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A Successful Future



From A Solid Past

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



**507th ARW
Commander's Column**

By Col. Tim Wrighton

Yes... We are ALL recruiters

Each one of us is an "ambassador in blue" in our local communities. And, each one of us can make a difference in the decision for someone to join our Air Force Reserve family. The following tips offer ways for any one of us to help the recruiting effort:

- Be a role model in your community
- Talk to young people anywhere...at store checkout lines, etc.
- Get involved with youth programs, whether in high schools or through church or community organizations
- Be recommended by unit commander to attend Recruiter Assistance Class.
- Volunteer as a recruiter for an event (i.e., State Fair)
- Work with our Recruiting/Public Affairs offices and set up some time to visit local classrooms to tell your story and share your expertise
- Talk about what the Air Force Reserve has done for you and the successes you have had because you joined
- Talk about why you are staying in the Air Force Reserve
- Get involved in base tours with interested applicants and educators
- Invite local high school guidance counselors and principals for base orientations and to be involved with unit activities
- Look into the possibilities of an "Adopt a High School Program"

These are just a few of the many ways any one of us can be involved with recruiting the best and brightest young men and women out there, ensuring a successful future for the 507 ARW and the Air Force Reserve Command.

**Chaplain's
Corner**

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie Sias
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Seek Him

We live in a world of seekers! Many people are seeking things that are harmful to their lives, while others may seek after pleasures that make them feel good. There are thrill seekers, pleasure seekers, and God seekers.

A new generation of God seekers is rising up. This generation is filled with men and women who are captured by



**513th ACG
Commander's Column**

By Col. James Kerr

What a learning experience

Well, the change of command has taken place and what a learning experience it has been so far. I am sure I will be "speed learning" for days to come now. I hope you in the 513th ACG will be understanding as I learn your business culture and as I, at the same time, put some old paradigms behind me.

So far, I have been thoroughly impressed with your professional attitudes. In addition, all of you have been most helpful getting me settled in.

My check out in the E-3 aircraft is moving along, and I'm gradually becoming familiar with its complex mission. I'm gaining an ever greater appreciation for your training and talents. Moreover, I commend all of you—both operators and maintainers—for the time and effort you put in to make each mission happen.

As I come on board, I wish to encourage all of you through the busy months ahead. In July, we'll host our first Staff Assistance Visit from 10th Air Force. August and September will bring the Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit.

In October we are deploying a crew to Operational Northern Watch, and in November we will undergo our first Unit Compliance Inspection. I think that's enough. Don't you? I have every confidence that we will do fine in meeting each of those challenges.

We have some of the Air Force's finest equipment that the taxpayers can buy. But even more importantly, we have finer people than any money could ever buy. I am proud to be your commander and wish you the best for all your efforts.

the power of Almighty God. Young and old are seeking the face of God through Bible study, prayer, and obedience. College students, prisoners, truck drivers, state and federal employees, and military personnel are experiencing the wonder, beauty, and love of God. By seeking Him, many are discovering that their salvation is not in institutions, people, or possessions, but salvation comes from the Lord. Will you seek Him today?

David, the Old Testament psalmist wrote, "My heart says of you, "Seek His face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek." Psalm 27:8.

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On The Cover



Painting by SSgt. Darby Perrin

This portrait, by SSgt. Darby Perrin, boom operator for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, captures on canvas the aircraft the 507th Air Refueling Wing has flown and maintained throughout its reserve history.

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JAG reports adverse actions for last 17 months

By Major Michael J. Farr
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

As has been the case in many past years, 2000 and early 2001 have been busy years for adverse actions against 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and 513th Air Control Group (ACG) members. This article describes and summarizes some of those actions. Hopefully, this information will help members of both organizations to better understand the consequences of not adhering to their responsibilities as reservists and help them avoid becoming adverse action statistics themselves.

Drug abuse

The most noticeable recent trend in adverse actions has been a dramatic upturn in drug abuse cases.

At least seven members have had administrative discharge proceedings initiated in the last 17 months because of wrongful use of illegal drugs. The drugs abused have included marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, amphetamine, and anabolic steroids.

In four of these cases, the drug abuse was identified through random urinalysis testing on Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekends. In one case, the member tested positive for cocaine on two consecutive monthly random urinalyses. In another case, investigation revealed that the member was receiving anabolic steroids through the mail at his post office box at the on-base post office. In yet another case, the drug abuse was uncovered when the member was stopped at the base gate with an expired inspection sticker, and the base gate guards noticed marijuana seeds on his floorboards, and a probable cause urinalysis was ordered.

The likely end result in these cases is an administrative discharge from the Air Force Reserve with an "under other than honorable conditions" (UOTHC) discharge characterization, one that deprives the member of nearly all veteran's benefits.

The message to all reservists is clear – don't take the gamble and think that you can beat the system and keep on hiding your drug abuse. Chances are good that you will be caught, either through random urinalysis or other investigative techniques.

Unsatisfactory participation

While drug abuse has been on the increase, the most prevalent basis for adverse actions among 507 ARW and 513 ACG members remains unsatisfactory participation. AFMAN 36-

8001 defines unsatisfactory participation as nine or more unexcused absences from periods of required Inactive Duty Training (IDT), such as UTAs, in a 12-month period. Unsatisfactory participation also includes failure to complete a scheduled Annual Tour in a fiscal year, unless substituted or excused. Since each UTA weekend includes four training periods, it takes only a little more than two unexcused UTA weekends to be considered an unsatisfactory participant.

Enlisted members who are unexcused from 9 or more periods of required IDT in a 12-month period are subject to involuntary demotion based on unsatisfactory participation. Twenty-five enlisted members were involuntarily demoted during the last 17 months because of unsatisfactory participation, including a technical sergeant, nine staff sergeants, 10 senior airmen, three airmen first class, and an airman.

Members who are unexcused from 9 or more periods of required IDT are also subject to involuntary reassignment to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) at HQ ARPC based on unsatisfactory participation. This removes them from their participation-eligible status with 507 ARW or 513 ACG and places them in a status where they are not eligible to participate for pay or points, unless or until another reserve or Guard unit accepts them for reassignment. However,

since enlisted members who are involuntarily reassigned for unsatisfactory participation will already usually have been demoted at least one grade, even if another unit accepts them, it will be at the lower grade and they'll have to earn back the stripe. During the last 17 months, 26 members have been involuntarily reassigned to the IRR because of unsatisfactory participation, including 15 senior airmen, 9 airmen first class, and 2 airmen.

Reservists who separated from active duty under PALACE CHASE can be involuntarily recalled to active duty if they fail to maintain satisfactory reserve participation for the full period of their PALACE CHASE commitment. One senior airman is currently being processed for recall to active duty based on unsatisfactory participation during the term of his PALACE CHASE commitment.

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As the foregoing discussion illustrates, the consequences of unsatisfactory participation can be very severe. Reserve members who are having difficulty in meeting their reserve training commitments, or anticipate difficulty in that regard, whether due to job or family concerns or other reasons, should discuss the problem with their reserve supervisor or commander at the earliest opportunity, rather than waiting until they have already accrued a large number of unexcused absences. The earlier a reserve member lets his or her supervisor or commander know about the problem, the more likely it is that a solution or workaround can be found that will not adversely impact the member.

Unsatisfactory participation is not the only reason for involuntarily reassigning a member to the IRR. Table 5.1 of AFI 36-2115 sets forth numerous other reasons, including failure to make satisfactory progress on the weight management program, and failure to acquire appropriate skill level for one's reserve position. One staff sergeant was involuntarily reassigned to IRR in 2000 for failure to make satisfactory progress on the weight management program and one senior airman was reassigned because of a two-time CDC failure.

Abuse of government travel cards

Abuse of and delinquency in payments on the Government Travel Card continues to be the source of numerous adverse actions. A technical sergeant received Article 15 non-judicial punishment of reduction to the grade of staff sergeant for Government Travel Card abuse and delinquency, coupled with failure to obey a lawful order and a false official statement. Government Travel Card abuse also led to the demotion of a technical sergeant to staff sergeant and a staff sergeant to senior airman.

For one staff sergeant, Government Travel Card abuse, combined with falsification of military orders and presenting those orders to his civilian employer, resulted in a two-grade demotion to airman first class. Another staff sergeant was

demoted to senior airman because of Government Travel Card abuse and delinquency, combined with unsatisfactory participation and CDC failures. Two technical sergeants and three staff sergeants received letters of reprimand because of Government Travel Card abuse and delinquency, and three senior airmen received letters of admonishment on this basis.

In general

Administrative discharge proceedings were also initiated on several other members in the last 17 months for reasons other than drug abuse. Discharge action was initiated on one senior airman based on homosexual conduct.

The staff sergeant who was demoted to airman first class because of Government Travel Card abuse and delinquency, plus falsification of reserve orders, also had administrative discharge proceedings initiated against him on that basis.

Discharge proceedings also were initiated on a technical sergeant who received a civilian conviction for discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and possessing a firearm while intoxicated.

Administrative discharge proceedings also were initiated on an airman basic for unsatisfactory participation, on a technical sergeant for a personality disorder, and on an airman based on medical disqualification.

In another Article 15 nonjudicial punishment action completed in 2000, a staff sergeant received a suspended reduction to the grade of senior airman for reporting to work incapacitated due to consumption of intoxicating beverages.

Hopefully, this article has helped better inform 507 ARW and 513 ACG members on recently completed adverse actions and will help them avoid becoming the subjects of similar future actions. While we cannot represent individual reservists who are facing adverse actions or advise them on how to respond to such actions, members with informational questions on the various adverse actions can contact the 507 ARW Legal Office at extension 43823.

President nominates Sherrard for 3rd star

WASHINGTON – Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, has been nominated by the president for promotion to lieutenant general.

The Air Force announced the nomination April 26. Other reserve com-

ponent chiefs and directors have also been nominated for a third star. The promotions are contingent on Senate confirmation.

In the fiscal year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress gave the Department of Defense the authority to upgrade the reserve component positions, but the promotions would have had to come from active-duty, three-star authorizations.

Last year Congress increased the limit on the number of officers who can serve on active duty above the grade of O-8. It also directed DOD to promote the chief of Air Force Reserve and the five other reserve bosses within 12 months of enactment of the FY 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed into law Oct. 30. (AFRC News Service)



Four MSS members take AFRC awards

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Four members of the 507th Mission Support Squadron claim Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) Services awards. Maj. Ernest Goodman, SMSgt. Terry Tunender, TSgt. Debbie Kidd, and A1C Lynette Luginu are recipients of AFRC awards.

Maj. Ernest Goodman, chief of services for the 507th MSS Services Section and recipient of the AFRC Services Individual Award in the Senior Military Manager category.

According to Maj. Tim Collins, 507th MSS commander, Goodman fostered pride, esprit de corps, and improved morale through sound management practices. He empowers junior NCOs to accomplish delegated tasks and promotes officership among fellow officers in the Air Force, Army and Navy Reserve.

Goodman is also a member of the Reserve Officer Association (ROA) who has completed term as president and went on to serve as the past president of the 1200 member organization, Department of Oklahoma. He assisted current department president in planning and organizing all of the logistics and protocol for the 2001 ROA State Convention and assisted in building participation and membership in local ROA, Department of Oklahoma, Chapter 66 primarily through encouraging senior officer involvement and making meetings more substantial.

Other initiatives Goodman has been recognized for include assisting in the planning and organization of the third annual Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony recognizing Oklahoma War Heroes [e.g., retired USAF Lt Gen Thomas Stafford (former astronaut) and past Oklahoma Governor Harry Bellmon (WWII USMC silver star recipient)]. He assisted in organizing and building the necessary logistics to host the second annual, ROA sponsored, Junior Officer Leadership Symposium at Oklahoma State University, assisted in securing a USAF General Officer to host a televideo conference for the ROTC cadets and company grade officers to ask leadership oriented questions, led breakout sessions with leadership scenario exercises for the cadet to practice the skills discussed in the seminar portion of the symposium, and

encouraged involvement of 507th Air Refueling Wing personnel, as well as 507th Services personnel, in the Tinker AFB Honor Guard Program among other contributions.

Goodman also has supported active duty operations when he deployed two unit members to fill positions at the Medical Readiness Training Site, Sheppard AFB Texas, for 120 days each to sustain their field-feeding program.



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

(Left to right) Maj. Ernest Goodman, A1C Lynette U. Luginu, TSgt. Deborah Kidd, SMSgt. Terry Tunender are this year's recipients of AFRC's Services Awards.

of the 507th ARW Lodging Instruction to ensure compliance with Air Force and Air Force Reserve guidance. He coordinated with the Tinker Air Force Base Lodging staff to secure the maximum amount of on base quarters for each Unit Training Assembly and worked closely with the reservations staff to ensure maximum utilization. Through his proactive approach to programs, attention to details, and the education of the squadron lodging monitors, he reduced the annual no-show expenditure from \$8100 in Fiscal Year 99 to \$3100 during Fiscal Year 2000. At the end of the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, the total no-show expenditure was \$750.

He developed and coordinated Services requirements for an improved Glenwood bivouac site and coordinated with the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron to pour a thirty-foot square concrete pad surrounded by a French-drain, for the organization's two Mobile Kitchen Trailers. Tunender also coordinated with the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron on requirements to pour a sixty-foot square pad complete with 220 volt electrical connections to support the organization's steam table, salad bar, electric grill, and toaster, in addition to standard 110 volt service. He coordinated on site layout for the concrete pads for sleeping and classroom hardback tents and

he deployed two unit members to fill positions at the Medical Readiness Training Site, Sheppard AFB Texas, for 120 days each to sustain their field-feeding program.

TSgt. Deborah Kidd, services superintendent for the 507th MSS Services Section and recipient of the AFRC Services Air Reserve Technician Award.

According to Maj. Tim Collins, Tunender performed a complete rewrite

prepared for end of year budget opportunities.

Among other accomplishments, Tunender collaborated with the Support Group Commander to obtain three temper tents, environmental control units and lighting kits for use during Home Station Training. He researched and prepared necessary paperwork in advance to expedite the ordering process once funding and approval to proceed was given. Among other accomplishments, Tunender coordinated a shared assets agreement and updated the Host Tenant Support Agreement with the 72nd Services personnel. He also coordinated with the 72nd Services Readiness to "joint-share" all equipment assets necessary to accomplish a shared mission of training to go to war and provide services support to forces globally.

TSgt. Deborah Kidd, Air Force Reserve Honor Guard Liaison for the 507th MSS Services Section and recipient of the AFRC Services Award in the Honor Guard Liaison category.

According to Maj. Tim Collins, Kidd excelled as the Tinker AFB Honor Guard Reserve Liaison for the 507th Air Refueling Wing with secondary duties as the 507th Services Mortuary Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer. She served as the focal point for the 507th ARW recruitment of prospective members for the Honor Guard and budgeted, purchased and maintained required Honor Guard equipment for the 507th ARW volunteers.

Kidd also negotiated a fair price with a reputable off-base business for alteration of Honor Guard uniforms, performed 91 detail totaling 345 detail hours with the Honor Guard for the year, and participated in 93 details with an aggregate total of 375 detail hours during this time frame. She conducted all Honor Guard details with a positive attitude, passion for excellence and esprit de corps.

Kidd makes the Honor Guard mission a personal priority using off-duty time to ensure that things are done right and worked countless off-duty hours to become a qualified Detail Commander. She coordinated all Honor Guard related issues for the recent Billy Hughes Awards Banquet and assisted in the coordination of the Tinker AFB "John Levitow Memorial Retreat."

She monitors subordinate airman as a supervisor and trainer within the Services career field. With her years of services expertise, she easily earns everybody's respect as a leader and teacher and sets a professional airman image for others to follow.

She is always dressed in an impeccable uniform, glossy shined boots, and hair groomed well within regulation. She arrives for the duty day before most others show up for work, and she departs after most others have left. Kidd was recently awarded the 507th Air Refueling NCO of the quarter (October-December 2000).

Among other accomplishments, she is currently enrolled in

the NCO Academy Career Development Course (CDC), She recently completed the 3M071F CDC for career broadening with an score of 91 percent and completed 24 credit hours towards a Community College of the Air Force degree in Fitness, Recreation and Services Management.

She is a member of the Noncommissioned Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, Tinker Management Association, and has volunteered to serve in the Memorial Service which opened the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Bombing Memorial.

SrA Lynette U. Luginu, services specialist for the 507th MSS Services Section and recipient of the AFRC Services individual Award in the military technician category.

According to Maj. Tim Collins, Luginu graduated from the Air Force Services Technical Training School with honors and an award of achievement resulting from her 92 percent grade point average. She possesses a remarkable knowledge of food preparation techniques for one of her limited experience and exhibits a composure far beyond her years with the Air Force Reserve and an ability to adapt. She volunteered to travel to Camp Gruber Oklahoma to support the 507th Security Forces Squadron during the latter part of May 2000 and provided a Saturday noon meal in conjunction with SMSgt. Terry Tunender, services superintendent for the 507th MSS Services Section, and single-handedly prepared the Sunday breakfast meal for all deployed forces.

She also participated in Security Forces night exercises as an "indigenous native", providing opportunities for Security Forces personnel to interact with locals as they might during a real world deployment. Luginu maintains a positive attitude in the face of austere field conditions, and excelled in her responsibilities. She is a level headed, responsible minded individual who can be counted upon to look beyond the task at hand to anticipate details and tasks which need to be accomplished to complete the job. She also anticipates requirements before being given information relating directly to the job at hand.

Luginu's professional image and positive "Can Do" attitude well represent the spirit of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and can only lead to new recruits from within her peer group. Her civilian employer recently honored her for her efforts with an employee of the month award which recognizes the top ten percent of the work force.

Among other accomplishments, Luginu's ultimate goal is to become a medical doctor. In addition to her responsibilities as a traditional reservist, Luginu works 25 hours a week at her civilian job while carrying twelve to fifteen hours per semester as a full time student in college. She maintains a perfect 4.0 grade point average in her studies at the Oklahoma City Community College (OKCCC), and she will graduate in spring 2002 with an associates degree in accounting.

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Notice to Airmen

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

Doctrine, technology, organization... three ingredients of transformation

Just over a year ago we released Air Force Doctrine Document Two...if you haven't seen it and read it, you must, to understand the overarching portrait...or vision...of why our Aerospace team exists and how its inherent capabilities can best be employed.

When you review AFDD 2 and its parent document, AFDD 1, you will comprehend how competency fits into our Air mission.

Individual competencies are critical building blocks within our Air Force...but they don't exist for the purpose of self-sustainment. We organize, train, and equip the various parts of our

force so that when they are integrated they produce decisive full spectrum aerospace power. Our displayed ability to dominate the aerospace realm has truly become an American asymmetric advantage...and indeed a "revolution in military affairs" (RMA).

The second page of AFDD 2 describes the three ingredients of a RMA...organization, technology, and doctrine. Many voices have called for a "transformation" of our military to produce a RMA. The fact is our Air Force has been in transformation since its inception, and with even more noticeable progress in this past decade. If you compare a snapshot of our Air Force in 1991 to one taken in 2001, you'll see all three of these ingredients acting as engines of change for our aerospace forces.

Organization - Previous Air Force leaders recognized the significant change of mission in a post-cold war world and made bold steps to reorganize our Air Force. SAC, TAC, MAC are parts of our Cold War history...but no longer parts of our Air Force. Strategic and tactical are no longer used to describe types of aircraft...today they describe levels of war-

fare or at times types of targets. We didn't stop there...we've optimized to an even greater extent through our Expeditionary Aerospace Force organizational structure.

Technology - The tight budgets of the 1990s slowed the pace of our envisioned technological changes...but when we couldn't afford new platforms, we bought the weaponry that could optimize the legacy platforms. In Desert Storm only 10% of our participating strike aircraft were precision capable...by Allied Force, 90% of the participating strike aircraft were precision capable and some were all weather strike aircraft capable. In Desert Storm we saw the synergy of stealth and precision...in the air war over Serbia we saw an all weather version of the same, but highly leveraged by space and information. That was only the beginning...AEF Prime and AEF capabilities rapidly brought to the fight through EAF Mobility forces and supported by an EAF Foundation.

Doctrine - The broad strokes of our 2001 Air Force snapshot clearly depict the organizational and technological advancements already in place and continuing to progress. AFDD 1 and AFDD 2 complete the RMA transformation trilogy by clearly describing

how we've promoted organizational changes and technological advancements into a new way of warfare...a decisive full spectrum aerospace dominant warfare.

So have we arrived...yes, and no. Transformation cannot be described or envisioned as a destination. We described it in our Air Force Vision, released last summer, as long term innovation and adaptation. What we have arrived at is not a transformation destination but rather a transformation waypoint...a snapshot along the journey.

All that said...let me return to the basics...its all about people. The most sophisticated technology, the most innovative organizations and the most insightful doctrine are all empty investments without smart and motivated people to employ them. You truly are the "fuel" our Air Force runs on. Take some time to read doctrine...it will help you better understand how your competency is contributing to our Air Force mission and in so doing will help your dedicated efforts better support our overall capability. Through your service we are faithfully serving our nation.

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

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 Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) 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.

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:

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

Must have two years retainability at time of application.

Enroll and pay for the course up front.

Complete TA forms in our office PRIOR to class start date.

Bring receipts for tuition and books.

After satisfactory completion of class, you will be reimbursed 75% (tuition only) per course, not to exceed \$2500 per FY.

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

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 ensure 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 or 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.

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

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, call DPMT at x47075 at least two days prior to the UTA. Course 5 tests are also given Tues at 0730, Wed at 0800 & 1300, and Thurs at 1530. Call for appointment.

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

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
01-02 Dec 01	01-02 Jun 01

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 1066, 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	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, 03 Jun 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1066, 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
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

Fri, 13 Jul 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, 14 Jul 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1066, 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
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

Sun, 15 Jul 2001

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1066, 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	Hazardous Communications	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
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July 2001

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SERVICEMEN'S GROUPLIFE INSURANCE (SGLI)

For members who make elections to reduce or decline coverage after 30 April 2001, they will be charged the premium for maximum coverage for April, as well as for any other month in which the coverage remains in effect. Changes to coverage are effective the first day of the month after a change is made. The member is still liable for the full premium through the end of the month in which the election change was filed. Questions contact Customer Service at x47492.

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.

		Phase I	
	Time	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:
05 Jun	13 Jun
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19 Jul	27 Jul
26 Jul	03 Aug

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: Recertification 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
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Maj. Rich Basak (rear seat), weapons system officer, deployed from the 90th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, watches the refueling boom transfer jet fuel to the F-15E while Maj. Steve White, pilot, keeps the jet steady. The KC-135R "Stratotanker" from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla., was part of Operation Northern Watch's 319th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron.



Air Force Photo

507th tankers support Operation Northern Watch

The combined forces of the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and the 507th ARW took to the skies in Turkey to carry the lifeblood to coalition aircraft covering the Operation Northern Watch no-fly zone over northern Iraq.

Even though they were loaded with more than 100,000 pounds of JP-8 jet fuel, the KC-135 Stratotankers, with their four powerful engines had no problem lifting off the ground with their deployed crews ready to accomplish the mission.

"This aircraft carries more fuel than a person could ever use in their car in their lifetime," said Lt. Col. John Scorsone, 319th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander, who was deployed to Turkey from Grand Forks AFB.

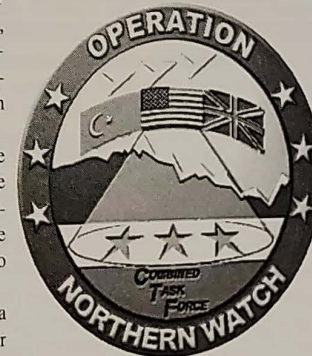
"We train all year long to make ourselves ready to fly our combat mission, and at Incirlik, we prove it every time we fly," Scorsone said. "We take great pride in doing our mission well."

The mission of the tankers is to rendezvous with their thirsty partners.

The aircraft flank themselves to the left of the tankers as they arrive for fuel. Each aircraft takes a turn sliding to the rear of the tanker and nudging closer and closer to the lowered boom. The boom operator uses lights on the belly of the tanker to assist the refueling aircraft with positioning. Once in place, the fuel begins to flow.

"There have been some tense moments while hooked up to an aircraft," said deployed 507th ARW boom operator SSgt. Darby Perrin.

Perrin, a former active-duty crew chief, separated for three



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years than joined the Air Force Reserve to be a boom operator.

"In my opinion, this is the only job to have," he said.

Once the variety of aircraft are fueled, they move to the side of the tanker and wait for their wingmen.

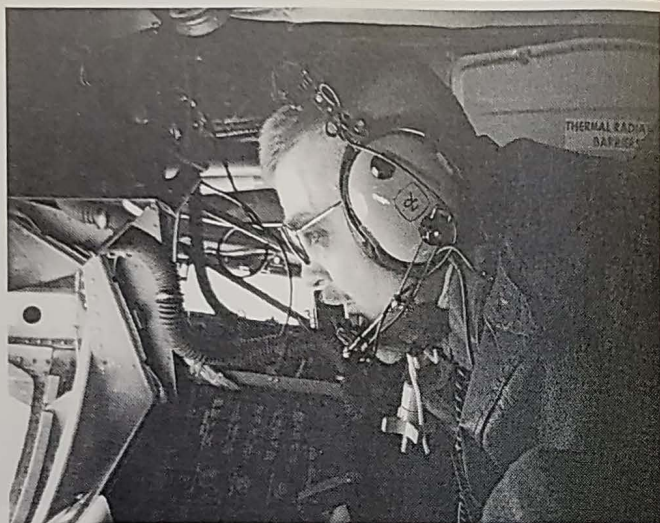
Perrin then guides the next aircraft toward the nozzle.

He has been operating a boom for more than two years and is approaching 900 hours of flying time. He has refueled almost every airframe in the Air Force inventory. His favorite to refuel is the B-2 Spirit, his least favorite, the C-141 Starlifter.

"Because of the shape of the C-141's fuselage it develops a weird pocket of air around it," Perrin said.

But no matter the difficulty of the job, the Stratotanker crews keep the mission rolling on.

"The entire tanker team has succeeded far beyond my expectations," Scorsone said. "I couldn't be more proud."



Air Force Photo

SSgt. Darby Perrin, 507th Air Refueling Wing refueling boom operator, refuels fighter aircraft over Turkey during the wing's recent support of Operation Northern Watch

The number of aircraft a tanker can refuel varies on how long the flight is and the types of aircraft being refueled. The tanker flies using the same fuel it gives away.

It's all in a days work for the Stratotanker crews, and they say they

wouldn't want to have any other job.

"I've been an engineer, an acquisition officer and a pilot," Scorsone said. "I like flying the best." (Information courtesy of SSgt. Robert Zoellner, Operation Northern Watch Public Affairs.)

There has been a 45 percent increase in the drug cases tried. The drug of choice at present is "Ecstasy" and it is considered a Gateway Drug "leads to the use of other drugs."

There have been nine deaths relating to the use of Ecstasy. Please do not give into peer pressure if you attend RAVE parties "All Night Dance Parties" and be aware that if you are at this type of party and something happens, *i.e.* You get arrested or someone requires medical assistance and you are questioned/detained.

It could be perceived that you are guilty of misconduct and you could damage your career. One of the ways the Air Force combats the use of illegal

drugs/substances is by a robust, fair, and efficient Urine Analysis (UA) program.

In 1998 there were 295,000 UA's given. In 2000 there were 262,000 UA's given, with the alarming results of a 10 percent increase in positive UA's even with the lesser number tested.

It should be noted that the Urine Analysis program is not meant to catch people, it is meant to deter the use of illegal drugs/substances. In order for us to maintain good order and discipline we must have and need a force that can accomplish its mission unimpaired. I beg of you, please, do not jeopardize a wonderful career and most of all your life by doing drugs.

Don't abuse DRUGS

By CMSgt. Robert Kellington
507th ARW Command Chief

One of the concerns highlighted during the recent World Wide Command Chief's Conference is the use of drugs and drug cases prosecuted by the Staff Judge Advocates Office.

Pay garnished for overdue gov't travel card debts

Defense Department employees may want to pay more attention to their credit card bills.

Starting in October, the Pentagon will garnish the salaries of military and civil service personnel who are running 120 days late in paying what's owed on their government-issued travel cards.

Jerry S. Hinton, director of finance for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, told a House subcommittee this week that the Pentagon would soon establish procedures to deduct money from employee paychecks for past-due travel bills. The Pentagon also will lower credit limits and the amount of cash available through automated teller machines.

Hinton outlined the department's plans at a hearing called by Rep. Stephen Horn (R-Calif.), chairman of the House government efficiency subcommittee, to examine the government's problems in managing the SmartPay Travel Card program. Horn sponsored a 1998 law that requires agencies to issue government travel cards to employees as a way to make federal travel more efficient and less costly.

Unfortunately, Horn said, "lagging agency oversight and employee misuse" have prevented the government from saving millions of dollars in travel costs. One of the largest abuse

problems appears to be at the Defense Department, where the Bank of America holds the contract to provide travel cards.

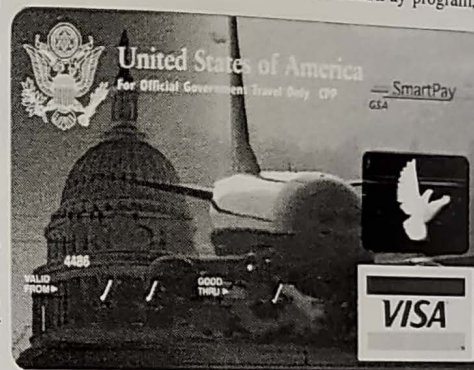
Clifford A. Skelton, manager of the bank's Government Credit Card Services Division, testified that 40,000 Defense military and civil service employees have defaulted on more than \$53 million in charges for "what is supposed to be official travel."

In the SmartPay program, Skelton said, "cash advances are twice as likely not to be paid back, when compared to other credit charges, leading one to believe that misuse is routine, if not rampant."

Hinton promised that Defense would take steps to stop misuse of travel cards, and he pointed out that many employees are on duty overseas, making it difficult for them to receive and reconcile credit card statements in a timely manner.

The armed forces are heavily weighted to the junior grades, and many military personnel have no experience managing financial obligations or using credit cards, Hinton said.

The General Services Administration provided Horn with data from March on 25 agencies that showed \$25 million of employee card charges at least 60 days delinquent. Defense employees were responsible for \$17 million of those delinquent charges, GSA said



Lightning strikes: What are the odds?

By the 507th ARW Safety Office

Every day we are told of the odds of something or another happening. A common example of this is, "You are more likely to be struck by lightning than to..."

Amazingly, lightning bolts can strike more frequently than certain beneficial events. We often hear that a person is more likely to be struck by lightning than to win the lottery. In fact, an analysis by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* concluded that the odds of being struck by lightning are 1 in 709,260, but the odds of winning the Kentucky Lottery were 1 in 5,245,786.

According to the National Lightning Safety Institute the number of people in the United States who are struck by

lightning each year in the United States ranges between 750 and 2000 and as many as 300 Americans are killed by lightning each year.

Prevention/Avoidance

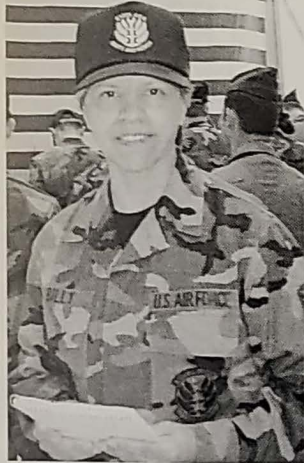
Stay indoors during a thunderstorm. The vast majority of injuries from lightning strikes occur to people while they are involved in outdoor activities. That is why golfers have a much higher likelihood of being struck. It has very little to do with their oddly colored pants or the wrath of the gods than it does with the circumstances they put themselves in - golfers often find themselves caught in circumstances (open spaces far from shelter when thunderstorms roll in) that increase their risk factors. And the metal golf clubs don't help.

Update

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG:

"What 'block' do you need to fill in the next month or two?"



TSgt. Phyllis Billy
513th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"Duty-wise I'm pretty much all caught up. Our supervisor has done a good job of keeping me up on my training."



1st Lt. Joseph Betzen
970th Airborne Air Control Sq.

"I'm working on a masters in Management Information Services, and I need to finish up finals at the University of Oklahoma."



SrA Chong Horn
513th Maintenance Squadron
"I still need to finish my annual tour."

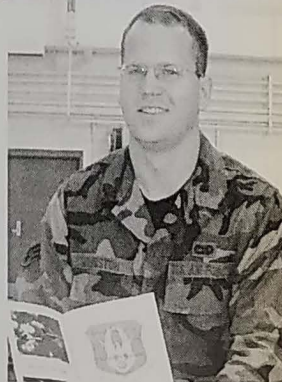


1st Lt. Jeff Smiley
970th Airborne Air Control Sq.
"I need to get two shots -- flu and IPPT."



TSgt. Windell Spain
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"I'm looking forward to going to the Sr. NCO Academy at Tyndall AFB, Florida, next month."

SrA Dave Johnston
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"I need to order my seven-level CDC's."



By law' not best way to name SGLI beneficiary

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — When it comes to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, completing the election form correctly is as important as the size of the benefit.

With the maximum SGLI coverage set to jump to \$250,000 April 1, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Judge Advocate lawyers here are concerned about people who either indicate no SGLI beneficiary or select the "by law" option.

"The best way to ensure that the proceeds are paid to intended beneficiaries is to specifically name them on the SGLI form," said Col. Rebecca Weeks, AFRC staff judge advocate. "Otherwise, strict interpretation of beneficiary definitions in the SGLI statute may result in payment inconsistent with the servicemember's intent."

According to the statute, the proceeds will first go to the spouse. If there is no spouse, surviving children share the proceeds equally. Next in line are surviving parents. If there are no parents, the proceeds will go to the executor of the deceased's estate. In the absence of an executor, the proceeds go to the next of kin according to state law.

The SGLI statute specifically defines who qualifies, for example, as a parent. If a person has a stepparent who has not legally adopted him or her, that stepparent would not qualify as a "parent" under the definition in the statute. If servicemembers want a stepparent to receive their SGLI proceeds, they should specifically name the stepparent as a beneficiary and not use the "by-law" designation.

There are other situations where failing to fill in a beneficiary or using the "by law" designation may not work for a person. Everyone's situation is different. Weeks recommends that people discuss whether the "by law" designation is right for them with their legal assistance officer.

"Some people think having a will ensures all their property will go to the beneficiaries named in the will," Weeks said. "They forget to keep their insurance contracts up to date and correct. They incorrectly believe that the will directs where the insurance proceeds go. Insurance contracts are normally separate and apart from a will."

Weeks suggests reviewing wills and insurance documents, including SGLI, every couple of years or whenever family circumstances change, such as after a divorce or when a child is born. Making sure these important legal documents are up to date and correct is something servicemembers can do for their families, Weeks said. "It is an important element of military readiness." (AFRC News Service)

Prompt ticket return avoids problems

WASHINGTON (AFP) — When a cancellation or change in travel plans occur, it is important that official travelers promptly return any unused tickets to the traffic management office, say Air Force finance officials. This prevents delays in refunding money to both individual and organizational government card accounts.

If tickets were issued using the airline's electronic ticket system, where a paper ticket was not issued, travelers must contact TMO officials and let them know the tickets are no longer needed.

People are responsible for tickets provided to them for travel until they are either used or returned. Lost tickets can result in a lengthy reimbursement process, said Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program manager.

Tickets are purchased using the individual billed account or the centrally billed account. The IBA charges the traveler's individual government travel card. The CBA charges either a base or organization transportation government travel card account through the line of accounting on travel orders.

When turning in a ticket or notifying TMO officials of an unused electronic ticket, be sure to obtain a receipt, Weber said. This is proof the ticket was turned in.

In the past many airlines took more than 30 days to refund unused tickets, Weber said. But, according to a February audit by the Department of Transportation on the airline industry, the number of late refunds is expected to decline. Weber said more airlines will meet the federally mandated seven-day refund for credit card purchases. However, it's still up to the member to return their ticket as soon as possible.

People can also dispute charges made to their accounts for a ticket that has been or will be returned as an unused ticket. To dispute a charge, complete the back portion of the billing statement and fax it with a copy of the returned airline ticket receipt to the fax number listed on the dispute form.

If a ticket has been returned and appears on the first bill, people can wait until the second bill to see if charges are cleared before filing a dispute, Weber said. By law, disputes must be filed within two months of receiving the billing statement.

For more information, contact Mark Scoles, finance officer for the 507th ARW. Government travel card statements can also be viewed online. APCs can assist people with obtaining passwords to view online accounts through the Bank of America Electronic Account Government Ledger System, known as EAGLS. Data posted online may be 24 to 48 hours behind.

AROUND THE WING WITHIN...

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DAYS

Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

A family affair - (Above) SMSgt. Gary Tatum is shown during his retirement ceremony May 5th, as family and friends, and members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron looked on. Tatum retired after 33 years

of service. Also honored was Tatum's father (inset). He was presented the Bronze Star earned during World War II by Col. Mario Goico, Vice Commander of the 507th ARW. Tatum shared his feelings for his fellow airmen, his father, his God, and his country during his speech.



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran



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(Above) Through water spotted lens, Col. James Kerr, 513thACG commander is caught getting "hosed down" during this traditional event after his final flight as commander of the 507th Operations Group. (Inset) Kerr accepts command of the 513th ACG during his Change-of-Command Ceremony, May 6th, from Maj. Gen. John Bradley, commander of 10th Air Force.



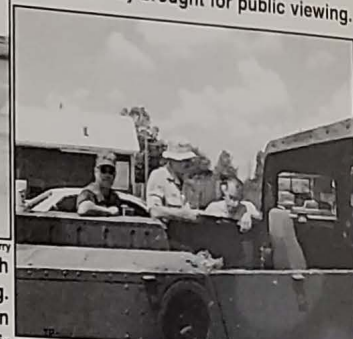
Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

(Left) Col. William Simpson, deputy commander for the 507th Logistics Group, gets a set of "Eagles" placed onto his lapel with the assistance of his wife and Col. Tim Wrighton, commander of the 507th ARW, during his Pin-On Ceremony.



Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

(Top) A 507th ARW Spouse Flight May 5th, was a big hit with the spouses shown here. They saw first-hand an air refueling. Wing Spouse Flights are designed to give spouses an opportunity to get more familiar with the missions of the Air Force Reserve and how their significant other contributes to those missions and their country.



Air Force Photo



Photos by Maj. Rich Curry

(Above) The Wing hosted an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift May 15-17 to McChord AFB, Wash, for 26 employers and bosses of reservists and guardsmen. Guests saw first-hand the missions of the Air Force Reserve, and gained a better understanding of the role their employees play when they take time-off from their civilian jobs and put on their service uniforms. (Inset) MSgt. Kathy Lowman, boom operator for the 465th ARS, shows one of the bosses the aerial refueling process.

An AWACS E-3 "Sentry" aircraft was on display for viewing during the Change-of-Command Ceremony May 6.



R-NEWS

Pay by phone service fee to start in April

Effective April 30, 2001, Bank of America will extend Pay by Phone service to all GSA SmartPay (Individually Billed Accounts only) cardholders. Pay by Phone is a value added service that assists cardholders with expediting their Government Card account payment. Bank of America will assess a \$10 processing fee to cover the cost of the Pay by Phone option, a charge that will be communicated to cardholders at the time of the request for this service. Since Pay by Phone is a voluntary convenience service, cardholders will be advised that the fee is NOT reimbursable by the government. This \$10 processing fee will be added to the payment amount charged to the cardholder's checking account each time they request the Pay by Phone service.

Chaplain's Assistant position open

The 507th ARW Chaplain's Office is seeking a traditional reservist to fill a vacant Chaplain's Assistant position, Air Force Specialty Code 5R071. For more information or to apply, contact either Chaplains (Maj.) Leslie Sias or (Capt.) Dwight Magnus at Ext 4-5632.

More named superior performers for Volk Field

The following members of the 507th ARW were named superior performers during the May, 2001, Operational Readiness Exercise to Volk Field, Wisc., but not listed in last month's On-Final:

Maj. Rich Curry, SrA Andy Stephens, TSgt Crystal Stiltner, SSgt Mike Taliaferro, SSgt John Hammons, SrA Anthony Lee, and Amn Barbara Gatlin

Blood donor leave

Section B (page 14) of the Master Labor Agreement covers leave status for donating blood, and reads as follows:

"Employees are encouraged to volunteer as blood donors without compensation. When workload permits, an employee should be excused from work without charge to leave for the time necessary to donate blood, for recuperation following blood donation, and for necessary travel to and from the donation site. The maximum excused time should not exceed four hours The same rules apply for donation of platelets or plasma with the understanding the frequency will also be the same as for while blood Employees must obtain approval for the time to donate blood in advance from the supervisor to be granted leave. Employees, upon their return to work, must furnish original documentation, signed by an official of the institution receiving the donation, showing the date, time and place of the donation for verification by the supervisor."

Intel briefs held weekly

The 465th ARS Intel Office holds weekly briefings concerning the world situation from 8 to 9 a.m. in building 1048. This meeting is open to unit members with the appropriate clearance. These briefings can assist with planning arrangements prior to a pending deployment. If you should need additional assistance, call their office at ext. 44230.

Get One

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

Unit Recruiters

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