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**507th ARW
Commander's Column**

By Col. Tim Wrighton

Credibility in the Leadership Role

Webster's defines credibility as the "quality or power of inspiring belief." Knowing what credibility is, and relying on others' credibility to meet our unit needs and goals, how often do we all tend to violate this principle? When we lose our credibility, our leadership role suffers too. As we work together to keep the 507th moving forward, here are some tips that may be worth your consideration:

1. Don't make promises you cannot fulfill
2. Follow up on suspense dates. If you fall behind, explain why and let others know what's going on
3. Try to return all the phone calls you receive
4. Don't be afraid to make decisions
5. Lead by example and be a team player
6. Don't repeat the same mistakes
7. Be a mover and a shaker
8. Be prompt, don't make people wait
9. Deliver what you promise
10. Maintain your cool under pressure
11. Accept constructive criticism
12. Admit mistakes and move on

Some things to think about, especially as we prepare for November's Unit Compliance Inspection. My many thanks to all of you for your contributions to the effort.

**Chaplain's
Corner**

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

Are you a Lone Ranger Christian?

You know the type. You think you can be just as effective as a Christian without going to church. You may have had a bad experience with a minister or someone at church in the past. You may have had trouble finding a church that is a good fit, and have given up the effort. You may enjoy a minister on TV and satisfy yourself that your spiritual needs are being met.

Or maybe, you just don't see the need to go.

While no church is perfect, neither is any one individual.



**513th ACG
Commander's Column**

By Col. James Kerr

Summer is almost over (even though the temperatures at Tinker Air Force Base don't reflect that fact). As always, what a rush it was! I want to thank everyone for all your hard work. It DID NOT go unnoticed. I deeply appreciate your dedication to service as well as maintaining your professional edge in the Air Force Reserve. I also wish to thank your employers and families for their cooperation and understanding for your time spent in Reserve duty. I know it is difficult, especially during the summer months.

We now have a rigorous fall coming upon us. We are currently in the midst of the 513th Air Control Group's Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Visit (ASEV). This is an inspection from 12th Air Force evaluating our crews' performance and processes according to Air Force Standards. Lt. Col. Pat Rupel, our 513 ACG Stan/Eval Chief, is doing a fine job in guiding us through. Let's give Pat and his stan/eval shop the support they need to show 12 AF the professionals we really are.

Next month we are deploying for our 45-day rotation to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. This is an Aerospace Expeditionary Force requirement, which is the Air Forces' utmost mission priority. I'm sure we will be there to meet our nation's call and need. And last but not least is the 513 ACG's first Unit Compliance Inspection. It will be 1-6 November consisting of an inspection team from AF Reserve Command. Therefore, let's make the best use of our remaining time in preparation for this major event.

So, let us all keep our focus and synergy to show the Air Force that the 513th Air Control Group is truly a worthy component of the "Total Force." Keep up the hard work, and may God bless us all!

So, as imperfect as the local church is, it is still God's idea. He used the author of Hebrews to encourage us: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." I can think of two good reasons for you to not only go to church, but become an active member: 1) It is there you can receive encouragement, comfort, and strength FROM the others: 2) to be an encouragement, comfort and strength TO others.

Take it from a pastor of a local church, when people make the effort to attend our church it is a great encouragement to me. Take time out next weekend to attend church! Take time out this weekend to attend a service here at the unit. You'll be glad you did.

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Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

The 507th ARW Honor Guard raised Col. Gary Mixon's retirement flag during the morning of his last official day over the 507th ARW campus.

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Photos by TSgt. Mitch Chandran.

Brig. Gen. Robert Lytle, AFRC inspector general, presents a retirement flag to Col. Gary Mixon during his retirement ceremony Aug. 11. Col. Mixon's service with the 507th Air Refueling Wing started December 1990 when he transferred from the Air Force Intelligence Agency to the 507th Tactical Fighter Group here and served as director of intelligence. In 1992, he became an Air Reserve Technician and commander of the 507th Mission Support Squadron and subsequently appointed Support Group commander in 1995.

By TSgt. Mitch Chandran
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Col. Gary Mixon, commander of the 507th Support Group, retired with honors during his retirement ceremony Aug. 11 marking the end of a nearly 32 year uniformed military service career. He officially retired Aug. 13.

During the ceremony, Mixon was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal by Col. Tim Wrighton, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, and Certificate of Retirement from the Armed Forces of the United States of America from Brig. Gen. Robert Lytle, inspector general of the Air Force Reserve Command.

Mixon's military career started after earning his bachelor's degree in Aerospace Studies in 1970 when he entered the Air Force. Serving on active duty until 1976, he joined the Air Force Intelligence Agency as an Individual Mobilization

peditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with one device, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Among other accomplishments and contributions throughout his career, Mixon was cited for many accomplishments on his citation for his Legion of Merit Medal.

He distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States as commander, 507th Support Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, from 1 July 1998 to 13 August 2001. In this important assignment, the leadership, exemplary foresight, and ceaseless efforts consistently demonstrated by Colonel Mixon resulted in significant contributions to the effectiveness and success of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the Air Force Reserve Command. Colonel Mixon led the charge for matchless aggressive long-range campus construction and renovation efforts, in coordination with the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence. Accordingly, Colonel Mixon successfully initiated a \$4.2 million military construction project in addition to the renovation of one of the oldest hangars in the command. Furthermore, he spearheaded a major partnering effort between Air Force Reserve Command's Red Horse Team, Navy Seabees, and the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, to design and construct a highly critical \$506,000 underground electrical upgrade project for Tinker Air Force Base. In addition, Colonel Mixon's keen sense of critical readiness issues was the driving force behind the 507th Air Refueling Wing's out-of-cycle

war skills training deployment, involving more than 300 personnel. Finally, as a result of his unwavering focus on mission success throughout his command, the 507th Air Refueling Wing was the only government entity statewide to be awarded the distinctive Oklahoma Quality Award for Achievement. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Colonel Mixon cul-

minate a long and distinguished career in the service of his country and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Some of Mixon's past assignments included Officer in Charge, Wing Intelligence Branch at the 544th Aerospace Reconnaissance Technical Wing at Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Squadron Operations Duty Officer with the 12th Reconnaissance Intelligence Technical Squadron at Tan Son Nut AB, Republic of Vietnam; and Squadron Operations Duty Officer at the 432nd Reconnaissance Technical Squadron at Udorn AB, Thailand; prior to becoming an Individual Mobilization Augmentee at the 552nd Air Control Wing and commander of the Support Group at the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

The 507th Support Group provides mission essential support to the 507th Air Refueling Wing. Maintains command guidance, plans, program, and support to the commanders of the 507th Mission Support Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron, and Communications Flight. Peacetime activities include support of daily flying at home station and various deployed and joint/combined exercises.



Col. Mixon addresses members of 507th Support Group one last time with advice for continued success. Mixon's military career spanned nearly 32 years.

Rossow to assume command of 507th Support Group

By the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Robert B. Rossow has been selected to assume command of the 507th Support Group (SPTG) replacing Col. Gary Mixon who retired in August with nearly 32 years of service.

Rossow comes to the 507th Air Refueling Wing from the 446th SPTG at McChord AFB, Wash.

While serving with the 446th SPTG his responsibilities included organizing, training, and equipping nearly 600 reservists and civilians assigned to the 446th Support Group.

Rossow started his military career in 1979 when he entered the Air Force and attended Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He was then commissioned May 3, 1979. In June 1979, he attended Basic Air Weapons Controller School at Tyndall AFB, Fl. Two months later, he went through the Advanced Air Weapons Controller School at Luke AFB, Ariz. In October 1979, he was assigned to the 602nd Tactical Air Control Squadron in Neu Ulm, Germany,

where he served as the Installation Manager. He left Germany in October 1982, and was assigned as the Exercise Plans Officer for the 507th TAC Wing at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. In March 1983, he became the Chief of the TACS Employment Branch for the same wing. Then, he was reassigned in August 1984, to serve as the Chief of Personnel Utilization for the 507th Combat Support Group.

In August 1986, Rossow joined the Air Force Reserve as an Air Transportation Officer for the 84th Aerial Port Squadron in Greenville, S.C. In January 1992, he was assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., as the Air Force Academy Admissions Liaison Officer with the 9001st Air Reserve Squadron. In January 1993, he transitioned into the Air Reserve Technician program and served as the Wing Executive Officer for the 440th Airlift Wing, General Mitchell ARB in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Then, in January 1994, he took command of the 440th Mission Support Squadron and served as Director of Military

Personnel. In August 1996 through June 1997, Rossow attended Air Command and Staff College in residence at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. In August 1997, he returned to the 440th Airlift Wing where he served as Wing Executive Officer until January 1998.

Then, in January 1998 until May 1999, he served on an AGR tour as Chief, Promotions and Evaluation Policy, at



Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C. In May 1999, he has been the commander of the 452nd Mission Support Squadron and Director of Personnel for the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March ARB, Calif. In May 2000, he assumed his position with the 446th Support Group.

Rossow's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato,

Minn, in 1972; Graduate of Squadron Officers School (Correspondence) in 1995; Master of Science degree in Adult Training and Development from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in 1995; Air Command and Staff College, Residence Program, Maxwell AFB, Al, in 1997; and Air War College in 2001.

Rossow's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five devices, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with two devices, Air Force Small Arms Expert Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

He was promoted to second lieutenant on May 3, 1979; first lieutenant, on May 3, 1981; captain on May 3, 1983; major on May 4, 1993; and lieutenant colonel on Sept. 18, 1998.

General Motors, Youngs win Air Mobility Command award

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Officials from the Air Mobility Command (AMC) at Scott AFB, Ill, have selected the Oklahoma City General Motors plant and Mr. Russell Youngs to receive its quarterly Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve award.

AMC established the award program to recognize the contributions of outstanding employers of Guardsmen and Reservists assigned to AMC-gained units.

Youngs, Plant Manager of the Oklahoma City plant was selected to receive the award, a bronze eagle, for the second quarter. A presentation ceremony is anticipated for later this fall during a ceremony at AMC headquarters. This is the sixth time the award has been presented nationwide to employers of Guard and Reserve members.

The Oklahoma City General Motors plant opened in 1979 and employs approximately 3,500 people. General Motors is the world's largest vehicle manufacturer and employs about 372,000 people globally.

Under the AMC program, a reservist through their commander nominates an employer for selection by the AMC selection committee. Mr. Youngs and the Oklahoma City plant was nominated by CMSgt. Joseph Tytanic, a reservist with the 507th Air Refueling Wing (Air Force Reserve) stationed at Tinker Air Force Base.

"The management at General Motors works hand-in-hand in supporting the Guard and Reserve," Tytanic said. Tytanic stated that after Desert Storm, GM officials gave special recognition to Guard and Reserve members who participated by having them come to work in their uniform and had a plant meeting to recognize them. GM also let Guard and Reserve members off to work after the bombing at the Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

"I'm the Chief of Maintenance responsible for 70 maintenance personnel assigned to Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) supporting KC-135, B-1, B-52, and C-130 aircraft. I direct maintenance and ABDR training for all assigned personnel. My responsibilities are to ensure that maintenance teams are able to deploy to meet wartime tasking requirements. I also coordinate and direct all manpower, personnel, and administrative functions for the maintenance branch," Tytanic said. "For me to properly perform my military duties, I have to be away from my job at General Motors frequently. In the last two years, I have missed around 100 working days per year at General Motors to cover my military job."

"General Motors never questioned the need for me to be away. In fact they have been very supportive and concerned,

especially during the Kosovo crisis. My benefits have never been cancelled because I'm absent for military duty, and my time still counts for my retirement at General Motors," he said.

Tytanic stated that from the Plant Manager down to the line supervisors, the support and patriotism is equally shown and also encourages patriotism by flying the POW/MIA flag on the plant's flagpole.

"I feel very fortunate and proud to be employed by General Motors; their support for the National Guard and Air Force Reserve directly shows their patriotism and love for this Great Nation," Tytanic said.

Promising Skies Ahead

Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

From my perch, as I wrap up my final tour, I see promising skies ahead for our Air Force...and it's because of you and your efforts.

Despite tight budgets, you've arrested a stubborn four-year readiness decline. You've made our transition to an Expeditionary Aerospace



Force work, enhancing stability in the lives of Air Force members everywhere. Your direct feedback helped win Congressional support for many of our retention initiatives and the reestablishment of a full-benefit retirement system. Your voices have been heard and answered with across the board pay raises and targeted bonuses. You have made the personal choices to continue serving our nation, ensuring we're ready to protect America's interests around the world. Your choices, your efforts, your dedication, your sacrifices continue to build the premier aerospace power this world has ever known. My family and I have been proud to serve with you.

As General Jumper assumes the office, he brings the deepest commitment to continued improvements in capability and quality of life for all our people. Together, he and Secretary Roche, will provide superb leadership for America's Air Force in the years ahead. Thank you for your selfless service...it's the reason no one comes close!

Inquiring minds want to know

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

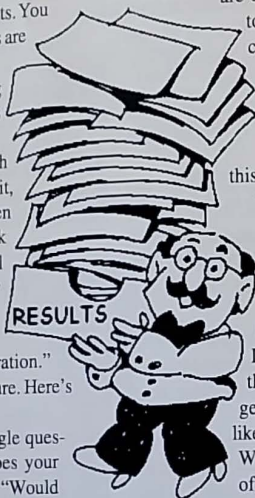
You hear them spoken in nightly newscasts. You read about them in newspapers. Opinion polls are everywhere.

Shortly, the 507th ARW will begin polling unit members electronically on their opinions as well.

According to Capt. Donald Satterlee, 507th Performance Planning Office, "Let's face it, more and more, we are living in a data-driven society. We need to know what people think or how they feel about specific issues. Up until now, Air Force Instructions have very clear guidance on conducting full-blown surveys. This has been something that we could not easily do or which involved extensive preparation."

Enter Microsoft Outlook's "Polling" feature. Here's how it works:

"Let's say you need to ask a specific single question directed to unit members such as "Does your employer support your reserve career?" or "Would you use Child Care facilities if they were available on base during UTA weekends?" Satterlee said. We have the ability to send out an e-mail-polling message to an at large or specific target group. Once delivered, requested responses



are displayed as selectable tabs appearing in the top left corner of the message. An individual can simply select an answer, then send back their response. No additional typing is required. This method also allows us to quickly tabulate the responses received."

Before you rush to your computer to test this out, Satterlee offers a word of caution.

"Members need to be aware that only the Wing Commander may approve a polling question prior to sending messages," he said.

"Polling our reservists can prove to be a very valuable tool, letting us know your opinions about a variety of topics from Quality of Life issues to whether or not reservists feel they're receiving the proper training or tools to get their job done," Satterlee said. "However, like any 'good deal', this has a potential for abuse. What we don't want to see happen are a flood of e-mail poll messages swamping our system."

While wing-wide polls are restricted to prior commander approval, Satterlee stated the commander has approved squadron-restricted polls with prior approval at the squadron commander level.

The story behind the new Air Force symbol



The U.S. Air Force symbol, introduced in January 2000, honors the heritage of our past and represents the promise of our future. It retains the core elements of our Air Corps heritage — the "Arnold" wings and star with circle — and modernizes them to reflect our aerospace force of today and tomorrow.

The symbol has two main parts. In the upper half, the stylized wings represent the stripes of our strength — the enlisted men and women of our force.

They are drawn with great angularity to emphasize the Air Force's swiftness and power, and they are divided into six sections, each of which represents one of our core competencies: aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

In the lower half are a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. It reminds us of our obligation to secure our nation's freedom with global vigilance, reach and power. The globe also reminds us of our challenge as an expeditionary force to respond rapidly to crises and to provide decisive aerospace power, worldwide.

The area surrounding the sphere takes the shape of a star. The star has many meanings. Its five points represent the components of our one force and family — our active duty, civilians, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and retirees.

The star symbolizes space as the high ground of our nation's aerospace force. The rallying symbol of all our wars, the star also represents our officer corps, central to our combat leadership.

The star is framed with three diamonds, which represent our core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. (Air Force News Service)

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. (Master's degree effective 1 Oct 2001)

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. (\$3500 effective 1 Oct 2001)

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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE CHANGE

Effective 1 October 2001

Tuition Assistance will pay 75% of tuition for courses leading up to a Master's degree and the maximum amount of aid will increase to \$3500 per FY.

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

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 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, 07 Sep 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	Bldg 1048

Sat, 08 Sep 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, 09 Sep 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
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, 12 Oct 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	Bldg 1048

Sat, 13 Oct 2001

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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
1030-1630	MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT WILL BE CLOSED	38th EIG Campus
1030-1630	FAMILY DAY	
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

Sun, 14 Oct 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 Communication	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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*** Newcomer's Ancillary Training has been rescheduled to

SERVICEMEN'S GROUPLIFE INSURANCE (SGLI)

The President signed a bill that allows SGLI coverage for family members. The new benefit/option will be effective in November. As we understand it, this SGLI coverage will be available up to \$100,000 for spouses and \$10,000 for dependent children. This cost will be based on the spouses age. Similar to other "child riders," there will be no cost for dependent children. You must make sure your DEERS information is updated. For more details see the following web site. <http://insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm>

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	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:
10 Sep	17 Sep
13 Sep	21 Sep
18 Sep	26 Sep
20 Sep	28 Sep
27 Sep	05 Oct
01 Oct	10 Oct
03 Oct	14 Oct
11 Oct	19 Oct
16 Oct	24 Oct
18 Oct	26 Oct
22 Oct	30 Oct
29 Oct	05 Nov

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

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

This publication is brought to you by your friendly MPF Education and Training staff. If you need assistance or have suggestions on how we can improve our service to you, please call us at (405) 734-7075, or stop by our office in Bldg 1043, Room 206.

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UCI Information Update

By Capt. Donald Satterlee
507th ARW Performance Planning Office

Part of your job responsibilities is workplace safety: Recent events at other bases and here at Tinker has prompted the need for extra security awareness. We may have exercises in the future on these matters. The following is not a checklist, but, strong reminders of what to do. First thing everyone should do is call 911.

Workplace safety measures to be aware of

1. Fires/smoke:

- pull the fire alarm and Call 911
- Evacuate the structure searching work areas as you leave.
- Leave everything non-classified where it is at and go.
- Follow EAP for classified work
- Get accountability (head count/who's missing, etc.) and report the info to the on-scene Fire Chief
- Do not go back in until the Fire Department clears the building

2. Bomb Threats:

- Follow the procedures described on the AF Form 440 — Bomb threat cards which should be by each phone.
- Then follow the same procedures described for fires.
- While waiting outside for the police jot down what you recall from the phone conversation — Bring the Form 440 out with you
- Be sure to contact the police when they arrive if you are the person reporting the threat. They will want more information

3. Suspicious packages:

- 911
- Do not jostle, touch, pick-up or in any way DISTURB the package. There may be a bomb or bio-chemical agents (anthrax), or gas in there.
- Turn off all Cell phones and other handheld electronics (Bricks) and get out of the area. Call 911 from another safe location
- Evacuate and account for all personnel

4. Armed intruders:

- 911
- Close your office door and lock it.
- Seek cover or concealment and stay there.
- Stay in your area until police come and get you. If you have a phone call 911 and give your location so that authorities may come get you out.

5. Suspicious Fumes or Chemical spills:

- Call 911 and pull the fire alarm
- Evacuate the structure searching work areas as you leave.
- Leave everything non-classified where it is at and go.
- Follow EAP for classified work
- Get accountability (head count/who's missing, etc.) and report the info to the on-scene Fire Chief
- Do not go back in until the Fire Department clears the building or area

Please keep in mind that you are the DoD's greatest asset. Your safety and that of other personnel is of the utmost importance.

So far, so good for 507th

By MSgt. Gary Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

The 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign has ended for another year. The commander and the wing safety office are extremely glad to see that everyone survived the 101 Critical Days of summer.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer is a time when Col. Tim Wrighton, 507th ARW commander, and the 507th ARW Safety Office are sweating bullets, hoping and praying that members of the 507th ARW make it safely through these days. During this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, Air Force fatalities were more than double compared to last year. With the exception of a close call that happened to a certain propulsion shop supervisor, members of the 507th ARW came through the 101 Critical Days of Summer unscathed. But Air Force wide was a different story.

More Air Force people have lost their lives in 2001, 53 airmen to date, than either of the previous two years. The majority of the fatal accidents occurred in off-duty vehicle accidents. The primary causes of death include drinking and driving, failure to wear seatbelts, excessive speed for conditions and violation of traffic laws. While we can't control the other guy, we can make sure we do the right thing. Follow basic common sense guidelines and wear your seatbelt, drive defensively, and if you're going to drink, don't drive.

Now we are shifting into the Fall Season, which also means the starting of school. According to some statistics that I received, people who drive too fast in areas such as school zones, school bus routes, and other areas where children walk to and from school every day injure some 5,000 children in the United States. Some 1,000 children die each year from those injuries.

That's a lot of injured children. Of the 5,000 children injured, cars hit the majority of them as they are walking in designated crosswalks, and getting off of their school buses. The rest of the injuries occur from children who run into the street without even thinking of stopping or looking before they make that disastrous move. I urge all of you to slow down while driving in areas such as neighborhoods, school zones, and especially where children are known to play. You never know when a child will run out in front of your vehicle. We all can help reduce vehicle-involved injuries to children this school year. You never know, your child could be the next one to be injured. Please help do your part this school year. Safety should be practiced year-round, both on and off duty.

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.

America's only Reserve AWACS unit prove their skills at...



COPE Thunder

Photos by Maj. Dell Robertson

By Maj. Dell Robertson
Assistant Director of Operations for the 970th AACS

About 45 Air Force Reservists from the 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, had the privilege of participating in COPE Thunder at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska, during the month of July.

COPE Thunder's goal is to provide realistic combat training with emphasis on combined/joint war fighting by conducting combat sorties against a "tactically aware" adversary protected by sophisticated air-to-air and surface-to-air threat.

COPE Thunder is the largest air combat exercise in the Pacific region and provided valuable Large Force Employment (LFE) training to all of our deployed Air Warning and Control System (AWACS) personnel.

"An inherent training benefit gained at COPE Thunder is learning to work effectively from a deployed location, said Lt. Col. "Woody" Watkins, chief of COPE Thunder. "This benefits everyone involved; aircrew, maintenance, as well as support personnel."

plex (PARC) is 66,000 square miles; five times greater than the Nellis Range Complex used at Red Flag exercises in Las Vegas, NV.

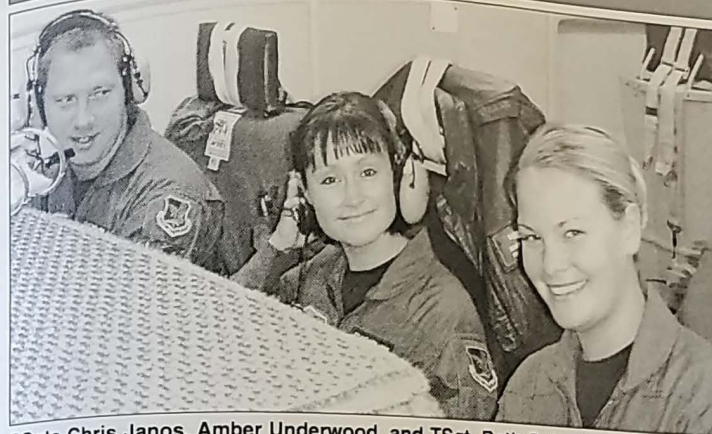
Four periods of COPE Thunder are held each summer; one of which is an observer program. This particular COPE Thunder period was the designated observer period. The Co-operative COPE Thunder observer program was designed to develop cooperation between regional air forces and to share air power concepts in an unclassified scenario. The long-term objectives of the observer program are to encourage future participation in cooperative COPE Thunder exercises, enhance interoperability among countries, and contribute to joint cooperation in military operations. Participating countries include, United Kingdom, Japan, Republic of Korea, Canada, and Singapore. Japanese observers flew with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) crew on one of the missions,

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

SEPTEMBER 2001



SSgts Chris Janos, Amber Underwood, and TSgt. Beth Schaefer

COPE Thunder -- Teamwork is the recipe for success. The Air Force Reserve Command has many of America's brightest men and women in its ranks. Their participation contributes to our nation's involvement around the world and at home.



Maj. Michael Furstenau, TSgt. Ted Wright, and Capt. Louis Fournier



TSgt. Joe Brown

providing a rare opportunity for interoperability training in an exercise environment.

The weather proved to be a challenge for this deployment as the month of July set a record high for rainfall. Lt. Col. George Gorham, Commander of the 970th AACS, expressed his pleasure with his unit's participation in this exercise. "We have an excellent working relationship with 962th AACS and Pacific Air Force. They have gone above and beyond to support us and make this an outstanding deployment. This tremendous opportunity for the unit has been a fabulous training experience for us all."



MSGT. Tommy Simmons



TSgt. Elliot Mackay

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Update

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of the members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing:

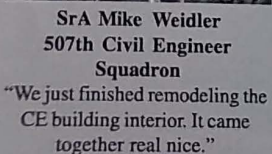
"So far, what has been the highlight of your UTA?"



AIC Cherika Grayson
507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron
"Our commander's call yesterday was very interesting."

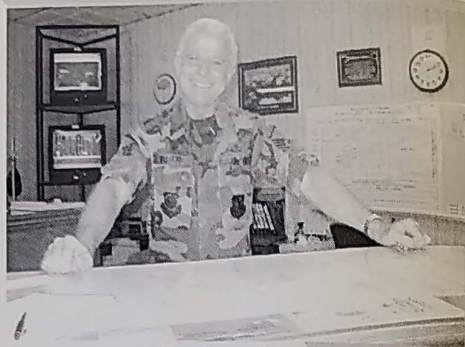


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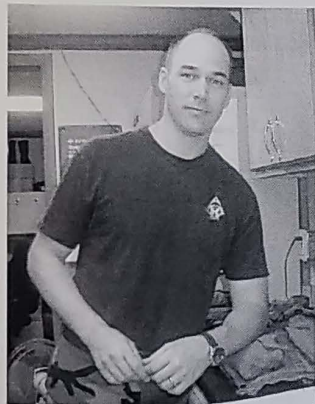


SrA Mike Weidler
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
"We just finished remodeling the CE building interior. It came together real nice."

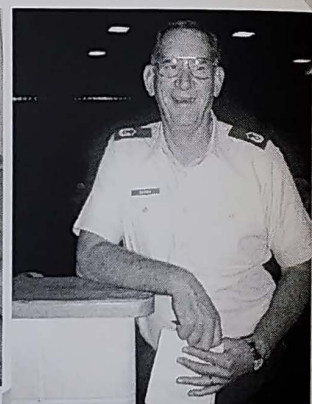
MSgt. Jim Gonzalez
507th Air Refueling Wing
"Meeting General Lytle again was great. We reminisced about our trip to Italy in 1992, and the good things and not so good things that happened."



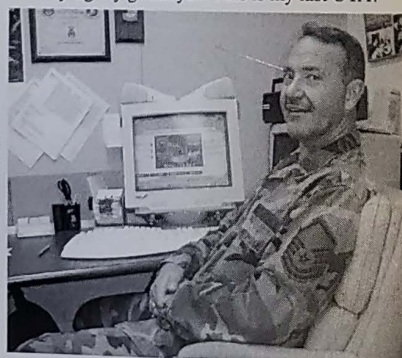
MSgt. Larry Duncan
507th Aircraft Generation Squadron
"I was handed a note telling me that a bomb was in my area." (Editor's note: as part of a bomb threat exercise)



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A-10 finds new home, saves the Air Force \$1.5 million

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. – Its frame bent from a hard landing, a 21-year-old A-10 Thunderbolt II was destined for the boneyard until the 47th Fighter and 917th Maintenance Squadrons here breathed new life into the old airplane.

Assisted by Lear Ciegler Services, a civilian contracting firm, reservists from the Air Force Reserve Command squadrons turned the A-10 into an avionics trainer for the Air Force's Air Education and Training Command. The disassembled trainer is scheduled to leave here Aug. 15 on a truck bound for Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Before they graduate, AETC students at Sheppard learn how to maintain aircraft avionics, but a good portion of their technical school training is incomplete because they have no training aircraft to practice on, said Maj. Ken Honaker, 47th FS maintenance officer.

The refurbished aircraft's new mission will change the way AETC does business and will make an old plane useful again. It will not only improve the training capabilities for aircraft avionics technicians but also save the Air Force approximately \$1.5 million, the cost of a new simulator.



Flying unit commanders change in October

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Command of Air Force Reserve Command flying units in Delaware, Florida, Indiana and New Jersey will change hands effective Oct. 7.

Brig. Gen. Peter K. Sullivan, commander of the 512nd Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del., will replace Brig. Gen. Christopher M. Joniec as commander of the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.

Joniec will transfer to McGuire AFB, N.J., to replace Brig. Gen. Scott R. Nichols as commander of the 514th Air Mobility Wing, and Nichols will remain at McGuire to become mobilization assistant to the commander of 21st Air Force.

Col. Bruce E. Davis, commander of the 920th Rescue Group, Patrick AFB, Fla., will assume command of Dover's 512nd AW.

Lt. Col. Timothy E. Tarchick, commander of the 914th Operations Group, Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y., will command Patrick's 920th RQG.

East Coast unit, aircrew pick up Air Force awards

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – An East Coast flying unit and an aircrew from a neighboring state are the best in Air Force Reserve Command.

The 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J., nabbed the Air Force Association Outstanding Reserve Unit Award. A 326th Airlift Squadron crew from Dover AFB, Del., commanded by Lt. Col. Paul F. Gillis, picked up the President's Award, AFA's Outstanding Reserve Aircrew Award.

Both Air Force-level awards covered the period of April 1, 2000, to March 31, 2001.

The McGuire wing received the unit award for its performance "across a full spectrum of airlift, aerial refueling and aeromedical evacuation mission requirements, while also supporting daily operations and exercises around the world with logistics, aerial port and combat support personnel." During the award period, wing reservists completed two all-Reserve KC-10 deployments to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch. They also successfully passed a unit compliance inspection, an expeditionary operational readiness inspection and an aircrew standardization and evaluation inspection.

Experience, not technology to keep Antarctica supplied

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. – Starting this summer, Air Force Reserve Command's 4th Air Force will manage strategic airlift missions to Antarctica for the next four years.

The 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., used to oversee the long-range airlift mission, dubbed Operation Deep Freeze, because it flew C-141B Starlifters. However, the active-duty unit began transitioning to the C-17 Globemaster III in July 1999 when it received two of the Air Force's newest, most-advanced, long-range airlift aircraft. The McChord unit will eventually be equipped with 48 C-17s.

To prepare for the changeover in airlift management, 4th Air Force's 452nd Air Mobility Wing, which is also located at March, flew several C-141 missions with the 62nd AW to McMurdo Station in Antarctica last year. C-141 crews from two other 4th Air Force units – the 445th AW at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the 446th AW at McChord – are trained or will be trained to land the 1960s-era transport on the ice.

The missions to the bottom of the world are flown in three phases. The initial preparation phase, called Winfly because it occurs during winter in Antarctica, begins in August. The resupply phase takes place during the continent's spring and summer from the end of September through mid-November. The redeployment phase takes place in February.

Graduates of Air Force Reserve Command's Leadership Development Program (Class LDP2001B)



Graduates from the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) are: (Left to right) SSGts Richard Kozik, Demetrious Sumlin, Dennis Schooler, Caroline Rutledge, Gary Eden, TSgts Michael Taliaferro and Daniel Drennen are congratulated by Col. Tim Wrighton, commander of the 507th ARW, during their graduation ceremony.



Photos by MSgt. Dennis Cain

Graduates from the 513th Air Control Group (ACG) are: (Left to right) TSgt. Rita Hammer, SSGts Richard Dyas, Vincent Stulginski, Marcus Dixon, and Amber Underwood; TSgts John Young and Sean Kracke are congratulated by Col. James Kerr, commander of the 513th ACG, during their graduation ceremony.

More than fifty members from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) returned home Aug. 8 after spending three days in Savannah, Ga., performing their Inspector General Exercise (IGX). The IGX is a formal inspection, giving units, like the 507 CES, a chance to demonstrate their skills in an actual wartime scenario. Deployed members had their first chance to demonstrate deploying to a forwarding base from Savannah and perform their skills in rapid runway repair along with an active duty unit.

Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Tuition assistance to increase, include master's degree

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command will increase the maximum amount of assistance and level of course work offered through its Tuition Assistance Program starting Oct. 1.

The maximum aid reservists may receive annually will climb from \$2,500 to \$3,500, and the program will expand studies from a bachelor's degree up to a master's degree.

The changes are part of the Reserve's ongoing effort to attract recruits and bolster retention.

Unit reservists can learn more about the eligibility requirements and program features from base/wing education and training offices. Individual mobilization augmentees can obtain assistance from Delaina Hull of the military training division at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. ARPC/DPAT's telephone number is (303) 676-6396 or DSN 926-6396.

New Web site details role of HRDC

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Aug. 9 – A new, improved Air Force Reserve Command Human Resources Development Council Web page is up and running. The Web site shows how the council monitors the command's management of its human resources; address: <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/default.htm>. Note: Access is only available from .MIL sites.

"The new site is easier to read and navigate," said Master Sgt. Rodney Hage, HRDC Web page manager. "It's a great place to find information on current HRDC programs and initiatives."

The council's mission is to make informed recommendations to the chief of Air Force Reserve on issues affecting human resource development within the command. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, recruitment, technical and professional development, retention, and equal opportunity and treatment.

"Air Force Reserve Command is committed to being the most diverse and dynamic organization in the Department of Defense," said Brig. Gen. Leon Johnson, HRDC chairman. "Our vision is to lead the way in equal opportunity and treatment programs that attract, train and retain the most talented work force available. Our new Web site lets people know what we are doing to make this vision a reality." (AFRC News Service)

Commander's Coins

"Capt Lazette Bretthorst, 507th Medical Squadron Readiness OIC, developed a comprehensive and dynamic Mass Casualty plan that exercised every Unit Training Code

assigned to the squadron and utilized all our personnel. The months of planning, briefing and instructing culminated into an outstanding training opportunity which was educational, challenging and fun."

-- Col. Steve Gentling, 507th Medical Squadron commander

"1Lt. Mary R. (Becky) Junk contributed significantly to the mass casualty exercise by developing patient care scenarios and gathering surplus supplies, often on her own time, from various health facilities and programs. These elements greatly facilitated the realism of the training opportunity. During the exercise she provided valuable on-the-spot instruction to unit members which enhanced the educational value of the exercise."

-- Col. Steve Gentling, 507th Medical Squadron commander

SGLI family coverage

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage for family members will start Nov. 1. Coverage is automatic unless the member declines in writing. The maximum automatic coverage for a member's spouse is \$100,000, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000. Premiums for a spouse are based on age and range from 9 cents to 35 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. For example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month. Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premium will be charged.

New Wing coin available soon

The new 507th Air Refueling Wing coin will be available for purchase soon -- The price to be determined at a later date.

The coin sports the 507th ARW crest in brilliant red, white, and blue and is surrounded by shiny gold. The back of the coin has the inscription OKIES, FOREVER READY, ALWAYS THERE with the Oklahoma symbol in the middle.

Coins will be available sometime after the September UTA and should be before the October UTA. Only 300 have been ordered on the first batch. Proceeds will go to the Top-3 fund. If you are interested in ordering one or more coins,

E-mail
robert.kellington@tinker.af.mil



On-final R-NEWS

Practice safe computing

- Make regular backups of data.
- Pay close attention when using e-mail.
- Do not open suspicious e-mail attachments.
- Do not send jokes, naughty pictures or chain mail.
- Do not go to inappropriate web sites.
- Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU), For Official Use Only (FOUO) and privacy act information should all be locked down to those individuals having an official need-to-know. As a minimum, all data on the network should be treated as SBU.
- All Windows NT and Windows 2k should already have a screen saver and password set for 10 minutes or less. Please put a screen saver on all Windows 9x machines with password for 10 minutes or less.

Honor Guard training dates

The dates for the Honor Guard training class for FY02. If anyone is intrested in joining, please call TSgt. Debbie Kidd at the Honor Guard office, 734-4226.

15-19 Oct
10-14 Dec
11-15 Feb
15-19 Apr
10-14 Jun
12-16 Aug

Professional courses available

The AFRC Professional Development Center (PDC) is soliciting candidates for both the Reserve Components Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar (RCJOPDS) and the Leadership-Today and Tomorrow (LTT) Seminar. Both seminars are held in Washington DC.

The RCJOPDS is scheduled 21-23 Jan 02; this seminar is a one-time opportunity for company grade officers (01-03). Each Wing is allocated one quota, each NAF/RSG is allocated three quotas and ARPC is allocated 10 quotas. Enrollment season is 1 Sep-30 Nov 01.

The LTT is scheduled 19-21 Jan 02; this seminar is a one-time opportunity for field grade officers (04-05). Each Wing is allocated two quotas, each NAF/RSG is allocated four quotas and ARPC is allocated 15 quotas. Enrollment season is 1 Sep-30 Nov 01. For more information on requirements, contact Maj. Tammy McKone, AFRC program manager, at DSN: 497-0265 or E-mail Tammy.McKone@afrc.af.mil

Physical fitness dates

Sep. 9:
507 MEDS, 507 CF and 507 OSF

Oct. 14:
507 ARW, 507 OG, 465ARS and 1 ASF

Nov. 4:
507 CES and 507 SPTG

Dec. 2:

Makeups and final report to AFRC on Dec. 3

To be determined:

507 LSS

507th ARW Recruiters

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 MSgt. Georgina Gee-Wells
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MSgt. Michael Tubbs
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Retiring during August Unit Training Assembly after serving with honor are (left) MSgt. Cecil Piercy, 507th Logistics Support Squadron, and (right) MSgt. Bert Rickner, 507th Military Personnel Flight.

