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## Facing the Challenge

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 Col. Tim Wrighton  
507th ARW Commander

**Thank you for your warm welcome**

I would like to begin with a sincere "THANK YOU" for making the Change-of-Command ceremony a wonderful event for my family and me. It was a day I will always remember with fond memories. I fully realize the incredible amount of work it takes to put together a weekend like that, and I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who were involved and contributed to the effort. Also, the welcome I have received from the members of the 507th has been the best I have ever experienced. "Okie hospitality" is something special and I am extremely proud to be a new member of this great organization.

The best part of my job is getting out and visiting with people in their work places, hearing their concerns and ideas. It's an excellent way for me, as the new guy, to learn my way around while obtaining valuable feedback from all levels. So, plan on seeing me in your building on occasion. I look forward to meeting you and visiting with you.

As most of you know, we have a busy year ahead of us...deployments, inspections, and everything else that goes with these two. It takes a lot of effort and can do attitude to succeed and I have no doubt the professionals in this wing have plenty of both to offer.

**Chaplain's  
Corner**

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

The story of Dr. Jerri Nielson grabbed my attention. Her story is told in the book "Ice Bound." I saw her recollections on a "Prime Time Live" special. Dr. Nielson was a doctor for a scientific exploration of the South Pole. Soon after her arrival, she discovered what turned out to be an aggressive form of breast cancer. The story recounted the courage and heroism of all those involved, including a rescue team made up of Air National Guard reservists. Her life was saved, and her story encourages us all.

Maybe you are facing some adversity. Physical illness, layoffs, family difficulties, or any unwelcome intruder on your day-to-day routine. The Bible has much to say about confronting and overcoming adversity. Many books or chapters of Scripture come from individuals in prison, or in some sort of distress.

The common theme of Scripture is to expect adversity, acknowledge it, deal with it honestly, and rejoice, knowing that God is at work building our character. Above all, know that God is with you, and understands your suffering. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)



**513th ACG  
Commander's Column**

By Col. John Fobian  
513th ACG Commander

**More than just a symbol**

Unit patches on aircraft are symbolic of the team behind the scene. For the 513th Air Control Group, this is recognition of the vital role our citizen airmen perform daily along side the men and women of the 552nd Air Control Wing supporting the Air Force vision of Global Vigilance, Reach and Power. The following article illustrates this.

**552 ACW boasts total force concept on aircrafts**

1Lt. Steven Rolenc  
552nd ACW Public Affairs Office

The 552nd Air Control Wing's E-3s are starting to sport new patches. Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, recently approved a waiver to place the Air Force Reserve Command and the 513th Air Control Group organizational insignias on all E-3s assigned to Tinker Air Force Base.

The modification recognizes the Reserves' presence within ACC and the 552nd. "The Reserves have been and will continue to work closely with the active duty as an integrated, total force team operating seamlessly on the flightline, as well as in the shops and offices," said Maj. James Witter, 552nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander.

Currently, most of the fleet is configured with one ACC insignia and one 552nd ACW insignia on both the left and right sides of the forward fuselage.

The waiver calls for placing the ACC and AFRC patches on the co-pilot's side, and placing the Air Force 552nd and 513th patches on the pilot's side.

According to Witter, the entire fleet will not convert at once. Since removing the patches leaves an outline that needs to be sanded and painted, the changes will be made when the aircraft go in for touch-ups.

These changes exemplify the partnership deployment order to support Operation Northern Watch between the active duty and the Reserve. "This is a tangible showing of the total team effort at Tinker. Since the 513th stood up here some five years ago, we've had people deployed year round, supporting our active-duty counterparts," said Lt. Col. George Gorham, 970th Air Control Squadron commander. When the 552nd ACW received a no-notice deployment order to support Operation Northern Denial in late November, the 970th ensured the wing was ready to launch in less than 20 hours by helping pre-flight jets.

Also, during this deployment, the 507th Air Refueling Wing, another Air Force Reserve unit here, provided round-trip tanker airlift support to Alaska for the wing.

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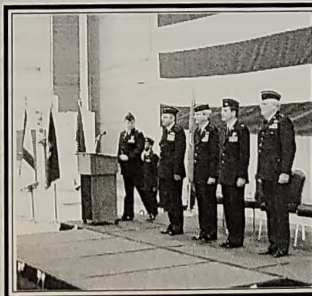


Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

The Wing's Change-of-Command and Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich's Retirement ceremony was held Feb. 2. Col. Tim Wrighton accepted the wing flag as a symbolic gesture and took command of the 507th ARW.

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## February - Month of change



(Left) Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich returns from his final flight, Feb. 2, and gets the traditional "hose-down" prior to his retirement the following day.

(Right) Brig. Gen. James Czekanski, commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Air Force, presents the Legion of Merit medal to Brig. Gen. Gingerich during his retirement ceremony Feb. 3.



(Left) Col. Tim Wrighton gives his acceptance speech to the troops during his Change-of-Command ceremony, Feb. 3, as commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

## To the men and women of the 507th ARW

"Janet and I would like to thank everyone for an outstanding send-off from the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing Okies. We appreciate the hard work put in by the many people it took to pull the retirement and change of command events off. The Friday evening festivities were great, and the Remington statue will have a prominent place for display in our home. The troops looked superb on Saturday, and I received many favorable comments during the pre-reception in the jet, and the immaculate condition our maintenance folks keep them in. The 507<sup>th</sup> is an outstanding organization, and I have been privileged to have been not only your Commander, but your first General. Thank you for a great tour, and since we're staying in the OKC area, we'll probably see you at future Wing events."

-- Jack and Janet Gingerich

## AFRC key issues for 2002

Reserve must recruit, retain best people  
By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force Reserve Command

People are our most important asset. We need to take care of them, and they must feel their work is worthwhile and this experience to ensure our contributions to the total force are useful.

We must remain viable in recruiting and retention. The potential active-duty pool for recruitment into Air Force Reserve Command has diminished because of the force drawdown and longer active-duty service commitments.

We need to reward our people through promotion and give them the opportunity to compete for command opportunities. Leadership is not limited only to commanders; everyone down to the lowest-ranking airman is a leader. We need to ensure that there is open dialogue among the troops to make sure that we're doing our job the best it can be done.

**Volunteerism:** The Air Force Reserve continues to remain on the leading edge volunteering to participate in peacetime operations. By using volunteers, we minimize potentially adverse impacts on readiness and training, recruiting, and retention. Air Force Reserve volunteers have consistently provided trained and ready forces to the gaining commands. These forces are available for short-notice contingency operations as well as for longer term mobilizations.

With ever-increasing OPTEMPO and PERSTEMPO, the Air Force Reserve is aggressively pursuing ways to better leverage the time of Air Force Reservists and to apply training credit for civilian skills.

**Help for employers:** Employers are an integral part of the Reserve triad (reservists, their families and their employers). We have vigorously pursued feedback from employers, and they have expressed an interest in monetary relief. The Air Force Reserve supports Congressional recognition of the invaluable contribution of employers of guardsmen and reservists in support of national defense.

**Compensation for reservists and families:** People are the Air Force Reserve's most important resource. To maintain our history of success, we must be able to recruit and retain the best and brightest young people. Quality of life issues are a big key to doing that. Our focus is on the following areas: pay, entitlements, improved quarters, family services, reducing personnel turbulence and parity of benefits that make sense to the taxpayer and do not reduce the benefits of active-duty personnel. (AFRC News Service)

## Tinker team helps airborne command aircraft

By Capt. Barb Carson  
Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – Active-duty members, reservists and civilians worked together to save the Air Force time and money by repairing a worn engine strut on an E-4B in a matter of days.

The National Airborne Operations Center aircraft from Offutt AFB, Neb., aircraft was undergoing maintenance at home station when the problem surfaced, which could have delayed completing the work on schedule in December.

Of the nation's National Military Command Centers, E-4B aircraft are the flying version and the newest. The aircraft are a communications hub during crises and a flying command center if military action is imminent. The communications capabilities on board allow the secretary of defense to fly around the world while staying in contact with the Pentagon. These aircraft also deploy Federal Emergency Management Agency teams on scene.

When the problem was found, Offutt's 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Command and Control Squadron called Joel Williamson, E-4B program manager in the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's Contractor Logistics Support Management Directorate. The 1<sup>st</sup> ACCS asked him to arrange an unscheduled repair to the aircraft, which was due to exit maintenance within a few days.

As one of the depot's contractor logistics support fleets, it would be typical procedure to dispatch a team from the Boeing Company to perform the repair because the E-4B is a modified Boeing 747. However, Williamson had a different idea.

"As a reservist, I knew about the (Air Force Reserve Command's) 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron and their exceptional members," he said. "I went straight to them for help."

TSgt. Robert Dunn, the active-duty maintenance adviser for the 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS, found a structural repair expert in MSgt. Eric Currier. In his civilian capacity, Currier works in the Oklahoma City ALC's B-1 horizontal stabilizer shop.

Currier was familiar with the engine strut repair but had not performed one in 12 years. Ron Archer, a toolmaker in the Commodities Management Directorate, solved the problem by giving refresher training to Currier and providing him with a repair kit and tools.

Only three days after the initial call, Currier arrived at Offutt and took the initiative to train two 1<sup>st</sup> ACCS maintenance people on the repair. At the same time, he certified them to do this work in the future.

The aircraft was quickly repaired and left phase maintenance on schedule.

According to Lt. Col. Laurie DeGarmo, E-4B program integrator, the efficiency was topped only by the cost effectiveness; a Boeing Co. repair field team would normally cost 10 times what it cost to send Currier to Offutt.

Maj. Terry Meneley, 1<sup>st</sup> ACCS maintenance officer, was pleased with the result. "Not only did Sergeant Currier save us money, he gave us the skills to perform the repair ourselves next time."

Meneley underscored the time sensitivity of the repair when he said, "That aircraft was selected for an essential Joint Chiefs of Staff mission within days of Sergeant Currier's repair. We were able to get the job done because of him."

Currier shares the credit for the successful venture. "My supervisor, John Johnson, supports the Air Force in two ways: He works for the air logistics center and he allows me to do Reserve duty," Currier said.

Currier took several months of leave without pay to serve in a Reserve capacity last year and was named the CLSS NCO of the year in 1999 for his job performance. (AFRC News Service)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 2001 — President George W. Bush sent a message to the armed forces and the civilians who support the defense department via the nation's incoming 21st defense secretary.

Donald H. Rumsfeld read a message from the president during a Full Honors Welcome Ceremony Jan. 26 at the Pentagon. Here is the text of that message:

"To the armed forces of the United States and to the men and women who support them.

"Your service in the cause of freedom is both noble and extraordinary. Because of you, America is strong and the flame of freedom burns brighter than at any time in history.

"Your country can never repay you for the sacrifices and hardships you endure, but we are grateful for the liberties we enjoy every day because of your service.

"As your Commander-in-Chief I will always support you and your families so that this great nation continues to have the greatest armed forces in the history of the world.

"Thank you."

George W. Bush  
President of the United States

## 507th and 654th CLSS refurbish Arc Light memorial

By SMSgt. Marie Johnson  
507th CLSS UPAR

The Arc Light Memorial at Andersen AFB, Guam, stands as a testament to the last great bombing offensive of the Vietnam War, Linebacker II, an 11-day effort which brought the war to an end and freed our POW's. The Arc Light was the first memorial at an Air Force Base to be dedicated to Vietnam Veterans. It is this Memorial that the 507th Combat Logistic Support Squadron (CLSS) and its sister unit, the active duty 654th CLSS, (Tinker AFB) is proudly restoring.

Linebacker II was conducted December 18-29, 1972. The massive bombing campaign showed American resolve and forced the North Vietnamese to the peace talks in Paris. The Memorial was dedicated on February 12, 1974. Aircraft 55-100, a B-52D used in the bombing campaign was selected as the first static display. It was

replaced October 6, 1986 with the current aircraft, a B52-H model and through congressional order, given the tail number 55-100.

Fifteen years of salt air and sea spray has taken its toll on the airframe resulting in moderate to severe corrosion. The maintenance teams had a 30-day timeline in which to remove and repair all the corrosion damage. A task this large usually takes up to 3 months to complete. To say the 507th and 654th CLSS had its work cut out is an understatement, but living up to challenges is standard procedure in the CLSS world.

Restoration work began on Monday, January 23, 2001 with 16 members of the 507th and five members of the 654th

CLSS. The 21-member team was broken down to three teams of seven for a 24-hours around the clock force. A second team arrived Feb. 3 to complete the work. Eight members of the first team stayed through the second rotation to allow for continuity on turn over. After the initial overall assessment, work began with the left wing underside.

Members had to don Bullard Hoods, a forced air-cooling respirators or 3-M full-face respirators, coveralls and gloves for corrosion and paint removal in 80-90



Air Force photo

degree heat. The majority of the work was the time consuming task of sanding the entire airframe to prepare it for the new paint job. Corrosion had to be removed through sanding and scraping. Where paint was removed down to bare metal, primer had to be applied or, in cases where the metal was damaged, aero-smoothing compound had to be applied to return the skin surface to its original contour. New aircraft skins and panels had to be fabricated, including the complete manufacture of a replacement right wing tip gear door.

After eight days of around-the-clock work, the first rotation did extensive repairs on both wings, top and bottom, the fuselage underside, the main landing gear,

both horizontal stabilizers and the wingtip landing gear. This accounted for approximately 50 percent of the total repairs. As for the paint preparation, 75 percent of the sanding and 25 percent of the priming had been completed, for an overall total between 50-65 percent of the job.

CMSgt. Rich Williams, 507th CLSS KC-135A team chief and supervisor of the first rotation said these repairs at completion will extend the life of this aircraft structurally by roughly seven years.

The corrosion removal and repaint will keep the aircraft looking good for another five years. He also went on to say he is very proud of the work our people have done. They have done an outstanding job.

Members from the 507th CLSS were CMSgt. Rich Williams, supervisor; SMSgt. Jesse Fletcher, team chief-day shift; Msg. Ernie

Longeldelpher (30 days); TSgt.

John Milam; TSgt. Miles Jones; SSgt. Chris Stearman; SSgt. Roger Swope; and SSgt. Don Calderwood (30 days); MSgt. Sandra Dronberger, team chief-swing shift (30 days); MSgt. Lisa Lusignolo; SSgt. Forrest Albee; SrA Marcelle Laday; and MSgt. Eric Currier, team chief-mid shift (30 days); TSgt. John Manning; TSgt. Melvin Tuggle; TSgt. Clifford Wall; TSgt. Mike S. McWaters; TSgt. Doyle Finstad; TSgt. James Porter. Members from the 654th were 1Lt Susan Olson, engineer; TSgt. Dan Blow (30 days); SSgt. Chris Masters (30 days); SSgt. Charles Williams (30 days); and SSgt. Mike Leach (30 days).

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## Tips for Volk Field

By MSgt. Vinnie Molzahn  
507th CES Readiness Flight

The Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO)

The "Ability To Survive And Operate" (ATSO), and Volk Field "what's up"? You know that trip to some base up north to learn... The Volk Field experience some of us in the wing are about to have is one each person in an Air Refueling Wing, Air Wing, or Fighter Wing, etc. should have at least once prior to going to war, "Our Business By Choice."

After two days of training many will experience the most realistic, interesting, at times fun, and challenging wartime exercise they will ever have the opportunity to participate in. None of us knows when but, some day U.S. forces will again be involved in NBC warfare, and terrorist attacks "The real thing" and the need to be prepared, physically, as well as mentally, and emotionally is constant.

Just as in all past conflicts, our lives and those of our friends and co-workers could be on the line! The time to learn how to perform even simple tasks like checking on your buddy; tucking their glove under their sleeve; giving them a nerve agent anti-dote injection; determining the current work rest cycle; taking cover when being shot at and not donning the mask first; keeping your work and sleeping area free of trash so bugs and rodents (vectors spreading biological agents) don't gather and stick around; wearing your poncho over your chem. gear for the 1st hour after a missile attack (when VX agent is raining down); drinking water from approved sources only, NOT during the turmoil, horror, confusion, death, destruction, and pain, of your first NBC or terrorist attack!

Writing a letter home to a deceased friend's family, and trying to gently describe their demise due to, a zipper not being zipped; not checking the vehicle for the bomb, or magnetic mine; a snap not being snapped; a glove or mask hood not secured exposing their skin during the nerve agent attack; leaving the convoy see the sights and being hit by friendly

aircraft who thought you were the enemy about to attack the convoy; will not be easy by any means, and just shouldn't happen. Just like getting diagnosed with a disease years after the conflict, caused by scrounging for souvenirs inside or around the enemy tank that was hit with a depleted uranium weapon and not protecting your respiratory system. These are ugly

and uncomfortable pictures painted in your mind, but ones that can and must be avoided at all costs! Not one of us yearns to wear the mask, or work in a chamber where live nerve agents are present, but for those of us who have done so, we have chosen to endure it because we are aware we could possibly have to rely upon the experience gained for ours, our buddies, and our units very survival.

For those with a choice on whether or not to attend Volk Field you won't

want to miss out on the experience it will be fun at times as well! Some of us who encourage participation and look forward to going, have realized that staying on the cutting edge can hurt but the benefits far out weigh the cost! Besides there won't be any real bullets flying, no blood, no guts, (hey, hey, hey what's up!!!) no body bags, and no letters to deceased member's families will be necessary.

Oh, by the way, the experience gained could possibly allow you to come home some day from a conflict and kiss and hug your wife/husband, kids and loved ones again and who wants to miss out on that? Besides it's free and you (of all people) will get to fly in a real U.S. Air Force (the best in the world) aircraft, dress, talk, and act like the biggest "GI. JOE" doll ever, and be the envy of most kids in your neighborhood. Besides you will be able to say you ate at least one real MRE, not many moms and dads can say that!

Bon-appetite, and enjoy!!!



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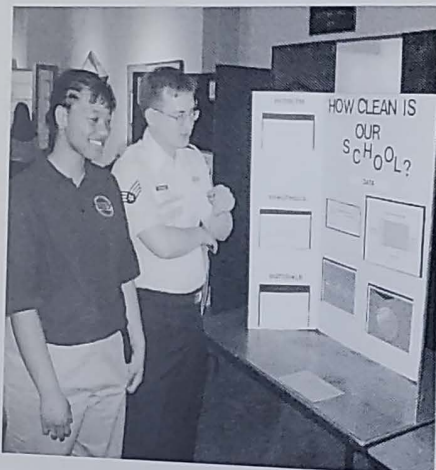
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# Unit supports science fair

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Public Affairs Office

Nineteen volunteers, active duty, reserve and civilian employees from across Tinker AFB stepped up to support the Oklahoma City Public Schools Feb. 8 as judges for the annual school district Science Fair.

According to Mr. David Garner, Executive Administrator for the Oklahoma City Public Schools, Urban Systemic Program (National Science Foundation), the Tinker contingent was the largest single group of volunteers to support this year's event.



Photos by Maj. Rich Curry

(Top) A student from Northeast Academy for Health Science and Engineering shows her science project to SSgt. Andy Stevens, historian for the 507th ARW and one of the judges during this year's Oklahoma City Science Fair held at the Omnplex Feb. 8.

(Right) Hundreds of students from metro area schools participated in this year's science fair. Students, like the ones pictured left, wait in front of their projects for assigned judges to view, judge, and talk with them about their efforts.

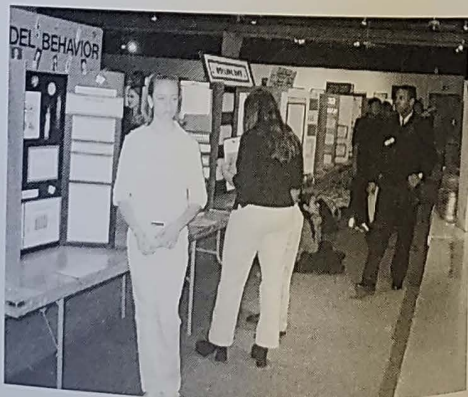
"In addition to those from Tinker, we had volunteer judges from the FAA, the Coast Guard and a variety of local businesses," Garner said. "This year saw our biggest turnout of volunteer judges. We appreciate them all but are very thankful for the Tinker response."

In all more than 90 people showed up to support this year's event. Garner said the response was a far cry from a few years past when only 13 judges were present to judge the more than 300 exhibits. Local High Schools and eighth grade students from across the Metro had exhibits on display at the Omnplex Museum.

The judges showed up for their briefing at 8:30 and most were done with their three to five judging assignments by 11:30, in time for a lunch provided for them at the museum.

According to Maj. Rich Curry, 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, this year's coordinator for the base, "I think every one of our volunteer judges really enjoyed themselves. The guidance we received made the judging process itself fairly easy. But the exhibits we had to critique were absolutely incredible. That made it hard. You really wanted to give each one of the students there a great score. I hope more people can volunteer for this event next year. It was a great experience."

Garner stressed the importance of encouraging support for the annual science fairs saying, "There is a national concern today about declining math and science skills for our youth. One of the best ways to address this is to get the community involved in projects like this. We have the ability to show these kids that math and science is important and the community is interested in supporting their efforts. It really makes a difference. Tinker was a big part of that."



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## FREE COLLEGE TESTING

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## TUITION ASSISTANCE

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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.).

Must complete enrollment forms prior to class start date.

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	TyndallAFB, FL
2001-5	1	04 Jun - 12 Jul 01	TyndallAFB, FL
2001-6	1	06 Aug - 13 Sep 01	TyndallAFB, FL
2001-7	1	24 Sep - 01 Nov 01	TyndallAFB, 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). Suspense to DPMT is COB, 4 March 2001. For more information contact MSgt. Dennis Cain at x47075.

## 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.

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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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07-08 Apr 01	11-12 Aug 01
05-06 May 01	08-09 Sep 01
02-03 Jun 01	

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0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0815-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
1000-1100	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1030-1130	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, Wing CC'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**

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 1043, CC Conf Room
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
	Unit Designated Sign Out	Unit Designated

**Fri, 06 Apr 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, 07 Apr 2001**

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
0815-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
1000-1100	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1030-1130	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
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1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, Wing CC'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, 08 Apr 2001**

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
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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
	Unit Designated Sign Out	Unit Designated

**April 2001**

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### FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

IAW AFI 36-2908, Family Care Plans, members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations will complete an AF Form 357 (Family Care Certification). Unique situations are where a member has a civilian spouse or other adult family member who is not capable of providing for themselves. Examples are a spouse with limited English language ability, illness, disability, handicap, or absence from local area or separation. Be sure to notify your squadron commander immediately if you meet the above criteria. Questions should be directed to the 507 MPF Customer Service Office at 734-7492.

## 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
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
	Time	Phase II Subject	OPR
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
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.

## Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
08 Mar	16 Mar
13 Mar	21 Mar
15 Mar	23 Mar
19 Mar	28 Mar
26 Mar	02 Apr
29 Mar	06 Apr
03 Apr	11 Apr
10 Apr	18 Apr
12 Apr	20 Apr
17 Apr	25 Apr
19 Apr	27 Apr
26 Apr	04 May

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:	Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:	Recertifica- tion due in by end of month in:
1	November	January
2	December	February
3	January	March
4	February	April
5	March	May
6	April	June
7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
0	August	October

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## Need to Know

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### Air Force Surgeon General:

# One suicide is one too many

by Leigh Anne Bierstine  
 Air Force Surgeon General,  
 Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — One Air Force suicide is one suicide too many, according to Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Air Force surgeon general.

The surgeon general is trying to combat suicides by instilling in every Air Force member that it is a community problem. That philosophy is the basis for the Air Force's community approach to suicide prevention.

"We have to stop thinking of suicide prevention as something only mental health professionals do," Carlton said.

"All of us have a responsibility to our fellow airmen and co-workers," he explained. "Recognizing when a person is having problems and actively encouraging that person to seek help is a vital part of suicide prevention."

"We lose too many airmen to suicide in the Air Force, and it is preventable," he said. "Whatever the numbers are, we can never stop being proactive and declare victory. Instead we must continue our efforts."

Today, the Air Force is using a prevention team called the integrated delivery system that includes chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy, all working together and taking responsibility for enhancing community health and well-being.

To date, suicide prevention efforts include an emphasis on involving and training Air Force leadership, and on buddy care and annual suicide prevention training for all military and civilians. The Air Force also maintains a database that tracks not only suicides but also suicide attempts.



The Air Force is not alone in its battle against suicide. David Satcher, surgeon general of the United States, described suicide as a "serious public health problem." Nearly 31,000 people commit suicide annually in the United States. Twenty-one active-duty Air Force people committed suicide in 2000, according to the casualty services branch of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Raising suicide awareness is not enough, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who leads the Air Force's suicide prevention team.

"Our pilots are responsible for early signs of problems with their jet engines, so mechanics can intervene before engine failure occurs," Talcott said. "In the same way, we expect our commanders, first sergeants and supervisors at every level to be responsible for their co-workers and watch for early signs of problems so we can intervene early."

"The subject of suicide is very discomforting for many people, but the first

step toward preventing suicide is getting people to talk about it," Talcott said.

Talcott suggest people be alert for the following warning signs that may signal suicide intent:

- Preoccupied with death and dying
- Talk about committing suicide
- Make final arrangements for death;
- Trouble eating or sleeping
- Drastic changes in behavior
- Withdrawal from friends or social activities
- Loss of interest in work, school, etc.
- Give away prized possessions;
- Take unnecessary risks
- Loss of interest in personal appearance
- Increased use of alcohol and drugs.

For more information on what to do if a member encounters someone with these signs, immediately contact an appropriate integrated delivery system representative: the chaplain's office, family support center, behavioral health clinic, family advocacy, or health and wellness center.

## Keeping in touch with reserve retirees

By TSgt. George Proctor  
507th Civil Engineer Squadron UPAR

We had quite an impressive Retirement and Change-of-Command ceremony last UTA.

But did you ever wonder about other reservists who retired from this unit. What happens to them? Are they like the old soldier in General Douglas MacArthur's speech who just fade away?

The answer is an emphatic 'No.' There is a voluntary organization for retirees from the 507th ARW and its predecessors, the 507th TFG and the 937th Airlift Group.

They meet every few months and the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral, 617 South Air Depot Boulevard. Every one who attends pays for his or her own breakfast plus makes a small contribution to keep the organization mailing list up to date. There is no formal meeting but a very informal get together where friends visit and exchange information. The 507th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Kellington may not be retired but is a frequent visitor so as to keep the retirees informed on the unit's well being.

However, one squadron has taken the concept one step further. At the suggestion of Maj. J. René Lane, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, the 507th CES has initiated its own retiree support group. CES retirees receive a short newsletter entitled the "Bull Pen Gazette" edited by the unit's ART, SMSgt. Denise Bralley.

The "Gazette" includes the unit's UTA dates as well as a list of recent

and forthcoming retirements. Retirees are notified when others in the unit plan to retire and are invited to attend the ceremony.

"We want to keep these folks informed," Major Lane commented. "They all played a vital role in the development of this unit and are still an important part of our Reserve family."

If you are interested in the Wing/Group retiree organization, please contact Gene Clayton at 672-4969. If your unit would like to start a retiree support group, please contact the Major Lane or the Sergeant Bralley.

## ROA Conference being planned

The Oklahoma Reserve Officer Association is planning their 74<sup>th</sup> Annual conference to be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23 at the Tinker AFB Officer's Club.

The conference will include military department breakout sessions as well as general assembly meetings. There will be a special presentation of the Oklahoma Department Minuteman Award during the luncheon to Maj. Joe Mays, AUS-Ret. and Mrs. Barbara Gully. There will be a banquet held beginning at 7 p.m. that evening.

All reserve officers are invited to attend this multi-service event. For more information on the conference schedule and costs, contact Capt. Walter Jacques at 271-9444, or Lt. Col. David Beavin at 734-3487.

## SECAF BIDS FAREWELL

"I have said before there is no end-state to this great Air Force — only constant, perpetual and relentless change and improvement. It's not easy and it's often exhausting, but you have to admit

that it's pretty exciting.

"No institution is better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. No group has a better team of leaders. And no group of people, large or small, is poised to give so much to our great nation.

"Thank you for your service. Thank you for making America stronger and our world better. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your help, your loyalty, your friendship and all which you have given me during these three remarkable years."

— F. Whitten Peters, former  
secretary of the Air Force

## Virtual MPF

By TSgt. Michelle Carlross  
Chief, Customer Service, MPF

On Feb. 3 the Virtual Military Personnel Flight (VMPF) with Reserve and Guard applications went live.

Over the course of the introduction of the latest applications, some people found it difficult accessing the VMPF web site.

The cause of this was the Air Force Secure Web page and has since been fixed.

First of all, the member is required to establish an on-line account if he/she has not previously done so. This action can be accomplished by visiting the link below and clicking on "Log On Now to the AFPC Secure Server."

After an account has been established the member will simply need to enter their USERID and PASSWORD each time they log on to the VMPF at the link listed below. The member can utilize the VMPF anytime and anywhere. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at ext. 4-7492.

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vmpf/vmpfhelpHome.htm>

## Air refuelers prepare for another turn in Mideast

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air refuelers from Air Force Reserve Command KC-10 and KC-135 units are getting ready to deploy to Southwest Asia and Turkey again to support enforcement of no-fly zones over Iraq.

KC-10 crews from McGuire AFB, N.J., and Travis AFB, Calif., are going to Southwest Asia for Operation Southern Watch. KC-135 crews from Tinker AFB, Okla.; March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., return for Operation Northern Watch.

KC-135 crews from Tinker's 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing will go in March. They will be replaced by reservists from March's 452<sup>nd</sup> AMW in April, followed by KC-135 crews from Seymour Johnson's 916<sup>th</sup> ARW in May.

At any given time over a 90-day period, some 100 reservists will fly, maintain and support three or four KC-10 aircraft. Most of the reservists will be overseas for two-week shifts as part of the Reserve's commitment to Aerospace Expeditionary Force 4.

The KC-135 units will deploy with three KC-135s, five aircrews plus aircraft maintainers. At any given time, more than 40 reservists will be in Europe as part of AEF 3's role in Operation Northern Watch.

The 349<sup>th</sup> AMW sent six KC-10s to the Persian Gulf Nov. 20, 1997, to provide tanker support for the buildup of U.S. forces. The buildup was in response to Iraq's refusal to cease work on the development of weapons of mass destruction. (AFRC News Service)

## Career Opportunities

### Reserve positions

#### Military Equal Opportunity position available

The 507th ARW Military Equal Opportunity office is accepting applications for the Military Equal Opportunity Technician position. Listed below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application according to AFMAN 36-2108.

- Must be at least a staff sergeant or ready to promote to staff sergeant.
- May have prior qualification in any AFSC at the 5-skill level or higher (or 3-skill level if no 5-skill level exists.)
- Must have the ability to speak distinctly and communicate well with others.
- Must not have a record of disciplinary action or financial irresponsibility.
- Must have high moral standards, and exceptional military appearance, bearing and conduct.
- Must have no previous record of having failed to graduate from a formal EOT training course.
- Must be able to complete a retraining package.
- Must be able to attend Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute training for the award of AFSC 3S131 within one year of acceptance of the position.

Knowledge of filing systems, publications, and computers will be beneficial to this position. If you are interested please send your resume with cover letter to Capt. Charles Gaines, 507th ARW/MEO, Bldg. 1043, Tinker AFB, OK. You may contact Capt. Gaines or 2Lt. Rayford at Ext. 4-5019 or e-mail them at:

[charles.gaines@ci.okc.us](mailto:charles.gaines@ci.okc.us) or [jgson@gateway.net](mailto:jgson@gateway.net) respectively.

#### Career Advisor position available

The 507th Operations Group has a 3S071, master sergeant position available. If you are interested and qualify, contact Col. James Kerr at Ext. 4-4259. The following are the basic requirements:

- Must be in the grades of staff, technical, or master sergeant.
- Self Motivator
- Patience
- Good listener
- Ability to communicate (verbal/written)
- Positive outlook
- Looks the part (weight/dress)
- Loves the Air Force Reserve
- Organizer - (follows up, sets & maintains schedules)
- TSGT. eligible for promotion to MSgt.
- Eyes and Ears of the Commander's responsibility for retention - ability to let you know what the climate is in your squadron
- Demonstrates the Air Force core values
- Availability to attend Tech School Training and continue with upgrade requirements
- Attended the NCO Leadership and Development Course
- Willing to (MSgt. and above) attended the Senior Leadership Course if not accomplished
- Be familiar with Air Force Reserve entitlements and benefits (i.e. Tri-care, Reserve Retirement program, BX, commissary, etc.).





Photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

MSgt. Christopher Albrecht, NCOIC of POL in the 507th Logistics Support Squadron, retired with honors Feb. 4 after serving more than 20 years with the Air Force Reserve. Seen here with Capt. Wendy Deemer, commander of the 507th Logistics Support Squadron as she presents Albrecht with his retirement certificate.



Photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

The 507th ARW held a blood drive during the Feb. 3 and 4 Unit Training Assembly with a goal for 60 donors. Although short of the goal, 54 members donated blood and received a special T-shirt like the one TSgt. Linda Thompson, a fire fighter with the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, received after donating. This special shirt depicts the University of Oklahoma's Sooners and their national championship status.



Photos by Capt. Rick Gale

The 72 Aerial Port Squadron took advantage of a good training opportunity when 33 of their specialists deployed to Charleston AFB, SC, on Jan. 26 for three days of familiarization training toward their upcoming Inspector General Exercise.



## CONGRATS

Congratulations go to Lt. Col. William Simpson, deputy commander for the 507th Logistics Group, who is selectee to the rank of colonel.



Former vice commander of the 507th ARW, Col. Mark Pillar, MA to the commander of 21st Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J., was nominated for promotion to brigadier general.

## Recruiting is a challenging, rewarding opportunity

By Master Sgt. Anita Rivera  
22nd Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan., (AMCNS) — No doubt everyone on McConnell knows what YoRR stands for (Year of Retention and Recruiting, just in case you needed reminding). Senior Master Sgt. Paul Machen, 22nd Air Refueling Wing career assistance advisor, has been busy spreading the word about retention opportunities to help those still considering the reasons to stay with the Air Force. He's helped equip the rest of us with necessary information so we too can assist our troops make the right decision whether to stay or separate. So instead of talking about retention in this article, I'd like to share my viewpoint on recruiting.

We all know the Air Force is serious about meeting its recruiting mission. To do that, the Air Force Recruiting Service need more "carooters draggin' the bag." That's "recruitingeese" and although it's been several years since I've spoken the recruiting language, it still translates into, we need more recruiters recruiting qualified non-prior service people. I'm aware of several people on base who already have voluntarily applied and been accepted to attend the Air Force's recruiting school. To you, I wish the best as you embark on a challenging and rewarding experience.

In today's environment, the Air Force can no longer rely completely on volunteers to keep their recruiting offices adequately manned. That's why some of you have been identified as potential recruiter candidates. I've heard some of those notified weren't thrilled with the idea. That's understandable, especially if you've never imagined yourself in a special duty or if you have heard the horror stories about recruiting service. I can tell you based on my experience as a recruiter that, yes there are horror stories, and yes, some of them are true. A word of advice, as with many career fields the good and bad stories you hear tend to get exaggerated over time.

Like other prior recruiters, I had people in my command try to talk me out of leaving my career field when I wanted to join recruiting. My commander, chief and other SNCOs in the squadron told me the horror stories they had heard about recruiting and guaranteed me recruiting service would ruin my career.

But I thought I would be different. Matter of fact I thought I would retire from the Air Force as a recruiter. For all the reasons I thought I would love recruiting, I did. And for all the reasons everyone tried to tell me I would hate recruiting, I did. Does that make sense? Let me try to make it more clear.

I loved recruiting because I was able to help people see what awesome opportunities awaited them in the Air Force.

It's so rewarding to think that due to your efforts, someone's life's circumstances could improve because they trusted you enough to give at least four years of their lives to serve our great country, in return for some truly outstanding benefits and possibilities.

Rule number one in sales: you have to believe you have the best product on the market. I truly believe the Air Force is the best thing to offer. I felt bad when someone didn't meet the qualifications and would never get to experience serving in the Air Force.

And if I lost a recruit because I didn't do my job well, then I felt like I let that person down as well as letting my flight, squadron and ultimately the Air Force recruiting mission down.

So why didn't I stay in recruiting? Again, I loved recruiting, but I lost respect for recruiting service, primarily because of the way recruiters were treated. So why am I writing this article encouraging duty as a recruiter?

There are several reasons for my change. First, I try to focus on the positive and minimize the negative.

By becoming a recruiter, I was able to go back home. My parents got to see and spoil their grandchildren regularly. We spent holidays, birthdays, and special occasions with extended family. We didn't have to worry about TDYs or long deployments. Even though I worked long hours, I got to be with my family every morning and every evening.

I was fortunate to meet and work with some outstanding professionals while in recruiting. My fellow "bag draggers" trained, encouraged and supported me.

I overcame challenges in recruiting and achieved personal goals. As a recruiter, I improved my interpersonal relationships and built confidence in my communication abilities.

But, what I relish the most are the memories of the people I recruited—the enlisted, the officers and the health profession scholarship recipients. I believe their lives are better because I introduced them to the opportunities the Air Force has to offer.

Recently, I heard AFRS has made some significant changes in their policies. If AFRS is making improvements and really taking care of their people who "drag the bag" then I think recruiting could be the best job in the Air Force (next to being a first sergeant).

If you are interested in a change and want a rewarding challenge, I highly encourage you to check with the Military Personnel Flight or go to the recruiting web site for information about recruiting service duty.

Another idea is to call a recruiter in the geographic area you are interested in. They'll tell you what it's really like in the field.

If the decision is made for you, I hope you'll make the most of becoming a recruiter. Be enthusiastic and realize the positive difference you'll make in someone's life.

# Upclose

Photos by TSgt. Melba Koch

**Will you be doing anything special for Valentine's Day?**

**MSgt. Torin Walton**  
507th Civil Engineering Squadron

"I'll buy one rose, some candy, and if I don't have to work, I'll take my wife out to eat. After 18 years of marriage, I want to show her that she's still the best thing in my life."



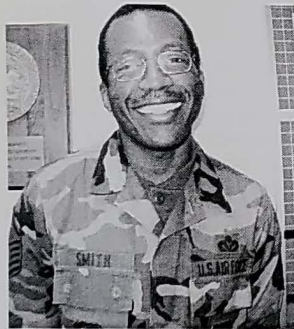
**TSgt. George Stiltner**  
507th Civil Engineering Squadron

"I plan on taking my two girls out to a movie. I'll take my wife to Tulsa later to see Romeo and Juliet."



**MSgt. Terry Smith**  
507th Civil Engineering Squadron

"I'll call my daughter in Savannah, Ga. and send her something nice."



**TSgt. Ken Miller**  
507th Civil Engineering Squadron

"I'll probably take my wife out for a nice meal or a show."



**Capt. Don Satterlee**  
Chief, Performance Planning

"Since I currently don't have a girlfriend, I'll send flowers to my mother."



**1lt. Mark Vardaro**  
Performance Planner

"My wife and I will be celebrating the birth of our bouncing baby boy with a hospital 'dinner-for-two' and a glass of wine."

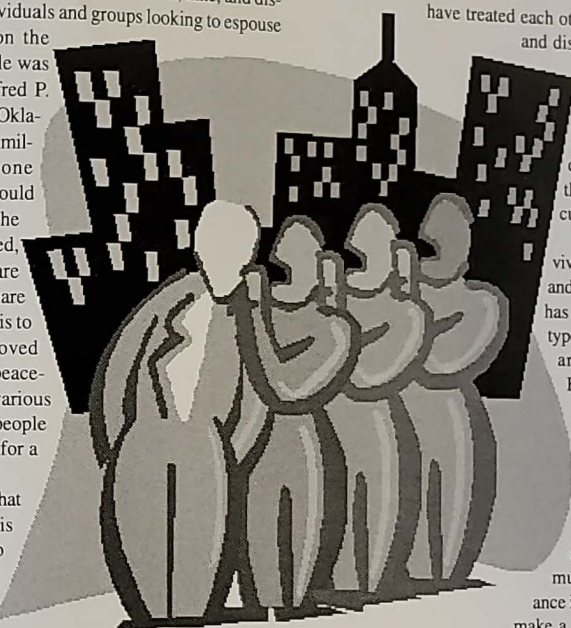


# Can we change?

By Capt. L. Charles Gaines  
507th ARW Military Equal Opportunity

The previous millennium was full of racism, hate, and distrust perpetrated by individuals and groups looking to espouse their negative views on the world. The most notable was the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah building here in Oklahoma City. From the last millennium to the new one should we change? Should we continue to carry the burden of racism, hatred, and distrust? People are people, we ultimately share the same desires, which is to feed and shelter our loved ones and live a decent peaceful life. Therefore, the various ethnicity and culture of people will continue to live on for a long time.

So, the real question that we all need to answer is "Can we change?" Do we continue the teaching of the past, when we know they are wrong, or should we



have treated each other with, racism, hate, and distrust is wrong, it does not work! Why don't we try a new approach, tolerance? Let's be tolerant of the differences of people, of their ideas, and of their cultures.

As reservists, we survive in two worlds, military and civilian. The Air Force has shown us that stereotypes we held about people are not true. The Air Force has also taught us the most effective way to overcome stereotypes is through communication. As reservists we should be leaders in the military, on our jobs, and in the community. Let's use tolerance in our everyday lives to make a change. To help you,

try something different? It has been said, "If you always do, what you always done, you will always get, what you always got." We know the way we check out this web site --tolerance.org. "We can make a change!"

## Goodale is newest Chief

CMSgt. Janice Goodale has sewn on her Chief Master Sergeant stripes. Goodale is the Superintendent of Supply for the 507th Logistics Support Squadron. She is responsible for managing supply tasks and personnel to effectively support the 507th Air Refueling Wing by establishing personnel controls, training programs, and supply administrative programs. Goodale became an Air Reserve Technician in 1989 and moved to Oklahoma as member of the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, where she served as NCOIC of the

Flightline Support Section. In 1994, Goodale transferred to the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron also at Tinker Air Force Base and performed duties as Assistant NCOIC of the Maintenance Support Section and NCOIC of the Supply Training Section. In 1998 she was selected and assumed her present duties as the Supply Superintendent for the 507th Logistics Support Squadron. She is a Management Analyst for the Avionics & Electronics Section, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB.





## In Sports

The football team representing the 507th ARW: (Standing from left to right) Ken Sarsycki, Marc Halliburton, Joel Winton, Jim Matthey, James Rock, Brian Finley, and Rick Gale. (Kneeling from left to right) Mark Vardaro, John Bagley, Anthony Lee, Shannon Fipps, and Ralph Hawkins.

## R-NEWS

### Honor Guard Training Class

The next Honor Guard training class will be held 5-9 March 01. If interested please call TSgt. Debby Kidd at Ext. 4-4226 for more information.

### And the blood tally is in

Congratulations to the 507th Civil Engineers for winning the "BLOOD" competition this past UTA with 19 donors. Final stats:

Unit	Donors
507th CES	19
507th ARW	07
507th MXS	05
507th LSS	05
507th MEDS	04
507th MSS	04

2 donors each: 507AGS, 507OG and 507OSF;

1 donor each: 707CF, 507LG, 507CF, 513ACG, 970AACS, 507APS

Thanks to EVERYONE for their efforts - next blood drive: April UTA.

### 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 Reserve talent.

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

### Reserve seeks applicants for Capitol Hill Fellowship

WASHINGTON - Air Force Reserve majors and major selectees have until April 6 to apply for a 14-month tour of active duty through the Capitol Hill Fellowship Program.

Program participants wear civilian business attire while serving on the staff of a member of Congress. The 14-month tour of duty earns in-residence intermediate service school credit.

"The program provides an opportunity for our people to greatly enhance their understanding of the legislative branch of government while broadening Congress' knowledge of the Air Force and Air Force Reserve," said Wayne Gracie, chief of the policy integration directorate of the Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon.

For more information about the program that began in 1996, people can go to the REI web site at [www.re.hq.af.mil](http://www.re.hq.af.mil)

and click on "REI" and then "Information." They can also access the site through the Air Force Reserve Command public web page [www.afrc.af.mil](http://www.afrc.af.mil) and then click on "Office of Air Force Reserve." The telephone number is DSN 227.2452 or 703.693.2452. (AFRC News Service)

## GET ONE

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

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

