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507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean Despinoy

"Preparing for upcoming events"

* The next few months are guaranteed to be busy. Not only are we going to try to take some well-deserved time with our families but we will also be preparing for the upcoming USSTRATCOM GLOBAL GUARDIAN exercise and evaluation.

I have scheduled a full "dress rehearsal" exercise for the August UTA. We will do everything that will be demonstrated during Global Guardian. That means full generation of aircraft and crews, practice testing, CAT and command post play, and mobilization of the TSART. To help us during this exercise, I have asked for 15 Air Force staff to join us during the August UTA. These guests will observe us and make recommendations to make sure we are as good as we can be for the upcoming evaluation.

Please take the time this UTA to find and dust off your needed equipment. Remember it is your personal responsibility to have your assigned equipment in good working order. Get with your squadron leadership and deployment managers if you have questions or need to update records.

* I am starting a junior officer, UTA lunch time, discussion group with all the lieutenants in the Wing. I think this is a great opportunity to discuss topics of interest to both you and me. I plan to establish a light reading requirement for each UTA to prepare everyone for the discussion topic. With this simple preparation the participants will be able to better contribute and ask more meaningful questions. I would like to establish a topic syllabus which will be created by the members of the discussion group. The first meeting will take place in my conference room from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday of this (July) UTA.

This first gathering will not require any preparatory reading. The topic will be "Decision Making." All wing lieutenants should grab a sandwich and meet me in my conference room for a casual lunchtime discussion. This first group will have the advantage of helping to create the topic syllabus. See you there.

* Many people are asking about potential deactivation. There is a strong move by the SecDef to look at deactivation and the end to stop loss for some more AFSCs. These two issues are being discussed on a daily basis and since I write this article weeks before you will read it, anything I write may be totally overcome by events.

At this point in time, the trend is to try to keep the same operations level but remove stop loss from both the active duty and the Reserve with the exception of security forces and aircrew. Additionally, initiatives are currently leaning towards deactivation of all but security forces and aircrew AFSCs. The big question is, if reservists are deactivated, will volunteerism handle the requirements and will active duty be able to step up to the delta if volunteerism fails. Time will tell. Much more to follow on this subject.

* AEF continues to be the vehicle by which the Air Force meets its tasking world-wide. This construct will apply to all contingencies and any Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom missions. Utilizing this construct, there may be the opportunity for some squadrons to still have a "normal" annual tour. Organizations should continue to plan and submit requests through the Deployment Review Board (DRB) process. Annual tours will be closely looked at before approval and will be looked at even harder if your squadron is requesting an annual tour in the same year that you are in "the bucket" for AEF. Travel money will be very tight in Fiscal Year '03, so try to stay as close to home as you can. Due to other commitments, airlift, including organic, will also be hard to get.

* Family Day will still be scheduled for the September UTA. This joint 507th and 513th activity is being planned by members of both organizations. We will keep a close eye on current events and will keep you informed on any changes. Due to several factors, the Wing will not have any other social events this year. As many of you know, the services squadron was lead on putting together a Combat Dining Out. Unfortunately, the planned location is no longer available to us and there is no appropriate substitute location. We will do everything in our power to have a Wing-wide social event next year.

* The 507th continues to have a Great Reputation. Last week much of the Wing's senior staff attended a briefing by the IG to discuss the upcoming inspection during Global Guardian. During this briefing, the IG stated several times what a great job we are doing and the great reputation that the 507th has throughout the entire Air Force.

Overall there are just a few areas on which we need to concentrate; resource accountability, the government charge card, and performance reports. I am proud of all of you.

Keep up the good work.

Quotable Quotes

"The performance of our folks has been terrific. The performance of the Total Force has been terrific."

— Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche

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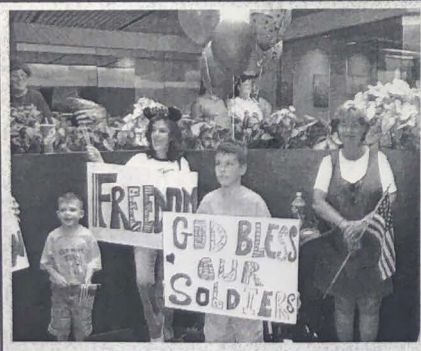
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On The Cover

U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Rich Curry

Family members of 507th Security Force Squadron members gathered at Will Rogers World Airport last month to welcome home 12 security force members who had been deployed overseas.

More photographs are featured on page 13.



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In step with the new Vice Commander

Leadership must include respect

Last month's On-final introduced Col. Stayce Harris as the new 507th Air Refueling Wing Vice Commander. This month, On-final gives you an inside look at our newest "Okie."



On-final: *What are the biggest challenges you see facing the 507th and the Air Force Reserve in the future?*

Col. Harris: We have a new reality now after Sept. 11th and we are all continually adapting. Our responsibilities and workloads

as reservists were great before and now they are even greater. I view the challenge as trying to maintain a healthy balance with our families/friends, our civilian jobs, and the reserve mission.

It's important that we keep our family foremost. I am pleased we have family support offices available for assistance. We continually need the support of our civilian bosses who understand the greater demands on reservists now. With the ever-increasing ops tempo, we also face the challenge of retaining our very well trained and skilled reservist personnel. We have to strive to make the Reserve an enjoyable and beneficial place to work and serve.

On a local level, that's where our HRDC (Human Resources Development Council) comes into play. It's a powerful tool that can be used to identify problems and offer solutions for the betterment of all personnel in the 507th (ARTs, TR's and civilians).

On-final: *How would you describe your leadership style?*

Col. Harris: I am a strong believer in team building and synergy. I strive to allow members of my team to speak up

and let their concerns be heard. Often times, when a person approaches you with a problem, they already have a proposed solution in mind.

One important responsibility of a leader is to listen to your people and take their opinions and concerns to heart. It, in turn, enables me to make a better decision and go forth. Reservists come to the table with a wealth of talent and experience.

I respect the opinions and wisdom of my team. I make better decisions when I am well informed.

My style of leadership also centers around being flexible and adaptable. I feel it's essential in dealing with different people, working conditions and missions. I enjoy meeting people, so I look forward to getting out to all the work areas and learning all about the 507th and the diversity of missions we have.

On-final: *What characteristics do you value most from those working under your command?*

Col. Harris: I value honesty, integrity, flexibility, and those having a strong work ethic.

On-final: *Who is your personal hero and why?*

Col. Harris: Certainly my parents were role models for me. My father was a career enlisted airman. He sparked my interest in the Air Force. My mother was very pro-active in instilling the virtues of getting a good education.

My surrogate family, the "Tuskegee Airmen" are certainly my inspirational heroes! They were trailblazers in the air and also on the ground when they broke down stereotypes in WWII. Today they are living testament to why America is a great nation.



Unit reservists participate in AF research project

Five members of RAND (an acronym for research and development) Corporation visited the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group June 5, as part of a research project sponsored by Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

The RAND Corporation is a non-profit governmental "think tank" company that is contracted by governmental agencies for the purpose of creating intellectual discussion and review of policies and developing recommendations for the future. The corporation operates under the Project Air Force partnership first created between the company and the Air Force in 1946 by Gen. H. H. "Hap" Arnold. The researchers spent two hours in discussion of a variety of issues with reservists, covering operations, maintenance and personnel tempos.

"I believe we have an effective teaming relationship with our active-duty counterparts," said Col. Stayce Harris, 507th ARW Vice Commander. "The RAND researchers learned a lot about our Okie can-do attitude. Our people enjoy being 'in the game!' We discussed how we're trying hard to stay involved with operational tempos while still focusing our efforts on the quality of life of our people and unit retention."

The research project, entitled "Rethinking the Air Force Active/Reserve Mix," is part of a continuing Air Force effort to define, evaluate, and recommend alternative mixes of Air Force active, Guard, and Reserve forces to meet the operational requirements associated with countering terrorism at home and abroad. According to the project proposal, the focus of the research is to look at ways to underwrite forward presence and contingency commitments supported by AEFs, while continuing Air Force focus on defeating adversaries in major theater wars.

"We were very pleased that RAND wanted to examine intermix of active duty and Reserve forces working together in the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS)," said Col. James Kerr, 513th ACG commander. "They recognized the importance of our high-demand, low-density operation as well as what our reservists have to offer this program."

According to the RAND proposal synopsis, "U.S. and international efforts to combat terrorism may bring substantial and long-term changes in the way U.S. military forces need



Col. James L. Kerr, 513th Air Control Group commander, talks with a member of the RAND research team during a recent visit.

to be used. These forces may need to patrol airspace over U.S. or allies' metropolitan areas, help monitor borders and coastlines, enhance the collection and interpretation of intelligence information around the world, participate in joint training and operations with allies, support State emergency operations, and maintain new combinations of forces ready to deploy and employ without delay. These new commitments are likely to increase the tempo of operations for military forces for the foreseeable future for many force elements in all three Air Force components."

According to the RAND proposal, in order to meet these increased demands, it may be necessary to find innovative solutions to mission assignments and personnel availability difficulties in the Reserve Component. "The strength of Reserve units is that they can bring significant capability quickly without requiring much train-up time; this is due to the flow of experience from the active component to the Reserve. If this flow is decreased due to increased OPTEMPO in active units, other innovative and new sources for certain capabilities may have to be found," RAND said.

This project will involve creating a set of alternative force mixes in the context of a number of scenarios and force structures and based on well-defined evaluation criteria that will:

- * Identify a range of operating scenarios, force structures, and force postures.
- * Define alternative active/reserve/guard force mixes.
- * Evaluate alternative force mixes.
- * Develop and evaluate options for improving AC/RC sustainability and readiness.
- * Propose the force mixes that best meet operational requirements over time.

Annually, Project Air Force incorporates RAND research teams to examine issues arching four main topical areas: Strategy and Doctrine Program, Aerospace Force Development, Program, Manpower, Personnel and Training, Resource Management, and Resource Management.

KC-135 aerial refuelers add new role as 'angels in the sky'

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Since it was introduced into the Air Force in 1957, the venerable KC-135 has been a God-send for many an Air Force pilot returning from an intense combat mission with fuel-starved tanks or transiting the oceans with personnel and material.

Recently, this "flying gas station" has stepped up to a new mission and a new role as an "angel in the sky" — taking that long-held medical air evacuation role, or AE mission, from the retiring C-141 aircraft.

The first AE mission was flown in mid-April by active duty members from the 344th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS), 22nd Air Wing at McConnell AFB, Kansas, as an interim transition prior to handing this responsibility over to the Air Force Reserve Command. Then, on May 5, an Air Force Reserve KC-135R Stratotanker and crew from the 336th ARS, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, began supporting AE missions, transporting patients over the Pacific channel route.

"This is a high profile mission for the KC-135," said Capt. Tom Episcopio, a 336th ARS pilot for the first Reserve AE mission. "The Reserve tanker crews are driving this mission with the help of both active duty and Reserve Aeromedical Evacuation Medical teams."

The first Reserve flight few round trip from March to Travis and Hickam Air Force Bases then on to Kadena Air Base, providing transportation for military members returning to active duty heading westward and bringing injured



A medical technician from Travis AFB, Calif., sets up a Patient Support Pallet prior to receiving patients. Each PSP contains three litters and three seats, with room for additional medical equipment.

members eastward for more treatment and care.

"It was very rewarding to help the injured," said TSgt. Brian Sammons, a boom operator on the first mission.

Initial testing of Reserve KC-135s in this new role began more than a year ago as Reserve crews began flying test missions with AE medical teams. One such mission to MacDill AFB, Florida, was flown by reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.

CMSgt. John Beasley, a boom operator, was among the crew on that test flight. "We had some initial concerns and questions regarding the electrical power requirements needed by the medical teams. The KC-135 can produce the 110-volt electrical power supply that

might be needed for medical equipment operation. But we had to make sure we could make the ambulatory side of this mission happen. We worked with the flight engineers here at Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center (the Air Force's KC-135 repair depot) to sort out the details and approvals for us to use a converter power cord to provide electricity for the medical equipment. We were able to obtain the correct procedures for implementing this power cord and have it properly certified," Beasley said.

Beasley also flew the second Reserve AE mission on May 17th.

"For us, this is a six-day round trip mission," he said. "It's a long trip with a lot of flying hours. 'The drawback to tying an in-flight refueling in conjunction



Rather than using the more traditional stairway to enter the aircraft, a special patient loading ramp is used, both to carry aboard litter and wheelchair patients.

with supporting a medical mission is the timing. We have to be in-place to load the Patient Support Pallets at a predetermined time. So there is no room for slop or delays to accomplish a refueling mission with the deploying aircraft and crew. Every attempt is made to maximize opportunities while we are 'on the road' but sometimes the priority to accomplish the primary objective becomes the overriding decision factor," Beasley said.

New mission roles such as this are not unique for the KC-135 aircraft. Through the years, the KC-135 has been altered to do other jobs ranging from flying command post missions to reconnaissance. The EC-135C is U.S. Strategic Command's flying command post. One EC-135C is always on alert, ready to take to the air and control bombers and missiles if ground control is lost. RC-135s are used for special reconnaissance and Air Force Material Command's NKC-135A's are flown in test programs. The Air Combat Command operates the OC-135 as an observation platform in compliance with the Open Skies Treaty.

Currently, Air Mobility Command (AMC) manages more than 546 Stratotankers, of which the Air Force Reserve flies 70 and Air National Guard fly 222 in support of AMC's tasking orders.

Because this mission has been flown on C-141's for many years, most medical technicians are not qualified crewmembers on the KC-135s and need to receive on-the-job training. Likewise, KC-135 crews are now learning how to best respond to the needs of the medical technicians.

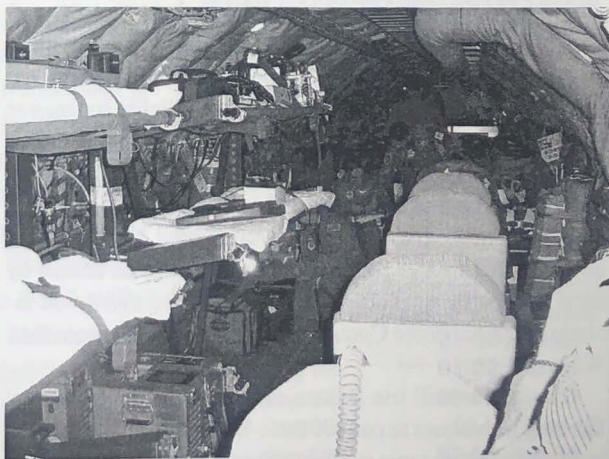
"This will be a learning curve for both of us," Beasley said.

The Stratotanker's cargo deck above the fuselage fuel storage tanks can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. Depending on fuel-storage configuration, the KC-135 can carry up to 83,000 pounds (37,648 kilograms) of cargo.

However, in order to increase the litter capability of the KC-135, a patient support platform (PSP) is required. Currently, there are four PSP prototypes, two in Pacific Air Command and two in USAFE. Plans are underway to transport the PSPs from USAFE to enhance litter capacity on what now will become a weekly mission flown by Air Force Reserve tanker units in the PACAF theater. Each PSP adds the capability of three litters and three seats.

According to Air Force officials, a one-month look back revealed two litters, 13 ambulatory patients and nine attendants as a typical patient load for the weekly mission.

Additional concerns and details will need to be resolved as the Stratotankers evolve into this new role. Other details such as internal lighting and climate control improvements will be addressed as well as adding convection ovens on board to provide hot meals to the patients.



With two patient support pallets loaded, the KC-135 interior converts to a tightly organized mini medical unit.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

"From Flying Club to Total Force"

While heard nowhere near as frequently as in the past, sometimes you might hear some of our comrades refer to the Air Reserve Component as a "Flying Club."

This title originally came about in 1946 as part of the post WWII draw down and the Reserve Component was established with some order. During that time, Reserve pilots were not paid for military duty performed but allowed to maintain flying proficiency in our nation's war birds such as the P-51, P-47, P-38 and the like.

Many did just that for the sheer enjoyment of flying those old birds. As we can understand (especially aviators), this would certainly foster an air of a flying club. In theory though, when the nation called upon these pilots, they would be trained and ready for war to meet their country's need.

Today, we still share some of those same similarities - meaning many of our members hang around out of the enjoyment of flying and fixing airplanes and the camaraderie that comes from being military brothers- and sisters-in-arms.

513th ACG to host NCO leadership course

The 513th Air Control Group is preparing to host a 2-day, AFRC Senior NCO Leadership Course on the weekend of August 17 and 18.

According to 513th First Sergeant and coordinator for the event, SMSgt. Philip Eagle, there are 48 slots available for the course, with 15 slots reserved for both 513th ACG and 507th Air Refueling Wing senior NCOs.

"Reservations are given based on a first-apply, first-served basis," Eagle said. The course is only available for master sergeants or higher and is being designed to provide senior NCOs the opportunity to explore in-depth communication, trust teamwork and current AFRC leadership issues and initiatives. The course is part of a command NCO training initiative that rotates seminar opportunities to be hosted by each Numbered Air Force. This 10AF-hosted event will include Tenth Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Jack Winsett.

The course will use lecture, discussion and experiential learning techniques to convey basic leadership and teamwork techniques. Each topic will be presented via a lecture or discussion and coupled with an experiential opportunity followed with an analysis and feedback discussion.

On top of that, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are direly needed on a day-to-day basis. The mission simply can not operate without us. Even though the benefits of being a reservist are far better today, likewise our responsibilities are far greater. Previous downsizing of the active component has forced the Reserve Component to assume a greater role in the nation's military structure.

In the 1990s, we downsized as a result of a world less driven by an immediate threat to Europe and the danger of global war—in a world where the size of our forces would be increasingly shaped by the needs of regional contingencies and peacetime presence. We thought our forces could be small. We never suspected this type of war, the war on terrorism, would become part of that equation.

Therefore, our nation was tasked to quickly reshape our defense capabilities to this long-term strategic circumstance. We have now evolved to the "Total Expeditionary Force" appropriate for strategic and fiscal demands of a new era: smaller, more self-contained, and a very lethal force able to respond quickly to emerging threats, whatever the case may be.

You are all warriors, whether active duty or activated Reservist, and all members of "one force." As for the Air Force Reserve, is it still a flying club?

Well, I'd like to think there is a little of that left, at least for the camaraderie of it. But on the same token, "Total Force?" YOU BET!

Attendees will conduct a personalized assessment of their own leadership abilities and skills. The course will also include a group conducted computer-based assessment tool.

The uniform requirements for the class will be the short-sleeve blue uniform shirt and slacks combination with low quarters shoes. Class is two full days. Do not plan to depart class prior to 5 p.m. each day. There is a \$10 registration fee for refreshments and both lodging and transportation is at your unit's expense.

Reservations must be received no later than July 14 and may be made by calling Sergeant Eagle or MSGt. James Gonzales at 734-3541.

Quotable Quotes

"In Operation Noble Eagle, over the skies of America, up to 20,000 airmen, 265 aircraft and 350 crews, mainly from the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, but also from our active Air Force and allies, have flown over 18,000 fighter, tanker, and airborne early warning sorties." — Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche

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, 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
0915-1115	Computer Based Testing	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
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
1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

Sun, 14 Jul 2002

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 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
0930	Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
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, 02 Aug 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

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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
0915-1115	Computer Based Testing	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
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
1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

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Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Room 213
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1014, Buford Hall
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0830-1030	Unit Safety Rep Tng	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Cancelled
0930	Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
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
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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 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
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 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 Newcomers Ancillary 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.

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BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:

Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:

Recertification due in by end of month in:

1	November	January
2	December	February
3	January	March
4	February	April
5	March	May
6	April	June
7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
0	August	October

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

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ONW troops provide comfort

970th volunteers give to orphaned children

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Blauser
Operation Northern Watch
Combined Information Bureau

INCIRLIKAIR BASE, Turkey - Operation Northern Watch troops took time out of their busy schedules May 6 to visit the Mersin Orphanage in Mersin, Turkey.

The 20 volunteers spent nearly two hours with the 12-year-old and under children playing games, delivering clothes, and handing out toys.

The clothes were collected and brought to Turkey by an Alabama Air National Guard unit that unofficially sponsored the orphanage during a prior rotation, according to Chaplain (Maj.) Cassandra Thomas, ONW chaplain, and the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., has now "adopted" the orphanage.

The 970th purchased things for the kids to play with like toys, chalk, crayons, colored pencils and paper, according to Capt. Kurt Klewin, E-3 Sentry senior director and squadron project officer.

"The kids seemed really excited to receive the toys," said Senior Airman Tori Robinson, 970th AACS communication technician.

"They were very well mannered," she said. "When I passed out toys, the children would hand them to a child the toy was most appropriate for."

The language barrier didn't seem to be a problem, Capt. Klewin said.

"I'm sure they didn't understand anything we were saying, but most of us have kids, so you really don't have to understand each other to have fun," he said.

Airman Tyler Harris, ONW chaplain assistant, said playing soccer with the children was the best part of the visit.

"I really enjoyed being outside with the kids," Airman Harris said. "The kids



INCIRLIKAIR BASE, Turkey - Maj. Rich Deemer, 970th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron, plays catch at the Mersin Orphanage May 6. (Courtesy)

make the best out of the situation they're in, and they had a blast. It not only brightened up their day, it brightened up mine as well."

Although the visit was planned for the benefit of the children at the orphanage, the volunteers got a lot out of it as well.

"It's great just getting a day away from doing what we do every day and getting the opportunity to contribute to a different cause," Captain Klewin said. "Our jobs are on one side of the spectrum, and this is totally to the other side of the spectrum."

Captain Klewin added that many of the people who volunteered were those who have kids back home.

"Most of the volunteers are family people and that just makes it a lot easier to relate to the kids," he said.

The 970th plans to visit the orphanage at least once a month while they're here and whenever they are deployed

to the region.

"It's nice to reciprocate to the Turkish people because they've been really good hosts to us," Captain Klewin said. "We should give in all our communities, not just in the United States, to foster good relations. When you're flying every day, you get separated from everything going on around you. It's nice to open up your horizons to the things going on in the community. It makes it a lot easier for us."

Quotable Quotes

"Operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch have quietly amassed a total of almost 200,000 sorties in Air Force combat missions that have continued now for over a decade." — **Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche**

Heartland Warrior moves to northwest

By Maj. Rich Curry

507th ARW Public Affairs

Aircraft 58-0058, the "Heartland Warrior" departed the 507th ARW on June 18 to eventually join the ranks of the Air Force Reserve's newest air refueling unit at Portland International Airport, Oregon.

The former 939th Rescue Wing will begin transitioning to an air refueling wing this summer. The new unit will consist of eight KC-135R aerial refueling aircraft. The Reserve currently has six KC-135 wings, with 64 aircraft assigned, and one KC-135 associate group that shares aircraft with an active-duty unit.

The 44-year old aircraft was built in 1958 and locally had been dubbed with the nickname Heartland Warrior. Supervising all maintenance work activities on the aircraft was the responsibility of MSgt. Mahlon Smith, a crew chief with the 507th Logistics Group's Aircraft Generation Squadron.

"We received 0058 in April of 2000 as the unit's ninth aircraft. Previously it was an E-model aircraft stationed at the 940th Air Refueling Wing at Beale AFB, Calif., and was re-engined by the Air Force Reserve prior to the 507th receiving it in 2000. Throughout the past two years it has been an excellent flyer, with minimal problems," Smith said.

"We learned from the 940th ARW



MSgt. Mahlon Smith, crew chief for aircraft 58-0058, prepares his aircraft for one final mission prior to the aircraft's transfer to the 939th Air Refueling Wing.

that 0058 was one of their top performers as well," said Col. David Beavin, 507th Logistics Group commander. "By sending this aircraft to depot prior to it being accepted by the 939th ARW, we believe it will be a top performer for them as well. They should get a solid five years of flying from this aircraft before it has to return back to PDM again," Beavin said.

Before being permanently assigned to the Portland unit, 0058 will go through programmed depot maintenance, or

PDM, at Birmingham, Alabama. The PDM cycle for a military aircraft occurs every five years with an aircraft receiving a complete inspection and overhaul. The PDM process can take from 12 to 18 months to complete. The aircraft's departure will bring the 507th back to eight aircraft assigned to the unit.

As crew chief, Smith flew the final flight to the depot with his charge. "I'm being told that when I get back I will be assigned to a new aircraft," Smith smiled saying, "It's not good to be an aircraft crew chief and not have a aircraft."

The Heartland Warrior nose art will be removed prior to the aircraft's departure. Once Smith receives a new charge, the nose art will be transferred to that aircraft. "We provided our crew chiefs with the opportunity to select their own aircraft nose art," Colonel Beavin said. "Our nose art was created by MSgt. Darby Perrin, (from the 465th Air Refueling Squadron), so we'll have to make arrangements to get the Heartland Warrior artwork put back on."

Okie Reunion slated

There will be a "Sierra Hotel Okie" reunion Sept. 20-21. Festivities will begin with a barbeque at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the 465th Air Refueling Squadron headquarters. Other scheduled events include a semi-formal dinner with guest speaker Senator James Inhofe, a golf tournament, and a trip to Bricktown. The only prerequisite for attendance is that you must have been a bona fide "SH Okie" at some time in your career. All 513th Air Control Group members qualify.

For more information and registration, visit the website <http://www.shokies.com>, or contact Lt. Col. Donald W. Klinko (734-6379) or MSgt. Cindy Bischoff (734-7494).

Summer safety**Alcohol and boating -
don't mix**

By SMSgt. Gary Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

Over 1,000 people die in boating accidents every year. Nine out of 10 of them drown. About 60 per cent of those deaths involve alcohol.

Boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol is illegal.

That said, while 76 million people enjoy boating on America's waterways each year, many are not aware of the very real, life-threatening dangers associated with consuming alcohol and boating. To help reduce the incidents of BUI, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has initiated a major, nationwide campaign to warn Americans about the dangers of alcohol consumption and boating.

Four hours of exposure to powerboat noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind, and motion produce a kind of "boater's hypnosis." This slows reactions almost as much as being drunk. Alcohol added to this sun exposure intensifies the effects.

When you're "tipsy" you're much more likely to fall overboard. Alcohol also reduces your body's ability to protect against cold water. So within minutes you may not be able to call for help or swim to safety. An intoxicated person whose head is immersed can be confused and swim down to death instead of up to safety.

Because operating a boat under the influence is so dangerous, the Coast Guard is using a threefold approach to reducing alcohol-related accidents:

- * Improved law enforcement in cooperation with states.
- * An improved accident reporting system to identify alcohol-related accidents.
- * Widespread education and public awareness of the dangers of alcohol. Every boater, whether operator or passenger, should cooperate in spreading this word.

Throughout the country each year, over 2,000 safe boating courses are offered by groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, the American Red Cross, and individual States. Courses cover many aspects of boating safety - from boat handling to reading the weather. All courses include knowledge and warning about alcohol and boating.

For more information on finding a course near you that will fit your schedule - call the toll-free U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647.

**New commander
to lead 931st ARG**

The command of the 931st Air Refueling Group changed hands May 19 when Col. Jeffery R. Glass took the helm from Col. James A. Bouska.

Col. Glass comes to McConnell AFB, Kan., from 4th Air Force headquarters, where he has been chief of tanker operations since Dec. 2000.

Col. Bouska, who has been the 931st commander since May 2000, will be departing for March ARB, Calif., where he will take over as Director of Operations for Headquarters 4th Air Force.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity as the commander of the 931st and working with and for the outstanding men and women of the 931st," said Glass. "It is also my pleasure for the opportunity to work with the members of the 22nd ARW. As a long time member of associate units both on the active and Reserve side, I know how the effective interaction between the active and Reserve units can make both units better."

A native of Griffith, Ind., Glass is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. After attending pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., he was a KC-135 pilot at Grissom AFB, Ind., for six years. In 1986 he transitioned to KC-10's at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. From 1989 to 1992, Glass was stationed at Barksdale AFB, La., serving as the Strategic Air Command KC-10 evaluator pilot.

In 1992 the colonel joined the Air Force Reserve and was assigned to the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March ARB, Calif., where he was wing tactics officer and chief of training. He then moved to Travis AFB, Calif., in 1994 where he was the operations officer for the 70th Air Refueling Squadron. In September 1999, he returned to March ARB and the 452nd AMW as deputy commander for operations, before moving on to 4th Air Force a year later.

Glass is a command pilot with more than 7,800 flying hours in the KC-135A/R/Q/ART, EC-135L/G, KC-10A, T-37 and E-4B. He has flown 48 combat/combat support sorties.



Col. Jeffery Glass



Maj. Ernest Goodman

507th Chief of Services named command's best

By TSgt. Melba Koch
507th ARW Public Affairs

Maj. Ernest Goodman, Chief of Services, has once again been rewarded for his efforts in the Services field. He was selected in May as the top field grade officer in AFRC for 2002. In the past seven years, Major Goodman has won this award four times.

Goodman fosters pride, esprit de corps, and improved morale through sound management practices. Not only does he empower junior NCOs to accomplish delegated tasks, he also inspires community involvement among Wing personnel.

"Major Goodman has been in the Services arena since Readiness Challenge in 1989. He is very experienced, and highly regarded within the Command," said SMSgt. Terry Tunender, Services Specialist.

Goodman promotes officership among fellow officers in the Air Force, Army, and Navy Reserve forces. He completed a term as past president and went on to serve as the Air Force vice president of the 1,200 member Reserve Officer's Association (ROA), Department of Oklahoma. He assisted the current department president in planning and organizing all of the logistics and protocol for the 2002 ROA State Convention. He also represented the Department of Oklahoma at the ROA National Convention in Washington, DC.

"Major Goodman encourages personnel of the 507th Services section, as well as personnel of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, to be involved in the Tinker AFB Honor Guard Program, and inspires community involvement among all Wing personnel," said Maj. Tim Collins, 507th MSS Commander. This past holiday season, many 507th ARW and 513th ACG members participated in Operation Holiday Spirit, a fundraiser providing funds for underprivileged children within the local community.

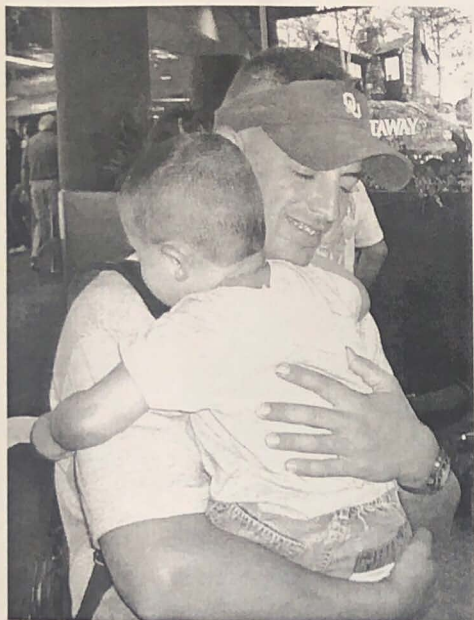
Goodman provided logistical support and direction during the planning of the 507th ARW exercise at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center. He provided Services expertise to the Survival Recovery Center (SRC) during active war exercises conducted by Volk Field cadre personnel. "Major Goodman has a very hands-on approach to his leadership style and pitches in to help out where needed during bivouac operations and exercises," said SMSgt. Terry Tunender. "All personnel know they can go to him with any concerns or questions and be dealt with fairly and equitably."

Last year was a banner year for the 507th Services personnel. Not only did Major Goodman win the same award, but other unit members were selected also: best ART, best senior military manager, best military manager and best technician.

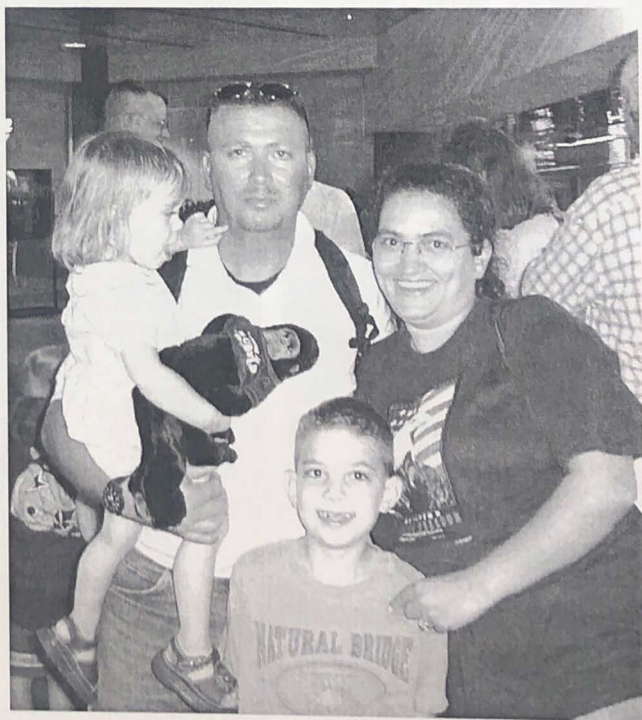
A Happy Father's Day!

Just four days before Father's Day, June 12 turned out to be a good day for twelve 507th Security Force Squadron members returning from an overseas deployment. The reservists were met at Will Rogers World Airport by family members showing their support.

The 507th Security Force Squadron was activated during the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up in support of Homeland Defense and the War on Terrorism. For privacy reasons, names are being withheld.



U.S. Air Force photos
by Maj. Rich Curry



Uprclose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing: "How has the events of 9-11 and our increased military tempo affected your career decisions?"

SSgt. Misty Blount
507th Operations Group

"It hasn't affected my career decisions for the military. More than likely I will re-enlist when the time comes."



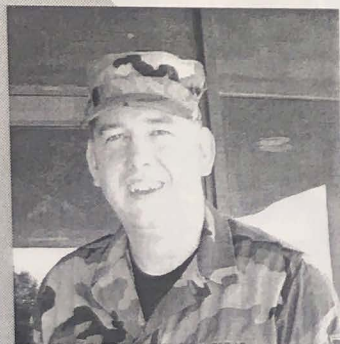
TSgt. LaShunda Joseph
507th Mission Support Sq.
"Actually I had been separated from active duty about 60 days. I remember feeling that I wanted to come back in immediately."



MSgt. Dwight Hendricks
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"I'm retiring today. If I could stay in the Reserves, I would, but 60 years old seems to be the absolute limit."



SrA. Eddie Rivera
507th Mission Support Squadron
"I could have backed out when I was supposed to go to basic training on 9-11, but I decided to go ahead and join."



TSgt. Dave Olson
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"Ho! I'm ready to go if I have to. My wife understands. I enjoy what I do and love the benefits."



TSgt. Windell Spain
72nd Aerial Port Squadron
"I've decided to go back to active duty to do my part full time."

Employer recognized by unit reservist



Pictured from left, Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th ARW Commander; Charlene Fast, Branch Manager; Marsha Coffee, Regional Sales Manager; SSgt. Carla Barber; and Mike Wynn, Community Bank President.

Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Air Refueling Wing Commander, presented two certificates of appreciation to Intrust Bank employees June 13th for their support of the Air Force Reserve. SSgt. Carla Barber, Customer Service Representative with the Intrust Bank/Will Rogers OKC Branch, is an Information Management Specialist with the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

"It is wonderful to have such a supportive management staff at Intrust Bank," said Barber. "It is a pleasure to work with such fine people."

"I had to take time from work to attend a six week Reserve training course in Mississippi, and it was during a crucial time of conversion at work, but my supervisor and co-workers were supportive," said Barber. "I felt that nominating my supervisors for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program certificate of appreciation was the least I could do."

"Intrust Bank/Oklahoma City Branch is proud to have a member of our staff serving with the United States Air Force Reserves," said Charlene Fast, Branch Manager. "We are honored to receive the Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Certificate of Appreciation, on behalf of the men and women of America's Reserve Forces, for outstanding service to the national defense, through continuing support of the National Guard and Reserve. Intrust Bank supports the time Carla needs from her responsibilities here in order that she may serve our country."

The ESGR program was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.



Looking for FOD

Unit members participated in a base-wide FOD walk last month. Thousands turned out to pick up trash and other objects that could cause potential damage to aircraft engines.

Ms. Marilyn A. Trask (pictured on left), the 507th Wing Commander's administrative assistant for the past 15 years, will become the Logistics Group administrative assistant, effective July 15. In addition, Ms. Trask will have an additional duty as Wing Protocol. "I've always had a maintenance heart, starting there in 1984. I'll be going home to my first love and am very excited about the protocol role for the Wing."

Carol Reynolds, administrative assistant for the 507th Operations Group, will move to Wing Headquarters and work for the Wing Commander. Both ladies are very excited about their moves.





507th Civil Engineer presents coin to Sec. Rumsfeld

A 507th Civil Engineer Squadron member (name withheld) presents Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld with a PRIME BEEF Coin during Rumsfeld's visit to his deployed location.

On-final R-NEWS

Spend night with Redhawks

The 507th ARW and 513th ACG to host "Reserve Night" at the Southwestern Bell Bricktown Ballpark on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 7:05 p.m. Members are welcome to bring family and friends. The deadline to purchase your tickets is Sunday, July 14. Cost of the tickets are \$6 each. Transportation will be provided. To reserve your seats contact your First Sergeant or the Chaplain's office at 734-5632.

Leave donations sought

SSgt. Bryan Weedn, a member of the 513 AGS, suffered life-threatening injuries as a result of a gunshot wound to the head on April 19, 2002. Since then Weedn has made miraculous improvements, but is still in serious condition. Weedn has been placed in the Civil Service Leave Sharing Program. All 513th ACG and 507th ARW ARTs and Civil Service personnel interested in donating leave may fill out an OPM Form 630a and submit it to 72nd SPTG/DPCE.

Leave Donation Forms may be found on the Internet at www.opm.gov. All 513 AGS/MS members should submit the paperwork to their Flight Chiefs or SMSgt. Minto. Questions concerning leave donations may be directed to SMSgt. Minto at 734-9890.

Covey's seven habits class

The next Seven Habits for Highly Effective People class has been scheduled for Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 2002. Anyone interested in attending should contact Maj. Don Satterlee, 734-5543, by Sept. 1.

Stay in touch with GI Mail

Global Internet Mail, or GI Mail, provides a secure method to allow servicemembers and their families to communicate with each other through e-mail. The service, available at <https://www.gimail.af.mil>, functions in every theater of operations because it is on a military server with no advertising. GI Mail will be allowed through when other services are down or impaired because of hacker or virus threats.

GI Mail is available to Air Force members, their families and all Department of Defense members worldwide.

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