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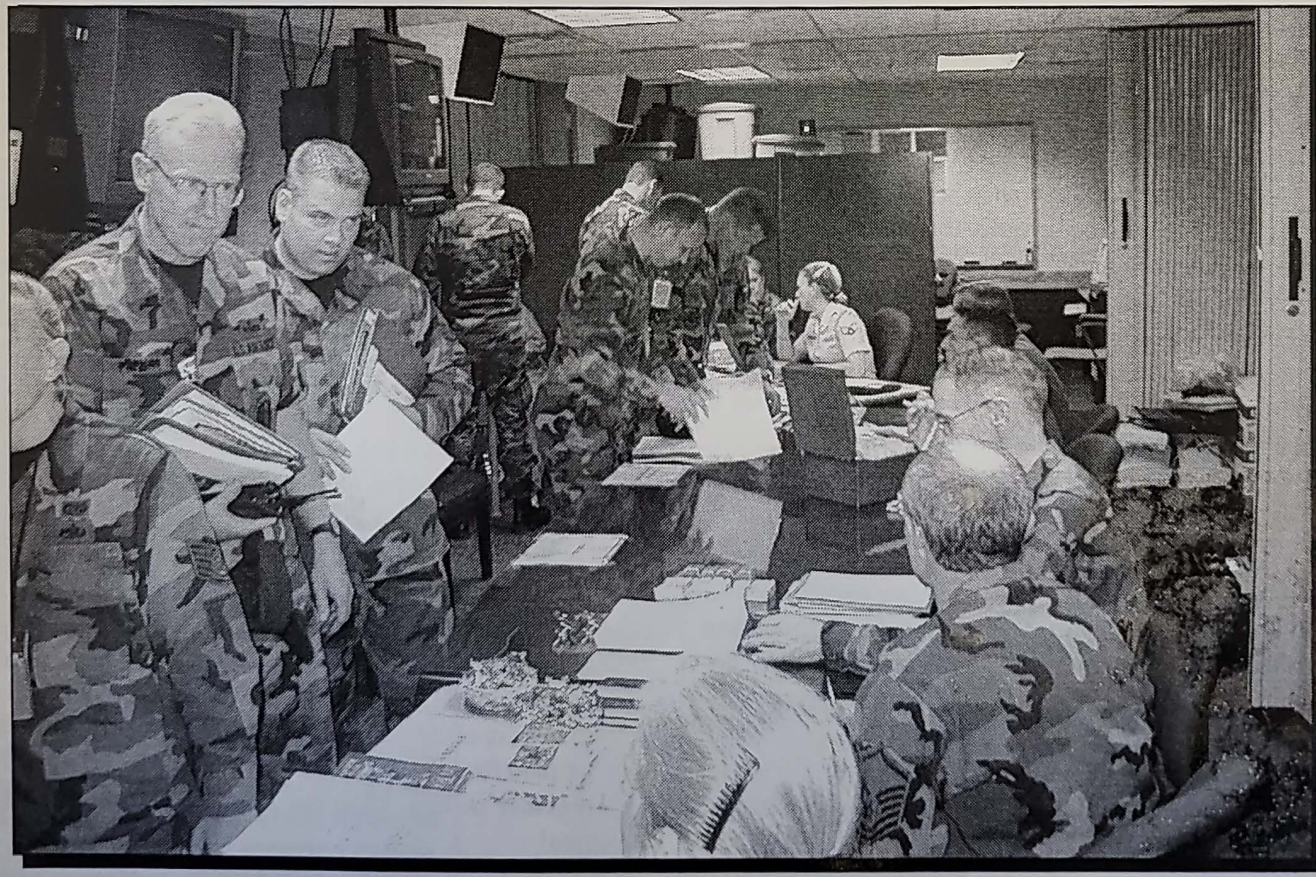
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What Families Need to Know

Ready, Willing and...



Reporting for Active Duty

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



507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Tim Wright

Answering our great Nation's call...

While the massive recovery efforts are under way in New York City and the Pentagon, we are all dealing with the mindless, cowardly attacks in our own way as the initial shock wears off and the scope of the death and destruction sinks in. More than ever, we quickly realize why we "Okies" are here and that our country needs us. President Bush's recent speech before Congress says it all:

"Our response involves far more than instant retaliation and isolated strikes. Americans should not expect one battle, but a lengthy campaign, unlike any other we have ever seen. It may include dramatic strikes, visible on TV, and covert operations, secret even in success...and tonight, a few miles from the damaged Pentagon, I have a message for our military: Be ready. I've called the Armed Forces to alert, and there is a reason. The hour is coming when America will act, and you will make us proud."

As always, the 507th was quick to step up with many volunteers which remain deployed at the printing of this issue. Our Security Forces Squadron members have been activated and are off to do their part as well. I could not be more proud of the people in our organization who are contributing what ever they can to help the effort. I consider it an honor to serve with each and every one of you as we take on the challenges in the coming months.

Forever Ready, Always There

Never before have we had to prove our capabilities in such short order -- We did! We deployed our troops and have emphasized that we, who have not been tasked, are ready to support their families and let them know they are not alone.

As our motto says, WE ARE READY! And as always, WE ARE THERE!

-- CMSgt. Bob Kellington
Command Chief Master Sergeant



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

Force protection starts with the member

The tragedy of 11 September deeply affected all of us. As a matter of fact, I think of it as "the world was denied." It was truly amazing how four airliners could be hijacked almost simultaneously and employed so destructively. The day awakened us to our nation's vulnerability to international terrorism, and the repercussions will be suffered for a long time.

This is a time for us, as citizen airmen, to prove our calling in our nation's time of need. Naturally, 513th Air Control Group personnel were extremely motivated and responded to America's call. We give many thanks to the 507th Military Personnel Flight for processing our mobilization. Theirs was a very well organized and most efficient process.

As you all know, the threat of terrorism still exists. Hopefully, it's not as great as the recent past. But the threat still remains. We need to remain cognizant of force protection more than ever before. As members of the Air Reserve Component, we know our mission is "homeland defense." But if any of us are disposed by a terrorist act, we will have in some measure failed to accomplish that mission. Therefore, we owe it to the American people to protect ourselves in order to protect our homeland. It would be a tremendous shock to the American public to lose a Guardsman or Reservist who is dedicated to protecting our nation.

What can we do about force protection? Force protection begins with the individual member. There are some simple things we can do to make ourselves "harder" targets. One example is performing a quick walk around inspection of your Privately Owned Vehicle first thing in the morning, especially if it was parked outdoors overnight. This simple task hardens you immeasurably. Other simple hardening tactics could be driving a different route to work from time to time, parking in different parking spots, limiting your exposure to the public in uniform (especially after duty hours), and being cautious of mail from unknown sources. All these actions are just common sense, but each greatly enhances your own protection. We're obligated to give the American taxpayers what they've paid for, which (for now) is homeland defense. Let's join together to help keep our country strong. God bless America!

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This is your news source. Take it home with you to share with family, friends, and employers.

On The Cover



Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran

Reservists on Tinker AFB respond and report for active duty as directed by the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up. 231 reservists with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron reported in Sep. 20 and more than 35 reservists with the 507th Security Forces Squadron reported in Sep. 29.

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The 507th ARW Family Support Office is here for you

New name, same mission

507th Family Support Office

The 507th ARW Family Readiness Office is now officially the Family Support office. The mission has not changed...taking care of 507 ARW and 513 ACG reservists and their families. The family support staff is committed to keeping personnel informed of family support programs available for their use. Questions should be directed during the week to SMSgt. David Hernandez, Family Support Director, at 405-734-5102. During UTA'S, questions should be directed to MSgt. Darryl Wingo or TSgt. Mary Randolph, 507 MSS/DPAF, at 405-734-6869.

Deployments

With the recent deployments, we are reminded again of the reason why we serve in the Air Force Reserve -- Ready when called. This cannot be possible without the support from family members. It is equally as important to provide support for them as well.

The time to get prepared, however, is not the day or two before you have to leave but starts months or years before the call comes. Think back to 1990, Aug. 1 to be exact! It was a normal and care-free summer with many of us getting ready for school shopping, final summer vacations, and not quite ready to think about the approaching fall. Then, when we woke up on Aug. 2 the summer plans had changed for many members of the armed forces including those in the National Guard and Reserves. We did not get to be part of the school supplies shopping, had to cancel the vacations and did not participate in late summer picnics. Unfortunately, many families were not prepared for the long months of separation. Personal and family readiness is something you need to be thinking about

before the deployment takes place. That's what the Family Support office is here to help you with. We are the Family Support Office and we are here to assist the entire family prepare for time of separations. In the following articles are some topics to help you in your preparation and to let you know what is available to your family.

Family Support Guidance



Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

Reservists serving in the 507th ARW and the Air Force Reserve remain trained and ready. But it also takes the support of their families to keep them ready. Family support is so important that the 507th ARW has devoted an office specifically for family members of reservists.

The 507th ARW Family Support Office is devoted to working with and giving information to spouses and children of reservists for all situations effected by reserve commitments and other family matters that may arise.

(Above photo) TSgts Mary Randolph and Darryl Wingo are your point of contacts in the Family Support Office. Reservists and family members can contact them at 734-6869 or 734-7963 or visit the Family Support website at:

www.afrc.af.mil/507arw

The military commitment that reservist makes have a profound effect on their families. There is no denying the military lifestyle; the possibility of unexpected deployments, often into areas where there is unrest, can play havoc on a family unit. Family Readiness offers a variety of services to support military families during these stressful times.

Family Support programs are ready made for the unique demands of military life. Information and Referral is the cornerstone of the program. Assessments of the family's needs are matched with appropriate resources found either in the community or as a direct service. Ongoing leadership consultation and coordination facilitate timely responses to new demands and situations. Crisis assistance offers short-term support. Deployment assistance ensures personal family readiness during periods of separation. The types of deployment assistance services the family can expect include:

- Family Readiness Data Card completed by mem-

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ber at deployment for special needs

- Information and Referral services to appropriate support agencies

- Video Telephones available at deployed site and unit site

- Assistance with financial questions and concerns

- FAMNET (Family Support global communication network) available at 63 countries (Internet access not required)

- Telephone Tree Roster for communication to the families

- Joint inter-service family assistance services

- Family Support Groups

- Crisis Intervention Assistance

- Morale Calls

- Volunteer opportunities

- Letter Writing kits for Children

- Reunion activities

- E-mail

Parents at a Distance – Ideas and projects for parents that are separated from their children (Coupon Book- Make and send your child a book of coupons that they can redeem when you come home. For example, "Ice cream and a movie" and coupons that can be redeemed while you are away, such as "I will send you a candy bar of your choice.")

Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act- Family members need to know that there is relief provided to the member and family of reservists who are activated. Further questions can be directed to your local JAG office or to a family support center who will refer you to the proper agency. (Under the Soldiers and Sailor's Relief Act, debt payment protections are not automatic. The service member must be able to show that their military income is less than their pre-service income and that the loss affects their ability to meet their financial obligations. If you qualify for this, you can have your mortgage and credit card interest rates reduced to a fixed rate of 6 percent. Service members and their families who encounter personal financial problems should contact their family support office for the appropriate referral.)

AMERICAN RED CROSS Armed Forces Emergency Services

No one ever said that being in the Reserve, National Guard,

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or any other community-based military position was going to be easy for you or your family. Military life, in fact, often creates unforeseen hardships. The good news is that the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) helps community-based military members and their families cope with separation and other special needs related to service in the armed forces. You and your family are entitled to the same valuable Red Cross emergency services as full-time active duty military personnel.

Reference guide to a few support agencies

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>

<http://www.afcrossroads.com/>

<http://www.childabuse.org> - The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse

<http://www.family.com> – Food, travel, entertainment, games, baby advisor and parent problem solver, are some of the highlights of this fun and informative site.

<http://www.parentsplace.com> – Offers a wide range of information and tips on parenting from behavior to medical questions. You can even get your baby's horoscope!

<http://www.parentsoup.com> – This site has virtual communities for each stage of parenting from pre-pregnancy and fertility issues through parenting teens, with formation, resources, chat groups, and "ask the experts" advice.

<http://www.kidsource.com> – Has loads of information on education, health, recreation, parenting and more with an emphasis on the computer. Included is a review of best new software, a search tool, and new products.

<http://www.militarycity.com>

<http://www.vfw.com> – Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Heart's Apart moral calls

507th Family Support Office

The Heart's Apart Morale Call Program is designed to help families keep in touch when separated due to deployments, TDYs, etc. Our goal is to help families stay in touch and ease the stress of separation.

Eligibility

Family members whose military sponsor is TDY or separated fourteen (14) days or more.

Family members whose military sponsor is on a remote tour Guardians of military members children

Guidelines

One call per week is authorized
Calls are limited to fifteen (15) minutes
Calling privileges end when the TDY/Separation ends

Procedures

Military Member Calling Home:

Call base operator via DSN (884-1110)

Ask the operator to place call to off base number. If the off-base number is a long distance call, you must have a calling card number for that portion of the call.

For Family Member Calling Military Member:

Be sure family member has the DSN number of you location. (Operator will not have this info.)

Family member calls the base operator at (405) 732-7321 (Note hours of operation below).

Ask operator to place DSN call. (Family member will have to give the operator the DSN number to be called).

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM Central time

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND
FEDERAL HOLIDAYS ANY TIME**

Video phone

The Family Support Office also has a videophone for your use. It is a great way for separated family members to see each other during the conversation. Especially exciting for children when a parent is away for an extended period. This service is available for all family members (wives, husbands, children, moms, dads and other significant others). So what's needed you might ask? Well, the qualifications are the same

as the Heart's Apart program listed above. Contact the Family Support office and set up a time with someone on the staff. The individual on the other end will need to have access to a Family Support office that is equipped with a videophone as well. Times between these two locations will need to be coordinated and please don't forget about any time zone differences.

Pay Call - Provides Military Pay Information Anytime. Members of the Air Force can now obtain information about their military pay anytime over the telephone.

Dubbed "Pay Call" the automated system will allow members of the Guard and Reserves to get the amount of their most recent paycheck, tour dates, reissued W-2 form, federal and state tax information, total debt amount, and deduction from last pay.

First-time callers will spend extra time on the phone establishing a PIN (personal identification number). Air Force members may establish a second number to allow another person, such as a spouse, to have access.

The number for this convenient service is: 1-800-755-7413

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Denver is sponsoring this service. Those with unique pay questions or problems will still need to call the office or visit their servicing finance or pay office (AFRC News Service)

Where you can obtain copies of your credit report

Check your credit history every one to three years. If you apply and are denied credit, you have the right under federal law to a free copy of your credit report. You must request the report within 30 days of denial. Some bureaus will provide the report free within 60 days of denial. If you want to have the fees waived, because you were recently denied credit, include a copy of the denial letter.

If you find a mistake on one credit report, correct it with that agency, and then write to the other credit agencies and tell them to correct their reports. For a free copy of your credit report try calling one of the following numbers and responding with the appropriate response.

Experian (Formerly TRW) Call (888) 397-3742

Equifax: Call 1-800-685-1111

Trans Union: Call 1-800-836-8761

Family Support Program

Deployments are a fact of life for military members and their families here at Tinker. Single as well as married airmen

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Do you know your...

ENTITLEMENTS?

By SrA Sherri Savent

917th Wing Public Affairs Office

Losing a loved one is never easy, especially in the face of unexpected tragedy. An average of 2,000 service members make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives each year, according to Bonnie Carroll, Founder and President of the organization Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. For family members left behind, there are many questions.

Spouses wonder what are their family's entitlements from the Air Force Reserve if the reservist passes. These and other questions need to be answered and explained to families before tragedy occurs.

Duty status and, in some cases length of tour, are primary or limiting factors in determining entitlements.

See Air Force Reserve Survivors Benefits chart on following page (Page 8)

Line 2 -Death gratuity -Payment is \$6,000. Death gratuity may be paid to the surviving spouse of a member who dies of a service-connected cause within 120 days of release from active duty.

Line 3 -Mortuary services -Transportation of the remains of a retiree who dies while properly admitted to a military medical facility may be paid by the Air Force within certain limitations.

Line 6 -Survivor Benefit Plan -Member on extended active duty of Air National Guard-Active Guard and Reserve, USC Title 32 must have more than 20 years active duty for benefit to be payable. Retiree must have elected coverage. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Social Security may offset the annuity.

Line 7 -Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan -Should the member die after completing the requirements for retired pay at age 60, but before making an election under Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan during the 90-day response period, their survivors would be entitled to an annuity. Otherwise, benefit depends on election made by member.

Line 11 - Medical care and TRICARE are available when the member would have been age 60.

Line 12 - Air Force Services programs -Includes arts and crafts, bowling alleys, child care centers, golf courses, Services supply, libraries, recreation center and youth activities. The support group commander determines the use of Services facilities based on the requirements of assigned personnel.

Line 13 - Officer, NCO and Airmen Open Mess -Surviving spouse is eligible for honorary membership as determined by the Support Group commander.

All benefits must be applied for within certain time limits. Family members should be advised to contact the member's unit as soon as possible for assistance.

are tasked to serve away from their families and homes on an increasing basis. Personal and Family Readiness focuses on planning to ease the stress of separation, by addressing financial, legal and family issues. Members can balance quality of live and mission readiness needs more adeptly when they and their families are prepared for separation.

The Family Support Center Staff is available to assist you during all phases of deployment, to provide resources and support groups whenever possible. Services available are:

Morale Calls - on 15-minute call per week during off duty hours to locations with DSN capability.

Video Phone - See and speak with friends and loved ones live through video hone connection.

Visual Mail - Capture a video clipped personal message 20-30 seconds long and send to friends and loved ones through e-mail.

Pre-deployment briefings - offered at designated times prior to deployment. Spouses may receive individual briefings by appointment if desired but are welcome to attend with the member.

Resource Materials - Handouts, guides.

Helpful websites for survivor benefits

Air Force Reserve: <http://www.afreserve.com>

Air National Guard: <http://www.ang.af.mil>

DEERS E-mail: <http://www.ochampus.mil/>
DEERS Address
(E-mail changes to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System)

Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS)
Indianapolis: <http://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS>

Department of Defense: <http://www.defenselink.mil>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve: <http://www.ncesgr.osd.mil>

Lifelines: <http://www.lifelinesqol.org>

Military Assistance Program "MAPsite": <http://www.dticaw.dtic.mil/mapsite>
(Helpful information on family services, finances, and more.)

Military periodicals: <http://www.dtic.mil/search97doc/aulimp/main.htm>
(Index to Military Periodicals)

AIR FORCE RESERVE SURVIVOR BENEFITS FOR A ...

Surviving spouse of a participating ANG/Reservist with less than 20 years of satisfactory service who died **while not on** IDT, AT, ADS, or Mandays

Surviving spouse of a participating ANG/Reservist with 20 or more years of satisfactory service who died **while on** IDT, AT, ADS, or MPA mandays. Also includes retired reservists entitled to retired pay at age 60 (letter of eligibility for retired pay at age 60)

Surviving spouse of an ANG/Reservist who died **while on** unit training assembly or IDT, including travel to and from

Surviving spouse of an ANG/Reservist who died **while on** AT, ADS, MPA mandays, active duty regardless of purpose, including travel to and from (orders) or serving an AD (Title 10 USC) or ANG/AGR (Title 32 USC)

Surviving spouse of an Air Force retiree (Retired Reserve drawing retired pay) (Blue ID Card)

| | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Casualty Assistance (AFI 36-3002) | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| * 2. Death gratuity payment (DoD Pay Manual, Part 8) | NO | YES | YES | NO | NO |
| * 3. Mortuary services (AFI 34-501) | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO |
| 4. Arrears of pay (DoD Pay Manual, Part 8) | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| 5. Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (AFI 36-3008) | NO | O | O | O | O |
| * 6. Survivor Benefit Plan (AFI 36-3006) | + | + | NO | NO | NO |
| * 7. Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan | + | + | + | + | NO |
| 8. ID & privilege card (AFJI 36-3026) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| 9. Commissary (DoD 1330. 17-R) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| 10 Exchange service & theatre (AFJI 34-210) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| * 11. Medical (AFI 41-115) TRICARE (see Health Benefits Advisor) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| * 12. AF Services programs (AFI 34-262) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |
| * 13. Officer, NCO, and Airman Open Mess (AFI 34-115) | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO |

"YES" indicates general entitlements

"+" indicates benefits depend on RCSBP/SBP election

"O" indicates individual's option - Eligible to collect SGLI if beneficiary; not eligible to be insured

* See notes of page 7

This chart is not meant to imply that all benefits and entitlements are immediate or total. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000, Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213, or the 507th ARW Military Personnel Flight at (405) 734-7491.

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

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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.volod.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm> and click on USAF 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.

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY NCO Academy In-Residence class dates: A letter of recommendation from your unit commander must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT not later than 60 days prior to class start date:

| Class | Quotas | Dates | Location |
|--------|--------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2002-1 | 1 | 08 Nov - 19 Dec 01 | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| 2002-2 | 1 | 07 Jan - 14 Feb 02 | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| 2002-3 | 1 | 26 Feb - 04 Apr 02 | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| 2002-4 | 1 | 16 Apr - 23 May 02 | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| 2002-4 | 1 | 17 Jun - 24 Jul 02 | McGhee Tyson, TN |
| 2002-6 | 1 | 05 Aug - 12 Sep 02 | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| 2002-7 | 1 | 23 Sep - 31 Oct 02 | Tyndall AFB, FL |

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

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 02-03 Mar 02 | 07-08 Sep 02 |
| 06-07 Apr 02 | |

As of 24 September 2001

Fri, 12 Oct 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, 13 Oct 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 |
| 1030-1630 | MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT WILL BE CLOSED | |
| 1030-1630 | FAMILY DAY | 38th EIG Campus |
| 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 |
| 0800-1600 | Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0930-1130 | Hazardous Communication | Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room |
| 0930-1030 | Training Managers Mtg | Bldg 1043, Computer Room |
| 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 |
| 1500 | Fly Safety Mtg | OPS Briefing Room |
| Unit Designated | Sign Out | Unit Designated |

Fri, 02 Nov 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 |

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| 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, 04 Nov 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 | 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 |
| 1500 | Fly Safety Mtg | OPS Briefing Room |
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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. ** NOTE: This schedule is for the October UTA only! Regular schedule will resume in November.

| | <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>OPR</u> |
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| 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 |
| Sunday | 1330-1400 | Security Awareness (C4 SATE) | CF |
| Sunday | 1400-1500 | Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention | SG |
| Sunday | 1500-1530 | Local Conditions-Traffic | SE |
| Sunday | 1530-1600 | Human Relations | ME |

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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Halloween Safety Tips

By the 507th ARW Safety Office

Before Halloween:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
 - Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
 - Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.
 - When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase only those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
 - Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
 - Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
 - This is also a great time to replace the batteries in your home Smoke Alarms.
 - Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
 - Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
 - Consider purchasing individually packaged healthy food alternatives (or safe non-food treats) for those who visit your home.
 - Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- FUN ALTERNATIVES:
- Ask around your community and check your local newspaper for information on special events.
 - Community Centers, Shopping Malls and Churches often have organized festivities.

Before nightfall of Halloween:

- Consider fire safety when decorating. Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects.
- Always keep Jack O' Lanterns and hot electric lamps away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children will be standing or walking.
- Plan and review with your children the route and be-

havior that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when revelers must return home.

- Confine, segregate or otherwise prepare household pets for an evening of frightful sights and sounds. Be sure that all dogs and cats are wearing collars and proper identification tags.
- Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.
- Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver.

When Trick-or-Treating:

- A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - Only go to homes with a porch light on.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
 - Always walk. Never run across a street.
 - Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
 - Never consume food items or drinks that may be offered.
 - No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an Adult at home.
 - Law Enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

After Trick-or-Treating:

- Though tampering is rare, a responsible Adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.

We hope these tips will help you and your family have a safe and happy Halloween.

ECSTASY: A party pill that can end the party

By Maj. Richard Davidson
507th Medical Squadron

An Air Force Academy senior was court-martialed with the potential of having to serve time in jail for fifty-five years. An Air Force member is sentenced to jail for nine months and a dishonorable discharge.

What do these two individuals have in common? They were both charged with use of the designer "party" drug Ecstasy, or the plan to distribute the drug in the case of the academy cadet.

According to the Air Force Surgeon General's office, five times as many airmen tested positive for Ecstasy in 2000, compared with 1999, although the total is small at 61. According to the Department of Defense, out of 2.3 million drug tests given in 2000, there were 1,070 positive hits for Ecstasy. Ecstasy and all illegal drugs are a major problem because it prevents users from performing at their best, causes potential dangerous situations or danger to others since we work with dangerous equipment, affects our readiness and our ability to fly and fight. Illegal drug use should be everyone's concern.

Ecstasy, or MDMD, chemical name 3, 4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine, is a Schedule I synthetic, psychoactive drug possessing stimulant and hallucinogenic properties. MDMA possesses chemical variations of the stimulant amphetamine or met amphetamine and a hallucinogen, most often mescaline. A German company first manufactured MDMA in 1912 possibly to be used as an appetite suppressant. In the late 1970's, MDMA was used to facilitate psychotherapy by a small group of therapists in the United States. There is no current legal medical use of MDMA. In the late 1980's and early 1990's, the use of ecstasy became popular as a "party drug" often called "rave" parties, and also distributed at rock concerts and nightclubs. Ecstasy use has increased as the party scene expanded to metropolitan and suburban areas across the country. More and more teenagers are using Ecstasy as its popularity grows.

MDMD is an oral drug with effects lasting approximately four to six hours. The drug produces profoundly positive feelings, empathy, elimination of anxiety, and extreme relaxation. It has been said that MDMA suppresses the need for sleep, eat, or drink enabling users to remain awake for several days. As a result of these effects, users often become severely dehydrated or develop severe exhaustion.

MDMA is not as addictive as heroin or cocaine, but that does not make it any less dangerous. MDMA can cause nausea, hallucinations, chills, sweating, increases in body temperature, tremors, involuntary teeth clenching, muscle cramping, and blurred vision. MDMA overdose is characterized by

high blood pressure, faintness or lightheadedness, and panic attacks. In severe overdoses, loss of consciousness, seizures, dramatic rise in body temperature resulting in heat stroke or heart failure that can be fatal can and do occur.

The long-term effects of MDMA use are not known. It is thought that the use of MDMA damages the neurons in the brain that transmit serotonin, and there may be a risk of developing permanent brain damage that may result in depression, anxiety, memory loss, and other neuropsychotic disorders. MDMA remains in the blood for several days after use. Many people are under the assumption that MDMA cannot be detected with a urine drug screen. That cannot be further from the truth. MDMA will detect as an amphetamine on a urine or blood drug screen, and it can be detected for several days after use. Positive drug screens for this substance can have several legal manifestations including loss of civilian employment, separation from the military under less than honorable conditions, or possibly prosecution under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Ecstasy currently is being manufactured illegally in Western Europe, primarily in the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as smaller labs in the U.S. It is also made in Russia and by some factions in Israel. Ecstasy can be found in either tablet or capsule form with varying appearances. Different forms of the pill are shown in illustration 1. Prices for the drug in bulk quantity are approximately eight dollars per dosage unit in the mid-wholesale level and are being sold in clubs in the U.S. for twenty to thirty dollars per dosage unit. The use of MDMA among teenagers in the U.S. is rising according to Department of Health and DEA statistics.

In conclusion, Ecstasy, XTC, or MDMA is a drug that is becoming popular in the dance club scene. It is a dangerous drug with potentially deadly results. The use of Ecstasy can be detected in urine drug screens, and can lead to serious consequences. As military members, we are required to obey the law and to avoid any situations that can affect our health or cause harm to others or ourselves. We must always be vigilant. Illegal substances lessen our ability to respond to situations appropriately. Don't become a statistic. Stay away from any situation where this drug or any other illegal substance is being distributed. It may not just be your career that you ruin; it could be your life.

Sources: Department of Justice; Drug Enforcement Administration; www.ecstasy.org; www.ecstasyaddiction.com; www.nida.nih.gov/drugpages/mdma.html.

Telling children about 'Bullies'

By Al Tompkins
The Pointer Institute

It is difficult enough for adults to understand terrorism, imagine how difficult it is for children. They are being inundated with images of people suffering on television and every other medium.

Parents and other adults who interact with young people can help reassure kids. They should not sweep legitimate concerns and fears under the rug, but open talks with young people about the terrible events in the news. Kim Walton, a clinical nurse specialist in child and adolescent mental health, told Poynter.org that adults should reassure kids that while these attacks were terrible and lots of people got hurt, there is no reason to believe that anyone else is in danger. The children should know this is not a movie, not a video game — it is real. But it is not in the back yard for most kids. You could help them understand where the events took place. Children usually are less concerned about what happened than with "how this affects my world. Will I be safe tomorrow?"

Parents can explain what happened using language that kids understand. The people who did these bad things are like bullies. The best way to fight bullies is to not be afraid of them. It is smart to learn all you can about them. That is why we watch the news, to know what is going on, so we can make good decisions about what to do about the bullies.

Walton says parents and teachers should watch for signs that kids are feeling unsafe: "When children feel threatened, they will regress. We will see behavior changes, nightmares, difficulty getting to sleep or difficulty concentrating in class."

www.talkingwithkids.org points out that the first thing parents and teachers can do is to help kids understand how the news works.

News reports focus on the unusual. While this might seem obvious to adults, it can be difficult for children to understand. Remember that children will not understand the frequency with which events occur. If they hear about break-ins, injury, or murder in their area (even if the area is a large one that contains millions of people) the fact that the event was important enough to be reported as news will lead them to believe that these are very common events. Help children develop a realistic sense of danger, and limit their exposure to gruesome reviews of crime and injury. Parents can point out that the public seldom sees a news story focused on the thousands of airplanes that take off and land safely on any given day, that it becomes headline news when out of those many safe flights, one is involved in a plane crash. News coverage of particular issues often is disproportionate to their occurrences in the lives of nearly all people.

Here are some tips for parents and keep in mind these generalizations may not be true for all children.

What is your child ready to see and know?

Preschool age (under age six) kids have a limited ability to discern the fantasy of an entertainment show from the reality of news. In most cases they don't really see a difference between a car wreck on TV news and a car wreck in the movies. At the same time, kids in this age range are as likely to be afraid of what they see on the news as they are of dragons, or other fictional worries. Most experts do warn that prolonged exposure to news and other media can lead to the "desensitization" of kids. That is, commonplace crime and violence seen in the news and other media can work to reduce the emotional response of even the most shocking images among viewers. Parents should use caution when allowing preschool children to be exposed to all types of media. Talking with Kids strongly cautions against allowing your preschooler to watch the news without your supervision.

Psychologically, kids between the ages of six and 10 are most vulnerable to what they see on the news. They know the difference between fantasy and reality, but they lack perspective. Instead of worrying about monsters under the bed, they tend to worry about real dangers like kidnapping, car wrecks and tornadoes. During this time, it is most important to watch the news and other media with your child. If you find these things especially disturb the child, consider turning off the news.

Adolescents (age 11 and up) have grown to be much more media savvy. They have a better understanding of the difference between fact and fiction and are expanding their own perspectives on a daily basis. But their constant exposure to media and peers can lead to conflicting information and confusion. As the parent of an adolescent, you can't be there to monitor everything your child is exposed to, but it is important to check in with the child about the media and other issues the adolescent is beginning to experience.

Watch or read the news with your kids

A great way to alleviate the fear and confusion of the news is to share the experience with your child. By reading the newspaper together in the morning or watching a nightly news broadcast with your child, you will be able to know exactly what they are being exposed to and can talk with them about it.

Keep the Conversation Going

The best way to make sure kids know they are safe is to talk with them about what they see and hear. If your child is

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Facts about the Tuberculin Skin Test

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The tuberculin skin test commonly known as the TB tine test is important to every person in the 507th ARW. The purpose, precautions, description, preparation, and aftercare considerations of this test is critical to prevent and identify tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis (TB) is an airborne infectious diseases caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The TB tine test is a screening tool designed to help identify individuals who may have been infected by the tuberculosis bacteria. A diagnosis of tuberculosis is never made based on the results of a TB skin test, but requires further testing including a sputum culture and a chest x-ray.

Tuberculosis is spread through the air, especially in poorly ventilated areas. It is more commonly found among people living in crowded conditions, such as jails, nursing homes, and homeless shelters. People can be exposed to TB without showing any symptoms or necessarily developing the disease. Anyone who has had close contact with someone who has active tuberculosis (such as a friend or family member) has a weakened immune system (immunocompromised), either from a chronic disease, such as HIV infection, or as a result of a tissue or organ transplant should be tested.

Although generally considered safe, it is important to inform the person conducting the test if you may be pregnant, have had a positive TB test in the past, or have had tuberculosis in the past. People who have had a positive TB test in the past will probably always have a positive test and should not be tested again. Also, anyone who is known to have active TB should not be tested because the local reaction to the test may be so severe that it requires surgical care.

The skin test takes just a minute to administer and feels more like a pinprick than a shot. After 48-72 hours, the test site will be examined by a trained person for evidence of swelling. People who have been exposed to tuberculosis will develop an immune response, causing a slight redness or swelling at the injection site. Reactions may not peak until after 72 hours in elderly individuals or those who are being tested for the first time. If there is a lump or swelling, the health care provider will use a ruler to measure the size of the reaction.

worried about the country going to war, or that the "bad guys" will hurt them, talk with him or her about the chances of that happening and what it would mean for the child's safety. Additionally, let your children know not to be ashamed or afraid to talk with you whenever they see something they don't understand.

Use the news as an opportunity to discuss tough issues with your kids. Kids tend to resist formal discussions, often thinking they are in for another lecture from mom or dad. If we use "talk opportunities," moments that arise in everyday life, our kids are less likely to tune us out.

Share your feelings about the news you see

Your kids are watching you, Walton says, "to see how they should react to all of this. As a parent, you have the opportunity to be the first person to instill in your child your sense of values and moral principles. Research shows that children want and need moral guidance from their parents. Try starting off a conversation with something like, "That news report bothers me, because I don't believe people should settle their differences with violence."

Let your kids know the difference between news and reality.

The events in New York and Washington are so devastating that they seem more like a movie than reality. It is a good time to point out the difference between the news and movies or other entertainment.

Violence in schools is an example of a prevalent story in the news. So prominent, in fact, that adults and kids alike are afraid that violence is sure to happen in their schools. The reality, however, is that the chance is fewer than one in two million that a child will be injured during a violent outbreak at school. Make sure your kids know that just because they saw it on the news, it doesn't mean it is likely to happen to them.

Acknowledge your child's fears

Even though many of the stories reported in the news may never happen to you or your child, the fear these stories can bring out is real. That's why it is important to reassure a child that there are people working to make sure the child's personal world will remain safe. An older child might be comforted by a few additional details: "Dad and Mom aren't the only ones watching over you. Adults in the community, like neighbors, the police, and teachers are all looking out for your safety."

In conclusion, take time to teach your children. Admit the news is complex or select kid-friendly news sources for your child. All news is not created equal.

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507 CLSS performs off-station training

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During the July 2001 Unit Training Assembly (UTA), members of the 507 Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) Maintenance Section performed UTAs at two off-station locations -- Altus AFB Okla. and McConnell AFB Kansas -- to get aircraft specific training, not locally available at Tinker AFB Okla.

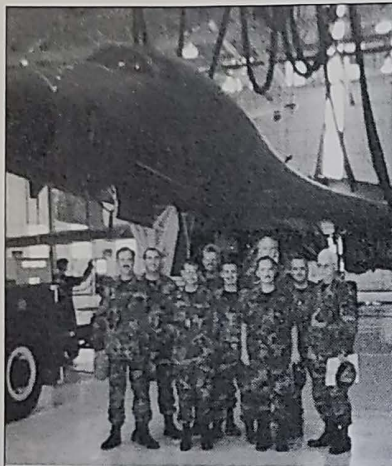
Members of two KC-135 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) teams and Structural Repair Technicians on the B-52 ABDR Team were scheduled for training at Altus.

Meanwhile, members of the B-1 ABDR team were scheduled for hands-on training on B-1 aircraft with the 184th Bomb Group, Kansas Air National Guard. The B-1 team also received B-1 egress training, an annual requirement.

At Altus AFB, two traditional reservists, SMSgt. Marie Johnson and MSgt. John Manning, also civil service employees at Altus, were instrumental in setting up training and arranging for Civil Service Supervisors to be present. Prior to the UTA, KC-135B Team Chief, SMSgt. Terrie Munsey prepared a spreadsheet of desired training for the teams as it related to core tasks in the Career Field and Education Training Plan (CFETP).

At Altus AFB, CLSS Specialists and Crew Chiefs had complete access to two KC-135 aircraft. They were able to break out the technical orders and operate electrical and hydraulic systems. Munsey checked off items on her spreadsheet as each member completed core tasks.

Also at Altus AFB, CLSS Structural Repair Technicians had complete access to all equipment in the sheet metal



507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron's B-1 Team at McConnell AFB, Kansas.

shop. Team members used a tube-bending machine to manufacture a pneumatic tube for a C-17 aircraft. Also, SrA James Quick, who was awaiting technical school, was given a sheet metal template to practice shooting rivets, putting him miles ahead of the competition when he reported to Structural Repair Tech School later in the month.

The following is some of the feedback that was received from the troops at Altus: "Excellent training environment." Another said "Great training for specialists because of more aircraft, 24 KC-135s and also C-5s and C-17s." TSgt. Clifford Wall of the KC-135A Team said,

"This additional training really helps to hone our skills." The training at Altus was exceptional and is one of the best training locations for the CLSS. Meanwhile, at McConnell AFB, members of the B-1 Team were involved in several maintenance tasks. Sheet metal technicians performed cap and rib forming replacement on a B-1 leading edge slat skin. Electrical/Environmental technicians troubleshoot a B-1 intermittent in-flight wheel well hot light. Fuel Cell Technicians worked on a B-1 Time Compliance Technical Order. Hydraulic technicians installed chaff teflon guards on B-1 aircraft. Team Members also completed their annual egress training requirement. The B-1 team has to accomplish this training at a B-1 base on annual tour or an off-station UTA.

At Tinker AFB, the B-1 Team normally works on B-1 aircraft in depot status. MSgt. David Henke, B-1 Team Chief said "McConnell was a chance for our team to work on live aircraft."

CLSS members at each off-station location received excellent training and the feedback from them was very positive. The CLSS annual training plan calls for a mix of off-station and home-station UTAs during the year. The off-station training is a morale builder, allowing technicians who normally work on depot or ABDR aircraft, a chance to receive aircraft specific training on live aircraft.



SrA James Quick (Left) receives sheet metal repair instructions from TSgt. Timothy Parker while training at Altus AFB, Okla.

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Port mortuary specialists go to work after Pentagon attack

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Sept. 13 - Nearly 200 Air Force Reserve Command port mortuary reservists will perform the grim task of identifying and processing remains in the wake of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

The reservists will report to the U.S. military's port mortuary at Dover AFB, Del., and serve for 15 days, said 1st Lt. Libby Itanen, a reserve port mortuary officer.

"All of the reservists are volunteers and will be leaving as soon as transportation is available to go to Dover," Chief Master Sgt. Von Putman, chief of the readiness division for the AFRC services directorate, said Sept. 13. "They'll be put to work as soon as they get there."

Air Force reservists support America's recovery efforts

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Sept. 14 - In California, search and rescue teams board an Air Force Reserve Command C-141 Starlifter aircraft at March Air Reserve Base and a Reserve C-5 Galaxy at Travis AFB bound for McGuire AFB, N.J.

Halfway across the nation, a Reserve C-5 lifts off from the Lackland AFB, Texas, runway carrying Air Force medical teams and their equipment to McGuire. At Scott AFB, Ill., C-9 Nightingales shuttle to Andrews AFB, Md., and back to Scott with patients.

Closer to the sites of terrorist attacks on America, 22 surgical, trauma and critical-care specialists from the Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Medical Center, along with medical supplies and equipment, leave the base on a Reserve C-141 for McGuire.

Reserve chaplains minister to port mortuary workers

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Sept. 14 - Air Force Reserve chaplains and chaplain assistants are going to Dover AFB, Del., to minister to service personnel and others who identify and process the remains of Pentagon workers killed in Sept. 11's terrorist attack.

"People are vulnerable at this time," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey L. Neuberger, chief of personnel and readiness for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain Service here. "Chaplains and assistants will be present to minister to those people dealing with their own mortality, and the difficult and emotional aspect of identifying those who lost their lives."

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President approves partial mobilization of reserve forces

WASHINGTON - Sept. 14 - President Bush approved Sept. 14 a request by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld for an order to call up to 50,000 reservists to active duty.

Each service has reviewed its missions and thus far identified personnel requirements for reservists as follows: Army, 10,000; Air Force, 13,000; Navy, 3,000; Marines, 7,500; and Coast Guard, 2,000.

These reservists will provide port operations, medical support, engineer support, general civil support and homeland defense.

Air Force reservist killed on hijacked 757

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Sept. 21 - An Air Force reservist, who served as an Air Force Academy admissions liaison officer, was among those killed during one of the terrorist hijackings.

Maj. LeRoy Wilton Homer Jr., 36, was the first officer aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which took off the morning of Sept. 11 from Newark, N.J., bound for San Francisco. Flight 93 was one of four civilian airliners hijacked and crashed by terrorists that day.

Patriotism sparks increase in recruiting inquiries

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Sept. 21 - With patriotism running at an all-time high, Air Force Reserve Command recruiters are seeing a jump in inquiries since the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

"We normally average 200 Internet leads a day, which are our most promising leads," said Col. Kevin Reinert, deputy director of recruiting at Headquarters AFRC here. "In the past week, we've averaged 450 leads a day."

4 Reserve flying units receive call-up notice

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Sept. 24 - The Department of Defense announced Sept. 20 the call-up of reservists from four Air Force Reserve Command flying units as part of the partial mobilization authorized by President Bush.

In the initial call-up, the units, locations and number of reservists authorized to report for active-duty military service are:

- 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., 644 reservists;
- 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., 373
- 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., 337; and
- 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla. 231.

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Update

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing September 8-9 during the UTA:
Is there anything you would like to say to your family?



TSgt. Camille Davidson, 507th Medical Squadron
"I'd like to thank my family for supporting me throughout my military career. They have been an inspiration my entire life."

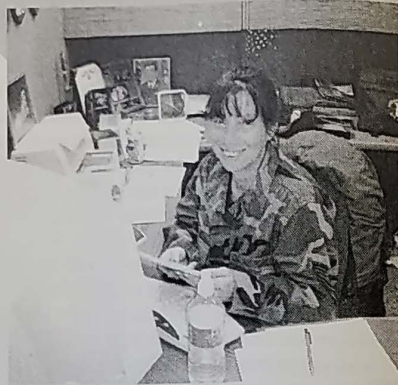


SrA Stacey Watkins
507th Combat Logistics Spt Sq.
"To my family - thanks for all your support through the years."



SrA Jeff Gabel
507th Security Forces Sq.
"My wife knows I love her."

Amn. David Vanderbrug
507th Combat Logistic Support Sq.
"Thanks dad for helping me get in and getting here."



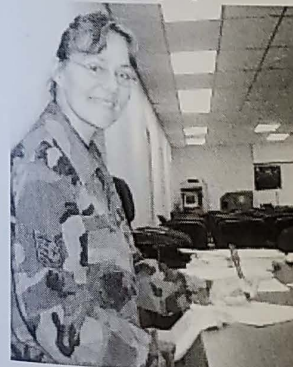
TSgt. Susan Poole, 507th Air Refueling Wing
"Thanks for teaching me the meaning of commitment and unconditional love."



MSgt. Garvin Bradley
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.
"To my wife, thanks for putting up with me on that Vegas camping trip."



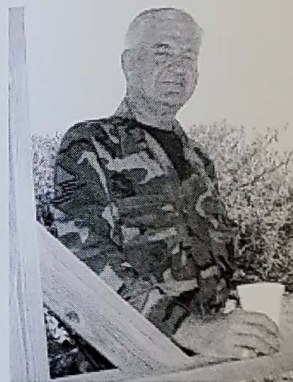
TSgt. David Rowles
507th Maintenance Squadron
"To my wife, thanks for all your support and schedule juggling."



TSgt. L. Absous
507 Medical Squadron
"To my husband, thanks for the help and support. To my son, thanks for your patience with mom being gone."



TSgt. Lester Nichols
507th Logistics Spt Sq.
"A man that goes out looking for friends won't find any, a man going out being a friend finds many, and I've found friends in transportation."



TSgt. Don Cantrell
507th Security Forces Sq.
"I love my kid and I appreciate his putting up with dad being gone all the time."



SrA Travis Strong
507th Medical Squadron
"I'd like to thank my wife for her patience and understanding through-



SSgt. David House
507th Security Forces Sq.
"To my kids in Texas, I miss you and daddy loves you."

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ROA sponsors

Operation Angel Tree

The Reserve Officer Association (ROA) local (campus) chapter is sponsoring OPERATION ANGEL TREE. Gifts donated will find their way to the Norman Veterans Home for elderly veterans that would otherwise go without gifts during the holidays.

The tree is set up in the main foyer of the 507th HQ building (1043). If you consider that there are only 6 more working (UTA) days until Christmas, then it's not too early at all. Please consider giving.

We are also putting out the OPERATION HOLIDAY SPIRIT donation boxes in the main entry-ways throughout the campus, in order to begin collecting clothing, toys and food, should agencies need these items early due to the crisis on the east coast.

SGLI for spouses automatic starting Nov. 1

Automatic coverage of the Service member's Group Life insurance program for spouses is scheduled to take effect Nov. 1.

There is a cost associated with this automatic coverage depending on spouses age and amount of coverage.

If you do not wish for this benefit to

take effect, you can visit the 507th ARW Military Personnel Flight to fill out the form required to block this coverage before Nov. 1.

UCI postponed, not cancelled

Because of the real world events the UCI has been postponed. We have been granted time to fix things and improve our processes even further to really show the IG team how prepared we are.

Until the UCI is rescheduled please commit to the following:

1. Finish up and close all SAV observations
2. Per Wing OI conduct a self-inspection during January 2002.
3. Read and be familiar with the new core compliance areas.
4. Tweak and improve what you can.

Computer security

AFI 33-119 "ELECTRONIC MAIL MANAGEMENT AND USE" outlines the danger to our systems.

"Failure to observe the prohibitions and mandatory provisions of paragraphs 3.1 and 3.3 and its subparagraphs by military personnel is a violation on Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Violations by civilian employees may result in administrative disciplinary action without regard to otherwise applicable criminal or civil sanctions for violations of related laws."

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Backup all critical data files daily and store a set of your data at an off-site location.

Remove all preview panes from Microsoft Outlook.



(Left to right) TSgt. Kelly Witt, A1C Barbara Gatlin, MSgt. Norma Foster, and SSgt. Misty Mowery place red, white, and blue ribbons on car antennas showing support for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.