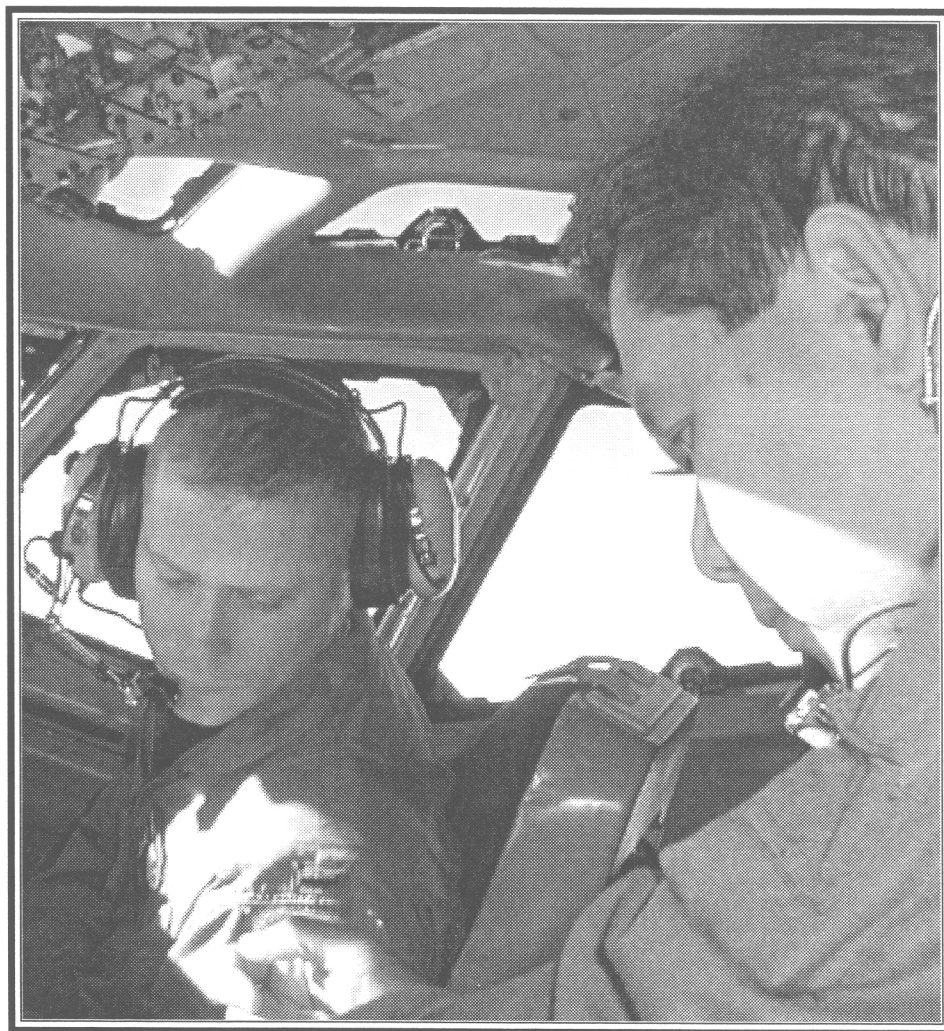


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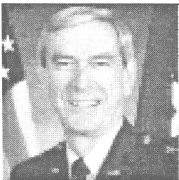
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Waving the “Red Flag”

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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Jack Gings
507th ARW Command

The "right" environment, the right thing to do

I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm my policy on discrimination and sexual harassment.

To achieve the Air Force vision and successfully accomplish the Wing's mission we must create an environment, and develop an attitude, in which all members have the opportunity to excel to their maximum potential. Thus, we must ensure that the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) is a place where people of talent, dedication, and patriotism can work toward a common goal in an atmosphere that is free of discrimination and preserves individual self-worth and dignity.

To create the environment and develop that attitude, each individual must be treated with respect. Therefore, unlawful discrimination, including sexual harassment, will not be condoned or tolerated within the 507th ARW. We must ensure equal opportunity and treatment for all military members, civilian employees, and applicants for employment, regardless of sex, race, color, age, religion, or national origin, and in applicable cases, age and/or disabling conditions.

I expect all supervisors and assigned personnel to embrace this policy by their performance, recognizing their dignity, worth, and desire to reach their potential. We must be committed to equal opportunity and treatment, not merely because we have to, but because it is the right thing to do.

Chaplain's Corner

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

In *The Great Wing* by Louis A. Tartaglia, M.D., one learns of Gomer the goose. Gomer is a young goose who has not yet recognized his potential. He could fly, to be sure! He would cut the wind at breathtaking speeds and roll and turn. Sometimes he would dive at the flock and then sharply bank and honk in sheer delight, knowing others were thinking he would crash. Gomer loved flying, but did not want to think about the migration.

The older geese knew it would take at least one migration before he and the young geese would "get it." The lesson of migration is that unity is essential. If left alone, the young geese would not be able to learn the skillful movements necessary to weather the storms. It takes more than strength and speed to survive. Therefore, prior to migration, the younger geese are encouraged to practice new skills.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are testimonials from some of our members while in basic training. The recruiting staff use their skills, and in good faith, advise new recruits what to expect when entering a military life-style at basic training. As you will read, people find the basic training experience challenging, stimulating, and rewarding. When these folks come back to start work at the 507th Air Refueling Wing, it must be up to ALL supervisors at ALL levels to continue to provide challenges; continue to provide stimulation; and continue to empower all reservists. We owe it to them, and we owe it to our nation!

In their words

To TSgt. Bill Thompson: (From Basic Training) "It's a lot different than I thought it would be but it's cool, I'm alright, I just don't say anything or move." --A1C Matt Garrison, 507th CLSS

To TSgt. Bill Thompson: (From Basic Training) "If things keep going the way they have been, I think we might get Honor Flight." --Amn Wade Farrar, 507 MEDS

To MSgt. Larry Wheatley: (From Basic Training) "First week gone and today we earned a patio break. Everything you said was to the "T" so much of it was expected. I appreciate that. Last weekend, I was sore and could barely move, but now, I am getting a chance to get to know people in my flight and we are determined to graduate." --AB Lynette Luginu, 507th MSS

To MSgt. Larry Wheatley: (From Basic Training) "I'm never talking to you again. :)" --AB Michelle Rice, 507th SFS

To TSgt. Rhonda Nolan: (From Basic Training) "What the heck did you get me into? ha, ha! things are going pretty well for me so far. No 341s pulled yet! :) Tell everyone there hi for me and things are going great! The first two weeks was the hard part and it's almost over. Take care." --Rob Stevens, 507th MS

With all the talk of the journey and stories of storms encountered in the past, Gomer is not sure he wants to leave at all. And he is not sure he wants to stay because there are stories about that, too. At some point in our lives, we all are "Gomer." We all doubt we have the inner strength to fulfill our destinies and meet our challenges. We all say, "Do I have what it takes?"

The good news in *The Great Wing* is we all have what it takes within us. Sometimes we need family and friends to cheer us and encourage us and draw it out. But *The Great Wing* is always present – always within us. And no matter which part of the wing you fly, you will always be in the right place at the right time.

As I transition to the Ohio Air National Guard, near my home in Akron, Ohio, I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as your chaplain. I have truly enjoyed the "great wing" mentality here! I have seen your fierce loyalty in action. I know, without a doubt, I was in the right place at the right time with you! God bless you.

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Co-pilot 1Lt. Scott Wilson and navigator Capt. Roland Yanger, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, communicate vital flight information during the Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev.

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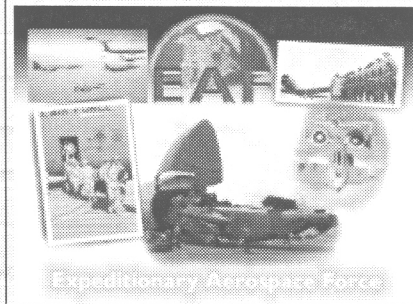
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Reserve AWACS cover Red Flag, assist with airline crash search

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

Three F-15E "Eagles" zoomed through the sky while an F-16C "Fighting Falcon" took off and went straight up like a rocket and then broke away horizontally to streak across the desert. Two C-130's came over the horizon followed by a B-52. The E-3 "Sentry's" radar started revolving. Red Flag Exercise 2000 was underway.

Red Flag, a realistic combat training exercise involving the air forces of the United States and its allies, is conducted on the vast bombing and gunnery ranges at Nellis Air Force Base. It is one of a series of advanced training programs administered by the Air Warfare Center. This year, Oklahoma's 513th Air Control Group (ACG) sent its 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) to participate. They fly the Airborne Warning and Control Systems E-3 aircraft.

The 970th AACS is the flying organization of the 513th ACG. It performs aircrew training and traditional operations functions. Reserve E-3 aircrew members are required to fly the same type sorties as their active-duty counterparts to remain proficient and combat ready. The squadron shares the workload with their active-duty counterparts, the 552nd Air Control Wing, also located on Tinker AFB, in operating and maintaining the fleet of E-3 "Sentry" aircraft.

While at Red Flag, the unit answered a call to assist in the search for a commercial airliner which had gone down off the coast of California. 970th AACS reservists responded to an emergency call to assist in the search and rescue operations for Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

The E-3 aircraft took off at roughly 7 p.m. local time from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to fly to the crash site off the California coast.

Flight 261, heading from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San

Francisco was reported down about 3:45 p.m. It had been diverted to Los Angeles to attempt an emergency landing, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. Alaska Airlines officials have stated the jet, an MD-83 aircraft, was carrying at least 88 people. It crashed into the Pacific Ocean 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport after reporting mechanical problems.

While an E-3 "Sentry" aircraft cannot assist in the actual visual search, the electronic capabilities onboard the aircraft served to provide voice and data links for the Navy and Coast Guard aircraft and surface vessels involved in the rescue operations, said Maj. Chuck Diven, an operations officer with the 513th ACG. They completed a five-hour mission and returned to Red Flag.

Some of the 970th AACS personnel were first-timers to Red Flag, while others were "experienced" with many years of participation. SMSgt. Randy Long had been to Red Flag as a jet engine mechanic with other airframes, including F-16's, F-4's and KC-10's. Now he serves as the operations superintendent and is the senior enlisted flyer, making sure the airframe is ready and all logistical situations are taken care of.

"This is the first Red Flag we have gone to as a squadron. It is a very rich training environment for our pilots and aircrew. It is also very com-

petitive," Long said.

Red Flag was established in 1975 as one of the initiatives directed by Gen. Robert J. Dixon, then commander of Tactical Air Command, to better prepare American forces for combat. "The big reason we all do the Red Flag is because it has been pointed out that the first 10 combat sorties a pilot flies are the most important. The highest attrition rate is in the first 10 sorties. After that the chances of survival are much higher. So they send pilots to Red Flag to get those first 10 missions out of the way in a safer environment," Long said.

Although this wasn't 1Lt. Page Lynn's first Red Flag (he came as an enlisted weapons loader when the 507th Fighter Group had F-16's), he still learned many new aspects of the



Photos by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

Working the Red Flag situation: (left to right) A1C Gabriel Richardson, SrA Amber Laro, SSgt. Angela Vereb, and SSgt. Mike Striplin, all monitor the "battle" in progress.

program because this time he came as a weapons director officer.

"There's been some difficulty during this exercise with high winds and low cloud cover, but the number of overall aircraft in each day's plan is keeping us busy," Lynn said.

The day prior to a mission, the crews met for briefings with personnel from other units and countries. The crews were given the overall scope of the activities, a weather update, and intelligence briefings. There were speakers from various countries with a variety of accents that forced personnel to pay close attention and ask questions if the mission information was not clearly understood, just like the situation they would face in real combat.

AWACS weapons personnel create a communication plan for each day's activities, which requires changing and keeping track of various frequencies. It requires long hours to prepare fighter pilots and AWACS controllers for entry into combat.

"At Red Flag, the bad guys simulated trying to shoot our guys down, and with all the work we do getting ready for battle, it is top-notch training for everyone," Lynn said.

After each day's events, several hours are spent in mission assessment debriefings which provide the basis for aircrew lessons learned. The Nellis Air Combat Training System (NACTS), along with Television Ordnance Scoring and Threat Video, provides accurate re-creation of the Red Flag missions. The NACTS is a computerized tracking system capable of displaying real-time interaction and information on aircraft, threats and a number of ground targets.

Capt. Thomas Tighe, Air Weapons Officer from California, is also a member of the 513th Air Control Group at Tinker Air Force Base.

"This Red Flag definitely gives us all a better chance of survival in the real world. During our first flight, the equipment was a challenge for us. Some radars on the aircraft weren't behaving correctly so the director prioritized which radios we would use and that solved the problem. We had another radar problem that was fixed at the last possible minute before the engagements started by radar technicians. We had good control of the assets and assisted in threat recognition while we communicated the changing threat picture to the fighter pilots.

"For the experienced crewmembers it was probably 'old hat' but for those of us who are new to our positions, this was a very busy and exciting look at Red Flag activities. We had a lot of airplanes in the area to deal with.

"I think weapons section personnel excelled at giving pilots an understanding of who was where and how they fit into the package. It was also good to see our AWACS leaders on board the aircraft take the problems and work them out one by one," Tighe said.

Maj. Chuck Diven agreed. "That's the whole idea of Red Flag. You never know what's going to happen or be in the mix out there in a real engagement."

Air Surveillance Technician SSgt. Angie Vereb went to Red Flag two years ago while on active duty with Tinker's 552nd Air Control Wing. "I like working with the 513th Air Control Group unit and I see there is a lot of experience there from active duty. Working on the AWACS is one of those things where you practice and then it starts to come naturally to you.

We practice in the simulator several times during the year. At this Red Flag, one of the best things for me is being able to go to the mass debrief and hear from the pilots what we did right," Vereb said.

Most of the aircraft and personnel deployed to Nellis Air Force Base for Red Flag make up the exercise's "Blue" forces. These forces use various tactics to attack Nellis range targets such as mock airfields, vehicle convoys, bunkered defensive positions and missile sites. These targets are defended by a variety of simulated ground and air threats to give participating aircrews the most realistic combat

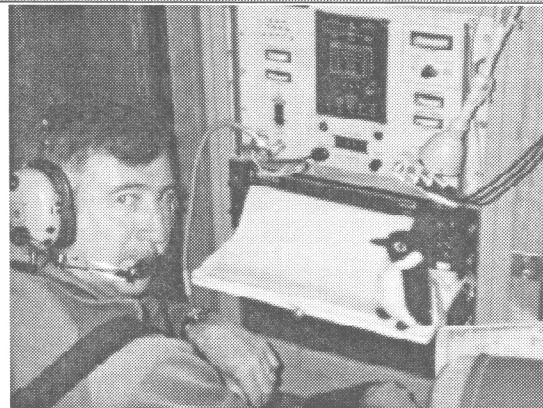


SSgts Teresa Lindley, Christopher Lindsey, and 1Lt. Trina Ruth prepare for the morning take-off and mission at Red flag.

training possible.

The "Red" force threats include electronically simulated surface-to-air missiles and antiaircraft artillery, communications jamming forces and an opposing enemy air force composed of Red Flag's Adversary Tactics Division pilots. These pilots fly the F-16C and are specially trained to replicate the tactics and techniques of potential adversaries. Their mission is to attack the "Blue" forces and prevent penetration into the target area.

This was Senior Airman Amber Caro's fourth time at Red Flag as an instructor air surveillance technician. "There's definitely a lot of experience on the jet. This year we worked with various countries more than the other times I was here. It's been more intense," she added.



Photos by TSgt. Rob Uzzle

Where no rubber meets no road

By TSgt. Rob Uzzle

Lead Technician for the 1st ASF

Landing an aircraft on this icy runway, stepping off the plane, and working here awhile leads me to conclude this place is contrary to Scott Schackleton's famous quote "Great God, this is an Awful place."

Schackleton, being one of the first Antarctic explorers, may have been correct in his statement then. but today, with the technology and equipment available, a visit to the South Pole is not that awful.

This particular trip begins with a few days in Honolulu, Hawaii, followed by a short stop in Sydney, Australia, and finally Christchurch, New Zealand.

In Christchurch, the team is issued their Antarctic clothing and told when they will be boarding the LC-130H (a special C-130 outfitted with skis of all things) for the "ice." This wait can be days or weeks, depending on the weather. Once on the "Ice," my work begins.

Earlier in the year one of my colleagues came down and certified all the NAVAIDS (navigational aids) for the ice runway. This runway is used early in the season when it is still very cold and is located on the non-permanent sea ice. It is closer to McMurdo Station and during the early heavy push to get people and equipment down, it is much more convenient.

In December (middle of summer in Antarctica) the sea ice becomes unstable and therefore not a good place to land C-5's. This is the reason for the second trip of the year, my trip. My job is too certify the NAVAIDS on the relocated runway, known as the SKI-WAY at McMurdo. It will also be time to do the SKI-WAY at the South Pole. For the rest of the season, the only aircraft that can land from Christchurch will be the LC-130H, which is also the aircraft that will be used to certify the NAVAIDS. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has built a special box called the "icebox." The "icebox" holds the same equipment the British Aerospace BAE125/800 "Hawker" uses for all its runway NAVAIDS checks. Since the Hawker cannot be used for this mission, a special LC-130H outfitted with skies is flown in for the job by 139th Tactical Air Squadron, (TAS) New York

Air National Guard, flight crew. It is loaded into the LC-130H along with one FAA flight inspection pilot and one flight inspection technician. After drawing straws, a second technician, me, is left on the ice with the theodolite, a surveyor's tool tracking the LC-130H. Between the signals from the technician on the ground and the equipment in the air, the NAVAIDS will be aligned. At McMurdo Station, we complete TACAN (Tactical Air Navigation aid), PAR (Precision Approach Radar), MLS (Microwave Landing System) and PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) light inspections.

At the South Pole, we calibrate a TACAN. In all, with the outstanding support of the 139th TAS and the Airways facility folks at McMurdo Station, our team completes all the checks within six days. Altogether, this once-in-a-lifetime trip takes about 20 days.



(Top left) TSgt. Rob Uzzle uses a theodolite to track the LC-130H, making sure the aircraft is tracking in a precision position in relationship to the runway as part of the six day testing. (Top right) Mr. Chuck Rice, flight technician for the FAA, is at the console within the "Icebox." (Bottom) TSgt. Rob Uzzle and Jay Lawrence, pilot with the FAA, literally hold the geographical South Pole in their hands as they stand on the bottom of the world.

A Role Model for All

By SSgt. Rob Shahan
72nd Aerial Port Squadron

Are you a young airman wanting some military direction? Or, perhaps, an NCO needing some guidance? We all need inspiration from time-to-time.

After serving as the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron's (APS) operations officer since 1993, Maj. William Taylor succeeds Maj. Guy Lindholm.

Taylor was born in Ardmore, Okla., and graduated from Healdton High School in 1967. He attended Central State University in Edmond, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in May 1977. He received his Master of Arts degree in police management and administration in 1989.

He enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1972, as an Air Freight Specialist in the 937th Military Airlift Group (MAG), Tinker AFB. He was assigned to the 937th Aerial Port Flight until May 1972, when the 937th MAG was converted from the C-123 "Globemaster II" to the F-105 "Thunderchief" and became the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. After the conversion, he was assigned to the 71st APS at Tinker, which was a geographically separated unit of the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. During 1978, he witnessed the 71st APS merge with the 72nd APS, its sister squadron. In 1982, he was promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

In 1983, he was commissioned to the rank of second lieutenant through the deserving airman commissioning program. He was re-assigned to the 72nd APS as an Air Terminal Operations Officer. In 1986, he was promoted to captain and assigned as Air Freight Officer. In 1990, he was called to active duty with the 72nd APS during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, where he served as the night shift ATOC duty officer. In 1993, he assumed duties as the Squadron Operations Officer.

Taylor was promoted to the rank of major March 8, 1996.

Hang in there and look to Major Taylor as a role model. "I like to be a mentor or a leader," Taylor said. "I'm just one example of the opportunities the Air Force Reserve presents to an individual. The sky is the limit," he said.



Maj. William Taylor

CLSS teams unite to provide assistance

By Capt. Bryan Runion
507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Combat Logistics Support Squadron members from across the country blended together last year for a Total Force team effort to inventory warehouses located at McClellan AFB, Calif.

The project began in April of 1999 when members of the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, McClellan AFB, Calif., received a request from the Defense Logistics Agency on base to assist with reconciling an increasing number of "warehouse denials" from the warehouse computer system.

A team, led by TSgt. Bernhard Linne, Superintendent, Supply and Transportation, 652nd CLSS, conducted a site survey of the five warehouses in question.

"Their computer system was indicating that specific parts were in the system and, yet, when personnel went to pull an item, it wasn't there," Linne said. After examining the problem, the 652nd CLSS team proposed the need for a complete warehouse validation and inventory to DLA officials. The DLA simply did not have the manpower to take this project on and requested assistance from HQ AFMC.

"We knew this was going to be a big project and, judging from our own workload, one we couldn't do by ourselves. AFMC decided to make this a combined Total Force effort and solicited help from other units."

The response to the call for help was almost immediate. Rapid Area Distribution Support (RADS) teams from across the country began arranging for deployments to McClellan. RADS teams are a function of every CLSS unit. The RADS assistance program is designed to provide Supply and/or Transportation functional assistance at base level. RADS teams can also be requested to assist bases with weapon system conversions, warehousing projects, base or unit activation or deactivation, or bases expecting abnormal workloads.

With the 652nd CLSS designated as lead unit for the project, support teams came in from four other organizations: The active duty 654th and Air Force Reserve 507th CLSS from Tinker AFB, Okla.; the Reserve 419th CLSS from Hill AFB, Utah; and the Reserve 445th CLSS from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The inventory project began in August as RADS teams showed up throughout the next two months. Using the warehouse computerized inventory system, the teams began the tedious task of counting and recording every piece of material.

Air Force identity, symbol in transition

By SrA A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—As the Air Force continues its transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, it is focusing its identity to help with recruiting and retention in the new millennium.

As part of this effort, officials said they are working to establish a single, compelling theme and symbol to represent the Air Force to its members and the public.

"We want to ensure our core identity is part of our culture and is understood by our own people and the citizens we serve," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff. "As we enter the 21st century, our identity—who we are, what we do, and what we believe—will represent both our heritage and our future."

"We know who we are and what we do," he said. "We want others to know, and we want them to support our Air Force."

Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "We know Air Force men and women take great pride in what they do. Our identity effort crystallizes what they're thinking. It will foster unity in the Air Force and help the American public understand the worthy work we do—from fighting the nation's wars to peacekeeping to humanitarian relief."

How is the Air Force determining how to express its identity? "By doing a lot of research," Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, explained.

With the help of a private corporate identity firm, Siegel & Gale, the Air Force spent the past year conducting research among the service and the public to capture the common elements of its identity that have great meaning to bind its people together.

The Air Force committed approximately \$150,000 to research internal and external audiences to determine current understanding and beliefs held about the Air Force, and approximately \$655,000 to hire Siegel & Gale to help interpret the research and ensure its identity is effectively communicated to Air Force members and potential recruits.

"Since last February, we've conducted seven surveys, held 68 focus groups, and interviewed 13 retired four-star generals and 110 other people," Rand said. "We've taken input from about 10,000 people. Of this number, 7,500 were enlisted members, officers, and civilians in the active force, Air

National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The other 2,500 were members of the general public."

This extensive research was used to find strengths and weaknesses in Air Force identity, Rand said. "We found that our people generally feel allegiance to the unit they belong to and to their job, more than they feel part of one big organization."

Research also showed that instead of one unifying theme, the Air Force has many different ways of expressing its identity, he said. In addition, there was little consistency in the visual representation of the Air Force.

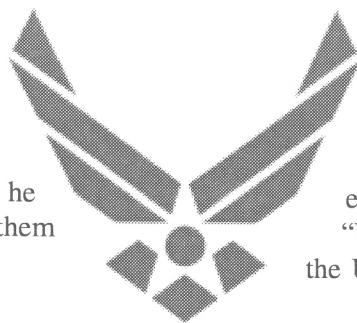
"If you look at our base welcome signs, you don't get as much a sense of the Air Force as you do of the units behind the gates," Rand said. "The same applies to our aircraft, our newspapers and home pages, and even our uniforms."

"Unless you have really good eyes and can read the U.S. Air Force tape on someone's battle dress uniform, you may not know what service he or she represents," he said. "As for our aircraft, which are seen by millions of people, the tail markings tend to represent the wing and the command. You have to look pretty hard to see U.S. Air Force on our aircraft."

To overcome these inconsistencies, Siegel & Gale identified the four prevailing themes that emerged from the research: individual achievement, intelligence and technology, core values, and mission. They recommended the focus of the identity be the vital mission the Air Force performs around the world, because it was the theme that surfaced with the most passion throughout the research. The other three themes will support the mission focus, Rand said.

In characterizing the mission, Siegel & Gale concluded the Air Force is a world-class, mission-ready organization. From this, they recommended the theme "World Ready." They also devised a symbol that captured both the heritage and future of the Air Force. These were presented to Air Force leaders in November. After much discussion, the secretary and chief of staff asked that more development work be done on both the theme and the symbol.

While theme alternatives are still in development, the proposed symbol updates the Hap Arnold wings and star with a more modern, angular design.



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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:

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- Complete enrollment form and have unit commander's approval.

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18 Aug - 21 Sep 00

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✓ **CDC Testing is accomplished at 0750 on Sundays of the (main) UTA. You do not have to schedule it, just be there NLT 0750 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 at 0800 and 1300. 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."

✓ **Pass and ID Hours of Operation: 1200-1600 on Saturdays of the UTA.**

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

Professional Military Education (PME) Extensions must be submitted on ECI Form 17! Call DPMT, x47075 for assistance.

✓ **MAJ GEN SHERRARD AFRC/CC VISITING THIS UTA!**

FY2000/2001 UTA Schedule

01-02 Apr 00	14-15 Oct 00
06-07 May 00	04-05 Nov 00
03-04 Jun 00	02-03 Dec 00
15-16 Jul 00	06-07 Jan 01
05-06 Aug 00	03-04 Feb 01
09-10 Sep 00	03-04 Mar 01

as of 14 Feb 2000



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*Note: Maj Gen Sherrard visiting this UTA!!!

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OFFICER PME, JOLDS OR ANY SPECIAL OFFICER COURSES

Contact **MSgt. Cain** at 734-7075

Newcomers Ancillary Training

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

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

UCMJ Briefing:

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

Ethics Briefing:

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

Disaster Preparedness:

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

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

Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93)

This is the single most important source of information within your personnel record for dependent data and notification of next-of-kin in an emergency. If data is incomplete or incorrect, the Air Force cannot extend dependent benefits, nor can proper and timely notification be made in the event you become injured or die on duty. You are the only one who can update this record. If any information is in error or out of date, see the people in the MPF Customer Svc Office.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 4 or 9 you have until 30 Apr 2000 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

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27 Apr	05 May
02 May	10 May

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			465 ARS - Puerto Rico 21 Mar -- 3 Apr		• DPMT in house training 0730-0930	• MPF in house training 0730-0930
			507 MSS/SV Support AEF -- 6 Members 28 Mar -- 10 Apr		507 MEDS Mass Casualty Exercise	
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February's recipients

507th ARW Commander's Coins

SrA Mickey A. Leckie, 465th Air Refueling Squadron, Medical Technician

"I gave my coin to Airman Leckie because he truly displayed the customer focus, professionalism, commitment to service before self and excellence. On his day off, he spent the day accomplishing tasks in preparation for the UTA. His attention to detail is to be commended."

-Col. Mario Goico, 507th Vice Wing Commander

MSgt. Harry Ginzl, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, First Sergeant

"Sergeant Ginzl consistently performs "above and beyond" his normal duties. He took the initiative to learn key processes functions not in his job description. By doing so he made a difference, creating a successful UTA for us by taking on key duties of someone deployed in support of an AEF tasking." - Maj. Renee Lane, 507th CES commander

SSgt. Brian Wilson, 507th Mission Support Squadron

"Sergeant Wilson has demonstrated many recent accomplishments which have benefited the Wing. He was selected as Distinguished Graduate for his Tech School; has provided superb assistance to personnel having ADPE problems; was an outstanding instructor for Web Page Training classes. He possesses a positive attitude in all of his endeavors."

- Maj. Michael Miller, 507th MSS commander

MSgt. Anita Mitchell, 707th Communications Flight

"Sergeant Mitchell shows extraordinary dedication to duty. She deserved the Coin of Excellence because of her attitude and dedication. It is people like her who give heart and soul to our Reserve units."

- Maj. Harold Collins, 707th CF commander

1Lt. Brian Eddy, 507th Maintenance Squadron

"I gave my coin to Lieutenant Eddy because of his exceptional performance and leadership in the Maintenance Squadron. He sets an exceptional example for our squadron members and works well with the enlisted leaders."

- 1Lt. Dan Moore, 507th MS Commander

TSgt. Shannon Buhl, 507th Security Forces Squadron

"Sergeant is truly one of the great ones in the Wing. He is always there to support personnel and the mission. His dedication to duty and expertise in Combat Arms have made him "THE PERSON" to remedy problems, give valuable guidance, assistance, and to keep our SFS among the best in the Air Force. He is what being a "SH OKIE" is all about."

- CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th ARW/CCM

AFRC News Summary

This summary is intended to give the reader a brief look at some Air Force Reserve issues and recent events.

Reserve offers continuation incentive to AGR pilots

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - To help counter the draw of a booming economy and record airline hiring, Air Force Reserve Command implemented an aviator continuation pay program Jan. 3 to attract and retain full-time Active Guard and Reserve pilots.

AFRC has about 150 AGR pilots and plans to fill another 45 slots by Sept. 30, 2002.

AMC's 1999 Outstanding Intelligence Award Winners

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) - Air Mobility Command recently announced its 1999 Outstanding Intelligence Award winners.

Included in the list are two members of the 931st ARG who will compete at Air Force level in their category. Staff Sgt. William H. Durand, 931st ARG/IN, McConnell AFB, Kan., won Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Maj. Steven L. Kett, 931st OSF/IN, McConnell AFB, Kan., won Reserve duty - Level II (wing and below).

Air Force Reservists may use military leave for IDTs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Federal civil service employees, who also serve their country as Air Force reservists, may now use military leave to perform inactive duty for training.

This entitlement was authorized when Public Law 106-65, the Fiscal Year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, was signed into law Oct. 5, 1999.

That changed Jan. 24 when Maj. Gen. Dave R. Smith, vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command, signed a letter permitting employees to request adjustments to their leave account retroactive to Oct. 5. training, IDTs or a combination, and one tour or consecutive tours.

Marcotte assumes duties as AMC vice commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) - Lt. Gen. Ronald C. Marcotte took over as the Air Mobility Command vice commander Jan. 18.

507th MSS members support AEF

By TSgt. Janet Hernandez
507th Mission Support Squadron

Sand, cool nights, and precision teamwork by both active duty and Air Force Reservists are the best words to describe Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia.

On Nov. 17, two members of the 507th Services Flight left Oklahoma City, Okla., for temporary assignment to the 363rd Aerospace Expeditionary Wing as part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF). A few days later, another member who had just recently joined the 507th Services Flight would arrive for duty. Those who volunteered were TSgts Janet Hernandez, Gerald Anderson, and Jennifer Johnson, and A1C Becky Campbell.

Preparing for the assignment required extensive coordination with the 507th Air Refueling Wing Plans Office, Military Personnel Flight, and Travel Office.

"Senior Master Sergeant Terry Tunender [507th Services Superintendent] did a superb job in handling the logistics, scheduling us for anthrax immunization, and ensuring we had our mobility equipment," said TSgt. Jennifer Johnson, lodging specialist on this tour. "We also appreciated the outstanding support provided by Technical Sergeant Robert Enriquez [507th Military Personnel Flight] who ensured we had the necessary personnel paperwork and received a Force Protection Briefing prior to our departure."

This is the first AEF experience at Saudi Arabia for the four participants. As the aircraft descended, incoming personnel were instructed to lower their window shades and the lights were turned off at the request of the Saudi Arabia government. After receiving a briefing by key base personnel and clearing customs, new personnel were transported to the coalition compound. After extensive renovations, the base was

no longer considered "tent city", but is now recognized for its quality Lodging accommodations, dining facilities, base exchange, and community activity and fitness centers. Two members of the 507th team were assigned to the lodging office and one assigned to each community activity and fitness centers. All members worked 12 hours shifts in support of the 363rd AEW mission which was to enforce the no-fly and no-drive zone in Southern Iraq, be ready to defend against Iraqi aggression, and protect U.S. forces stationed in the Area of Responsibility.

One of the highlights of the assignment was a visit by General Michael E. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, and CMSgt. Jim Finch, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force on Nov. 5.

During their Thanksgiving Day whirlwind tour of the Arabian Gulf

Region they met with many of the "Total Force" assigned which included services personnel. Troops had the opportunity to meet the general and have their picture taken with him. During his briefing to senior leadership at Prince Sultan,

"This operation is here is everyday," said Ryan. "Everyday a challenge, everyday a war-this isn't peacekeeping, this is combat. I appreciate the focus and intensity it takes to make sure it runs well. Tell your folks who are taking care of the mission, it's much, much appreciated back home."

He also outlined the valuable contribution that the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces play in EAF.

"I've leaned heavily on the Guard and Reserves to be in this and they've volunteered and want to be here," said Ryan, "But they'll be on a fourteen and fifteen-day cycle in some cases. So when they come on these short tours, figure out a



Dressed in desert attire are TSgt. Gerald Anderson, A1C Becky Campbell, TSgts Jennifer Johnson and Janet Hernandez while deployed at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia.

way to process them quickly and get them on the job.” Said Ryan. They’re taking up about 10 percent of our opstempo worldwide, counted in number of bodies and number of positions that they fill. That’s a good news story...that’s double what they were doing just a couple of years ago. If we can give them a lot of lead-time of when they need to come and participate, they’ll do it in a heartbeat. They’re part of this one team, one family.”

Another highlight of the tour was the ability for personnel to utilize morale phone calls and being issued e-mail addresses upon arrival. This gave reservists the opportunity to communicate with families, friends, and their civilian employers.

Working 12 hour shifts and being re-

stricted to the base was difficult but necessary due to security precautions. The experience obtained by 507th Services

active duty and reservists under the new EAF concept had it’s successes and challenges.



TSgt. Janet Hernandez meets Gen. Michael Ryan, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, while deployed at Prince Sultan AB.

personnel assigned to the lodging office, community activity, and fitness centers at Prince Sultan AB was very valuable and rewarding.

The ability to work side-by-side with

AEF. I want to thank them on behalf of the 507th Mission Support Squadron for a job well done” said Maj. Michael Miller, 507th Mission Support Squadron commander.

“It was a tremendous opportunity for all of us and we all learned from the experience” said Anderson

Everyone returned home safely from their tour in time to join their families and friends for the Christmas holidays.

“Colonel Gary Mixon [507th Support Group commander] Major Mony Goodman [507th Services Officer] and I are so proud of our services volunteers for their dedication and the excellent support they provided in support of this

The ABCs of EAF, AEF...

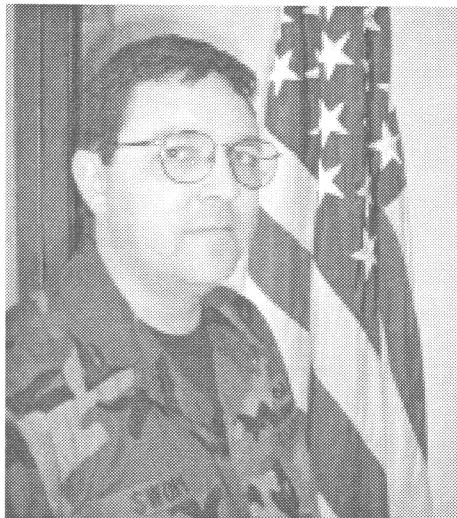
And what it means to you

Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF): The Air Force vision to organize, train, equip, deploy and sustain itself in the dynamic 21st Century global security environment. Under this concept, the Air Force will provide rapidly responsive, tailored-to-need aerospace force capability, prepared and ready to conduct military operations across the full spectrum of conflict from peacekeeping to war.

Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEFs): The AEFs represent *aerospace capability* (air superiority, air-to-ground, precision attack, mobility, bombers) in pre-determined, scheduled sets of forces (aircraft, equipment and personnel). From these, tailored-to-need force packages would deploy. AEFs include a cross section of Air Force weapon systems (150+ total aircraft of dissimilar types) and people (10,000-15,000) providing forces for theater commanders’ air campaigns.

Mobility Lead Wings: Five mobility “lead wings” paired to the AEFs provide expeditionary leadership and airlift expertise for response to non-combat military operations such as humanitarian relief operations (HUMRO or HR), disaster response, aid relief and non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO) from hostile areas.

Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) Lead Wings: Force preparedness of AEFs is focused through designated “lead wings” who will provide contingency operation leadership (at the tactical level) for some deployments where there is no pre-existing command structure. The lead wings would designate command elements should the AEF have to provide group or wing-level leadership to expeditionary locations and also the bulk of ECS team taskings, such as large numbers of security forces, civil engineering and communications personnel.



SrA Roger Swope



TSgt. Jennifer Johnson



MSgt. Debra Clancy

507th ARW's quarterly winners

1 October to 30 December

MSgt. Debra Clancy, TSgt. Jennifer Johnson, and SrA Roger Swope are the wing's newest quarterly award winners claiming the Senior NCO, NCO, and Airman of the Quarter Award.

MSgt. Debra Clancy, a supply management supervisor for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, was selected for her overall supply knowledge for instructing classes on supply procedures to the maintenance section during preparation for the Air Force Material Commands (AFMC) Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). She instructed maintenance and engine personnel on the proper documentation of forms and procedures for orders replacement parts in field conditions. She also effectively motivates subordinates to exert the maximum effort necessary to attain organizational and sections goals.

Clancy possesses the practical and technical experience required to assist her team members in upgrade and qualification training.

Clancy has a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) associate's degree in Applied Science for logistics. She also has completed an associate's degree in arts from Western Oklahoma State College and Airman Leadership School and Command NCO Academy Course in residence.

TSgt. Jennifer Johnson, a services technician for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, displays leadership qualities by being one of the first to volunteer for an Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia. Johnson's professionalism, military bearing, and overall performance went a long way toward correcting a mediocre

perception of Reserve personnel. After being deployed at Prince Sultan AB for just a few days, she was selected from all possible candidates by the services superintendent to serve as the Base Lodging Manager. She developed continuity books to ease the transition for management and front desk personnel during the changeovers encountered so frequently at this location. She developed a checklist which is currently in use by HQ AFRC Services to prepare unit level personnel to deploy to Prince Sultan AB. Johnson also met with the deployed Command Master Chief at Prince Sultan AB on ideas to assist in the reception and integration of Reserve personnel into the overall force.

Johnson began an accelerated Nursing Program in January with DeMarge College.

SrA Roger Swope, an aircraft electrician specialist for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, was a great asset during the CLSS's last Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) exercise. Swope has been accredited for volunteering to assume the additional duty of the KC-135B team Safety Monitor. He repaired a large and tedious wire bundle in less time than it was assessed by the assessor technicians. Assisted in a sheet metal repair allowing the team to complete two repairs in record time. And, to do additional mandays assisting the team chief with transcribing training records. Received many accolades from the supervisors and his peers while working with the 909th AFEFS at Kadena AB, Japan in the electrical.

Swope has completed two years of college education at the Tulsa Community College, enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force working on an associate's degree in Aircraft Maintenance, and completed the NCO Preparatory Course.

Invite your civilian boss to...

Come fly with us

All 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) reservists are invited to nominate their employers for an upcoming Employer Support Orientation Flight, scheduled for Saturday, June 3.

Employer support flights are sponsored to help better acquaint business leaders who employ reservists with the mission of the 507th ARW and the Air Force Reserve.

Reservists may nominate their employers by filling out the nomination form appearing on this page and presenting it to their commander. Because of space limitations, each commander will have a limited number of employers they will be able to select.

Reservists may also wish to provide additional comments to their commander, informing them why their boss should be selected for the orientation flight.

The 507th ARW Public Affairs Office is also trying to schedule on April 1 an E-3 "Sentry" Employer Support Orientation Flight for the members of the 513th Air Control Group (ACG). Reserve members of the 513th ACG should also fill in the nomination form on this page and present it to their commander. Tentatively, one E-3 aircraft will be involved in a mission with 8-12 seats available.

Employer Orientation Flight Nomination form

Company's Name _____

Employer's Name _____

Employer's Phone _____

Reservist's Name _____

Reservist's Home Phone _____

Reservist's Duty Phone _____

Reservist's Unit _____

LOGO

Continued from Page 8.

"Many people believe the Hap Arnold emblem is the official Air Force symbol, but it isn't," Rand said. "We don't have an official symbol, and never have had one. With the transition to the EAF and a new millennium, our leadership decided the timing is right to modernize our identity and give us an official symbol which will preserve the heritage of the Arnold wings."

During research, Air Force and public audiences saw various meanings in the new design.

"Most saw an eagle in flight and a medal of valor," he said. "Enlisted members saw their stripes and officers related to the star. Air Force people and civilians alike identified the new symbol with the Air Force's leading edge, aerospace mission."

Don't expect to see changes throughout the Air Force immediately, according to Rand. "There are no final decisions on any of this yet," he said. "We're still working through all the options on the development of the theme, the use of the

symbol, and the implementation of both.

"There is no intent to repaint the fleet or change all our base signs overnight," Ryan said. "When we reach a final decision on our identity, we're going to try it on for awhile as we develop a plan to roll it out with minimal disruption and cost."

"We're trying to encapsulate the essence of what it means to be in the Air Force," Peters said. "The Air Force is a wonderful organization. It offers extraordinary opportunities beyond the monetary and the educational benefits that we have been using in recruiting."

"The Air Force is a fast-paced, fun, tough, and rewarding environment. It's about teamwork, patriotic service, and belonging to a world-class organization ready to respond anywhere in the world in a matter of hours. That's what we're trying to communicate. My hope is that this identity effort will do that."

Snapshot



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran



Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

(Left) Lt. Col. George Gorham, commander of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, takes the opportunity to speak with local media about Reservists involvement after the downed Alaska Airlines Flight 261 last month. (Top) Maj. Chuck Diven, an Air Force Reserve Air Battle Manager with the 513th Air Control Group, is shown during the recent training mission. As detachment commander during the unit's deployment to Nellis AFB, Nev., he coordinated AWACs support for the search and rescue operation immediately after the airliner went down.

CMSgt. Belinda Journey, 507th ARW Quality Office, was recognized with letters of appreciation by both Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating and Mike Strong, executive director for the Oklahoma Quality Award Foundation, Inc., for her support of the Quality movement throughout the State. The letters praised her knowledge, experience, and valuable time in assisting Oklahoma's businesses and organizations to improve their performance and competitiveness.

Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, 507th ARW commander, presented her with the letters on behalf of Governor Keating and Mr. Strong.



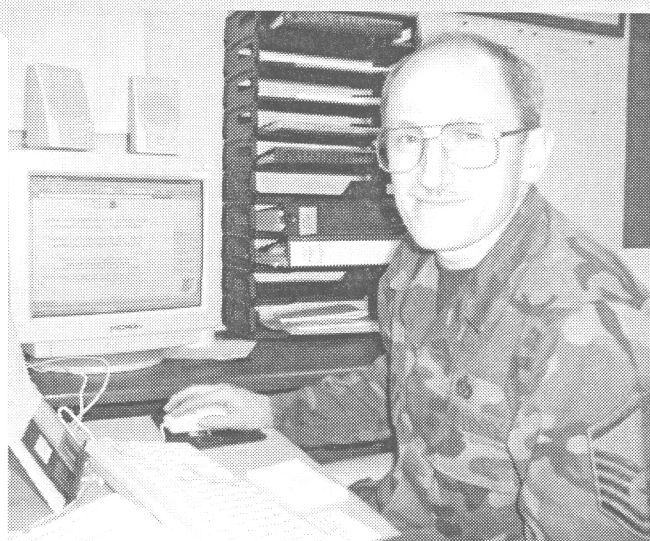
Update



The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group: "Where was your most memorable TDY or deployment?"

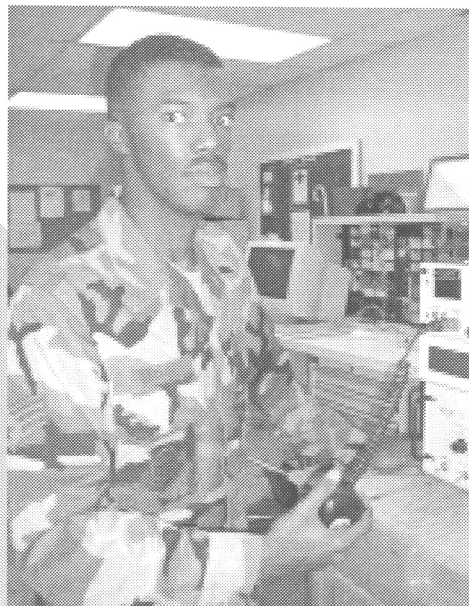
TSgt. Mikula Gay
507th Maintenance Squadron

"When I was in the Services Squadron we all deployed to Aviano. I met others outside the squadron that I never would have met otherwise. They were great people you could rely on."



MSgt. John Terry
507th Chaplain's Office

"Lakeheath, England. I enjoyed being surrounded by "olde" England and all the history. It was alot of fun to visit London and tour the sights."



SrA Derek Wilson
507th Communications Flight

"I went to Keesler AFB, Mississippi for upgrade training. It was a school tour and alot of hard work, but I enjoyed the challenge."



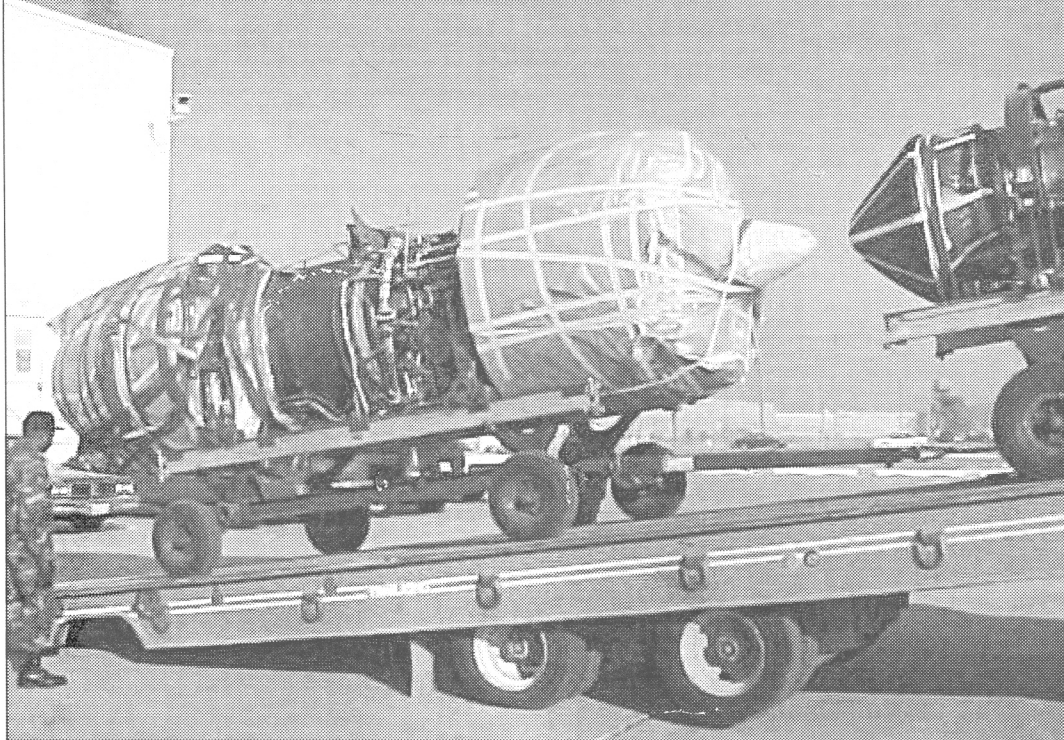
SSgt. Beth Collins
513th Operations Support Flight

"Right after Desert Storm in the summer of '91 I went to Saudi. It was most memorable because I met my husband-to-be there. Also the camaraderie and common purpose."



SSgt. Michael Gonzales
507th Aircraft Generation Squadron

"I'm new to the unit, but when on activity duty we went to Hilo, Hawaii for a joint exercise. It was great just because it was Hawaii. We stayed at a 5-star hotel on the beach and did alot of snorkeling."



Members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) load two

aircraft jet engines onto a transport truck earmarked for the English Field Air and Space Museum in Amarillo, Texas, for permanent display. The shipment of the F-100-200 Series Pratt & Whitney used in the F-16 and TF-33-P7 Series Pratt & Whitney engine used in the C-141 resulted from a joint project between the 507th CLSS and the Oklahoma City - Air Logistics Center.

R-NEWS

Recruiting volunteers needed

Reservists are needed to help unit recruiters at the Altus AFB Air Show, April 29 and 30. Volunteers will be provided with mandays. Units can consider setting up display booths. Contact the 507th ARW Recruiting Office at Ext. 4-5331.

Government Travel card to become mandatory March 1

Use of the government Visa travel card by all federal employees becomes mandatory Mar. 1, according to revised policies dictated by the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998. At that time, the choice of using a personal credit card for authorized expenses on official travel will not be available.

Free tax assistance

The Tinker AFB Legal Office, Bldg. 452, will be offering free professional tax assistance and electronic filing starting Jan. 31 through Mar. 29 with Wednesdays as the exception. Hours are 0830 - 1500.

Reservists on Title 10 and their dependents can receive this benefit. For more information or to make an appointment, call the TAFB Legal Office at 739-3164.

Light bulbs disposal site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has promulgated new regulations governing the accumulation and disposal of mercury vapor and fluorescent light bulbs effective Jan. 6.

A Waste Lamp Accumulation Site for the 507th ARW campus is located behind the Aircraft Generation Squadron, Bldg. 1067. For more information, contact Doug Stewart at Ext. 4-5013, and Gary Paulden at Ext. 4-2861.

Dental exam yearly now

Beginning February, 2001, the Department of Defense will require Reservists to receive a dental examination every year as a condition of employment. This is a change from the previous policy of requiring these examinations every three years.

"Every Reservist will be required to provide documentation showing they received an annual dental examination, including their current dental status," said Maj. Eric Kean, Chief of Dental Services for the 507th ARW, "By documentation, I mean a simple form that we will provide. The member will simply give it to their dentist to fill out and either return it to us directly or have their dentist

return it to us."

If dental problems are noted on the form, the member will be responsible for having these problems corrected and assuring the dental squadron receives documentation showing what was done.

For more information contact the 507th Medical Squadron at Ext. 4-4445.

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

Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickle
(580) 357-2784

Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Bill Thompson
(918) 665-2300

Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Michael Tubbs
(940) 676-3382

Altus AFB, OK

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

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. David McCormick
(316) 652-3766

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. David McCormick
(In-Service Recruiter)
(316) 652-3766
VACANT
(316) 652-4350

Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Danny Bretthorst
(405) 734-5331

MSgt. Larry Wheatley

TSgt. Rhonda Nolan
(405) 739-2980

Midwest City, OK

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

