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**507th ARW
Commander's Column**

By Col. Tim Wrighton
507th ARW Commander



Air Force Mentoring Program is a good thing

Many of us have been fortunate during our military careers to meet someone who substantially influenced how we set and managed our personal goals. Webster's dictionary defines a mentor as, "a trusted counselor or guide, a tutor, or a coach." Although the act of mentoring has taken place since our beginnings, AFRC leadership perceived a need to formalize the process to ensure that all military personnel receive a personal touch when it comes to setting and executing career goals.

This required program is part of the Performance Feedback process, yet is something more. While the feedback session between you and your supervisor/commander is tailored to individual performance for the past 6 through the next 12 months, the mentoring piece takes it a step farther, i.e., establishing career milestones out to 5 years or more. PME, promotion opportunities and cross training are just a few examples of mentoring session items of discussion.

The Air Force family, especially we "Okies", sincerely care about and are interested in the success of all of our unit members. This includes guiding one another through mentoring to achieve career goals. To find out more about the program, look up AFI 36-3401 or call Capt Satterlee in our Performance Planning office, 4-5543 with any questions.

Farewell to the best

By Col. John Fobian



I would like to thank everyone in the 513th Air Control Group for the great support that you have given me the past year and a half.

It has been an honor to command such a great organization. No matter what was asked of you, you came through with flying colors.

I am particularly proud that the group was recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for your hard work. Your untiring willingness to volunteer whenever needed made a significant impact on command and control operations worldwide.

I have had the pleasure to work with the finest group of professionals who believed in what they did, not for themselves, but for the Air Force and America. You're the best in the business

During this time you've strengthened our partnership with the 552nd Air Control Wing. You deserve to stand a little taller when you see the AFRC and 513th ACG insignias displayed on the nose of each E-3 "Sentry".

Kim and I will miss the friends we've made in the 513th and the 507th. Best of luck to everyone and thank you for making our time here memorable.



**513th ACG
Commander's Column**

By Col. James Kerr
513th ACG Commander

Thoughts on "turning the page"

Well, it's time to close one more blessed chapter in my career and start another. I just cannot believe how the time has flown. And it has flown because of 1) it has been very busy and 2) it has been a sheer pleasure. I remember those days my wife, son, and I had reservations about becoming "Okies".

How dead wrong we were!

Garth Brooks sings a song "Sometimes I thank God for Unanswered Prayers." And as for this job, I am thankful God did not answer our prayers. As a matter of fact, my wife Nancy, loves it here. There was a time I thought my son David would never forgive me for making him do his senior year of high school in Oklahoma (mind you he was born and raised in Southern California and a surfer chronic at that).

Just to show how impressive the unit is, David joined the unit. He is currently at aircraft maintenance school, Sheppard AFB, assigned to a crew chief position in 507th ACG arriving the end of June.

He is thrilled at the thought of joining the Okie heritage. And we owe it to the Okies proud but caring nature, which stirred my son's desire to join their winning team.

Being a member of "The Fighting 507th" has been the most rewarding experience the Air Force/Reserve has been in my 24 years. Why? It is primarily because of the 507th's most precious resources...the people. I have never seen a harder working, good-hearted bunch of folks. The strong work ethics the Okies have is unmatched. Also the talent here is by far the best. These wonderful traits made my challenge as a new group commander painless. Therefore I will always be indebted to the Okies. I heard the saying, "once an Okie...always an Okie." If that is true, I will proudly bear the Okie name forever.

Now for the 513th ACG, I would be lying if I told you I had "no apprehension." Once again, I am going into a leadership position with a background I am somewhat unfamiliar. However, I'm sure I will find my tour with you just as rewarding as the 507th's. I'm looking forward to building new relationships leading us into a very challenging future.

I feel that good relationships are key to a successful working environment not to mention a pleasurable working environment. I hope you will find my leadership style acceptable.

I like to think of it as one that is approachable as well as practical. I have an open door policy and frankly I love meeting new faces. So don't be bashful and come by for a visit. I hope to get to know you all.

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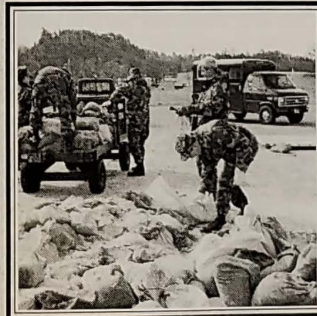


Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

TEAMWORK is the key to success. It has been proven time and time again among members of the 507th ARW. The latest challenge came at Volk Field, Wis., during the unit's Operational Readiness Exercise.

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Hurdle selected for Operations Group command

By Maj. Rich Curry

507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Karl J. Hurdle will assume command of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Operation Group this weekend during a change of command ceremony.

The ceremony will also commemorate the assumption of command of Lt. Col. James L. Kerr as the new 513th Air Control Group commander with Col. John Fobian relinquishing 513th command for command of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale AFB, Calif.

Hurdle comes to the 507th ARW and Oklahoma from an assignment as the Operations Officer for the 336th Air Refueling Squadron, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., where he has served since December of 1997.

Hurdle graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1977. After completing undergraduate pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss., and KC-135 training at Castle AFB, Calif., his military tour of duty has included various flying assignments at Blytheville AFB, Ark., Laughlin AFB, Texas, Carswell AFB, Texas, and Andersen AFB, Guam. He left active duty service in 1992 and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1993 at Travis AFB, Calif., with subsequent tours with Air Force Reserve Headquarters at Robbins AFB, Ga., to his previous assignment at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Hurdle is a command pilot with more than 4500 hours in both the KC-135 and T-37 aircraft. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College and has a Master of liberal arts degree from Texas Christian University, Texas. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1995.

On-final: Welcome to the 507th Air Refueling Wing

Hurdle: First of all let me say, that I am very honored to be chosen to work with the fine men and women of the 507th ARW. I have heard many good things about the wing and it comes highly recommended by those who have preceded me.

My parents lived in Midwest City during the mid-70s while my father was assigned to Army recruiting in Oklahoma City. I did not have the opportunity at that time to actually live in Oklahoma as I was experiencing life at the Air Force Academy but when I came "home" to visit, it was to Midwest City.

So, with that said, I think you can safely say that I am looking forward to becoming an "Okie".



Lt. Col. Karl J. Hurdle

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

Hurdle: I know that wondering about the "new guy" is always an ambivalent time for everyone and the foremost question is what will this guy want from us. I would describe my leadership style as confidence in others. I am happy to give clear direction and motivation but I have confidence that everyone knows their job and will do it with great skill. I do expect that people will have pride in what they do for their country and with that I value loyalty and dedication. The effort, when necessary, that boosts people just above the call of duty will not go unnoticed.

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

Hurdle: I suppose I inherited my philosophy from my father, who is also my personal hero. He is retired now but was a Lt. Col. in the Army Rangers and saw multiple tours between Korea and Vietnam. Whether abroad or at home, he always led by example and I noticed how respected he was by his troops. He taught me that good leadership would affect more people in a positive manner than anything else.

On-final: What was your proudest moment while serving in the Air Force?

Hurdle: I have been blessed with many moments I can look back on proudly while serving in the Air Force. The one that stands out the most was in 1991 while stationed at Anderson AFB, Guam. Clark AFB, Philippines, had to be evacuated due to the eruption of Mt. Pinotubo and they all were headed for Guam. Thousands of men, women, children, and pets were all fleeing their homes and what they couldn't pack, had to be left behind. When these shell-shocked people landed at Anderson, they were met by a civilian/military contingent that I have never seen since. MPs, INS, Red Cross, Family Services, Safety, Transportation, Medical, Billeting, Vet Services and numerous others were involved and provided massive support to get these people back home safe and sound. We all worked tirelessly around the clock for days, active duty members and spouses, side-by-side. It wasn't exactly what we were trained for and seeing people rise to the occasion over and over again was absolutely unforgettable. We do take care of our own.

Again, let me say that I am looking forward to working with all the great people at the 507th and my wife and I are ready to be "Okies".

Kerr begins position as 513th ACG Commander

By Maj. Rich Curry

507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Col. James L. Kerr, 507th Air Refueling Wing Operations Group Commander, will become the commander of the 513th Air Control Group on May 5.

The 513th Air Control Group (ACG) (Associate) mission is to provide theater and Air Force commanders with trained aircrews and maintenance personnel and systems for airborne surveillance, warning and control of U.S. and allied military aviation assets.

Kerr came to the Tinker AFB and his former position Sept. 11, 1999, overseeing the 507th ARW through the midst of constant changes involving major aircraft upgrade modifications and ever increasing air refueling flying demands both stateside and overseas.

A former Allensville, Kentucky resident, Kerr approached his new job in Oklahoma with enthusiasm and a goal. "I try to do the best I can from day to day. There's a lot of give and take. But my experiences here in Oklahoma have been fantastic. I am amazed by the dedication of our reservists who leave their civilian jobs to put on the Air Force uniform and serve their country. Some of our people are major community leaders, and yet, as reservists, their lean-forward attitude has always been 'What do you need me to do next?'"

Kerr's military career began in 1977 and has led him through a life of fascinating experiences. As a command pilot with more than 7,000 hours, he has flown both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

From 1978-1982, Kerr flew air rescue missions and presidential support in UH-1N helicopters while working at Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina. "The rescues that were most rewarding to me were flying premature babies to their medical centers for treatment. Sometimes they were only three or four hours old and we would load them up in the helicopter and take off. Years later we received thank you cards with pictures of the kids growing up," said Kerr.

Kerr served as the 452nd Operations Group Commander Deputy at March Air Reserve Base, California, prior to attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C. where he completed his master's degree in Science of National Resource Strategy.

"It is a joint school with key Department of Defense positions. It is one of the most prestigious senior service schools and is awarded to military leaders by invitation only. I was blessed

to be selected to attend the school. It lasted 10 months and was very intense," said Kerr.

As Kerr begins a new chapter in his military career with the 513th Air Control Group, he paused to reflect back on his younger days. There were several early small town influences on his life. "I had many good, down-to-earth teachers and Sunday school teachers in Allensville where good morals were taught just as they were back in the beginning of our nation. My mom and dad and grandparents taught me many good things," Kerr added.

"I can think back to our boyhood days over thirty years ago, when my brother and I used to watch the C141's flying over into Fort Campbell, Kentucky. I told my brother that flying a plane is what I wanted to do. We would have laughed our heads off back then to see me as a commander. But Mom and Dad believed in my dreams and they used to drive me to the airport for lessons, and I ended up getting my pilot's license before I got a driver's license. I flew my first solo flight on my 16th birthday," smiled Kerr.

Kerr described his leadership style as a willingness to "role up my sleeves" to work directly with his troops. "I don't believe in leading from an 'ivory tower' but rather a joint meeting of the minds. I hope to create "the open relationship" atmosphere with my

subordinates...one that they feel free to come to me for anything anytime whether good or bad," he said.

Kerr said he greatly valued "smart minds and especially strategic thinkers - people who are always thinking ahead." "I continuously seek constructive feedback with no fluff. Another characteristic that I am most appreciative of during my experience here in Oklahoma is we have so many goodhearted, honest, and hard working people...all with good attitudes. What a perfect manager's world! It was most rewarding as well as a sheer pleasure to work amidst."

Kerr sees the biggest future military challenge as maintaining America's current status as an all-volunteer force. "The Air Expeditionary Force process will require more time from Reservists to help active duty. Some may think peace is breaking out all over the world. I don't think so. There is an increase in hot spots around the world. I do believe we are fighting much smarter and finding a balance between size of military and technology. The active duty and Reserve are keeping us ready through training but it will take a lot more coordination and understanding with employers to realize this is a must for national defense. We have to find the perfect balance," Kerr said.



Col. James L. Kerr

C-5 tour sparks change in teenager's life

By Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon
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It seemed like just another Westover tour - but it wasn't. For 15-year-old Matt Towsley, from West Springfield, it changed his life.

Towsley toured the base with members of Western Massachusetts Homeschoolers in 1999. He listened with keen interest as then 2nd Lt. Jessica Brightman shared her story during the C-5 part of the 439th Airlift Wing tour.

First Lt. Brightman, a C-5 pilot, accelerated her own homeschool education and entered college at 15. She graduated at 19, joined the military - and went on to graduate first in her Undergraduate Pilot Training class. The kids on the tour were impressed by how much this diminutive Air Force Reserve Command pilot knew about such a big plane.

But it was nearly two years before Brightman's inspiration to Matt Towsley became known.

Another parent who attended a base tour called looking for a contact to speak with a 16-year-old girl interested in flying. As the arrangements were made, she commented that she had enjoyed visiting Westover and remarked how life-changing a base tour had been for Towsley.

A few days later, when Brightman stayed after the duty day to meet with 16-year-old Sophia Biztas, Towsley made his second visit to the base. This time, he shared his story with his military mentor.

"The tour turned my life around. It was great to see someone [Brightman] reach their goals," said Towsley, the fifth of 11 children. "If she could do it - then I felt I could," he said. And, so far, he has.

After the tour, he did his homework on educational options

Wing mentoring program up and running

By Capt. Don Satterlee
507th ARW Performance Planning

The Air Force anticipated a need to ensure that all personnel (officer and enlisted) receive a personal touch when it comes to setting career goals. They developed the program aptly called Air Force Mentoring. This is program is part of the Performance Feedback system, and yet it is something more. Whereas Feedback is tailored to performance by the individual from the prior six months and short term for the next 6-12 months, mentoring takes it a step further - years further.

Your mentor is your rater. Again, your MENTOR is your RATER. During a feedback session your rater/mentor may discuss with you about establishing goals for

your continued success in your career field, the military, and even your personal life such as education. They may outline what characteristics they like to see in the people they work with. They may well give you suggestions on how to advance up the ranks and into slots where your talents may shine. They ought to also illustrate the "squares" that need to be filled for your position such as PME and tech schools. In short, they are going to guide you down a successful career. They aren't going to do the work for you, but will take an focused interest on how you are progressing.

You, as the protégée (new term for ratee), should detail to your mentor, your plans for the future. Express your expect-

and began taking college courses during what should have been his junior year in high school. This June, at 17, he will have completed two years of college credits. He also enrolled in civilian pilot school, and like Brightman, received his student pilot's license even before his driver's license.

"The tour was a spark for Matt," said his mom, Peggy Towsley. "He was impressed with Jessica's accomplishments and the tour helped him focus on specific opportunities.

"The tour also helped us as parents. By exposing us to aviation and the military, it helped us to encourage him. We saw the joy it brought to him," she said.

"Flying - I love it!" said Towsley, and his eyes shone as he shared his dream to become a fighter pilot.

Brightman encouraged his dream but humorously pointed out that she'd never aspired to pilot a plane that she couldn't drink a cup of coffee in while flying.

She reinforced the need to explore all the options, set a goal and pursue the goal tenaciously.

"When I was 8, I told my mom I wanted to be an American 747 pilot," said Brightman, who currently flies for American Airlines. When she set her sights on the C-5s at Westover back in 1994, she sent her resume and then called every other week. When hired, she quoted Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, 337th Airlift Squadron operations officer, as saying, "I either had to hire you, or change my phone number!"

Brightman and recruiter Tech. Sgt. Serita Day spent two hours answering a barrage of questions from the teenage aviation enthusiasts.

If and when these young people enter the military, they may be one of many that can trace their dreams back to "just another base tour."

tations for success and seek guidance when necessary.

This is a new program and a new way of thinking for everyone - but it is to the benefit of all, so as Martha Stewart always says, "It's a good thing!" SAV teams and UCI teams will be coming out to work centers and asking people about the program to see if word of the program is getting out to the folks it is intended for.

The Air Force cares about all of their members and wants keep them and see them succeed and flourish. This is one of the ways it can be done. To read more about the program, look up AFI 36-3401 or call Capt Satterlee in Performance Planning, 734-5543, for clarifications and questions.

Reservists needed to fill more recruiting slots

Air Force Reserve Command received 50 additional authorizations for recruiters and is seeking applicants to fill the four-year tours of active duty.

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, pushed for the additional authorizations last year when he spoke with a House Armed Services subcommittee about beefing up the recruiting ranks.

The additional authorizations boost the Reserve recruiting ranks to 398 recruiters nationwide.

With those additional authorizations approved, AFRC is looking for reservists who want to be recruiters, said Lt. Col. Scott Ostrow, chief of the AFRC recruiting training branch.

"The most important thing I want people to know is not to self-eliminate themselves because they think they are not a salesman," Ostrow said. "All we're asking is that people believe in the Air Force Reserve - that they like what they are doing and want to share that experience with others."

If selected for the special duty, there are several benefits associated with becoming a recruiter, said Lt. Col. Kevin Reinert, AFRC recruiting deputy director.

"It's an opportunity for a reservist to go active duty with an Active Guard and Reserve job," Reinert said. "People on an AGR tour get the same benefits as active duty, including Title 10 retirement, but promotions are still based on the Reserve methods."

The new recruiting slots are listed as technical sergeant positions, but anyone who is qualified can apply and may be

approved, said Reinert. That means an airman first class could get the job, meet requirements and be promoted to technical sergeant in an accelerated manner. Or, someone who's a 50-year-old traditional reservist master sergeant could get the job, give up a stripe and serve on active duty with his or her retirement still based on highest rank achieved during his or her career.

"It's highly probable for a new recruiter who voluntarily takes off a master sergeant stripe to earn that stripe back within two to three years of joining our recruiting team," Reinert said. Furthermore, for those who excel at recruiting and have the desire, there are opportunities to become senior recruiters (sales managers) and advance to the grades of senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant.

The recruiter will also receive world-class sales training and special-duty pay of \$375 a month.

Many new locations are opening for recruiters across the nation, Reinert said. People applying for the jobs have a possibility of staying at their unit if an opening exists, but Reinert asks that applicants stay flexible to the needs of AFRC in the placement of new recruiters.

For more information about applying for a recruiting position, reservists can contact their local senior recruiter or Master Sgt. Lane Whitlow, AFRC recruiting training, at DSN 497-0145 or commercial (478) 327-0145. (AFRC News Service)



Toll-free: 877-
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Personal lightning safety tips

from 507th ARW Safety Office

1. PLAN in advance your evacuation and safety measures. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan. Now is the time to go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

2. IF OUTDOORS... Avoid water. Avoid the high ground. Avoid open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery, motors, power tools, etc. Unsafe places include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, or near trees.

Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck or a van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking

nearby when you are outside, you should:

A. Crouch down. Put feet together. Place hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder.

B. Avoid proximity (minimum of 15 ft.) to other people.

3. IF INDOORS... Avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets. Turn off, unplug, and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools, & TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment.

4. SUSPEND ACTIVITIES for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.

5. INJURED PERSONS do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Apply First Aid procedures to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Call 911 or send for help immediately.

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Tornado Safety:

How to survive the deadly winds



Presented by the 507th ARW Safety Office

TORNADO ALLEY: Oklahoma is in the center of the area known as tornado alley. Each year more tornadoes form per square mile in Oklahoma than in any other state. Tornadoes can develop here in any month. They are most likely to occur between the 1st of March through the end of June.

The most likely time of day for tornadoes to form is between the hours of 3 PM and 7 PM.

TORNADO WATCH: This type of alert from the National Weather Service is issued when conditions become favorable for the formation of tornadoes. You should remain alert for approaching storms by monitoring a radio, television or an online Internet service.

TORNADO WARNING: This alert is issued when a tornado has been sighted or detected by Doppler radar. On Tinker AFB and off base a constant steady siren will be sounded. Local radio and television stations will interrupt programming to warn of the tornado. You should immediately go



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Fujita - Pearson Tornado Scale

- F-0: 40-72 mph. Chimney damage, tree branches broken
- F-1: 73-112 mph. Mobile homes pushed off foundation or overturned
- F-2: 113-157 mph. Considerable damage, mobile homes demolished, trees uprooted
- F-3: 158-205 mph. Roofs and walls torn down, trains overturned, cars thrown
- F-4: 207-260 mph. Well-constructed walls leveled
- F-5: 261-318 mph. Homes lifted off foundation and carried considerable distances, autos thrown as far as 100 meters

Have disaster supplies on hand

- Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - First aid kit and manual
 - Emergency food and water
 - Nonelectric can opener
 - Essential medicines
 - Cash and credit cards
 - Sturdy shoes
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

to a sheltered area in your building or area. Every Wednesday the base sounds the sirens at 1200 hours for 3 to 5 minutes to test the system. There is no need to take shelter during the test.

Here's what to do if a tornado warning is issued:

IN A CAR or OUTDOORS: Do not try to outrun an approaching tornado. Exit the vehicle and move away from the approaching tornado at a right angle. If no building is available take shelter in ditch or ravine. If caught outside in the open country side lie flat on the ground. Do not take shelter under an overpass or concrete bridge. Taking shelter under bridges and overpasses has proven to be a bad idea.

INDOORS: Move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. The best type of shelter would be basements or storm cellars. If no basement or storm cellar is available, take cover in the center of the structure. Get in a hall, hall closet or bathtub. Use a mattress for cover. Stay away from all glass windows. The idea is to get as many walls around you as possible.

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FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) or Regents College Examinations (RCE) tests FREE! These examinations test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. You must test at your Reserve DANTES approved test center. Testing at another DANTES test center will be on a case-by-case basis. The third Tuesday of each month at 0800 has been set aside for testing. You must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test. For more information contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075. The 2000 Edition CLEP and DANTES Study Guides are in our office.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

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

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Reserve members are eligible to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA) for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further their education up to a Bachelor's Degree.

The basic enrollment requirements are that, you must:

Pay for the course up-front and after satisfactory completion, be reimbursed 75% (tuition only) per course, not to exceed \$2500 per FY.

Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).

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
2001-6	1	06 Aug - 13 Sep 01	Tyndall AFB, FL
2001-7	1	24 Sep - 01 Nov 01	Tyndall AFB, FL

AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

If you are an E-4 with four years or more of service and would like to attend the Airman Leadership School in residence contact MSgt. Cain at ext. 4-7075, or see your Unit Training Manager.

FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

There have been several changes written in the Family Care Instruction AFI 36-2908, Family Care Plans, dated 1 Oct 2000. The biggest change is para's 2.2.7 through 2.2.7.4 where it states that commanders and first sergeants ensures military members requiring a documented family care plan provide additional information on bond paper as an attachment to the AF Form 357. This added information will be treated as "For Official Use Only" and will only be released with commander of first sergeant approval. No one other than the member, commander, first sergeant, or caregiver will be allowed to look at this information. For more information about Family Care Plans contact the 507 MPF Customer Service Office at ext. 4-7492.

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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)

FY2001/2002 UTA SCHEDULE

02-03 Jun 01	01-02 Dec 01
14-15 Jul 01	05-06 Jan 02
11-12 Aug 01	02-03 Feb 02
08-09 Sep 01	02-03 Mar 02
13-14 Oct 01	06-07 Apr 02
03-04 Nov 01	04-05 May 02

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Fri, 4 May 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, 05 May 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0815-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	To Be Determined
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	To Be Determined
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

Sun, 06 May 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0830-1030	Unit Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	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
1500	Wing Commander's Call	Fuel Cell Hangar

Fri, 01 Jun 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, 02 Jun 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0815-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	To Be Determined
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	To Be Determined
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

Sun, 03 Jun 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1067, OG Conf Room
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0830-1030	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	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
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	OPS Briefing Room

June 2001

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		CLSS Team Hickam HI			
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					CLSS Team Hickam HI
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		CLSS Team Hickam HI			
		9:00am Wing Staff meeting		Aerospace America	

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, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1630	Human Relations	ME
		Phase II	
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:
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17 May	25 May
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29 May	05 Jun
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18 Jun	27 Jun
25 Jun	02 Jul
27 Jun	06 Jul

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:	Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:	Recertification due 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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Snapshots

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(Left) Capt. Lazette Bretthorst, OIC of medical readiness, 507th Medical Squadron, poses with some fifth grade students donning various Air Force uniform parts during a Career Day presentation at Cleveland Bailey Elementary School in Midwest City, Mar. 30. During Career Day sessions Bretthorst spoke to 1st through 6th grade students about the Air Force Reserve and her medical squadron's mission.



(Above) Capt. Anthony Vallera (left) assumed command of the 513th Maintenance Squadron during the April UTA. Presiding over the ceremony was Col. John Fobian, commander. Also shown (back) is MSgt. Barry George, 513th MS first sergeant.



(Above) Thirty-three members of the 7th Aerial Port Squadron demonstrated their ability to survive and operate during their April Inspector General (IG) Exercise at Charlston

AFB, S.C. Members demonstrated their ability to work aircraft loading terminals, and guard assigned perimeters from attacks throughout the week. Two members were recognized as IG Outstanding Performers: TSgt. Terrance Glover and TSgt. David Haider.



(Right) Melonie Koch, daughter of TSgt. Melba Koch, 507th ARW/PA, is a student teacher at Wilson Elementary School, Norman, OK., Her 5th grade students supported Valentines for Veterans making more than 50 valentines and posters for the local Oklahoma City Veterans Hospital this year.

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One "war" Reservists did not want to miss

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

While most of the country during the first week of April was waking up to the smell of coffee, reading their morning newspapers, or watching the morning show before leaving for work, more than 300 Reservists in the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) from Tinker AFB, Okla., were deployed at Volk field, Wisc., putting on their Air Force uniforms, flak vests, helmets, and chemical warfare gear to go to "war."

Reservists participating in this train-



Members had to pack and stack sandbags to protect existing buildings, to build shelters, and to fortify their areas of operation as part of their training.



Wing members outprocess at Tinker AFB prior to deployment to Volk Field.

ing exercise were more than eager to get to the "battlefield."

Unit members put their training to use in a combat environment that included simulated Middle Eastern terrorists, conventional missile and chemical attacks, and the possibility of becoming a casualty if even one small mistake was made.

Their objective was to survive during a variety of attacks and still continue to operate their Air Force missions for our national defense.

They didn't have to deploy to any combat zones in the Middle East to experience the realism of working and surviving in a combat environment. The "war" was provided by the Combat

Readiness Training Center at Volk Field who are experts on creating and giving realistic combat scenarios for military organizations to train, hone their skills on surviving and continuing to operate, and learn from this experience.

Unit warriors spent the week validating training they have received during their normal careers. The week consisted of detailed training and intense wartime scenarios that Reserv-

ists have to work though to continue operating their missions successfully during combat.

Individuals were watched and coached with advice during the "heat of the battle" on how to improve their processes or make better decisions on any given situation.

"We are here to put our training to practice," said Col. Tim Wrighton, commander of the 507th ARW. "But, we are also here to learn and improve our processes so we are better prepared when called upon. The bottom line is to validate our past training and ensure our members are able to survive and operate in a combat environment."



Deployed members line up to attend mandatory and elective courses at the "War College" set up at Volk Field. Classes were held prior to exercises.

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Exceptional performers

The following members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing were recognized as "Exceptional Performers" during the deployment to Volk Field, Wisc.

SSgt. Daniel Anderson
SrA Jeff Bass
MSgt. Cynthia Bischoff
MSgt. Dale Blanchard
SMSgt. Leicle Bostic
MSgt. Neal Bradley
TSgt. Keith Brooks
MSgt. John Cardoni
Maj. Richard Curry
SrA Ronald Delay
MSgt. Mathew Diggs
MSgt. Norma Foster
TSgt. Roger Garrett
MSgt. Tim Givens
Capt. Rick Gale
MSgt. David Haggard
SSgt. Jonathan Hall
TSgt. Rodney Hall
SSgt. Stephen Hawkins
MSgt. Doris Hill
SSgt. David House
Capt. Jennifer Kilbourn
SSgt. Jana Lucy
MSgt. Kenneth Mars
TSgt. Kenneth Miller
TSgt. Samuel Neal
AIC Demetrius Nichols
AIC Joy Pettiford
Maj. John Philebaum
MSgt. David Phillips
SSgt. Jennifer Powders
SrA Michelle Rice
TSgt. Clifford Rosen
TSgt. Tracy Sapp
MSgt. David Sears
SrA John Shelton
TSgt. Scott Staats
SrA Andrew Stephens
MSgt. Nicholas Stewart
TSgt. Thomas Sisney
TSgt. Michael Taliaferro
Capt. Glenda Tigney
TSgt. Patrick Titus
1st Lt. Mark Vardarro

507th MXS
507th MXS
PERSCO
507th LG
507th SFS
507th MXS
507th CF
507th LG
507th ARW/PA
507th LSS
507th CES
465th ARS
507th CES
507th CES
507th ARW/XP
507th CES
507th CES
507th MXS
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Niagara Falls
507th SFS
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507th ARW/HO
507th CF
507th CES
507th ARW/CP
PERSCO
507th MXS
507th SptGp

TSgt. Ben Walker
TSgt. Jodie Zollo

507th MXS
507th CES

Exceptional teams at Volk Field

PERSCO Team 507th MSS

Capt. Glenda Tigney, CMSgt. Sharlotte Epps, MSgt. Cynthia Bischoff, TSgt. Robert Enriquez, TSgt. Glenn Meadows, TSgt. Melanie Sokolove, SSgt. Jana Lucy, and SrA Michelle Paperini

Dart Team One 507th CES

MSgt. David Haggard, TSgt. Ricky Nissen, TSgt. James Young, and AIC Demetrius Nichols.



Fuels/POL Personnel

TSgt. Stan Ragdosky, MSgt. Michael Tabor, TSgt. Joe Shrock, SSgt. Ade Martin, (Not shown) TSgt. Guy Wilson, and SSgt. David Wilmoth.

Maintenance Personnel in Bunker #1

SSgt. Marc Halliburton, SSgt. Gary Garretson, TSgt. Timothy Shoup, TSgt. Clifford Rosen, TSgt. Duane Morrow, TSgt. George Drew, MSgt. Lisa Lusignolo (CLSS), MSgt. Annette Serviss, and MSgt. David Canary.

Special thanks

A special thanks to the following people for working long hours in order to get everyone out of town and then receiving them back at home station.

Neville Comas, cargo man extraordinaire; John Meissner, coordinated all equipment & personnel changes; Bob Erickson, Jim Moore, & Matt Madison - baggage handling and cargo; Valerie Daugherty and Kelly Hall, flak vest dispersal & retrieval; Jamison Horn, bus driver for returning personnel - from Capt. Wendy Deemer.

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Update

by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing deployed to Volk Field, Wisc:

What was your most intense moment at Volk Field?



A1C Lynette Luginu
507th Mission Support Sq.

"Alarm red when I thought they were going to bomb. Then I found out it was the building next to us."



SrA John Simpson
507th Communication Flight

"When we bugged out of our building to our bunker."



SrA Trina Schooley, 507th MSS
"Alarm red! It was the urgency."



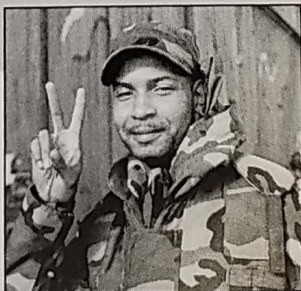
SrA Becky Campbell
507th Mission Support Sq.

"When I went outside five minutes before the war was over I saw a terrorist running towards the aircraft. I dropped down and emptied my clip on him."



Lt. Col. David Beavin
507th Logistics Group

"Trying to figure out how to get that mask off my face after two-and-a-half hours."



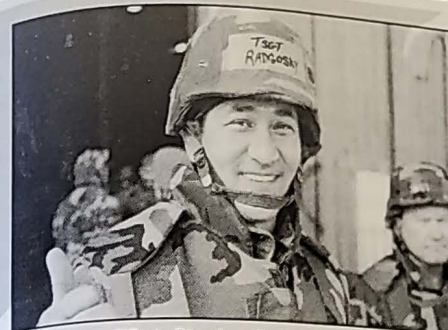
SSgt. Ade Martin
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"Sweeping and finding UXOs."

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TSgt. Stanley Radgosky
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"When I got jacked up on the flightline."



SrA Courtney Penn
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"Wondering if we were going to get shot when running out of the building to a bunker."



TSgt. Guy Wilson
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"Receiving the call that Radgosky got jacked up."



A1C Natasha Raigoza
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"When we were in our masks for two-and-a-half hours."



TSgt. Pat Titus
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"Pulling the shrapnel out of a guys face so I can put his mask back on."



SSgt. Misty Mowery
507th Operations Group

"Learning how to process through and how all this goes."



MSgt. John Cardoni
507th Maintenance Squadron

"Apologizing to Command Post for putting them in harm's way."

Editor's Note: Maybe...but you should have seen "Sergeant Rock" in action the following evening during a ground assault.

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Buyer beware with over-the-counter medications

By TSgt. Lonnie Royal
Pharmacy Technician Supervisor
507th Medical Squadron UPAR

Often people are less than cautious when it comes to taking over-the-counter medications. About 60% of all available drugs do not require a prescription. This leaves the impression in some minds that medications, just because they aren't prescribed are innocuous. This is far from the truth. We tend to think of nonprescription drugs as being totally safe, but these medications are often merely weaker doses of prescription drugs.

For example, recent research has shown the drug *Tylenol* (Registered Name) or *Acetamenophin* has caused kidney failure and liver damage when taken in excess within a few hours of time. This generally occurs as a result of having persistent pain, migraines, and other maladies perhaps needing the aid of a doctor, but, at the moment self-medication seemed cheaper and easier. Chronic pain may require stronger medications taken in smaller doses.

Following are some other interesting facts about over-the-counter medications:

Antacids: Taking these can cause an over-growth of *Helicobacter pylori*, the ulcer causing bacteria.

Antihistamines: Generally cause drowsiness, danger to drivers, and will inhibit the ability to concentrate.

NSAIDS (Non-Steroidal

Anti-inflammatory
Drugs, e.g., Advil,

Motrin, Aspirin,

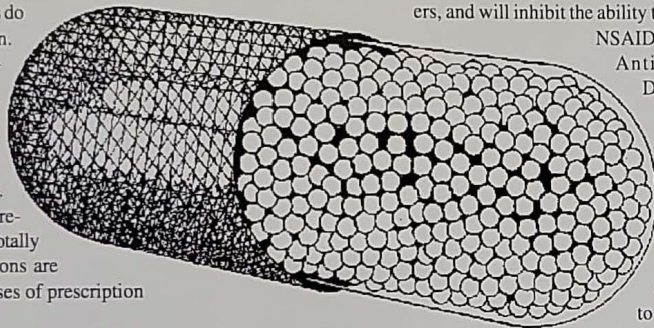
et.al: Taking too many (10 or more, for example) of these

over-the-counter medications can lead

to cartilage destruction, intestinal bleeding,

ulcers, kidney, and liver damage. Yearly 20,000 deaths are attributed to the overuse of NSAIDS alone.

The most important things to remember: "If you don't need it, don't use it" and "If you need a medication, use OTCs with caution, or see your physician." It is especially important to keep all medications, away from small children and pets. Keep them in a locked cabinet, and prevent them from causing harm.



101 critical days of summer returns

Courtesy of 507th Safety Office

The 101 critical days of summer are upon us once again. The 101 critical days of summer begins on Memorial Day weekend and day 101 ends on Labor Day weekend in September. The 101 critical days is traditionally a time when many Air Force personnel are involved in off-duty mishaps.

Memorial Day weekend is usually when most of us will begin our outdoor activities such as camping, swimming, boating, and other vacationing activities. These recreational activities have also taken a toll. Personnel fail to properly assess the risk. The result is a mishap.

So, how can you avoid becoming a

statistic during the 101 critical days? Apply risk management principles for all activities. Especially if it is something that you've never done.

When traveling, plan your route and get plenty of rest before starting out. Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound before starting your trip. Severe weather can develop rather quickly in the summer months so watch for bad weather.

If you go camping, let someone know your whereabouts. Camp only in approved areas. Check your equipment before you leave. Use caution when starting fires!

Swim only in designated swimming areas. Check the water before diving.

Never swim alone.

When boating use personal flotation devices. Don't overload the boat. Get off the lake during threats of high wind or lightning.

When it comes to alcohol, the main thing is to drink responsibly. **Remember that alcohol and vehicle operations do not mix. As a matter of fact, alcohol and recreational activity do not mix!**

Remember, a wise man knows the difference between action safe and being safe.

Enjoy the summer. Be smart and be safe and most of all be back after the 101 critical days of summer!

Group gearing up to manage functional check flights

DOBBINS AIR RESERVE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command will assume greater responsibility for functional check flights on Air Force aircraft when the 622nd Flight Test Group activates here later this year.

The 622nd FTG will oversee the manning and administrative management of six operating locations where aircraft undergo depot maintenance before they are flight tested and put back into service. Flight test squadrons that will report to the 22nd Air Force unit are currently located at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Hill AFB, Utah; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Randolph AFB, Texas; Mesa, Ariz.; and San Antonio, Texas.

The 452nd Air Mobility Wing, a 4th Air Force unit at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., will oversee flight test support at Edwards AFB, Calif., and Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Air Force Materiel Command will maintain operational control of the flying and testing at the eight locations.

"This is just another example of how the Air Force Reserve Command continues to broaden its support of the Total Force," said Maj. Jay Pittman, a 22nd Air Force tactical airlift operations manager and point of contact for the new group.

Officials expect to complete the transfer of the functional check flight mission from AFMC to AFRC by the fall of 2002. The move frees up more than 100 active-duty aircrew positions. The task of staffing some 165 Reserve positions rests on Pittman's shoulders.

"So far the response has been good in getting highly qualified people to compete for the positions," Pittman said. "We have received application packages from members of the active force, Reserve, commercial airline industry and the Navy seeking to fill these slots."

The Reserve has used the Internet and messaging systems to solicit interested people, and the process is working. The command has filled more than 115 full-time Active Guard and Reserve and traditional reservist flying positions.

A mixture of AGR and Reserve pilots, navigators, weapons systems operators, boom operators and flight engineers evaluate aircraft sent to maintenance depots to correct problems ranging from avionics to airframe structure.

The aircrews flight test systems on A-10, B-1, B-52, C-5, C-130, C-141, E-3, F-15, F-16, KC-135 and T-38 aircraft, then give them the OK when they are ready to go back to the field.

Personnel in life support, flight management and personnel functions support the officer and enlisted aircrew members. If called upon in time of war, the operating locations would be busier, as battle-damaged aircraft come in, the depot maintenance and flight-testing work would take on the pace of an assembly line, Pittman said. (AFRC News Service from a 22nd Air Force news release)

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Modernization should mirror active force



By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
chief of Air Force Reserve
and commander of Air Force Reserve Command

(Third in a series of key issues by the commander)

Congress recognizes that modern equipment directly impacts readiness. Congressional help in the past has provided us with aircraft and upgrades, which have enhanced our ability to fly anywhere in the world on a moment's notice.

The Air Reserve Components must continue to receive modern equipment at the same rate as the active-duty Air Force. This will ensure that all three Air Force components maintain the same tier of readiness - ready now! Modernization is an area that must be closely watched in this era of aging aircraft and constrained investment budgets.

The Air Force Reserve Command directly aligns itself with the vision, goals and core competencies of the active-duty Air Force. Similarly, the mission capabilities of the AFRC and the equipment upgrades required to meet our mission taskings correlate one-for-one with the primary mission areas of the active-duty gaining commands.

In the past few years, four areas of airpower doctrine have been affected by changing technologies, force structures and economic realities. We are well-positioned to lead, support and effectively carry-out our mission in each of these areas:

- First, we will be expected to do our jobs day and night to the same level of proficiency as the active-duty Air Force.
- Second, we must have precision-munitions capability to effectively perform in today's contingency environment.
- Third, fighters and bombers must reach their targets and survive on their own; self-protection, electronic-warfare capabilities are essential to the mission.
- Finally, to reduce fratricide and fully integrate air power with ground and sea forces, we must be part of the "digital battlefield" data-link programs. All three components of the Air Force must have modern equipment that is compatible and interoperable. (AFRC News Service)

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Top 'ONW' performers receive general's coin

More than 70 members from the 507th Air Refueling Wing and two, KC-135 "Stratotanker" aircraft returned last month from Turkey after supporting Operation Northern Watch during an Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

Congratulations to the following top unit performers identified during this month-long deployment.

Receiving the "General's coin" at ONW were: Lt. Col. Michael Tucker and Capt. Wendy Deemer. Receiving the

"319th EARS Commander coin" were: Maj. Ken Lewis, SMSgt. Don Coffey, SMSgt. Robert Erickson, MSgt. Ricky Skelton, MSgt. Neville Comas, MSgt. Kathy Lowman, TSgt. Mahlon Smith, and TSgt. Ron Huggins.



Photos for Reservists available on "U" Drive

Ever wanted or needed that certain digital photograph for your presentation or document?

Now, hundreds and hundreds of photographs of unit events and wing members are now available on the 507th ARW's Universal "U" drive in the folder "Photographs for Reservists."

These are official Air Force photos and can be downloaded to your computer for use in many applications for work or as personal keepsakes. IF you have digital photos of unit events, contact the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office to get them placed on the "U" Drive.

First Sergeant opening at McConnell AFB

Applications are being accepted for a First Sergeant position with the 18th Air Refueling Squadron in Wichita, Kansas. The 18th ARS is under the 931st Air Refueling Group.

Minimum qualifications must be an E6 or E7, if an E6 must already have NCO Academy completed, ability to speak distinctly, and meet minimum weight and body fat standards.

Interested individuals must submit: AF Form 3920, Application for Retraining. A minimum of 45 ADMIN and 58 GENERAL and PULHES of 333231 must be met. Submit last 5 EPRs, records review RIP, and a statement on

why you want to become a First Sergeant. Applications must be received by 931 MSF/DPMSA not later than 21 Jul 01. If you are interested, send completed application to: 931 MSF/DPMSC, 53280 Topeka Street, McConnell AFB KS 67221-3767. Point of contact is MSgt Seitz, DSN 743-3587, COMM (316) 759-3587.

Reserve Family Day scheduled for October

The Air Force Reserve Campus on Tinker Air Force Base will celebrate Family Day 2001, Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the 38th E.I.W. compound east of Tinker.

This includes all members of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG and the subordinate Groups, Squadrons and Flights. The 507th Support Group, 507th Medical Squadron and 507th Air Refueling Wing Headquarters section will sponsor this years event.

Job opening for Military Equal Opportunity tech

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

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 or jgson@gateway.net, respectively.

Sign up this UTA for Wrangler football

There's still time to sign up to enjoy Arena Football as the Oklahoma Wranglers take on the Milwaukee Mustangs during Reserve Night, Saturday, June 2, at the Myriad. Tickets are \$15. Sign up with your first sergeant by the end of this UTA.

IG office opens earlier

Beginning in April, the IG office will open at 06:30 on UTAs for anyone that might like to stop by before duty starts.

Get One

Help unit recruiters. Give them a name, or contact them directly.

Unit Recruiters

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
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