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

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## 507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr  
507th OG Commander

### Recruiting and Retention is key

Recently, Maj. Gen. Wallace Whaley, 4th AF Commander, chartered all commanders to put greater emphasis on recruiting and retention. When you think about it, recruiting and retention is not just the commander's charter, it's one of every reservist. Recruiting and retention are just as imperative now as any other perilous time in our AFRC history. As our active duty counterparts downsize, so does our plethora of potential reservist. Therefore, this places a greater emphasis on the Reserve to recruit from the civilian community as well as retaining our current reservists. To do this, we must emphasize to both reservist and potential recruits the incentives available to them. I must say, for that motivated someone who wishes to have an exciting career, these benefits are absolutely wonderful! Also, anyone contemplating a separation from the Reserve, please consider this as well.

First, the **Air Force Bonus Program**. Bonuses are offered in five categories: Non-prior Service, Prior Service, Reenlistment, Retraining, and Affiliation. These bonuses range anywhere from \$2500-\$8000 depending on the category. If any of this stirs your interest, I urge you to contact your local Military Personnel Flight.

Second, the **Education benefits**. For young people graduating from high school and looking for a surmountable career, our education benefits are very competitive with any other major industry. Not only is a member eligible for the G.I. Bill, but also there is a new G.I. Bill "Kicker" for those in certain critical career fields. Consequently, an individual attending school full-time could receive up to \$600 a month... plus his part-time employment income from the Reserve. What a fabulous program! And don't just think this only available to new recruits from high school, but to any member currently in these critical career fields. There are so many opportunities in our wonderful country. It is extremely important that all members of the Air Force Reserve become aware that they are our best recruiters and mentors. Spread the word!



## 513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. John Fobian  
513th ACG Commander

### No one hurt, no bent metal

You've heard at commander's call that nothing we do in our day-to-day jobs should risk anybody getting hurt or damaging any equipment. It has been emphasized to think about what task is to be performed, the associated risks involved and add some good old common sense. This basic safety attitude works on-duty and works just as well off-duty.

We are now at the beginning of the dreaded 101 Critical Days of Summer. The kids are out of school, vacations planned, weather is good, and you want to get out to enjoy it. Apply safety attitudes with you and your family no matter what is going on.

Out on the highway, be a defensive driver. Wear your seatbelt and ensure everyone else is buckled up. Protect infants and toddlers in appropriate car seats. If riding a motorcycle, wear protective gear to include a helmet. Check that your vehicle is good to go on that trip to the beach or across town to visit friends. Take breaks on those long drives to avoid falling asleep at the wheel. More and more you hear about road rage. Be considerate and watch out for the other guy. Yielding a little could save you a lot of trouble.

The same common sense applies out on the lake water-skiing or zooming around on a jet ski. Be defensive and aware of your surroundings. Wear life jackets or vests for your own protection. Since it gets hot in Oklahoma, be aware of heat-related injuries. Heat stress, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke can cause serious problems. Don't be a victim. In your eagerness to stay hydrated to avoid heat-related injuries, watch the consumption of alcohol. Don't even think about touching a set of keys for any land or water vehicle if you have been drinking. Remember that safety attitude. Bottom line: No one hurt and no bent metal.

### Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie Sias  
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Greetings!! My name is Chaplain Leslie K. Sias and I feel privileged to serve as your Wing Chaplain for the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

Recently, I left the fine ranks of the U.S. Navy after nine years of active duty. I believe God granted me the opportunity to serve the Sailors and Marines who are dedicated to protecting the freedoms of this great country along with you.

Second, I would like to applaud Chaplain (Maj.) Elaine Henderson and TSgt. Chuck Dixon for their years of ministry to this great unit.

They will never be forgotten!!

Lastly, I am looking forward to working with Chaplain Magnus, MSgt. Terry, SrA Hooper, and the great people of the 507th ARW and 513th Air Control Group.

In the Old Testament, Joshua reminded the people as they were preparing to cross the Jordan into a great land of God's unfailing presence. He said, "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



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**507th CLSS restores vintage F-86 fighter aircraft.....10**

A 507th CLSS Maintenance Team recently provided aircraft structural repair expertise to the 482nd Maintenance Squadron (MS) at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida. The project involved the restoration of a vintage Korean War-Era F-86 fighter jet for use as a static display. Read page 10 to see how they tackled this project and why they did it.

## On the cover...



Four more 507th ARW members were chosen by Air Force Reserve Command for command level awards and nomination. See page 4 to find out who they are.

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# More 507th members recognized command-wide

## Three more members get command awards, one is command nominee to Air Force



**MSgt. Kathy Lowman**, an inflight refueling operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command's Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year for 1999.

According to Lt. Col. James Jackson, commander of the 465th ARS, she is a superior senior NCO who continually sets the standard with her outstanding dedication and work ethic.

Lowman was hand-picked to be the unit Cargo Load Training Officer and Chief of Mobility Branch. This critical position normally reserved for more experienced noncommissioned officers — is a testament to her proven abilities.

She a recipient of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter and the 465th ARS Nominee for the Oklahoma Air Force Association Enlisted Member of the Year. Lowman was also given the first Commander's Coin of Excellence by Lt. Col. Jackson for her continual volunteer and duty effort.

Lowman was also recognized as an "Outstanding Performer" during the Wing's Southern Watch deployment. She served as a primary tanker scheduler and assistant safety representative with active duty during a 53-day deployment to Saudi Arabia.

Among other accomplishments, Lowman was also the squadron's nominee for the 507th ARW "TSgt. Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service." She was one of two enlisted aircrew members within the Air Force Reserve Command selected to attend National Allied Force recognition ceremony.

She is actively involved and a strong contributor to numer-

ous local community organizations to include being a volunteer worker at Midwest Regional Hospital, Midwest City, Okla., Oklahoma City Cancer Society Relay for Life organizer, Midwest City Police Academy volunteer, Special Olympics volunteer, and an active Big Sister and mentor for two young teenagers.



**TSgt. Jennifer Johnson**, services craftsman for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, was selected as Air Force Reserve Command's (AFRC) Services Military Supervisor of the Year award. She was nominated by AFRC to Air Force level competition.

According to Maj. Mike Miller, commander for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, she took the initiative to meet with the

deployed First Sergeant and Command Master Chief to try to work out some of the difficulties reserve personnel experienced upon arrival at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia. She developed a welcome package for new personnel giving a concise picture of everyday life at Prince Sultan AB and provided essential facility and procedural information. Johnson serves as a role model both at home and while deployed to reserve personnel on proper examples of conduct and professionalism.

She was selected as the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter, October- December 1999, for superior performance to go above and beyond.

Johnson excels in the performance of her duties as Training Education and Management System (TEAMS) Program Director and was recognized by Numbered Air Force personnel dur-

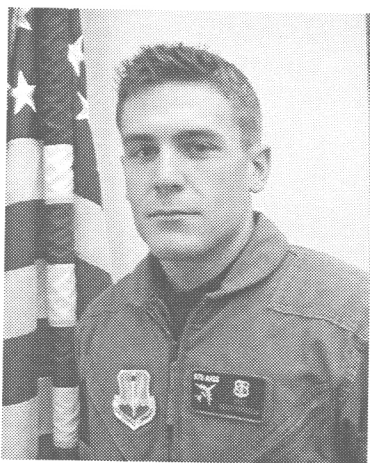


## Best of the Best in AFRC

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ing the TEAMS Staff Assistance Visit for achieving 100% sufficiency in the utilization and maintenance of the automated unit training records. She conducts quarterly training with unit supervisors to ensure all areas of TEAMS are being addressed with all unit personnel each and every Unit Training Assembly. Johnson exemplifies the standards expected of the professional supervisor.



**SSgt. Scott Branscum**, aeromedical technician for the 513th Air Control Group (ACG), and is Air Force Reserve Command's nominee for the Air Force Sergeant's Association Pitsenbarger Award for heroism.

According to Col. John Fobian, commander of the 513th ACG, Branscum's heroic actions were above and beyond the call of duty when a devastating tornado

hit the base and surrounding areas May 3, 1999.

Then, SrA Branscum, had just returned home from performing his military duties at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. On that day, the 513th ACG was in the process of being activated as part of the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up in response to the crisis in Kosovo. Unpredictably, the weather made a turn for the worse. Branscum followed the local weather channel to discover that severe weather was beginning to materialize some 30 miles from his home in Moore, Okla.

Branscum paid close attention to the weather's development. The storm grew in intensity and became an F5 tornado leaving death and destruction in its one-half mile path. The storm continued its northeasterly path and passed within three-quarters of a mile of Branscum's home.

As the storm approached, Branscum sought shelter to ride out the storm's fury. Upon exiting the storm shelter, he immediately assessed the destruction and quickly reacted by retrieving his medical satchel. Knowing that a high school and retirement community lay in the tornado's path, he ran the one-mile distance to find both high school and retirement community completely destroyed. Branscum joined forces with some firefighters and offered his assistance in the daunting and dangerous task of unearthing buried victims, setting up triage with the limited resources at his disposal. He was personally responsible for the recovery of eight casualties.

Working in extremely dangerous and unstable conditions, he

was able to dig through five feet of debris to rescue an elderly woman whose collapsed apartment walls had totally entombed her. If it were not for the elderly woman's walker creating a pocket in the debris and Branscum's effort to extract her, she would have met with certain death. She had a dislocated shoulder and many lacerations. Branscum's tireless rescue efforts lasted throughout the night and eventually led him to offer his assistance at Tinker AFB, also a target of the tornado. Once on Tinker AFB, Branscum worked tirelessly to search for personnel still buried in the rubble and to assist in treating the injured. Throughout several reports of additional tornadoes in the vicinity, Branscum heroically elected to continue his participation in the rescue effort and not seek cover. This totally selfless display of heroic proportions reflects credit on Branscum and the Air Force Reserve.



**SrA Trina M. Schooley**, services journeyman for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command's (AFRC) Services Military Technician of the Year. She was nominated by AFRC to Air Force level competition.

According to Maj. Mike Miller, Schooley demonstrates her maturity and

leadership abilities through the exemplary performance of her assigned duties. Schooley showcased her world-class abilities as a chef during a recent bivouac with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron.

She provides an extensive knowledge of alternative preparation techniques and skills garnered from her civilian career in the food service industry. Schooley demonstrated the ability to train while directing others in the preparation of the main entree.

Although relatively new to the Services section, she has already demonstrated her ability to influence other personnel through her own positive actions. She has been joined by other 507th Air Refueling Wing personnel in her dedication to volunteering for worthwhile causes. Among other accomplishments, Schooley organized and prepared a \$25 per plate benefit dinner to raise funds for needy families; conducted a "Santa Christmas" party for battered and abused women and children; and participates in a Hospice program by visiting with a woman with congenital heart disease.



## Seven Habits Class offered

By CMSgt. Leon Walker  
507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron

### The good, The better, The best

I was sitting in my office one UTA weekend and overheard a couple of members discussing the Seven Habits Class of Highly Effective People they had just taken.

The more I heard, the more I was intrigued. Could there really be a program out there that we can apply not only to our work place but also our every day life?

This course is scheduled again on July 22-23; August 19-20; and Sept. 5-8. Class starts at 8 a.m. on the first course day.

The greatest difference in this program from the many others that are out there is that it does not matter whether you are an airman basic or a four star general. You will be able to apply the principles of the program. After taking the class myself, the following are a few comments made by my fellow classmates:

-- The 7-Habits Seminar is an exceptional, inspirational program that touches every facet of civilian and Air Force life. It teaches you to work from the inside out and seek the best of every situation and person. The Air Force environment needs fundamentals like this.

-- I thought that the class was very thought provoking. I found myself thinking of actual occurrences in my life, both past and present, and how I could apply or could have applied the processes of this course. It was very interesting when one of our class members actually applied the course to a situation in her work place and had some immediate success. I definitely see value in this course for my military, civilian, and personal life.

-- I thoroughly enjoyed the course and Lt. Col. Patricia Collins' presentation. This was the most meaningful and useful course I've attended in my military career. Lt. Col. Collins' superb presentation skills allowed me to easily assimilate and absorb the concepts. I feel this course has greatly enhanced my ability in my professional and personal life. I Highly recommend the course to everyone.

-- This seminar offered a great opportunity to evaluate how I can sharpen my leadership and organizational skills, and grow as an individual. Listening to others and learning from their life experiences and point of view was enriching. The information was presented in an excellent manner. A Great Seminar! I strongly recommend to others.

Each Person came to the class looking to fulfill their own personnel agendas for home and work. While these may have

been all different, one thing was the same. We all are equipped with the tools needed to be the best qualified airmen to meet our Air Force Reserve Mission. Every member of the class believed each reserve member should have the opportunity to attend this seminar.

## MPF information

By 1Lt. Layne Wroblewski  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Military Personnel Flight

One of the greater incentives to stay in the Air Force Reserve is receiving the benefits after service.

Retirement for the reserve is the best that it has ever been. After 20 satisfactory years, you are eligible for retirement. At age sixty, you begin drawing that retirement.

Here are some important things to consider:

-- When you become *eligible* to retire (20 years), AFRC will send you information about the Benefit's Survivor Plan, a benefit designed to assist your dependents after you die.

-- To be eligible for retirement the last 6 to 8 years must have been in a Reserve Component (check with the MPF to see which applies to you.) A satisfactory year is earning 50 points a year (you receive 4 per UTA, 14 for AT, and 15 for simply being a member)

-- Four months before you reach age 60, AFRC will send you all the forms necessary to begin retirement pay.

-- You must exit the Reserve at age 60, with exceptions.

-- Your retirement pay is based on the number of points you have accumulated over your career and the highest rank you ever attained. Lt. Cols and above must hold their rank for at least three years. For Military Service Date, rank must be held a minimum of six months. Your points are entered into a formula (based upon when you first entered the military) to determine your retirement pay.

-- As a retired reservist, you are entitled to a DD Form 2AF ID card, authorizing you to full access into unlimited base exchange privileges, full open mess, 24 visits per year to the commissary, and space available on military flights.

The Customer Service Section manages the retirement program. For any questions please see them. Or you can simply check AFRC's web site at:

**[www.arpc.org/director/dp/rsp/retirements](http://www.arpc.org/director/dp/rsp/retirements)**

Retirement pay tables are provided for you at that site along with the Reserve's policies and procedures for retirement.

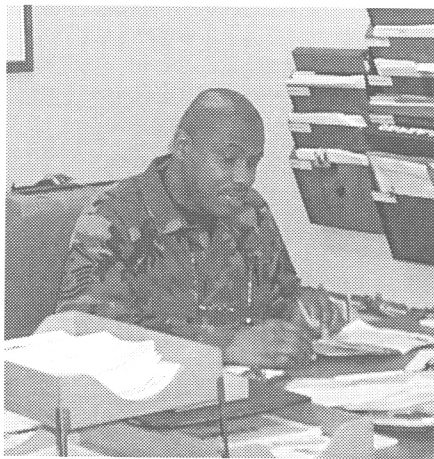
Next month: Air Force's three most common decorations.

# 72APS starts Air Force Jr. ROTC

Millwood Middle School

By SSgt. Rob Shahan  
72<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron UPAR

"I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way," - Whitney Houston



**MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire**

On May 1, Millwood Public School Board, Oklahoma City, Okla., approved a request by MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, first sergeant for the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron (APS) and principle of Millwood Middle School, to install an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (Jr. ROTC) program at Millwood Middle School.

Members of the 72nd APS are excited about

the opportunity including McGuire.

"This is a great chance to instill several core values to today's youth," McGuire said. "We can teach patriotism, citizenship and leadership which are key ingredients, not for just the Air Force but for society. We can make better students which makes better citizens."

McGuire believes this will be the first Jr. ROTC of any branch at the middle-school level in the Oklahoma City and metro area.

"We went to Tulsa to visit their schools who already have this program and it's worked well. Today, academics is not just enough. We need 'character education' that teaches respect and responsibility also," McGuire said.

The program will be facilitated through the joint effort of McGuire working in conjunction with the commander and first sergeant of the Millwood High School Army Jr. ROTC and high school leaders providing technical support.

"The Millwood campuses have long been 'Army campuses' with the Army and Marines having a strong, daily influence. We need to have the kids start thinking Air Force," McGuire said. "Thanks to the efforts of the 72nd's unit recruiting team

'The Mission Masters' and recruiter TSgt. Pam Peterson, we are starting to have an Air Force influence there, in fact, TSgt Peterson recently signed two Millwood High School seniors to the Air Force Reserve."

Even though the Jr. ROTC participants range in age from 11-15, McGuire says it will be similar to what we see on our monthly drills.

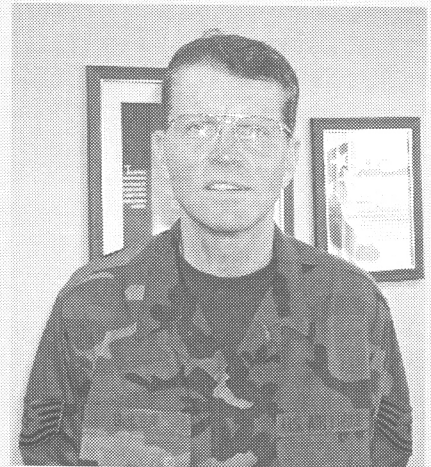
"We'll have Jr. ROTC flight sergeants, training instructors and open-ranks inspection. We'll have a military curriculum that teaches military education and a drill team," McGuire said. "We are making this a prestigious team to be a member of. We'll teach self discipline and you've got to have the grades to maintain membership."

The Jr. ROTC is an elective and students will receive class credit for attending. "We will have a nine week program for our sixth graders, an 18 week program for our seventh graders and a full class year for our eighth graders," McGuire said. "Sixth and seventh graders may elect to continue their Jr. ROTC class for another 9 weeks and 18 weeks (respectfully)."

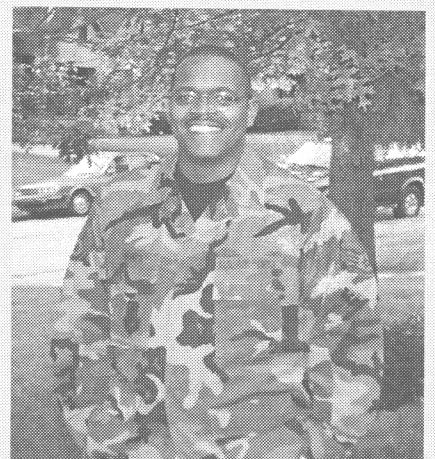
Tomorrow's Air Force leaders are being developed today at Millwood Middle School thanks to the 72nd APS and McGuire.

"We're going to instill direction in these kids which is a good thing," McGuire said. "It's a win-win situation for the school, the community and the military."

## 72 APS' Best



**TSgt. Glenn Golike**  
72 APS NCO of the Quarter



**SSgt. Terrence Glover**  
72 APS NCO of the Year

# Home away from home

By SMSgt. Marie Johnson  
507<sup>th</sup> CLSS UPAR

Altus AFB, Okla., has become a home away from home for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron's (CLSS) KC-135 teams. On Mar. 21-22, the 507th CLSS made its fourth visit in less than a year. The 507th CLSS teams perform off-schedule Unit Training Assemblies at Altus in order to meet training objectives. Altus provides a variety of hands-on training needed by the CLSS.

Training is provided at three primary locations. The KC-135 Isochronical Dock, the Structural Fabrication Shop, and the KC-135 flight line. While the training at Altus AFB may be a home away from home for the 507th CLSS as a whole, for many members, it is a home at home.

Several members within the 507th CLSS are civilian employees at Altus AFB. As civilians, they see an excellent opportunity to provide their Air Force Reserve teammates with a superior training resource and provide a weekend work force for their civilian counterparts. CLSS members see this as a win-win situation for both and an opportunity to exercise the Total Force Concept. They proposed this idea to Michael Bradley, Director of Maintenance at Altus AFB, and he agreed.

Others involved in making this training opportunity happen is Bob Becker of the Isochronical (ISO) Dock. Thanks to Mr. Becker's cooperation, members of the 507th CLSS get in-depth KC-135 aircraft inspection experience that provides system knowledge through the use of inspection work cards.

Understanding system function and location is an important aspect of Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR). The ISO dock also provides CLSS sheetmetal mechanics experience in inspection and structural repair specific to the ISO environment. An important area of inspection while in ISO is the Critical Corrosion Inspection (CCI). During this inspection, floorboards by the cargo door, over the wing hatches, the aft hatch and the latrine are removed to remove any water and then remove and treat any corrosion.

Sheetmetal repair is a majority of the ABDR fix which is why TSgt. John Manning, Structural Fabrication Supervisor, Altus AFB, arranges all the training at the structural shop. Manning also serves in a civilian capacity at Altus AFB. Manning coordinates with the local manufacturing shop at Altus AFB to provide his fellow Reserve members with parts fabrication that is not only a training opportunity, but also, an opportunity to assist in reducing any backlogs.

Other training available is honeycomb repair, fiberglass and composite repair, use of cable swedgers in making flight control cables. Also, the use and training on a state of the art tube bender. The training opportunities are endless.

The third training opportunity is the KC-135 flight line. At Tinker AFB, Okla., 507th CLSS crew chiefs are given an airplane to pre-flight or they are asked to assist in a pressurization check of another aircraft. The pneudralics folks are asked to remove a line to facilitate a sheetmetal repair. Removal of the line requires the system to be bled. The flight line training is a perfect jumpstart in preparation for future annual tours. The "anything we can do to help" attitude of Carl Martin, Tanker Flight Supervisor exemplifies the experience at Altus as a home away from home.

Training is available at other bases, but with the "Altus connection" and members like TSgt. John Manning, TSgt. Jim Dykens, TSgt. Jeff Inlow, and SrA John Babbit, seeking and getting outside-the-box training, for the squadron makes Altus AFB the squadron's home away from home.

## Tinker AFB Family Advocacy Programs Offered

### Class & Sessions available for Reservists

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:** Five fun evening sessions for couples wanting to improve communication and problem solving skills.

**DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING:** Offered twice monthly, free hearing, language, and motor development assessments for children: 6 months to 6 years old. Services provided by a child development specialist and a speech pathologist from the City/County Health Department, Child Guidance Services.

**PARENT TALK:** Free half-hour appointments offered monthly with a child psychologist and a child development specialist from the Health Department.

**PARENTING CLASSES:** Classes scheduled for parents of all ages of children (noon and evening classes).

**CO-PARENTING THROUGH DIVORCE:** Two-session class for couples going through divorce (meets court-order requirements).

**SURVIVING MY PARENT'S DIVORCE** (for school-age children). Two afternoon classes.

**ANGER MANAGEMENT:** Learn to positively channel powerful emotions into workable solutions.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Nine-week program for men addressing topics such as: power and control, problem resolution, alternatives to conflictual behaviors, family dynamics, and developing healthy, respectful relationship.

**For information and registration, call 734-4390**



## 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
00-6	1	000731-000907	Tyndall AFB, FL
00-7	1	000918-001026	Tyndall AFB, FL

### 4AF SENIOR NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

23-24 September 2000 at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. Please submit your name to Command Chief Master Sergeant Kellington. All E-7s through E-9s are encouraged to apply.

### 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 CMSgt. 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 CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075. The 2000 Edition CLEP and DANTES Study Guides are in.**

### 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 Team Development. 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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18 Aug - 21 Sep 00

## HOT TOPICS :

✓ **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.**

**TINKER AIR FORCE RESERVE TOP THREE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!!!**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY/JUNE UTA**  
**WHERE: NCO CLUB**  
**TIME: SIGN-OUT - 1700**  
**WHO: TOP THREE**

### FY2000/2001 UTA Schedule

15-16 Jul 00	06-07 Jan 01
05-06 Aug 00	03-04 Feb 01
09-10 Sep 00	03-04 Mar 01
14-15 Oct 00	07-08 Apr 01
04-05 Nov 00	05-06 May 01
02-03 Dec 00	02-03 Jun 01

as of 18 May 2000

**Fri, 02 Jun 2000**

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 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg  
 1600 Top 3 Council

**Sat, 03 Jun 2000**

**As Designated Sign In**  
 by Unit

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing  
**0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed**  
**0900 6 Month Contact Mtg**  
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng  
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation  
 1000 Mobility Rep Meeting  
 1030 First Sgts Meeting  
**1330-1630 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I**  
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg  
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg  
 1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins

**As Designated Sign Out**  
 by Unit

**Sun, 04 Jun 2000**

**As Designated Sign In**  
 by Unit

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service  
 0730-0800 Catholic Chapel Service  
 0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng  
**0730-1030 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II**  
**0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams**  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council  
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng  
**1045 Escorts pick-up Newcomers**  
**1100-1300 "CGOLD"**  
 1230-1630 EO 2000 Training  
 1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg  
 1330-1500 Supervisor Safety Training  
 1330 Personnel Record Reviews  
 1500 Fly Safety Mtg

**As Designated Sign Out**  
 by Unit

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
 Bldg 1043, TNET Room  
 Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Room

**As Designated by Unit**

Bldg 1030, Classroom 1  
**Bldg 1043, Room 206**  
**Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room**  
 To Be Determined  
 Bldg 1030, Classroom 1  
 Bldg 1043, TNET Room  
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
**Bldg 1030, Classroom 1**  
 Bldg 1043, General's Office  
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
 Bldg 1043, Room 101

**As Designated by Unit**

**As Designated by Unit**

Bldg 1030, Classroom 2  
 Bldg 1043, TNET Room  
 Bldg 1043  
**Bldg 1030, Classroom 1**  
**Bldg 460, Room 213**  
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
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 Bldg 1030, Classroom 1  
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
 Bldg 1030, Safety Office  
 Bldg 1030, Classroom 2  
 OPS Briefing Room

**As Designated by Unit**

**Fri, 14 Jul 2000**

1100 NCOLDP Graduation  
 1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg  
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg

**Sat, 15 Jul 2000**

**As Designated Sign In**  
 by Unit

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing  
**0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed**  
**0900 6 Month Contact Mtg**  
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng  
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation  
 1000 Mobility Rep Meeting  
 1030 First Sgts Meeting  
**1330-1630 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I**  
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg  
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg  
 1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins

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 by Unit

**Sun, 16 Jul 2000**

**As Designated Sign In**  
 by Unit

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service  
 0730-0800 Catholic Chapel Service  
 0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng  
**0730-1030 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II**  
 0900-1115 HAZCOM  
**0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams**  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council  
 0900-1000 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng  
**1045 Escorts pick-up Newcomers**  
**"CGOLD"**  
 EO 2000 Training  
 1230-1630 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg  
 1300 Personnel Record Reviews  
 1330 Fly Safety Mtg  
 1500

**As Designated Sign Out**  
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 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
 Bldg 1030, Classroom 2  
 OPS Briefing Room

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513 AWACS Auditorium  
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room  
 Bldg 1043, TNET Room

**As Designated by Unit**

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 Bldg 1043, Room 101

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NOTE: SUPERVISOR SAFETY TRAINING WILL START AT 1330 IN THE SAFETY OFFICE. THIS IS FOR THIS UTA ONLY.

## EDUCATION

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

### OFFICER PME, JOLDS OR ANY SPECIAL OFFICER COURSES

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

## Newcomers Ancillary Training

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

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

### UCMJ Briefing:

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

### Ethics Briefing:

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

### Disaster Preparedness:

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

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

## 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 1 or 6 you have until 31 Aug 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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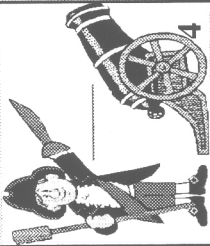
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## JULY 2000

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# Deserving Airman Commission vacancy announcement

(Suspense: 12 Jul 00)

1. The 507LG has a Communications and Information Officer vacancy (Cpt auth/Position #0102264/PAS: U71LFDQ2) that will be filled under the Deserving Airman Commission Program.

The AFSC is 33S3. AFMAN 36-2105, attachment 7, identifies the duty requirements and qualifications.

**A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** Formulates plans and policies and defines communications and information resource requirements. Plans, develops, and engineers architectures and standards. Directs security programs.

## **B. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Education:** Undergraduate academic specialization is desirable in computer science; information resources management; software engineering, mathematics, scientific, engineering, or business disciplines with computer science specialization.

**Training:** For award of AFSC 33S3, a minimum of 18 months' experience in 33S3 assignments is mandatory.

## **C. ELIGIBILITY FACTORS:**

- 1) Be of high moral character and personal qualifications
- 2) Be a United States (US) citizen
- 3) Be medically qualified
- 4) Be at least 18 years of age and less than 35 years
- 5) Have a baccalaureate or higher degree

2. The following package submission must be received by the 507th ARW's Military Personnel Flight Office

**No later than COB of 12 Jul 00:**

A. Personal Resume (Optional). Limit the resume to no more than two pages.

B. Letters of Recommendation (Optional). No limit is established and may be from civilian employers, school officials, etc.

C. Official College Transcripts. If the candidate has not yet graduated, a certification of graduation from the registrar is required.

D. Official AFOQT scores.

E. Completed AF Form 24, Application for Appointment as Reserves of the Air Force or USAF without Component.

F. An endorsement/recommendation from applicant's squadron commander validating the applicant's officer potential.

A selection board will be held on 16 July 00 UTA. Candidates will be notified of time and place. For any additional information, please contact the Military Personnel Flight Career Enhancement Office, 734-7491.

## AFRC News Summary

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

### **Eight units win 17 awards at Rodeo 2000**

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Eight Air Force Reserve Command units lassoed 17 out of 73 possible awards at Rodeo 2000 hosted by Pope AFB, N.C., May 6-12.

Air Mobility Command's premier international air mobility competition featured 18 AFRC teams and another 60-plus teams from other Air Force commands and 16 countries. The teams competed for the title "best of the best" in flying, maintenance, aerial port, security forces, special tactics and aeromedical evacuation categories.

Leading the charge of Reserve competitors with five awards was the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C. Other multiple-award winners were the 446<sup>th</sup> AW, McChord AFB, Wash., and the 349<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., with three awards each, and the 452<sup>nd</sup> AMW, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., with two awards. The 439<sup>th</sup> AW, Westover ARB, Mass.; the 445<sup>th</sup> AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; the 514<sup>th</sup> AMW, McGuire AFB, N.J.; and the 908<sup>th</sup> AW, Maxwell AFB, Ala., each won an award.

McChord's 446<sup>th</sup> AW was the only Reserve unit to win a major team award – best C-141 wing.

### **Units deploy to Turkey for Operation Northern Watch**

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Some 150 reservists from the 419<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, and the 301<sup>st</sup> FW, Fort Worth, Texas, deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in mid-May for the first time as part of an Aerospace Expeditionary Force.

They joined other U.S. and coalition forces already in place as part of Operation Northern Watch, enforcement of the no-fly zone north of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel over Iraq. The reservists deployed with four F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft from Hill and four F-16s from Fort Worth. Another contingent of reservists from both units will deploy in late May to replace the first group and will remain overseas until mid-June.

Members of the 944<sup>th</sup> FW, Luke AFB, Ariz., and the 482<sup>nd</sup> FW, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., will take their place as part of the Reserve's commitment to 90-day coverage of Operation Northern Watch.



# 507 CLSS Team restores

## vintage F-86 fighter aircraft

Working on the detached wing of the F-86 is (left) SSgt. Don Calderwood and (right) SrA Jeffrey Bass with a little assistance from their counterpart from Homestead ARB in the middle.

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

A 507th CLSS Maintenance Team recently provided aircraft structural repair expertise to the 482nd Maintenance Squadron (MS) at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida.

The project involved the restoration of a vintage Korean War-Era F-86 fighter jet for use as a static display. The aircraft had been on display for more than 20 years at a city park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Being close to the ocean, the aircraft structure became severely corroded and damaged in the salt-water environment. A local Air Force Association (AFA) chapter adopted the goal of restoring the aircraft in time for a Veteran's Day celebration in November 2000. The AFA contracted the 482nd MS at nearby Homestead Air Reserve Base for assistance with the project. However, being a reserve unit, with only a limited full-time Air Reserve Technician Staff in its Structural Repair Shop, the 482nd MS needed additional manpower to devote to the F-86 restoration.

This is where the Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) came in. CLSS units have Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) teams that specialize in aircraft structural repairs. The 482nd MS advertised the project to reserve CLSS units as an opportunity for teams to hone their skills and receive a unique training experience. Reserve CLSS teams from the 419th CLSS at Hill AFB and the 433rd CLSS at Kelly AFB were the first to assist in the project. The restoration would be no simple task. Twenty years of corrosion had taken its toll. Much of the aircraft structure would have to be re-skinned. Also, the wing surfaces would have to be repaired and the wings themselves reattached.

In January, MSgt. Jason Yocum, the 507th CLSS Training Manager, became aware of the project during a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) at Homestead. Seeing the project as an excellent training opportunity, he then coordinated with the 507th CLSS Maintenance Advisor, Technical Sergeant Robert Dunn, to solicit team members from

within the 507 CLSS.

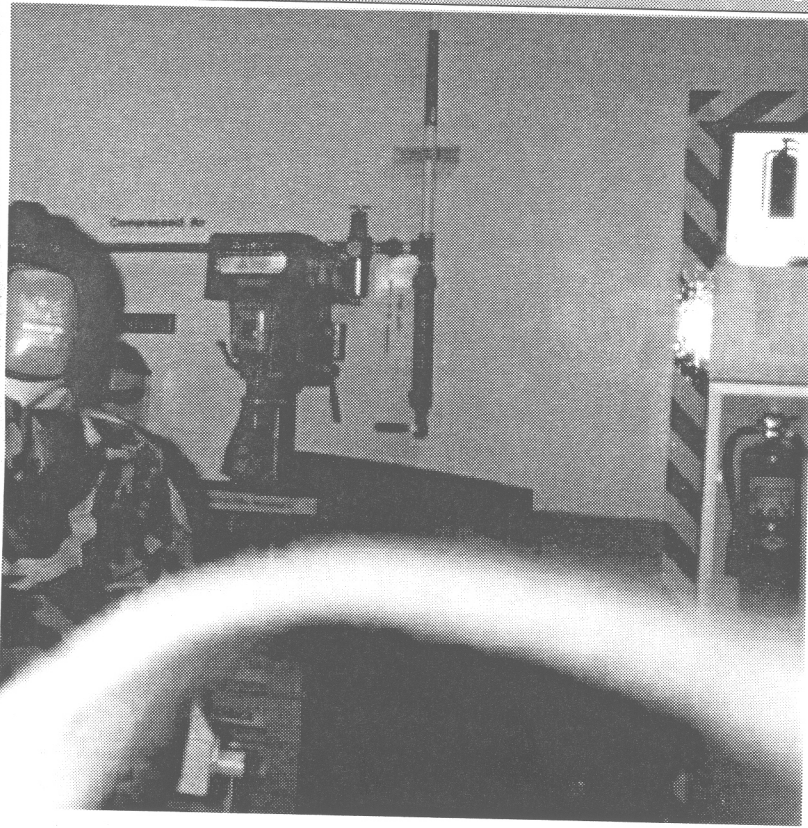
From February to March, a total of seven 507th CLSS main-



Photos by Capt. Bryan Runion

**The team, consisting of: (Left to right) TSgt. Eric Carrier; Sra Bryan Weedn and Jeffrey Bass; SSgt. Paul Brockmeyer; TSgt. Jeffrey Inlow; and SSgt. Don Calderwood.**





tenance personnel worked on the project at Homestead at various two-week intervals. The 507th CLSS team made a significant contribution including a crane lifting of the aircraft to place it on work stands. The 507th CLSS team also re-skinned several areas of the lower fuselage and removed the aircraft's fuel cell bladder. According to CMSgt. John Folger, 482nd Maintenance Squadron Superintendent, "The 507th team made a tremendous amount of progress during its time here at Homestead."

The 507th CLSS team was led by Team Chief, TSgt. Eric J. Currier, who is a depot-level structural repair technician at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center in his civilian job. Currier's depot expertise and ability to improvise and create work-around solutions significantly aided the project.

Other 507th CLSS team members at Homestead were: TSgts Jeffrey Inlow and John Milam; SSgts Paul Brockmeyer and Don Calderwood; SRA Jeffrey Bass and Bryan Weedn.

According to Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507th CLSS commander, "This was a win/win situation. We were able to assist the 482nd with manpower and at the same time receive an outstanding training experience."

507th CLSS team members also had opportunities in their off time to visit the nearby Florida Keys. They also received free tickets from the Homestead MWR Office to a NASCAR track race at the Homestead Speedway.

At the end of their tour, the 482nd Maintenance Squadron presented each 507th CLSS team member with a Certificate of Appreciation and an F-16 picture in appreciation for their

efforts.

The 507th CLSS may have another opportunity to travel to Homestead this fall to put the finishing touches on the F-86. The restoration of the F-86 is a unique and challenging assignment and but one example of the out of the ordinary projects tackled by the CLSS.

## Two first sergeant openings

CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant, is accepting applications for two squadron first sergeant positions, one with the 513th Maintenance Squadron and the other in the 507th Security Forces Squadron.

The listings below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application per AFI 36-2113, AFMAN 36-8001, and the 507th SEA criteria:

1. Must be a volunteer for the first sergeant position.
  2. A letter of recommendation from present supervisor endorsed by your commander or first sergeant if commander not available.
  3. Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skills.
  4. Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.
  5. Possess an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
  6. Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
  7. Have completed the NCO Academy (residence or correspondence).
  8. Possess a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL.
  9. Ability to speak distinctly.
  10. Be financially stable.
  11. Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Overall age should exceed minimum standards.
  12. Selectee must attend AFRES First Sergeant Academy at earliest possible date, but no later than one year from date of assignment.
  13. Meet a first sergeants review/interview board made up of selecting unit commander, Command Chief Master Sergeant, one unit first sergeant, and one senior NCO. Board members should not be assigned to the same unit as the applicant.
  14. Applications must be turned into the 507th Military Personnel Flight prior to 3 p.m. June 4. Board to meet in July.
- For more information, call CMSgt. Robert Kellington at Ext. 4-6379.

# New education incentives start for Air Force Reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reservists in 10 critical career fields and those seeking tuition assistance can apply for two new education incentives starting June 1.

Air Force Reserve Command's Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve "Kicker" program and AFRC's enhanced tuition assistance program are designed to boost recruitment and retention of unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees. AFRC officials here announced plans to implement both programs in early June.

Designed to work in conjunction with the Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve basic program, the Kicker program will provide up to an additional \$350 per month to qualifying full-time students in critical skills. Those skills are: intelligence - (1N), aircrew protection - (1T) manned aerospace maintenance - (2A), fuels - (2F), transportation and vehicle maintenance - (2T), munitions and weapons - (2W), civil engineering - (3E), linguist debriefer/interrogator - (8D) (IMAs only), aircrew operations - (1A), and medical services - (4N).

To qualify for the Kicker, reservists with these skills must:

- \* Commit to a six-year enlistment;
- \* Be drawing the Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve basic benefit;
- \* Be participating in the Selected Reserve;
- \* Have completed initial active duty training;
- \* Have a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- \* Be enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning.

Information about approved programs is available by calling or writing to the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs regional office.

People can obtain these telephone numbers by consulting their local telephone under the U.S. Government section or calling 1-800-827-1000.

To apply for the Kicker, reservists must complete AFRC Form 19, Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve Kicker Contract, which is pending publication.

The enhanced tuition assistance program improves the previous DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education) distance learning tuition assistance program. The new program offers 75 percent tuition reimbursement not to exceed \$187.50 per semester hour, up to a maximum ceiling of \$2,500

per year. Program participants can receive tuition assistance for resident courses and distance learning courses.

To be eligible for reimbursement, reservists must:

- \* Have at least 24 months remaining on their service commitment when they apply for tuition assistance;
- \* Be actively participating and in good standing;

- \* Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
- \* Take courses offered by post secondary institutions accredited by a national or regional accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education; and
- \* Must receive a passing grade that applies credit toward obtaining a degree.

Degree levels must be progressive, not equivalent. Applicants cannot draw tuition assistance for courses that lead to a degree level they already hold. For example, a person who has a bachelor's degree and an associate's degree cannot apply for assistance to get a second associate's degree.

However, people pursuing an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force in their control Air Force specialty code may receive tuition assistance regardless of any other degree held.


People can learn more about the Kicker and DANTES tuition assistance programs by visiting base education and training offices. (AFRC News Service)

## In Their Own Words from Basic Training

To: TSgt. Bill Thompson,

Thank you for your efforts in my enlistment with the Air Force Reserve. During in-processing, nearly everyone made comments on how well my packet was maintained by you. All stated that your packets always have the necessary paperwork and are never incomplete. I did brag about how you kept me informed as to what to expect prior to and during processing. My NCOIC was extremely pleased with your helping me select the readiness career field.

AB Michael Thomas  
Ponca City, OK



## GET ONE COUPON


From personal knowledge and/or contact, the following individual is interested in information on the Air Force Reserve and desires a personal contact: (please print the following information)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_



# Anthrax: What you should to know

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - As of April 19, 11,014 Air Force reservists have begun the six-shot, 18-month anthrax vaccine series, according to the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, Office of the Army Surgeon General, which administers the program.

As of May 18, 248 reservists with the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group have started the anthrax shot series.

"Right now, we are in phase one of the Anthrax Program," said SMSgt. Hiroko Yates, superintendent of health services management for the 507th Medical Squadron, "Everyone who has gone or is scheduled for deployment to Southwest Asia or Korea must get the first series of the shot or preferably the first three shots within 30 days of departure. The follow-on shots will then be received when they are at their area of responsibility or upon return to home station."

A total of 40,125 doses have been given to blue-suit reservists. The Air Force's Selected Reserve has about 70,120 reservists in the unit and individual mobilization augmentee programs.

Another 5,406 members of the Army Reserve and 3,468 Naval reservists have begun the series as of April 19, AVIP reported. Eventually, all 2.4 million military personnel, including about 1 million members of the National Guard and Reserves will be vaccinated according to AVIP figures.

As of March 29, 422,946 DOD service members have begun the anthrax vaccination series, AVIP reported.

In March, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan ordered that all airmen, including reservists, receive briefings on the anthrax immunization by the end of August.

Consequently, Air Force Reserve Command formed three briefing teams, one for each numbered air force, led by Col. (Dr.) Patricia Nell, chief of aerospace medicine and professional services at Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB.

The operations tempo has increased for the active force and the Reserve alike, resulting in more troops who need the anthrax vaccine. Since reservists serve two-week tours to fill a 90-day Air Expeditionary Forces assignment, it takes six times as many reservists as active duty to fill each AEF slot. And under Phase 1 of the immunization program, each person going to designated high-threat areas such as Korea and Southwest Asia must begin the anthrax shots.

"Proportionally, we have immunized more of our people than the active duty," Nell said.

What if a reservist refuses to take the shot? First, a commander would take steps to educate the member on the seriousness of the threat and the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Then, according to an AFRC Staff Judge Advocate memo-

randum to commanders, the member would be given a written order. After that, the price for refusing the vaccine escalates from receiving letters of counseling to reassignment to the inactive reserve.

"The bottom line about refusals is that commanders choose consequences from a range of options, and no member can consistently refuse to take the anthrax shot and stay in the Reserve," said Col. Carl Behrens, deputy staff judge advocate at Headquarters AFRC.

"We're not trying to punish people who don't take the shots," Behrens said. "We're trying to protect our troops from a deadly weapon."

The number of side effects reported so far remains low. As of March 29, nearly 1.6 million doses of anthrax vaccine had been given to 422,946 service members. Of those, 674 people have submitted reports of adverse reactions to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

An independent panel of civilian medical experts found just 396 of the 674 reports were "certainly or probably caused by anthrax vaccine," according to a report by the Anthrax Vaccine Expert Committee.

"Right now, everything is being blamed on anthrax," Nell said. Because the reporting system, called Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, is voluntary, if a member doesn't choose to report, "we can't track it," Nell said.

"Inherently, the vaccine has expected side effects, but it's a safe vaccine," she said.

The number of complaints reported is typical of any immunization, according to Nell. She said a vaccination should, by its nature, produce a response from the body. "If it's any good you're going to have a side effect," she said.

Along with the increased number of vaccinations comes increased number of side effects.

Responding to news media reports in which a disproportionately high number of pilots in the 9th Airlift Squadron at Dover AFB, Del., reported side effects from the anthrax vaccination, Nell said, "Every single vaccine released has had a report of nausea, chills, and fever" at some point.

Though the most severe reactions may temporarily disqualify a pilot from flying status, they are rare and short-term, she said.

Most adverse reports are of skin rashes and bumps on arms, Nell said.

Nell noted that, as with any vaccine, if an adverse reaction occurs, reservists should first seek medical attention as necessary, then follow up with the Reserve medical unit, and submit a report through VAERS.

**Continued on Page 14. See "ANTHRAX."**



## Commander's Coin for May

### SSgt. Benjamin Long, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS

"Sergeant Long just came back from our last trip (Yokota, Japan). I heard lots of great things about him. He did a great job over there. They were impressed." — Maj. William B. Taylor, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS Commander

### SSgt. Denver McShane, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS

"We had to offload an aircraft on Saturday and was short one crew chief (supervisor). Sergeant McShane hasn't been with us very long but he came on board, said 'No sweat' and went to work. He jumped in there and took the lead and got the job done." — Major William B. Taylor, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS Commander

### MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, First Sergeant, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS

"I gave my commander's coin to MSgt. McGuire for developing a JROTC program at Millwood Middle School. With the implementation of this program, he providing another option to students to insure their future success." — Col. Mario Goico, 507<sup>th</sup> ARW Vice Commander

### TSgt John Cordon, 507<sup>th</sup> MXS

"I presented my Commander's Coin of excellence to TSgt. John Cordon for his exceptional dedication to this unit and the Air Force Reserve. Like many reserve members, John keeps a positive attitude about his job and each Air Force core value is deeply entrenched within his personal character. He is well respected throughout the squadron. It is his superb work in survival equipment and a "Can Do" attitude that makes him a true "SH Okie" and makes him deserving of this recognition." — 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dan Moore, 507<sup>th</sup> MXS Commander

### TSgt. Jimmy L. Easton, 507 CLSS

"Sergeant Easton set-up training for our systems personnel at the B-1 depot during the May UTA— our first UTA to train under a "shop" versus a "team" concept. Sergeant Easton ensured outstanding "hands-on" training for our electrical, fuels, and hydraulics personnel. He coordinates training for the B-1 Team through contacts with the B-1 PDM line at the Oklahoma City ALC. Sergeant Easton was recently selected as the 1999 Fourth Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command Leo Marquez Award winner for outstanding aircraft maintenance technician-supervisor of the year." — Capt. Bryan L. Runion, Acting Commander

### TSgt Wiley Brooks, 507<sup>th</sup> ARW

"Sergeant Brooks is the Chief Administrator for the Wing Commander. I presented him with the Commander's Coin for outstanding leadership and administrative skills. He has a continuing willingness to lend a helping hand, and routinely goes out of way to assist others." — Maj. Mike Miller, 507<sup>th</sup> MSS commander

### A1C James M. Randol, 507<sup>th</sup> CES

"Airman Randol graduated from his Tech school in the upper 10 percent of his class with a 91 percent grade. He is an example of the exceptional people we have in the reserve, the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW and the 507<sup>th</sup> CES." — Maj. J. Renee Lane, 507<sup>th</sup> CES Commander

### SSgt. Takesha Williams, 465<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron

"Sergeant Williams is an outstanding NCO and a cornerstone of our squadron administration section. She is responsible for monitoring and managing our squadron UTAPS, processing orders requests and pay, and a multitude of other tasks and the results are always the same – superior! Definitely an outstanding squadron contributor with excellent potential—we couldn't get the job done without her." — Lt. Col. James F. Jackson, 465<sup>th</sup> ARS Commander.

## ANTHRAX

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(Reports to VAERS may be made in writing or by calling 1-800-822-7967, or online at:

<http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/vaers/vaers.htm>

"In looking at the anthrax vaccine issue and the media blitz highlighting people's fear of immunization, we need to focus on the real issue," said Lt. Gen. Charles Roadman II, former Air Force surgeon general who retired in December 1999.

"People need not be afraid of the immunization; they need to be afraid of the disease." (AFRC News Service)

### WEBSITES WITH MORE ANTHRAX INFORMATION

Reservists can obtain further information by contacting their medical unit or visiting the DOD anthrax web site at:

<http://www.anthrax.osd.mil>

Flight crews should visit:

<http://www.aviationmedicine.com>

and may read anthrax-related articles and information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at:

<http://www.cdc.gov>

Other useful DOD sites include:

\* Air Force anthrax site at:

<http://www.af.mil/current/anthrax/>

\* Air National Guard anthrax site at:

<http://www.ang.af.mil/sg/default.htm>

\* Army anthrax site at:

<http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/armymed/default2.htm>

\* Marine Corps anthrax site at:

<http://www.usmc.mil/anthrax.nsf>

\* Navy anthrax site at:

<http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/anthrax/anthrax.html#web>

Other useful non-DOD sites include:

\* World Health Organization anthrax data site at:

<http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/whocc/anthrax.htm>

\* The Mayo Clinic: "Anthrax: Ancient Disease Turned Biological Weapon" at:

<http://www.mayohealth.org/mayo/9803/htm/anthrax.htm>;

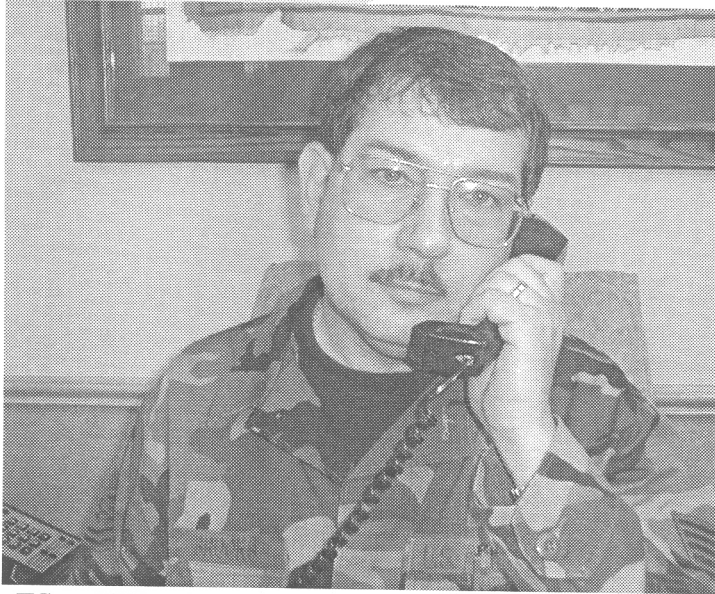
\* Johns Hopkins News: "Questions and Answers: The Dangers of Anthrax" at:

<http://www.intelihealth.com>

# Upclose

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW regarding the anthrax briefings conducted during the UTA:

**“Did the briefing help alleviate fears or make you more confident about the safety of anthrax shots?”**



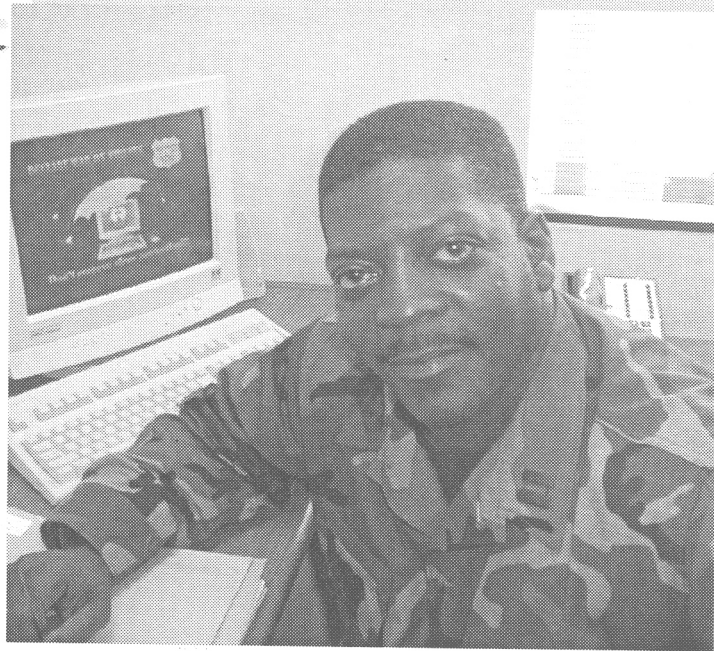
**TSgt. Wiley Brooks, Jr.**  
507th ARW/CCA

“The briefing did not make a difference for me. Col. Jones was a good speaker and he gave out some good information. I’d rather have a pain in the arm than die a horrible death.”

**MSgt. Clyde Hankins**  
507th MSS/CCF



“The briefing laid a lot of falsehoods to rest. Col. Jones was forthright with his answers and did not try to evade any questions.”



**Capt. Leonard Gaines**  
507th ARW/ME

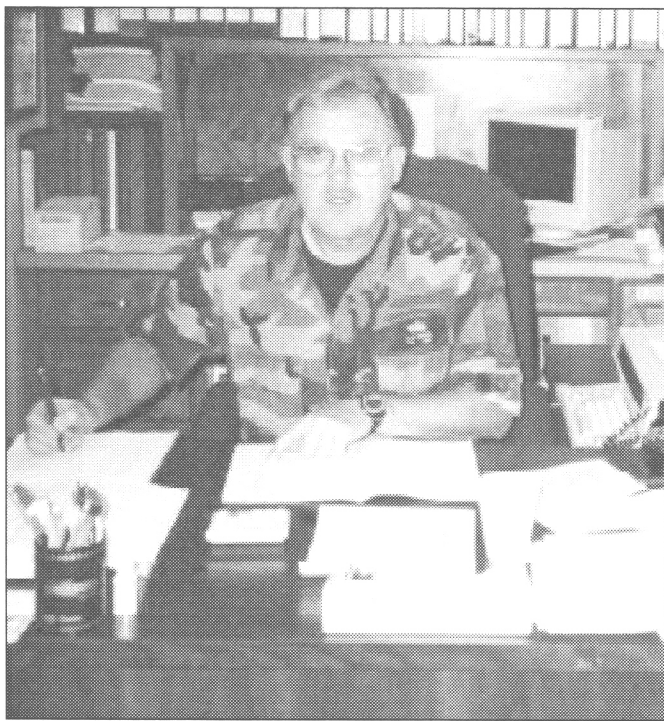
“The briefing gave me a little better insight as to what the shot is, but it didn’t answer my question of why we have to do it. When you’re given the “choice” of take it or get out, that’s not really a choice.”



**TSgt. Elaine Evers**  
507th CLSS

“Yes, the briefing did help alleviate some fears. My mind was already made up, though. It’s mandatory, and going to happen eventually. It’s like fighting city hall to no avail.”





# In Memoriam

The 507th Air Refueling Wing mourns the loss of MSgt. David Johnston, aircraft production controller assigned to the 507th Logistics Support Squadron. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and son, David.

His military career includes service with active duty, Air National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve. Johnston came to the 507th ARW in April 1985 when the unit was a tactical fighter group and has held several positions within the wing to include supply technician, engine tracking specialist, and plans and scheduling. Johnston's decorations include the Air Force Achievement Medal with three devices, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five devices, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eight devices, National Defense Service Medal with one device, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

## R-NEWS

### Chaplain's Office moved

The 507th ARW Chaplain's Office will be temporarily moved from the main hangar to the Tinker AFB Chapel, Bldg 5701, Room 25. They can be reached at Ext. 4-5632.

### EAC holds garage sale

The Enlisted Advisory Council is sponsoring a wing-side Garage Sale June 3 from 0730-1500 at the base supply parking lot [across from the Base Exchange].

### Top-3 Membership Drive

The 507th ARW's Top-3 Council will be hosting its Membership Drive at the NCO Club, Saturday June 3, at 1700.

### Hangar renovation planned

Currently, a contractor is to be selected by the middle of June for the 507th ARW's main hangar renovation project which is expected to be completed within 120 days. The following offices are expected to be temporarily relocated:

#### Office/Org

LG/CC  
QA

#### Stand Eval

#### LSS

Commander/Staff  
Transportation

#### Supply

MSL  
Analysis  
DLR/CPFH  
Mobility  
Training

#### MXS

Commander  
MXS Staff  
ISO Dock

#### CLSS

Safety  
Services  
Comm Flt  
Chaplain Office

#### Move to:

AGS  
Eng Shop

#### Ops Bldg/AWACs

EIW  
EIW & Motor  
Pool  
Base Supply/EIW  
AGS Support Sect  
Fab Shop  
Fab Shop  
Fab Shop  
AGS Training Rm

AGS  
AGS  
Fuel Hangar

EIW  
Ops Bldg (???)  
EIW  
EIW  
Base Chapel

#### Correction

The On-final staff apologizes to SSgts Cedric Williams and Marvin Lewis, 507th Mission Support Squadron. The two were featured in last month's Upclose Section with their names mismatched with their photographs.

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

#### Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Danny Bretthorst (405) 734-5331  
MSgt. Larry Wheatley (405) 739-2980  
MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells (405) 739-2980

#### Lawton, OK

TSgt. Nathan Bickler (580) 357-2784

#### Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Michael Tubbs (940) 676-3382

#### Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Darrell Batchelor (405) 733-9403  
TSgt. Pam Peterson (405) 733-9403

#### Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Bill Thompson (918) 665-2300

#### 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

