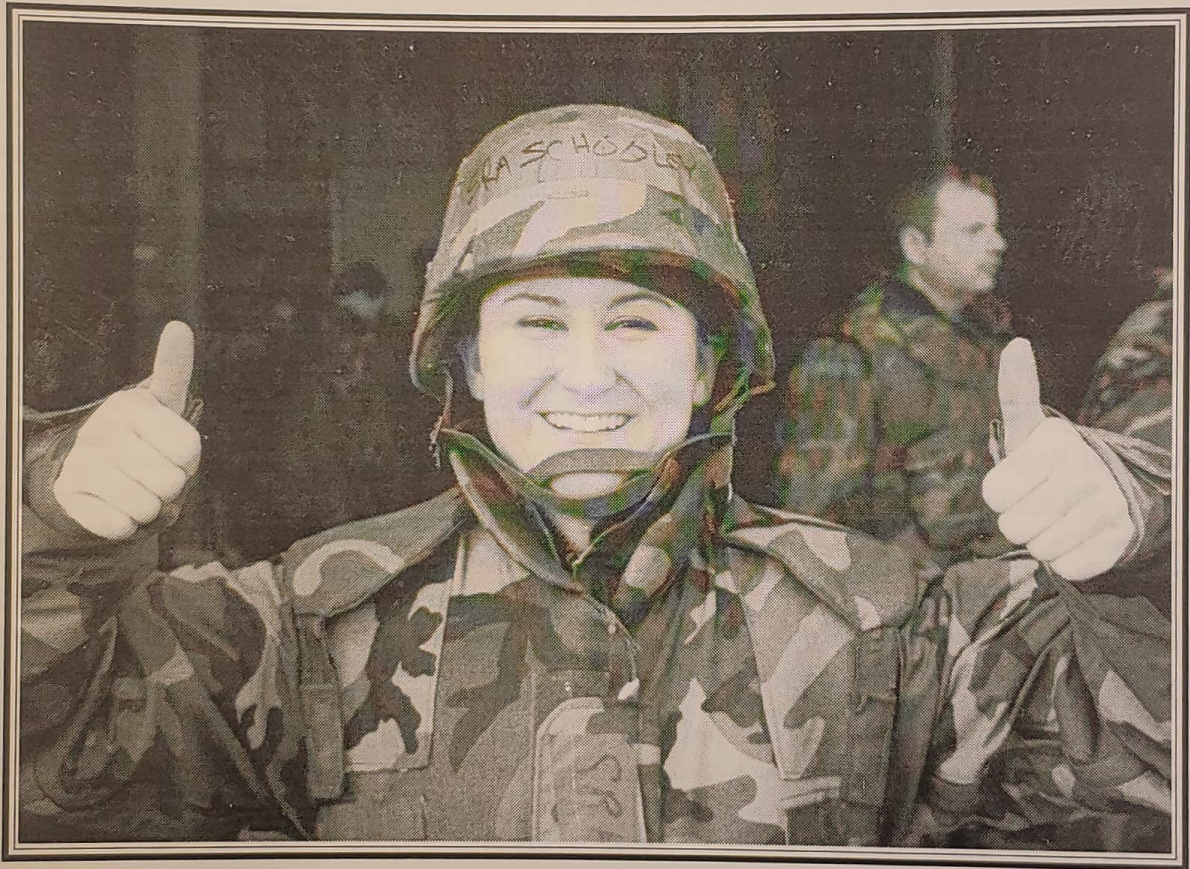




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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Tim Wright

Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI)...

Time to focus

The AFRC Inspector General (IG) team will be here Oct. 31 through Nov. 4, 2001 to administer our UCI. If you have not already done so, now is the time to prepare yourself and your work area for this inspection.

Team members are looking for compliance! Be familiar with self-inspection checklists and directives (AFI's, OI's, policies) applicable to your job. The latest edition of the IG's UCI guide (if you do not have one, get one) has nine general categories that inspectors will look at in detail.

1. Environmental Compliance
2. Intelligence Oversight
3. Contracting (N/A for 507 ARW)
4. C4-Information Security, Computer and Software Management
5. Sexual Harassment Education and Prevention
6. Safety-Flight, Ground and Explosives
7. Financial Responsibility
8. Resource Management-SORTS, Training and Readiness
9. Homosexual Conduct Policy

We have formed a "get-ready" team out of key wing players, led by Capt. Don Satterlee (CCX) and Lt. Col. Jerry Lauth (OG/CD).

If you have any questions, concerns, or you just want to help, please contact Capt Satterlee's office at 4-5543. Thank you for all your hard work and for being a member of this great organization. Let's proudly show the IG team what the Okies are made of.

Chaplain's Corner

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

Change is constant!

The pace of our culture is so fast! Many people live in tremendous upheaval! Change is constant and inevitable! These are only a few 'catch phrases' we hear everyday of our lives. People are looking for stability in all walks of life. A month ago, I briefly read an article in Fortune magazine about God and business. This article highlighted the business



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

The Challenge to AF Reserve Leadership

Take care of our people!

Never before in our nation's history have we put a greater emphasis on military readiness. At the same time, we continue to pursue balanced, time-phased modernization and infrastructure improvement programs to make us a "light, lean, and lethal" force. As you know, the Air Force Reservist has never been in greater demand during peacetime, and all of us in senior leadership aggressively pursue ways to more productively employ your time. In Air Force Reserve Command, we must put our people first! To retain our best and brightest, we must reward our members both by monetary compensation and promotion. I encourage all commanders and supervisors to appropriately recognize our best performers, whether through decorations, letters of appreciation, or even a simple verbal recognition of a job well done. We must also do our best to look after our members' families during deployments and reach out to their civilian employers with our thanks for their support. Finally, we should continue to pursue those quality of life issues that are so important to our members.

Therefore, I challenge all supervisors to foster an open dialogue among our members so leadership can do the best we can to ensure satisfaction in doing our jobs while keeping our families and civilian employers happy. If you are unhappy with the Air Force Reserve, please say something. But don't wait until your mind is made up to quit. Give us a chance to fix the problem or to help you. Remember that whatever is bothering you about the organization is probably annoying others as well, and senior leadership needs to know about it.

May God bless us as we maintain the strongest Air Force in the world!

world's view of having a faith journey. You will be happy to know that a remarkable discovery has taken place in business.

More and more people in business are beginning to understand the importance of having peace more than prosperity. In the hustle and bustle of this world, true prosperity is being at peace with God. Make sure you stop daily and thank God for His wonderful peace He gives to His children.

Prayer: Lord, make me an instrument of your Peace. Amen

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On The Cover



Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

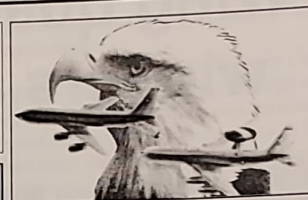
SrA Trina Schooley, 507th Mission Support Squadron, gives "thumbs-up" during her deployment at Volk Field, Wisconsin, where she had the opportunity to apply her training to a wartime scenario.

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For the period of April through June 2001

Wing quarterly award winners announced



MSgt. Steven Wright, accessories flight chief for the 507th Maintenance Squadron, is named Senior NCO of the Quarter during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2001.

According to Maj. Wendy Deemer, Commander of the 507th Maintenance Squadron, Wright has proven his ability to attain high standards of performance in all his duties and activities. He plans, organizes and implements aircraft systems maintenance activities. Through his management, he directs maintenance personnel in removing, disassembling, inspecting, repairing, reassembling, testing, and modifying KC-135 aircraft egress, fuel, hydraulic, in-flight refueling, and electrical systems and components. His tireless efforts are instrumental in the wing's pursuit of mission accomplishments. He also identifies, interprets, and implements maintenance directives and publications.

Along with his primary job, Wright is also the Wing's OPR for confined space entry, which is an AFRC Special Interest Item, and he meticulously monitors the Individual Equipment program for the entire Maintenance Squadron. Along with his regular duties, he is the squadron's Weight and Body Fat Management program monitor to include monitoring squadron personnel for physicals. He is 100 percent effective with his scheduling. He also monitors and schedules squadron members for vaccinations and EO-2000 training without deficiencies.

He has volunteered for tasks outside his responsibilities to help make himself a well-rounded asset to the wing. Examples include completing the Air Force Reserve Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course, voluntarily maintaining his certification in air-conditioning and heating for Aerospace Ground Equipment, and maintaining his enrollment in the Community College of the Air Force.

Among other accomplishments, he was selected by his peers to serve as treasurer of the 507th Air Refueling Wing

Top Three Council during 2000 and 2001. He is assistant coach of three youth soccer teams and team manager for two other teams. Wright successfully led fund-raising activities as a committee member for the Billy Hughes Memorial Award banquet and has led many functions for raising funds for the Maintenance Squadron and Logistics Group. He has contributed to the success of Holiday Spirit, assisted in collecting for the Tinker food pantry and supported the unit's mission as maintenance superintendent during the recent Puerto Rico deployment.

Wright supported the unit's mission while deployed to France as a flight chief. He also led an intense preparation effort to display two of the unit's old fighter jets, an F-105 and F-4, in the Tinker Air Park for public viewing. Among other accomplishments, he also assumed responsibility for overseeing the main hangar, Building 1030, modification project with a budget exceeding of \$3.2 million.

TSgt. Timothy Parker, structural maintenance technician for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, is named NCO of the Quarter during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2001.

According to Maj. Donald Harlan, Commander of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Parker is a fully qualified 7-level sheet metal structural craftsman with eight years experience in the Air Force Reserve and six years experience at his civilian job at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center. He understands worth and dignity of each individual, even in times of their failure. This was evident with his involvement to help one team member accomplish a Career Development Course. Another example was during the last Aircraft Battle Damage Repair exercise when he saw a new airman struggling to make a repair. He



took the airman under his wing and patiently assisted and instructed this person on the structural repairs needed. The airman was an electrician who had no prior structural repair training and was struggling to apply a new skill and learn how to use the tools of the trade. Parker's intervention to help resulted in accomplishing the task at hand, as well as improving the morale of the new airman.

He is a sensational Non-Commissioned Officer who was promoted to technical sergeant by the Promotion Enhancement Program. He starts his work earlier than most, works smarter, and works harder than his peers.

Parker has volunteered to work extra military days throughout the second quarter, assisting the team chief with setting up training schedules for Unit Training Assemblies and preparing for the Unit Compliance Inspection. He puts in longer hours than other team members to ensure all member's training records, he is in charge of, is complete after Unit Training Assemblies.

He was recognized by his immediate supervisor as an outstanding performer during an annual tour at Anderson Air Base, Guam. As an example, while inspecting aircraft before applying the primer paint, he found a hole and quickly made a sheet metal repair patch, saving hours of rework. He volunteers to stay late if a job is not completed at the end of his shift. Parker also received a Letter of Appreciation, and an Air Force Achievement Medal package is being submitted for his work while at Andersen AFB, Guam.

Parker has pride and self-assurance, which shows in dress and appearance that is well above the Air Force standards and is frequently noted by his team chief and others. He is looked up to by junior airman as a role model and mentor.

He is also recognized by his civilian supervisors for his outstanding performance and leadership.

Among other accomplishments, Parker is enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force and is working towards an Associates degree in Aircraft Structural Maintenance. He also is an active member of the Air Force Sergeant's Association for the last two years and is an outgoing role model, setting a positive example in his local community.



SrA Lynette Luginu, services craftsman for the 507th Mission Support Squadron, is named Airman of the Quarter during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2001.

According to Maj. Timothy Collins, Commander of the 507th Mission Support Squad-

ron, Luginu was also selected as the Air Force Reserve Command Services Technician of the Year. She was selected from among her peers throughout the Air Force Reserve. Her peers and supervisors also recognized her as a "Shining Star" during the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center deployment in April.

Luginu, working in the Services Control Center for the first time, quickly settled into the high tempo rhythm found within a unit control center and assumed duties above and beyond those expected of someone with limited exposure and experience. She assisted in the planning and preparation for the Services Quarterly Training Meal, which was prepared for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron during the June Unit Training Assembly.

Luginu is a level-headed, responsibility-minded person who can be counted upon to look beyond the task at hand to anticipate the details and procedures needed to efficiently complete the mission. She anticipates requirements before being given information relating directly to the job at hand and she was selected for honorable mention by the Fourth Air Force personnel for her attitude and abilities.

In addition to her Reserve commitment, Luginu works 25 hours per week at her civilian job while carrying 12-15 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 and plans to graduate in spring 2002 with an accounting degree.

Luginu maintains her position on the President's Student Honor Roll and was recently inducted into the Pi Theta Kappa honorary society, gaining recognition as one of the top five percent in the student body for academic achievement. She is also a mentor, tutor, and a positive role model for a struggling elementary school student identified by his teacher as being at risk.

She continues to grow both personally and professionally. Along with college, she is currently enrolled in the Career Development Course (CDC), Non-Commissioned Officer Preparatory Course, after having just completed her CDC requirement for her Reserve job.

Among other recognition, Luginu's civilian employer recently honored her for her efforts on the job with an employee of the month award, which recognizes the top ten percent of the work force. She was also given a high evaluation for her time and attendance and her ability to handle customers on the telephone in a professional manner. She was endorsed by the commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing on a nomination package for the Senior Master Sergeant Margaret Frances Barour Award. This award is sponsored by the Tuskegee Airmen Corporation and recognizes promising junior enlisted members.

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

The 4th of July is usually thought of as a day of relaxing, being with family and friends, and celebrating our country's birth. For two members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), this 4th of July will also be thought of as celebrating life. SMSgts Jerry and Janice Lyles, logistics technical advisor for the 507th Logistics Group and mobility plans NCOIC for the 507th ARW respectively, planned their 4th of July like millions of Americans, but, did not expect what was in store for them later in the day.

What a difference one person can make

By SMSgt. Janice Lyles
507th ARW Mobility Plans

On July 4th, my husband and I went to Draper Lake with our grandchildren, family, and friends to spend the day boating, tubing, swimming, and fishing. We spent most of the hot day on the water and around 5:00 we started cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. We fed about 60 to 70 of our friends and family members.

The meal was just finishing when I sat down to talk with some friends at a table close to where Jerry was sitting. I glanced across the lake and noticed four young guys in a canoe who seemed to be having problems.

Just about then, the canoe tipped over and all the boys went into the water. As they struggled and thrashed in the water, the canoe started to sink.

I yelled at Jerry to look at the situation. He ran to the edge of the dock and my granddaughter went with him. He immediately took the boat out to help the young boys get the canoe upright.

When he got to the canoe, sizing up the situation proved worse than he expected. One of the young men was slipping through his lifejacket. He was thrashing and going underwater.

He surfaced and started screaming for help. He was further away than the other boys. Jerry pulled on his lifejacket and dove into the lake to help the boy.

When he finally reached him and got a good grip on him,

holding his head out of the water, he noticed his next problem. The boat had drifted off quite a way and he was sure that with the boy in his grip he would not be able to reach the boat.

He called for Tara, my granddaughter, to put the boat in gear and drive toward them. Tara is 12 and has never driven a boat. She was terrified, but did as she was told by her Papa, edging the boat toward them inch by inch.

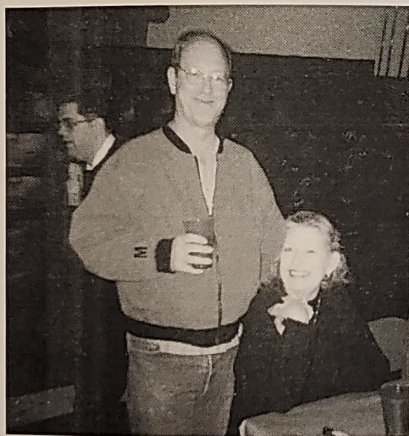
When she got close to them, Jerry yelled to put the boat in neutral and turn off the motor. When all was safe for them to approach, Jerry pulled the young boy onto the boat. He was exhausted and just layed on the seat of the boat.

When they got to the gas dock, Jerry helped the lad to his feet and placed him on the dock. Another boat had come by during all this and got the canoe upright and took the other boys onboard their boat.

When Jerry returned to our slip, he and Tara were greeted

with a great applause from all of our friends and family. Later that evening we took our grandkids and went out on the lake with about 20 to 30 other boats to watch Tinker's beautiful fireworks display. It was a beautiful 4th of July.

Thank you God for people like Jerry who take the time to get involved.



Jerry and Janice Lyles relaxing with friends during the 4th of July holiday. (Courtesy photo)

507th Silver Squadron

A new squadron for former members?

By TSgt. George Proctor
507th CES UPAR

The 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) knows when it loses a good thing. In this case it is when experienced reservists in the unit retire, most often, after serving their country for more than 30 years.

Recognizing this, the 507th ARW leadership proposed to officially make retired reservists a part of the unit again in the form of a squadron for retirees. Quite a few 507th retirees have spent most of their Air Force career serving in this wing and most still have friends and sentimental ties to the unit.

Recently Col. Tim Wrighton, Commander of the 507th ARW, met with MSgt. (Retired) Gene Clayton, coordinator of the association of retired reservists from the 507th and its forerunner organizations, to form an official retiree squadron.

"Many of our retired Okies still share friendships with current unit members," said Col. Wrighton, "Some are very in-



Surrounded by other former 507th members, Brig. Gen. (Retired) Jim Wade, first commander of the 507th, enjoys his breakfast and talks over old times. (Photos by MSgt. (Retired) Tommy Clapper)

terested in volunteering their time to help organize and attend fund raisers, unit functions, etc. By forming a 'Silver Squadron,' we can keep our interested retirees engaged in wing activities...a win-win for all."

Currently, 507th retirees unofficially meet as the 507th Breakfast Club quarterly. At their July 2001 meeting, the members of the Breakfast Club discussed the inception of a retiree squadron.

CMSgt. Robert Kellington, Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 507th ARW, has been attending the 507th Breakfast Club for some time in order to keep retired reservists updated with current policies and procedures. He discussed the proposal with the leadership of the retirees.

Maj. J. Renée Lane, Commander of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), started such an organization for her unit's retirees last year. The CES retired reservists have their own newsletter published by SMSgt. Denise Bralley, air reserve technician for the 507th CES. The retirees are kept up to date and invited to attend not only forthcoming retiree-

ments but also unit events such as family day and the annual unit Christmas party.

The next meeting of the 507th Breakfast Club will be on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at Midwest City Golden Coral on Air Depot Boulevard. For more information, contact Gene Clayton at 672-0469.

MSgt. (Retired) Gene Clayton and other former members look at a scrapbook filled with photos of various aircraft the 507th flew and maintained throughout its history.



Congressional testimony: Third and last of series

Modernization remains top priority

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

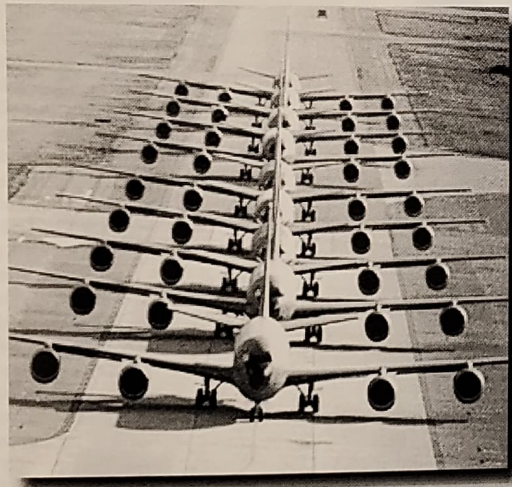
One of Air Force Reserve Command's most challenging modernization issues concerns our unit-equipped KC-135s.

Five of our seven air refueling squadrons are equipped with the KC-135R, while the remaining two squadrons are equipped with KC-135E's. The KC-135E, commonly referred to as the E-model, has engines that were recovered from retiring airliners.

This conversion, which was accomplished in the early- to mid-1980s, was intended as an interim solution to provide improvement in capability while awaiting conversion to the R-model with its new, high-bypass, turbofan engines and other modifications. We continue to look for support to modernize our remaining KC-135E fleet.

In the early 1980s as an initiative to improve readiness in the reserve components, Congress provided funding through an appropriation called the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation. Public laws and legislative language provided that NGRFA would be intended to enhance readiness and combat capability, and resolve the modernization issues of the reserve forces.

The Boeing Military Airplane Company's model 367-80 was the basic design for the commercial 707 passenger plane as well as the KC-135 Stratotanker. In 1954 the Air Force ordered the first 29 of its future fleet of 732. The first aircraft flew in August 1956 and the initial-production



Air Force Photo

Stratotanker was delivered to Castle Air Force Base, California, in June 1957. The last KC-135 aircraft was delivered to the Air Force in 1965.

The KC-135 tanker fleet made an invaluable contribution to the success of Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, flying around-the-clock missions to

AFRC quickly put it into use as the primary source for modernizing its fleet of aircraft. It procured new weapon systems, as well as miscellaneous and special operations equipment. With NGRFA, the Reserve was able to fix many shortcomings in many operational aspects.

However, several years ago, the Department of Defense initiated a shift in equipping philosophy by encouraging the services to be more responsive in funding the equipment needs of its reserve components. This requires the Air Force to be more cognizant in the budget process by providing the necessary equipment and modernization funding for the Reserve and Guard. As the implementation of this initiative took place, NGRFA levels declined as planned from as high as \$362 million in 1992 to as low as \$5 million in fiscal year 2001.

With potential elimination of NGRFA, modernization as well as relevant AFRC mission capabilities and combat readiness remain top priorities in a very tightly constrained fiscal environment. (AFRC News Service)

support coalition combat operations. The KC-135's form the backbone of the Air Force tanker fleet, meeting the aerial refueling requirements of bomber, fighter, cargo and reconnaissance forces, as well as the needs of the Navy, Marines and allied nations.

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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 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. The name on the Family Care letter must reflect the name on the Power of Attorney. For more information about Family Care Plans contact the 507 MPF Customer Service Office at ext. 4-7492.

SENIOR NCO Academy In-Residence

A selection board convenes in September for the first three classes. Those classes are (2002A - 29 Oct to 12 Dec 2001), (2002B - 07 Jan to 15 Feb 2002), and (2002C - 07 Mar to 17 Apr 2002). A completed AF Form 4036 (Application for Senior NCO Academy - In Residence); a full length color photo 8X10, 3/4 turn pose without jacket or ribbons; Tie, Tie Tab optional; and a personnel RIP. Suspense to Wing Training is COB, 9 September 2001.

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)

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

Fri, 10 Aug 2001

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| 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 | Bldg 1048 |

Sat, 11 Aug 2001

| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
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| 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, 12 Aug 2001

| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
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| 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 | Unit Safety Rep Meeting | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 1000 | Wing Commanders Call | Base Theatre |
| 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 |
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Fri, 07 Sep 2001

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| 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 | Bldg 1048 |

Sat, 08 Sep 2001

| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
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| 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, 09 Sep 2001

| Unit Designated | Sign In | Unit Designated |
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| 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 |

SERVICEMEN'S GROUPLIFE INSURANCE (SGLI)

Effective 1 April 2001, the SGLI amount has automatically increased to \$250,000 whether or not you have previously elected lower coverage. Deductions from your pay have already taken affect. You may reduce this amount in \$10,000 increments, or totally decline the coverage by coming up to the Customer Service Office as soon as possible to fill out a new form. If you choose not to come in and fill out the new form you are automatically covered for the \$250,000. Questions should be directed to the Customer Service Section @47492.

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 | <u>Phase I</u> | |
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| Saturday | 1330-1400 | Subject | OPR |
| Saturday | 1400-1500 | Security Awareness (C4 SATE) | CF |
| | | Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention | SG |
| Saturday | 1500-1530 | Local Conditions-Traffic | SE |
| Saturday | 1530-1630 | Human Relations | ME |
| | | <u>Phase II</u> | |
| 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.

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16 Aug
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27 Aug
29 Aug
04 Sep
10 Sep
13 Sep
18 Sep
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| If Last Digit of SSAN is: | Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: | Recertifica- tion due in by end of month in: |
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UCI Information Update

By Capt. Donald Satterlee
507th ARW Performance Planning Office

Sweatin' the safety small stuff

Intell is our best defense in any operation, so too is it with inspections.

Other units having gone through the UCI process, so I am passing on on some of their thoughts as a heads up. Here are some recent observations on safety from an UCI.

1. Make sure all of the annual recertifications for forklifts, pallet jacks, and electric jacks are up to date.
2. Pull out your Bloodborne Pathogens Control Plan and review it with your troops. Practice some scenarios so that people are ready should something real-world happen.
3. AF Forms 55 – What more can you say about getting them up-to date. Do it.
4. Ladders. There is actually a ladder-briefing guide. Highly recommended reading.
5. AFRC Instruction 41-104. If you have females in your command this instruction covers everything that must be done to protect pregnant Air Force members from any hazards in the workplace.
6. All of these items need to be addressed and documented on AF Form 55's, which should be up-to-date and accurate. This was a write-up on the SAV and not one we want to see again. The safety office will be coming around in the next few weeks and offices that are not compliant will be pointed out to the Wing CC.

Bottom line is to just get these things done. If you have to spend one whole UTA to do it. Well then it is time well spent.

101 Critical Days of Summer

Alcohol and boating: A very deadly mix

By MSgt. Gary Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

Over 1,000 people die in boating accidents every year. Nine out of ten of them drown. About 60 percent of those deaths involved alcohol.

Boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol is illegal. While 76 million people enjoy boating on America's waters each year, many are not aware of the very real, life threatening dangers associated with consuming alcohol and boating. To help reduce the incidents of BUI, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has initiated a major, nationwide campaign to warn Americans about the dangers of alcohol consumption and boating.

Four hours of exposure to powerboat noise, vibration, sun, glare; wind and motion produce a kind of "boater's hypnosis." This slows reactions almost as much as being drunk. Alcohol added to this sun exposure intensifies the effects.

When you're "tipsy" you're much more likely to fall overboard. Alcohol also reduces your body's ability to protect against cold water. So within minutes you may not be able to call for help or swim to safety. An intoxicated person whose head is immersed can be confused and swim down to death instead of up to safety.

Because operating a boat under the influence is so dangerous, the Coast Guard is using a threefold approach to reducing alcohol related accidents:

1. Improved law enforcement in cooperation with the States.
2. An improved accident reporting system to identify alcohol-related accidents.
3. Widespread education and public awareness of the dangers of alcohol. Every boater, whether an operator or passenger, should cooperate in spreading this word.

Throughout the country each year, over 2,000 safe boating courses are offered by groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, the American Red Cross, and individual States. Courses cover many aspects of boating safety - from boat handling to reading the weather. All courses include knowledge and warning about alcohol and boating. For more information on finding a course near you that will fit your schedule - call the toll-free U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647

AUGUST 2001

Reserve Jobs

Two first sergeant openings available

CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant, is accepting applications for two squadron first sergeant positions:

- 513th Maintenance Squadron
- 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

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

1. Must be a volunteer for the first sergeant position.
2. A letter of recommendation from present supervisor endorsed by your commander or first sergeant if commander not available.
3. Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skills.
4. Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.
5. Possess an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
6. Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
7. Have completed the NCO Academy (residence or correspondence).
8. Possess a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL.
9. Ability to speak distinctly.
10. Be financially stable.
11. Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Overall image should exceed minimum standards.
12. Selectee must attend AFRES First Sergeant Academy at earliest possible date, but no later than one year from date of assignment.
13. Meet a first sergeants review/interview board made up of selecting unit commander, Command Chief Master Sergeant, one unit first sergeant, and one senior NCO. Board members should not be assigned to the same unit as the applicant.
14. Applications must be turned into the 507th Military Personnel Flight prior to 1200. Oct. 12, 2001.

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

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Thrift Savings Plan comes on-line for reservists

On October 30, 2000, President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398). One provision of the law extended participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for Federal civilian employees to members of the uniformed services.

Additional information materials will be issued during the late summer of 2001, in preparation for the first uniformed services open season, which begins October 9, 2001, and ends Dec. 8, 2001. Contributions to the TSP based on the sign-up will begin to be deducted from paychecks the first week of January 2002.

For updated information, visit the Thrift Savings Plan website; www.tsp.gov and click the "Uniformed Services" link.

The following condensed questions and answers help explain the basic rules governing TSP participation by uniformed services members. Visit the TSP website for the complete set of questions and answers regarding this new program reservists can participate in.

1. What is the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)?

The TSP allows participants to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. The money that participants invest in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces their current taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

2. What are the differences in TSP participation for the uniformed services?

Generally, uniformed services members will participate under the same rules and receive the same benefits as civilian TSP participants. However, the contribution rules are different for uniformed services members, and the TSP record keeper must therefore maintain separate data bases for civilian and uniformed services participants' accounts. Consequently, two separate accounts will be maintained for participants who are both Federal civilian employees and uniformed services members (i.e., reservists).

3. How does the TSP differ from the Military Retirement System?

Participation in the TSP is optional and not automatic. You must sign up with your service to participate in the TSP. You contribute to the TSP from your own pay on a pre-tax basis, and the amount you contribute and the earnings attributable to your contributions belong to you. They are yours to keep even if you do not serve the 20 years ordinarily necessary to receive military retired pay.

Military retired pay is a defined benefit program. This means that the benefit you receive from the military retirement sys-

tem is based on your years of service and the rank you hold at the time of your retirement, rather than on the amount of your contributions and earnings.

The TSP, on the other hand, is a defined contribution plan. The balance in your TSP account will depend on how much you have contributed to your account during your working years and the earnings on those contributions.

4. What if I have two accounts (civilian and uniformed services)?

If you have both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, they will be treated separately for most purposes. This means, for example, that if you want to move your money among investment funds, you must submit two interfund transfer requests, one for each account. However, the accounts will be combined for the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit on contributions and in determining the amount you are eligible to borrow from the TSP. (See "How much can I contribute?" and "Can I withdraw or borrow from my account before I separate from the uniformed services?")

5. How much can I contribute?

In 2002, you can contribute up to 7 percent of the basic pay you earn each month. You may also be able to contribute all or any whole percentage of any special or incentive pay (including reenlistment or other bonuses) you receive. However, the total amount you contribute each year cannot exceed the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit (26 U.S.C. § 402(g)) for that year (for 2001, the limit is \$10,500; it is recalculated each year and may be higher in 2002).

If you are a member of the Ready Reserve or National Guard and have a civilian TSP account (or another qualified employer plan described under sections 401(k), 403(b), or 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code), the total of all your contributions to all of your plans cannot exceed the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit.

6. Will the Department of Defense match my contributions?

The law allows the secretaries of the military services (i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force) to designate critical military specialties for matching contributions. Members serving in these specialties who agree to serve for six years will be eligible for matching contributions. The matching contributions apply only to amounts you contribute from your basic pay. Your service can tell you whether your specialty has been designated as critical and whether you are eligible to contract to receive matching contributions. Matching contributions and their attributable earnings will be taxable to you when you withdraw them from the TSP.

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7. How are my contributions invested?

You can invest any portion of your TSP account in the five TSP investment funds:

- Government Securities Investment (G) Fund
- Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund
- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund
- Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund (S) Fund (available in May 2001)
- International Stock Index Investment Fund (I) Fund (available in May 2001)

As a new participant, the TSP will invest your contributions in the G Fund until you submit a contribution allocation to the TSP record keeper. Once your TSP account is established (i.e., upon receipt of your first contribution), the TSP will send you an introductory letter and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). After you receive your PIN, you will be able to make a contribution allocation to invest your future contributions in any of the five investment funds using the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, or the ThriftLine (504-255-8777). Because the Web site and the ThriftLine are the most efficient ways to make investment requests, we encourage participants to use them to make these requests. You may also make allocation requests by mailing an Investment Allocation Form (TSP-U-50) to the TSP Service Office.

8. When can I withdraw my money from the TSP without penalty?

While you are a member of the uniformed services, any tax-deferred money you withdraw before age 59½ as a financial hardship in-service withdrawal is subject to the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty, as well as regular income tax.

With respect to post-separation withdrawals, if you separate from service during or after the year in which you turn age 55, your withdrawals are not subject to the early withdrawal penalty. If you separate before the year you reach age 55, you can transfer your TSP account to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan (e.g., 401(k) plan, your civilian TSP account) or begin receiving annuity payments without penalty.

9. Who administers the TSP?

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board administers the TSP. Your service and your payroll office (e.g., the Defense Finance and Accounting Service) also play an important role in enrolling you in the TSP, establishing your account, and transmitting your personal information (e.g., name, address) and contributions to the record keeper. The TSP record keeper is the National Finance Center (NFC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which serves in that capacity under contract with the Board.

The Board. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is an independent Government agency. The five mem-

bers of the Board and the Executive Director are statutory fiduciaries and, as such, are required by law to manage the TSP prudently and solely in the interest of participants and their beneficiaries.

Your Service. While you are employed, your service is your primary TSP contact. Your service will provide you with TSP forms and informational materials and answer your questions about the TSP. You will submit the Election Form (TSP-U-1) to your service to enroll in the TSP. Your service's payroll office will report to the record keeper the dollar amount of contributions to your account each pay period.

The Record Keeper. The Board has a contract with the NFC in New Orleans, Louisiana, to provide record keeping services for the TSP. NFC maintains the accounts of TSP participants, including those for members of the uniformed services, and mails out semiannual participant statements to all TSP participants.

The TSP Service Office at NFC processes contribution allocations, loans, withdrawals, and interfund transfers, as well as participants' designations of beneficiaries. The TSP Service Office is also your primary contact for information about your account after you separate from the uniformed services.

Laptop theft awareness

By Pamela Brandt
507th ARW Network Analyst

A few of our full-time personnel and some of our TRs use the popular laptop to perform their duties, (i.e. day-to-day, while TDY or using it at home for dail in purposes).

Laptop portability is great for everyone but that also includes thieves. According to a report by the insurance agency, Safeware, Laptop computer theft is on the rise in America.

Laptop theft can occur anywhere-on public transportation, airports, at the office and at your hotel room. A majority of laptop theft is considered "Opportunity Theft." Thieves will wait for you to turn your back or put your laptop down for just a split second and that is when they make their move. Since 507th personnel are constantly on the road, I would like for you to be aware that your laptop is a target for theft. Here are few reminders to prevent the theft of your personal and Govt laptop:

Pay attention and be aware.

Don't let others distract you while in a busy area.

Meeting areas. Make sure the area will be secured before leaving your laptop. If not, take it with you!

Don't leave it in your hotel room unsecured. If it's not needed during the day, check it in at the hotel guest services if possible or take it with you.

If it's not needed while you are TDY, leave it in your office. One out of ten laptop thefts occur in airports.

Update

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

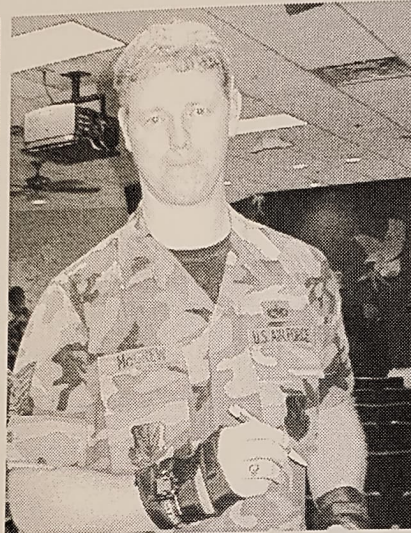
The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Airborne Warning & Control Group:
"Are you planning any significant career moves, military or civilian, in the near future?"



TSgt. Beth Collins

513th Operations Support Flight

"I am working on my business degree and hope to be done and working on a masters in about a year."



TSgt. Daniel McGrew

707th Communication Flight

"I'm attempting to migrate to another career field due to a physical injury."

1st Lt. Mechille Braden

513th Operations Support Flt

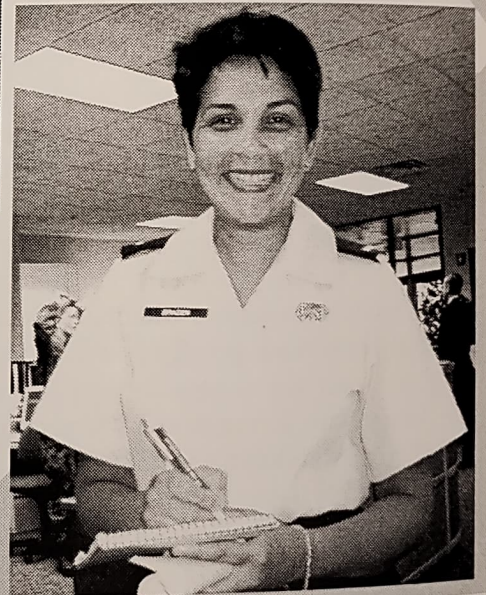
"Not really. My major goal for the near future is to finally complete my MBA program in October."



TSgt. Wood Steinmann

970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

"I'm an ART and own my house. I don't have any plans to move."



TSgt. Donna Shoemaker

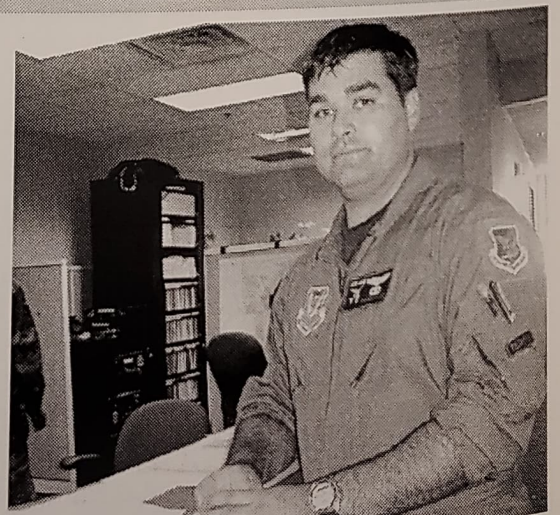
707th Communications Flight

"I'm working on my MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer)."

SSgt. Mick McManus

970th Airborne Air Control Sq.

"I'm happy where I'm at both in my military and civilian careers."



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In this section you can learn more about what benefits, training, and job opportunities are available. Direct e-mail links to our professional recruiters are available to ask questions without any hassles.

NEWS RELEASES

For media and the general public; up-to-date information on major events, activities, and initiatives the wing or any of its components are involved in.

ON-FINAL MAGAZINE

In this section, you can read stories and see photos from each issue of the On-final Magazine. For stories about the wing and its members, this is a must-see section.

FAMILY READINESS

This section brings all the information to family members of deployed reservists to meet any family questions or concerns. This section is complete with phone numbers and links to get help on just about any family crisis situation.

507th AIR REFUELING WING**HISTORY****THE KC-135R**

These three sections of the website are dedicated to providing extensive information about the wing, its history, and the aircrafts it flies.

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Unit Training Assembly schedules are updated and published in this section.

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Read about who is being recognized both locally and nationally and their secret of their success.

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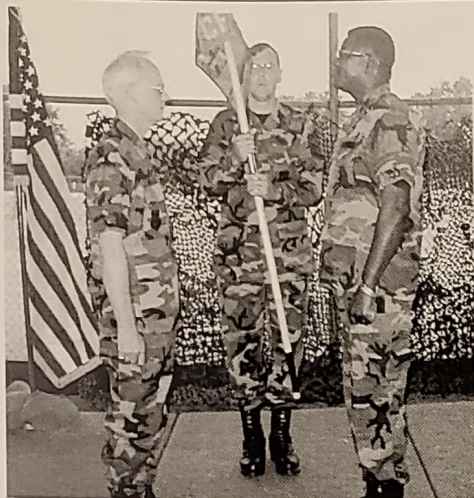
Read about the wing's current leadership.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Information on who to contact regarding any question about the wing, tours, or general information complete with phone numbers and address.

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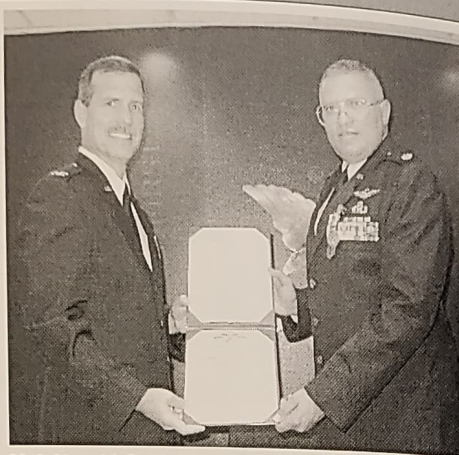
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Maj. Roy Peterson (right) during formal ceremonies assumed command of the 707th Communications Flight, July 14. Maj. Mike Miller, 507th Support Group deputy commander, officiated the ceremony with SMSgt. Kevin Smith, 707th CF operations superintendent, passing the guidon. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)



SMSgt. Clyde Lillie, (right) NCOIC of transportation for the 507th Logistics Support Squadron, retired with honors July 15. Lillie's military service began in 1971 and included service on active duty, and with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)



Maj. Harold Collins, (right) 707th Communications Flight commander, seen here with Col. Tim Wrighton, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, retired with honors July 15. Collins entered the Air Force Academy in 1972, and received his commission in 1977. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)



Capt. Sandra Brooks, (right) during a formal ceremony, assumed command of the 507th Logistics Support Squadron, July 14. Lt. Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander officiated the ceremony with SMSgt. Karen Perkins, 507th LSS first sergeant, passing the guidon. (Photo by SMSgt. Jerry Lyles)

Active duty retirees welcome to join Air Force Reserve

WASHINGTON – The Air Force Reserve is offering active-duty military retirees the opportunity to return to military service.

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2001 added Section 12741 to Chapter 1223, Title 10 USC, which permits retired active-component service members who later serve in the Air Force Reserve to elect retirement as members of the retired reserve.

In addition to helping Air Force Reserve Command fill a critical need, active-duty retirees will receive several benefits for continued military service as reservists. These incentives include:

- Increased retirement income by earning points and/or pay while serving;
- Promotion opportunity to a higher grade and retirement in that grade;
- Renewed esprit de corps and camaraderie enjoyed on active duty; and
- The possibility of serving in another career field and receiving new training.

To be eligible for this program, people must be regular active-duty Air Force retirees who retired not more than five years ago or current active-duty members with an approved, projected retirement date. The program is open to all career fields. Some people may have to retrain to meet the needs of the Air Force.

Once they become members of the Air Force Reserve, the retirees will participate within the regular boundaries of the Reserve's rules for promotion, continuation, utilization and retirement. In addition to being physically qualified, they must meet current Air Force Reserve high-year-tenure or mandatory separation date rules, which require reservists to retire or separate by age 60. For example, participation in the Reserve is limited to a total of 33 years service unless enlisted reservists request and obtain an extension.

The retirees will continue to draw active-duty retirement pay but will not receive dual compensation for active-duty retirement pay and participation in the Reserve. Their active-duty retirement paycheck will be reduced by 1/30th for each day of reserve duty; however, they will receive a full reserve pay check for duty performed on that same day. During a reserve drill weekend, reservists receive the equivalent of one day of active-duty pay for every four hours of service.

If promoted, members may elect reserve retirement pay in the higher grade at age 60. Even if not promoted, they may request recomputation of their retired pay due to reserve participation.

Interested people who believe they qualify for the program may contact the Recruiting Opportunity Center at 1-800-295-4648 where they can leave information for a recruiter to call them back. To learn more about joining the Air Force Reserve, people may visit www.afreserve.com/retiree.

Beware of lawn and garden dangers

from 507th Safety Office

Recent safety upgrades on push lawnmowers has substantially reduced the number of mower injuries, however riding lawnmowers and garden tractors are a different story.

About 230,000 people each year are treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries relating to various lawn and garden tools. Each year, more than 800 young children are run over by riding mowers. About 75 people are killed and about 20,000 are injured on, or near, riding lawnmowers and garden tractors. One out of every five deaths involves a child. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that most of the deaths to children occurred when a child was in the path of a moving mower. No parent wants their child to be one of these statistics. Young children move quickly and are attracted to mowing activity, but they don't understand the dangers it poses. Parents should keep young children away from outdoor power equipment.

Children should never be in the yard while mowing, and

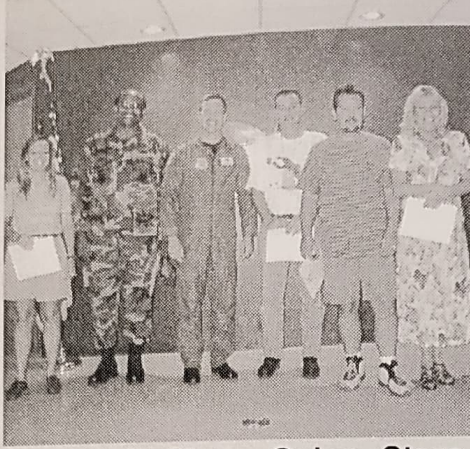
they should never ride on the mower. As I stated earlier, more than 800 young children get run over or backed over by riding mowers each year. This happens when children fall while being given rides, or when they approach the operating mower. Never assume children will remain where you last saw them. Be alert and turn off the mower if children enter the mowing area. Use extra care when backing up or going around corners, shrubs, trees or other obstacles.

Many children suffer serious burns to their hands and arms when they touch the hot muffler of running or recently running engines. Keep children away from power equipment.

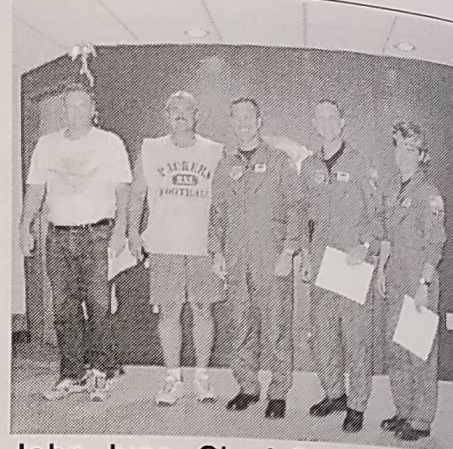
Be sure you know how to operate the equipment. Know where the controls are and what they do. Make sure the equipment is in proper operating condition and guards or other safety devices have not been removed or disabled. Remember to practice safety and common sense (ORM) when working in your yards and gardens this summer.



Col. Tim Wright presents Air Reserve Technician John Glover with a 30-year Civil Service pin.



Kelly Hall, Cicero Quinn, Steve Wright, Dan Boyer, and Marilyn Trask receive 20-year pins.



John June, Chad Ginzi, Glenn Rossett, and Kelly Witt receive 10-year pins.



Volunteers sought for Oklahoma State Fair Recruiting Booth

Volunteers needed to help tell the Air Force Reserve story at the Oklahoma State Fair September 14 through 30.

The 507th ARW Recruiting Office will again sponsor a recruiting booth inside the international Building. Hours are 1200 to 2000.

Volunteers will be placed on paying orders for the times they specify.

Contact your First Sergeant to volunteer or MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells at 739-2980 for more information.

Reserve offers high-year-of- tenure extensions

Reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between June 1, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2002, may request an extension of their enlistment in the Selected Reserve.

Members cannot be extended beyond their 60th birthday.

Unit reservists have until Aug. 31, 2001, to obtain their wing commander's recommendation. Individual mobilization augmentees have 30 days from the date of notification to apply for an extension.

For more information, contact the 507th ARW Military Personnel Flight.

Reserve Officer Association Update

The next quarterly ROA meeting will be on Saturday, August 11, at 11:30 am in the 513th conference room. Col. Goico, 507th ARW vice commander, will be the featured speaker.

Also, we need to plan for Family Day activities and also for an upcoming Wing-wide combat dining out.

Wing members are invited to participate in Operation Angel Tree, a program for delivering Christmas gifts to residents of the Veterans' Center in Norman

"OKIE" T-shirts are still available for purchase. Proceeds from the shirt sales will go to fund scholarships for the college-bound children of 507th/513th members.

Commander's Coin

"This was Capt. Reich's last UTA with the 507 CLSS as he is transferring to the Maintenance Squadron. Even though transferred to another unit, during the UTA he assisted our Mobility Office with preparation of SORTS, AEF UTC, and 4AF Readiness Reports. This was while also performing duties as the acting Maintenance Squadron Commander. His efforts during the UTA were typical of his outstanding dedication during his tenure with the CLSS. In addition to being our Logistics Plans Officer, Capt Reich performed a variety of additional duties for us: Safety, ORM, Force Protection, and Disaster

Preparedness and performed them all well. He was an asset to the squadron and will be missed. We wish him the best in his endeavors."

-- Maj. Don Harlan, Commander, 507th CLSS

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