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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. Jack Gingerich
507th ARW Commander**

Make time, update your legal affairs

Often when we think of readiness, we focus on numbers of mission-ready aircrews, engineers, cooks, medics, mechanics, cops, and the rest of the package that defines our operational readiness. There is another aspect of readiness, frequently overlooked or taken for granted, called family readiness. One component of family readiness I feel needs attention is legal readiness.

Have you recently married, divorced, had a child, or otherwise changed your family situation? Do you have a will? If so, does it reflect how you want your affairs handled? Is your Form 93 current? Do all the documents agree?

This is serious business. The mobility processing line is not the place to get your legal affairs in order. While a fill-in-the-blank will is better than nothing, you owe it to your loved ones to do some prior planning when you have the time to really think about it.

I've witnessed several situations during my career where things didn't work out as the deceased would have liked, simply because the paperwork had not been updated. It is extremely frustrating for a parent to watch their son or daughter's life insurance proceeds go to a spendthrift ex rather than a trust for the member's minor children.

Where do you want your Servicemember's Group Life Insurance to go?

Take care of your legal affairs while you still have control of the process. Tomorrow may be too late.



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

To the men and women of the 507th ARW and the 513th ACG

Well, It's finally here. The time has come for me to leave my Sooner Home. I guess I knew that it was inevitable but that doesn't make it any easier.

As with any organization, people come and people go and the organization changes and evolves and gets better. That's how I will remember my time here as an Okie as I reflect on how well this unit has done. The accomplishments, the awards, the deployments, the re-organizations, the celebrations, the joys, and the tragedies of this unit have been a large part of my life for the last three years.

I came here because of my tanker background to help with the ORI. I stayed for the AFA Outstanding Unit Award, my turns in the dunk tank, the AFOUA we earned, the softball games with the "Men In Black", the changes of command, the deployment to France, the pie in the face, the retirements, the promotions, the 40th Anniversary celebration and banquet, the going away parties, and the tornado. I REALLY could have done without the tornado!! Through all the events of the past three years, it is the PEOPLE of this unit who pulled together and worked hard to make things better.

I have met, worked with, respected, and yes, grown to love the extraordinary people in this unit because the Okies opened up and made me feel as a part of this family. THERE IS NOT A FINER BUNCH ANYWHERE. Part of me will always be an Okie and I will only have fond memories of my years here.

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Chaplain's Column

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

"Don't Worry, Be Happy"

Remember that song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." I loved that song because it sounded like life. And I hated that song because it sounded like life! How in the world can one not worry sometimes? Actually, the faith groups of the world encourage us not to worry. Worry leads to fear and, as one of my friends shared with me, fear is False Evidence Appearing Real. As a matter of fact, any time the word "scared" or "fear" falls out of my mouth, God has placed my friend in my path, with hand in the air, to remind me to

"get rid of that fear because fear is false evidence appearing real!" When we fear something, it has power over us. Our imagination runs wild and God does not give us a spirit of fear! That comes from another source. Thus, if God is foremost in our hearts and minds – if we are seeking to experience God in every aspect of our lives – family, work, play – there is no room for "false evidence appearing real." Our experience of God will be real and always lift us up and always give us hope. During this year of the family, may you point your family and your chosen family (friends and fellow reservists) to seek God and remember that fear is nothing more than "false evidence appearing real." "Don't Worry, Be Happy" does have some theological significance!

God bless you.

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On the cover...



With changes occurring more frequently, members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing don't know what to expect next. But one thing is for sure; whatever unit members are tasked to do, the outcome will always live up to the unit's motto to be a "Team of choice."



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Two Change-of-Command ceremonies set

Kerr commands 507th Operations Group

Col. James L. Kerr assumes command of the 507th Operations Group (OG) from Col. John Fobian during a Change-of-Command ceremony Sep. 11. with Col. Fobian assuming command of the 513th Air Control Group from Col. Kenneth Suggs in a separate Change-of-Command ceremony immediately afterwards.

Suggs assumes command of the 927th Air Refueling Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

The 507th OG reports to the 507th Air Refueling Wing and supports Air Mobility Command's air refueling and airlift requirements, including overseas deployment, in times of peace, war, and national emergency as well as Federal Aviation Administration taskings within the United States and abroad. It currently flies the KC-135R "Stratotanker" aircraft.

The colonel began his Air Force career in 1977 after receiving his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His first operational assignment was at Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina, where he served as an Air Rescue Pilot flying UH-1N helicopters. After completing a tour at Myrtle Beach, his success led him

to the 89th Military Airlift Wing supporting airlift for key DOD officials. In 1982, he transitioned to fixed-wing aircraft flying the C-141 Starlifter with tours at Norton AFB and March AFB. He has held various positions as 729AS/ADO, 730AS/DO, 445th MAW Chief of Wing Standardization/Evaluation, 452nd AMW Chief of Wing Plans, and 452nd Operations Group Commander Deputy.

Kerr is a command pilot with more than 7,000 hours of flying time in such aircraft as the TH-55, UH-1H&N, CH-3E, T-37, T-38, C-141B&C, KC-135R.

The colonel's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 devices, the ADF Expeditionary Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal with 4 devices, the Small Arms Expert Medal with 1 device, the Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 device, the National Defense Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal with 3 devices, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the Air Force Longevity Service Medal with 4 devices, the ADF Reserve Medal 1 device, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA, K).



Col. James L. Kerr

A little insight into the change of command ceremony

In recent years, a change of command ceremony has evolved without official sanction. One of the earliest occasions was on May 4, 1953, when Major General William L. Barriger took over command of the 2nd Infantry Division from General James C. Fry. A photograph shows Fry presenting an American flag and the standard of the Division to Barriger.

Change of command ceremonies at various levels have been frequent since that date. For instance, on Jun 29, 1979, General Alexander Haig handed over his responsibilities as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe to General Bernard Rogers during a change of command ceremony at SHAPE near Mons, Belgium.

At Cambridge, Mass., the main American Army paraded in its new 14 appointed commander's presence and an elaborate ceremony unfolded beneath the "Washington Elm" on Monday July 3, 1775. Twenty-one drummers and 21 fifers were on hand as General Artemas Ward formally turned over command to Washington, who "majestically drew his sword." (Tradition seems to be the source of the Elm Ceremony.) The transfer was formal, but did not impress witnesses as ceremonious because Washington did not have time to review marching columns or drummers.

In later years, by order of President Lincoln, Nov. 7, 1862, General George "Little Mac" McClellan was relieved of command from the Army of the

Potomac and General Ambrose Burnside appointed in his place. When McClellan made his final ride through the Union Army camps on Nov. 10, soldiers stood in long ranks along the route to the station where a special train awaited him. As he passed between the lines, passionate cheers resounded, "Send him back! Lead us to Washington, General- we will follow you!" Some threw down their arms, swearing angrily they would fight no more. At the railway station, the 2,000-man honor guard broke ranks after the gun salute, swarming around McClellan's car. Only after Little Mac ordered them to stand by their new commander, Burnside, could the train depart.

Where did the time go?

By Col. Kenneth Suggs
513th ACG Commander



Was it really about four years ago that Col. Marty Mazick welcomed me to the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and my new command? As we sat around the table with the Air Combat Command (ACC) and Air Force Reserve Command functional experts in November 1995, no one really knew if this associate AWACS

concept would really work. It was a blank sheet of paper, with differing expectations from all the planners and players. With the help of the 507th ARW and the initial, initial cadre of Lt. Col. Rod Lane, Maj. Steve Mittuch, CMSgt's Joe Ditommaso and Mike Riley, and MSgt. Tina Sanftner, we put plans together for ops and maintenance manning, organizational structure, a budget, and a new building. We couldn't have reached our goals without folks like MSgt. Donna Butzer, TSgt. Tom Turner, Col. Gary Mixon, SMSgt. John Cameron, Maj. Rene Lane, MSgt. Lane Jones, MSgt. Genie McMahon, Pat Linze and many, many others. My heartfelt thanks to that initial cadre and 507th ARW personnel that provided our foundation for success.

We grew. We grew very fast. We were fortunate to attract a cadre of operations and maintenance experts who were and are the best of the best. We suffered through manpower documents, wrote civilian position descriptions, and made friends with our active duty counter-parts in the 552nd Air Control Wing (ACW). We reshaped and reformed expectations. We began working on the flightline, flying missions, and training, training, training. We established 513th Air Control Group (ACG) priorities that are still valid today. Priority one was to reach Combat Mission Ready Status; two was to provide the 552nd ACW with OPS/PERSTEMPO relief, and three, to provide the best possible working environment for members of the 513th ACG.

We have made remarkable progress to achieving those goals.

We received Outstanding Unit Awards from the Air Force and the Air Force Association. We've flown Counter Drug sorties, Flag exercises, and Florida Straits missions. Our Top Scope team posted the highest scores in competition history. We received ACC's flying safety award. All while growing, finding our way, establishing our place, defining our purpose and refining expectations. We declared Initial Operational Capability in March of this year. Two months later, on May 8, we were activated under the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up. Aircrew and maintenance performed flawlessly as deployed members of the 513th ACG took sole responsibility for deployed AWACS operations in support of Operation Northern Watch, while other 513th ACG aircrew provided 40 percent of the Operation Southern Watch AWACS crew force.

I know of no other organization that progressed from unit activation to operationally deployed in three years. How did it happen? It happened because of the leadership and vision of Lt. Col. (Colonel Select) Jack Ramsaur and Lt. Col. George Gorham in the flying squadron. It happened because of squadron commanders like Maj. Dale Andrews and Capt. Lyle Garrison in the maintenance complex. And because of the best First Shirts in the Air Force Reserve Command, SMSgt. Phil Eagle, MSgt. Carvel Davis and MSgt. Karen Perkins. It happened because of superior section supervisors in both Ops and Maintenance, who focused on our vision and then worked long and hard to reach the goals we established. And finally, it worked because the men and women of the 513th ACG believe in the concept and worked to make it the premiere organization it is today.

There is work yet to do; your future is what you make it. Continue to define your capabilities and contributions. Continue to seek ways to do it smarter. Improve the process. Be bold! You are fortunate to have Col. John Fobian. He is an exceptional, visionary leader who will pave the way.

I leave the 513th ACG with a great pride and feeling of accomplishment. I will always have the deepest admiration for the spirit, dedication, and efforts of all those who contributed to the success of this one of a kind unit. No one can take from me the experiences, knowledge, and memories of the 513th ACG. I am a better person because of knowing you. America and the Air Force is a better place because of the 513th ACG and the 507th ARW. May God bless each and every one of you, your families, and your future endeavors.

PILLAR From page 2.

This is my last UTA here. Now I move on to March ARB as the 4th AF Vice-Commander. Because of that I don't have to say good-bye. I get to say see you later. I'll be able to come back

from time to time to see how you are doing. I'll be one of those numbered Air Force Staff Weenies you always get to see during inspections when they're "here to help". So I'll just say thank you for making my time here so educational and enjoyable. Thank you for making me

welcomed in the Okie family. Thank you for continuing to set the example that all in the command can be proud of by being...

**FOREVER READY, ALWAYS
THERE.**

507th CLSS B-52 team supports 2nd Bomb Wing

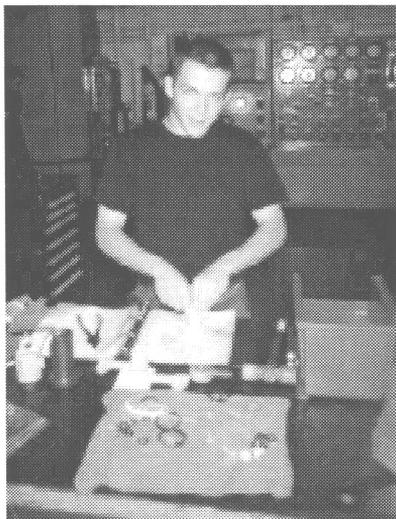
By Capt. Bryan Runion
507th Combat Logistic Support Squadron

A B-52 aircraft maintenance team from the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) recently performed its two-week annual tour at Barksdale AFB, La., June 5 - 19.

The annual tour was an opportunity for the team to receive hands-on training in B-52 aircraft systems. Also, the team supported its active duty counterparts in the 2nd Maintenance Squadron (MS) of the 2nd Bomb Wing.

The Wing had been heavily tasked in support of Operation Allied Force missions in Europe. Many of the B-52s at Barksdale AFB sported paintings of bombs on the side of the aircraft to indicate the many bombing missions over Yugoslavia and Kosovo. The 2nd MS performs double aircraft phase inspections to keep up with the pace. "The 507th CLSS team couldn't have come at a better time," said Lt. Col. Bruce Tanner, 2nd MS Commander.

The 8-member 507th CLSS B-52 team consists of seven Structural Repair Technicians and one Hydraulic Systems Specialist. The Team Chief is SMSgt. Jesse R. Fletcher. During the two-week period, Fletcher rotated team members so they could receive maximum training. He was also able to have team members loaded into the 2nd MS's automated training system. This allowed team members to be scheduled for ancillary



A1C Bryan Weedn, B-52 Hydraulics Technician for the 507th CLSS, removes and repairs a spoiler actuator while on his annual tour.

training requirements. Instead of waiting for a Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekend, team members knocked out many ancillary-training items during the annual tour. They will now have more time to devote to skills training on UTA weekends.

With the primary mission of the 507th CLSS being Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR), team members also receive training in many Air Force Specialty Code core tasks that they do not normally perform. This included training in aircraft painting and corrosion control. Those are core task items for Structural Repair Technicians, but are normally not a part of Aircraft Battle Damage and Repair. At Barksdale, team members also support aircraft phase inspections and aircraft structural repair.

In their off duty time, team members took the opportunity to enjoy the riverfront areas of Shreveport-Bossier City, La. Team members also participated in friendly volleyball and bowling competitions.

Overall, many positive comments were made regarding the annual tour and the opportunity to work with an active duty B-52 unit. TSgt. Mark Wilson of the B-52 team summed it up by saying this has been the best annual tour he has ever been on. Many of the team members have expressed a desire to return to Barksdale AFB for an annual tour in 2000 and work with active duty again.

Following the annual tour, the 2nd MS sent a plaque to the 507th CLSS to express its appreciation to the B-52 Team for their outstanding support. Team members participating in the annual tour were SMSgt. Jesse R. Fletcher; TSgts John Dronberger, Eric Currier, Mark Wilson, and James Williams; SSgts Steven Powers and Michael McWater; and A1C Bryan Weedn.

Thoughts on giving life

By MSgt. Scott Wilson
465th Air Refueling Squadron

In August 1998, after a three year long battle, my father-in-law passed away as a result of prostate cancer. I write this in his memory.

I began donating blood regularly, many years ago. The only thing that kept me away from the blood bank was the fact that not enough time had passed since my last donation. You see you must wait 56 days between donations. On the 57th day, you could just about count on seeing me at the blood bank. After all (I used to think) if the government wanted to give me time off work for doing nothing more than spending eight minutes hooked up to a pint-sized bag, with a small needle in my arm, then I would certainly let them. However, during the last couple of years, my priorities have changed.

There are, as I now see it, at least six benefits to being a blood donor. According to your circumstances, you can arrange these in any order you like. Here they are:

1. You get time off work (four hours for Federal Employee and two hours for Reservists on a UTA.)

2. You get the feeling of helping your fellow Oklahomans (the May tornado comes to mind.)

3. The OBI provides you a cholesterol check for free. (Within a couple of weeks after your donation, in the mail, you will be notified what your cholesterol count was at the time of your donation.)

4. The Group Plan allows you and your tax dependents to receive blood and blood products without being charged processing fees (about \$80.00 per unit of whole blood). The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) waives their fee for Group Plan members (the hospital may still have fees for administering the transfusion).

5. Free T-shirt — collect all six (they offer six different designs during the year). It's easy if you donate every 56 days!

6. I mention this one last, yet it is my current favorite benefit. For a small fee, \$15.00, the OBI will also provide you with a PSA count, along with your cholesterol count. What, you may ask, is a PSA count? I'm glad you asked.

The PSA Blood Test, or Prostate-Specific-Antigen, is a relatively new method utilized by the medical community, to screen for Prostate cancer. A portion of your donated blood is sent to a lab and tested for a protein enzyme. (Thus the \$15.00 cost.) The enzyme is always present, but a higher than normal count is an indication of possible medical problems, one of which is Prostate cancer. A high reading would mean you should plan a trip to a specialist in the immediate future.

The 507th ARW has an excellent history of support for blood drives. A rea-

son for this is that a lot of our people know when to ask. If you wait until there are three jets to catch, or other number of things which require your presence on the flight-line, office or shop, then your supervisor may likely say 'no.' The other reason for our excellent support of this program is that people do and continue to ask.

Remember that the final authorizing official to permit your participation is your immediate supervisor. So the next time you desire to give blood, and your supervisor says, "All you want is time off", let him know the other reasons for giving blood.

Become one of the team and donate.

Any questions concerning this program should be directed to the Oklahoma Blood Institute Headquarters office at 297-5700.

507th SFS covering the world one TDY at a time

By TSgt. Donald Matheson
507th Security Forces Squadron

The fighting 507th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) is supporting on-going "Force Protection" operations in Kuwait and Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

About 10 members deployed to apply their skills for the security of others who are also serving there.

Here at home station, we want these skilled airmen to know that they are in our prayers and that they lead by example by showing us the way into the 21st century.

KUWAIT

The Joint Task Force Southwest Asia (JTF SWA) deployment team provides security for U.S. Military resources as well as take protective measures to deter terrorist actions. The Security Forces team works in coalition with the British Royal Air Force Police and Kuwaiti troops. With combined NATO efforts, the Security Forces maintain the highest level of safety and security. Tasked with a new environment and challenging responsibili-

ties, NCO's step up and lead the way by redefining the pre-existing high standards of the Security Forces professional.

The airmen of the 507th SFS are constantly being tested in their professionalism and combat readiness skills in the field by manning defensive fighting positions, active patrolling on and off base, providing security for military convoys, and utilizing K9 units in the detection of explosives that would be intended for US and NATO forces.

DAVIS MONTHAN

With the many stateside bases we support the 507th SFS's most recent deployment was to Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Our primary responsibility, while deployed, was Flightline Security and Law Enforcement duties. We were tasked to maintain base security for our active duty counter parts.

During this time the active duty completed ground combat skills training. The 507th SFS stepped up to tasks the first night of duty. Troops battled the Arizona monsoon season by dealing with floodwaters and electrical blackouts. The squad maintained safety and security by controlling entry and exits on the establishment, as well as securing the base's priority resources. Due to downsizing in Security Forces personnel everywhere, the 507th SFS will become more involved with these types of missions.

DID YOU KNOW...

CCMSgt. Monty Fields, 4th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant, visited the 507th ARW during the August weekend drill.

The chief recognized several unit members as top performers and presented them with 4th AF coins.

Receiving coins were: **SSgt. Jennifer Johnson**, 507th Mission Support Squadron; **TSgt. Randy Dewitt**, 465th Air Refueling Squadron; **SSgt. Anthony Bird**, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron; **TSgt. Marie Pollard**, 507th Medical Squadron; and **SrA John Hammons**, 507th Headquarters Squadron.

Reserve Strike Band targets Oklahoma



Armed with instruments and electronic equipment, musicians from the Air Force Reserve Command Strike Band is targeting Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City metro area with an all out blitz of jazz, brass, dixie, and rock music, and more this fall.

The band will perform at more than 25 locations, including the State Fair grounds and local high schools Sept. 29 through Oct. 3.

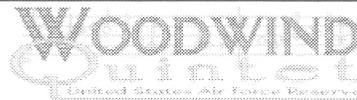
The band, comprised of active-duty musicians, is assigned to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Ga. The fall performances are the result of a "Strike Package" initiative created by the band's corporate board to more effectively use the band for recruiting, retention and community relations. The initiative allows the band to target a community or region, maximizing the number of performances presented to the public.

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

According to Maj. Rich Curry, 507th Public Affairs office, "More than 25 performance events, including public concerts, high school and college music workshops, are planned for the Oklahoma City metro area and throughout the state."

A public concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 at the new Rose State College theater building in Midwest City. "I encourage all of our reservists to invite their employers, family and friends to this event," Curry said. The event, as well as all other performances, is free. Curry said that other public performances, involving the combo's Dixie Land, Jazz, Rock, and Bagpipe bands, will be held during the band's five-day blitz. Performance areas include the Oklahoma State Fair, and the Bricktown area in downtown Oklahoma City among others. The group's Rock Band will also host a special Tinker AFB Block Party beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 at the NCO Open Mess on base for all Tinker AFB employees, families, and friends. Other events include a special performance to be held at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City as well as high school and college music workshops in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Altus.

"We reached thousands of people who have attended our performances, and, a much larger audience through media coverage," said Capt. N. Alan Clark, Reserve Band commander and conductor. "We made quite an impact at other locations and we're optimistic that our upcoming trip to Oklahoma will be even more effective."



Band Schedule

Sep. 29

- Concert Band-** 1930: Rose State Auditorium
- Reserve Generation-** 1800: Oklahoma State Fair (B-52 Stage)
- Bagpipes-** 0900: State Capital steps

Sep 30

- High Flight-** 1930: Altus High School
- Reserve Generation-** A.M.: School concerts
- Brass Quintet/Woodwind Quintet-** 1330: OU Masterclass
- Brass Quintet/Woodwind Quintet-** 2000: OU concert
- Dixie Express-** 2000: Oklahoma State Fair (B-52 Stage)
- Bagpipes-** 1400: VA Medical Center
- Jazz Ensemble-** 1900 Oral Roberts University



Oct. 1

- Reserve Generation-** 1800: TAFB Block Party
- High Flight-** 1245: Choctaw Jr. & High School
- Bagpipes-** 1700: Oklahoma State Fair (14 Flags Stage)
- Brass Quintet-** A.M.: Oklahoma City area High School
- Dixie Express-** 1800: Parade and Strolling throughout Fairgrounds
- Jazz Ensemble-** 1020: Washington High School (Tulsa)



Oct. 2

- Reserve Generation-** 1400: Altus Fall Festival
- High Flight-** P.M.: 507th ARW Dining Out
- Brass Quintet-** 1900: St. Joseph's Old Cathedral
- Dixie Express-** 2100: Oklahoma State Fair (B-52 Stage)
- Bagpipes-** 1900: Strolling through fairgrounds
- Jazz Ensemble-** 1600: Concert in Bricktown



Oct. 3

- Jazz Ensemble-** 1700: Oklahoma Fair Bandshell
- Brass Quintet/Bagpipes-** 1400: Oklahoma State Fair (B-52 Stage)
- Dixie Express-** 1300: Oklahoma City Riverwalk

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 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
00-1	1	991104-991216	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-2	1	000103-000210	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-3	1	000222-000330	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-4	1	000404-000511	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-5	1	000522-000629	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-6	1	000731-000907	Tyndall AFB, FI
00-7	1	000918-001026	Tyndall AFB, FI

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.**

TINKER AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS)

Reservists have now been provided the opportunity to attend the Tinker AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS). The purpose of the school is to (1) Prepare SrA to become effective supervisors (2) Modify SrA's values to appreciate the Profession of Arms (3) Develop SrA's knowledge of Leadership, Followership, Communication, and Profession of Arms. The course length is 24 academic days/189 hours. Students will be awarded 8 semester hours through CCAF upon completion of ALS. You must have 48 months time in service. This course requires a great deal of commitment on the part of individuals selected - time away from job and study. Interested individuals should contact their unit training manager or MSgt. Cain in wing training.

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1Oct - 4Nov99	9Nov - 15Dec99	14Jan - 17Feb00	6Mar - 6Apr00	24Apr - 25May

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 1100. WHERE: 507 ARW COMPOUND!**

✓ **CLEP/DSST Testing will be on 28 Sep 99 at 0800. Call 4-7075 to find out what tests are in stock and make an appointment.**

FY1999/2000 UTA Schedule

02-03 Oct 99	01-02 Apr 00
06-07 Nov 99	06-07 May 00
04-05 Dec 99	03-04 Jun 00
08-09 Jan 00	15-16 Jul 00
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Fri, 01 Oct 99

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

Sat, 02 Oct 99

As Designated **Sign In** **As Designated by Unit**

by Unit
 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

1330-1630 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins Bldg 1043, Rm 101

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Sun, 03 Oct 99

As Designated **Sign In** **As Designated by Unit**

by Unit

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service Bldg 1030, Classroom 2

0730-0800 Catholic Chapel Service Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043

0730-1030 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

0815-1115 HAZCOM Tng Bldg 1030, Classroom 2

0800-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams Bldg 460, Rm 213

0800-0900 Personnel Systems/App'l Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm

0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm

1000-1130 HRDC (Retention Group) Bldg 1043, TNET Room

1030-1130 HRDC (Recruiting Group) Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

1045 Escorts pick-up Newcomers Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

1130 LTs Luncheon Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

1230-1630 EO 2000 Training Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

1300-1400 HRDC (Mentoring Group) Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm

1300 SORTS Mass Briefing Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm

1500 Fly Safety Mtg OPS Briefing Room

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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

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EDUCATION

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

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

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

		<u>Phase I</u>	
	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1330-1400	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1630	Human Relations	SA
		<u>Phase II</u>	
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0930	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	0930-0945	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0945-1045	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP

UCMJ Briefing:

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0800 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing:

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0800 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness:

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

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

AFRC NCO LDP

Listed below are the FY99 NCO LDP class dates:

Class 00A: Phase I 7-11 Feb 00
 Phase II 28 Feb- 3 Mar 00

Class 00B: Phase I 5-9 Jun 00
 Phase II 10-14 Jul 00

See your Unit Education & Training Manager for more details.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 2 or 7 you have until 31 Oct 1999 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. **NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.**

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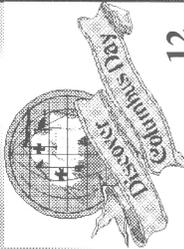
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Reserve aircraft, crews to support AEFs



ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — From the start, reservists and aircraft from Air Force Reserve Command will play an integral role in air operations in support of the Air Force's expeditionary aerospace force.

Pilots from the 926th Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station New Orleans Joint Reserve Base, La., will fly four unit A-10 "Thunderbolt II" aircraft to Southwest Asia in late August in support of Operation Southern Watch, the enforcement of the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. They will join A-10 pilots and aircraft from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, in the deployment, which will pre-position the A-10s for Aerospace Expeditionary Force 1, Oct. 1 to Nov. 30.

As the lead Reserve wing, the 926th FW will primarily support the first 30 days of AEF 1, and the 442nd FW, Whiteman AFB, Mo., will cover the second month. Six Reserve pilots, supported by aircraft maintainers, will be deployed at any given time during AEF 1 and will share aircraft and equipment with the active-duty unit as a "rainbow" organization.

Lt. Col. John Woerly, Reserve EAF project officer, said the aircraft will remain in place during the AEF deployment period, saving millions of dollars in aviation fuel, maintenance, and paychecks by avoiding repeated trans-Atlantic flights. At many deployment locations, supporting equipment will stay overseas for even longer periods.

The Air Force will shift to a 90-day deployment schedule, starting with AEF 3 and 4.

Reserve participation will peak during AEF 8, involving nearly 20 aircraft, dozens of aircrews and supporting aircraft maintainers. Serving as the Reserve's lead fighter wing, the 419th FW, Hill AFB, Utah, will deploy eight F-16s to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for Operation Northern Watch. Also supporting Northern Watch on a rotational basis are KC-135E's and aircrews from the 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., and the 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif.; and KC-135R's and aircrews from the 434th ARW, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. An E-3 crew from the 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, Okla., will support Northern Watch for part of the 90-day period. Six C-130 airlift aircraft and crews will take part in Operation Joint Forge, military operations in part of the former Republic of Yugoslavia, during part of AEF 8.

AFRC News Summary

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

Most AEF tours to run longer than 2 weeks

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command is relying on volunteers to serve on most of its Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployments.

"Execution of the AEF concept will require us to change the way we currently do business," Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, AFRC commander, said in a recent AEF policy statement.

Before AEF, many reservists supported contingencies for two weeks as credit for their two-week annual tour. That period also included travel time. Under AEF, most minimum tour lengths will run 15 days in country plus travel, but will need volunteers to perform the longer tours. The Reserve can direct reservists to serve two-week annual tours, but will need volunteers to perform the longer tours.

KC-10 aircrews from the Reserve's 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J., will provide air refueling for AEFs 1, 5 and 9, and the Reserve's 349th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif., will perform the same Operation Southern Watch job for AEFs 3 and 7.

Four KC-135R's, crews and support people from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB; 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; and 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell AFB, Kan., will support Operation Deliberate Forge during AEF 3.

Three HH-60G helicopters, aircrews and aircraft maintainers from the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.; 304th RQS, Portland International Airport, Ore.; and 305th RQS, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., will participate in AEF 6. They will deploy to Incirlik AB to support Operation Northern Watch.

During AEF 10, an HC-130 aircraft, crew and crew chiefs from the 39th RQS, Patrick AFB, and 303rd RQS, Portland IAP, will deploy to Keflavik in support of the Defense of Iceland. All five rescue squadrons are part of the 939th Rescue Wing at Portland. Two B-52H's with two crews from the 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., will pull alert duty at home station during AEF 7.

As part of AEF 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, three to six Reserve C-130 airlift aircraft and four to eight crews along with aircraft maintainers will continue to deploy year round to Muniz ANG Base, Puerto Rico, in support of U.S. Southern Command's Operation Coronet Oak. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

513th Air Control Group guards Utah skies in Global Patriot

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

A three-day exercise shortened by a mechanical problem didn't deter the 25 participating Air Force Reservists from the 513th Air Control Group, stationed at Tinker Air Force Base. Adding E-3 "Sentry" Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) control to a mix of active duty and reserve aircraft proved beneficial in a simulated battle with enemy aircraft. It was one military team, one total force in action.

The 513th Air Control Group was tasked to provide an E-3 and crew for three days of simulations. On the first day as they flew over Colorado, enroute to the area, the E-3 had a mechanical problem which forced the crew to return to Tinker for repairs. Getting back up the next morning before the sun, the crew was still enthusiastic about getting "into the fight" and making a difference.

2Lt. Page Lynn, formerly an enlisted boom operator on the 507th Air Refueling Wing's KC-135, changed roles in the last two years. After earning his commission, Lynn was trained as an Air Weapons Officer. He was particularly excited about the mission.

"I have a lot more responsibility now. Rather than serving in a support role, I'm now more in an operational mode, with more hands-on activities dealing with the war-fighting side of the Air Force," said Lynn, a 513th ACG Air Weapons Officer.

The E-3 weapons controllers have accountability of aircraft in the simulated areas of responsibility over Hill Air Force Base. Safety considerations are important in exercises as well as in wartime and the exercise can be called off at any

time.

"During the exercise, we were given a fixed area to deal with. Higher altitudes are set aside for the fighters and we make use of the powerful AWACS radar to be sure all aircraft are flying where they are supposed to be.

During the flight's battle phase, the weapons directors and surveillance staff go into high gear while technicians monitor

and adjust equipment as needed. In the Global Patriot exercise, the bandits were "Red Air" and the U.S. fighters were "Blue Air". Aircraft included Air Force A-10's, F-16's, F-15's, a KC-10 refueler, Navy F-14's and Army Apache helicopters.

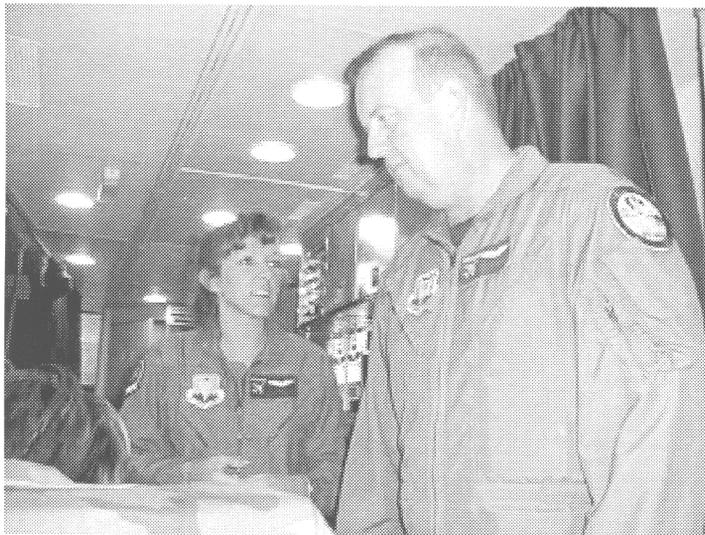
Each controller talked to the pilots in such a way that they all knew how to employ their aircraft and weapons in a strategy

that gave them an advantage over the enemy. Via radio contact, E-3 weapons controllers told the fighter pilots when they had effectively "shot down" an enemy or passed "kills". All the while, maintenance personnel and technicians kept safety first and followed ground rules. In addition to the main confrontation, the 513th ACG also assisted in a search and rescue simulation of a downed pilot. In a real situation they would relay information between the scene commander and



Photos by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

Air Force Reserve AWACS crewmembers prepare for battle. (Left to right front row) TSgt. Lamond Tate, SSgt. Brian Scott, and SMSgt. Gerald Dotson. (back row) SSgt. Steve Parker, TSgt. Buck Best, and TSgt. Todd Jackson.

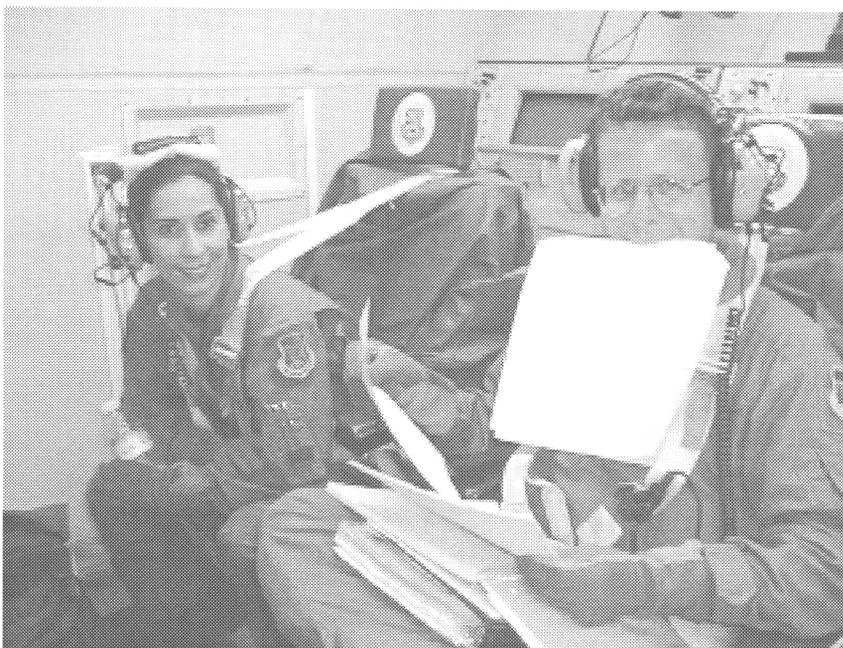


SSgt. Teresa Lindley discusses how the Global Patriot mission is going while Maj. Chuck Diven listens.

search and recovery personnel.

Mission Crew Commander Maj. Chuck Diven, was pleased with the overall exercise. "We made sure we supported all the taskings; even though there were some tense moments, Global Patriot gave our people a chance to see more of the big picture. About half of the folks on this flight were called to active duty recently during the Presidential callup and spent time in the desert. That real world experience paid off in this exercise. It's a great job," Diven added.

During the exercise, the Western Air Defense Sector at McChord Air Force Base, WA, linked up with the 513th Air Control Group. "We have an airborne facility designator during Global Patriot so that they know where we are and all aircraft are trailed during the battle simulation. As with any operation, we look at Operational Risk Management. It is taken very seriously by the crew and the commander," said Diven.



SSgt. Mareea Fischer and 1Lt. Bob Ross go through early morning pre-flight checks on the E-3 "Sentry."

Using Operational Risk Management, a rating system for all flights, the crew looks at areas of concern and a point total is assigned with higher numbers given to more dangerous situations like thunderstorms, unfamiliar territory, etc. "If the point totals get too high, the commander may decide that the mission is not worth the risk," said Maj. Dell Robertson, the Air Surveillance Officer during Global Patriot.

Senior Surveillance Technician TSgt. Lamond Tate kept in constant contact with personnel on the ground. "In my area I make sure all ground units are receiving the air picture. I also supervise three air surveillance technicians in the back of the E-3. I have indicators that show what the pilots and the folks out at McChord are seeing. We all work together as a team to make sure the picture is correct. Frustrations in this job include weather and equipment problems," Tate said.

With lights blinking throughout the plane and radar scopes showing friendly and enemy aircraft, the inside of the E-3 was a hub of activity. Sitting up toward the front of the plane,

SSgt. Teresa Lindley, an airborne communication specialist, did the pre-flight and loaded all the codes for the radio and powered up the equipment. She and the other crewmembers followed a checklist for every portion of the flight relating to their specific activities. Global Patriot provided an atmosphere for them to sharpen skills further.

"I like the fact that among the technicians and crew, there is camaraderie. I'm in communication with senior surveillance technicians, the air surveillance officer, the mission crew

commander and the senior director. Occasionally, the pilot calls for landing weather information, too. This all makes the flight go faster and breaks up the monotony," said Lindley, who served in Operation Southern Watch for 44 days this summer. She learned how important it is to be ready for action at any time.

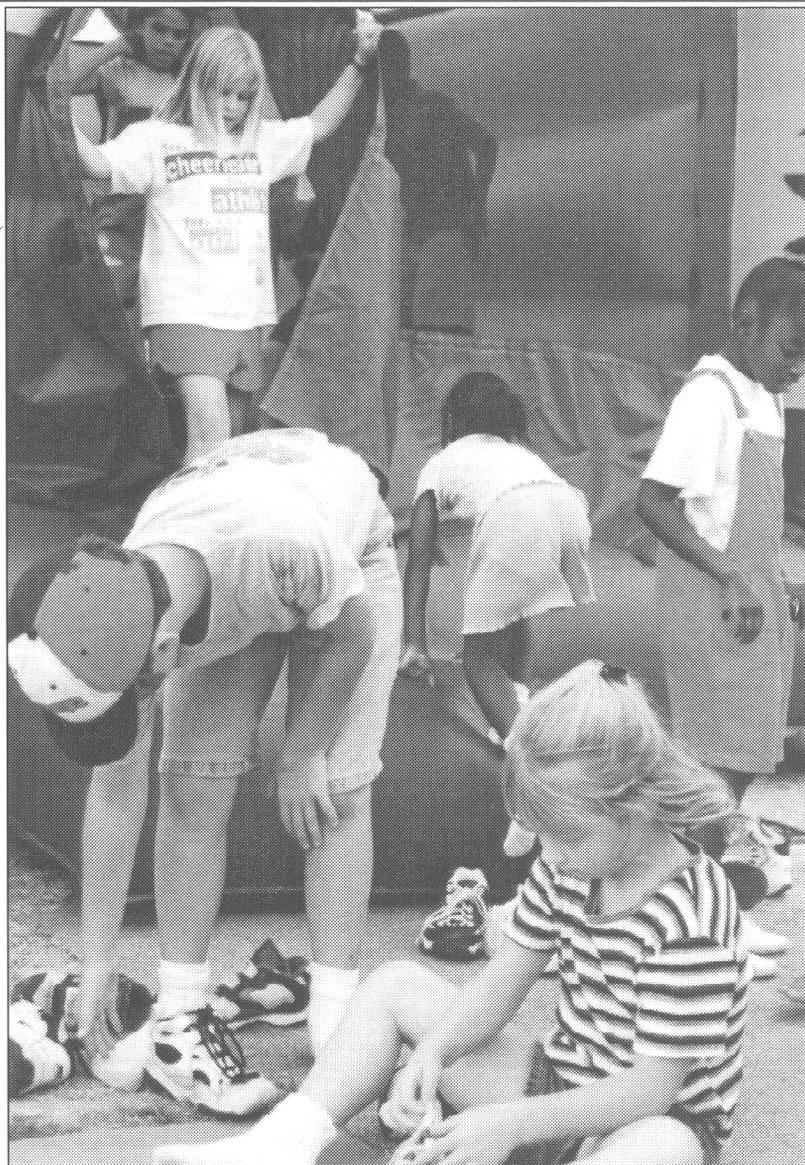
"My Air Force Reserve training kept my skills up to date. I found out I had been called up for active duty just four hours after I graduated from college," Lindley said.

Get ready for

FUN

at Family Day

By TSgt. Melba Koch
507th ARW Public Affairs Office



There are as many attractions for children to experience as there are for friends and family: to have fun and learn what the Air Force Reserve is all about. That is what the 507th ARW's Family Day is all about.

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elcome, family members and friends, to the 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) Family Day. Without your support and sacrifices, the Family Day Planning Committee would not be able to do its job. This is the committee's way of saying "Thank you."

The committee's desire is to let all families and friends of reservists see where

they work and celebrate this time together with a barbecue, entertainment, and lots of fun activities.

Activities planned include: ring toss, little tyke basketball toss, balloon dart game, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, hammer game, water balloon toss, moonwalk, berry-go-round. Also included is volleyball, horseshoes, "3 vs. 3" basketball, cakewalk, camouflage face

painting, tattoos, and clowns. Popular returning activities include Dewey Beene's magic show (show times are scheduled for noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.); county jail; finger printing, and dog tags. A fire truck, sheriff's car, KC-135R "Stratotanker," and an E-3 "Sentry" will be on display.

New events this year include a "choo-choo" train from the Moral, Welfare, and Recreation Office, a bike safety program and course, adopt-a-pet tent, and a Great Dane exhibition.

Tables will also be set up with representatives from a local library, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

The 507th ARW's Family Readiness Office will have a table with coloring books and bookmarkers available for the children. Refreshments will include soft drinks, snow cones, and cotton candy, to name a few. There will be a live band and an area set up for viewing a local football game. Enjoy!

Snapshot



Photo by Capt. Bryan Runion

The 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron's "A" Team performed their annual tour July 31 - August 14 at Mildenhall AB, United Kingdom.



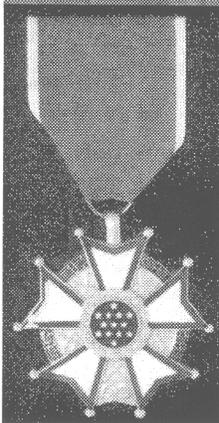
Photo by TSgt. Phillip Brand

Training in the waters off the shore from Naval Air Station, Key West, Fl., 15 members from the 465th Air Refueling Squadron participated in joint water survival training in June. Training included parasailing, equipment, raft training, and water extraction by helicopters from the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fl. September 1999



Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

Maj. Gen. Wallace Whaley, 4th Air Force commander, presents a Legion of Merit Medal to Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, Aug. 24. The general received the medal for his outstanding service to the United States as commander of the 459th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., from Jan 15, 1995 through Mar. 6, 1999.



Another new mission!

Officials from Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Material Command visited the 507th Air Refueling Wing and base officials June 23-25 to survey the feasibility of establishing a Functional Check Flight (FCF) mission at this and three other ALCs which the Air Force Reserve would assume.

The FCF mission here involves more than 60 reservists performing test flights, under the 507th Operations Group, of aircraft after repairs are completed at the depot.

Update

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group:

Do you have a special message for your family?



TSgt. Scott Hagler
970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Photos by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

"I want to thank my wife and family for the loving support they gave me during my activation and the way they took care of things we normally did together."



Capt. Timothy Loucks
970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

"Thanks for putting up with me while I run off to play AWACS. I promise to change the diapers next weekend."



SSgt. Shirley Roberts
507th Mission Support Squadron

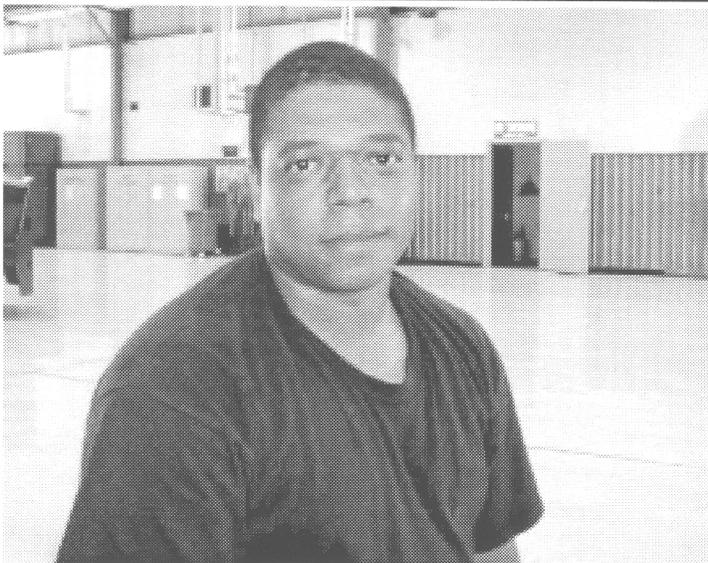
"Thanks for encouraging me to try new things."



MSgt. Bert Rickner
507th Mission Support Squadron

"Thanks for being supportive and allowing me to be gone so often, and taking care of everything during those times I'm gone."

WHO'S WHO



Photos by TSgt. Melba Koch

Name: TSgt. Gary Berry

Organization: 507th AGS

Position: Crew Chief

Civilian Position: AGS Mechanic

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, and motorcycle riding

Q. Who would play you in a movie?: Jerry Springer



Name: SSgt. Revis Haley

Organization: 507th MXS

Position: Jet Engine Mechanic

Civilian Position: Civil Engineer

Hometown: Dekalb, Texas

Hobbies: Backpacking, rafting, and canoeing

Q. Who would play you in a movie?: Mel Gibson

September 1999

Buried alive!

**By A1C Shannon Collins
917th Wing Public Affairs Office**

and

**MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR**

Challenged by one of the wettest springs in Oklahoma history and a F-5 tornado, Det. 1, 307th REDHORSE Squadron began work with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) here and other reservists on a six month project to bury high voltage cables underground in May.



Teamwork is the main ingredient for success of this project.

Col. Gary Mixon, 507th Support Group Commander, envisioned this project as one that would bury telephone and electric wires, assuring safe and secure communications and power to the 507th Air Refueling Wing and provide valuable training for all reservists involved.

The two people who made it work were TSgt. Paul Cassidy, Det. 1 307th Red Horse, Barksdale, La., and MSgt. Tom Irwin, Equipment Superintendent for the 507th CES. They worked in tandem and seemed to be interchangeable.



"This system was deteriorated and in need of some repairs," said MSgt. Gene Wandling, 307th, superintendent of power production." It will have less environmental impact underground, because it's not exposed to all the elements. Cosmetically, it looks better."

"The first two months of rain and then the tornado disrupted everything at Tinker," said Maj. Jeffrey Hough, 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, operations flight chief. "They're trying to dig ditches, and that's where all the water winds up. It made them have to redo work. The weather finally changed for the better, and the crews made progress."

Excess water, 100 degree weather with a 105 degree index and even a F-5 tornado did not stop approximately forty 307th RHS airmen from working on their mission. The project is scheduled to be completed around September 15th.



Aviation art by SSgt. Darby Parrent

R-NEWS

Congrats

Congratulations to MSgt. Terry Keberley, 513th Maintenance Squadron and TSgt. Brian McFarland, 513th Aircraft Generation Squadron for being selected as monthly safety award winners for the Combined Task Force.

Uniform phaseouts

The following are uniform items planned for phaseout Sept. 30, 1999.

Service Dress Coat, Shade 1598 (polyester Double-knit) and the Service Dress Coat, Shade 1608 (polyester wool tropical).

Two Reserve openings available

Equal opportunity vacancy:

The 507th ARW Military Equal Opportunity office has a vacancy. You must have minimum AQE scores of 45 administrative, or 43 general and at least a 5-skill level and attend the Department Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI); course duration is three weeks at Patrick AFB, FL. If you are interested send your **Page 16**

resume to Capt. Charles Gaines or e-mail him at charles.gaines.ci.okc.ok
Paralegal vacancy.

The 507th ARW Legal Office has a paralegal vacancy. Applicants must complete a comprehensive interview, have a minimum general AQE score of 50, and a minimum typing speed of 25 WPM.

Applicants for retraining in addition to already qualified paralegals will be accepted. Applicants must attend a 6-week Paralegal Course at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Interested members may contact Lt. Col. Forrest or MSgt. Block at 734-3823.

Honor Guard needs you

The 507th ARW Honor Guard is still looking for volunteers. Currently the group has a bugler and three volunteers for OIC, and two NCOIC's.

For more information contact SSgt. Jennifer Johnson at 734-5847.

Tinker AFB Job Fair

Tinker AFB's Job Fair will be held Sept. 15 at 0900 to 1500 at the Tinker Officer's Club. This job fair is open to all DoD ID card holders and their dependent family members.

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:

Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickle
(405) 357-2784

Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Bill Thompson
(918) 665-2300

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. Terry Gosh
(316) 652-3766

Midwest City, OK

TSgt. Pam Peterson
SSgt. Mike Gonzales
(405) 733-9403

McConnell AFB, KS

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

Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Larry Wheatley
Msgt. Danny Bretthorst
(405) 734-5331

Tinker AFB, OK

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

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

Sheppard AFB, TX

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