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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean Despinoy

Show your pride to UCI Team!

I just received the out-brief for our "excellent" ASEP and the 507th is already looking at another major inspection. Will the opportunity to excel never end? Believe it or not the UCI team will be on campus prior to the next (April) UTA. I know that we have had a lot of people working hard for a long time making sure that we come away with the grade we deserve.

I call on everyone to put his or her focus on final preparation for the UCI. I know that we will have a busy UTA, especially since we will also have a Safety Down Day on Sunday and Maj Gen Czekanski, 4AF Commander, will be visiting us. But look on the bright side; at least we

don't have a change of command this UTA.

Make sure that proper coordination takes place between the ARTs, civilians and the traditional reservists. Plan now on who is going to present the information to the inspector. Make orders requests on this (March) UTA as appropriate. Make sure that any and all previous findings have been reviewed and closed. If we have recommended that a finding be closed and 4th Air Force has not yet forwarded the recommendation, make sure that fact is noted on the self-inspection.

Lt. Col. Lauth and his team will be contacting you to take care of clean up items. Please give this the highest priority. Also make sure that the Family Care packages are current. There is a command wide interest in this area, especially because of all the activation.

Finally, be yourself and let the pride show through. If you are excited about your program, the inspector will be too. I look forward to the UCI out-brief at the conclusion of the April UTA, I know that it will be another "excellent" experience.



From the Chief

by CMSgt. Bob Kellington
507th ARW Command CMSgt.

"Leadership"

As we go through our careers, we will encounter many different types of leadership styles and in most instances get to read about leadership. How do we know we are leaders?

You can be a leader at any rank. Most think you have to have some rank to be a leader. Many of you have at some time in your lives have been referred to as a leader.

How do I know this? You are in the Air Force Reserve and it takes a special kind of person to do what you do. We do not wait for things to happen. We are active in our communities, churches, and schools.

We show genuine concern for the lives and families of the people we work with. We are genuine when showing appreciation for the work done by others to make our job, squadron, wing, and world better. We do this by giving folks positive reinforcement.

It is the lack of positive reinforcement - "atta boys" - that can tear an organization down at any level. We are blessed with what I call "OKIE SPIRIT." We are a motivated force. We are known for our work ethic and positive attitude. We take pride in our past and are ready for anything that the future throws at us. We must always keep in our minds how we got here.

How can we continue? It is easy - we need to thank our people for a job well done. You will find that a little "pat on the back" can make everyone's day better.

We are "FOREVER READY, ALWAYS THERE."

Make worship a habit

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie K. Sias

A few weeks ago my 6-year-old son and I were spending time with each other. My son is a very jovial little boy and you really don't know when something funny is coming out of his mouth. While he was sitting on my lap, he asked me a question I wasn't ready for. He said, "Daddy, do you know what a habit is?"

I quickly played the "you tell me what a habit is" game, as most parents do. He looked at me and said, "A habit is some-

thing you do without thinking." I was so happy because he was absolutely right. God has created us to worship Him. Psalm 95: 6 says, "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Worship draws us to the heart of God and places us in His Presence. Worship will be comfort and peace to your life.

Every UTA weekend, the Chaplain's office provides you with an opportunity to worship. The worship schedule is on the UTA schedule printed in the center page of the On-Final. I pray that each of us will 'make worship a habit' in your personal lives.

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On The Cover

U.S. Air Force Photo by Capt. Son Satterlee

During a ceremony steeped in military tradition, Col. Dean Despinoy assumed command of the 507th Air Refueling Wing from Col. Tim Wrighton last month. Pictured above, Col. Despinoy receives command of the unit from Col. Harold Mitchell, 4th Air Force vice commander.

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Meissner receives Billy Hughes Award

A logistics management specialist with the 507th Logistics Support Squadron, MSgt. John Meissner was presented with the award during the annual Reserve Dining Out banquet

MSgt. John Meissner was chosen last January as the 507th Air Refueling Wing's 2001 Billy Hughes Award recipient.

The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for exemplary enlisted service was established in 1998. The award recognizes an enlisted member who best exemplifies the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. The annual award commemorates the life of TSgt. Billy Lee Hughes, an Air Reserve Technician who died while serving on active duty with the unit.

Sergeant Meissner, a logistics management specialist with the 507th Logistics Support Squadron, was presented with the award during the annual Reserve Dining Out banquet. Meissner was instrumental last year in the development of the KC-135 debrief package depicting aircraft status, an invaluable tool that ensured aircraft supporting Operation Enduring Freedom met emergency war order readiness.

Tasked with phenomenal responsibility of coordinating manning requirements for 400 personnel, Meissner smoothly coordinated with individual squadrons and the Military Personnel Flight to accurately update manning documents on promotions, projected gains and went the extra mile to work with recruiters to reduce critical unit vacancies. His efforts provided his commanders the ability to check real time manning status at a glance.

Meissner was responsible for computer loading, tracking and managing more than 10,000 pieces of his organizations war ready assets and ensured moment's notice deployability. While also serving as acting Logistics Support Squadron superintendent his natural leadership abilities facilitated the effective use of resources, material, manning and oversight for a \$600,000 annual budget supporting four squadrons. His efforts to improve his unit's mobility program received an outstanding rating during a 4th Air Force staff assistance visit.

Meissner takes on the accountability for monthly evaluation and on-demand updates of mobility positions, ensuring personnel are assigned properly, possess the proper skill levels and meet all medical requirements to support a 100 percent deployable rating. He meticulously schedules vital mobility training such as pallet build-up, cargo preparation and marking, and hazardous shippers declarations throughout the wing, ensuring sufficient personnel are qualified. He demonstrated diligent self-discipline in upgrade training for this one-person



MSgt. John Meissner, Billy Hughes Award winner, receives a trophy from CMSgt. Robert Kellington.

position, completing his 7-level CDC's in 3 months. While he awaits technical school for upgrade training, he currently performs at the 9-skill level. He earned an associate degree in psychology from Rose State College and a baccalaureate degree in theology/pastoral ministries from Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College.

An ordained minister; he dedicates countless hours and provides support as a staff counselor. He provides empathetic education and counseling on personal sensitive issues of premarital, marital guidance and depression to participants at multiple Oklahoma City area churches. He provides compassionate spiritual support and comfort to the elderly during difficult times, dedicating over 40 hours per month visiting local hospitals and nursing homes. As a member of the Capitol Hill Full Gospel Church music team, he sets a positive example for young people of today to stay involved in their community. Meissner is also an active member of the Tinker AFB Top 3 Association.

Meissner is highly involved in Wing and community functions; he assisted in the set-up/clean-up of the 2000 Billy Hughes awards Banquet; during family day drove buses to ensure members arrived safely; and was involved in Operation Holiday Spirit, ensuring the less privileged receive gifts in the true spirit of the holidays. He also generously volunteers time to assist squadrons outside the Logistics Group with their mobility requirements, ensuring they are standardized and running at the most efficient level to allow for a rapid deployment.

Wing 'aces' test of operational performance

The men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing hosted a team from 15th Air Force for an Aircrew Standardization & Evaluation Visit (ASEV) last month. As reported in the last month's On-Final, the ASEV team specifically assesses the capabilities of the standardization/evaluation, training, cargo loading, tactics, and flight management offices, and flight examiners, instructors and all unit crew members to perform the wing mission.

The team also inspected the unit's publications, comprised of technical orders, checklists and in-flight guides, seeking discrepancies from current guidance. During the visit, unit pilots and operations personnel were evaluated in several areas: written testing, mission and instrument flight, in-flight publications currency, and other areas.

According to former 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, Col. Timothy J. Wrighton, "We had a lot of stuff on our plate during their visit to include marginal weather, change of command, distinguished visitors on campus, additional alert taskings, and a shortened duration for the ASEV, but it was not going to hinder our abilities to get the mission done or show the team our best performance. The team witnessed that it is in these times the Okies don't just get the job done, we excel! Kudos to all those who contributed to our success."

The 507th Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Karl J. Hurdle took the formal out brief and said, "Our unit has vali-

dated that we are performing our operational mission and doing it while going well above and beyond just minimum standards. This unit aptly earns their name - 'SH Okies!' I'm very proud to be a part of the best AFRC unit I've ever been associated with."

During the out brief, the team chief, Wing Commander Fred Harbottle (British Royal Air Force) said, "The 507th ARW is more than prepared to perform the wing mission. As evidenced in every program, you exceed the standards."

The preliminary overall grade announced for the unit was "Excellent." Of the 16 programs evaluated, the 507th received 1 outstanding rating, 12 excellent ratings, and 3 satisfactory ratings. No programs were rated marginal or unsatisfactory. "Aircrew testing and flight performance was also very strong," said Harbottle. Four outstanding performers were identified by the team during the visit, Lt. Col. Michael Tucker, MSgt. John Williams, MSgt. John Wilson, and Maj. John Philebaum, who was the unit's ASEV coordinator.

According to Philebaum, "We knew we would exceed their expectations and we proved it. I add my appreciation to all those in operations, logistics and support who helped make the team visit an overwhelming success. Success is not measured solely by an overall rating, but also by the endeavors of those individuals in the background who make the team look great - thanks again."

Commander's coins given

During the February drill, the following Commander's Coins were presented to unit members.

SMSgt. David Liszeski, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I presented my Commander's Coin to Sergeant Liszeski for his contribution to the outstanding success of the Billy Hughes Award Banquet and for being elected for another term as President of the 507th ARW Top Three." — Maj. Renee Lane, 507th CES commander

TSgt. Nikki Johnson, 507th Maintenance Squadron

"I gave my coin to Sergeant Johnson for her excellent work Friday in getting my office paperwork straight and ready for the weekend." - Lt. Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander

TSgt. Tracy North, 507th Logistics Support Squadron

"To prepare for the UCI, Sergeant North audited all training records in the squadron and Logistic Group Staff

agencies ensuring their compliance with requirements. This was in addition to supporting training managers in the other Logistic Group squadrons maintain their records in an exemplary manner. She conducts spot checks to maintain 100% accuracy. Thanks to her efforts, and unending dedication and patience, documentation efforts have improved significantly in this high interest item. She exemplifies the core value of "excellence in all we do!" — Capt. Sandra Brooks, 507th LSS commander

SSgt. Caroline Rutledge, 507th Mission Support Squadron

"Sergeant Rutledge received a coin for her professional, positive and pleasant attitude when assisting personnel in her work area, she is the epitome of what customer service is about. She readily provides answers to our troops regarding SGLI and Dental Insurance, giving them a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities. She is our go to person for Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and can be relied on to get it done right the first time." — CMSgt. Robert Kellington, 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant

Top enlisted of quarter named

Three "Okies" have earned top honors as 507th Air Refueling Wing senior non-commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and airman of the quarter. The winners are MSgt. Kathy Smith, Senior NCO; TSgt. William Dean, NCO; and A1C Curtis Clowdus, airman of the quarter.

MSgt. Kathy Smith serves as an aircraft maintenance specialist with the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Sergeant Smith has 16 years maintenance experience and holds two Air Force specialty codes as an aircraft maintenance specialist and an aero repair specialist.

Following the attack on the World Trade Centers, Smith volunteered to assist the 507th ARW in direct support of Operation Noble Eagle. Her long history of devotion to duty and self-sacrifice are evidenced by her numerous awards.

She takes on responsibilities that are beyond her rank and makes it a point to personally invest her time in enhancing her skills and maintaining her 7-level requirements as a crew chief.

TSgt. William Dean serves as a utilities systems craftsman with the 507th Civilian Engineer Squadron.

Dean is a solid performer and was hand picked to serve as the job site leader on the Expeditionary Combat Support Training and Certification Center (TCC) project. His profes-

sional style and leadership skills have proved to be a tremendous asset to his unit. As the volunteer Safety NCOIC for the TCC project Dean consistently reviews trade publications in order to provide valuable information to the crew he manages. His attitude enables him to recognize the need to continually improve his professional education before he is required. This devotion to self-improvement and willingness to grow personally and professionally not only benefits Dean but the crew he manages as well.

A1C Curtis Clowdus is a pneudraulics system mechanic with the 507th Maintenance Squadron. Clowdus consistently demonstrates the utmost reliability, proficiency, and competence in flight line, backshop, and isochronal inspection maintenance on the KC-135R aircraft. As a key maintenance team member, Clowdus provides paramount shop support with respect to building brakes.

His availability and flexibility enables his unit to support all tasked alert lines. He is considered an indispensable asset to his unit and the community from which he comes.

A graduate of Yukon High School, Clowdus stays highly involved in his hometown community as an avid supporter of the Yukon Citizens Fire Academy.

Certificate presented to Tulsa businessman

On Tuesday, Feb 4th, the 507th ARW presented James Davidson of PricewaterhouseCoopers the "My Boss is a Patriot" Award for support of the Air Force Reserve. James is a manager at PwC's BPO Solutions Centre in Tulsa. Davidson was nominated for the award by his team member, 1st Lt. Dave Neville of the 507 Operations Support Flight, for supporting him during his deployments for Operation Northern Watch and Operation Noble Eagle.

The award also recognizes Neville's team members at PwC for covering his work while on deployment. PricewaterhouseCoopers, the world's largest professional services firm, showed their support of the AF Reserve by providing dedicated personnel at their New York headquarters just to handle military leave. They also simplified the paperwork process and provided full pay and benefits during Neville's deployment to Incirlik AB, Turkey.



CMSgt. Al Garza, Mr. James Davidson, Maj. Mark Rowland, Lt. Dave Nevill and SMSgt. Bob Gaspar pose during a recent presentation of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "My Boss is a Patriot" certificate. Unit members travelled to Tulsa to present the certificate to Mr. Davidson.

The "My Boss is a Patriot" award is sponsored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Presenting the award from the 507th were: Maj. Mark Rowland, 507th Chief of Intelligence; SMSgt. Bob Gaspar, NCOIC for Intelligence, and CMSgt. Al Garza, 507th ARW senior recruiter.

Major Rowland commented that "the Reserve is a total team effort between the employee, the employer and the Air Force. We like to recognize companies like PwC that support the 507th and the Air Force Reserve, and we thank you for lending out Neville to help us out." In turn,

Mr. Davidson thanked the Air Force Reserve for continuing to fight terrorism around the globe. He pledged the continuing support of PwC. The presentation was followed by a video about the missions of the 507th, and Neville also showed slides of a recent 507th refueling mission over New Mexico.

Air Force will continue AEF rotation cycles

by Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The combination of America's war on terrorism and steady state commitments worldwide has put increased strain on the Air Force's aerospace expeditionary forces. However, except for a few stressed career fields, officials at the Pentagon say normal rotations should be back soon.

"Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper is committed to the AEF construct — a three-month deployment with a 12-month period at home," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey B. Kohler, director of operational plans, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"Given the war on terrorism, we had to go through a momentary blip in our rotation schedule," he said. "However, it looks like we're going to be on time in bringing home about 90 percent of the people who are currently deployed. We will rotate the forces deployed for operations Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch and Southern Watch so that those who deployed first will be allowed to rotate home first to the maximum extent possible."

There are some exceptions, Kohler said. While Air Force leaders are working hard to come up with a solution, a very small number of career fields may not be able to rotate as scheduled, he said.

"We know that there are some stressed career fields, such as security forces, combat communications and firefighters, that might have to stay a little longer," Kohler said. "But that's not to say that absolutely everyone in those career fields will be staying longer."

The deployment picture will start to come into focus quickly as the Air Force begins scheduling for the rotation in March, he said.

"It might work out that only one or two unit type codes out of an entire civil engineering squadron might be the stressed career field," Kohler said. "We just don't know yet because we haven't gotten down to that level of fidelity."

The tremendous performance of the AEF in Operation Enduring Freedom is what caused the stress on certain career fields in the first place, Kohler said.

"The Air Force is sort of a victim of its own success," Kohler said. "The reason we are stressed is simple — we do such a great job. We went out and set up these bases and started generating sorties as soon as we were asked. I think the results speak for themselves in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The (U.S.) Central Command commander in

chief could not have done what he did without the superb work of all the airmen who went out and set it up."

To ease the problems the Air Force has in stressed career fields under current requirements, about 10 percent of the people will stay deployed a little longer — some up to 135 days; others, up to 179 days, Kohler said. To cover the overlap, the second part of the solution will be to reach into the next AEF and bring replacement unit type codes forward about 45 days. Any reduction in current requirements may get the AEF cycle on track a little bit quicker, he said.

Another way to relieve some of the burden on our deployed people is to find additional airmen who normally do not deploy and place them in an AEF library.

"This crisis has caused us to look a little bit deeper," Kohler said. "We'd like to be able to find people who we haven't originally had in an AEF library who can deploy but normally don't deploy. For example, Air Education and Training Command has instructors who have special skill sets, and the AETC leadership has said that there may be periods in the year when they can rotate. This is just one example and we're looking at all options."

Other fixes for stressed career fields are going to take some time and may only be resolved with increased manpower. Although the Air Force has asked for an end-strength increase of about 22,000 with 7,000 requested for this year, because of training requirements, this is more of a long-term solution, Kohler said.

"This is an extraordinary time for the Air Force and our country," Jumper recently told commanders. "The nation is grateful for the sacrifices our airmen continue to make in meeting our commitments to fight the war on terrorism and defend the American homeland. The secretary and I are proud of the job you are doing and we are personally committed to maintaining the AEF rotation schedule to the greatest possible extent."

New regulation governs commissioning

There is a new regulation governing the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. If you or anyone you know plan to apply for a deserving airman commission, let them know about ARWI 36-201.

Contact the 507th Military Personnel Flight at 734-7491 for more information about this program.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

Farewell and Godspeed to Major General Bradley Welcome Major General Tanzi

This month there will be a change of command at Headquarters 10th Air Force.

Major General John A. Bradley will leave for a joint service job near Washington, D.C. The change of command will take place on March 3 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base,

Fort Worth, Texas.

General Bradley has commanded 10th AF since February 1998 and has been a great supporter of the 513th Air Control Group. Gen Bradley is a true warrior with 337 combat missions over Vietnam. Let's all wish him well in his continued service to our country. He will be sorely missed in 10th AF.

General Bradley's replacement is Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi. General Tanzi has been AFRC's Director of Plans and Programs since February 1999. He is coming to 10th AF with a wealth of experience.

General Tanzi flew many types of fighter aircraft in both Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard. I am sure he will be making his rounds to see all of his 10th AF units in the near future.

When that time comes for us, let's be sure to give General Tanzi our customary warm 513 ACG welcome, and let him see first hand the warriors you are.

513th complete 1,000 hours supporting Operation Noble Eagle

The 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron flew its 1000th hour on its 91st mission in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Feb. 4. Two hundred thirty-one members of the 513th Air Control Group were activated under the 970AACS, the group's operational flying squadron, Sept. 21. Those activated, both aircrew and maintenance members, bring a wealth of experience to bring to America's war on terrorism, said Col James L. Kerr, 513th ACG commander.

The 970thAACS was originally activated for homeland defense, but as the war progressed, they became involved with all Aerospace Expeditionary Force aspects of the 552nd Air Control Wing's mission, including support of Operation Northern Watch.

"Even though the reserve component of our AWACS 'Total Force' is relatively small, the Air Force Reserve is a good buy for the taxpayer," said Kerr. "They bring a great deal of expertise and experience to our nation's military."

These reservists are not only warriors, but are a very special breed in view of the way they have chosen to serve



their country, said Kerr. "They commit to the Air Force Reserve voluntarily, knowing that they will have to leave homes, families, and civilian employers on the shortest notice to support our nation's needs in peace and war."

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! (Military Only for Excelsior examinations). 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 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 Master's Degree.

The basic enrollment requirements are that, you must:

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

Must have two years retainability at time of application.

Enroll and pay for the course up front. Bring receipts for tuition.

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

After satisfactory completion of class, you will be reimbursed 75% (tuition only) per course, not to exceed \$3500 per FY.

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
2002-6	1	05 Aug - 12 Sep 02	Tyndall AFB, FL
2002-7	1	23 Sep - 31 Oct 02	Tyndall AFB, FL

SNCO Academy In-Residence

HQ AFRC is currently accepting applications for the SNCOA in-residence for the remaining FY 2002 classes. Those classes are (2002D) 1 May - 12 Jun 2002, and (2002E) 25 Jul - 5 Sep 2002. Members applying for the 1 May class need to be aware that it will be a short suspense and to prepare themselves. A full length color photo 8X10, 3/4 turn pose without jacket or ribbons; Tie, Tie Tab optional, and a personnel RIP (Report of Individual Personnel). The completed package must be submitted to DPMT NLT COB, 3 Mar 2002. Questions should be directed to MSgt. Cain at 734-7075.

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)

FY2002 UTA SCHEDULE

02	02-03 Mar 02	13-14 Jul 02
06-07 Apr 02	03-04 Aug 02	
04-05 May 02	07-08 Sep 02	
01-02 Jun 02		

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Fri, 01 Mar 2002

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	513th Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1600	Top 3 Council	Bldg 1048

Sat, 02 Mar 2002**Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing
 0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed
 0815-0930 Unit Career Advisors Mtg
 0900-1000 6 Month Contact Mtg
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting
 1030-1130 First Sgts Meeting
 1200-1600 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
 1300-1530 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg

1600-1630 Protestant Chapel Service**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated**

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 Bldg 1043, Room 206
 To Be Determined
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

513th ACG Conf Room**Unit Designated****Sun, 03 Mar 2002****Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service
 0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng
0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams
 0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II
 0830-1030 Unit Safety Rep
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council

0930 Catholic Chapel Service

1115 Escorts pick-up Newcomers
 1200-1600 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
 1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg
 1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Vardaro
 1500 Fly Safety Mtg

Unit Designated Sign Out**Unit Designated**

513th ACG Conf Room
 Bldg 1043
Bldg 460, Room 213
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Base Chapel
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 Bldg 1043, Room B-1
 OPS Briefing Room

Unit Designated**Fri, 05 Apr 2002**

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	513th Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1600	Top 3 Council	Bldg 1048

Sat, 06 Apr 2002**Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing
 0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed
 0815-0930 Unit Career Advisors Mtg
 0900-1000 6 Month Contact Mtg
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting
 1030-1130 First Sgts Meeting
 1200-1600 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
 1300-1530 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg

1600-1630 Protestant Chapel Service**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated**

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 Bldg 1043, Room 206
 To Be Determined
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
 Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office
 Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

513th ACG Conf Room**Unit Designated****Sun, 07 Apr 2002****Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service
 0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng
0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams
 0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council

0930 Catholic Chapel Service

1115 Escorts pick-up Newcomers
 1200-1600 3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng
 1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg
 1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Vardaro
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SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI)

A reservist who is called to active duty upon mobilization will automatically receive SGLI coverage at the maximum coverage amount (\$250,000) effective on the date of mobilization. The reservist may decline or elect coverage in any lesser amount evenly divisible by \$10,000 increments by completing and submitting the Form SGLV 8286, SGLI ELECTION AND CERTIFICATE. The reduction or cancellation is effective the first day of the next month following receipt of the election. If the member desires maximum coverage, no action is required. Premiums will be deducted from the mbr's pay during coverage periods.

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**.

Day	Time	Subject	OPR
Phase I			
Saturday	1300-1400	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1015-1045	Counter Intel /Awareness	SFS
Sunday	1045-1115	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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March reservists make historic landing in Antarctica

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand - When an Air Force Reserve Command C-141C cargo plane touched down Jan. 29, it was not only the command's first Operation Deep Freeze mission of 2002 to Antarctica but also a new approach to landing at Pegasus.

A Reserve aircrew from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., made the first-ever landing on a compacted snow runway on Pegasus at about 10:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time).

The combined crew from March's 4th Air Force and 452nd Air Mobility Wing delivered 102 passengers, from a variety of nations, along with 20,500 pounds of cargo for the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Arctic Program.

"When we landed, it was about 10:30 at night, but it was more like an afternoon," said Maj. Mike Hames, the pilot at the controls for the landing. "The temperature, for Antarctica, was a balmy 14 degrees, clear skies, and a lot of sunshine."

Reserve and active-duty crews have been landing on the all-ice runway at Pegasus for several years, according to Lt. Col. Kelly Curtis, overall mission commander from the 452nd AMW.

"What's new about this one is the fact that they put about six inches of dry snow and super compacted it so it becomes bonded with the ice," he said. "This provides a two- to three-inch insulation cover for the ice when the sun angle gets significant so they don't have any melting that will degrade the continuity of the ice surface to land on."

Curtis said C-141s and other large aircraft have restrictions on how much loose snow and ice can be on a runway because flying snow can cause structural damage, tearing off components and ripping holes in the aircraft's skin.

"There was a concern about the integrity - whether the compressed, compacted snow would hold up," Curtis said. "The biggest issue we had a concern with is how that would impact potential damage to an airplane."

"The first crew had nothing but good things to say about the runway," Curtis said. "They said it was actually a smoother, better surface to operate on, and the braking was good, so everyone was thrilled with the test."

Since the next sunset in Antarctica is weeks away, the aircrew members had unlimited visibility as they headed for the first 2002 Deep Freeze mission. Once they touched down, they said the feel of the runway didn't seem too much different to them than their California-based runway some 6,000 miles away.

"Coming in for the landing, we could identify the runway probably 15 miles out," said Capt. Neil Kishi, the aircraft commander on the first mission. "The actual landing itself, was just like a normal landing. There was not a lot of difference



(U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Kim M. Allain)

Engine and brake heaters keep aircraft parts from freezing up while a C-141C Starlifter is unloaded on the ice near McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

that you could feel. It was actually smoother than the ice runway that they use during the main season."

This was Kishi's fifth landing in Antarctica; for Hames, his first.

"The landing went pretty well just because it was good weather down there," Hames said. "The lack of contrast in the white and the width of the runway made it a little bit of a challenge as far as judging exactly where you were in the flare of the airplane on the ground. But it worked out all right."

"During the rollout, about the only thing that we noticed different was the little bit of braking action," Hames continued. "The aircraft has the anti-skid on it. If you are familiar with a vehicle with anti-skid -- the wheels, if they lock up, they release; then they start slowing down again. You could kind of feel that a little bit but nothing really significant."

Landing on the ice is becoming old hat for one of the aircraft's flight engineers, SMSgt. Rick "Rock" Binkley from 4th Air Force. Making his 66th landing on the frozen continent, his face is recognized by most support ground crews.

But waiting for him at Pegasus was one of the most familiar faces he's ever seen - his 23-year-old son Rick Jr., who works for Raytheon in Antarctica.

"When we landed and got off the airplane, I saw my son right away, walking across the ramp," Binkley said. "It was really great to see him. We had a good conversation and visit."

On the return flight, the March reservists carried 89 passengers and 20,900 pounds of cargo. This mission was just the first of 13 scheduled missions into and out of Pegasus during a 30-day window.

About 70 reservists from March are in Christchurch in support of Operation Deep Freeze. Most of them will work out of Christchurch for two weeks.

Another 40 or 50 members from March will swap out with their fellow reservists Feb. 9 for another two-week stay at Christchurch.

Revised lodging rules explained

By SMSgt. Terry Tunender, Services Technician
507th Mission Support Squadron

The Base Lodging Office has a new computer system, and will no longer be entering reserve personnel into that system for UTA lodging (manday, annual tour reservations or any other type of active duty must still have a reservation through the Lodging Office).

I will be handling all UTA reservations directly with the hotels. Please contact your Unit Lodging Monitor first to determine where you are scheduled to stay during the UTA. If you are unable to reach them, or they do not have the information for you, please contact me at (405) 734-5847 or military cell, (405) 409-6455.

If you need to make a reservation for mandays in conjunction with a UTA (either immediately before or after), PLEASE use the sign up sheet available at your unit during the UTA. Indicate the arrival date, number of nights necessary, and let me know in the remarks section what duty each date is for, i.e., squadron, name, grade, arrival date, number of nights, remarks, and smoking/non-smoking preference.

If you follow these procedures, it enables us to coordinate with the Lodging Office to ensure you may remain in the same hotel for your entire stay. As mentioned before, manday reservations must still be entered into the lodging system in

order to generate a non-availability slip for your travel vouchers.

If you need to cancel your reservations for the UTA, please contact me directly. I track all reservations, cancellations, and no-show data for the Wing Commander. The only exception to this rule will be last minute cancellations. If you have car trouble, get sick, or just can't make it on the day of your reservation and cannot contact me, by all means, PLEASE contact the hotel directly and cancel your reservation.

I printed a large number of business cards. These cards have my information on the front, and list the hotel telephone numbers on the back. These numbers are ONLY to be used to cancel your reservations with the hotel. DO NOT use these numbers to make your own reservations. The hotels should not accept them, but if they do, you may be required to pay for your own lodging. I am the only person within the Wing authorized to obligate government funds for lodging purposes via the IMPAC cards. Once you have called to cancel your reservation, write down the person's name you spoke with, the time you cancelled the reservation, and the cancellation number, if given one.

Send me an e-mail message (or call and leave a voice message) with this information, so we do not pay for a no-show that was actually a cancellation.

Some frequent flyer rules remain unchanged

Although Department of Defense military and civilian travelers may now keep for personal use Frequent Flyer miles and other benefits earned as the result of official, government-paid travel, some restrictions still apply.

The rules about being "bumped" from a flight and then receiving a benefit from the airline as a result haven't changed, according to Phil Donohoe, director of general law at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here.

"If you are bumped 'involuntarily,' you are still on the government clock, receiving government travel benefits and per diem," he said. "Any promotional items - free tickets, upgrade, money or in-kind benefits you receive for being involuntarily 'bumped' - belong to the government."

Under the new policy, if travelers voluntarily give up their seats on airliners they may keep any reimbursements or payments from the carrier. However, no additional expenses, such as per diem, may be paid as a result of traveler-initiated delays. Travelers may be required to take leave and pay extra travel expenses if the extra time delays their arrival at their

primary destinations.

Travelers must still use the government travel card to cover expenses while traveling on official orders.

When on official business, DOD travelers must fly in coach class. Under the new provisions, they may use Frequent Flyer benefits to upgrade their seats. However, the Air Force highly discourages military personnel from flying first class in uniform, even when they pay for the first-class upgrade.

Changes in the travel rules also affect lost or delayed luggage. Government travelers may now keep payments from a commercial carrier for accompanied baggage that has been lost or delayed by the carrier. If travelers intend to make a claim against the government, they should see the claims office prior to accepting the carrier's compensation. By accepting the carrier's compensation, travelers may be accepting the amount as payment in full.

More information about accepting travel promotional offers is available on the GSA Web site: <http://www.gsa.gov> (AFRC News Service)

Defense bill earmarks \$3.1 billion for Reserve

The fiscal year 2002 Department of Defense Appropriations Act increases Air Force Reserve Command's annual operating budget and provides funds for more personnel.

President George W. Bush signed the act Jan. 10 granting AFRC an annual budget total of \$3.065 billion, a \$235 million increase compared to FY 2001. This year's spending bill allocates \$317 billion to the Department of Defense.

Funding for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2002, permits a Selected Reserve end strength of 74,700, a full-time Active Guard and Reserve cadre of 1,437 members and a full-time air reserve technician force of 9,818. Compared to last year, this boosts the end strength by 342, AGRs by 101 and ARTs by 33.

Under the reserve personnel appropriation, AFRC gets \$1.061 billion to cover pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, travel and other related expenses. This year's RPA funds an average pay hike of 6.9 percent for military personnel. Last year's budget called for \$971 million for the Reserve.

In signing the legislation into law during a Pentagon ceremony, the president said the act demonstrates the bipartisan support the military has.

"We can never pay our men and women in uniform on a scale that matches their sacrifices," Bush said. "But this bill reflects our respect for your selfless service."

"We owe you decent pay and a decent quality of life," he told the audience. "We owe you the best leadership and training. We owe you the best equipment and weaponry. We owe

our service men and women our best because we owe you our freedom."

In Air Force Reserve Command, another \$2.005 billion goes to operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and administer the command. O&M funds pay for flying hours, depot maintenance, repair of facilities and equipment, travel and transportation, civilian pay, recruiting, communication, as well as procurement of services, supplies and equipment. Last year the command got an O&M budget of \$1.86 billion.

Congress adjusted funding recommended in the President's Budget proposal for FY 2002. After making funding realignment offsets, Congress added \$6 million to the RPA account for school and special training. In O&M funding, it trimmed \$5 million from travel and subtracted \$6 million for unjustified program growth and \$14 million for business process reforms, but added \$1 million for C-17 site surveys.

This year under Guard and Reserve Equipment, Air Force Reserve Command also gets \$76.3 million - \$5 million for miscellaneous equipment and \$71.3 million for C-130J aircraft. The Reserve received \$4.9 million for miscellaneous equipment in 2001.

In addition to these programs included in the FY 2002 Department of Defense Appropriation Act, Congress previously provided \$74.9 million to the Reserve for military construction projects in the FY 2002 Military Construction Appropriations Act, which was signed into law Nov. 5. (AFRC News Service)

Need, not status determines AFAS assistance

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Last year Air Force Aid Society expanded its emergency financial aid to include reservists on annual tour, but duty status is not a roadblock to those truly in need, according to officials here.

"Reservists having financial difficulty can call the Family Support office to request assistance," said Linda Smith, chief of family matters at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "The Family Support Office along with Air Force Aid will review the case and determine if assistance can be provided."

Smith cited a reservist who was not in active-duty status but had financial difficulty due to recent medical issues.

"His wife had twins prematurely and she suffered with complications during birth," she said. "When the civilian insurance did not cover all the medical costs, his unit learned about the situation and contacted the Family Support office to request Air Force Aid assistance. Air Force Aid was able to provide necessary medical equipment and airfare for a family

member from another state to assist with the infant girls."

AFAS has made a special effort to reach out following the Sept. 11 attacks to include special training of unit Family Support directors, said retired Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, executive director of AFAS.

"Unlike in the past, these directors now have a checkbook and can provide immediate support," he said. "Therefore, the needed help is provided without having to wait for approval or a referral to an active-duty base."

During the final quarter of last year, AFAS helped 77 reservists with loans and grants totaling nearly \$82,000. In October, 23 people received an average of nearly \$1,000 in loans, three got grants totaling \$1,041.50, and only one applicant was turned down.

Thirty-one applied for and obtained loans totaling \$33,527.27 in November. Another \$20,406 in loans went to 20 reservists in December, along with a \$4,000 loan/grant to another individual. (AFRC News Service)

Points determine retirement eligibility, pay

By Lt. Col. Tom Deall

Chief of Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER - Most reservists are familiar with points for service; however, misunderstanding sometimes arises on how points accumulate and earn value toward retirement eligibility.

Carole Packham, chief of the retirements eligibility division at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center here, has almost 20 years experience in points management and retirement eligibility.

She said it's important for all reservists to understand the full value of points in their careers, and basic to all reserve careers is looking ahead to retirement.

20 good years

To retire, a reservist must have 20 satisfactory years with the last eight years of qualifying service in Air Force Reserve Command's Unit Program, the Selected Reserve's Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program or the Individual Ready Reserve. These years must be good years in order to count toward a member's retirement eligibility.

"Satisfactory service is defined as 50 points per year to include 15 membership points," Packham said. "These points are centered around a person's (retention/retirement) year, which begins on one day of one year and ends on the preceding day of the next year. If your R/R year starts July 1, 2002, it ends June 30, 2003."

The 15 membership points are assessed for membership in the Air Force Reserve, whether active or not. However, they only count toward a good year when they are included with the 35 participation points. These participation points can be earned through Inactive Duty for Training (IDT), Active Duty for Training (ADT), Extension Course Institute courses and all periods of active-duty service.

As for the last eight years in the Reserve, officers or enlisted members in the regular Air Force must, by law, convert their commissions or enlistments to the Reserve in order to earn a reserve retirement.

For example, if people serve on active duty with a regular enlistment or commission for 16 years, that time counts toward a retirement. However, if they convert to the Air Force Reserve at that point in their career, they will have to serve an additional eight years to satisfy the requirement for a Reserve Retirement.

Reservists earn one point per day for ADT and active-duty periods. They also earn two points per IDT day, better known as a drill day, which is broken down into two 4-hour

periods. Members can also earn varying numbers of points for ECI courses depending on the length of the course.

Packham emphasized reservists should keep records of the points they earn to avoid any surprises when they reach the 20-year point.

"Once a person reaches the 20-year point and qualified for retirement at age 60, a letter is generated by the ARPC retirement division," she said. "Though, by law, technicians have up to one year to produce and mail the letter, the ARPC standard is less than four months."

It is this letter, Packham noted, that confirms satisfactory completion of a 20-year career and, more importantly, the person's eligibility to retire.

Once retired, members are considered gray-area reservists. They remain in this status until reaching age 60 when they begin receiving retired pay.

By law, reservists must apply to transfer to the Retired Reserve by filing an Air Force Form 131. As directed on the 131, they must also submit a Defense Department Form 2656 to start their retired pay.

How Many Points Do I Need?

Packham said reservists misunderstanding the points accumulation process is the biggest problem she's encountered throughout her career.

"It's never easy to tell someone that they do not have enough satisfactory service to retire and that they must perform additional service," she said. "To avoid this, we strongly recommend that reservists verify their eligibility by calling ARPC if they plan to retire but have yet to receive their 20-year letter."

Another area of concern involves the R/R date. It is critical, said Packham, that reservists satisfy their points requirements based on their R/R date since all reservists have different dates.

Reservists can use the IMA Participation Calculator & Scheduler to plan their participation, print out the schedule, share it with their supervisor to ensure they have a good year. This tool is available on the ARPC Web site by clicking on Points under the Requirements, Separations and Points icon.

Whether a unit reservist, an IMA or someone who drills for points only, keeping track of points is critical, especially when it comes to earning a good year toward retirement.

Reservists who have questions or concerns can reach their representative at ARPC by calling 1-800-525-0102, ext. 71270 or 71272, or speaking directly with Packham at 1-800-525-0102, ext. 71270. (AFRC News Service)

Looking for a new challenge?

Reserve seeks recruiters from within its ranks

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force reservists who enjoy serving their country and sharing their experiences might consider a different career - in Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service.

Reserve recruiters are more than salespeople in military uniform. They come from a variety of career fields and backgrounds. Most of them have been traditional reservists, many have prior active-duty experience and some have served in other military components.

"Recruiters often represent many things to potential recruits, such as career counselor, advocate, military professional and creative problem solver," said SMSgt. Steven Perrault, NCO in charge of the recruiting training branch at AFRC headquarters.

"When individuals go to a recruiting office, they may be looking for any or all of these qualities in a recruiter. The training our recruiters receive prepare them to meet this challenge and many others."

Initially, recruiter candidates attend the four-week Air Force

Recruiting School at Lackland AFB, Texas. Following the basic course, their training continues at a one-week, sales-intensified training seminar, where they become skilled using the sales techniques of the IMPACT Selling System.

"Recruiting is one of the toughest and most rewarding jobs in the Air Force Reserve," Perrault said. "Recruiters must be self-starters and capable of working autonomously. In many cases, they work in offices that are geographically separated from a base, and their supervisors may be located hundreds of miles away."

Operating a successful recruiting office is much the same as operating one's own business, according to Perrault.

"Recruiters are responsible for all aspects of the operation from office hours to zone management," he said. "They are trusted to do the right thing."

Reservists interested in pursuing a career in recruiting may call the training office at DSN 497-0145 or 497-0634, or toll free at 1-800-223-1784, extensions 7-0145 or 7-0634. (AFRC News Service)

196 reservists get to pin on full colonel

One hundred ninety-six Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonels get to exchange silver oak leaves for eagle wings.

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center here announced the results of the fiscal year 2002 Air Force Reserve Colonel Promotion Selection Board Jan. 28.

Selected for promotion from the 507th ARW were Lieutenant Colonels John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group commander; Dave Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander; and Bob Rossow, 507th Support Group Commander. Selected from the 513th Air Control Group was Lt. Col. George Gorham, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron commander. The complete list of officers selected for promotion is available on the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>, under "promotions."

A selection board convened Oct. 22-25 at ARPC and sifted through 1,622 records to determine the most qualified for promotion to O-6.

The eligible officers included paid reservists from the Selected Reserve's Air Force Reserve Command Unit Program and Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program, as well as nonpaid members of the Individual Ready Reserve.

Eighty-one out of 318 first-time eligible line officers were selected in-the-promotion zone. These IPZ selectees included 20 pilots, four navigators, 14 nonrated operations officers and 43 mission support people.

Three of the five eligible chaplains and three of the 24

promotable lawyers moved up the first time. Other first-time selectees were four out of 10 dentists, five of 34 medical corps officers, nine of 32 nurses, two of four medical service corps officers and one of four biomedical science corps officers.

Another 721 line officer hopefuls competed for a second or more time above-the-promotion zone, with 62 getting the nod for promotion. They were 20 pilots, seven navigators, nine nonrated operations officers and 26 mission support officers.

Nine of the 149 medical corps officers, eight of the 73 lawyers and seven of the 121 nurses were picked for APZ promotion. Forty-seven dentists and 47 biomedical science corps officers competed for promotion but only one each gets to pin on full colonel.

None of the 19 eligible chaplains and 14 Medical Service Corps officers were selected. Promotion effective dates depend on the individual's date of rank and time in grade.

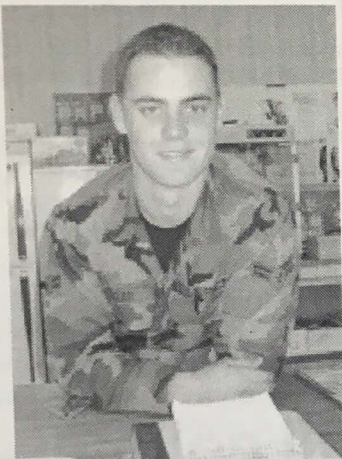
Did You Know...

The Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection dates have changed to April 2-7.

Uprose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing: "How have the events of 9-11 affected you?"



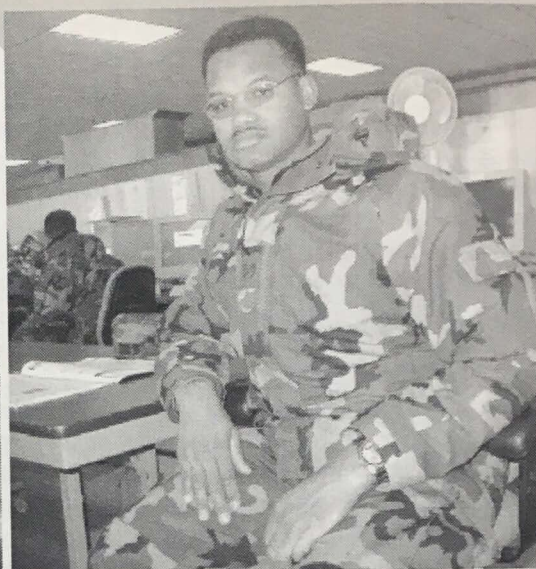
AIC Ed McLean
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"I feel the events of 9-11 have affected all of us tremendously. We need to stay focused on recovery and the mission."



MSgt. Debora Malone
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"It has made me more cautious and a lot closer to friends and family. Realizing this could happen to any of us."



TSgt. Ben Walker
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"It has affected the way I think about traveling on civilian airlines. I now think about who is actually on the aircraft. It makes me appreciate the safety of military travel."



TSgt. Allen Box
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"My civilian job schedule had to be adjusted due to the long lines getting on base. I also spent two weeks supporting Operation Enduring Freedom."



TSgt. Angela Taylor
507th Logistics Support Sq.

"It has affected me to the point of using less air travel and planning trips more carefully. I also stay more in tune with what is going on in the world; more than I ever have."

TSgt. Jay Baker
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.

"It makes me question the strength of our military with all the downsizing. Can we keep protecting everyone including ourselves? I think our country's security needs to be increased."



MSgt. Terry Rahlf and wife watch on during the award presentations.



TSgts. Jodie Zollo and Mikula Gay enjoy the evening festivities.



Each of the Hughes Trophy nominees received a certificate. Above Col. Tim Wright and CMSgt. Robert Kellington present a certificate to MSgt. Ronald Mitchell.



One lone table stands unused, in honor of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country.



An "all-star" gathering

Attending last month's Wing Change of Command ceremony, were several former 507th commanders. Pictured from left to right are Brig. Gen. Jon Gingerich, Brig. Gen. S.T. Ayers and Maj. Gen. Jim Wade.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Don Satterlee)

On-final R-NEWS

Scams target veterans for identity theft

Army News Service reports that soldiers separating from the military should avoid filing their Department of Defense Form 214 (Military Discharge) with their local county courthouse.

Transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. today, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and service members are inviting targets because everything is tied to their Social Security numbers.

In a recent case, a Navy retiree received a phone call from American Express stating that someone was trying to cash a \$9,000 check in his name made out to an unknown person. Investigation revealed that the retiree's lawyer had sto-

len his identity. The lawyer also had a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it. The common link among the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD-214s with their county courthouse. Once the DD 214 is filed at a courthouse, it becomes a public record.

Service members are advised to safeguard their DD-214 form as they would any vital papers, such as placing it in a safe deposit box. For more on legal issues, visit the 507th ARW Legal Office or call ext. 44281.

Top Three coins on sale now

The Top Three Council once again has a supply of coins for sale to unit members.

The numbered coins sell for \$5 and features the Air Force Reserve Command patch on one side and the top 3 stripes on the other.

To purchase a coin contact MSgt. Steven Wright at ext. 46380 or ask any Top Three Council member.

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