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507th ARW Mission: Man, train, equip, and sustain a Reserve force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.



**507th ARW
Commander's Column**

By Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich
507th ARW Commander

Farewell but not goodbye

This will be my last opportunity to make comments as your commander in our "On Final" magazine. While this is not the first time I've completed a command assignment and passed the Wing flag to my successor, this time will indeed be different. The mechanics of past PCS moves have been quite challenging on my family, but this one will be easy. Janet and I will back the car out of our driveway, pause, and pull right back in - saying, "we're home." As I close out my tour with the 507th, I will also close out my career in this great Air Force.

The people in this wing have accomplished a great deal during the last two years, and I commented on some of the most recent in last month's column. We've enjoyed many successes, in both group and individual categories, but we can do better. Somebody has to do the paperwork, and that usually starts at the first level supervisor. Submissions for PEP promotions and quarterly enlisted awards are not what they could be. AFRC and Air Force level functional award opportunities often go by without any wing nominations. Our officer and NCO leadership does not accurately reflect the Wing population either in gender or ethnicity. These are challenges I tried to work, but was not as successful as I hoped I would be. These are challenges I leave to you to continue to work - and I hope you work them hard.

This is a challenging business we're in - balancing our family needs with our civilian and military demands - but nothing should be too difficult with the high caliber people we have in the 507th. I am extremely proud to have served with you as your commander and as your first general officer. Janet and I wish each of you the best and look forward to visiting occasionally as Air Force retirees and 507th Air Refueling Wing alumni.



**513th ACG
Commander's Column**

By Col. John Fobian
513th ACG Commander

We salute one of AFRC's finest

The men and women of the 513th Air Control Group salute one of AFRC's finest, Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, on his retirement after more than thirty years of service to this great country. Few individuals dedicate their lives to serve in the military for such a long career and fewer yet have the opportunity to make a difference as a leader. General Gingerich has achieved just that. He has made a difference that has touched the lives of so many airmen.

He started out on active duty and made the transition to the Air Force Reserve in 1978. He has commanded four units, flying C-130s, C-141s, and finally the KC-135. His assignments have taken him and his family across the United States from coast to coast.

General Gingerich has made a lasting impression on the Tinker reserve community. On the surface, it is readily apparent in the cosmetic changes made during his tour in the 507th. Look at our campus improvements that include underground utilities, sidewalks and gutters, landscaping, and an electronic marquee to name just a few. What is harder to see is the significant impact he has made in enhancing relationships. He has worked diligently with Team Tinker leadership, the local community, and congressional delegates to convey the Reserve message. He continually made the extra effort to increase awareness of the important contributions made daily by our citizen airmen. I have been fortunate to learn from his example.

Thanks for your leadership and friendship during the past couple of years. Thanks for sharing your experience and wisdom as you guided others throughout the course of your career. Thank you for your support of the 513th and always watching out for our best interests.

We wish you continued success in your future endeavors, and may God watch over you and Janet during your travels.

**"Good Luck on your retirement
General Gingerich."**

-The men and women of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG

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On the cover...



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Some of the men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing display smiles and "thumbs-up" during January's Unit Training Assembly. Preparing for the future is a key element in this unit's readiness plan.

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Wrighton takes command of 507th ARW

By Maj. Richard Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Col. Timothy J. Wrighton will assume command of the 507th Air Refueling Wing this weekend during a change of command ceremony. The ceremony will also commemorate the retirement of the wing's current commander, Brig. Gen. Jon Gingerich.

Wrighton comes to the 507th and Oklahoma from an assignment as Air Force Reserve Advisor to the Air Mobility Command commander, Scott AFB, Ill., where he has served since April of 1998.

Wrighton graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. After completing undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas in 1975, his military tour of duty has included various flying assignments at Norton AFB, Calif., and Travis AFB, Calif. At Travis AFB, he served in Desert Storm, where he received Kuwait Liberation Medals from both the governments of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia as well as the Air Force Air Medal.

He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff and Air War College and is a command pilot with more than 7,600 hours flown in C-141 A/B, KC-10 and KC-135R aircraft.

On-final: First off, sir, welcome to the 507th.

Wrighton: Thank you, I'm looking forward to working with the people in this unit. Our people may not realize the great reputation they have at higher headquarters as a lean-forward unit. I'm proud for the opportunity to become an "Okie".

On-final: As an AMC "insider", what challenges do you see facing KC-135 refueling operations in the future?

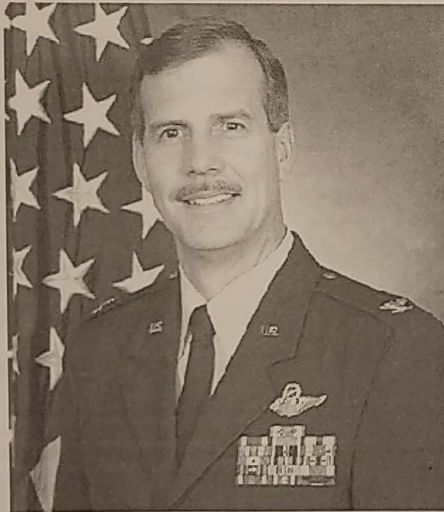
Wrighton: As the U.S. maintains a smaller permanent presence overseas, our ability to project forces rapidly in

time of need remains critical to the way we do business. Since the tanker is at the heart of this capability, it seems apparent our operational tempo will remain very high for the foreseeable future. Over half our tanker force is in the Air Reserve Component, so we ask more of our Reservists than ever. Our ARC tanker force is truly a national asset, ready for the next crisis.

But the KC-135 fleet is aging, requiring more time in depot and undergoing some costly upgrades...Pacer CRAG, FM Immunity, GATM. These are all necessary to efficiently operate in the more automated, data-intensive, crowded air traffic environment of the future. A top priority is to improve the depot maintenance situation. It has been a difficult challenge to support normal and surge operations when up to a third of the fleet is undergoing repairs or modifications. A solid "get well" plan was recently briefed to the AMC/CC that should deliver some positive results.

On-final: What is the perception of reserve contributions at AMC HQ?

Wrighton: Throughout the AMC HQ, I have personally witnessed countless examples of genuine sincerity for the Total Force Team effort. AFRC units and personnel are respected as valued members of this Total Force and we have worked very hard to foster a close partnership with our active duty counterparts. I am happy to report that there is a true appreciation for what we bring to the table for day



Col. Timothy J. Wrighton

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

Gingerich says farewell

By Maj. Richard Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Brig. Gen. Jon S. Gingerich will step down as commander of the Air Force Reserve's 507th Air Refueling Wing in a ceremony to be held here February 3.

The ceremony will mark both the reserve unit's change of command and the conclusion of 34 years of service for General Gingerich as he also retires from the military.

Gingerich graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and an officer's commission through the University's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He later completed a Master's Degree at Troy State University. His first Air Force assignment was to Vance AFB, Oklahoma where he completed pilot training in 1967. He separated from active duty in July 1978 and joined the Air Force Reserve's 927th Tactical Airlift Group, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. He joined the air reserve technician (ART) program in September 1980. He commanded the 459th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, before becoming the commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing in March of 1999. Gingerich has more than 6,000 flying hours, principally in airlift aircraft, and was a C-130 pilot in Vietnam.

During his retirement ceremony, Gingerich will receive one of the Air Force's highest awards, the Legion of Merit as well as an Oklahoma State Senate Citation proclaiming February 3rd as Jon S. Gingerich Day for the State of Oklahoma.

During his tenure as commander of the reserve unit, Gingerich provided insightful leadership for the more than 250 full-time and 1,250 part-time reservists. During his tour, the unit aggressively accomplished Air Force air refueling deployments and mission requirements. The 507th supported the local area through its response in support during the aftermath of the May 3, 1999, tornado, and annual community service programs. Governor Keating also presented the unit with the Oklahoma Quality Foundation's Achievement Award for its quality improvement efforts.

During his military career, Gingerich spent two separate tours of duty at Oklahoma's Vance Air Force Base, first as a student pilot and then as an instructor pilot. General Gingerich and his wife, Janet, plan to remain in Oklahoma. "We've always liked Oklahoma and the people here. Janet's from Oklahoma City, our daughter Jennifer was born in Enid, our son Andy works in Tulsa, and we're finishing up our third tour in Oklahoma - I'd say this is home," Gingerich said.

"As far as the future is concerned, we want to have some time for ourselves at first. But I do know I want to remain actively involved in the community. At this point, we'll see what the future brings," he said.

to day operations...they cannot do it without us. And I am confident this will continue. AMC/CC said it all, "The seamless and integrated contributions of our Active, Reserve, Guard and Civilian teammates, along with that of our CRAF (Civil Reserve Air Fleet) industry partners, are critical. All of this adds up to one thing...we must take care of our people if we are to continue to guarantee our Nation's ability to go anywhere, anytime, and to project power once we get there."

On-final: How would you describe your leadership style?

Wrighton: Eager to learn and work as a team toward data driven solutions, while respecting and considering everyone's input.

I like to take a visible, hands-on approach. I enjoy visiting unit members in their places of work to watch and hear what is going on. I consider myself patient and a good listener, yet will make decisions that need to be made to move the organization forward. I believe you'll find I'm fair and consistent in dealing with personnel issues as well. I will work toward giving each and every member the pride of belonging to our great organization, working together to make it better...always ready to serve our great Nation when called upon. As an organization, I believe we should also be able to have fun and be safe doing it.

On-final: What characteristics do you value most from those working under your command?

Wrighton: Those that take a professional approach to their Reserve participation; it shows in how they conduct themselves and deal with others in the unit — people who know how and are willing to learn to prioritize and are not afraid to take on change...even embrace it. I appreciate those who can be there when you need them, while understanding the needs of their families and careers. I value those who know and demonstrate knowledge of and respect for chain of command. Finally, I value working with those who truly enjoy participating, are proud of it, and want to share their enthusiasm with others.

On-final: Who is your personal hero and why?

Wrighton: This one is easy — my father. He embodies all that I consider good and decent about being someone who can make a difference. His simple approaches to problem solving and decision making are clear. He taught me to respect everyone as individuals, listen to them, look in the "mirror" regularly, and do not forget where you came from. He taught me to be fair and consistent, work hard, and don't forget to have fun.

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507th ARW members ready for AEF-3 deployment

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) prepare for another deployment in support of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF).

Reservists will deploy to Incirlik, Turkey, throughout the month of March with the mission to air refuel aircraft participating in Operation Northern Watch, the United Nation's imposed no-fly zone over northern Iraq.

This deployment will be the second major AEF mission unit members have supported.

More than 70 aircrew and support personnel from the 507th ARW will participate in AEF 3. They will provide a much-needed commodity – fuel.

Unit members will deploy in two separate rotations, with each rotation lasting about 17 days with overlap to maintain continuity of operations.

"The 507th Air Refueling Wing will be first of three reserve tanker units in succession at Incirlik for AEF 3," said Capt. Rick Gale, logistics plan officer for the 507th ARW. "The 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March will replace us and the 916th Air Refueling Wing from Seymour-Johnson will replace them."

Members of the unit prepare for missions like this on a daily basis. At any given time, at least ten percent of unit reservists are deployed somewhere in the world training or fulfilling a much-needed role for a mission.

Along with unit members preparing to deploy for this AEF, the unit is also preparing for an upcoming major inspection. One idea wrapped in this picture is to save defense dollars by merging the inspection into this real-world deployment.

"The Air Mobility Command Inspector General [IG] must inspect several aspects of our wartime capability in

the near future anyway," said Gale. "Since we're sending those to AEF 3, it makes sense for the inspection team to watch us perform under real-world conditions versus a staged exercise, such as an IG exercise. In either case, we get to practice deployment, employment operations, and redeployment. But with the IG Team inspecting us during our required AEF, we can validate our military capability until the next cycle, fulfill our AEF commitment, and save money all in the same event. As it stand now," Gale said, "it looks like they will accommodate our request."

Members of the 507th ARW pulled their last AEF at Istres, France, for two, 17-day rotations starting late November 1999 and lasting through the Christmas holidays. During this tour, crews and maintenance personnel provided air refueling support to fighter aircraft patrolling the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Although the men and women of the 507th ARW are well prepared with training to perform their missions, there are new things to learn when working in other countries.

"We perform missions and get training around the world," said Col. James Kerr, commander of the 507th Operations Group. Kerr was the detachment commander on the second rotation of the last AEF. "This AEF deployment cannot be compared to the last one. The core mission is the same but this is another part of the world. We have educated ourselves so we abide by Turkey's laws. For instance, because of their religion, their workweek is Sunday through Thursday making Friday and Saturday no-fly days for us. So we have to plan accordingly."

"Even though we won't be flying on Friday and Saturday," said Maj. Ken Lewis, operations officer for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron and announced vice detachment commander for the sec-

ond rotation of this AEF, "our maintenance and administration personnel will continue to provide support and catch up on what ever is needed. The flying part will be picked up from another location for those two days a week."

Traditionally, unit members have a high-track record of volunteerism for other events and missions which include the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, the F-5 tornado that hit the surrounding area in 1999, and many military initiatives.

Although the 507th ARW was not activated as a whole to render support in Desert Storm, many unit members, from a myriad of career fields, volunteered to activate and deploy in support of the war effort.

"During our last AEF deployment," said Kerr, "our reservists were away from home throughout the Christmas holidays. This is only one example of dedication exhibited by the men and women of the 507th ARW. And the really neat thing about that is, in many cases, they volunteer to make such sacrifices."

The Air Force has established a website devoted to educating and answering questions on EAF and AEF at all levels. Take the time to visit www.xo.hq.af.mil/caf on the internet for more information.

EAF is a concept about who we are in this Aerospace Force of ours and about what we do for the country. It's a mindset that says we can move very, very rapidly anywhere in the world to affect situations from humanitarian disasters to full-blown conflicts.

— Gen Michael E. Ryan
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

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Tips for Volk Field

By SMSgt. Jerry Housley
507th CES, Readiness Flight Chief

The Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO)

Inspect your Ground Crew Ensemble

- Ensure the ensemble is clean, and all snaps and zippers are in good working order.
- Replace simulated M-9 Tape if necessary, ensure it is properly placed on the GCE (see P.129 in AFM 10-100)
- Inspect the markings on your helmet, ensure they are readable, and changes are made if necessary i.e. abbreviated rank and last name.
- Inspect boots or booties, ensure they are serviceable, without cuts and fit properly.
- Clean, sanitize, and functional check the canteen, M1 canteen cap, and mask drinking tube.
- Inspect protective mask and hood.
- Ensure outlet valve is operating correctly
- Re-adjust mask harness if necessary.
- Ensure filters are serviceable and provide for ease of breathing.
- Ensure all strings and fittings on the mask hood are serviceable and user friendly
- Ensure the 1574 Inspection form is current and signed and dated.

Practice Contamination Avoidance

- Avoid areas of potential liquid contamination.
- When liquid spray is possible or expected, or one is involved in decontamination operation, ensure the GCE is covered with rain gear or a poncho to avoid contamination.

Decontamination

- When contamination is suspected or confirmed immediate action should be taken.
- Remove contamination using the M-291 kit or by what ever means possible. Contamination to the skin, the protective mask, and gloves, should be removed within two minutes, in the preceding order. Contamination to the rest of the ensemble should also be accomplished as soon as possible.

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Mini-strokes

by Maj. Thomas E. Franklin,
507th Medical Squadron

Small strokes (Transient Ischemic Attack or TIA) are characterized by nerve deficits that last for less than 24 hours. Approximately 30 percent of patients with stroke have a history of TIA's (small strokes), and proper treatment of the attacks is an important means of prevention.

The incidence of stroke does not relate to either number or duration of individual attacks but is increased in patients with high blood pressure or diabetes. The incidence of stroke is highest in the month after a transient ischemic attack. Risk factors include smoking, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, anemia, heart disease, lack of exercise and others.

Causes: A common cause is embolization. Embolization involves the travel of material from one site in the body to another site, causing obstruction. Often a fragment of material from an area of plaque in the carotid arteries in the neck will travel into arteries in the brain causing obstruction and cessation of oxygen to the part of the brain supplied by those arteries.

Plaques are caused by a buildup of cholesterol and other fatty deposits in the

artery. Other causes of TIA's include emboli (fragments of material) from the heart compromised by rheumatic heart disease, valve disease, abnormal heart rhythm, infection, tumor, and blood clots due to heart attack. Patients with AIDS, severe anelupus, syphilis, and other sys-



temic diseases may have TIA's.

Symptoms: Symptoms are abrupt, without warning with recovery occurring rapidly (often within a few minutes). Common symptoms are weakness and heaviness of arms, leg, or face, singly or in any combination. Numbness may oc-

cur either as the sole manifestation of the attack or in combination with the above-mentioned symptoms. There may be slowness of movement, loss of speech, loss of vision in one eye. During an attack, physical examination may reveal weakness with changes in sensation to pain or touch, increased reflexes, dizziness, tingling around the mouth, and other neurological changes.

A bruit (loud sound) in the neck may be heard with a stethoscope. Treatment: Medical treatment is aimed at preventing further attacks and stroke. Cigarette smoking should be stopped and cardiac sources of embolization, high blood pressure, diabetes, high blood cholesterol, and anemia should be treated appropriately. Anticoagulants (blood thinners) such as coumadin (warfarin) or heparin may be used initially. Other agents such as aspirin, dipyridamole, (persantine) and ticlopidine (ticlid) are sometimes recommended to suppress the formation of blood clots caused by the rupture of atherosclerotic plaques. Surgery to relieve narrowing or obstruction of the carotid arteries is indicated in severe cases of obstruction.

AFRC selects new command chief

WASHINGTON – Air Force Reserve Command announced the selection of Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Denise Adams as the new Command Chief Master Sergeant Jan. 22.

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command and chief of Air Force Reserve, selected Adams from among 12 nominees for the position. Reservists from all categories,

to include traditional reservists, individual mobilization augmentees, air reserve technicians, and active guard reserve members, applied for this highly coveted position.

"I was immediately impressed with Chief Adams. She is a very dynamic person, who I know will take care of my enlisted force," said Sherrard. "I have every confidence that she is the person for the job."



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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 or 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 \$2,500 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 |
|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2001-4 | 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 |

SNCO Academy In-Residence

HQ AFRC is currently accepting applications for the Senior NCO Academy in residence at Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama. A selection board convenes the last week in March for the following classes. Those classes are (2001D - 16 May 2001 to 27 Jun 2001), (2001E - 11 Jul 2001 to 21 Aug 2001), and (2001F - 05 Sep 2001 to 17 Oct 2001). Applicants must be Master Sergeants or Senior Master Sergeants. A completed AF Form 4036 (Application for Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy - In Residence); a full length color photo 8X10, 3/4 turn pose without jacket or ribbons; Tie, Tie Tab optional; and a personnel RIP (report individual personnel). Suspend to DPMT is COB, 4 March 2001. For more information contact MSgt. Dennis Cain at x47075.

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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.

✓ Nomination packages for AMN, NCO, or SNCO of the quarter are submitted quarterly. Packages are due by COB, on Saturday of the UTA after the end of the quarter. (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

FY2001 UTA SCHEDULE

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| 03-04 Feb 01 | 02-03 Jun 01 |
| 03-04 Mar 01 | 14-15 Jul 01 |
| 07-08 Apr 01 | 11-12 Aug 01 |
| 05-06 May 01 | 08-09 Sep 01 |

as of 17 January 2001

Fri, 02 Feb 2001

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, TNET Room
 1600 Top 3 Council To Be Determined

Sat, 03 Feb 2001

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| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
| 0730-0930 | Newcomers In-Processing | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 0730-0900 | Wing Training Office Closed | Bldg 1043, Room 206 |
| 0900 | 6 Month Contact Mtg | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1000-1130 | Newcomers Orientation | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1000 | Mobility Rep Meeting | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 1030 | First Sgts Meeting | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1330-1630 | Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1400 | Change of Command (All Wing) | Bldg 1082, Fuel Cell Hgr |
| 1600-1630 | Protestant Chapel Service | 513th ACG Conf Room |
| Unit Designated | Sign Out | Unit Designated |

Sun, 04 Feb 2001

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| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
| 0730-0800 | Protestant Chapel Service | 513th ACG Conf Room |
| 0730-0800 | Catholic Chapel Service | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 0730-0930 | MPF Closed for In-House Tng | Bldg 1043 |
| 0815-0915 | Training Managers Mtg | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 0800-1115 | Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0830-1030 | Unit Safety Rep Training | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0750-1115 | CDC/PME Course Exams | Bldg 460, Room 213 |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1100-1200 | IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins | Bldg 1043, Room B-1 |
| 1115 | Escorts pick-up Newcomers | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1100-1300 | "CGOLD" | To Be Determined |
| 1200-1600 | 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1230-1630 | EO 2000 Training | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1300 | SORTS/Post UTA Mtg | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1330 | Personnel Record Reviews | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 1400-1500 | Adverse Actions Mtg | Bldg 1043, General's Office |
| 1500 | Fly Safety Mtg | OPS Briefing Room |
| Unit Designated | Sign Out | Unit Designated |

Fri, 02 Mar 2001

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, TNET Room
 1600 Top 3 Council To Be Determined


Sat, 03 Mar 2001

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| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
| 0730-0930 | Newcomers In-Processing | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 0730-0900 | Wing Training Office Closed | Bldg 1043, Room 206 |
| 0900 | 6 Month Contact Mtg | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1000-1130 | Newcomers Orientation | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1000 | Mobility Rep Meeting | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 1030 | First Sgts Meeting | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1200-1600 | 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1330-1630 | Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1300-1400 | Adverse Actions Mtg | Bldg 1043, General's Office |
| 1400-1500 | Training Managers Mtg | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1400-1500 | IG period w/Lt. Col. Collins | Bldg 1043, Room B-1 |
| 1600-1630 | Protestant Chapel Service | 513th ACG Conf Room |
| Unit Designated | Sign Out | Unit Designated |

Sun, 04 Mar 2001

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| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
| 0730-0800 | Protestant Chapel Service | 513th ACG Conf Room |
| 0730-0800 | Catholic Chapel Service | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 0730-0930 | MPF Closed for In-House Tng | Bldg 1043 |
| 0800-1115 | Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0830-1030 | Supervisor Safety Training | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0750-1115 | CDC/PME Course Exams | Bldg 460, Room 213 |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1000-1130 | HRDC Mtg | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1115 | Escorts pick-up Newcomers | To Be Determined |
| 1100-1300 | "CGOLD" | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0830-0930 | 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1230-1630 | EO 2000 Training | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 1300 | SORTS/Post UTA Mtg | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1330 | Personnel Record Reviews | Bldg 1043, TNET Room |
| 1500 | Fly Safety Mtg | OPS Briefing Room |
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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 ORANY SPECIAL OFFICER COURSES
Contact MSgt. Dennis Cain at 734-7075

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 | Phase I Subject | OPR |
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| 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 | ME |
| | | Phase II Subject | OPR |
| Sunday | 0800-0830 | Base Populace | CEX |
| Sunday | 0830-0845 | IG Briefing | G |
| Sunday | 0845-1015 | UCMJ/Ethics | JA |
| 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 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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If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: Recertification due in by end of month in:

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Quarterly award winners announced

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Three enlisted members have been selected for Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO), Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), and Airman of the Quarter for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2000.

"We received many outstanding nomination packages,"

said CMSgt. Robert Kellington, Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 507th ARW and chairman of the Enlisted Advisory Council. "Again it was a tough job selecting the best of the best. We have so many outstanding folks in this unit."

This quarter, MSgt. Sandra Dronberger, TSgt. Deborah Kidd, and SrA John Babbitt Jr. were selected as SNCO, NCO, and Airman of the Quarter, respectively.

MSgt. Sandra Dronberger, a structural maintenance specialist for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), has been selected as SNCO of the Quarter.



MSgt. S. Dronberger

MSgt. S. Dronberger is a fully qualified 7-level structural technician with ten years experience in the squadron and three years experience on active duty with the Air Force. She is a fully qualified trainer/certifier for all aircraft structural personnel in the maintenance section.

Dronberger's expertise has been instrumental in meeting mission needs by training three and five level members in the unit. Not only is she a qualified Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) technician and assessor, but has also volunteered to attend the ABDR Assessor Course which greatly increased the 507th CLSS's ability to prepare for ABDR exercises and Operation Readiness Inspections.

She is a highly respected leader and organizer in the squadron, which is why she was selected to start and manage the ABDR section as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the ABDR Training Section.

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According to Major Donald Harlan, commander of the 507th CLSS,

Dronberger is a fully qualified 7-level structural technician with ten years experience in the squadron and three years experience on active duty with the Air Force. She is a fully qualified trainer/certifier for all aircraft structural personnel in the maintenance section.

TSgt. Deborah Kidd, an Air Force Reserve honor guard liaison for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, has been selected as NCO of the Quarter.

According to Maj. Timothy Collins, commander of the 507th MSS, Kidd excels as the Tinker AFB Honor Guard Reserve Liaison for the wing with secondary duties as the 507th Services Mortuary Affairs NCOIC. She also serves as the focal point for the wing's recruitment of prospective members for the Honor Guard.

Among other accomplishments, Kidd has negotiated a fair price with a reputable off-base business for alteration of Honor Guard Reserve uniforms. She has performed more than 15 details totaling over 60 detail hours with the Honor Guard for this quarter, and has participated in 93 details with an aggregate total of 375 detail hours since joining the Honor Guard. She conducts all Honor Guard details with a positive attitude, passion for excellence and esprit de corps making this duty a personal priority.

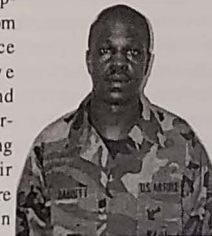
Kidd recently graduated from the Honor Guard Trainers Course, and coordinated all Honor Guard related issues for recent Billy Hughes Awards Banquet.



TSgt. Deborah Kidd

SrA John Babbitt Jr., an aircraft electrical and environmental systems specialist for the 507th CLSS, has been selected as Airman of the Quarter for a second time. During Fiscal Year 2000, Babbitt was select as Airman of the Quarter for the period of April 1 through June 30. According to the Maj. Don Harlan, Babbitt is a fully qualified 7-level electrical and environmental aircraft systems specialist at his civilian job at the 97th Air Base Wing (ABW), Atlas AFB, Okla., with five years civilian, four years active duty, and one year Air Force Reserve experience as an aircraft electrician. He is fully qualified and certified as a KC-135 tanker aircraft In-Progress Inspector for all critical aspects of the aircraft repair and inspection phases.

Among other accomplishments, He was instrumental in the submission of a waiver package for his 5 level and received approval from Air Force Reserve Headquarters saving Air Force more than \$20,000 in technical schools and training time. He has assisted with the training of the KC-135 "B" team. Also, on Unit Training Assembly weekends, Babbitt helps train three and five levels in the 507th Air Generation Squadron's Electrical/Environmental (E/E) shop and the 97th ABW's E/E shop.



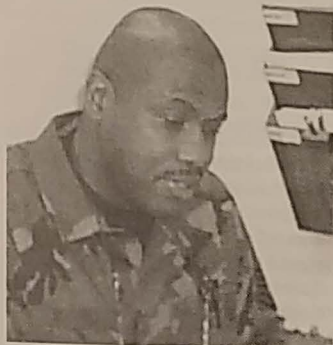
SrA John Babbitt

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

In the noncommissioned officer side of the house there are many outstanding professionals. Here are the...



MSgt. N. McGuire
1st Sergeant of the Year

MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, first sergeant for the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, is named First Sergeant of the Year for 2000.

On May 1, Millwood Public School Board, Oklahoma City, Okla., approved a request by McGuire and principle of Millwood Middle School, to install an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (Jr. ROTC) program at Millwood Middle School.

Members of the 72nd APS are excited about the opportunity including McGuire. "This is a great chance to instill several core values to today's youth," McGuire said. "We can teach patriotism, citizenship and leadership which are key ingredients, not for just the Air Force but for society. We can make better students which makes better citizens."

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

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

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Best of the best in Y2K

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

"The Millwood campuses have long been 'Army campuses' with the Army and Marines having a strong, daily influence. We need to have the kids start thinking Air Force," McGuire said. "Thanks to the efforts of the 72nd's unit recruiting team 'The Mission Masters' and recruiter TSgt. Pam Peterson, we are starting to have an Air Force influence there, in fact, TSgt. Peterson recently signed two Millwood High School seniors to the Air Force Reserve."

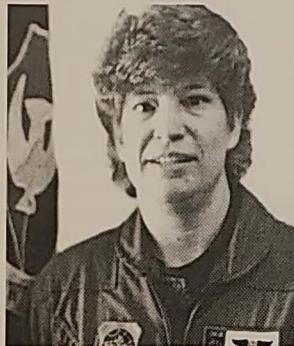
Even though the Jr. ROTC participants range in age from 11-15, McGuire says it will be similar to what we see on our monthly drills. "We'll have Jr. ROTC flight sergeants, training instructors and open-ranks inspection. We'll have a military curriculum and a drill team," McGuire said. "We'll teach self discipline and you've got to have the grades to maintain membership."

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

Tomorrow's Air Force leaders are being developed today at Millwood Middle School thanks to the 72nd APS and McGuire. "We're going to instill direction in these kids which is a good thing," McGuire said. "It's a win-win situation for the school, the community and the military."

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MSgt. K. Lowman
SNCO of the Year

MSgt. Kathy Lowman, an inflight refueling operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) was selected as the Wing's 507th Air Refueling Squadron of the Year 2000.

According to Lt. Col. James Jackson, commander of the 465th ARS, she is a superior senior NCO who continually sets the standard with her outstanding dedication and work ethic. Lowman was hand-picked to be the unit Cargo Load Training Officer and Chief of Mobility Branch. This critical position normally reserved for more experienced noncommissioned officers — is a testament to her proven abilities.

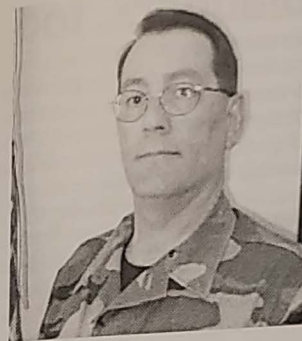
She was named the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter and the 465th ARS Nominee for the Oklahoma Air Force Association Enlisted Member of the Year.

Lowman was also given the first Commander's Coin of Excellence by Lt. Col. Jackson for her continual volunteer and duty effort.

She was also named Air Force Reserve Command's Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year for 1999.

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TSgt. Mark Wilson
NCO of the Year

TSgt. Mark Wilson, education and training specialist for the 507th CLSS, is named 507th Air Refueling Wing's NCO of the Year 2000.

According to Maj. Donald Harlan, Wilson volunteered to cross-train from the Aircraft Structural Repair career field to the Education and Training Manager career field in order to fill a critical vacancy in the squadron. Shortly after earning his qualifications, he was further tasked with filling a vacant Air Reserve Technician (ART) Training Manager position. He has performed more than 90 reserve mandays to fill the squadron's vacant ART Training Manager position.

Over a six-month period (Jan - Jun 2000), he provided vital continuity as a key staff member and scheduled all formal schools, skills, and ancillary training ensuring the unit's readiness. He also assists in the development of a Block Training Program for ancillary training allowing maintenance personnel to devote more time to skills training.

A1C John Babbitt Jr., electrical and environmental systems specialist for the 507th CLSS, is named the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Airman of the Year 2000.

According to Maj. Donald Harlan, Babbitt is a fully qualified seven-level electrical/environmental aircraft systems specialist in his civilian job at the 97th Air Base Wing (ABW) Altus AFB, Okla.

He is fully qualified and certified as an KC-135 In Progress Inspector (IPI) for all critical aspects of the aircraft repair and inspection phases.

On UTA weekends, he helps train 3 & 5 levels in the 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS). He also receives outstanding reviews, and according to TSgt. Phillip Ryan 507th AGS, "he, is very knowledgeable and an asset to our shop!"

513th ACG names Maintenance Pros of the Quarter



TSgt. Michael Nesbitt, aircraft expeditor for the 513th Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS), is named NCO Maintenance Professional of the Quarter.

According to Maj. Dale Andrews, commander of the 513th AGS, Nesbitt coordinates the Maintenance efforts of all flight line personnel assigned to the 513th Logistics Group (approximately 160) to ensure the proper technicians are assigned to the tasking/discrepancies that are discovered or being worked.

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TSgt. Emmitt Waskom, III, guidance and control craftsman for the 513th

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Maintenance Squadron (MX), was named Maintenance Professional of the Quarter for all ranks.

According to Lt. Col. Rodney Lane, commander of the 513th MX, Waskom is an expert technician; hand picked to represent the Air Force on temporary duty assignment to Japan. He repaired six Embedded Global Positioning System Integrated Navigational Units for the Japanese AWACS program. He also recommended technical order improvements for troubleshooting procedures and developed new initialization procedures in communication technicians checklist to alleviate drift rate errors.

Waskom is an extraordinary electronics expert. He repaired a non-operational air conditioning trainer valued at more than \$500,000 and restored trainer to full-functional capability. This resulted in ending a 3-year training interruption. He also saved the Air Education and Training Command about \$15,000 in repair costs.

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Cold weather bothers 'bird' bladders, too

By TSgt. Doug Hays

434th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

GRISSEND AIR RESERVE BASE, Ind. - The cold snap here in December affected a lot of things - batteries, heating costs, water pipes and the fuel bladders on KC-135R Stratotankers.

"By the end of the Christmas/New Year's holiday period, eight aircraft had developed leaks," said Chief Master Sgt. David Sward, 434th Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance superintendent.

"Fuel leaks are typical this time of year," Sward explained. "Aircraft moving in and out of heated hangars, to the extreme cold, strains the fuel systems. The past few winters have been relatively mild, but this winter has been colder and the fuel leaks, in general, have gone up."

"Add to that we've had no reprieve in the cold weather. It got cold and stayed cold," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Fornal, 434th MXS inspection section supervisor.

While fuel leaks are to be expected during cold weather periods, having eight 434th Air Refueling Wing aircraft develop leaks at the same time tested the mettle of maintenance personnel. Already hampered by the holidays and personnel on leave, the maintenance folks called in fuel cell augmentees to help repair the aircraft as quickly as possible.

"We implemented the augmentee program back in the fall," Sward said. "We solicited volunteers from the aircraft maintenance community and began training them specifically for this type of situation."

The training and forethought paid off - along with help from fellow Air Force Reserve Command units at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., and Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. Both bases had space and people to assist in repairing one aircraft each, so documentation and approv-

als were done for a one-time flight to those locations.

"This is where other maintainers really stepped in to help out," Sward said. "For example, we needed to launch an aircraft - to send it to Selfridge - but were short-manned. Mike's (Fornal) crew stepped up, and pre-flighted, towed and fueled the aircraft to get it launched safely and as soon as possible."

Whenever something like cold weather fuel problems occur, the first area affected is the fuel cell shop. But, just as a ripple expands in pond, other areas soon begin feeling the effect. "Aircraft sitting idle tend to develop more problems as well," Sward said. "In addition, the augmentees will come from other backshops and the flightline until the entire maintenance unit is impacted."

"The problem was common in each of the eight Stratotankers. The thin bladder tanks get cold-soaked and lose elasticity," said Senior Master Sgt. Melvin Story, 434th MXS systems section superintendent. "The rubber loses its ability to conform and, when you get a lot of fuel in the bladder, it looks for the weak spot and begins to leak."

"Add to this problems with maintaining adequate heat in the hangars and high winds causing work stoppages," Story began, and "something that is normally routine becomes anything but routine," Sward concluded.

Most of the aircraft affected had heavy fuel loads. Aircraft going on and coming off alert status have larger quantities of fuel and are more likely to develop leaks.

"We had concerns about alert birds going down over the holidays," said Maj. Gregory DeMaio, 434th MXS commander. "It was a team effort between fuels, maintenance and flightline personnel to keep those alert lines up."

"By the skin of our teeth, we met all our flying requirements," Sward said. (AFRC News Service from a 434th ARW news release)

Latest uniform board announces decisions

The 95th Air Force Uniform Board made the following decisions with an effective date of Feb. 1, 2001:

- When wearing ribbons, "all" (including devices) are required;
- Fingernail length can not interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items;
- Attache case, gym bag, backpack and women's purse are authorized to be carried in either hand (not to interfere with rendering proper salute);
- Attachments for access passes/badges are authorized (plain dark blue or black ropes, silver or plastic small con-

servative link chains, and clear plastic chain). Attachments are authorized as long as they do not interfere with safety. Attachment must be conservative and free of advertisement;

- Center the Excellence-in-Competition badge on the belt pocket of the service dress jacket;
- Pharmacy technician certification badge may be worn on the utility uniform (whites) 1/2 inch above nametag;
- "Camel pack" water containers are approved as part of standard hot weather uniform.

Additional guidance will be forthcoming in the next update of AFI 36-2903.

PRK not in sight for flyers

Air Force Reserve aircrew members are still ineligible to undergo photorefractive keratectomy, commonly known as PRK, according to medical officials at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. The only way aviators can receive a Reserve waiver for PRK is for the procedure to be done at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The active-duty Air Force selects about 200 people a year who have been cleared by the School of Aerospace Medicine to have the procedure done. Traditional reservists, air reserve have the procedure done. Traditional reservists, air reserve technicians and members of the National Guard cannot have the procedure done because they are not authorized to be operated on at Wilford Hall.

National Guard, Reserve Forces to Benefit from NDAA

Reserve members now can receive credit for up to 90 points each year for inactive duty training and completion of correspondence courses to receive credit for their extra effort, which will be used to calculate their Reserve retired pay.

This is a 15-point-per-year increase over the previous limit and will allow Reserve members who perform additional drills and complete additional study through correspondence courses to receive credit for their extra effort, which will be used to calculate their Reserve retired pay. (OASD-PA)

Questions regarding this new change can be directed to the 507th Customer Service office at ext. 47492.

Adapt-a-Civil Air Patrol Cadet at Millwood Middle School

Chastin Counts, is a seventh-grade student and a Civil Air Patrol cadet at Millwood Middle School. She is also a member of the Junior National Honor Society with a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of Millwood's cheerleading squad for their basketball team and an officer in the Student Council.

Under the Adopt-A-Cadet program, Chastin is sponsored by MSgt. Clifton Howard, a member of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron (APS). Howard has used his military experience to help teach Chastin about the military and what she needs to be successful in life.

"Being in the Air Force Reserve has been very educational and rewarding," said Howard. "It has been an honor to be part of the Tinker AFB Honor Guard too. I'm privileged to pass on the skills and knowledge to youths like Chastin Count."

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the Air Force. For information about Millwood's Adopt-A-Cadet program, you can contact MSgt. Nathan McGuire, first sergeant for the 72nd APS and principle of Millwood Middle School, at Ext. 9-2081 or at Millwood 478-0360, or by email: mcguire@mail.icnet.net

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ROA selects new officers

Chapter 66 of the Reserve Officers Association held its annual selection of officers for 2001, last month.

Selected as new chapter officers are Capt. Walter Jacques, President; Capt. Wendy Deemer, Vice President; Maj. Mony Goodman, Treasurer; and 1st Lt Mechelle Braden, Secretary.

ROA Chapter 66 officers from the 507th ARW and 513th ACG contributed over \$540 to Operation Christmas Spirit.

For more information, contact Capt. Jacques at walter.jacques@tinker.af.mil or call extension 4-6409 during drill weekends.

Another "My Boss is a Patriot" presented

Bill Weldon, superintendent of Maysville High School, recently received a "My Boss is a Patriot" certificate from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The certificate was presented by Capt. Dan Moore, commander of the 507th Maintenance Squadron, and TSgt. Evelyn Patton, logistics plan technician for the 507th Maintenance Squadron. Mr. Weldon received this certificate for his strong support for the Air Force Reserve.

One example of support to the Air Force Reserve was after he hired Patton for a teaching position at Maysville HS. Soon after being hired, Patton received a training quota to attend a military technical school for her Reserve job. As she told Mr. Weldon about her requirement to attend this six-week course, he assured her that he would fully support her and that he still wanted her to teach at Maysville after she returned from technical school.

Mr. Weldon was also selected by the state ESGR board to participate in a Boss Flight in November 2000. The group of approximately 25 employers from across Oklahoma traveled to Eglin AFB, Florida for two-days of briefings and tours on how the Guard and reserve do business in the "total force."

DoD further slows anthrax vaccinations

A further slowdown of the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program has been implemented in all theaters except Southwest Asia. DOD is taking this action to conserve available vaccine supply while protecting those servicemembers at greatest risk and maintaining a contingency reserve for unexpected domestic or terrorist requirements.

Vaccinations will resume when a sufficient supply of Food and Drug Administration approved and certified safe and effective vaccine is available next year. For more information, visit the DOD Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program Web site is <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/>

Upclose

Photos by TSgt. Melba Koch

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group: "How about them Sooners?"



SSgt. Erik Strawn
507th Maintenance Support Sq.
"What about 'em? I'm for OSU."

SrA Kinnie Ledford
507th Medical Squadron
"I'm a diehard Sooner fan. The Sooners are back to stay. Boomer - Sooner!"



1st Lt. Michelle Billetter
507th Medical Squadron
"I'm an Ohio State fan, but I think its great they won."



SrA Adrian Theerman
507th Medical Squadron
"I'm glad it was a team from Oklahoma that won. But I am an OSU fan."



SMSgt. Robert Vandevander
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
"Wow! I was surprised that they beat FSU. I'm glad for them."



TSgt. Michael Swann
513th Aircraft Generation Squadron
"They were destined to win no matter what. They had the team. They had the force. Way to go Sooners."

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Building the next generation of Patriots



By Capt. Walter Jacques
513th AGS Maintenance Officer, ROA President

As we begin the next two years with the new ROA staff, I thank Maj. Harold Collins and staff for a job well done. For the first time in recent memory, our ROA group has met jointly with the Naval Reserve Officers from the Reserve Training Center. Numerous members were added to the Association in the past two years, including a lot of life members.

The purpose of the Reserve Officers Association is "to support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security." In pursuit of that goal, I will soon extend an invitation to one or more of our legislators to speak to an ROA assembly and take questions on legislative action. In the past, Sen. Jim Inhofe and Rep. Ernest Istook have spoken at Tinker at the request of ROA.

ROA's numerous legislative accomplishments in 1999 include a military pay raise, military funeral honors, TRICARE deductibles, Reservist participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and much more. The 2001 legislative agenda contains issues such as tax credits to employers of members of the Guard and Reserve; restoration of full tax deductibility of non-reimbursable expenses related to military duty of Reservists; extension of the 10-year limitation of Montgomery GI bill benefits; and again, much more.

Upcoming Events are the Midwinter Conference, Washington, DC, Feb 4-10; The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, Saturday, Feb. 10; and the State Convention, March 23-24. The Convention will be the appropriate forum in which to present resolutions to the National ROA body. Even if you can't attend the convention, there is a military ball on Saturday night, March 24, open to all. For information on any of the above, visit the Oklahoma ROA Website at: <http://okroa.org>.

Finally, I would like to see the ROA involve itself in a project that would provide stewardship to the local community while at the same time addressing a major national defense issue: recruiting and retention. Specifically, I would like for us to pick up some kind of sponsorship/partnership with local junior ROTC and/or Civil Air Patrol cadets, young citizens who have shown some level of interest in filling our shoes when we are ready to retire our uniforms. The time to build the next generation of patriots is now.

To borrow from the recent inaugural address of President Bush, "I ask you to be ... citizens, not spectators... building communities of service and a nation of character."

Job Openings

Reserve positions

First sergeant position

CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant, is accepting applications for the 507th Medical Squadron's first sergeant's position. Applications must be submitted by COB Mar. 4, 2001, Sunday UTA.

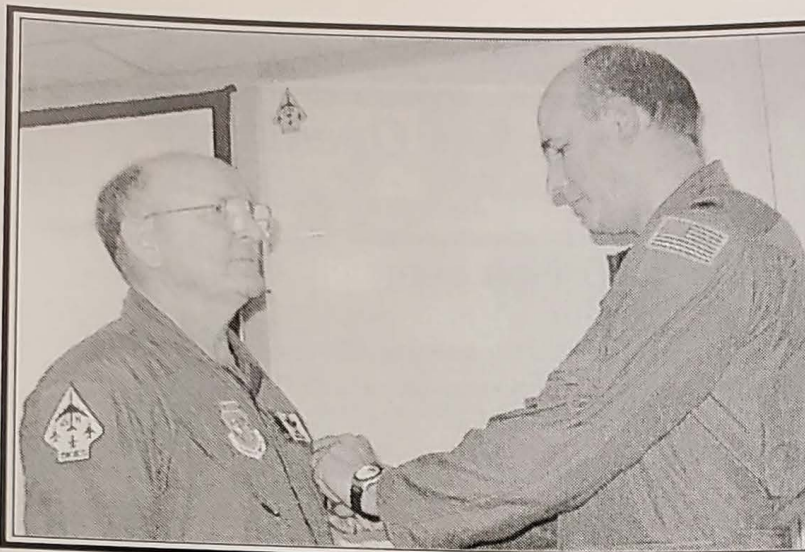
Listed below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application per AFI 36-2113, AFMAN 36-8001, and the 507th SEA criteria:

- Must be a volunteer for the first sergeant position;
- A letter of recommendation from present supervisor endorsed by your commander or first sergeant if commander not available;
- Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skills;
- Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.;
- Possess an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
- Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent;
- Have completed the NCO Academy (residence or correspondence);
- Possess a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL;
- Ability to speak distinctly;
- Be financially stable;
- Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Overall image should exceed minimum standards;
- Selectee must attend AFRES First Sergeant Academy at earliest possible date, but no later than one year from date of assignment;
- Meet a first sergeants review/interview board made up of selecting unit commander, Command Chief Master Sergeant, one unit first sergeant, and one senior NCO. Board members should not be assigned to the same unit as the applicant;

For more information, call CMSgt. Robert Kellington at Ext. 4-6379.

Career Seminars planned

A day-long symposium is planned Feb. 10 at the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Brochures for this event were distributed throughout the unit last month with a detailed schedule of events. According to Maj. Mony Goodman, 507th Services, everyone is encouraged to attend. Break-out seminars are planned for both reserve officer and enlisted issues. For information on registration call 1-800-304-0228.



Oldest boom operator retires with honors

SMSgt. Dennis Smith, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS), retired with honors during January's Unit Training Assembly after serving more than 28 years, of which, more than three years of service were spent with the 465th ARS.

During his retirement ceremony, Smith retired as the oldest actively flying boom operator in the Air Force.

R-NEWS

Top 3 aid fire victim

The Tinker AFB Reserve Top 3 made a \$500 donation to a member of the 513th ACG whose house and belongings were destroyed by fire. TSgt Dwyane Fansler, 513th Maintenance Squadron, lost his home and all of the contents to fire during the holidays.

Past due travel card accounts terminated

Government travel cardholders with balances more than 120 days past due are having their accounts terminated by Bank of America. The bank intends to suspend accounts at 60 days, cancel accounts at 120 days and report to credit bureaus at 181 days if the card balances are still unpaid.

Showcase your talent on television and radio

Wanted: Musicians and singers who are 507th ARW or 513th ACG Reservists or ARTS, any rank, to showcase their talents on radio and television, both locally and out-of-town, and join the 507th ARW Public Affairs Outreach Program.

In 2000, the *Singing Reservists*, the premier act in the 2000 program, was a phenomenal success. During their tours throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, they achieved more than 6-1/2 hours of air time on radio and TV.

For 2001, the Outreach Program is being expanded to showcase additional Re-

serve talent.

If you are interested in participating, contact the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office at Ext. 4-3078, or stop by during the UTA.

No dental service during March UTA

Dental Services will not see patients during March due to required administrative activity. We will expand our hours next month, February, to Saturday 0800-1500, Sunday 0830-1400. Since Saturday morning will be very busy with scheduled physical exams, it is recommended anyone not undergoing a physical examination come in for their dental examination in the afternoon on Saturday or on Sunday.

Anyone in Dental Class 3 and 4 who is supposed to deploy in February or March, come in during February to avoid administrative snags with their deployment.

Credit Card scam

A member of this unit received an automated telephone message advising that they needed to call a 1-800 number in reference to their Government credit card account. When the member called the number, she was asked for her credit card number. The individual on the other end said they could only tell her why she was called if she gave her account number. She refused to do so, and contacted an account representative at the Government credit card company.

The representative told the unit member that they do not contact individuals in that manner, and that the member was

correct in not releasing her account/card number.

Never release your credit card number(s) to anyone unless you verify who they are and their need for your number. If you should receive any calls concerning your government charge card like the one indicated above, please contact the wing's charge card representative immediately.

GET ONE

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

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| Tinker AFB, OK SMSgt. Kropenske (405) 734-5331 MSgt. Larry Wheatley MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells (In-Service Recruiter) (405) 739-2980 | Tulsa, OK SSgt. Candy Canary (918) 665-2300 Midwest City, OK MSgt. Darrell Batchelor MSgt. Pam Peterson (405) 733-9403 |
| Altus AFB, OK MSgt. Ronald J. Salafia (In-Service Recruiter) (580) 481-5123 | Vance AFB, OK MSgt. David McCormick (316) 652-3766 |
| Lawton, OK VACANT (580) 357-2784 | Sheppard AFB, TX MSgt. Michael Tubbs (940) 676-3382 |
| McConnell AFB, KS MSgt. David McCormick (In-Service Recruiter) (316) 652-3766 SSgt. Patrick Johnson (316) 652-4350 | |



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