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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean Despinoy

Why we inspect

When you read this article the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) team will have been with us for several days. On this April UTA many of the reservists will have the opportunity to show an inspector the programs for which they are responsible.

No matter what the grade, I know that everyone in the Wing has been working hard to accomplish an ever-increasing mission. I expect good things from the inspection, but if we do have some problem areas, I want you to know that I am still proud of all of your accomplishments.

We will take the inevitable findings and correct them. It will not be done by asking you to do more, but it will be accomplished by you spending your energy on a slightly different process, or channeling your efforts in a new way.

We already know that AFRC is directing some major changes in the Logistics area. New regulations have been written, but are not in the field as of yet. The IG has coordinated with AFRC LG to produce inspection checklists that will ensure that the new regulations are being complied with. The LG inspectors on this UCI will use these checklists to identify areas that need to be changed. Obviously we have not been able to comply with regulations that are not on the street yet, but these findings will greatly aid us in quickly modifying our program to fall within the new guidelines. Although there will be findings in Quality Assurance and other areas which fall under the new regulations, these areas will

not receive a grade from the UCI. The main reason for the change in Logistics is to reemphasize quality control, standardization, and compliance with Air Force, FAA, and OSHA regulations. An unintentional de-emphasis of regulations took place during the past decade, which produced concerning statistics in the area of safety.

The acceptable procedures and methods in the maintenance and repair of aircraft and other associated equipment are too important not to be standardized. In effect, it will be back to the future for many who grew up in an environment of mandatory compliance and strong standardization.

As we ask our people to do more with aging weapon systems, absolute compliance with time-tested procedures is the only way to keep our people safe while they protect this Nation.

Gen. Sherrard testifies

(Editor's note: The following excerpts are taken from testimony by Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander, to the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee.)

"The September 11th attacks have brought homeland security to the forefront. Total Force components are being called upon to counter terrorist threats within and outside the United States. We anticipate an ongoing need to augment security forces, firefighters and home station operational support personnel with both full-time and traditional reservists. Although the events of Sept. 11 changed the way we do business, we are committed to remaining vigilant and ready for future threats. To do this, we need to continue to modernize our force. As we face new and challenging missions, I remain confident in the tremendous capabilities of reservists to measure up to the task."

From the Chief



by CMSgt. Bob Kellington
507th ARW Command CMSgt.

"On becoming a Chief"

I am proud to say at the recent Chief's Induction Ceremony the 507th ARW led the way with (5) Chief's inducted.

The other new inductees came from the Active Force (4) and Air National Guard (1). Our new Chiefs are CMSgt. Alfonso Garza, 507th Senior Recruiter; CMSgt. Steven Robinson, 465th Air Refueling Squadron; CMSgt. Joe LaFitte, 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron; CMSgt. George

Romasz, 507th Logistics Group, and CMSgt. Delbert Looper 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

We should all be proud and if the opportunity presents itself congratulate our new Chiefs. They all have worked hard and proven themselves as leaders. They know how to get the job done and they care for you.

Only 1% of the Air Force enlisted can be a Chief Master Sergeant which gives more credence to what they have achieved. Each one of them has stated they would not be where they are if someone had not cared about, mentored, and supported them.

The Air Force Reserve has been a vital part of their lives and they understand their responsibilities. They have mastered the techniques and abilities required to be a Chief. They are "SH OKIES."

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MSgt. Keith Brown and Ed Rowe prepare to conduct a bore scope inspection on a KC-135 engine. Depending on the requirements for this time compliance inspection, the process can take from one to several hours to check the 13 internal fan blades for wear or damage.



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Conference focuses on war, retention

By Capt. Andra Higgs
4th Air Force Public Affairs

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. – Five months after Sept. 11 launched America into its first war of the 21st century, the message to 4th Air Force squadron, group, and wing commanders was clear.



“The people in America will look to us – the men and women who wear the uniform – and expect us to win this war,” said Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski, 4th Air Force commander.

That message opened a two-day meeting in February for 300 leaders from the 13 major flying organizations aligned under the numbered air force flag.

With more than 3,100 of the 24,000 men and women under his command mobilized for the war, Czekanski emphasized the unique opportunities his commanders

Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski
4th Air Force commander

have to defend America. Cops under his command are providing about 20 percent of the current Air Force ground fighting and security force. For them and other mobilized reservists, the days of serving one weekend a month and two weeks a year are a thing of the past.

“We’ve all had to change with the world, and the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve have been changed forever,” the general said.

As the war on terrorism evolves, reservists can expect call-ups to continue. The director of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Cell at AFRC headquarters reinforced this point at the conference.

“It appears that current operations will continue for a long time,” said Anthony Tassonne Jr. of the AFRC directorate of operations. He urged the commanders to be flexible in managing their functional areas.

“Reality 101 is we’re going to war in an AEF construct,” he said. “The real world works by the theater commanders in chief and when we’re deployed we work for the CINCs.”

The point was reinforced about how involved air reserve forces are in this operation. Air support for the current operation is, according to 4th AF tacticians, the third largest airlift effort to date behind the Berlin Airlift and Operations Desert

Shield/Storm.

“We are not just the back-up team,” Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC commander and chief of the Air Force Reserve, told the attendees. “What we are accomplishing is the right thing at a difficult time, and we have to get that message across [to the American public].”

Sherrard touched on other issues during his presentation, but nothing was discussed more than personnel.

“Our challenges are recruiting and retention,” he said. “I can do all the talking in (Washington) D.C. It’s up to each of you (reservists) to talk with people in your units about recruiting. We also have to have a serious talk with our members at the end of their mobilization to remind them of how much they bring to the table and how important they are to us.”

Command officials stressed concern for maintaining high levels of personnel retention, an effort that is likely to be a creative mix of career incentives for reservists, especially those now on extended active duty.

“Post 9-11, it seemed obvious that there would be a number of people wanting to come aboard, and that was the case,” said Col. Kevin Reinert, deputy director of AFRC Recruiting Service. In some instances, active-duty retirees are being allowed to join the Reserve. However, recruiters are focused primarily on new recruits and those with prior active-duty service, a category that has become increasingly difficult to recruit. These challenges include – fewer people coming off active duty, a more competitive civilian labor pool, and part-timers going to active duty as a result of extended tours.

“We’ve added recruiters, trained them in private sector sales techniques, developed better marketing and advertising, and had millions of dollars worth of equivalent public service messages. We’re addressing the needs and wants of the applicant now as opposed to the wants and needs of the service first,” Reinert said.

Needs and wants of the Reserve include family care and employer appreciation, which AFRC officials emphasized throughout the weekend. (AFRC News Service)



“The Reserve has changed forever.”

A retirement flag's odd journey with history

By Capt. Ralph Hawkins

507th Air Refueling Wing Executive Officer

When 507th Support Group Commander Col. Gary Mixon requested a retirement flag be flown over the nation's Capitol on Veterans Day, he never dreamt that such a simple request would result in so many odd twists of fate.

Colonel Mixon knew last summer that his long career in the Air Force was coming to an end and, as customary for retirees, requested that the United States flag be flown over the 507th Air Refueling Wing campus on August 13th (his actual retirement date), and then be sent to Washington D.C. to be flown over the U.S. Capitol on November 11th.

The Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard hoisted the flag over the 507th on August 13th, and turned the flag over to his unit to finalize Mixon's request. The flag was mailed to Senator Don Nickels' office in Washington D.C, where it sat in suspense, waiting it's turn for the November 11th date above the Capitol.

But the terrorist attacks on September 11th, and subsequent anthrax attack on the Hart Building, put the contents of the entire building on perpetual hold, and the process of testing and irradiating contaminated material began.

Emily Crowell in Senator Nickels' office was in contact with the 507th during the whole process, and assured the unit that the flag was recovered, tested, irradiated and flown on the November 11th date.

"There was an incredible backlog of flags, not to mention routine correspondence, that all needed to be located, tested and cleaned," Crowell said. "And even after the flags were flown, they were all tested and cleaned again, before sending



Home at last is Col. (USAFR Ret.) Gary P. Mixon's retirement flag.

them back to their rightful owners. We take every precaution - especially with cloth material. That's why it took so long to finalize this request."

The flag arrived back at the 507th ARW on February 26th - 196 days after beginning its exodus to Washington. During this time, Mixon has taken a civilian position working for the Oklahoma City Air Logistic Center. According to 507th officials, the Tinker AFB Honor Guard will fold the flag for Colonel Mixon's empty flag case and retired Colonel Gary Mixon will finally have his memento to cherish and share stories with family and friends.

Quick stats

Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle

- In the first 165 days of Operation Enduring Freedom, the Air Force team - active, Guard, Reserve - flew more than 22,000 sorties, or more than half of all OEF missions.
- USAF B-2s, B-1s, B-52s, F-16s, F-15Es, and AC-130Us have flown more than 48 percent of the combat missions in Afghanistan, dropping more than 9,000 tons of munitions - approximately 78 percent of the OEF total - and damaged or destroyed nearly three-quarters of planned targets. More than 74 percent of the

munitions tonnage delivered by Air Force aircraft were precision guided.

- The Air Force continues to provide full spectrum air and space support. Tankers have flown more than 8,000 refueling missions supporting aircraft from all services. ISR assets, including UAVs, Rivet Joint, U-2, AWACS, and Commando Solo, have flown more than 1,300 missions to provide persistent battlefield awareness. The Joint Stars Surveillance Target Attack Radar System has flown more than 200 missions.
- In the 17 days of Operation ANACONDA, B-52s, B-1Bs, AC-130s, F-15Es, F-16s, and A-10s flew nearly 1,000 strike sorties and dropped nearly 3,500 bombs in support of ground troops in the Gardez region of Afghanistan.

Operations, maintenance “keeps them flying”

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

Six-and-a-half-months since 9-11, the 1,200 men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing continue to surge ahead in support of national defense.

“Currently we have 58 activated reservists,” said Col. Dean J. Despinoy, 507th Wing Commander. “But that in no way is an indicator of our contributions to Noble Eagle. The Wing has matched the contribution of any activated wing through an incredible amount of volunteerism. I am very proud of the “OKIES” and very appreciative of the employers and families for their great support.”

“The Wing’s flying statistics since September 11th are impressive,” said Col. John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group commander. The wing flies and maintains the KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft, supporting military aerial refueling requirements.

“To date our crews have flown 146 flights, or sorties, in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Our aircraft have flown more than 879.9 hours and provided mid-air refueling service to 375 receivers while pumping 4,558,300 lbs of fuel, or 680,343 gallons.”

That’s enough volume to fill a large, municipal swimming pool with a couple of smaller neighborhood pools to spare — or provide 1,050 average drivers with enough fuel for a year.

“While we are an Air Force Reserve wing, our flying tempo typically is the same as any similarly sized active duty wing,” Hurdle said. By comparison, Hurdle said that last year the

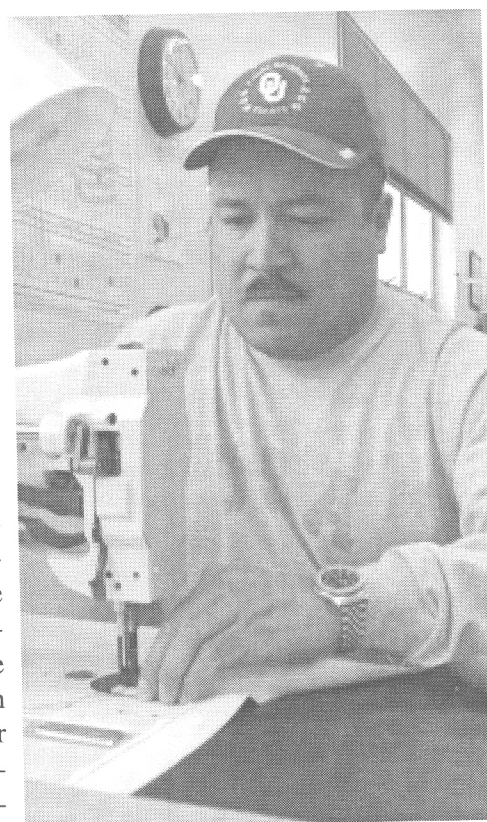
wing’s eight aircraft generated over 751 missions, flying a total of 2,843 hours. The wing flew 303 off-station overnight missions, with at least 20 of those to overseas locations.

On Sept. 20 last year, the wing deployed aircraft and volunteers to the Pacific Theater in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During the next month-and-a-half, the reserve team supported an aerial refueling “air bridge” that allowed transport aircraft to fly non-stop from the U.S to forward locations with critical supplies and troops.

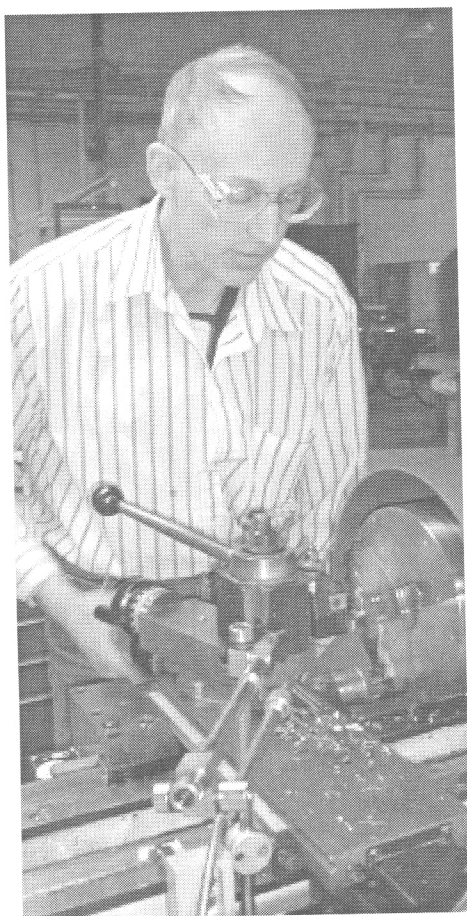
“We filled a critical gap and did it as volunteers. Being able to establish the air bridge then allowed other units the time to recall their members, activate and deploy to take over the refueling operations we helped establish,” Hurdle said.

Once relieved of the Pacific duty mission and back in Oklahoma, the Wing stepped up to its current role - support Homeland Defense. “All of the fighter and AWACS aircraft patrolling the skies during this operation need fuel. Our aircraft have played a vital role in supporting this mission,” Hurdle said.

With only eight aircraft and thirteen 3-man crews, this task has proven challenging. “It’s really a balancing act,” said Hurdle. “We have roughly three-and-a-half crews among our small full-time staff here. The rest of our crews are traditional reservists who have civilian jobs. It can be difficult for our people to balance a part-time military career with full-time commitments to their civilian employers. We’re very thankful for the support we’ve received from those employers.”



TSgt. Fidel Cerda, from the parachute shop, manufactures protective pads for a life support trainer.



TSgt. Patrick Haynes, a metals technologist with the 507th Logistics Group, mills a replacable pin for a hydraulics tool.



Capt. Trey Nessler, Maj. Doug Planer, and MSgts. Steve Switzer and Marty Lochman are a vital part of Flight Scheduling for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron.

Operations and maintenance....

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Equally difficult has been the challenge of keeping the balance between flying and regular maintenance for the unit's 40-year-old Boeing aircraft.

"We have aircraft in the depot for scheduled overhaul and repair. Even though the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center has worked hard to shorten their depot cycle, this activity can take an aircraft away from us for months," said Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander. Colonel Beavin's organization is responsible for all upkeep and repairs of the wing aircraft. "In addition to depot maintenance, we conduct our own regular phase dock inspections where we examine everything on the aircraft before returning it to flying status."

That's no small task. The operations of the various systems in the KC-135 require about 50 electrical motors. Five thousand wires, totaling more than 14 miles in length are needed for the various electrical functions. And, with more than 500,000 rivets in the aircraft, even conducting a corrosion inspection requires several days.

The fuel cells, or bladders, that literally make the KC-135 a flying gas station are made up of nylon fabric less than one-sixteenth of an inch. In fact, a gas station pump operating steadily for 24 hours wouldn't pump as much fuel as a KC-135 tanker pumps through its air refueling boom in eight minutes. A typical fuel cell weighing 80 pounds will hold seven tons of fuel. These too, need to be periodically vented and inspected for wear and damage.

"Our job is to keep our aircraft safe and

ready to fly," Beavin said. "We're asking a lot of our maintenance folks, both full time and traditional reservists. They are exceeding each and every demand we've given them."

A final balancing act comes into play when matching available aircraft to scheduled flying activities. Each week, a meeting of the minds occurs as maintenance and flying schedulers get together to compare notes and tasks. "With our operations people working to block in specific missions, we have to be able to deliver aircraft to them on time and ready to fly," Beavin said.

The planning team coordinates when aircraft will be needed, how much fuel should be loaded on board to offload to receivers, as well as discusses both routine and necessary repair work which must be done to keep the fleet flying. "We have a lot of give and take in these sessions," Beavin said, "but when our country needs an aircraft, we deliver."



Lt. Col. Jerry Lauth, TSgt. Kelly Witt, and Maj. Jerry Malloy prepare for a refueling mission flight.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

Tough times, but you're hanging in there

I can never say enough good things about all of you in the 513th Air Control Group, especially for your hard work and dedication to service. All of you exemplify the highest ideals of the United States Air Force. On September 11, 2001, you immediately volunteered enough to provide two additional aircrews and augmented maintenance for the 552nd Air Control Wing. That was followed by your activation on the 21st of the month. You immediately rolled into the rigorous operations tempo in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

As the nation prosecutes its war on terrorism, you are right there proving yourselves as fully-qualified contributors to the Department of Defense's "Total Force." With that, you are deployed to support all facets of the 552nd ACW's mission.

Your accomplishments are many and noteworthy: You have flown over 100 Operation Noble Eagle missions totaling over 1,100 hours. You have pulled several lines of alert, working tirelessly to keep our overworked aircraft in the air.

You have committed yourselves to completely running the airborne warning and control portion of an Aerospace Expeditionary Force for more than 180 days (and possibly 270 days). Many of these sorties have been of over 15 hours duration, and for that alone you are to be commended. I am amazed by your contributions, and the above are only a sampling.

Now you are in the midst of the group's first Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI), all the while remaining at war! Any UCI is challenging, not to mention with simultaneous major taskings. But undergoing a UCI while heavily involved at war?!

I hope you realize this proves the confidence Air Force Reserve Command has in you. Personally, I don't ever remember in my 25 years of service any unit enduring this operational tempo combined with these types of challenges. You are proven, tough airmen. Nothing has nor ever will keep you down. You are warriors. And you are truly America's heroes!

513th completes 100th Operation Noble Eagle mission

Air Force reservists from the 513th Air Control Group flew their 100th AWACS mission in support of Homeland Defense today.

The reservists, flying an E-3 Sentry aircraft, conducted the airborne warning and control mission over the nation's Capitol in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

A total of 231 members of the 513th ACG were activated on Sept. 21, in support of national defense policies. The Oklahoma reservists have been serving both at Tinker AFB and at deployed bases overseas ever since.

Since Sept. 11, both the active duty 552nd Air Control Wing, the parent wing for the E-3 mission here on base, and the 513th ACG have been flying homeland defense surveillance missions throughout the United States, including over the nation's Capitol.



Last month the 513th completed more than 1,000 hours of flying Homeland Defense missions since their activation.

According to the 513th commander, Colonel James Kerr, "Our reserve aircrews and maintenance members have brought a wealth of experience and talent to the active duty here on base. We're proud to be part of this effort."

Commander's coins presented

SMSgt. Jerry Lyles, 507th Logistics Group

A commander's coin was presented to Sergeant Lyles for outstanding service to the 507th CLSS during a temporary assignment as the acting Senior ART. For about four months Jerry filled a critical position in the 507th CLSS by providing leadership and program management. He supervised four ARTs and helped the CLSS prepare for the upcoming UCI inspection. — Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507th CLSS commander

SSgt. Brian Berry, 507th Mission Support Squadron

Sergeant Berry always amazes me with his knowledge and willingness to help others. He is our go-to-man for relocations, reassignments, discharges, DD214's, basic military training, technical schools and retirements to name a few. His military bearing is above reproach and he is a true professional. — CMSgt Bob Kellington, 507th ARW Command Chief Master Sergeant

MSgt. Jodie Zollo, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jodie was recognized for her outstanding dedication and tireless efforts in keeping the squadron running despite two ART vacancies and for all her work in making all the "behind the scenes" coordination for the Nicaragua deployment happen. She deployed on that ADVON Team, and was an important part of a successful deployment under rather austere conditions. She continually and successfully performs at a high level and well beyond her current ART responsibilities. She manages her resources in a highly efficient and responsible manner. — Maj. Renee Lane Renee, 507th CES commander

MSgt. Harry Ginzl, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Harry provides outstanding support, doing whatever is necessary to get the job done. He has become a one-person commander's support staff who can do it all. As a traditional reservist, by the end of March, he will have been on Noble Eagle orders for 89 days in support of the readiness of the 507th Civil Engineers. He was absolutely critical in running the squadron while the only ART was deployed to Nicaragua. He saw to all the arrangements for departure and arrival and made sure that the medics were available to discuss any health problems suffered by those returning from Nicaragua. His dedication to the unit and the Reserve is unquestionable. — Maj. Renee Lane Renee, 507th CES commander

SMSgt. Jerry Housley, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jerry constantly demonstrates his dedication, passion, and hard work in keeping the Readiness Flight operational without an ART. This career field is a critical AFSC for civil engineers and as a traditional reservist, he has volunteered to serve, at no small sacrifice to his family, for as long as necessary. He has been on Noble Eagle orders for 126 days ensuring Wing members are as ready as they can be for deployment. He has performed numerous mask-fit tests and staff assistance visits to various organizations within the Wing, prepared for UCI, and performed countless other tasks. He has greatly contributed to the readiness of the civil engineers and the wing. Housley has attended all UTAs while on orders, so that he could manage the Readiness Flight activities for the Wing and squadron. — Maj. Renee Lane Renee, 507th CES commander

931st Mission Support Flight needs first sergeant

Applications are being accepted for a First Sergeant position within the 931st Mission Support Flight.

The following minimum qualifications must be met:

Must be an E6 or E7. If an E6, must already have NCO Academy completed.

Ability to speak distinctly.

Meet minimum weight and body fat standards.

Application procedures:

Interested individuals must submit the following application package:

AF Form 3920, Application for Retraining.

A minimum of 45 ADMIN and 58 GENERAL and

PULHES of 333231 must be met.

Submit your last 5 EPRs, a records review RIP, and a statement on why you want to become the First Sergeant.

Applications should be received by 931st MSF/DPMSC not later than May 16.

A selection board for this position will be held on May 19.

If interested, send completed application to:

931st MSF/DPMSC, 53280 Topeka Street, McConnell AFB KS 67221-3767.

The point of contact is TSgt. Pat Johnson, DSN 743-3587, Commercial (316) 759-3587.

Combat communications evolves to total effort

**By 2nd Lt. Rodney Owen
3rd Combat Communications Support Squadron
and
Maj. Rich Curry
507th Air Refueling Wing**

When the Air Force Reserve activated the 35th Combat Communications Squadron (35th CBCS) here last November, officials knew this unit would be a high demand asset to national defense.

"That stands to reason," said Maj. Roy Peterson, 35th CBCS commander. "Every field commander needs the ability to get instant communications to those they command as well as to their higher headquarters. That's what we're going to give them."

Although recently activated, the demand for combat communicators is already there and the 35th stands ready and eagerly awaits the challenge.

"Every field commander needs the ability to get instant communications."

"While most of our people are still in training and supporting our unit build up, we were able to provide a qualified person to serve a 60-day volunteer tour."

Peterson said the 35th CBCS has recruited nearly 30 reservists toward its total manning of 65 people.

"We have several Air Force specialty fields in our unit, with training schools ranging from 8 weeks to one year. Recruiting is currently on-going and will be for sometime until we obtain our end strength, he said.

Peterson said that once the unit becomes operational, their teams will be able to set up local area networks in bare base operations, set up satellite uplinks, and conduct in-field equipment repairs.

"The squadron has a unique role in the organizational structure of Team Tinker," Peterson said. "In peacetime, we will train and report as a unit under our parent organization — the 507th Support Group, 507th Air Refueling Wing. When we're activated, our squadron is gained by Air Combat Command."

He went on to say that because the 35th CBCS is collocated with the 3rd Herd, it offers a unique opportunity to interact with the active-duty personnel.

With the emphasis in the Air Force on the total force, mission success depends on active-duty and Reserve military units interacting and cooperating as one team. Sharing the old and the new among team members are crucial to ensuring all are ready to respond.



**Maj. Roy Peterson,
35th Combat Communications Squadron
commander**

The 3rd Combat Communications Group, also known as the 3rd Herd, is moving to the future of tactical communications much in the same manner.

The 3rd Herd, like many other units throughout the Air Force, is currently in the process of transitioning to the new, more mobile Theater Deployable Communications (TDC) and transferring some of their older Tri-services Tactical Communications (TRI-TAC) equipment with the newly activated Air Force Reserve 35th Combat Communications Squadron.

During this transition, the Air Force is working to manage the gap between manning and maintaining the currently deployed TRITAC equipment, as well as funding and

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35th Combat Communications Squadron mission



The mission of the 35th CBCS is to provide mobile, deployable communications and computer systems anywhere in the world for Air Force, Department of Defense and other U.S. commitments.

The squadron is trained to deploy a variety of mission systems, to provide initial and sustained service to Air Force wing customers and other units in locations where these capabilities do not exist, and are prepared to do so under hostile conditions. Some of the systems the unit employs are: tactical voice and data switches; long-haul, multi-channel capacity satellite communications; micro-wave radio terminals; command and control satellite systems; messaging terminal system; and communications management package.

The 35th CBCS is authorized 65 Air Force Reserve officers, enlisted and civilian personnel. Of this number, eight positions are Air Reserve Technicians (ARTS) and the remainder are traditional reservists. An ART is an individual with the dual role as a civil service employee during the week while serving one weekend out of the month for drill.

Total Communications...

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establishing requirements to deploy and maintain the new TDC.

"The mutually supporting relationship between the active duty and reserve here will help benefit both our units, since the 3rd Herd currently uses the equipment that will eventually transfer to the 35th," said Col. Gregory Brundidge, 3rd CCG Commander. "We look forward to the future of bringing new systems online, as well as taking care of our reserve partners by turning over the equipment we've used to become the 'oldest, biggest and best' communications unit in the Air Force. Ensuring continuity of training and the availability of experienced technicians is essential to the success of any system transition. The 35th will help us achieve this success."

Both units are looking forward to the benefits of this arrangement, because the 3rd Herd has a wealth of experience on the older systems that the reservists can draw from as they stand up full squadron capability.

"Being aligned with the Herd, our people will be trained with the skills we'll need to deploy when activated, just like our active-duty partners," Peterson said. "We'll go through

the same training the 3rd does, including the Combat Communications Readiness School, which is designed to train people to perform critical tasks under deployed and potentially hostile conditions.

"A mutually supporting relationship."

As the 3rd Herd transitions to TDC, the 35th CBCS's Air Reserve Technicians will be involved in the transition and interoperability between the TRI-TAC and TDC equipment. "This will give us access to equipment we will be expected to operate. It's a win-win situation for both units," Peterson said.

This relationship will continue to evolve in the future. By 2007 or sooner if possible, the 35th will start its transition to TDC and hopefully witness the end of the TRI-TAC era for the Air Force.

"But for now," Peterson said, "We're working hard to obtain our equipment and get our people the necessary training needed to sustain the mission."

Keep your teeth, keep your career!

By Maj. (DDS) Eric Kean
507th Dental Clinic

In the wake of 9-11, many of our perspectives have changed. The emphasis on being ready to deploy is at a new high and penalties for failing to maintain that readiness are taking a "bite" out of some members' careers. Below are some eye-opening facts about what happens when members fail to maintain their dental health.

When a member is found to have a dental condition that is expected to cause pain or loss of function within one year, they are placed in "Dental Class 3" and a medical profile is initiated on them. This profile prevents them from going TDY or being deployed until they have had their condition treated.

From that point on the member must report to the dental clinic each UTA for a follow-up. If they fail to go for the follow-up they can be prosecuted under UCMJ for "Failure to Show".

After 120 days, if they have not progressed adequately, the member may be restricted from participating for pay or points until they have their condition treated. If the member has not had the condition treated by one year after first being identified, they will be sent for medical evaluation to determine their fitness for continued military service.

Members who are simply overdue for their dental examination are placed in "Dental Class 4". When they become 120 days overdue they will also have a profile initiated on them, restricting them from participating for pay or points. At one year, they too can face a medical board.

While these rules may seem harsh, they came about partially in response to some very "real-world" happenings. During the Gulf War, the number one reason for reserve component members having to be sent home was due to complications from poor dental health.

Beginning October 2002, the Annual Dental Examination (ADE) will be a requirement for all reserve component members. If you do not have dental insurance, the Department of Defense (DoD) and United Concordia have provided an excellent, affordable insurance plan for reservists. The TriCare Dental Reserve Plan covers minor and major dental procedures, with the DoD picking up 60 percent of the bill for the reservist sponsor. For more information call 1 (800) 866-8499 or visit www.ucci.com. Application packets are also available at the dental clinic.

Remember, keeping your teeth in good shape is not only a smart health move, it is also a great career move!

Ten ways to protect your information system

Submitted by SMSgt David Hernandez

The Air Force has initiated a 12-month awareness campaign to increase the emphasis on Information Assurance. Throughout the year, the Air Force Communications Agency Intercom magazine will publish a series of articles focusing on key IA challenges. The magazines are distributed on a monthly basis to squadron/flight orderly rooms.

The 507 ARW/513 ACG Information Assurance Managers, 507 Communications Flight, and Workgroup Managers are committed to ensure that Information Assurance practices are promoted

and that corrective measures are enforced when necessary to ensure compliance with information security.

Stay tuned for future information from the world of Information Technology.



Ten Tips

1. Know who your unit computer security manager (UCM) is.
2. Make sure your systems are certified and accredited. Systems designated to process classified information must have an emission security assessment completed before processing is authorized.
3. Make sure passwords contain at least 8 characters, consisting of numbers and special characters, and are exclusive to each system/user.
4. Never write down or share passwords, and change them often—at least every 90 days.
5. Use a password-protected screen saver when leaving your computer unattended.
6. Always scan disks, e-mail attachments, and downloaded files using the latest updated antiviral product and signature file.
7. Data owner is responsible for data. Know the sensitivity level of the information you are processing, the requirements for protecting it, and the security limitations of the systems used to transmit it.
8. Share information only with people and systems authorized to receive it.
9. Clear/sanitize appropriate processing and storage devices.
10. Report incidents and vulnerabilities to your UCM.

Reserve touts volunteerism while requirements rise

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - With the call-up of 37 reservists in late February, Air Force Reserve Command is deploying non-volunteers from support specialties for the first time as part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force.

Most of the reservists called up are from Patrick AFB, Fla. They will be deployed overseas for 120 days and could be extended on active duty after that to support other critical missions.

But the AFRC commander insists that in spite of these call-ups, volunteerism is still the norm for Reserve integration into operational missions.

"We have moved into new territory with these call-ups, but it doesn't change our commitment to remaining the volunteer force AFRC has always been," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC and chief of Air Force Reserve. "Only after no one volunteered to fill some critical mission support positions did we activate these people. And then, we only called up the minimum that were needed."

The command began calling up aircrews and maintenance people in October 2001, for duties in on-going operations such as Operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch - enforcement of the no-fly zones over Iraq - as well as for the war on terrorism.

Reservists have volunteered to participate in these kinds of operations since 1992. They have continued their voluntary participation under the AEF construct since its inception, with typical rotations limited to 15 days plus travel time. That will not change for the bulk of reservists.

In a move designed to meet increased AEF manning requirements and keep call-ups to a minimum, command officials have moved from a three-cycle to a two-cycle system. While this will mean reservists will be asked to volunteer more often, it should reduce the need to resort to involuntary call-ups.

Command officials anticipated the increased manning requirement and suspended its three-cycle system of 15 months on call and 30 months off, implementing a 15 month-on, 15-month off schedule for AEF rotations.

For AFRC units and their people, the two-cycle system means they will have 15 months to maintain training currency and undergo inspections before the command looks for volunteers again. The new change gives the command 19-20 flying wings from which to seek volunteers as opposed to 12-13 under the old system.

The increased demand for support personnel in a wide variety of missions is driving these changes. The need for AFRC support personnel has risen from the equivalent of 800 positions for 90 days to 2,300 positions, and there are not enough volunteers to fill them all.

Still, Sherrard wants to rely on volunteer service to support these and other requirements.

"The volunteer concept reduces the stress on our reservists, their families and their employers," the general said. "It's the best way for us to operate."

"I will do everything I can to fill our requirements using volunteers." (AFRC News Service)

Help requested to avoid billeting expenses

During a previous drill weekend, some reservists reported in to the wrong hotel, reflecting a "no show" listing for the unit.

According to MSgt. Terry Tunender, 507th Support Group Services Section, when an individual does not cancel their reservation or reports to the wrong hotel the wing is billed for the reserved room.

"By staying focused on our billeting reservations, we help the unit avoid excess expenses," Tunender said. "Everyone who uses billeting for weekend drills or other tour status is responsible for making sure they do what is required to avoid unnecessary costs."

To reduce confusion regarding which hotel individuals are staying at during the UTA weekend, following is a list of hotels for out-of-town personnel along with abbreviations

that are used on the rosters. This information is also available in a wallet-size card available from Services at 734-5847.

What's my hotel code?

Code	Name	Number
CI	Comfort Inn	733-1339
CW	Candlewood	680-8770
HE	Holiday Inn Express	736-1000
HA	Hampton Inn	682-2080
HM	Hampton Inn MWC	732-5500
HI	Holiday Inn by Airport	685-4000
LD	La Quinta Del City	672-0067
LH	Lexington Suites	943-7800
RA	Biltmore	947-7681
WE	Westin	815-6019

Uprclose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

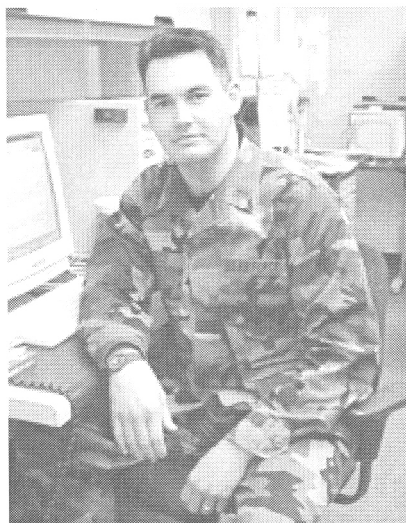
The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing: **“When it comes to your Reserve participation, how would you describe your relationship with your civilian employer?”**

SSgt. Ivan Esau
507th Staff Judge
Advocate Office

“Perfect. The Oklahoma City police department fully understands the significance of the 507th mission and supports it.”



TSgt. Steve Rhodes
35th Combat Communications Sq.
 “Fantastic. My supervisor is ex-military and fully supports my reserve commitment.”



1st Lt. Bill Pierce
507th Public Affairs Office
 “Exceptional. My supervisor is a retired Air Force chief and is fully aware of the role the Air Force Reserves plays in national security.”



SMSgt. Terri Munsey
507th Combat Logistics Spt. Sq.
 “Sometimes it is a difficult situation because I normally work Saturdays. My supervisors have been allowing me to trade my days off so I am not forced to use up my leave just for drill weekends.”



SrA. Berta Levandovskaya
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
 “Very supportive, considering that my boss is a retired Air Force major.”

TSgt. Ken Mill
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
 “My supervisor and the agency I work for are in total support of my military requests.”



Unit witnesses “triple pin-on” ceremony

A triple pin-on ceremony took place on Saturday of the March UTA, as three Air Force Reserve commanders from the 507th Air Refueling Wing were promoted to full colonel.

During an official ceremony held at the unit David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander, Robert Rossow, 507th Support Group commander, and John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group commander received their new rank.

Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th ARW commander, officiated the ceremony sharing the honor of pinning on the officer's new rank on stage along with the officers' wives.



Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander

“Of the 78,000 members of the Air Force Reserve, only one-and-a-half percent are commanders who wear the rank of full colonel,” Despinoy said. “What makes today’s ceremony unique is that all three of our unit’s Group commanders are being promoted to this rank at the same time. This is an honor for our unit. We also wish to recognize the sacrifices their wives have made to support their careers.”

As the 507th Logistics Group commander, Colonel Beavin provides overall direction to aircraft maintenance, vehicle operations and maintenance, fuels, management and logistics planning, training, and supply management for the wing. Colonel Beavin’s command consists of four squadrons. They are: 507th Maintenance, Aircraft Generation, Logistics Support, and Combat Logistics Support Squadrons.

As the 507th Support Group commander, Colonel Robert Rossow provides mission essential support to the wing. Colonel Rossow’s command consists of four squadrons and three flights. They are: Civil Engineer, Security Police, 35th Combat Communications, and Mission Support Squadrons, and



Col. Robert Rossow, 507th Support Group commander

Military Personnel, Services, and Communications Flights.

As the 507th Operations Group commander, Colonel John Hurdle’s primary mission is to maintain combat readiness to provide unit-equipped KC-135 aircraft aircrews and aerial port personnel for worldwide air refueling and airlift operations. In addition, his group is responsible for maintaining certification of FAA navigational equipment and instrument approach procedures. Colonel Hurdle’s command consists of four subordinate units. They are: 465th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Operations Support Flight, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, and



Col. John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group commander

the 1st Aviation Standards Flight, located at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, and Will Rogers’ World Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Recruiters team with Lawton Radio Station for on-air broadcast

507th Recruiters teamed up with Radio Station Z94 on March 22 for a live broadcast event at a Lawton, Oklahoma shopping mall, announcing to the public that they were "open for business."

The recruiting team showed up in

force to support Lawton recruiter, SrA Kamala Thigpen, who coordinated the event.

Below left are CMSgt. Al Garza, Maj. Rich Curry, SrA Kamala Thigpen, MSgt. Dennis Orcutt and "Critter", a Z94 radio host. Below right, Sergeant Orcutt is interviewed on air.



On-final R-NEWS

Dental exams due

The deadline to submit your dental exam forms is approaching. According to 507th Medical Squadron officials, this annual Command dental exam requirement can now be fulfilled through your personal dentist.

Unit members may use DD Form 2813 to document their exam when done by their private dentist. The form is available on the unit LAN for download or printing. The completed form can be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the 507th Medical Squadron. Any questions regarding the use of this form should be addressed to Maj. Eric Kean at 734-2587 during drill weekends.

Choose seven habits for success

The 507th ARW will be hosting the Covey "seven habits of highly effective people" seminar May 13-16, 2002, in the Natural Resources Center near the 507th compound.

The class size is limited to 25 participants. If you wish to attend please contact Capt. Don Satterlee, 507th Performance Planner, at 734-5543 before April 22.

Breast Cancer lecture is planned

Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Franklin of the 507th Medical Squadron will present a Breast Cancer Awareness lecture at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Base Hospital briefing room. The lecture will last 40 minutes with a question and answer period afterwards. All interested unit members are invited to attend.

Chapel holds Mass

Catholic mass will no longer be available on the Reserve campus during drill weekends. Instead, members may attend mass at the base Chapel on Sunday at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Memorial Wall coming

The traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall display is coming to Idabel, Okla., from May 13-19. The display will be located at the McCurtain County Fairgrounds, 800 NW 9th Street in Idabel.

507th ARW Recruiters

Tinker AFB, OK

(In-Service Recruiter)
MSgt. Larry Wheatley
(405) 739-2980



Moore, Norman, OK

MSgt. Dennis Orcutt
(405) 217-8311

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Gene Higgins
SSgt. Tabatha Irby
(405) 733-9403

Altus AFB, OK

MSgt. Ronald J. Salafia
(In-Service Recruiter)
(580) 481-5123

Lawton, OK

SrA Kamala Thigpen
(580) 357-2784

Tulsa, OK

TSgt. Candy Bradshaw
(918) 665-2300

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. David McCormick
(316) 652-3766

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. David McCormick
(In-Service Recruiter)
(316) 652-3766
(316) 652-4350

Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Michael Tubbs
(940) 676-3382

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.

VA BENEFITS

The procedures of paying benefits to members who are called to **active duty and are veterans**. This applies to **VETERANS only**: If a member is called to duty under Title 32-Homeland Security, and they previously qualified for chapter 30 benefits before activation, then the VA will pay the member full veteran benefits while on active duty. If a member is called to duty under Title 10, and they previously qualified for chapter 30 benefits before activation, then the VA has to pay that member active duty pay, which is based off their tuition and fees. Normally, title 10 veterans will get a much lesser amount of money if they attend school while on active duty, and this may not be beneficial for the member. **Questions should be directed to The Veterans Administration (VA) at 1-888-442-4551. Beginning 1 June 2002, members receiving chapter 1606 benefits (Reserve), will be required to call in each month to certify their hours. On June 1st, members need to call 1-877-823-2378 to certify their hours and receive pay for the month of May. If you fail to call in your check will not be released. Remember, it is your responsibility to do this. If you receive a letter of denial letter from the VA, please call DPMT at 734-7075, and provide us a copy.**

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)

FY2002/2003 UTA SCHEDULE

02-03 Mar 02	05-06 Oct 02
06-07 Apr 02	16-17 Nov 02
04-05 May 02	07-08 Dec 02
01-02 Jun 02	11-12 Jan 03
13-14 Jul 02	01-02 Feb 03
03-04 Aug 02	01-02 Mar 03
07-08 Sep 02	05-06 Apr 03

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 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1048, OG Conf Room

Sat, 06 Apr 2002

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0815-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	To Be Determined
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
1000-1100	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1030-1130	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
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1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
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0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0930 Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
1115 Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
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1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500 IG period w/Lt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
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SERVICEMEN'S GROUPLIFE 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.

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
02 Apr	10 Apr
04 Apr	12 Apr
08 Apr	15 Apr
11 Apr	19 Apr
16 Apr	24 Apr
18 Apr	26 Apr
22 Apr	01 May
25 Apr	03 May
30 Apr	08 May
02 May	10 May
07 May	15 May
09 May	17 May

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

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

(Units will no longer receive notification for recertification from pay).

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