believe that immunizing them against anthrax ensures our ability to perform the expeditionary aerospace force mission. The threat of anthrax is too lethal, the loss of life is too real, and the risk of mission failure is too high for us to do anything other than give our airmen the best protection available. The initial phases of the program have been very successful. In the next few months, the program will be expanded to further protect active duty, reserve and guard personnel, as well as emergency essential civilians.

Unfortunately, inaccurate and misleading information about the anthrax vaccine has appeared on the Internet and in the media. While I am confident the anthrax vaccine is safe, effective and necessary for force protection, I also understand how misinformation may cause some members to initially question use of the vaccine. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to make the best, most accurate information available to all our personnel.

I expect personnel in the medical, legal, public affairs and personnel communities to help commanders and supervisors reassure Air Force personnel that anthrax shots are both safe and necessary. Military personnel expressing reservations after counseling should be referred to an area defense counsel to make certain they understand the potential consequences of refusal. Only after all reasonable attempts at education and counseling have been exhausted, should other means of enforcement be considered.

//signed//

Michael E. Ryan  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

# Anthrax vaccine safe, effective, Health Chief says

WASHINGTON—With almost a million shots given, the anthrax immunization is proving to be one of the safest vaccination program on record, said Dr. Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

“The vaccine that we are administering to our troops for protection against anthrax is effective and entirely safe,” Bailey said during a Pentagon interview.

She said service members are experiencing few serious adverse reactions from the shots. The most recent reports show only 14 reactions were serious enough that the service members had to be off work for 24 hours or more or hospitalized, she said. “Those who had those kinds of reactions have fully recovered,” she added.

As of June 16, 935,632 separate shots had been administered. With 102 total reactions reported, including the 14 serious reactions, this means only .01 percent of the shots caused an adverse reaction. “This is a lower rate of reaction than one gets with a diphtheria pertussis tetanus shot administered to children,” Bailey said.

Bailey countered reports that the vaccine was somehow tainted with a substance called squalene. Squalene is a substance that appears naturally in everyone’s body, she explained. “You also find it in a lot of beauty products and in some health food products,” she said. “But, squalene has never been used in the anthrax immunization vaccine production, and it is not now present.”

Following the reports, DoD contracted with a civilian laboratory that tested the vaccine for squalene and “found there is no squalene in the anthrax vaccine we are using,” she said.

Bailey said the vaccine DoD uses is effective. “Anthrax is so deadly, we don’t test humans,” she said. “We rely upon non-human primate testing to give us the information about the efficiency of the vaccine. And that shows it to be very effective in protecting against anthrax.”

The anthrax vaccine the department uses is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and has been since 1970, Bailey said. The vaccine stocks have undergone DoD-mandated supplemental testing performed by the manufacturer and overseen by a private, independent firm.

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# B-1 team receives AEF training

**By Capt. Bryan L. Runion**  
**507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support**  
**Squadron UPAR**

From 5 to 19 June 1999, the B-1 Maintenance Team of the 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), performed annual tour at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The team supported the 366<sup>th</sup> Wing (WG), which is one of only two Air Expeditionary Wings (AEWs) in the Air Force under the Expeditionary Air Force Concept. The 366<sup>th</sup> WG is the model for the newly restructured Air Force. The 366<sup>th</sup> WG flies B-1, KC-135, F-15, and F-16 aircraft all in one wing. The opportunity to work on multiple types of aircraft was one of the reasons why Mountain Home was chosen as an annual tour site.

Under the Expeditionary Air Force concept, CLSS Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) teams will be required to perform basic ABDR on any aircraft. CLSS ABDR teams may be assigned to a forward operating location supporting multiple aircraft. For example, a B-1 team could be called on to repair an F-16 that arrives with battle damage. So, the annual tour at Mountain Home was a perfect opportunity for the B-1 team to be exposed to different types of aircraft. The team was also able to work on its primary aircraft, the B-1. Team members primarily supported the 34<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron of the 366<sup>th</sup> WG, which

is the flying unit at Mountain Home for the B-1s.

The annual tour found B-1 team members on the flightline and in the maintenance shops. The team was able to lend their expertise to the active duty members of the 366<sup>th</sup> WG and the 34<sup>th</sup> Bomb



**TSgt. Jimmy Easton (left) and MSgt. David Henke repair a latch mechanism on a B-1 crew entry door.**

Squadron.

In Structural Repair, team members SSgts Rollie Fansler and Dennis Hutton performed numerous repairs on F-15 weapons pylons and other assemblies. While in the Fuel Cell area, TSgt. James Stottman and SSgt. Pat Maloney repaired external fuel tanks on F-15 aircraft.

TSgt. Jimmy Easton used his depot-level expertise to assist the electrical, structural, and machine shops of the 366<sup>th</sup> WG. In civilian life, Sergeant Easton is a B-1 electrician and structural repair technician at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center. At Mountain Home, Easton did everything from repairing a problem with a B-1 external

power receptacle to manufacturing a new latch mechanism for a B-1 entry door. He was a virtual jack of all trades.

On the flightline, SSgt. Floyd Parks, engine mechanic, and SrA Christopher Stulken, electrician, supported B-1 systems troubleshooting. Also on the flightline, B-1 Crew Chiefs MSgt. David Henke, TSgt. Jackson Coley, and SSgt. Bobby Nogra, all supported launch, recovery, and servicing of B-1 aircraft.

The 366<sup>th</sup> WG and 34<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron had many positive comments about the support that they received from the 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS. Also, it was an opportunity as Lt Col Georganne Ficklin, 366<sup>th</sup> WG Maintenance Officer, said, "for them to get a little AEF spread on them."

It was not all work and no play at Mountain Home. The B-1 Team found time to have their annual cookout, which was prepared by the Team's "Resident Chef," TSgt. Jackson Coley. This was followed by the annual B-1 bowling tournament of Flightline vs. Back Shops. In spite of help from Capt Bryan Runion, 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS Maintenance Officer, the Flightline Team lost. Also, team members found time to explore the outdoors of Idaho.

The 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS is currently making plans for a larger annual tour in Mountain Home for 2000. Current plans are for approximately 35 members to support B-1, KC-135, Supply, and Transportation operations. With AEF as the new way of life in the Air Force, the 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS is taking steps to become a part of this new mission.

# Creative coin

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper  
507<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

So you think you are creative? You now have an opportunity to demonstrate this talent. The Top Three Council is looking for a few good designs for a Top Three coin. The winner will receive recognition and the knowledge that their creativity will be evident throughout the 507th Air Refueling Wing. The deadline will be the September UTA. For more information, please contact CMSgt. Stan Walker of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron or any member of the Top Three Council: Vice President SMSgt. Sheila Russell, Headquarters Squadron; Treasurer SMSgt. David Liszeski, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron; or the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee SMSgt. Art Martin, 507th Logistics Support Squadron. For more information, please contact CMSgt. Stan Walker at ext. 95375.

# Electronic warefare

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper  
507<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

We are at war. Congress has not declared it. And we don't know who the enemy is. But we know what the opposition is doing. "They" are trying to sabotage our electronic communications systems. "They" use the Internet as their main weapon. You know all about the Internet, don't you? You obtain information from it, you may shop through it. You "surf the web" looking for pertinent and interesting material. The Air Force uses the Internet through our own home pages. But that does not mean we are not at risk.

That was part of the message delivered by Maj. Harold Collins, 707th Communications Flight commander.

Collins addressed a joint group of communications and information systems (formerly administrative) personnel.

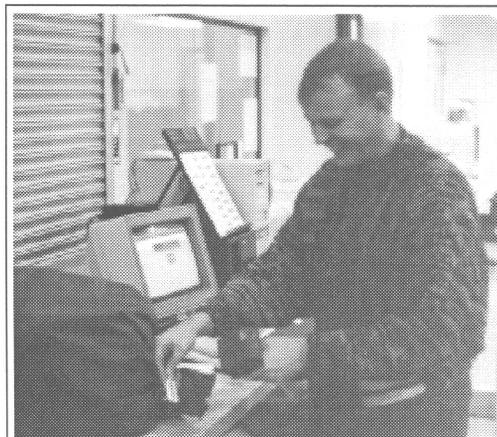
While the two have different Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC), their futures are both intertwined with the electronic media. And with keeping it secure. It was a crowded room and not everyone knew each other. But everyone wanted to know about the potential threat and how to avoid any possible future electronic intrusion. This was the first joint meeting of the two groups with different AFSCs, but with similar interests. It probably won't be the last. For more information, please contact MSgt. Dave Hernandez at ext. 4-5102 or Maj. Collins at ext. 4-3247.

# VanCamp: 4AF Supply Superintendent of the Year

By Capt. Bryan L. Runion  
507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron UPAR

MSgt. Brent C. VanCamp of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) was recently named Fourth Air Force Supply Superintendent of the Year for 1998. Sergeant VanCamp is an Air Reserve Technician (ART) and is the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of the squadron's Support Section Element.

He is responsible for operation of the Support Section Facility, which is the hub for supporting the squadron's various missions. Those missions include Aircraft Battle Damage Repair, Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance, Rapid Area Distribution Support, and



**Brent VanCamp, Air Reserve Technician, operates the new bar code system in the 507th CLSS support section**

Combat Packaging. He has direct responsibility for five personnel and manages over \$4 million in unit mobility equipment. He is also responsible for control of 93 individual tool kits, Aircraft Crash Recovery notional kit management, and upkeep of over 100 technical orders in the squadron's technical library.

Sergeant VanCamp became an ART with the 507th CLSS in May 1996. Prior to this, the squadron had no authorization for an ART to run its Support Section. This daunting task was left solely to traditional reservists. Since reporting as an ART, Sergeant VanCamp has hit the ground running. According to Senior Master Sergeant Alvin Plexico, the former NCOIC of the Support Section, "Brent has brought our operations into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

The cornerstone of Sergeant VanCamp's achievements has been his installation of a bar-coding system for tool

control accountability. This system has greatly facilitated the inventory and accountability of over 10,000 line items housed in the Support Section. This \$10,000 system, known as Tool Control System (TCS) was gained at no cost to the unit. All that had to be done was for Sergeant VanCamp to demonstrate the cost savings to Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) from use of the system. Through use of TCS, the squadron was able to eliminate one position in the Support Section and to reduce inventory, issue, and turn-in times by 50%. Bar-coding eliminated the need for manual systems and forms. Sergeant VanCamp has become quite an expert in TCS. He recently assisted the 138th Fighter Group of the Oklahoma Air National Guard at Tulsa with installation of this system.

Sergeant VanCamp's award package also recognized his efforts in obtaining training equipment for the squadron's Engine Section. He saved \$45,000 in the transfer of an F-16 engine trailer and equipment from the Air National Guard. Those items were on their way to salvage. They are now being used in the 507th ARW jet engine hush-house facility, which has been converted to a training area for CLSS jet engine mechanics.

Sergeant VanCamp holds a variety of duties ranging from Hazardous Material Manger to Computer Systems Security Officer. He has also become a valuable member of the Wing Computer Systems Requirements Board (CSRB).

He has achieved the rare feat of being named an "outstanding performer" in back to back higher headquarters inspections. Sergeant VanCamp was recognized by the AFMC Inspector General (IG) during the March 1997 Operational Readiness Inspection. Only three months later, in February 1998, the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) IG during the Unit Compliance Inspection also recognized him. These separate IG teams named him an "outstanding performer" for his excellent manage-

ment of the squadron's Support Section. Sergeant VanCamp has achieved an impressive list of accomplishments that were recognized by Fourth Air Force in his selection as Supply Superintendent of the Year. As an ART, customer service has been his hallmark. He is totally committed to supporting squadron members. He continually goes above and beyond to support the squadron. With these accomplishments and his outstanding attitude, it is no surprise that he was selected as Fourth Air Force's Supply Superintendent of the Year for 1998.

## 507th members win Lab Competition at AFRC's Fuels Rodeo

By SrA Robin Shane  
507th Logistics Support Squadron

Members of the 507th Logistics Support Squadron's fuel section participated in Air Force Reserve Command's Annual Fuels/Supply Readiness Competition at Homestead ARB, Fla., in May, bringing home a first and second place award in two categories.

Reserve Units from across the country met to compete and demonstrate their readiness and skills in several events.

Team members were TSgt. Guy Wilson, SSgt. Lisa Upperman, SSgt.

Joe Shrock, SSgt. Richard Lilly, and SrA Robin Shane. Alternates and observers were SMSgt. Jerry Lyles, TSgt. Michael Tabor, and TSgt. Bill Eudy.

Events included the slalom course

where fuel truck drivers maneuver through an obstacle course.

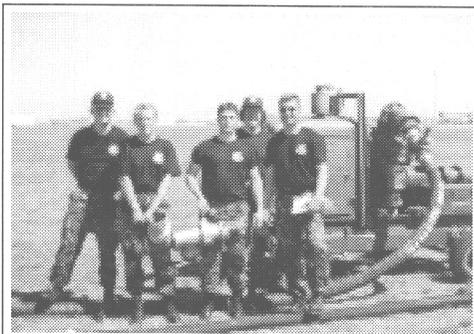
The fuel truck checkpoint was an event in which LSS members placed 2nd; R-22 Setup, an event where a bladder refueling system is built in the field; self-aid & buddy care; M-16 assembly; backing a fuel truck in MOPP - 4 gear; reporting a combat operations exercise; quality control, a lab field competition in which the POL members placed 1st; fuels control center operations skills; a chemical warfare exercise, which included donning the ensemble; and a written fuels skills test. All events were scored on time and accuracy.

"This experience was a confidence builder," Eudy said. "Our team was competitive in every event. However, winning the quality control competition was a significant highlight." The fuels lab is one of the most technically demanding aspects of the career field.

"Our lab people have always performed well under pressure," Eudy said. "At our last ORI, they dealt successfully with a real-world threat of water contamination (at MOPP - 4). On the initial tanker deployment into Le Tube Air Base in Istres France for Operation Joint

Guard, they set up and manned a functional lab to test our JP-8 fuel as well as JPTS for an active duty U-2 squadron." he said. "I have confidence in our ability to deploy anywhere and deliver safe, dry fuels to our aircraft whenever we get the call. The performance of this team shows that they have the knowledge and work ethic to function

under pressure and they have every reason to be proud," Eudy said.



Members of this winning team include (Left to right) SSgt. Joe Shrock, SrA Robin Shane, SSgt. Richard Lilly, SSgt. Lisa Upperman, and TSgt. Guy Wilson.

# Senior NCO, NCO, Airman of the Quarter winners named

April 1 to June 30, 1999

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Three members from sections of the 507th Air Refueling Wing were named Senior Noncommissioned Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, and Airman of the Quarter after tough competition with other members from the wing who were nominated for these awards.

MSgt. Neville Comas, maintenance data systems analysis technician for the 507th Logistics Support Squadron was named Senior NCO of the Quarter; TSgt. Jimmy Easton, electro-environmental specialist for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron was named NCO of the Quarter; and AIC Jeffery Bass, an aircraft maintenance technician for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, was named Airman of the Quarter.

**MSgt. Neville Comas** is responsible for accomplishing of analyzing data for significant trends.

He develops, tests, and maintains data retrieval programs that exceed unit requirements. Among his duties, he conducts training and interprets technical data on systems use and procedures within the 507th Logistics Group.

He has devised and implemented a database verification program to ensure an error-free data base is available.

Comas designs and establishes work center identification codes, locates database file errors and corrects reports, coordinates with and assists Data Automation host with 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command and Air Mobility Command to ensure adequate utilization of assigned hardware, computer on-line requirements and execution of off-line programs.

Among his other duties, he troubleshoots and corrects problem areas associated with automated systems - Plans and implements actions with functional areas in the data base to eliminate redundant workloads and duplication of data.

Comas is currently enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force. He is a Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduate and a certified machinist journeyman.



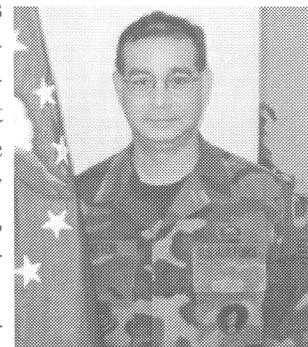
**TSgt. Jimmy Easton** often acts as assistant Team Chief for the B-I B Team, supervising 14 personnel. Easton volunteers for Pre-Unit Training Assembly Duty and is the primary planner who requests duty training and ancillary training, which requires an additional week-end each month.

He displays initiative by instructing other team members in sheetmetal hands on training. His civilian job is directly related to his reserve job, and he has won numerous civil service job performance awards.

Easton has attended many job related civil service schools over two decades to include Shop Safety; Technical Data training, and Types and Characteristics of Metal, among others.

He has attended two vocational-technical courses, completed Technical Drafting courses at Rose State College, and is pursuing an Airframe and Powerplant (A & P) license on his own initiative.

He has donated time and materials to the Civil Air Patrol, DAV, and AMVETS. Easton is also a member of the Air Force Memorial Foundation among other accomplishments



**AIC Jeffery Bass** is a self-motivated crewchief who quickly accepts responsibility and a self-starter requiring minimum supervision. He has volunteered for mandays with the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS). He was recommended for permanent hire as an air reserve technician by 507th AGS leaders.

Bass loaded, launched, and recovered two KC-135 aircraft in support of the Kosovo crisis. He has installed drogues to support "high tempo" aerial refuel operations resulting in 100 percent mission readiness. He has performed maintenance operations with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan. Bass has also assisted in both the Isochronal Phase maintenance and the structural shop at Kadena AB.

He is enrolled in the University of Oklahoma's Business Administration degree program. Bass plans to manage his own marketing business in the future.

He organized the "Diamond Affair" senior citizen's annual pancake breakfast and charity event, scheduled guest speakers for the event, and has volunteered his time at a local Norman daycare center among other involvements.



# ATTENTION SUPERVISORS

Have you ever wondered what it takes or what to look for to get one of your members promoted? There are a variety of things to look for. Has member completed his Upgrade Training for the appropriate grade? Have you checked with the Commander or First Sergeant to see if the member is on the list of eligibles on the promotion roster? If not have someone check the list of ineligibles to see what the member is lacking such as time-in-grade, Professional Military Education (PME), or time-in-service. We as supervisors should take on the responsibility of looking out for our junior enlisted. Just a friendly reminder from your Wing Education and Training Office.

## 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. **If you are testing for Course 5A, please call DPMT at extension 47075 at least two days prior to the UTA.**

### ✓ 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

✓ FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES START ON SATURDAY, 11 SEP 99 AT 1030. WHERE: 507 ARW COMPOUND!

✓ WING COMMANDER'S CALL: BASE THEATER, SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH. MANDATORY FOR ALL!!!

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# TRAINING PLANNER

<b>Fri, 10 Sep 99</b>	1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
	1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
	<b>1600</b>	<b>Top 3 Council</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Rm</b>
<b>Sat, 11 Sep 99</b>			
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign In</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>
	0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
	0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
	0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
	1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
	<b>1030</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>507 ARW COMPOUND</b>
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>
<b>Sun, 12 Sep 99</b>			
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign In</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>
	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
	<b>0730-1030</b>	<b>Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
	<b>0800-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Rm 213</b>
	0800-0900	Personnel Systems/App'l 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
	<b>1045</b>	<b>Escorts pick-up Newcomers</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
	<b>1130</b>	<b>LTs Luncheon</b>	<b>Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm</b>
	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
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>

<b>Fri, 06 Aug 99</b>			
<b>1100</b>	<b>NCOLDP Graduation</b>	<b>Bldg 1048, Briefing Rm</b>	
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm	
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm	
<b>1600</b>	<b>Top 3 Council</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Rm</b>	
<b>Sat, 07 Aug 99</b>			
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign In</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>
	0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
	0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
	0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
	1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
	1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
	1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
	<b>1330-1630</b>	<b>Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
	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 101
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<b>Sun, 08 Aug 99</b>			
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign In</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>
	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
	<b>0730-1030</b>	<b>Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
	<b>0800-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Rm 213</b>
	0800-0900	Personnel Systems/App'l 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
	1000-1130	HRDC (Retention Group)	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
	1030-1130	HRDC (Recruiting Group)	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
	<b>1045</b>	<b>Escorts pick-up Newcomers</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Classroom 1</b>
	<b>1130</b>	<b>LTs Luncheon</b>	<b>Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm</b>
	1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>HRDC (Mentoring Group)</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
	1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
	1500	Fly Safety Mtg	OPS Briefing Room
	<b>1500</b>	<b>WING COMMANDER'S CALL</b>	<b>BASE THEATER</b>
<b>As Designated by Unit</b>		<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>As Designated by Unit</b>

## 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

## PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME)

**New criteria for submitting extensions for PME. Extensions for PME have to be done on an ECI Form 17, fully justified and for only 30 days at a time. This is for Course(s) 00001, 6D/6E, and 8D/8E. This policy went into effect on 1 Jun 99. Going TDY is not an excuse for an extension. We need to be more assertive.**

## 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

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 1 or 6 you have until 31 Aug 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:
13 Jul	21 Jul
15 Jul	23 Jul
20 Jul	28 Jul
27 Jul	04 Aug
29 Jul	06 Aug
03 Aug	11 Aug
10 Aug	18 Aug
12 Aug	20 Aug
17 Aug	25 Aug
19 Aug	27 Aug
26 Aug	03 Sep
31 Aug	08 Sep

### 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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			707 CF AT 22 Aug - 4 Sept				
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 Data/Information due to CCX 8 Sep for Pre UTA	9 SNCOA Class 99.F 9 SEP - 21 OCT 98	10 Top 3 Council PRE-UTA Performance Review	11 UTA 72 LOAD TRAINING C-5,C-17,C-141 11-12	
12 UTA • Supervisor Safety Training • MPF In-House Trng 0800-0930	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19 CES FIREFIGHTER OFF-UTA	20	21 MPF In-House Trng 0730-0900	22 Autumn	23	<b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>		
26 Quality Awareness Training	27	28	29	30	24	25 Quality Awareness Training	
<b>FY END-OF-YEAR BUDGET CLOSE-OUT</b>							

## New early warning mission has familiar past

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command's airborne warning and control system mission at Tinker AFB, Okla., is only three years old, but reservists flew a similar early warning and control mission in the 1970s.

On July 30, 1971, Headquarters Air Force Reserve at Robins AFB redesignated the 79th Military Airlift Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla., as the 79th Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron (AEW&CS) and replaced its C-124 cargo planes with EC-121D's.

The EC-121D, with radomes on top and below the aircraft fuselage and six tons of electronic surveillance equipment, was a modified Air Force C-121 passenger aircraft, the military version of Lockheed's Constellation commercial plane. The 79th AEW&CS mission was to provide "airborne radar surveillance and tactical control of air defense weapons" for "air defense and contingency operations." Initially, squadron aircrews flew missions in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. In 1974, the 79th AEW&CS converted to EC-121T's and sent its "D" models off to the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

In 1976, the Reserve early warning program underwent significant changes. At the time, the Air Force wished to terminate for economy purposes its EC-121 Iceland mission. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, however, requested that the Air Force continue the mission pending other arrangements due to State Department concerns that without the EC-121 presence, Iceland would not have any warning of airspace intrusions. Accordingly, the Air Force assigned the 79th AEW&CS responsibility for flying missions out of Keflavik, Iceland, on a rotational basis.

The Aerospace Defense Command activated Detachment 1 of the 20th Air Defense Squadron on March 1, 1976, at Homestead AFB to support the Reserve effort. This augmentation by active-duty aircrews and support personnel in effect became an active associate program, the reverse of the Reserve associate program begun in 1968. Reserve associate flying units do not own their own aircraft; instead unit personnel fly and maintain those belonging to collocated active-duty units.

On Dec. 1, 1976, the Reserve activated the 915th Airborne Early Warning and Control Group (AEW&CG) at Homestead AFB to provide control and command supervision over the 79th AEW&CS.

In 1978, the Air Force ended the EC-121 Iceland and Florida missions once E-3A AWACS aircraft entered the aircraft inventory. On Oct. 1, 1978, except for maintaining one EC-121 on station in Iceland for another six weeks to accommodate E-3A delivery delays, the Air Force Reserve began converting its EC-121 units to fighter operations. Effective that date, Headquarters Air Force Reserve redesignated the 915th AEW&CG as a tactical fighter group and inactivated the 79th AEW&CS, replacing it at Homestead AFB with the 93rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, the Reserve's first F-4C equipped unit.

Today the Reserve's 513th Air Control Group and its 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron fly and maintain E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft at Tinker AFB with an active-duty unit. The Reserve associate unit announced its initial operational capability March 8, 1999. Two months later, selected group personnel were mobilized to support U.S. military operations overseas. (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.

### Homestead pilot killed in F-16 crash

HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE STATION, Fla. - An Air Force Reserve Command pilot from here was killed when his single-seat F-16 fighter aircraft crashed at 11:36 a.m. July 1 in a remote area near Avon Park Bombing Range.

Maj. Samuel D'Angelo III of the 93rd Fighter Squadron crashed while performing a low-level training mission near Sebring in central Florida. The aircraft was part of a four-ship formation that had taken off from Homestead at 10:42 a.m. After the accident, two of the aircraft returned to Homestead while the other landed at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

### Space ops reservist one of Air Force's 12 outstanding

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Tech. Sgt. Darin Miley is used to breaking new ground. The operations superintendent and additional duty first sergeant helped stand up the 6th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB, Colo., and more recently was named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

### AMC selects associate maintenance award winners

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - An Air Force Reserve officer from McGuire AFB, N.J., and two enlisted reservists from Dover AFB, Del., are Air Mobility Command's associate maintenance award winners for 1998.

The winners are Capt. Terry L. Mueller of McGuire's 714th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Tech. Sgt. James T. Huffman of Dover's 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. John A. Giamello of Dover's 512th Component Repair Squadron. They competed against reservists from other Air Force Reserve Command associate units gained by AMC.

### Reserve vice commander visits deployed reservists

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany - As part of official visits to Air Force Reserve Command troops deployed to Europe in support of Operation Allied Force, Maj. Gen. David R. Smith, AFRC vice commander, toured the 60th Air Expeditionary Wing here June 17-18.

During the visit, the general received wing and squadron mission briefings and visited select organizations, and toured the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System facilities. The general also toured wing maintenance facilities and the operations center.

Air Force Reserve AWACS members...



## Return home, job “well done”

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An E-3 “Sentry” aircraft and Air Force Reserve aircrew, from the 513th Air Control Group’s (ACG), 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron returned home July 13 from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Approximately 30 members arrived here about 5 p.m. Family members, friends, and co-workers gave a warm welcome for the air and maintenance crews. Approximately 40 other 513th ACG members returned throughout the course of the week.

More than 200 reservists from the 513th ACG were called to active duty last April during the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up (PSRC). Of that group, a 110-member package, consisting of maintenance personnel, support staff and two full aircrews deployed to Incirlik Air Base while another 40-member package deployed to Prince Sultan Air

Base, Saudi Arabia. An additional staff remained here to provide support for those deployed.

During the height of the 7 ½ week activation period, 513th ACG members assumed 100 percent of all Operation Northern Watch airborne warning and control systems operations as well as 40 percent of AWACS operations for Operation Southern Watch. Tuesday’s arrival was the largest package of reservists expected to return as a group. According to 513th ACG officials, all of the activated reservists are expected to return to the state by August 1. Their release dates will be staggered to allow active duty AWACS the opportunity to reconstitute operational control of Operation Northern Watch.

When the reservists were recalled to active duty last May they came under the operational control of the 552nd Air

rol Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, integrating seamlessly into that unit's operational tempo. According to 552nd Air Control Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Lee McFann, "The call-up of the 513th Air Control Group allowed us to release some wing members from commitments in the Gulf region and commit totally to Operation ALLIED FORCE. Their significant experience and professionalism was very noticeable, providing for seamless day-to-day operations in both Operations SOUTHERN and NORTHERN WATCH."

Col. Kenneth Suggs, 513th ACG commander agreed stating, "It's significant to note that our reservists took over 100 percent of the operational control of the entire Airborne Warning and Control System presence supporting Operation Northern Watch, suppressing Iraqi military aviation and anti-aircraft activities in the Northern 'No-Fly Zone' over Iraq."

The Northern Watch mission has its roots in Operation Provide Comfort, which began shortly after the end of the Gulf War. Provide Comfort was mainly responsible for the protection and humanitarian relief of Kurdish people living in northern Iraq. As the situation evolved, so did the mission.

On Jan. 1, 1997, Operation Northern Watch stood up, replacing Provide Comfort. Northern Watch is primarily responsible for monitoring compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 688, which prohibits Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction, and authorizes the enforcement of the "no-fly zone" over northern Iraq.

Comprised of U.S., Turkish and British coalition partners, the combined task force is a force of nearly 1,400 people and more than 50 aircraft. The coalition is truly a "purple suit" environment, as people and assets from every branch of service come together to complete the mission. On Dec. 28 last year, the typically quiet skies over northern Iraq came alive as surface-to-air missiles were fired against coalition aircraft. The challenge did not go without response. U.S. Air Force F-15Es, F-16CJs and Marine EA-6Bs launched AGM-88 high-speed anti-radiation missiles and dropped precision-guided munitions on the ground-based missile launch sites.

Since then, there have been dozens of aggressive actions taken by Iraqi forces against coalition aircraft. In every instance, coalition aircraft have responded in self-defense, and in every instance, they have returned home safely.

"Northern Watch is a prime example of the 'total force' concept at work," Col. Suggs said. "At any given time, a large part of the force is made up of Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen, who work side-by-side with their active-duty counterparts. The unparalleled success and safety of Northern Watch proves teamwork and dedication are full-time for all the coalition partners.

Although not in the headlines now, the Northern Watch mission remains as important to stability in the region now as

when it started. Pride in accomplishing that mission is reflected on the face of every member of the Northern Watch team.

Suggs said his unit reservists also provided 40 percent of AWACS flight crews in support of Operation Southern Watch during their activation.

Those aircrews, stationed at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, flew the E-3 aircraft, exercising airborne air control of fighter assets patrolling the Southern "No-Fly Zone" over Iraq.

Operation Southern Watch began shortly after the Persian Gulf war ended to enforce a United Nations-imposed no-fly zone south of the 32nd parallel. Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, based at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, commands the operation. If the Iraqis - who fly almost 100 sorties north of this line - dare cross the 32nd parallel, they risk identification by AWACs aircraft and interception by American F-15C's or F-16s.

For ongoing Southern Watch missions, Iraq faces an overwhelming force of Air Force and coalition air power: air-to-air fighters, air-to-ground attack aircraft and airlift aircraft. Forces here also have special capabilities of air power: aerial refueling, airborne and satellite reconnaissance, electronic warfare, airborne command and control, and stealth and precision munitions.

U.S. forces depend on airpower as the essential shield for the no-fly zone, watching for build-up or movement of Iraqi forces and, if necessary, to defend the Arabian peninsula.



Air Force photo  
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## Two wing members recognized by Oklahoma State AFA

Capt. Michael Morrisett, assistant chief pilot for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron and TSgt. Jermaine Boyd, navigations system technician for the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron, were named Oklahoma State Air Force Association's Air Force Reserve Officer and NCO of the Year, respectively.



**Capt. Michael Morrisett** schedules and manages flying and ground training for over 40 wing pilots and maintains unit peacetime and wartime capabilities at the highest levels. He is responsible for all phases of mission accomplishment to include mission planning, briefing, ground and in-flight operations, and post-flight procedures. Morrisett is also Wing

Supervisor of Flying.

He is a highly qualified aircraft commander responsible for monitoring and supervising daily flying activity. He also advises, assists, and provides direction on behalf of the 507th Operations Group commander to enhance safe flying operations, and when needed, to effect the safe recovery of emergency aircraft. He demonstrates exceptional leadership and organizational skills in the development and implementation of a highly effective pilot flying and ground training program. He is the commander's number one choice for challenging, high profile missions such as COMPTUEX 99-02, a joint exercise with the United States Navy's Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group. He is strong role model and superior junior officer; an example for today's youth in the community and volunteers his time as a teacher's assistant with the local elementary school during classes and after school gatherings.



**TSgt. Jermaine Boyd** is a technician responsible for repairing and replacing faulty integrated systems on the KC-135 aircraft. Along with his other responsibilities, he is the shop equipment account manager.

Boyd is a superior performer and an invaluable technician. For example, he found a problem with the global positioning

system power supply transformer in one of the unit's aircraft, fixed it, and saved the Air Force more than \$5,000 in repair costs.

Boyd was cited as a visionary manager always looking for ways to save Air Force money. In another instance, Boyd initiated a cost per repair chart to alert members of his shop the cost to repair high failure items saving the unit \$235,000 for Fiscal Year 1999. He has also developed a complete flight director mock-up and test procedure for operational checking aircraft components in shop, also saving the unit countless hours of troubleshooting faulty equipment from supply.

He is actively involved in all hands-on training on aircraft. Boyd was cited for being first in line to volunteer for temporary duty (TDY) assignments and mobility assignments to include a 21 day TDY to Italy in support of Operation Joint Guard and another to Panama in support of drug interdiction efforts to name a few.

Boyd attended the Noncommissioned Officers Academy and graduated as a distinguished graduate. He also holds an associate degree in Engineering Technology and Avionics Systems Technology and is pursuing an associates degree in Electronics Engineering Technology among other endeavors.

### ANTHRAX

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Since 1970, there have been no reports of long-term adverse health effects from the anthrax vaccine. However, DoD continues to study the vaccine. "We have a study underway at the U.S. Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases to determine whether individuals who received multiple vaccines, including anthrax, demonstrate any adverse health effects over the long term," Bailey said. DoD has another study underway at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. A total of 570 medical workers who have received the series are being studied so DoD can get "on-going information that we can project into the future about effects of

the anthrax vaccine."

The anthrax vaccination program is a series of six shots stretching over 18 months. DoD started immunizing service members most in danger from anthrax—those in or going to Southwest Asia. In May 1998, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved a plan to inoculate all service members against the disease.

"Anthrax is a deadly bacteria," Bailey said. "If you were exposed to weaponized anthrax spores and were not immunized, you would develop symptoms and die. Antibiotics alone cannot save you once you display the symptoms. We feel it is our responsibility to provide for the best protection ... and we do so through the immunization program."

# Snapshots

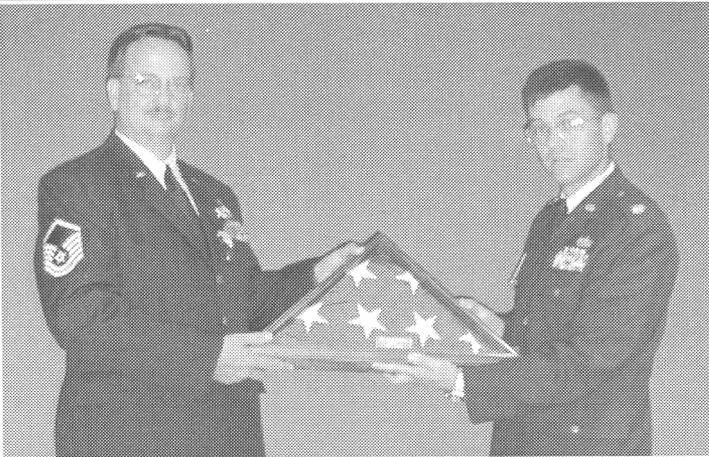


Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

MSgt. Rick Lawrence, (left) 507th Mission Support Squadron, receives a flag from his commander, Maj. Mony Goodman during his retirement ceremony July 10. Lawrence retired after more than 24 years of military service to include 11 years with the Marine Corps Reserve. Lawrence was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

## Education pays

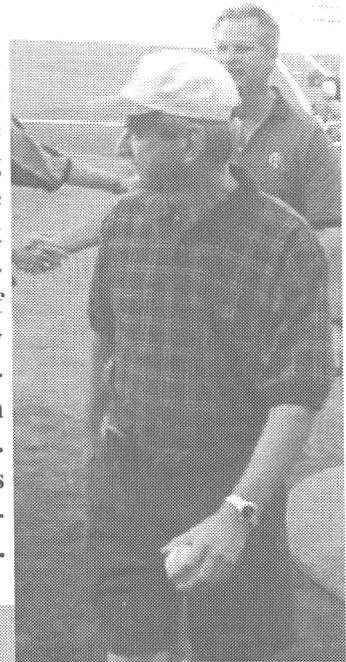


(Left photo) Melanie Koch, student at the University of Oklahoma, is one of 200 students nationwide to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Retired Officer's Association. Accepting the scholarship from Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, commander of the 507th ARW, she plans to apply her award toward her major in education. Melanie is the daughter of TSgt. Melba Koch, public affairs specialist for the 507th ARW.

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## PLAY BALL!

Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich gets ready to throw out the first pitch during the Reserve Night at the Ballpark during one of the Redhawk's game at the Bricktown Ballpark July 10. The general was supported by many members of the 507th ARW while they cheered him and the hometown team on during an evening of fun and relaxation. The Bricktown Ballpark is among the many new attractions built in Oklahoma City.



Photos by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

## AFRC Band Strike Package targets Oklahoma City

The Air Force Reserve Command Strike Band is planning to perform at more than 25 locations throughout Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City metro area this fall.

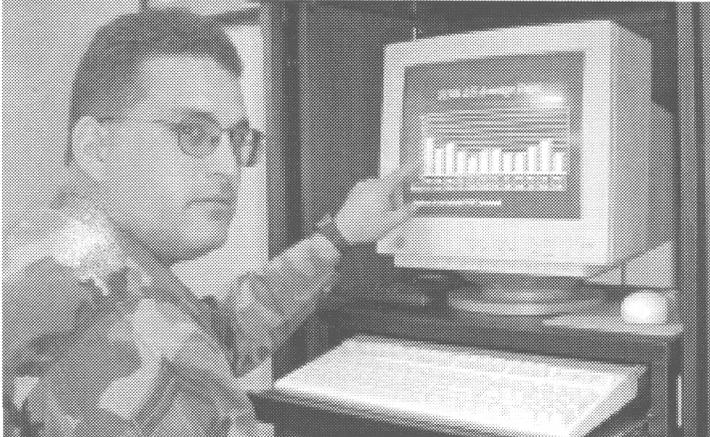
This fall's performances are the result of a "Strike Package" initiative created by the band's corporate board to more effectively use the band for recruiting, retention and community relations purposes.

The 45-member concert band, and its seven distinct ensembles, will conduct a variety of musical performances targeting key military and community audiences.

Unit reservists are encouraged to invite their employers to the Bands concert performance beginning at 7:30 p.m., Sep. 29, at the Rose State Auditorium, Rose State College. All performances are free.

# Upclose

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group:  
"Show me your metrics."



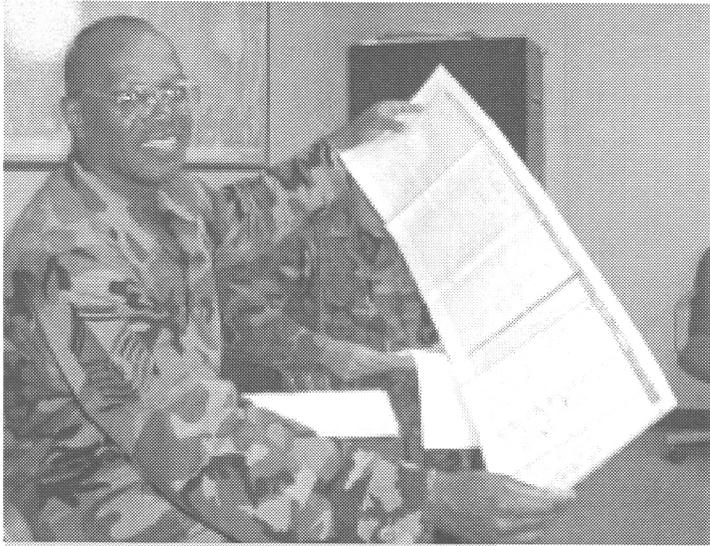
**SMSgt. Michael Sulanke**  
**513th Maintenance Squadron**

"This chart shows the average number of active duty days our reservists pull each month and measurements how much we support active duty."



**MSgt. Shirley Thompson**  
**507th Medical Squadron**

"This binder is full of attendance rosters. I use it to ensure 100 percent participation in Nursing Services In-Service refresher courses. I'm in the process of computerizing it."



**SMSgt. Anthony Stewart**  
**72nd Aerial Port Squadron**

"I like the old format of the 7-level core requirements Career Field Education and Training Plan to track the training needs of my people."



**SMSgt. Michael Reed**  
**507th Civil Engineer Squadron**

"We use our Career Field Education and Training Plan to track our training progress like everyone else."

# WHO'S WHO

## Boating Safety: Life jackets

# What's your excuse?



Photos by TSgt. Melba Koch

**Name: MSgt. Bill Gates**

**Organization: 970<sup>th</sup> ACCS**

**Position: Flight engineer**

**Hometown: Ocean Springs, MS**

**Hobbies: radio-controlled airplanes, hunting, and fishing**

**Favorite music: anything**



**Name: SSgt. Steve Parker**

**Organization: 970<sup>th</sup> AACS**

**Position: airborne radar technician**

**Civ. position: student**

**Hometown: Chesapeake, VA**

**Hobbies: surfing**

**Favorite music: everything**

**August 1999**

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — More than 700 people die in boating-related incidents each year. Nearly nine out of 10 of those victims are not wearing a life jacket.

**EXCUSE:** Life jackets are too bulky and constricting -They weigh me down.

**FACT:** Actually, there are many different types of life jackets on the market today. Based on your boating activities, you can choose from a variety of shapes and materials, both for your comfort and safety.

**EXCUSE:** I'm an excellent swimmer, I don't need one.

**FACT:** Being a strong swimmer is great, but when it comes to boating safety it doesn't mean you're protected. Emergency situations, cold water or weather conditions may put even good swimmers at risk or in a state of panic. Wearing a life jacket will not only provide flotation to keep your head above water, it will increase your chances for survival and rescue.

**EXCUSE:** It is way too hot to be wearing a life jacket. Besides, I want to get a tan.

**FACT:** It may be hot outside, but if you fall into the water you are putting yourself at risk of hypothermia (the loss of body heat) which contributes to as many as half of all water fatalities and can happen in water as warm as 70 degrees. Life jackets can protect you against hypothermia because they allow you to float without expending energy and some life jackets, like the coat and suit styles, have excellent insulation qualities. Plus, inflatable life jackets (which can be a viable alternative in some situations) are small and lightweight, so heat really isn't a factor.

**EXCUSE:** Orange is just not my color!

**FACT:** For many years, life jackets have come in a wide variety of attractive colors and styles. Of course,

brightly colored life jackets can increase your chances of rescue by making it easy for you to be seen in the water.

**EXCUSE:** I don't go too far out in the water.

**FACT:** Actually, 9 out of ten boating-related drownings occur in inland waters - most within a few feet of safety.

**EXCUSE:** I don't even know if we have any life jackets on our boat.

**FACT:** Federal law requires boat operators to have a properly fitting life jacket for everyone on board and a throwable device for craft that are 16 feet in length or longer. Some states require that children in certain age groups must be wearing the life jacket while on board.

**EXCUSE:** We have a small boat that doesn't go very fast, so we're safe.

**FACT:** The typical boating incident involves a small boat, less than 16 feet, with a motor of less than 16 horsepower or no motor at all.

**EXCUSE:** I'm not really a "boater," I'm a fisherman.

**FACT:** A lot of fisherman don't consider themselves boaters, but of those who aren't wearing a life jacket and are involved in a boating-related incident, 3 out of 4 die each year from drowning and hypothermia when out on the water - even if their boat was anchored at the time.

**EXCUSE:** I've been driving boats for years. I can handle anything.

**FACT:** Nearly 80 percent of boating incidents involve operator-controlled factors. Human error can happen anytime so be prepared by wearing a life jacket.

**EXCUSE:** They're so expensive!

**FACT:** Life jackets come in all price ranges, and some can be purchased for only a few dollars. Just make sure you get the right type for your planned activity and one that fits properly. (AMCNS)



# R-NEWS

## ROA meeting

There will be a Reserve Officer Association (ROA) meeting on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 1630 to 1700 in the briefing room of Building 1048. All officers are welcome. Topics of discussions will be fundraising, the mentoring trip, and other exciting upcoming events.

## 507th Website

The address for the 507th ARW website has changed to the following depending if you are on a base computer or off base..

**INTERNAL:** If you are using a military computer, the 507th ARW website address is:  
<http://poweredge.tinker.af.mil/507arw/default.html>

**EXTERNAL:** If you are using a home computer, the 507th ARW address is  
<http://www.tinker.af.mil/507arw/default.html>

## Color Guards needed

Any wing member who would like to perform Color Guard duties for official wing functions, i.e. wing formations, Dining Out, etc, please contact MSgt.. Merle at 734-7171, or e-mail [bmerle@swbell.net](mailto:bmerle@swbell.net)

## Get paid to volunteer

The 507th ARW recruiting staff are needing volunteers to work with recruiters at the Oklahoma State Fair, Sep. 17 through Oct. 3. For more information, contact Msgt. Larry Wheatley at 734-5331.

## Family Day is approaching

This year's Family Day, Sep. 11, is just around the corner.

Featured this year is the Adopt-a-Pet program with an animal petting area, ring toss, little tyke basketball toss, hammer game, disney video movies, and much, much more.

Tickets are available from all first sergeants at \$2.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child, and no more than \$5.00 per family.

If you are an artist portraying past or current military scenes, or 507th specific, and would like to see your work in the *On-final* magazine, contact TSgt. Mitch Chandran at the 507th Public Affairs Office, 734-3078, for more information.

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

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| <b>Lawton, OK</b><br>TSgt. Nathan Bickle<br>(405) 357-2784  | <b>Tinker AFB, OK</b><br>MSgt. Larry Wheatley<br>TSgt. Rhonda Nolan<br>(405) 734-5331       |
| <b>Tulsa, OK</b><br>TSgt. Bill Thompson<br>(918) 665-2300   | <b>Tinker AFB, OK</b><br>MSgt Vic Bradford<br>(In-Service Recruiter)<br>(405) 739-2980      |
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