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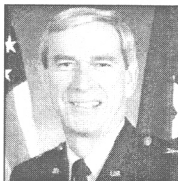
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Supporting World Peace



507th ARW Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich
507th ARW Commander

Employer, reservist's relationships are important

I want to thank everyone who had a part in our recent Employer Day and put in that extra effort which ensured our success.

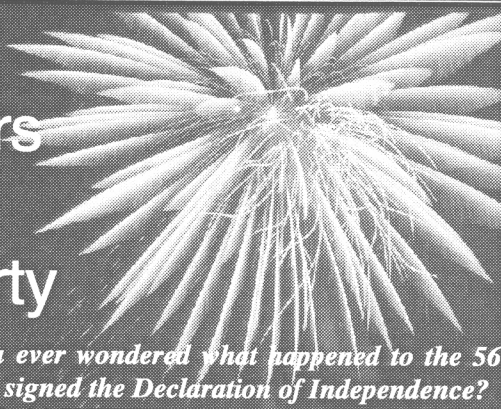
I especially want to thank the reservists and employers who participated in this important orientation. Strengthening the partnership between the employer and the Air Force Reserve will help us support America's national objectives.

One of the best ways to strengthen this partnership is building a better understanding for the employer of what it is we do and why it is important that we continue to do it. With the downsizing of the active force and an increasing reliance on the reserve components, this partnership is going to be tested again and again. The military requirements and challenges are a complete mystery to many employers, and we need to do everything we can to tell our story and get their support.

I welcome the opportunity to bring our employers out to the base, speak to them about their concerns as well as our own, provide them with a short orientation flight, and then finally, and probably most importantly, get them into our workplaces so they can see what "their" reservist does. As our civilian bosses get more familiar with where their reservist goes when he or she reports to the base, they will be more understanding, and hopefully more accepting of reserve duty requirements.

We must continue to look for opportunities to create a better understanding of each other's issues and concerns, and let's make next year's Employer Day even bigger and better!

224
years
of
liberty



Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Twenty-four men lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." They gave you and me a free and independent America.

We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at the time and we fought our own government!

-- Author unknown

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Recently, a man wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper complaining about his pastor's sermons.

"I have heard more than 3,000 sermons, and can't remember a single one of them. Why do they even waste our time," he wrote.

This sparked a heated debate in the paper over the next few days. Finally one gentleman wrote a letter that ended the debate. "My wife has made me over 32,000 meals during our time together, and I can't tell you the menus. But, I can tell they nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work."

As a pastor, I am well aware that the specifics of what I preach will be mostly forgotten by the next day, if not by the time they get home. Yet, I also know that the key to spiritual growth is regular study of the Bible.

Paul wrote, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Paul also wrote to Timothy, "All Scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness."

I encourage each of you to listen to, read, and study the Bible as much as possible. It will have a great effect on you!

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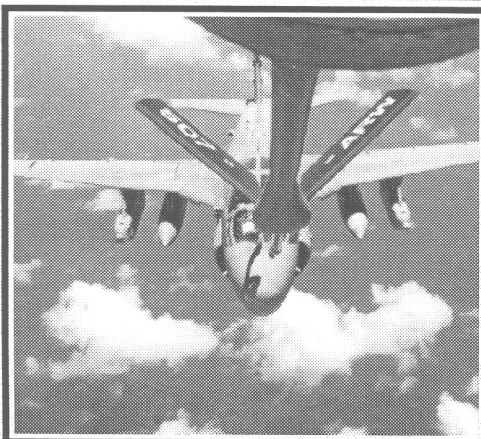
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This is your magazine. Take it home with you to share with family, friends, and employers.

On the cover

U.S. Navy photograph

Crewmembers from the 465th Air Refueling Squadron refuel a Navy EA-6B "Prowler" aircraft which launched from the Navy Aircraft Carrier Abraham Lincoln during RIMPAC 2000 June 16. See story on page 5.

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This year 60 reservists from Tinker's 513th Air Control Group and its 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron took part in the first two weeks of a six-week mock war known as Maple Flag. When they left Canada May 26, the members of the Air Force Reserve Command E-3 Sentry unit had a greater understanding of what to expect during war.

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101 Critical Days of Summer

Alcohol, boating don't mix

By MSgt. Gary Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

More than 1,000 people die in boating accidents every year with nine out of ten of them drowning. About 60 percent of those deaths involve alcohol.

Boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol is illegal, the same as driving under the influence.

With that said, seventy-six million people enjoy boating on America's waterways each year. Many are not aware of the very real, life threatening dangers associated with consuming alcohol and boating. To help reduce the incidents of BUI, the U.S. Coast Guard has initiated a major, nationwide campaign to warn Americans about the dangers of alcohol consumption and boating.

Four hours of exposure to powerboat noise, vibration, sun, glare; wind and motion produce a kind of "boater's hypnosis." This slows reactions almost as much as being drunk. Alcohol added to this sun exposure intensifies the effects.

When you're drinking, you're much more likely to fall overboard. Alcohol also reduces your body's ability to protect against cold water. So within minutes you may not be able to call for help or swim to safety. An intoxicated person whose head is immersed can be confused and swim down to death instead of up to safety.

Because operating a boat under the influence is so dangerous, the Coast Guard is using a threefold approach to reducing alcohol related accidents:

1. Improved law enforcement in cooperation with the States.
2. An improved accident reporting system to identify alcohol-related accidents.
3. Widespread education and public awareness of the dangers of alcohol. Every boater, whether an operator or passenger, should cooperate in spreading this word.

Throughout the country each year, more than 2,000 safe boating courses are offered by groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, the American Red Cross, and individual States. Courses cover many aspects of boating safety - from boat handling to reading the weather. All courses include knowledge and warning about alcohol and boating. For more information on finding a course near you that will fit your schedule - call the toll-free U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647 or The Oklahoma Lake Patrol at 425-2424.

Alcohol affects people differently. The chart below shows how much the Blood Alcohol Content is raised by consuming alcohol in a two hour period. The chart provides averages only, and reactions will vary depending upon such factors as food in the stomach, medication, mood and fatigue.

Blood Alcohol Content Chart

Body Weight in Pounds	Number of Drinks in a two Hour Period. 12 oz. beer = 5 oz. wine = 1 oz. 80 proof liquor.								
100	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
120	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
140	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
160	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
180	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
200	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
220	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
240	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

BAC to .05%

BE CAREFUL- Loss of judgment and coordination

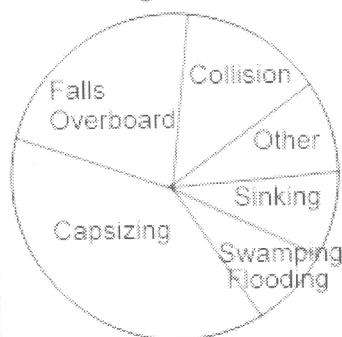
**BAC .05%
to .10%**

ABILITIES IMPAIRED- Chance of accident increased

**BAC .10%
and over**

DO NOT OPERATE A BOAT- High risk of accident

Boating Fatalities



**Type of Accident
50% Alcohol Related**

Operating a boat is at least as complicated as driving a car and a boating accident can be just as dangerous as an automobile accident. Yet many people who would never drink and drive, think it's safe to operate their boat after drinking. It isn't. In fact, 50% of all boating fatalities are alcohol related. Operating a boat while intoxicated is illegal and dangerous.

Graphs courtesy of boating safety. You can visit their website at www.boatingsafety.com

507th members work with Navy

TINKER AFB, Oklahoma - Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing recently returned from Hickam AFB, Hawaii in support of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2000.

RIMPAC is a major maritime exercise held every two years involving more than 50 ships and 200 aircraft. Six Pacific Rim nations and the United Kingdom participated in RIMPAC 2000. Although RIMPAC is primarily a Navy exercise, 22,000 sailors, airmen, soldiers, coastguardsmen and Marines support it. This year marks the 17th RIMPAC held since 1971.

The 507th ARW deployed two KC-135R Statotanker aircraft and 20 reservists in support of the two-week multi-national exercise. The exercise brings together armed forces from Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

According to Maj. Kenneth Lewis, director of operations for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, "This was a great exercise for us. Our unit offloaded more than 367,000 pounds of

fuel and refueled more than 61 aircraft during 26 ½ hours of exercise flying." Lewis stated the tanker fleet, involving a mix of active duty, guard and reserve units, operated as a

tanker cell to support the variety of Air Tasking Orders received daily by the U.S. Navy.

"We did work some long days, but overall the event was well organized with good communications back and forth between the Navy and the Air Force," he said.

RIMPAC is intended to enhance the tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide array of combined operations at sea. By enhancing interoperability, RIMPAC helps to promote stability in the Pacific Rim region to the benefit of all participat-



U.S. Navy photograph

In a break of the action of exercise Rim of the Pacific 2000 (RIMPAC), USS Squall (PC 7) (foreground) and the United States Third Fleet flagship USS Coronado (AGF 11) sit pierside at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

ing nations. This year's exercise included a variety of surface combatant ships, submarines, tactical aircraft, amphibious and ground forces and a U.S. aircraft battle carrier group.

Deadline nears to extend high year of tenure in 2001

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - If they qualify, reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between Jan. 1, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2001, have until July 15 to submit a request for a two-year extension of their enlistment to stay in Air Force Reserve Command.

In the directorate of personnel's relocation branch at Headquarters AFRC here, officials said this temporary exception to policy is designed to help the command meet its mission and end-strength objectives. The command began offering HYT extensions in April 1999.

Only unit reservists and individual mo-

bilization augmentees in the Selected Reserve are eligible for the program. They may not enter an extension beyond age 60. Previous extensions of HYT dates combined with extensions under this program may not exceed three years.

Air reserve technicians who retire from Civil Service during the HYT extension will have their extension terminated when they leave their civilian position.

The Air Force Reserve began phasing in its HYT program Jan. 1, 1989. The program limits participation in the Reserve to a total of 33 years of total federal military service for all enlisted reservists unless they are selected for an

extension beyond the HYT. The Reserve started the program to improve grade ratios, ensure sustained promotion opportunity for lower grade enlisted people and increase readiness with a more fit force.

Before 1989, enlisted reservists could stay in the Reserve an unlimited number of years up to age 60. For example, reservists who joined the service on their 18th birthday and did not take a break in service could serve for 42 years.

Military personnel flights have more information about HYT extensions. (AFRC News Service)

Military Personnel Flight

Information you can use

By 2Lt. Layne Wroblewski
OIC Personnel Systems for the 507th ARW MPF

If you have been in the military for any length of time you know about the Air Force's decorations program. Out of the 67 Air Force Ribbons and Medals there are three medals that are awarded more than all other medals combined. These are the Air Force Achievement Medal (AFAM), Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM), and Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), ranked from lowest to highest.

The Secretary of the Air Force (SAF) authorized the AFAM on Oct. 20, 1980 for Air Force personnel who commit outstanding achievement of meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of the Air Force. It may also be awarded for acts of courage lesser than for award of the AFCM. Oak leaf clusters signify additional awards and a "V" device is for a contingency deployment operation depending upon the Area of Responsibility being declared hostile by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or hostile acts identified by the unified commander of higher authority. This award is generally awarded to junior officers or airmen.

The AFCM was authorized by the SAF on Mar. 28 1958 for Air Force personnel who have distinguished themselves by outstanding achievement or meritorious service. The degree of merit must be distinctive, though it does not have to be unique. Acts of courage that do not involve the voluntary risk of life required for the Airmen's Medal may be considered for the AFCM.

The same devices as for the AFAM signify additional awards. This decoration is normally awarded to company grade officers (2Lt.-Capt.) and Non-Commissioned Officers (SSgt and up).

The MSM was established by Executive Order 11448 on Jan. 16 1969 for any member of the Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States above and beyond that required for the AFCM. This award was established as the counterpart of the Bronze Star Medal for the recognitions of meritorious noncombatant service. It is normally awarded to senior officers (Majors and up) and senior NCOs (MSgt. and up) but may be awarded to lower ranking members upon retirement or for exemplary achievement/ser-

vice.

These three medals are submitted to a Wing Awards and Decorations Board for recommendation and approved by the Wing Commander. For submission their Commander must first recommend a potential nominee. The individual's orderly room requests a recommendation printout (Decor-6) from PC-III and the member's supervisor generally prepares the narrative along with the certificate for submission to career enhancement here in the MPF. There are other guidelines for each award and can be found in AFI 36-2803 or in the Air Force Personnel website <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards>. Questions? Contact TSgt. Melonie Sokolove at Ext.4-7491. Next month: PEP Promotions.

"Tinker Express" shuttle service explored

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The 507th Operations Group is exploring the feasibility of creating a KC-135 "shuttle" service for reservists who commute to weekend drills from the Dallas, Texas area.

According to Col. James Kerr, Operations Group commander, "We currently have 40 individuals who drive to Oklahoma City each month from Dallas." Those figures include members of both the 507th Air Refueling Wing as well as the 513th Air Control Group.

The shuttle service would involve flying to Dallas on Friday evening to pick up reservists and returning them to Dallas late Sunday afternoon after completion of their drill.

"We believe this would be a benefit to those members who make that 3 ½ hour drive every month as well as provide another training opportunity for our aircrew," Kerr said. Kerr stated the unit will continue to study the possibility of establishing shuttle routes. "We're not ignoring the possibility of starting additional routes in the future, but we do want to make sure that we're making the most effective use of our time and resources," he said.

A typical flight between Dallas to Oklahoma City would take roughly 45 minutes. Kerr acknowledged that once members arrived here they would not have their personal cars but stated that the unit would make arrangements to improve bus shuttle routes to help the reservists get around. "We'll have buses meet them at the plane when they arrive and get them checked into billeting. Bus routes will also be set up to pick them up at billeting and get them to work and meals and back to their room at night. And of course, they can also hitch rides to other places from friends in their sections if they don't want to ride the bus," he said.

Should a shuttle service begin, Kerr stressed that every effort would be made to ensure that airlift is available.

"I've seen this service provided at other units and we would make every effort to use alternate unit aircraft, should we have a maintenance problem," Kerr said. "But the primary responsibility for getting to the drill will still fall on the individual reservist."

Kerr asked unit commanders to survey their members during this weekend drill to find out how many people would participate in the shuttle service. If you commute from the Dallas area and are interested in taking advantage of this offer, contact your commander personally.

Commander's Coin recipients for June

507th Commander's Coins are presented monthly to unit members demonstrating dedication to the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. The following individuals received coins.

CMSgt. Leon S. Walker, 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron:

"Chief Walker has been the focal point for the squadron's temporary move to the 38th EIW. He has done a masterful job working the many logistics issues that come with moving all of the squadron's administrative areas into a new facility. This has included coordinating our LAN lines, phones, furniture, and any and everything else that has come up. Chief Walker is a "hands-on" Chief and is not afraid to get his hands dirty. He is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. His expertise in building construction in civilian life has been a blessing to the squadron during our move. His efforts have made the transition as painless as possible for our squadron" — Maj. Donald E. Harlan, CLSS Commander

SSgt. Maria Plata, 507th Mission Support Squadron

"Sergeant Plata is assigned to our Services organization. She showed excellent leadership and skill recently when assisting with setting up the Mobile Kitchen Trailers (MKTs), along with the preparation and serving of hot meals to 100 members of the 507th Logistics Group. She was also instrumental with the tear down, clean up, and packing of the equipment for the event. Many favorable comments were received." — Maj. Mike Miller, 507th MSS Commander

MSgt. Robert Greenlee, 707th Communications Flight (For May),

"MSgt. Greenlee is a Communications-Computer Operator with the 707th CF. His work during the June UTA was highly commendable. Normally he spends some of his time working the Wing Computer Helpdesk, but because of the recent virus attack he had to spend additional time to make sure all the Wings computers were protected. He also had to work to get the e-mail re-established. All this work is above and beyond his regular reserve training and responsibilities. He can always be counted on to do whatever it takes to get the job done. He was able to restore the units connection to a network printer when it suddenly went down. It is not uncommon for MSgt. Greenlee to spend 10-12 hours working to fix critical communications and computer problems during the UTA. Even with all this, MSgt. Greenlee volunteered to take responsibility for processing all the units orders. He is a traditional reservist, but since our Unit does not have an ART, he volunteered his time to make sure orders are processed accurately and in a timely manner. — Maj. Harold Collins, 707th CF Commander

SrA Kelly Mitchell, 707th Communications Flight (June)

"SrA Mitchell is an Information Management Specialist with the 707th CF. Her performance during the June UTA was outstanding. She took on all the responsibilities of running the units orderly room because of a short notice transfer of the primary Information Management Specialist. She accomplished all the new duties, completed her training, reviewed and completed processing on 10 enlisted performance reports, and completed 3 special personnel actions. The unit operation would not have been effective without her hard work and selfless dedication to duty." — Maj. Harold Collins, 707th CF Commander

TSgt. Darlene Chee, 465th Air Refueling Squadron

"TSgt. Chee is a very dedicated and hard working NCO in our administration section whom we could not do without. Her attention to detail and superior efforts ensure that our orders processing and UTAPs run smoothly, and that pay is on time for all squadron members—we definitely appreciate her outstanding contributions to our unit." — Lt. Col. Jim Jackson, 465th ARS Commander

TSgt. George A. Proctor, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I presented my commander's coin to Sergeant Proctor for his outstanding performance as the Distinguished Graduate of the 3-level Environmental Apprentice Course, scoring an almost perfect score of 99." — Maj. J. Renee Lane, Maj., 507th CES Commander



(Left) The batter is up. (Middle) The hit is made with player Justin Moody, Air Traffic Control team, covering homeplate. (Right) Player Patrick Marshall, on the Air Force Reserve team, steals homeplate on an errant throw.

Air Force Reserve team scores big

Story and photos
by TSgt. Robert Burgess
Altus AFB, The Patriot

"It ain't over till it's over." Those words were made famous by former New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra, and held true for the Air Force Reserve and the Air Traffic Controllers Little League teams.

The teams squared off Tuesday night in the City Pony League baseball game between 11- to 12-year-olds, at Cole Heights Park.

With their last at-bat and a 16-5 defeat staring them in their eyes, the Air Force Reserve team staged an eight-run surge to fall just short to the Air Traffic Controllers 16-13.

Air Traffic Controllers' first year coach Scott Koehler said, "I told my players to keep their heads in the game and not to lose their nerve, because anything can happen in baseball. Both teams played their hearts out, and you couldn't have asked for a better game."

The Air Traffic Controllers team is sponsored by 34 of the Altus AFB air traffic controllers; assistant coaches are Thomas Pope and Matt Wolf.

MSgt. Ron Salafia, Air Force Reserve recruiter at Altus AFB, sponsors the Air Force Reserve team. Salafia has always wanted to have an Air Force Reserve Little League team. "This is the first opportunity I have had in all my years as a recruiter to be able to do this for the community," Salafia said.

Kevin Kelly is the coach of the Air Force Reserve team. The assistant coaches are Charles Hamberger, Mark Campbell and Ron Salafia.

Cole Heights Park has eight baseball diamonds, and is packed with family members on game nights. Salafia said, "Each team

usually has about two to three dependents from the base playing in the different leagues."

Kelly said, "The league is a great way for people to get off base and get involved with the community."

In the first inning, the Air Traffic Controllers had a man on second base and used a hit and run play to score first. The Reserves gave up another run and got out of the inning 2-0, when pitcher Anthony Campbell retired the last batter on strikes.

The Reserves scored three runs in the bottom of the first to go ahead 3-2. In the second inning the ATC added three more runs, regaining the lead 6-3. The Reserves recovered and added two runs to narrow the score to 6-5.

In the third inning ATC routed the Reserves with 10 runs for a 16-5 lead. The Reserves used two pitchers to try to stop the mayhem. In their last at bat Reserve's coach Kelly rallied his team, saying, "I told the players we weren't going down like this and they could comeback."

With the motivation from the coaches, the Reserves put together a string of hits and stolen bases to get back into the game.

Assistant coach Campbell said, "We have a lot more first year kids than second year kids, and we have to work with them more. It is just a matter of teaching them the fundamentals of the game."

"Part of that challenge includes getting them to think about what they need to do once they get the ball," Campbell said.

"They have to think about their position now ... 'What am I going to do?' before the ball gets to them."

Koehler said, "It doesn't matter if we win or lose, as long as the players play with their hearts and are having a good time, that's really all that matters."

FAMILY CARE

In accordance with AFI 36-2908, all Air Force members active and reserve with families, need to have family care arrangements that cover all reasonably practical situations, both short and long term. This plan will detail and ensure a smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to another individual during the member's absence. Single parents, dual military couples with family members, and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations, as determined by the commander, will complete the AF Form 357, Family Care Certification. Failure to make adequate and acceptable family care arrangements makes a member not worldwide qualified, and subject to disciplinary or other action. **SEE YOUR FIRST SERGEANT!!!**

FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) or Regents College Examinations (RCE) tests FREE! These examinations test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. 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.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Become a certified professional in a field related to your military training. DANTES and AFRC funded certification examinations are available for certain career fields. Go to <http://www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm> and click on AFR Matrix which identifies the eligible AFSCs, certification exams available and internet addresses for more info. If you desire to take an exam, **contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further your education up to a Bachelor's 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 \$2500 per FY.
- 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.

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 2000 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
00-7	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.

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 allowed 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.**

✓ **Newcomer's Orientation and Ancillary Training is in a new location, BLDG 201, Base Education Building. Room Number will be posted in lobby.**

FY2000/2001 UTA Schedule

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
06-07 Jan 01	14-15 Jul 01

as of 30 June 2000

Fri, 14 Jul 2000		Fri, 04 Aug 2000	
1000	NCOLDP Graduation	1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	1600	Top 3 Council
1600	Top 3 Council		
Sat, 15 Jul 2000		Sat, 05 Aug 2000	
As Designated	Sign In	As Designated	Sign In
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EDUCATION

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OFFICER PME, JOLDS OR ANY SPECIAL OFFICER COURSES

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

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.

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 201, Base Education Building**. **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	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-1000	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1000-1015	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	1015-1115	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 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 201, Base Education Building.

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 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 201, Base Education Building.

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.

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 2 or 7 you have until 31 Jul 2000 and 3 or 8 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.**

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Another AFRC award recipient



TSgt. Jimmy L. Easton, aircraft electrical and environmental systems technician for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), was awarded Air Force Reserve Command's Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award, Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance Person of the Year, in the technician-supervisor category.

According to Maj. Donald Harlan, commander of the 507th CLSS, Easton is qualified as both a B-1B Electrical and Environmental Systems Specialist and Aircraft Structural Maintenance Specialist. He also serves as assistant team chief of a 14-member B-1 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Team (ABDR) of aircraft during training scenerios. He holds qualifications as both an ABDR Technician and Assessor.

He had voluntarily cross-trained from structural repair into the electrical and environmental career field when the squadron was in great need of seven-level certifiers and trainers. Easton has facilitated training through contacts with his civilian employment on the B-1 depot production line at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla., as an Air Force Civil Service Structural Repair and Electrical Technician. He has personally ensured that meaningful training is provided to B-1 team on depot line during UTA weekends. He coordinates and provides 45-day manday orientation training on B-1 systems to new personnel. His efforts enhance knowledge of B-1 systems and upgrade qualifications for his fellow team members.

He has coordinated unit's support of B-1 Global Positioning System (GPS) modification with a squadron member on mandays designated as a team chief with responsibility for the modification from start to finish.

Easton has also been selected as both the 507th CLSS and 507th Air Refueling Wing NCO of the Quarter, Apr-Jun 99, for his efforts in training personnel in B-1 systems and coordinating with Air Logistics Center support of training programs.

He also developed the groundwork infrastructure for his team's support of B-1, KC-135, F-15, and F-16 aircraft in an Air Expeditionary Wing under the new Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) concept.

Easton is a member of a Process Action Team (PAT) addressing aircraft maintenance training issues and concerns and assisted in a complete review of squadron training processes and training requirements which included more than 50 ancillary training requirements and 300 skill-level tasks.

JULY 2000

AFRC News Summary

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

Selfridge unveils Reserve KC-135 aerial port flight

SELFRIDGE ANG BASE, Mich. – The 927th Air Refueling Wing unveiled its operational support squadron's aerial port flight during a stand-up ceremony here June 10.

Flight activities include engine running offloads, cargo inspections and mobility load team supervision, both as a stand-alone unit or when providing augmentation to other units.

The Selfridge unit is one of two Air Force Reserve Command aerial port flights associated with KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft. The other flight is assigned to the 434th ARW at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. Both flights were activated in April 1999 and are authorized 38 members. A similar stand-up ceremony is planned for the Grissom flight later this year.

Anthrax briefing teams hit road to set record straight

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Anthrax, its possible use by an enemy on the battlefield and the vaccine to counter this threat, is a hot topic of discussion, both within the civilian media and military community.

While the overwhelming majority of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have taken the shots when required, a small number of people, including some Air Force reservists, have refused, questioning the need for mandatory vaccinations to protect the force against this deadly disease.

Defense Department officials believe education is the key to addressing people's concerns about the anthrax vaccine. Because rumors, misinformation and partial truths are fueling much of the controversy, one of the greatest challenges facing the military is providing accurate information to people looking for answers to legitimate questions.

Senior Air Force leaders think education is so important to the program's success or failure that in a message sent out in March, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan ordered that all airmen, including reservists, be briefed on anthrax immunizations by the end of August.

To carry out this order, the Reserve decided to form briefing teams for each numbered air force. Col. (Dr.) Patricia Nell, chief of the Aerospace Medicine and Professional Services Division at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters, Robins AFB, was put in charge of assembling the teams and getting them prepared for the massive education effort.

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AWACS crews control Canadian skies in Maple Flag

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

Each year hundreds of military personnel from around the world flock to the prairie wetlands of the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range north of Edmonton, Canada, to practice warfighting skills.

This year 60 reservists from Tinker's 513th Air Control Group (ACG) and its 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) took part in the first two weeks of a six-week mock war known as Maple Flag. When they left Canada May 26, the members of the Air Force Reserve Command E-3 Sentry unit had a greater understanding of what to expect during war.

"This is our job," said Maj. Dan Fallon, detachment commander for the 513th ACG on the E-3 airborne warning and control system aircraft. "The more chances we get to practice with large groups of international aircraft, the better our expertise. During Maple Flag, we knocked the rust off and the learning curve was heightened because we interacted closely with our allies before and after the mission. The situation was ideal."

A typical day during the exercise started with early morning briefings. For the uninitiated, this was an eye opener. Various languages from around the world added to the complexity and excitement. In addition to Americans and Canadians, the exercise drew military personnel from

Singapore, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. U.S. forces totaled more 600 participants. A Reserve associate unit, Tinker's 513th ACG, flies and maintains E-3 aircraft along with the active force's collocated 552nd Air Control Wing, and receives administrative support from the Reserve's 507th Air Refueling Wing.

During their two-week deployment, the American AWACS crews flew the morning missions, while a British E-3 worked the afternoon. Each pilot experienced approximately eight missions flying with other countries, said Fallon. Bad weather, including snow on one day, hampered some missions.

"Maple flag provided excellent training for us," said Fallon. "It is a weapons-intensive exercise with a lot of planning required to make it pull together."

During each of the two daily launches, about 75 aircraft took off within an hour. The American E-3 aircraft, call sign "Scout," left early, in plenty of time to get its airborne warning system up and online to control the assets. Each fighter jet made the

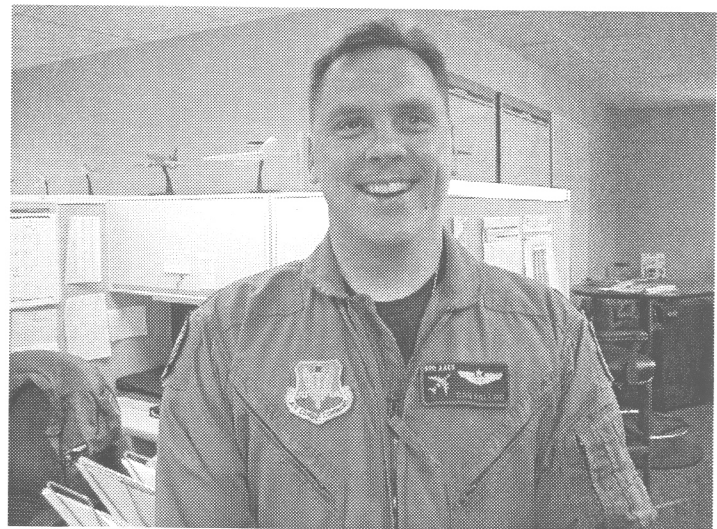


trek to the range to battle the “enemy.” Opposing forces included dissimilar aircraft such as the MiG-29 Fulcrum. The easy access to the range and the electronically simulated missile attacks and other threats made the training realistic.

“The whole premise of Maple Flag is working closer with our foreign allies,” Fallon said. “We benefit when we continue to train with multinational forces.”

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-- Maj. Dan Fallon



New Education Benefits program announced

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Air Force Reserve officials announced they have implemented two new education incentives on June 1, 2000.

Both programs, the Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) "Kicker" program and an enhanced Tuition Assistance Program will be available to qualifying unit reservists and Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMAs).

The MGIB-SR Kicker program is designed to work in conjunction with the MGIB basic education benefit program and will provide up to an additional \$350 per month to qualifying full time students. This program is being offered to enlisted unit reservists and IMAs who meet the following requirements:

Enlist for 6 years in one of the following critical career fields: Intelligence, Aircrew Protection, Manned Aerospace Maintenance, Fuels, Transportation & Vehicle Maintenance, Munitions and Weapons, Civil Engineering, Linguist Debriefer/Interrogator (IMAs only), Air Crew Operations or Medical Services.

- Actively drawing the MGIB-SR basic benefit
- Actively participating in the selected reserve
- Have completed initial active duty training
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Are enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning.

For individuals meeting all the above requirements, officials say this new Kicker incentive program will provide an exciting and valuable benefit that will enhance their current MGIB-SR benefits. They add that in many cases the benefit may fully cover the cost of their tuition and related expenses.

The second program, which started June 1, the Air Force Reserve Tuition Assistance Program is a significant enhancement to the previous DANTES 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. Tuition assistance will be available for both traditional, resident courses and distance learning courses. To be eligible for tuition assistance reimbursement, unit reservists and IMAs must meet the following criteria:

- Have 24 months remaining on their military commitment upon application for tuition assistance
- Be actively participating in the reserve and in good standing
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Individuals cannot draw tuition assistance for

courses that lead to a degree level already held by that member. The education level must be progressive with the exception of individuals already possessing a Bachelor degree who are working for an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force within their military career field.

- Individuals will receive reimbursement of 75 percent of tuition costs only for courses successfully completed. Successful completion is defined as a passing grade that will apply credit toward obtaining a degree.

Tuition Assistance will be provided only for courses offered by postsecondary institutions accredited by a national or regional accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education.

Whaley, Czেকanski trade jobs

WASHINGTON – Two Air Force Reserve Command general officers will trade jobs this summer, according to an announcement by the Office of Air Force Reserve's directorate of personnel here June 9.

Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Whaley, 4th Air Force commander at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and Brig. Gen. James P. Czекanski, director of operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., will swap positions Aug. 7.

Whaley has commanded 4th Air Force since July 1993. Czекanski has been at Headquarters AFRC since May 1997, first as the inspector general and then as the director of operations starting in April 1998.

Both men have similar military experiences, including being commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1968. Whaley graduated from The Citadel, and Czекanski is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Czекanski began undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., in July 1968. A month later, Whaley entered UPT at Laredo AFB, Texas. Other similarities are command of airlift groups and wings and numerous flying hours in C-5, C-130 and C-141 aircraft.

This is Czекanski first assignment as a numbered air force commander. Whaley briefly commanded 14th Air Force (forerunner of today's 22nd Air Force) at Dobbins ARB, Ga., in 1993 before assuming command of 4th Air Force.

Snapshot



Photo by 2Lt. Stan Paregien

Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), enlists Scott Sigler, June 3, who joined the 507th ARW.



Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The 513th Air Control Group held a Change-of-Command Ceremony for the 513th Operations Support Flight, June 4, for Maj. John Trnka turning over command to Maj. Amy Hampton. Trnka assumed the Director of Operations position for the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

(Left to right) SSgt. Crystal Stiltner, command post specialist for the 507th Air Refueling Wing; Mr. Ray Moody, natural resource biologist for Tinker AFB; and SSgt. Tom Pumkin, aerial ground equipment mechanic for the 507th Maintenance Squadron; along with (not pictured) TSgts Laurenkallen Harper, now assigned as a reservist to the 931st Air Refueling Group at McConnell AFB, Kan; Michael Foster, 513th Maintenance Squadron, and SSgt. Kevin Hurley, now on active duty, came up with ideas on ways to improve the base's three and a half mile nature walking trail as part of their Leadership Development Program project team.

Through their research and persistence, and working with John Krupovage, OC-ALC/EM, the team persuaded the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group to each contribute funds for the improvements consisting of installing drinking fountains, benches along the trail, and make the fishing pond handicap accessible from the family camp.

Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida



Who's Who



Photos by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

TSgt. Kenneth Danielson

ORGANIZATION: 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron

POSTION: Supply Technician

CIVILIAN POSITION: Retired

HOMETOWN: Hills, Minnesota

HOBBIES: Fishing

FAVORITE MUSIC: Rock



TSgt. Christopher Lindsay

ORGANIZATION: 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

POSTION: Airborne Communications Systems

CIVILIAN POSITION: Telecommunications Technician

HOMETOWN: Warm Springs, Virginia

HOBBIES: Ride motorcycles

FAVORITE MUSIC: 60s

Computer-based training site opens Air Force-wide

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) - The Air Force computer based training central site is complete and open for use by all military and civilian Air Force personnel.

The Web site provides desktop information technology training via the Internet with more than 1,040 computer based training courses. In addition, the central site provides a single database for student registration, course progress tracking and metric reporting. All courses and utilities can be accessed at the Air Force CBT Web site at

<https://afcbt.den.disa.mil/usafcbt>.

To take advantage of this free IT training, users must first install a utility program before taking any courses. The utility can be downloaded from the central site.

For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Palmer, Air Force Communications Agency CBT program, at DSN 576-2815 or 618-256-2815 or via email at **HQ AFCA@SCOTT.AF.MIL**, or visit the program management Web site at **www.scott.af.mil/cbt**.

FROM BASIC TRAINING: In their own words

TSgt. Nathan Bickle,

How are you? I'm great. I am in my third week of training and we are having inspections everyday. So far I have passed all of them...I play in the band and we have our first graduation to do tomorrow morning. I get to wear my blues for the first time. Well, got to go for now.

-- AB Shannon Breckons



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)

Name _____ Male Female
(Last) (First) (MI) (circle one)

Address _____
(Number) (Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth _____

Upclose

The following question was asked of some of the passengers on a recent unit employers' flight: Does this flight opportunity give you a better insight on the AF Reserve and the importance of your employee-reservist?

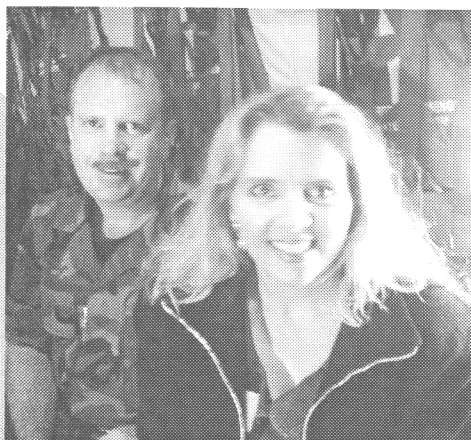


Brett Westerfield

General Motors

Reservist: CMSgt. Joseph Tytanic

"The year-in-review video gave me an overall idea of what the unit does on a regular basis. It was very informative. We get caught up in the paperwork of approving the extra time off and don't actually see that our reservist is doing something useful."



Ladena Lambert

AT&T

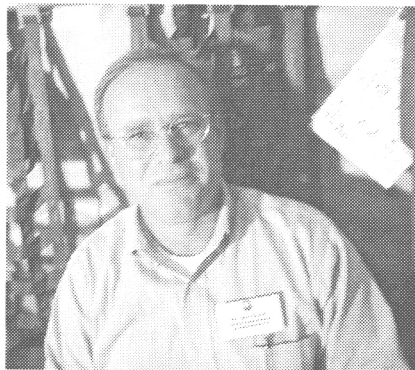
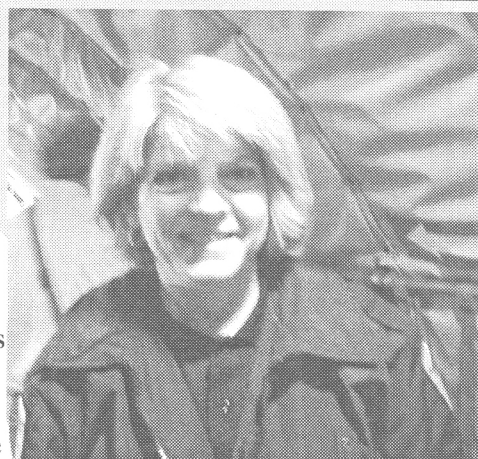
Reservist: Doug Carrell

"I liked being in the cockpit and watching the refueling. I didn't realize reservists spend so much time doing these activities."

Kathy Waters

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
Reservist: MSgt. Walter Simco

"The flight gave me a better understanding of the technical expertise involved and that these people have other jobs in addition to their regular job. Seeing other planes and being in the cockpit was really enjoyable. The in-flight lunches have commercial airline meals beat by a mile!"



Jerry Scoville

Oklahoma Natural Gas
Reservist: MSgt. David Haggard

"I enjoyed flying and watching the refueling. I would like to say thank-you for this opportunity."

Larry Russell

Publisher/Editor,
Wynnewood
Gazette

"I've always been interested in the Reserves and funding for these activities. It's a "have-to" thing for Don (SMSgt. Coffey), so we have to work around his scheduling. We couldn't have the Reserves without employer cooperation. I'm having a blast! It's a shame more people couldn't do this."





TSgt. Eric Currier, structural repair technician for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, on 90-day MPA tour at RAF Mildenhall, UK., with the 100 ARW.

Photo courtesy of 507th CLSS

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The Olmsted Scholar Program

Interested in attending college at an overseas university, studying a foreign language, gaining an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the history and social, political, cultural, and economic characteristics of that country?

The Olmsted Scholar program provides this opportunity and more.

Olmstead scholars may apply for continuation of their program in an American university for one additional year to obtain their master's degree. The eligibility criteria for this prestigious program is contained in the Military Personnel Flight (MPF) memorandum, 00-19, dated 15 Jun 00.

Officers must submit with their package with ADSC statement of agreement IAW AFI 36-2107, Table 1.1, Rule 15, located on HQ AFPC PME webpage.

This package must be received by HQAFPC/DPAPE, 550 C Street West, Ste 32, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4734 NLT Oct. 1. Point of contact is HQ AFPC/DPAPE is MSgt. Jackey Gates at DSN 665-2103.

Represent your unit at the Oklahoma State Fair

The 507th Recruiting Office is looking for volunteers to assist with running the recruiting booth at the State Fair.

The booth will be in operation from Sept. 15 through Oct. 1.

Two shifts per day will be used with Day Shift (0900-1700) and Night Shift (1600-2300). For more information, contact TSgt. Pam Peterson at 733-9403 or MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells at 739-2980 or fill and clip out the following:

RANK: _____

NAME: _____

UNIT: _____

WORK PHONE # _____

HOME PHONE # _____

DAY(s) AVAILABLE: _____

SHIFTS TO WORK _____

Hangar update

July 6: The south side top and bottom floors are vacant at this time. Furniture is still being moved. The north side, top floor is vacant. The bottom is about 90% vacant. Sometime after July 10 a meeting should take place with the contractor and a start date should be set.

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

Tinker AFB, OK	Lawton, OK
MSgt. Danny Bretthorst (405) 734-5331	TSgt. Nathan Bickler (580) 357-2784

MSgt. Larry Wheatley
MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells
(405) 739-2980

Sheppard AFB, TX	Midwest City, OK
MSgt. Michael Tubbs (940) 676-3382	MSgt. Darrell Batchelor TSgt. Pam Peterson (405) 733-9403

Tulsa, OK	Altus AFB, OK
TSgt. Bill Thompson (918) 665-2300	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



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