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## A little unit



## with a BIG mission

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





## 507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean Despinoy

The 507th currently has people activated and in volunteerism performing NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM missions. Naturally, there are a lot of questions regarding future requirements. This last weekend I was at McConnell for the 931st Change of Command. During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. James Czekanski, 4thAF/CC, addressed the men and women of the 931st. The general is putting forward, for final approval, a plan to cover the current known requirements. It is in all of our best interests to be as flexible as possible in our method of fulfilling future requirements. To that end, each tanker wing will be given the opportunity to mobilize those people who select that option as best for their situation. Additionally, people who do not wish to be activated will be expected to volunteer for several rotations throughout the year.

It has been suggested that the rotations be 28 to 30 days for those in volunteerism. The 507th and two other wings will be called upon to meet this year's requirement. If accepted, this plan would give maximum flexibility to the individual and should make it possible to meet all requirements without mandatory activation of entire squadrons. Of course, the plan will have to be reevaluated if there is a future significant change in the requirements. Please talk with your commanders for more information.

There have been some misconceptions on the parts of some activated 507th personnel. It is important for those members currently activated and those who will be activated in the future to understand the rules on per diem. Per diem is determined from your Home of Record (HOR). The Home of Record is that place where you are living when you are

activated. The HOR cannot be changed until after you are deactivated. All determinations as to whether you receive per diem and whether you are inside or outside the commuting area is based on the address you gave when activated.

All reservists will receive per diem when away from Tinker for they will not PCS to the base assigned. The only exception to this is if your HOR happens to be within commuting distance from the base you are assigned to perform your duty. It is understood that you most likely will not relocate your family and will be required to maintain a home for them as well as pay for wherever you are staying while assigned to another base. There are some members who are confused about being activated and working here at Tinker. Not all members will receive the same amount of money. It is possible for Sgt. X to have a HOR outside the commuting area and therefore receive full per diem. Sgt. Y, who is working right next to Sgt. X but has a HOR inside the commuting area, does not receive any per diem. Please make sure you understand your personal benefits and don't assume because your friend gets something that you automatically get it as well.

Communication is the key to understanding. I will try to disburse information in many different forums to include commander's call, articles, and town hall meetings. Many of the spouses have started meeting to make sure that they are also properly informed. I highly encourage these meetings whether here on base or at private residences. Remember that if you or your spouse have any questions or concerns, all of the commanders, first sergeants, family services, and I are standing by to make sure your questions and concerns are properly addressed.

Thanks for all your hard work and sacrifice. Both the member and the families have been giving their all to ensure that we provide a strong defense against terrorism. I am proud of all of you and know that the 507th will continue its longstanding tradition of service to our Country.

plan your route and get plenty of rest before starting out. Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound before starting your trip. Severe weather can develop quickly in the summer so listen for reports.

If you're going camping, tell someone your whereabouts. Camp only in approved areas and check your equipment before you leave. Use caution when starting fires!

Swim only in designated swimming areas and check the water before diving. Never swim alone. When boating use personal flotation devices and don't overload the boat. Get off the lake during threats of high wind or lightning.

Regarding alcohol, drink responsibly. Remember that alcohol and vehicle operations do not mix. Enjoy the summer. Be smart and be safe and most of all be back after the 101 critical days of summer!

## The 101 Critical Days of Summer!

By MSgt. Gary Bristow, 507th Safety Office

The 101 critical days of summer are upon us once again. The 101 critical days of summer begins on Memorial Day weekend and day 101 ends on Labor Day weekend in September. This period is statistically a time when more Air Force members are involved in off duty mishaps. Most of us begin our outdoor vacationing activities such as camping, swimming, or boating, on Memorial Day weekend. But these recreational activities take their toll. People fail to properly assess the risk and mishaps result.

So, how do you avoid becoming a statistic? Apply risk management principles for all activities, especially if it is something that you haven't done before. When traveling,

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### On The Cover



A different kind of warrior...

With dozens of new airfields being created within the AOR to support air combat operations, the need to maintain flying safety standards is paramount. Enter the men and women of the 1st Aviation Standards Flight of the 507th Operations Group and their "Hawker" aircraft. Story on page 6.



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## Reserve to mirror Air Force wing changes

When Air Force Reserve Command flying wings begin reorganizing in October to comply with an Air Force directive, they will follow a plan developed by the Headquarters AFRC directorate of plans and programs.

A cross-functional team will set up strategies, policies and directives for implementing the restructuring, which includes creating a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing operations group taskings.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed April 22 that all active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper said.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

- Aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group;

- Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons;

- Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSs will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group;"

- Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSs; and

- The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines supply, transportation and logistics plans career fields, will begin new accessions in April.

AFRC has a year from October 2002 to implement the standard Air Force wing structure.

"We'll take our time to ensure those changes cause the minimum amount of turmoil," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander. "There should be little need for variation or exception. Change is always difficult and disruptive, but our challenge at all levels of Air Force Reserve Command is to embrace the Air Force changes and do everything

to make this a positive, fluid change."

Jumper emphasized the importance of these changes, saying operation and maintenance of air and space weapons systems are core competencies of the Air Force.

"Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space power," he said. "Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat. They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems...(and) will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war."

The chief of staff said aging aircraft and space fleets, coupled with years of resource shortfalls, will require maintainers to skillfully balance sortie production with the condition of those fleets. He said maintenance groups will need to respond to challenges with the same skill and proficiency as other groups in the wing structure.

"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," he said. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations; crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness expeditionary combat support, etc."

Jumper said medical groups will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force, with no change to the structure of those groups.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," Jumper said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing, complex mission." (AFRC News Service from Air Force Print News)



## Colonel Harris is new 507th Vice Commander

Last month the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW welcomed Col. Stayce D. Harris to her first official weekend drill as the unit's new Vice Commander.

Colonel Harris was born in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from 71<sup>st</sup> High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1977. In 1981, she received a commission in the Air Force through the University of Southern California's ROTC program and attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. Colonel Harris is a command pilot with more than 2500 hours in the C-141B/C aircraft. She separated from active duty in August 1990 and began working for United Airlines where she is currently a First Officer on the Boeing 747-400 aircraft.

She returned to military service, entering the Air Force Reserve, in April of 1991 at March AFB, California. She then served a five-year tour from 1995 to 2000 at the Pentagon, first as a mobility force planner, then as Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Colonel Harris returned to March Air Reserve Base in February of 2000 to serve as the Reserve Deputy Commander for the 452<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group, 452<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing. From January of 2001 to April 2002, she served as Commander, 729<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, the first African American female to command an Air Force flying squadron.

In addition to completing her Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering, she also earned a Master



Colonel Stayce Harris,  
507th Vice Commander

of Aviation Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

During her Air Force career she has flown the C141 B and C models, the T-38 and the T-37 aircraft.

*Next month: A one-on-one interview with our new Vice Commander.*

## Annual dental exams are now required

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

Effective October 1 of this year, all members of the Selected Reserve (IMA's and reservists assigned to reserve units), will be required to have their teeth checked at least once per year.

A military dentist must perform the examination every three years with the member's civilian dentist performing the examination each of the intervening two years. Flyers must have a military dental examination each year as part of their annual physical.

In order for an examination performed by a member's civilian dentist to "count", they must have their dentist accomplish a DD2813 Record of Civilian Dental Examination. These forms are available from unit health monitors, and at the medical squadron. Members may also download them from the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW bulletin board.

Members due for their Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment (RCPHA), should receive a DD2813 in

their physical examination packet. These packets are normally mailed 6 months ahead of the examination date, which will be in member's birth month.

To help meet their dental needs, the DoD has contracted with United Concordia to provide dental insurance at low cost to reserve component members through TriCare Dental. The government will pay 60% of the member's premium. Family members are also allowed to enroll in the plan, though the government does not pay any portion of their premiums.

Two months premiums are required up front with subsequent premiums being taken out of the member's pay through allotment. If you are interested in this insurance, information and applications are available at the medical squadron, from your unit health monitor, and on-line at <http://www.UCCI.com>.

If you have any questions about the annual dental examination requirement or about TriCare dental insurance, please contact your dental section during UTA weekends or email Major Kean or SrA Parham with the 507<sup>th</sup> MDS.



## 1st Aviation Standards Flight

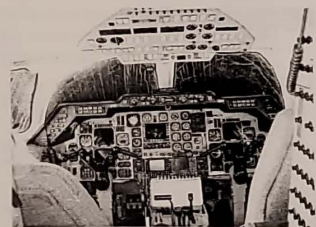
## A little unit with a BIG mission

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

It's a little unit with a big mission. The men and women Air Force reservists of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's 1st Aviation Standards Flight (1st ASF) are supporting Operation Enduring Freedom where the rubber hits the road, or in this case, the runway.

This unit, in peacetime, works in tandem with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to perform flight inspections of navigational aids and instrument procedures at military and civilian installations in the United States and overseas.

However, during contingencies or war the 1st ASF, along with their active duty counterparts, take over the FAA's military installation flight inspection role, serving as a pathfinder to make sure battlefield airfields are safe for military aircraft to operate.



Roughly the size of a corporate jet, the Hawker has a very compact cockpit.

panded dramatically," said Lt Col. Randall Peterson, 1st ASF commander, "Every military airfield has to maintain safety as the first and foremost concern. And our teams responded to that challenge." To date, the 1st ASF has supported seven 4-man crew overseas deployments to the European Theater to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

Working side by side along with the Air Force Flight Stan-

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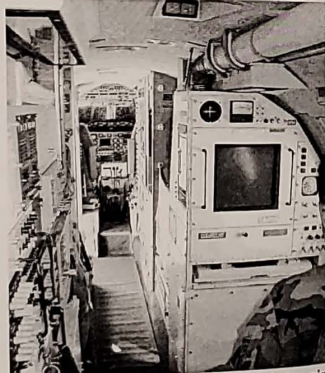


A British Aerospace BAe 125/800 "Hawker" sits on the 507th ARW ramp with a KC-135R Stratotanker in the background. Normally based out at Will Rogers Airport, the aircraft visited the unit last fall to provide refueling training for unit reservists. The Hawker has a range of approximately 2000 nautical miles with an intermediate cruise True Airspeed of 430 knots.

dards Agency Detachment 1, the on-site active-duty unit, the 23-member Reserve unit operates from Will Rogers International World Airport, Oklahoma City.

The unit flies and maintains the FAA's British Aerospace BAe 125/800 "Hawker" aircraft. These British-built jets, formerly known as the Air Force's C-29, now belong to the FAA, but are flown by both the FAA and the Air Force. The Hawker is a reconfigured corporate jet — about the size of an F-16 — with specially designed computers for navigation aid inspection.

A typical mission involves a three-member crew consist-



Photographed from the rear of the aircraft, the Electronics Technician's station is located at the right.

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## "Hawker" dances through electron beams

## So how does it work?

Most landing field navigational aids basically beam "lodes" outward from the end of the runway which, if graphically represented, would resemble elongated teardrops or daisy petals.

These lodes tightly overlap each other, except for landing approach glidepath for that runway. The glidepath is detected by a landing aircraft as a "null" zone. An approaching aircraft's instrument systems help it stay on the proper approach by staying in the area where no signal exists. The Hawker tests landing field systems by first measuring the position of the null in space then "marking" the centerline at each runway end with a laser located in the aircraft tail. Technicians on the ground can also

help with the calibration. Then the aircraft flies a back and forth flight pattern, 10 miles off each end of the runway. The reservist crew then checks the signal to make sure no other null zones exist, literally dancing through the beams conducting their own style of uniformed "Tango."



## BIG mission...

ing of a pilot, copilot and an Aerospace Electronic Technician who operates the electronic systems to check the calibration of airfield navigation aid systems. On deployments, the aircraft can also carry a maintenance crew chief, to oversee all maintenance or repairs.

According to Peterson, the mission performed by the 1st ASF is extremely important to overall NATO aircraft flying operations. "Basically our crew will fly inspection missions on military airfields to make sure the navigation systems are working properly. They use the calibration instruments on board their Hawker aircraft to make sure that if the particular ground system shows they are at a specific position, the aircraft is actually at that position. They also check the air traffic controller procedures to make sure they are by-the-book."

Peterson said his unit's reservists would continue to share the workload equally with active duty counterparts already in the theater. "Our unit was not activated because we can support this mission as volunteers. Typically a rotation overseas can last anywhere from 2 weeks to 30 days with additional individual rotations as required," Peterson said.

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**ABOVE:** TSgt. Kirk Babcock and MSgt. Ralph "Rob" Uzzle are training in the use of theodolite for inspecting the localizer antenna at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

**CENTER:** Still at Ardmore. The amount of runs depends on the antennas and type of inspection. A complete commissioning of an Instrument Landing System (ILS) can require 30 to 40 runs, 3 to 4 of which are centerline runs over the runway.

**TOP LEFT:** TSgt. Kirk Babcock takes readings during a normal ILS approach to a standard low approach. 1st ASF crews actually measure the angle on the ILS by flying 50 feet above the runway all the way from end to end.

## Hawker Facts:

The Hawker aircraft is powered by two Garrett Air Research TFE731-5R-1H engines, each capable of producing 4500 lbs of thrust to propel the 28,000 lb aircraft.

There is a pilot-activated laser in the tail. It is used to get exact altitude readings at both ends of the runway so the flight inspection equipment can precisely calculate the glide slope angle for a precision approach.

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## A Time of Reflection

By Lt. Col. George Gorham  
513th Vice Commander

It has been a great honor and privilege to have led this great squadron. When I came here in 1997 as the operations officer, there were around 100 in the 513 ACG. The squadron has grown to where it is now with over 150 members, the group nearly 400.

The squadron and group have garnered many accolades and awards. These are products of hard work and outstanding people. Many people said "It can't be done! You can't have a Reserve AWACS squadron." You proved them wrong time and again with the great efforts that have consistently produced outstanding results.

Our ops temp rate has always been in the yellow zone, the caution zone at AFRC/HQ. Yet you consistently exceeded all expectations for the good of the nation. Our great nation is better for all the sacrifices you, your families made, your employers have made. A grateful nation thanks you.

I thank you for all the great lessons you have taught me and the great opportunities you have given me. Keep up the good work and the spirit of cooperation as your new commander, Lt. Col. Lee Alexander, assumes command of the greatest squadron in the world.

Once again thank you for this opportunity to serve our great nation and this fine squadron.

## Alexander becomes new 970th AACCS commander

In a double ceremony held May 17, Col. George Gorham pinned on the rank of full colonel and assumed the position of Vice Commander for the 513th Air Control Group.

At the same time, Lt. Col. Lee Alexander assumed command of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron from Colonel Gorham. Alexander joined the 513th in September of 1998 after 16 years of active duty service. During his career he served with the 552nd Air Control Wing from 1989 to 1992 as well as with NATO AWACS from 1992 to 1996. He left active duty in 1996.

"A commander's job is to take care of the people and the people to take care of the mission. I look forward to this challenge," Alexander said.



Lt. Col. Lee Alexander  
970th AACCS Commander

## News around the Group

### Graduates receive their degrees

Four technicians from the 513th Air Control Group's 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron received Bachelor Degrees last month.

According to the 513th Commander, Col. James Kerr, "This is just OUTSTANDING! I've never before in my 25 years seen so many at graduation time, especially with a small sized unit like this. This is an outstanding achievement by our technicians."

TSgt. Henry Bijak, a computer technician, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Massachusetts in January of 2002 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Information Systems.

MSgt. Steve Kleinow, a radar technician, graduated Magna Cum Laude, from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in May 2002 with a Bachelor's of Science in Aviation Management.

TSgt. Michael Randazzo, a radar technician, graduated from Oklahoma University in May 2002 with a Bachelor's of the Arts in Business Administration - Marketing.

SSgt. Nick Bell graduated Summa Cum Laude, from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in May 2002 with a Bachelor's of Science - Professional Pilot Degree.

### Stripes traded for bars

SSgt. Ola Ekundayo, previously a life support technician for the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, is now 2nd Lt. Ekundayo after receiving his commission last month. Lieutenant Ekundayo stated he had been working hard for his commission and was happy when the day finally came, even though it meant ultimately leaving the 513th Air Control Group.

Ekundayo is going on to active duty service as a logistics plans officer with the 92nd Mission Support Squadron at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

### 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 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.

Enrollment form must show course number/title, credit hours and cost of tuition.

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

HQAFRC will approve/disapprove based on funding.

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 1-877-82-2378 or 1-888-442-4551 option # 1 to 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 734-7075 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

13-14 Jul 02	01-02 Feb 03
03-04 Aug 02	01-02 Mar 03
07-08 Sep 02	05-06 Apr 03
05-06 Oct 02	03-04 May 03
16-17 Nov 02	07-08 Jun 03
07-08 Dec 02	12-13 Jul 03
11-12 Jan 03	09-10 Aug 03



**Fri, 31 May 2002**

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	513th ACG Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1600	Top 3 Executive Board Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

**Sat, 01 Jun 2002**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
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
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
<b>0915-1115</b>	<b>Computer Based Testing</b>	<b>Bldg 1043, ATN Room</b>
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1000-1100	Mobility Rep Meeting	To Be Determined
1030-1130	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Conf Room</b>
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

**Sun, 02 Jun 2002**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Conf Room</b>
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
<b>0750-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Room 213</b>
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0830-1030	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
<b>0930</b>	<b>Catholic Chapel Service</b>	<b>Base Chapel</b>
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

**Fri, 12 Jul 2002**

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	513th ACG Conf Room
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1600	Top 3 Executive Board Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

**Sat, 13 Jul 2002**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
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
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
<b>0915-1115</b>	<b>Computer Based Testing</b>	<b>Bldg 1043, ATN Room</b>
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1000-1100	Mobility Rep Meeting	To Be Determined
1030-1130	First Sgts Meeting	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1300-1400	Adverse Actions Mtg	Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Conf Room</b>
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

**Sun, 14 Jul 2002**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Conf Room</b>
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
<b>0750-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	<b>Bldg 460, Room 213</b>
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0830-1030	HazCom Training	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
<b>0930</b>	<b>Catholic Chapel Service</b>	<b>Base Chapel</b>
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500	IG period w/Lt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated



## 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 member's pay during coverage periods.

## Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1014, Buford Hall (3rd Mobile Comm Area). 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
<b>Phase I</b>			
Saturday	1300-1400	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
<b>Phase II</b>			
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 NewcomersAncillary Training at 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1014, Buford Hall.

### 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 NewcomersAncillary Training at 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1014, Buford Hall.

### 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:
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06 Jun	14 Jun
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17 Jun	28 Jun
19 Jun	01 Jul
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27 Jun	07 Jul
01 Jul	10 Jul
03 Jul	12 Jul
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11 Jul	19 Jul

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:	Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:	Recertifica- tion due in by end of month in:
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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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## Applicants needed for First Sergeant vacancies

TSgt. Robert Enriquez, 507th Chief of Employment, is accepting applications for two squadron first sergeant positions with the 35 Combat Communication Squadron and the 507th Security Forces Squadron.

The listings below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application per AFI 36-2113, AFMAN 36-8001.

1. Must be a volunteer for the first sergeant position.
2. A letter of recommendation from present supervisor endorsed by your commander or first sergeant if commander not available.
3. Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skills.
4. Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.
5. Possess an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
6. Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
7. Have completed the NCO Academy (residence or correspondence).
8. Possess a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL.
9. Ability to speak distinctly.
10. Be financially stable.
11. Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Overall image should exceed minimum standards.
12. Selectee must attend Air Force Reserve Command's First Sergeant Academy at earliest possible date, but no later than one year from date of assignment.
13. Meet a first sergeants review/interview board made up of selecting unit commander, Command Chief Master Sergeant, one unit first sergeant, and one senior NCO. Board members should not be assigned to the same unit as the applicant.
14. Applications must be turned into the 507th Mission Support Squadron Employment Office located in the Military Personnel Flight Section of building 1043 prior to noon July 10.

For more information, call TSgt. Robert Enriquez at 734-7493.

## Reservist a man of many hats

By TSgt. George Proctor  
Unit Public Affairs Representative  
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

TSgt. John Beech of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron wears many hats as both a police officer and Reserve member. However, the one he is most proud of is the hat he wears for the Special Olympics. Beech said, "This is more fun to me than anything I've ever done."

Beech is a committed promoter of the Special Olympics and for that effort was honored with the Special Olympics Spirit Award during a luncheon at the Chiefs of Police Building January 2002. Beech was recognized for raising more than \$2000 during a recent fundraiser. The money raised went to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.



**TSgt. John Beech**

Beech, a Del City Police Officer of five years, not only raises money, but also participates in the Torch Run. The Torch Runs begin in all four corners of the state and meet up in Stillwater during the summer to kick off the Summer Games.

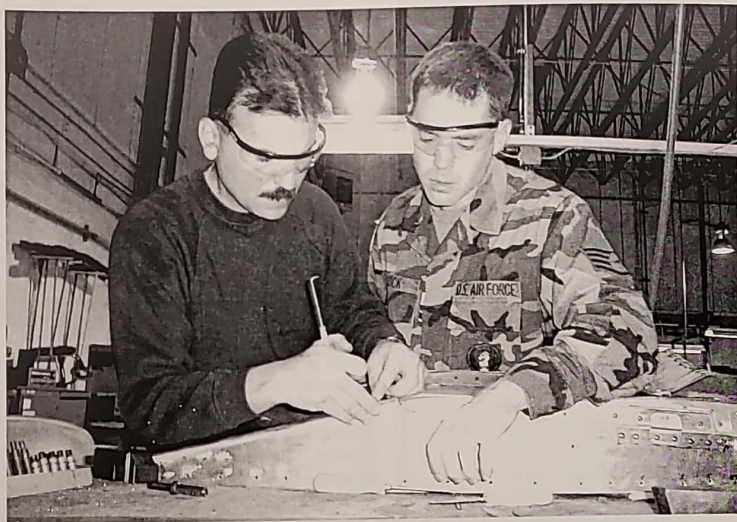
Beech's involvement with the Special Olympics began when his heart was touched during a traffic accident he worked in back in 1999. A dog was killed in this accident and later he found out that the animal belonged to a mentally handicapped student.

In his efforts to find a replacement companion for the child, he was introduced to the Special Olympics. He attended a Special Olympics event, and after watching the effort, and the participants' abilities to overcome physical barriers, he was hooked.

Years later, Beech continues to stay in touch with the student he helped. When asked why he got involved, Beech said, "I try to be a positive role model in the lives of young people, after all they are our future."



# Structural Repair team show their "metal"



By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

During a routine inspection of one of the Wing's KC-135 aircraft last month, one of the maintenance crew chiefs saw something unusual — a half-inch, hairline crack had developed in an engine fairing side panel of the outboard engine.

As the word went out, other crew chiefs began inspecting their aircraft and more cracked fairings were discovered. In all, 10 fairings would need to be repaired or replaced. The engine fairing has a cover plate made out of titanium, a strong but lightweight metal, and is located at the rear of the engine. The fairings were installed on unit aircraft roughly 9 years ago when they were re-engined as R-model.

But with the problem came a solution: the reservists of the 507th Structural Repair Section.

"Even though titanium is an extremely strong metal, we believe the problem occurred because it is also a very brittle metal. Between the engine vibrations, the engine heat and the cold ambient temperatures the metal encounters at altitude, all this most likely contributed to creating metal fatigue and the crack," said SMSgt.



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Ray Hahn, Structural Repair Section supervisor.

"We researched getting replacement parts ordered only to discover that the manufacturer's cost for the fairing would have cost the unit roughly \$21,000 per unit," he said. So Hahn went looking for a better solution. "We wouldn't have been able to build a titanium replacement part ourselves in the shop...that would have required some very special equipment that we don't have. But the tech order stated that we could substitute 301 half-hard grade stainless steel instead for titanium and we are more than able to fabricate the part from stainless steel," he said. Hahn confirmed with the Oklahoma



City Air Logistics Center that stainless steel would work, producing a more durable, although slightly heavier part.

But first the technicians had to create a "radius bar" or template tool. "This was the hardest part—where the skill comes in. There's a bend in the metal that has to be very precise," Hahn said. "It took our guys several times worth of trial and error, but they made a template that worked perfectly on our bending machines." The radius bar allowed them to produce the replacement side panel with opposite bends for either side of the fairing.

After confirming the team could fabricate the replacement themselves, they purchased \$300 worth of sheet metal. They made a template for panel cutout, and started slicing out what was needed.

"It takes two people about two days to completely overhaul one fairing," said TSgt. Jack Cantrell, a Structural Repair Technician. Cantrell said the overhaul process involves disassembling the original riveted part, cutting, bending, drilling fastener holes into the replacement side panel then putting it all back together. "But working with .076-inch stainless steel is easier than trying to work with titanium."

While the total costs for replacing 10 engine fairings would have cost the unit nearly \$220,000 to purchase manufacturer parts, Hahn estimates this team was able to do the job for roughly \$3,100, including parts and labor. And, Hahn added, the section has enough material left over to repair five more fairings if needed.

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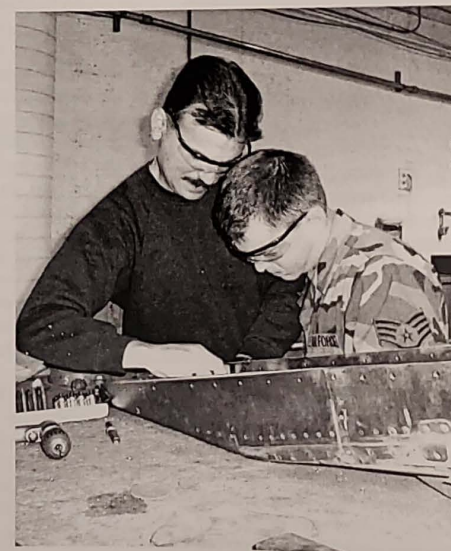


**Opposite Page Top:** TSgt. Jeff Inlow, left and Sgt. Jamie Quick (from the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron) assemble an engine fairing. **Opposite Page Bottom:** TSgt. Jack Cantrell drills out holes in a fairing side piece.

**Above:** An original defective engine fairing part is examined.

**Left:** TSgt. Jack Cantrell and TSgt. James Dykens check out the bending die assembled in their shop.

**Below:** TSgt. Inlow and SSgt. Quick hard at work. Other members supporting the project include TSgt. Brannon Matthews and MSgt. Junior Whiteside.





# Top enlisted members of quarter selected

By TSgt. Melba Koch  
507th ARW Public Affairs

MSgt. Floyd Gordon, a jet engine specialist with the 507th Maintenance Squadron, is the Senior NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2002.

"MSgt. Floyd Gordon is a superb leader and astute organizer," says Maj.



MSgt. Floyd Gordon

Wendy Deemer, 507th Maintenance Squadron commander. He flawlessly managed PMEL (Precision Measurement Equipment Labs) for 16 shops, including 1stASF, life support, all maintenance shops, Air Force recruiters, and Operations Group, and 800 pieces of equipment. Floyd manages all benchstock for Propulsion Branch (over 200 bins) and is responsible for flammable storage cabinet and all MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) for the Propulsion Branch. He maintains/monitors the propulsion branch toolroom to include all CTKs (Consolidated Tool Kits), and special tools.

Floyd is one of three engine-run cer-

tifiers for the engine-run program. To qualify, you have to attend 60 hours of class, take a written test and run an aircraft with a pilot. Recertification is required annually.

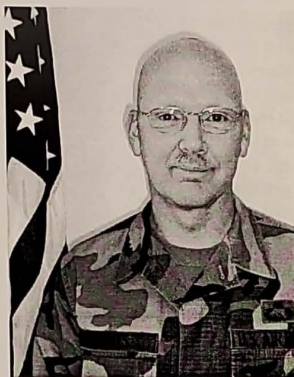
He is shop supervisor on "A" Flight UTA weekends, supervising seven jet engine personnel. He trained all 16 engine shop personnel in shop specific Operational Risk Management. He serves as the key shop deployment manager, ensuring all equipment and materials, including hazardous materials, are properly packed, marked, and stowed for worldwide transport.

He is fully cross-utilization trained as a crew chief, providing local flightline support during personnel shortages and support of off-station operations.

Floyd is constantly involved in activities that help make him a well-rounded asset to the wing. He attends seminars and training classes and has completed 50 hours toward a CCAF degree in Jet Propulsion Technology.

After the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City, Floyd volunteered to work security guard around the blast site. He received the Red Cross Award for Exemplary Civilian Service for his selfless efforts. He also devoted many hours to clean-up after the devastating May 99 tornadoes, assisting in search for victims and helping to distribute warm meals to families. Floyd helps several neighbors who are shut-ins due to illness or age, by transporting them, running errands, and performing yard and housework. He was president of his neighborhood watch association from January 1999 to January 2000.

TSgt. David W. Davis, PEP promoted to MSgt. on April 1, was selected as the NCO of the Quarter for the Wing. He is a fully qualified 7-level Electrical/Environmental Aircraft Mechanic Specialist with the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Davis has three years



TSgt. David W. Davis

active duty in the Navy, 20 years as a reservist, and 18 years experience at his civilian job. He is well versed in all facets of his Air Force career; he was a team chief of the KC-135 "A" team for two years and was the NCOIC of the Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) section for one year.

The word volunteer is used extensively in his nomination package. He volunteered to assume expanded responsibilities and duties as the acting assistant team chief for the KC-135 "B" while two master sergeants were detailed out to other duties.

He also volunteered to take on the responsibilities as the KC-135 "B" team training monitor as NCOIC and weapons custodian for the team.

Davis volunteered as a team member on an ABDR Team on short-notice in March, and he volunteered for Operation Noble Eagle to assist the 507th Air Refueling Wing electrical shop with the high demand now being placed on its KC-135 aircraft.

Davis performs many additional

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# Inspectors recognize superior performers

The Air Force Reserve Command recognized the following individuals and teams as top performers following last month's Unit Compliance Inspection.

## 507th ARW Superior Performers

Capt. Donald L. Satterlee	507th ARW/CCX
SMSgt. Gary A. Bristol	507th ARW/SEG
SMSgt. Gary W. Newell	507th MXS/LGMF
SMSgt. Ricky A. Skelton	507th OSF/DOL
MSgt. David B. Dickson	507th SFS/SFOA
MSgt. Floyd Gordon, Jr.	507th AGS/LGGA
MSgt. Donna K. Hefflin	507th AGS/LGGS
MSgt. Kenneth W. Keesee	507th MXS/LGMG
MSgt. Cindy J. New	507th LSS/LGSM
MSgt. Arnold R. Schones, Jr.	507th LG/CC
MSgt. Lyle D. Unruh	507th MXS/LGRP
TSgt. Gary V. Berry	507th MXS/LGMG
TSgt. Cynthia K. Edwards	507th OSF/IN
TSgt. Wayne L. Ellison, Jr.	507th AGS/LGRP
TSgt. James A. Moore	507th MSX/LGMG
SSgt. Michael R. Scopel	507th MXS/LGMG
SSgt. Brent D. Slattery	35 CCS/SCBN
SrA Michelle Y. Paperini	507th MSS/DPMSC
GS-9 Randy P. Unger	507th ARW/FM
GS-5 Tamara J. Bingham	507th MDS/SGA
GS-5 Barbara L. Waldroop	507th ARW/RS

## 507th ARW Superior Performer Teams

507th ARW/Workgroup Management Team  
MSgt. Arnold R. Schones, Jr.

MSgt. Thomas N. Turner  
TSgt. Richard A. Hinkleley, Jr.  
TSgt. Dennis I. Derry

## 507th Operations Support Flt/Unit Intelligence Team

Maj. Mark. S. Rowland  
MSgt. Michael A. Plante  
465th ARS/Life Support Safety Team

SMSgt. Ricky A. Skelton

MSgt. Burke L. Pauley

SSgt. Juan C. Escobar

## 465th ARS/Aircrew Life Support Team

SMSgt. Ricky Skelton

MSgt. Randy DeWitt

MSgt. Burke Pauley

MSgt. James Smith

TSgt. Daniel Boyer

SSgt. Juan Escobar

SSgt. Billy Hollowell

SrA Eric Bigelow

SrA Christopher Painter

## 72nd Aerial Port Squadron Safety Team

TSgt. Matthew E. Guarnieri

SSgt. Ronnie E. Byrd

## 507th ARW Courtesy, Dress & Appearance

TSgt. Steven P. Gonsalves 507th LSS/LGTM

SSgt. Patrick R. Mitchell 507th CF/SCMS

SSgt. Jay J. Smith 507th CF/SCMR

# Top enlisted members selected...

mandays and RMPs each month, setting up the training for the UTAs for on and off station UTAs and annual tours. He is an inspirational leader dedicated to the Air Force mentoring program and personally provided mentoring for two team members who came from various military service backgrounds and skill levels.

"He is an innovative leader who has earned respect from subordinates, co-workers, and supervisors," says Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507th CLSS commander.

Wing Airman of the Quarter is SrA Raymond W. Farrar, a medical technician with the 507th Medical Squadron.

"SrA Raymond Farrar is an outstanding medical technician who is responsible for and provides excellent patient care in the administration of physical examinations, immunizations, and rotations to the Veterans Administration Hospital," says Col. Steven Gentling, 507th Medical Squadron commander.

Farrar performs additional duty as program coordinator of

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the EMT program for seven medical and eight aeromedical technicians within the unit. He actively serves as a mentor and works individually with each technician to ensure their successful completion of annual requirements for EMT recertification. He developed a training partnership with the active duty training NCOIC to maintain and achieve 100 percent on EMT recertification for all technicians. Farrar's diligence has resulted in the 507th Medical Squadron helping set the standard for maintaining 100 percent EMT training within the Air Force Reserve.

Farrar is a full-time student at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in biology. His goal is to go to medical school. He consistently makes the Dean's List every semester. Farrar was a basic training honor graduate, an honor graduate from the Medical Technician Training Course, and he achieved 95 percentile, the highest ever scored, on the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Test.

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# Uprclose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing: "In one or two words, what best describes your current outlook of being a reservist?"



**TSgt. Lonnie Royal**  
507th Medical Squadron

"Contribution. Sacrifice. A feeling of national pride in the best nation in the world, the good old USA!"



**MSgt. Samson Djonorh**  
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Challenging. I work long hours in my civilian job and do reserve time. We hung tough in Nicaragua."



**A1C Kevin Massey II**  
507th Medical Squadron

"Anticipation of what's next, where I might go, or if I actually go anywhere."

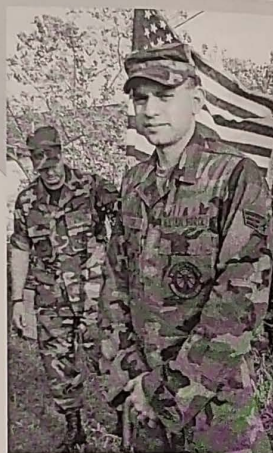


**Amn. John Perez**  
507th Security Forces Squadron

"Very outgoing. I'm intested in getting to leave to visit nice hot places, and I'm always into learning new things."

**SrA. Joe Huizar**  
507th Communication Flight

"Adventurous. Everything is new and different for me. I've never done stuff like this before and I'm enjoying it."



**MSgt. Dan Haggard**  
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Gung-Ho! Move in, get the job done, have a good time, and then move on."

## "The Glenwood Experience"

By **TSgt. Lonnie G. Royal**  
Unit Public Affairs Representative  
507th Medical Squadron

The 507th ARW showed their prowess during a combined overnight bivouac held last month at the Glenwood training facility.

Joining forces for the exercise which tested their wartime skills were the members of the 507th Civil Engineer, Medical, Security Forces Squadrons and 507th Services Squadron. A grand salute to SMSgt. David Liszeski, Civil Engineer Superintendent, the primary conductor of the Glenwood bivouac.

All in all, the entire bivouac was a complete success in terms of the expectations of all involved. The achievements of Chief Cook, TSgt. Janet Hernandez, TSgt. David Mainord, supply chief, and SrA Michael McCowan ensured that everyone participating in the bivouac was well fed with only the finest cuisine.

Col. Dean Despinoy, the 507th ARW Commander, Col. Stayce Harris, our new Vice-Commander and Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Kellington were available to observe the hard work of the instructors, medical personnel, civil engineers and other support personnel. Colonel Despinoy provided awards and recognition during a Commander's Call conducted in the field. The commander took the time during the forum to explain the new Air Force wing restructuring plan and its impact on the 507th.

The PERSCO (Personnel Support for Contingency Operations) ensured the appropriate processing of all involved in the bivouac. CMSgt. Sharlotte Epps, SSgt. Byron Lisenbee,

and SrA Michelle Paperini ensured a smooth and effective processing of all attending.

The 507th Medical Squadron, commanded by Col. Steven Gentling, worked and trained in an exemplary manner. Training coordinated by Capt. Becky Wrighton ensured a smooth transition in all activities at the site.

Civil engineers played a great part in ensuring the presentation of Self Aid and Buddy Care, Compass Course, and simulated casualty with complete moultage providing a scenario for combat conditions. The addition of SSgt. John Bright and TSgt. Michael Mujwid from 3rd Combat Communications Group, provided medical readiness training in field conditions for a variety of wound care and evacuation techniques.

A field hospital was established for advanced medical intervention with medical staff ranging from doctors and nurses to medical support staff. Working late into the night, the 507th Medical Squadron exhibited their expertise with superior performance in battlefield conditions. Majors Richard Davidson

and Larry Curtis tackled the most difficult of severe casualties with successful prowess.

Observing and acting as advisors, the following personnel lead the way to an orchestrated exercise in a success bivouac: SMSgt. Harry Craft, Readiness Superintendent, SMSgt. Jerry Housley, Readiness Flight Chief, and TSgt. Thomas Sisney who provided instruction in UXOs and field safety.

The overall teamwork and esprit de corps delivered by 507th ARW, 507th Medical Squadron, Civil Engineers, 507th MSS, 3rd Herd, and Security Forces personnel illustrates the professionalism and capabilities of our highly trained reservists.





# Retiree returns to serve in the 513th Air Control Group

Major John Mauer has become the first active duty retiree to join the ranks of the Air Force Reserve program here at Tinker AFB.

Mauer was sworn in by Col Kerr, Commander of the 513th Air Control Group on May 14th. He will serve as an E-3 navigator with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

Mauer said this new program is a perfect opportunity for seasoned vets to contribute to the war effort and help the Reserve with a manning shortfall. "I have a history with the Reserve program here at Tinker," Mauer said. "From 1987 to 1989 I flew F-4s for the then 507th Tactical Fighter Group under the 'Project Season' program which allowed active duty aircrews to do a tour with the Guard and Reserve.

Mauer retired from active duty on September 1, 1999. He joined a company called Battelle to work as a defense contractor for flight test issues in the C/KC-135 System Program Office.

"Last July, when I learned that the 970th AACS needed navigators, I went in to visit the Commander, Lt Col Gorham. After a successful interview by his staff, I quickly assembled an application package while this new program was still in the rumor stage."

His package was sent forward in August. Then came the September 11th attack, which fueled many people's desire to rejoin the military for a chance to help in the war effort, resulting in more interest in this and similar programs.

Mauer was eventually notified that President Bush signed his appointment



**Maj. John Mauer**

on April 10, 2002, making him the 13th retired officer to make it through the process, and the first at Tinker.

"I'm anxious to get back in a flight suit, get up to speed, and get back in the air" he said.

## On-final R-NEWS

### Blood Donations Sought

The 507<sup>th</sup> ARW and 513<sup>th</sup> ACG can receive credit for blood donations given throughout the week. Interested parties donating blood at either an on-base drive or the Oklahoma Blood Institute can specify which organization receives credit. To ensure the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW or 513<sup>th</sup> ACG receives credit, write 0013 where it asks you to whom credit is given.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Bash

The 72<sup>nd</sup> ABW has set Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> as the date of their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Bash Day. The event will start at 10 a.m. and run through 6 p.m. and promises something for everyone. The day's activities will be located behind the Enlisted Club. For more information contact 734-2077.

### Moonlighters need permission

Personnel officials cautioned all mobilized personnel that specific procedures must be met by anyone wishing to

pursue outside or non-military employment.

Holding an additional, civilian job outside one's military employment is commonly known as moonlighting.

Air Force Instructions are very specific regarding moonlighting, mandating that members seek approval from their immediate supervisor and commander as well as legal coordination prior to taking on additional employment.

According to TSgt. Kenneth Sarsycki, 507th Military Personnel Flight, "The regulations are written to protect both the mission as well as the individual."

"Simply because an individual feels they are capable of taking on a part-time job, doesn't mean they should," he said. Sarsycki said that overtaxing oneself can deter from peak performance and possibly result in an on-the-job accident or injury.

"Time off is critical to maintaining health, safety, and quality of life. In addition, since September 11th, we have additional concerns relating to anti-terrorism and force protection. Moonlighting can tend to increase one's personal exposure to these risks," Sarsycki said.

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