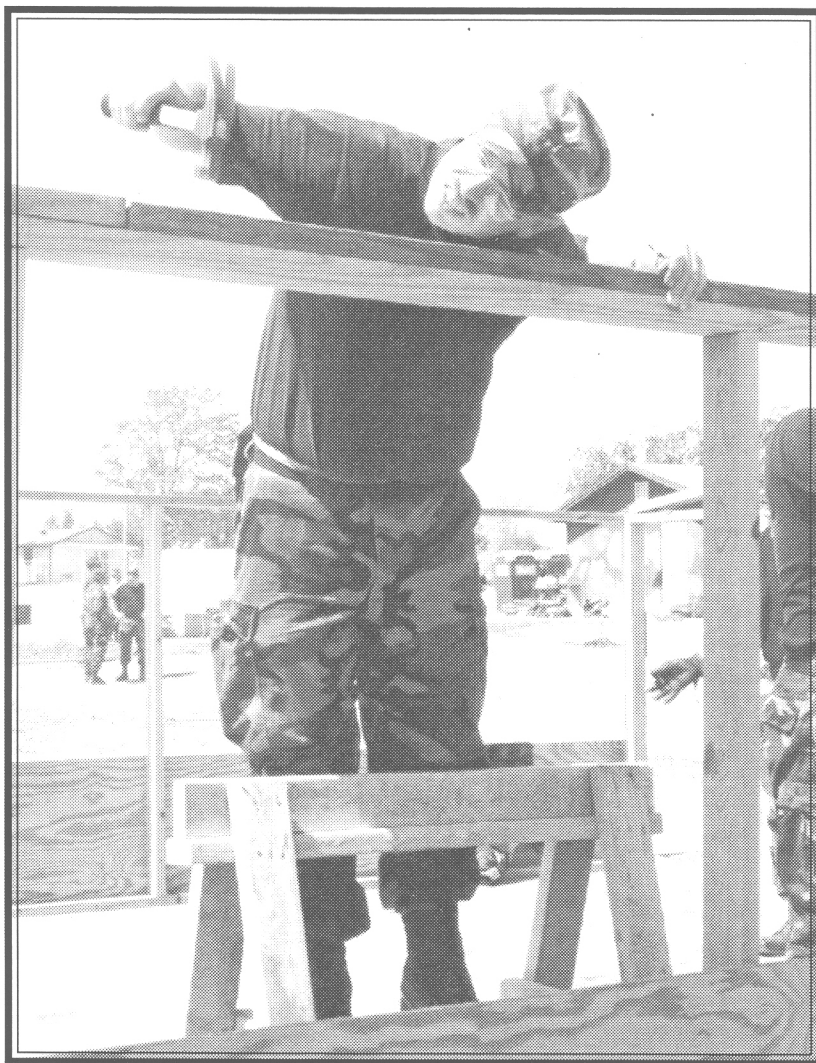


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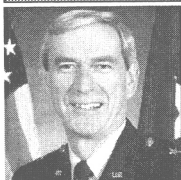
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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich
507th ARW Commander

Voting: A right and responsibility

Once every four years we have an opportunity to participate in a process that people in many other countries may never be able to experience. Not only do we participate, but we have chosen, as our profession, the job of ensuring that all Americans will continue to enjoy this opportunity.

Of course you know that I'm referring to our right to choose our senior elected officials through the power of our votes. All Americans have not always enjoyed this opportunity, and many have paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that you and I could have a role in selecting our Commander in Chief.

We are the envy of those who cannot choose their presidents, and at the same time an enigma because our participation rate in this precious process is so low. Why would some go into battle to fight for a process, and then not participate in it themselves? Apathy? As professionals who are sworn to defend our democratic process, we should at least participate in that process.

I find it odd and even somewhat hypocritical for someone to complain about the outcome of an election if they don't exercise their right to vote. There are many challenges facing this country, and if we don't become part of the solution, we'll remain part of the problem.

Please exercise your right to vote next Tuesday. It's more than a right—it's a responsibility. As citizen airmen, we are twice the citizen and the rest of our nation needs our leadership.

If you don't vote, don't complain about what you get.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. John Fobian
513th ACG Commander

Constant Vigilance

"It's not a question of if we're going to get struck again. It's when we're going to get struck again!"

-- Gen. Fogleman, USAF Chief of Staff (Retired)

The attack that occurred last month on the U.S.S. Cole should remind us all that we, as Americans, are never truly at peace. Someone or some group, somewhere in the world, is always looking for an opportunity to violently get their message of intolerance and hatred across. We, too frequently, think that due to our strength we can relax and let our guard down. It takes the vigilance of everyone, all the time, to ensure something like this doesn't happen again, especially here.

Terrorism is the most unpredictable situation military members may find themselves in. Every individual who leaves Tinker AFB for duty overseas receives an intelligence briefing for that area. The purpose of the briefing is to inform you of the possible terrorist threats in foreign countries and to hopefully raise your individual awareness. This isn't to make you paranoid, but to make you more alert and more careful in that environment. Each person should have a copy of the JCS pamphlet called "Antiterrorism Individual Protective Measures" to review. Keep this with you while overseas.

The main points to remember are: 1) Keep a low profile. Don't attract attention to yourself. 2) Be unpredictable. Vary your route to and from work. 3) Stay alert. Watch out for anything or anyone suspicious. 4) Have a way out. Don't put yourself in a box.

As a result of the attack on the U.S.S. Cole, security measures have increased here at Tinker. This increase in the threat condition or "threatcon" is mostly invisible to the normal observer, but a few of these measures may seem to be an inconvenience to you. Please understand that even though you aren't the threat, the car in front of you may be, so be patient and thank our security forces for doing a great job everyday.

Chaplain's Corner

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

Having a grateful spirit during Thanksgiving

Whatever happened to Thanksgiving? Remember, that little holiday tucked away between Halloween and Christmas? Our stores barely acknowledge this holiday while they rush to prepare for the Christmas shopping season. For us, it is a time for football, family, and food. The spiritual dimension of this holiday is many times overlooked. Yet that indeed is the essence of Thanksgiving.

Maybe the reason so few really focus their energy on Thanksgiving is

that it is so essentially spiritual. We have a hard time developing a grateful spirit through the year, so this one day can be difficult.

Scripture teaches that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). God enjoys being acknowledged for the things he has done. What has he done for you this year? Reflect on God's blessings to you over the year, and give thanks to Him!

The Bible records that Jesus healed ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Only one, a Samaritan, came back to say thank you. This Thanksgiving, will you be like this one Samaritan who gave thanks, or like the other nine?

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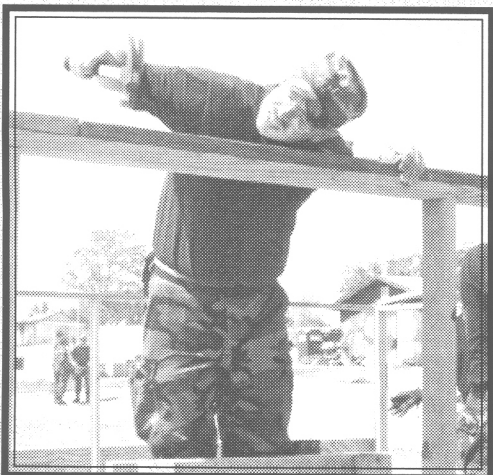


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TSgt. Bill Bethel, technician for the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, believes in accuracy when constructing the hardback for this tent during a training opportunity for squadron members at the Glenwood Training Area, Midwest City, Okla.



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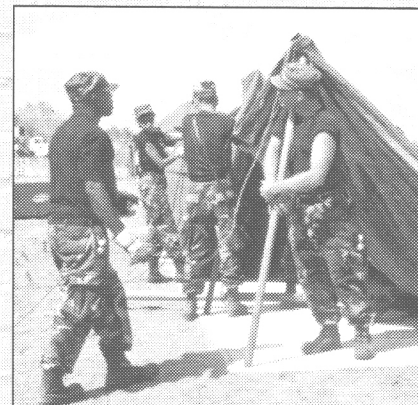


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SNCO, NCO, Airman of the Quarter announced

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

SMSgt. Michael Reed, structures superintendent for the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), was selected as the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

According to Maj. Renee J. Lane, commander of the 507th CES, Reed is a truly dedicated professional. As structural superintendent, he has encouraged, mentored, & trained his people to exceed their potential by empowering his folks. This resulted in a pool of leaders who can be counted on for the toughest tasks. He has volunteered for the short notice pre-deployment visit to Volk Field in support of a future wing-wide exercise. He also prepared and presented an informative briefing to squadron personnel about what to expect when deployed there.

As structural noncommissioned officer in charge of the 507th CES's Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEF) 4, he managed personnel and coordinated all efforts between Reserve and active duty for several simultaneous projects. As a member of the first group to deploy under AEF, he provided informative briefings on deployment conditions to key players in squadron's 50 person deployment to Fort Smith, Ark. He also gave a 'hands-on' field & equipment training lesson to members in preparation for future deployments.

As the structural representative on the advanced deployment planning team, Reed inventoried site conditions, identified requirements, provided inputs, and prepared schedules. He planned and coordinated the annual squadron bivouac by

identifying requirements and coordinating with multiple agencies to ensure a successful training event. He procured material to demonstrate temper tent construction which provides much needed 'hands-on' training. "Mike is a caring person who puts the needs of others at the forefront," Lane said. As part of a community outreach program, he donated one of his 'beat-up' vehicles to be repaired and presented it to a needy family. He is an active member of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's (ARW) Top-Three organization and he has volunteered his time to 'stuffing and mailing' invitations for annual awards ceremonies to recognize the efforts of wing members.

Lane said Reed always takes opportunities for education and thirsts for knowledge. He is currently working on a computer-based-training course to enhance information technology of computer users within the squadron. He also actively participates in management and leadership courses sponsored by his organization. He has completed Squadron Officers School.

He provided leadership and manpower to \$50K project to completely renovate Glenwood and provide a world class training facility for active duty and reserve forces. His group poured the inaugural concrete for site! He uses his reserve training to enhance the community. He is also an active member of Habitat for Humanity and attends a variety of membership meetings; his group built 2 single family homes for members of local community.

Reed is a pivotal contributor to the planning team that prepared a surprise retirement ceremony for the squadron's senior ART. His efforts have been seen raising funds for this retiree's family members to be at the ceremony. Also he has volunteered for a squadron fund-raiser at Frontier City with this effort raising more than \$1,500 for squadron events.

TSgt. Jodie Zollo, operations manager for the 507th CES, was selected as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

According to Maj. Lane, she is an energetic self-starter who shines! She volunteers and carries out critical manday duties with comprehensive precision and took charge for the squadron's Air Reserve Technicians (ART) and soundly managed affairs for 130 personnel. She jumped in and completed all duties associated with the July Unit Training Assembly. Zollo closely monitored continuously fluctuating manpower schedules for Glenwood Training Area's renovation project and provided deciding updates essential to squadron chief of operations for completion of major projects. She has assisted unit orders clerks across the wing with their questions concerning the new orders program, by identifying problem areas and providing solutions for them. She seamlessly filled the support group commander's administrative support ART position vacancy and provided fundamental mission support until the position was filled. She did this by gathering crucial end-of-year funding information from all squadrons in the Support Group, met their suspense, and ensured precious funding requirements were properly identified and resources were correctly allocated. Zollo has expertly managed a myriad of tasks given to her. She has coordinated responses and provided accurate data to the Support Group's commander. She has also identified requirements and provided inputs to the Wing's Planning Office. Zollo has diligently attended all meetings, properly managed data, and provided base leadership with critical feedback

She constantly seeks ways to better herself. She attended the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" leadership course and immediately applied the course's material while at the Squadron Strategic Planning Conference. Zollo has provided valuable planning inputs, enhanced unit plans, completed Total Quality Management, Train-the-Trainer and Task Certifier training within days. She took the initiative and applied acquired knowledge to make valuable improvements to the squadrons deployment process.

She was part of the planning team preparing a surprise retirement ceremony for one of the squadron's senior ART. Her efforts helped raise funds to bring family members of this

ART to see his retirement ceremony .

Zollo also initiated the Squadron Funds Council to facilitate planning and funds allocation for squadron morale events. She has also completed 28 hours towards her Community College of the Air Force degree.

SrA Phillip Baker, aeromedical services technician for the 507th Medical Squadron (MDS), was selected as the Airman of the Quarter.

According to Col. Steven Gentling, commander of the 507th MDS, Baker manages the training of other technicians completing history on Physical Exams for unit members. He performs additional duties working with the laboratory during UTA's drawing blood during the physical exam process, works in the hospital's Optometry office, and completes Inner Ocular Tension exams. He eagerly and enthusiastically accepts responsibility to assist the noncommissioned officer in charge of physical exams in initiating the training programs set aside for various personnel.

Baker possesses outstanding administrative and medical skills and has the personality that makes a patient feel comfortable when entering his office. He has earned the respect from his peers as a person who shows integrity and who can be entrusted with any project that is handed to him.

Baker has extended himself helping other personnel process incoming flying medical records, reviewing them for waivers and placing them in the computer program for flyers. He has aggressively explored programs by the host hospital to improve physical exam's operations

He has trained physical exam personnel on using the proprietary computer software programs: A data-based hospital information system which enables the unit to retrieve laboratory tests, x-rays results, and setup appointments for physical exams. Baker is also instrumental in helping the superintendent of Flight Medicine prepare training manuals for newly assigned flight surgeons and physicians.

He is pursuing a Business Degree in Organizational Leadership with a minor in Psychology at Southern Nazarene University and is also a strong advocate of physical fitness.

Baker is involved as a Youth League Baseball and Soccer Coach since 1994 and has coordinator at Clara Waters Corrections Center Annual Run against Child Abuse. He is also involved as an advocate for the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center. He has been a board member of the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center in Oklahoma City since March 2000.

Aloha!

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

So what do you say if someone invites you to Hawaii? MSgt. Vincent A. Molzahn, readiness flight chief for the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), didn't have to think twice. Since he was already in Hawaii, he accepted.

Molzahn was already in Hawaii supporting Fourth Air Force/CEX perform mask fit testing for the 704th CES. While there, he dropped by the Headquarters of Pacific Air Force (PACAF) at their request. He had briefly met some of the people there during past conferences. After a short discussion, they invited him to return to Hawaii and support their mission. Molzahn accepted.

However, his second trip to Hawaii has a note of personnel interest. His father and mother-in-law happened to be vacationing in this 50th State to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Molzahn's father-in-law was a crew chief at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in the early 1950s. At that time he stayed in a barracks that had now been reconverted into an office building—the same building where Molzahn was assigned to work.

While working for PACAF, July through September, Molzahn coordinated projects for CEXO to assure that readiness plans were implemented. "PACAF is on the cutting edge within readiness" Molzahn said. "It was an honor to work with and for some of the best readiness personnel in the business." And the readiness personnel were likewise happy with Molzahn's performance. He has a rare "RESTOPS" coin to prove it.

Short notice deployment

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

You have just returned home from a UTA when the phone rings. Fourth Air Force Headquarters needs your support right away. Can you come now and to spend a week in Hawaii.

For four members of the 507th CES Readiness Flight the answer was "Yes." MSgt. Vincent A. Molzahn and reservists SMSgt. Jerry W. Housley, MSgt. Doris A. Hill, and SSgt. Michael E. Thomas, 507th CES Readiness Flight, were all able to participate. They were accompanied by CMSgt. Marci Burks, chief of readiness for Fourth Air Force.

The mission is to assist the 704th CES, an Air Force Reserve unit located at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, with gas mask

fitting. The old M-17 mask is being replaced by the MCU2P model (unless the new mask won't fit). While the old model was made in only three sizes (Small, Medium, and Large) fit all, the new ones require between 15 and 45 minutes of personal fine-tuning to ensure that each mask is properly adjusted for each individual. The 704th CES was short of trained and experienced readiness personnel to accomplish this task and headquarters representatives at Fourth Air Force believed it was important enough to send a contingent of readiness personnel from the states.

Because of travel logistics, the deployment took seven days. The Tinker Team departed on a Wednesday in July, arrived Thursday, established their operation on Friday, fit masks during the Saturday and Sunday UTA, and then returned home, departing Hawaii on Monday, and because of time change, arrived back in Oklahoma on Tuesday. "It was an intense two days" Housley said. "We were able to fit approximately 100 people during this period because we were efficiently organized and planned in advance," he said. The Tinker Team did the actual fittings while Burks ran interference when necessary. "We had to borrow equipment from the Air National Guard" Housley noted. "Chief Burks made it possible for us to do the job without worrying about all the accompanying details" he added.

Housley observed that the 704th was not only short of highly trained readiness personnel, but it lacked an Air Reserve Technician (ART) and their personnel were likely to be deployed should there be any disturbance within the PACAF area of responsibility.

"We accomplished the objective within the time available," Housley said, "We had the people and we got the job done." Housley said he learned a lot by watching another CES function during their UTA.

"We are always able to respond on short notice," Housley said.

Firefighter's Combat Challenge

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Don't look for MSgt. Delonna Fowser, structural engineer for the 507th CES, at the Fire Department on UTA weekends. While she is a firefighter in her civilian career, during UTAs she is assigned to Structures in the 507th CES. And why should you be looking for her? To congratulate her.

Fowser is a member of an elite team—the Oklahoma City Fire Department's Women's Relay Team—the same team that set a world record in the qualifying competition and will compete at the Firefighter Combat Challenge World Championship.

And exactly what is the Firefighter Combat Challenge? Ac-

cording to T-shirt slogans, it is the toughest two minutes in sports. The Challenge began as a fitness test for firefighters devised by the U.S. Fire Administration. The original goal was to develop a physical ability test to determine whether a job applicant had the requisite capabilities to perform the essential job functions of a firefighter. It has since evolved into a sports competition.

The mission is to accomplish five events as fast as possible. These events include climbing five flights of stairs carrying 45 pounds of fire hose; using a rope to lift a 45 pound fire hose five stories; drive a 160 pound beam five feet with a 9 pound mallet; spraying a target with water after dragging a fire hose 75 feet; and hauling a mannequin weighing 175 pounds backward for 100 feet.

How long would it take you to accomplish these tasks while wearing 50 pounds of fire fighter gear? It took the Oklahoma City Fire Department's Women's Relay Team just under two minutes and 13 seconds when, for a second time, they set a world's record for the event, beating their previous world record of two minutes and 17 seconds.

According to Fowser, it demonstrates the importance of teamwork. Sports competition reflects real life fire ground situations or military exercises in the Air Force Reserve. "Without depending on your team members, you cannot get the job done. In real life you rely on them to save your life if necessary," she said.

Despite a newspaper article that misidentified Fowser as a member of the Army Reserve, she has served with the Air Force Reserve for ten years with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. And yes, not only does she wear fatigues, along with everyone else in the outfit, but like the rest of the unit, she receives combat training. The 507th CES is also an elite team. It is a Prime BEEF unit. BEEF stands for Base Engineer Emergency Force. Similar to the Army's Combat Engineers and the Navy's SEABEES, Prime BEEF units are recognized as among the toughest outfits in the Air Force.

The World Firefighter Combat Championship competition will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1-3 November. Gambling may be legal in Las Vegas but don't bet against her team. It will be rebroadcast by ESPN Sports so check your TV guide and be looking for the toughest two minute competition in sports.

Commissioned engineer

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

It is a long-standing heritage and one the 507th CES is proud of: commissioning deserving airman. This time the recipient is SSgt. Robert G. Atkins, Jr., an Engineering Journeyman with the 507th CES.

You probably know some of the other deserving airman who

were commissioned from the squadron. Capt. Ricky Reich and Capt. William Gaines are two of the more recent examples. And there have been others.

Early next year Atkins will continue this tradition. Atkins was born and grew up in Del City, graduating from Del City High School. Although none of his family were members of the military, he visited Tinker Air Force Base once and like what he saw. With a strong interest in athletics and engineering, he saw the Air Force Reserve as offering many opportunities so he joined the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He was briefed by recruiters on the Reserve G.I. Bill, which led to him attending college, receiving a BS degree in mathematics from the University of Central Oklahoma. Then he read an announcement in the "On Final" about the deserving airman commissioning program. He applied and will be going to school again next year only this time he will be earning a commission.

Atkins is a mathematics teacher at Kerr Junior High School in Del City but his greatest pride is being the Head Football Coach for the team. The Kerr Eagles, under his coaching leadership have had a winning season. Atkins said he loves working with children and in all manner of athletic endeavors so teaching and coaching is a natural.

The unit's commander, Maj. J. Renee Lane, is a strong supporter of the deserving airman commissioning program. Although she wasn't a member of the Civil Engineer Squadron at the time, she too, received her commission in this manner.

Three coins in a pod

By TSgt. George Proctor
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

You may or may not be old enough to remember that old refrain "Three Coins in the Fountain." MSgt. Tommy Clapper, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, remembers the song. For his retirement ceremony during the October UTA, he had a three-coin retirement.

The first commander's coin was from Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), who talked about Clapper's many years of service to the squadron and as a unit public affairs representative. The second coin was from CMSgt. Bob Kellington, command chief for the 507th ARW, who reviewed Clapper's service as a First Sergeant. The third was a rare public affairs coin from Maj. Rich Curry, Chief of Public Affairs for the 507th ARW, who mentioned Clapper's support of the unit PA program.

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Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

Maj. J. Renee Lane, commander of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, presents MSgt. Tommy Clapper with a U.S. flag during his retirement ceremony Oct. 14.

need to remain flexible as the Air Force has a tradition of constant and continual change.

As a civilian, Tommy Clapper won't be going into the rare coin business, but he is immeasurable richer with three special coins and 30 years of memories.

Commander's Coin recipients for October

Commanders in the 507th Air Refueling Wing present a Commander's Coin 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.

SSgt. Chris Atkin, 507th Communications Flight,
"Sergeant Atkin is a recent arrival off active duty and just returned from Tech School. He has worked numerous man days out at new location transitioning and facilitating our new flight. He has been a lynch pin in coordinating and organizing logistics and equipment for our part in the upcoming T-SART. He has displayed a great deal of initiative and commitment to the flight and Wing Mission."
— Capt. Don Satterlee, 507 CF/CC

Amn Joy Pettiford, 507th Operations Support Flight,
"Airman Pettiford is an important part of our squadron administrative function and orderly room. She does an outstanding job completing her admin duties, particularly when it comes to our orders publication and processing and she always does a superb job. She definitely helps keep the admin office running smoothly."
— Col. James F. Jackson, 465th ARS/CC

TSgt. Jimmy Thompson, 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron,
"AGS Coin went to Sergeant Thompson for work on mobility records and preparing troops and gear for the mobility process. — Maj. Mark E. Dodds, 507th AGS/CC

MSgt. Darryl Murrah, 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron,
"Sergeant Murrah for his hard work in assembling the mobility equipment from AGS and other organizations without any "frustrated" cargo at the processing point."
— Lt. Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group/CC

SrA John Perdue, 707th Communications Flight,
"As a Ground Radio Maintenance Journeyman he has worked during the UTA with outstanding results. He built a simulated load list for the November Mobility exercise, made sure mobility records were up-to date, and provided mobility and ancillary management training to other unit members. Even though this was his last UTA, he accomplished his duties with great enthusiasm."
— Maj. Harold Collins 707th CF/CC

TSgt. Robert A. Dunn, 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron Maintenance Advisor,
"Sergeant. Dunn did an outstanding job of coordinating a six-day ABDR annual classroom and exercise for our two KC-135 maintenance teams. Three days were spent in the classroom, followed by three days performing repairs on the ABDR pad."
— Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507th CLSS/CC

TSgt. Michelle Adams, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron,
"She was a key member of the Leadership Development Team which came up with the initial concept to place an electronic sign at the "entryway" to the Reserve campus as their class project. She and her team did all the legwork and convinced the senior leadership that this was a doable project."
— Maj. J. Renee Lane, 507th CES/CC

MSgt Thomas Clapper, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron,
"Sergeant Clapper has provided up to date and accurate data/reports regarding his numerous TDY's representing the 507th ARW. He is a friend to all and can be relied on to be the first to answer the call to action. He will be greatly missed and will forever be a part of the "SH OKIE family."
— CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant

MSgt. Nick Stewart, 707th Communications Flight,
"His work during the UTA was above the call of duty. He also made time to provide required career counseling to 707th Comm Flt members considering reenlistment. His excellent interpersonal skills make him an asset to any unit."

On-final Maj. Harold Collins 707th CF/CC

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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 our office.**

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

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further their 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 forms in our office.

For more information contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

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
2001-2	1	08 Jan - 15 Feb 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-3	1	27 Feb - 5 Mar 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-4	1	17 Apr - 24 May 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-5	1	04 Jun - 12 Jul 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-6	1	06 Aug - 13 Sep 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-7	1	24 Sep - 01 Nov 01	Tyndall AFB, FL

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME)

Professional Military Education is a prerequisite for enlisted promotions. If you are wanting to be promoted to the next higher grade you will have to complete your PME. Senior Airman, Technical Sergeants and Master Sergeants are the ranks that require PME for promotion. If you are not enrolled, please see your Unit Training Manager. If you are a Captain, Major, or Lieutenant Colonel, please contact MSgt. Cain in the MPF Education and Training Office or call 734-7075.

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.**

✓ **AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ROSTERS ARE DUE TO WING TRAINING COB SUNDAY. DATES ARE 8-12 JAN 2001 FOR PHASE 1 AND RETURN 29 JAN TO 2 FEB 2001 FOR PHASE 2.**

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03-04 Mar 01	11-12 Aug 01
07-08 Apr 01	08-09 Sep 01

as of 15 October 2000

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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, 04 Nov 2000		Sat, 02 Dec 2000	
As Designated Sign In		As Designated Sign In	
by Unit		by Unit	
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed
0900	6 Month Contact Mtg	0900	6 Month Contact Mtg
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	1000	Mobility Rep Meeting
1030	First Sgts Meeting	1030	First Sgts Meeting
1330-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	1200-1600	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
1200-1600	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	1330-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I
1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg
1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins	1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins
1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service
Sign Out		Sign Out	
As Designated		As Designated	
by Unit		by Unit	
Sun, 05 Nov 2000		Sun, 03 Dec 2000	
As Designated Sign In		As Designated Sign In	
by Unit		by Unit	
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II
0830-1030	Unit Safety Rep Tng	0830-1030	Supervisor Safety Training
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council
1000-1100	HRDC Mtg	0930-1130	Top 3 Meeting
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers
1100-1300	"CGOLD"	1100-1300	"CGOLD"
1200-1600	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	1200-1600	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	1230-1630	EO 2000 Training
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg
1330	Personnel Record Reviews	1330	Personnel Record Reviews
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	1500	Fly Safety Mtg
As Designated Sign Out		As Designated Sign Out	
by Unit		by Unit	
As Designated by Unit		As Designated by Unit	
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As Designated by Unit		As Designated by Unit	
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Bldg 1043, Room 206		Bldg 1043, Room 206	
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Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg		Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg	
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EDUCATION

Air Force Reserve members needing info on the ACT, SAT I, 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

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

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.

		<u>Phase I</u>	
	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1330-1400	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrosim	SP
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	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	SA
Sunday	1015-1115	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 1 you have until 31 Jan 2001 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.**

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 0845 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 0845 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.

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14 Dec	22 Dec

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11	12	507 ARW/CC Staff Meeting	14	15 AGS RDO	16	17
						
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Holiday Safety 2000

One of the staples of the holiday season is a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Some folks prefer the ease of an artificial tree while others enjoy the smell of a fresh pine tree. No matter your choice, there are certain precautions that you must follow when using each tree.

- When selecting an artificial tree, select a model that is fire retardant/fire resistant.
- If the tree has a built-in electrical system, it should carry the UL marker.

If you select a live tree, it should be deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine.

- Make sure the needles are attached firmly to the twigs and that the needles can be bent without breaking. This ensures a recently cut tree, fresh and not dried out. If the needles fall off the tree easily the tree is already to dry.
- When setting the tree up for display, cut about 2 inches off of the trunk and mount it in a sturdy, water holding stand.
- Keep the tree supplied with an adequate amount of water to keep it from drying out.
- Never set the tree close to heating sources such as registers, radiators or fireplaces.
- Remove the tree from the home when it has dried out.

Decorations

- Inspect all decorations before placing them on the tree.
- Ensure all decorations are fire retardant or fire resistant.
- Use only lighting sets which bear the UL marker.
- Inspect the light strings and cords for fraying, bare wire, loose connections and broken sockets.
- Ensure items such as tinsel and fragile, glass bulbs are placed high enough on the tree to prevent small children and pets from coming into contact with them.

All I Want For Christmas Is.....

One of the most stressful activities is shopping. It doesn't matter what store you go to, all of them are over-flowing with people at one time or another.

- If you take the little ones shopping with you, keep them in sight at all times.
- Have a special meeting place in case you get separated.
- If you are carrying packages, keep them below the neckline so you can see where you are going.
- Don't try to lift too much, get help with heavy or awkward packages.
- Dress comfortably and wear low-heeled comfortable shoes.
- Ensure your packages are properly secured in your car when going from store to store. If possible, use a blanket or jacket to cover the packages.
- Park your car in a well-lit area. If you do not feel comfortable walking to your car during hours of darkness, ask the store for a security escort.
- When buying toys for children always check for sharp edges and projections by running your hands over the toy.
- Avoid playthings with small parts that could be swallowed.
- Follow the age recommendations on the package.
- And choose toys that are well made and sturdy.

NOVEMBER 2000

AFRC News Summary

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

Public Web site permits 'home shopping' for courses

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force reservists interested in attending Professional Military Education or Continuing Education Courses can now refer to a public Web site for more information.

By clicking on the Air Force Reserve Command Public Web Site's News and Information icon and going to AFRC News Service, people can access a Microsoft Excel file containing course schedules and titles, locations, and dates for fiscal year 2001, which starts Oct. 1.

"The class dates are tentative but are not expected to deviate substantially," said Sylvia Rutland, chief of PME policy and programs in Headquarters AFRC's training support branch.

By making the schedule available on the public site www.afrc.af.mil, reservists can browse the Excel file at their leisure from their home computer. (AFRC News Service)

Air Force reservists respond to USS Cole tragedy

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - In response to requests by the active force, Air Force Reserve Command units provided airlift and port mortuary support in the first few days after the USS Cole tragedy.

Members of a C-141 crew from the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., flew 33 survivors to waiting families and friends in Norfolk, Va., Oct. 15. Another six sailors more seriously injured in the suspected terrorist attack in the port of Aden, Yemen, Oct. 12 remained at the U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, for further observation.

The reservists had just airlifted a team of medical personnel to Tunisia when they were asked to fly the mission. An active-duty trauma unit from Germany cared for the injured on the 9½-hour transatlantic flight.

On Oct. 13, a Reserve C-17 aircrew from the 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C., flew the bodies of five of the 17 sailors killed in the attack on the Navy destroyer from the Middle East to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The aircrew was on temporary duty at Ramstein as part of the European Strategic Intra-theater Deployment operations when it got the request for assistance. (AFRC News Service)

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"



Photos by MSgt. Tommy Clapper

Members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron set up tents and other structures in the Glenwood Training Area just north of Tinker AFB. In the background, an electric pole is poised to be installed.

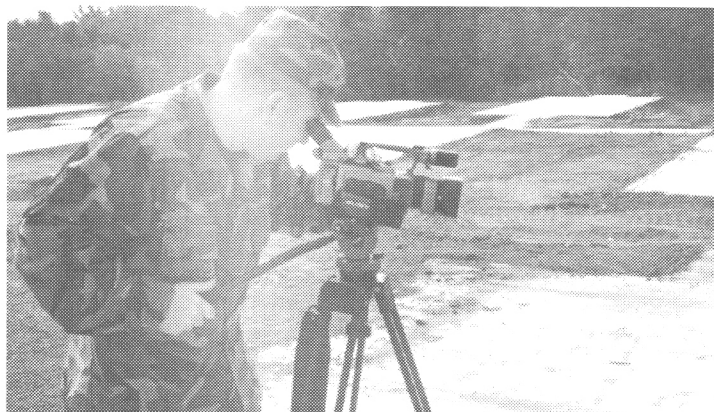
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Reservists gets “twofer” the price of one

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

For reservists in the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), get a “twofer” the price of one. During the September and October Unit Training Assemblies, CES members were busy constructing and renovating a permanent training site at the Glenwood Training Area and at the same time, received training doing it.

First, there is the Glenwood Training Area project. Located just north of Tinker AFB, Midwest City, Glenwood is home away from home for military members on simulated deployment training missions. The 507th CES is leading the effort to renovate Glenwood Training Area into a first-class training site. The renovation of Glenwood is no easy task. Not



A member of the Fourth Air Force Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif., spends some time in the field with 507th CES members documenting the training in Glenwood Training Area for an upcoming Fourth Air Force mission video.

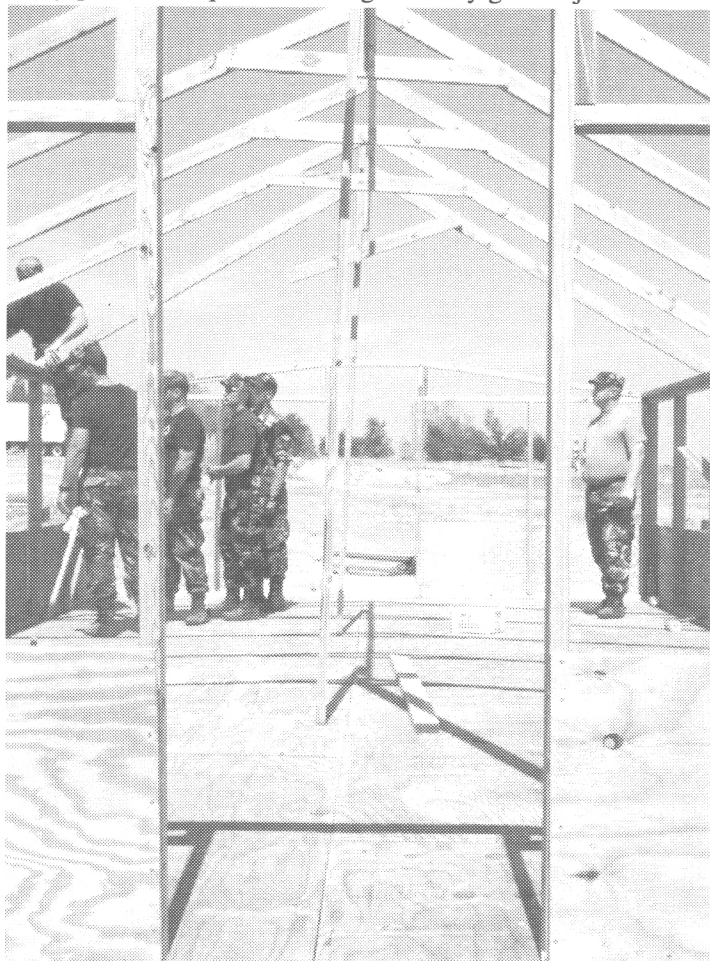


only does it require a lot of supplies and equipment to restore this site but it also is labor-intensive work.

Secondly, there is a Prime Base Engineering Emergency Force (BEEF) requirement that CES personnel spend a set amount of training time each year bivouacking in the field. Sleeping in tents, eating in the great outdoors, and having all the advantages of camping out. But unlike a weekend camping trip, bivouacking, in this case, is all training. In fact, you could say that the term 'bivouac' is the military version of camping out.

Which leads us to the last two UTAs. With the exception of required appointments, everyone in the unit deployed to the field. It was hot in September and wet in October. Most of the unit participated in the bivouac in September. The rest participated the next month.

Much of the work at Glenwood Training Area involved erecting hardback tents, spreading sand, and installing new poles for electricity, etc. A variety of equipment was used but most of it was your basic hammer and shovel — Very labor-intensive work but excellent on-the-job training. So far, hundreds of cubic yards of concrete have been poured and several tons of sand used. The project won't be finished for a while but during the last two UTAs, the 507th CES performed a twofer. They got their required training and they got the job done.



(Top photo) Along with building the infrastructure in the Glenwood Training Area, members of the 507th CES spread sand to level parts of uneven ground in preparation for structures to be built. (Right photo) Structures for hardback tents get built which will permanently reside in the training area for CES members and other military organizations needing a first-class training area.

931st ARG to add medical flight

By SSgt. Jason Whited
931stARG PublicAffairs Office

Medical scrubs and stethoscopes will soon appear in the halls here among the scores of flight suits and BDUs as the 931st Air Refueling Group (ARG), McConnell AFB, Kansas, prepares to add its newest addition to the unit – the 931st Aerospace Medicine Flight (AMF). Five officers and 15 enlisted troops are slated to make up the 931st AMF and should be able to provide a wide variety of medical services to McConnell's Kanza warriors; everything from flight physicals to dental checkups will be handled by reserve doctors and technicians.

"This flight has been a long time coming, and we're extremely pleased to get our own medical personnel," said Col. Jim Bouska, 931st ARG commander.

Since the 931st ARG stood up at McConnell in 1995, Kan-

sas' reservists have received medical attention from the active duty doctors, nurses and technicians at the 22nd Medical Group on base. Although McConnell's active duty caregivers have worked long and hard to provide their reserve counterparts with the best possible treatment, cuts in 22nd MG manning and an increased workload over the past few years have prevented them from always being able to meet reservists' needs. From receiving periodic physicals and timely immunizations to having their medical records properly maintained, McConnell reservists have sometimes had a difficult time obtaining the medical services they needed to either meet annual requirements or deploy as part of the Total Force.

Although many details remain to be hammered out – such as where the 20 medical personnel will be housed or how the slots will be divided among Air Reserve Technicians and traditional reservists, one thing is for sure: they're finally coming.

Newest 931st ARG recruiter fired up about Reserve

By SSgt. Jason Whited
931stARG PublicAffairs Office

Go through all the AFSCs you've ever heard of, and try to think of the most unusual one you can – a really obscure one like precision measurement specialist or DV flight attendant. It's a safe bet that "salesman" is nowhere in that list. Come on, think about it. Have you ever heard someone say, "I work as an Air Force salesman"? Of course not.

However, that's exactly what Staff Sgt. Pat Johnson says he does every day.

Johnson, the newest 931st Air Refueling Group recruiter, says he sees himself playing the role of a salesman as he travels the state, convincing people to join the Air Force Reserve. And, like any salesman, his days are long – filled with meetings with prospective "clients," visits

to high schools and businesses and an endless number of so-called "cold calls" (when Johnson goes through a list of names and phone numbers, calling everyone on the list in his hunt for potential bluesuiters).

The days are long, usually beginning around 5 a.m. and lasting until 7 or 8 p.m., but Johnson says he loves every minute of it. "I'm fired up," he says as he takes a quick break in his office. Surrounded by plaques that tell the story of his 12-year active duty career and civilian awards he earned when he worked in the private sector in insurance, Johnson says he relishes the opportunity to talk up the Reserve and present it as a great way of life. "I love being able to connect with people and talk to them about what could be a great opportunity for

them," he says. "It's a big job, but I enjoy it.

Johnson, who comes to recruiting from the personnel world, has only been on the job since late August, but he's already scored "kills" for the unit (signed up new airmen for service in the 931st ARG). His first kill was a maintenance troop, and Johnson is now hard at work on filling 15 medical slots for the group's newest unit – the 931st Aerospace Medicine Flight.

Although he's new to recruiting, Johnson says he isn't intimidated by the prospect of having a quota of new airmen to recruit each month – he's having too much fun to worry. "It's a big job, but I'm a people person – I like being here and the relationship I'm developing with this community."



Total Force Team

Members of McConnell AFB Team Readiness pose with General Mike Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, at this year's Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award competition in Washington, D.C. The team, who created a one-of-its-kind chemical and biological decontamination system, went up against the best and brightest in the Air Force.

Photo by SSgt. Jason Whited

Information security is everyone's responsibility

By Col. Richard Davila
375th Communications Group commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) — The “I Love You” virus attack in May is becoming a faded and jaded memory for most people. But, the opportunities for more advanced computer attacks are increasing. I would like to take a moment to share how important each of you are in protecting information and the integrity of the Air Force's computer systems.

The virus was spawned in the wee morning hours of May 4 in the Philippines. Within 24 hours many networks spanning the Internet were affected. “I Love You” didn't discriminate between commercial internet providers, countries, commercial businesses or the government. It was an equal opportunity threat.

The cost of recovering Air Mobility Command information in man-hours, overtime and materials exceeded \$400,000. Worldwide, “I Love You” recovery costs were estimated in the billions of dollars for lost productivity and revenues.

Each of our computers provides hackers, pranksters, or terrorists opportunities to begin new attacks when we do not properly safeguard them. When an attacker is able to gain access to one of our computers through a faulty password or other means, all users on the network can be affected.

According to information technology experts, individuals with very little technical expertise can initiate attacks. Over 30,000 hacker-related Web sites now exist on the Internet. These sites have created a “click-and-hack” environment for novices.

In addition, a majority of security breaches on computer networks come from within the network. Threats range from disgruntled employees, to negligence, to poor network etiquette.

Although the threat is real and growing, we are prepared and will continue to ready ourselves for the next attack. Simple and effective, our strategy relies on a three-tiered defense. The three tiers include our customers, unit work group managers and the base network control center.

Since our adversaries can target every computer, we must depend upon each of our users to act as our first line of defense. You, our customers, are the single most important component in thwarting hackers and virus attacks. There are several ways you provide security to the Air Force's computer networks. The first and best means of defense is a strong password. A good password includes at least eight characters, mixed capitals and small letters, at least one number, at least one non-alpha-numeric character and does not use com-

mon dictionary words.

Secondly, set up your screen saver to activate when you are not at your workstation to protect personal information as well as Air Force computer networks.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, follow accepted security practices. Unfortunately, many users put the Air Force at risk when they post a sticky note on their desk or in their desk drawer with their password. Family names or other common words make poor password choices.

Users should log off at the end of the day and refrain from sharing passwords with others. Physical security is an important component of information security.

The next defense tier, unit work group managers, make up a vital link in the information security chain. They provide valuable assistance to customers with computer-related problems. We also rely on WGMs to help implement the safeguards mentioned above. WGMs have access to computer servers and software tools that provide administrative access to the network. When used properly these tools improve security many times over.

For example, anti-virus software and updates will help inoculate your computer against most of the thousands of known viruses. Your WGMs can help ensure anti-virus software, updates and required software patches are loaded on your computer.

The third tier in our network defense strategy, the network control center, is composed of a few specially trained technicians and advanced computer technology that makes the network run. Some of the tools they employ include firewalls, modem and network intrusion scanners and proxy servers to protect our network addresses. In case of a virus attack, we can lock down the base's e-mail gateway while network administrators and WGMs detect and eradicate any viruses that may have hit our network.

All three tiers interact to provide mission critical protection. As we increase our reliance on technology to maintain combat superiority, it's imperative that we all do our part to protect the network. Although not traditional from a military perspective, the network has unquestionably become a weapon system.

By approaching information security as a team, we can all play a big role in protecting this valuable resource.

We are all recruiters

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
319th ARW Public Affairs Office

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AMCNS) - Through their 'We Are All Recruiters' program, the Air Force Recruiting Service asks all military members to be a part of the Air Force recruiting process. One unit at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., has taken this to higher level.

The 319th Security Forces Squadron, with its "high visibility" in the base community, offers an open policy to area recruiters who want to do a base visit with potential recruits.

"The recruiters have a tough job and we felt that the SFS career field didn't always get pushed as much as we would like. So we have taken matters into our own hands. For example, one of our troops personally contacted the local recruiter and set up some SFS demonstrations for people who were thinking about coming into the Air Force. Some of the things that we have demonstrated are the use of weapons, training with military dogs, the combat arms training facility and the obstacle course," said Master Sgt. Albert Watts, 319th SFS operations superintendent.

According to the Air Force Recruiting Service, while it is the recruiter's job to tell others about the benefits of being part of the Air Force team, he or she has limited abilities to interact with the number of quality young men and women the Air Force needs. All who pride themselves as members of the "world's greatest aerospace team" need to tell others about what it means to be an Air Force member and refer quality applicants to recruiters whenever possible.

Staff Sgt. Gregg A. Benner, Air Force recruiter for the Greater Grand Forks area and surrounding region, said when he brings potential recruits on base, two of the places he stops at are the 319th SFS armory and dog kennels.

"The nice thing about when I visit those places is I don't have to call them," Benner said. "They're really receptive and they'll show me and the potential recruits what their equipment is; they'll introduce the military working dogs; and, if they can, they'll even do a dog demonstration. They'll also talk about what they do and where they've been. They're a great help for the recruiting business." Benner, who visits with one to ten potential recruits approximately five times a month added, "Other people have helped me a lot with the recruiting efforts, but I think security forces have gone out of their way and done everything they can."

"And doing everything they can is what the security forces will continue to do. We are all recruiters for the Air Force. Our actions and the way we present ourselves mean a lot. Just being positive and truthful when dealing with possible recruits makes all the difference," Watts said.

Staff Sgt. Archie J. Maggard, noncommissioned officer in charge of the military working dog section, said the squadron's recruiting support doesn't just include visits to their facilities, it also means getting out in the community.

Maggard continued, "We have helped several people and organizations, such as local high school students, school principals and teachers, Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, local and federal law enforcement agencies and many more. We need people in the military and not just anybody, but great people.

It is important for us to get involved because this is our future military force, and I think you are obligated to be involved."

The Air Force Recruiting Service shares these tips on how other military members can get involved with the recruiting effort. They are:

- Share Air Force opportunities with potential airmen.
- Help tell the Air Force story.
- Introduce or refer young men and women to an Air Force recruiter.
- Encourage sharp airmen to volunteer for special duty with Air Force Recruiting Service.
- Maintain public support for the Air Force by keeping people informed as to what they do and how they do it.

LETTERS FROM BASIC TRAINING

Dear MSgt. Bickle,

I'm doing good although we've lost 10 people already. My Flight 666 we're well known around the squadron. I passed my redline inspection so I'm happy. The instructors are cooling down and do not yell as much anymore. We started working on the parade. I'm catching on real fast and we start classes next week. But time is really going by fast. I was assigned bed aligner and now I do not volunteer for anything. We started out as a flight of 65 and now are down to 55. Anyway, am just writing to let you know I'm doing fine and hanging in there.

--Amn Dawn Jameson



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)

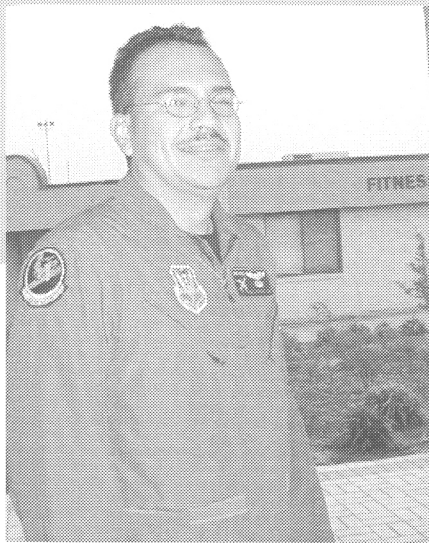
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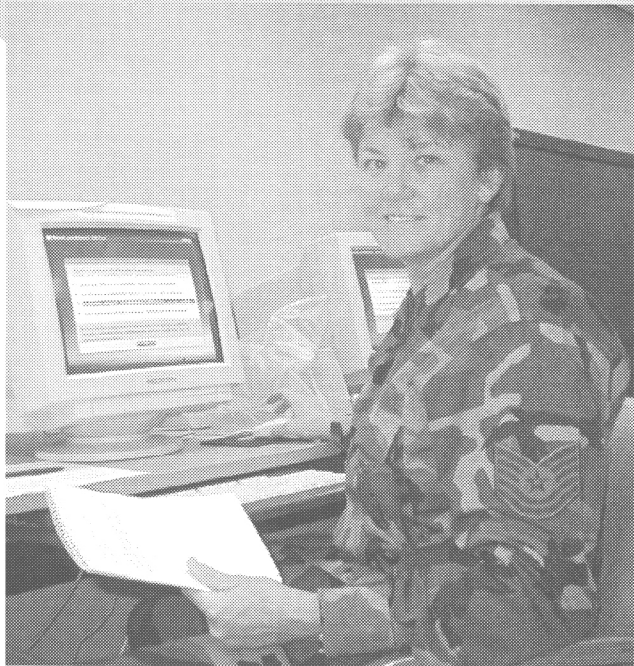
By TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group:
“What do you consider the most important issue for these elections?”

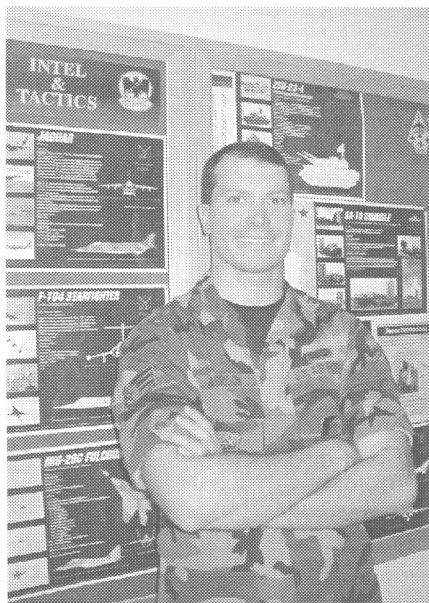


TSgt. Angel Cervantes
970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

“Military concerns like Operation Northern and Southern Watch. What’s happening around the world and how the candidates are going to handle them.”



TSgt. Linday Thompson
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
 “What will benefit the economy the most and help the military strengthen their forces.”



SrA. Patrick Garrison
507th Operations Support Flt
 “Unlike my grandparents who argue with me about voting the straight party line, character and being able to back up what they say means alot these days.”



SSgt. Teresa Lindley
970th Airborne Air Control Squadron
 “For me I would have to say there are two very important issues that will influence who I vote for this election. Being a reservist, foreign policy is and always will be an issue. The second issue is how will each candidate propose to handle social security.”



MSgt. Rene Martinez
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
 “Military issues - for the last eight years we have seen a dramatic reduction in military forces but an increase in military interventions. The forces need to be fully supported and funded to get their numbers increased and morale on a higher level.”



Photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

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E-mail watch

The Base Security Office is looking at e-mail and starting to set e-mail policies. One area of concern is non-official e-mail use. Officials will be scrutinizing e-mail traffic all the way to viewing contents of specific messages. Types of messages a sniffer software will be looking for are: Chain letters, messages with graphic attachments (Large pictures etc.). That means any type of non-official mail that is illegal, could cause network slow downs or create network/e-mail problems. If you know anyone that sends or forwards these types of messages, let them know that base e-mail traffic will be scanned and adverse actions are possible. We do not want anyone in trouble for e-mail abuse.

New key system for lodging

The TinkerAFB Lodging Office just began using a new "computerized" room key system that will have an impact on our personnel during UTAs. They have gone to the magnetically coded keys which automatically deactivate at 1100 hours on the scheduled check out date. Reservists who would normally check out of their rooms by 1200, Sunday will now have to check out prior to 1100. Anyone who is not physically out of

(Photo) *The Singing Reservists*, TSgt. Mitch Chandran (left) and 1Lt. Stan Paregien, perform to an audience of about 4,500 at the Robbers Cave Fall Festival, Wilberton, Okla. In between songs, they told the audience about Air Force Reserve opportunities and benefits. During this outreach, Oct. 18-23, Chandran and Paregien were also featured guests on a two-hour radio morning show, 95.5 FM in Hugo, Okla., telling more of the Air Force Reserve story, openings available, and benefits.

the room and checked out at the front desk by 1100 hours will automatically be charged a late fee. This is a completely automated system and the desk clerks CANNOT override it. Late fees are the member's responsibility to pay.

Operation Holiday Spirit

The 507th ARW and the 513th ACG are gearing for the 2nd Annual Operation Holiday Spirit (OHS) collection. This is an effort to get food, clothing, toys and cash donations to various charities, such as the Downtown Baptist Church (soup kitchen and clothing dispersal), the YWCA (womens clothing and toys), and to any Reserve families identified by unit Commanders or First Sergeants that need our help.

OHS meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at 1000 hours in the Wing Commanders Conference Room, Building 1043, Room 101. For more information, contact Capt. Ralph Hawkins, Ext. 4-6379 or SMSgt. Janice Lyles, Ext. 47000.

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