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## Reservists on the go . . .



## . . . and the fight continues

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



**Commander's Column**  
By Col. Stayce Harris,  
507th Air Refueling Wing  
vice commander

**'Our focus and direction'**

From the AFRC Human Resource Development Council charter: "The overall goal is to create and maintain a fully developed, skilled and diversified work force. All Reservists and civilian members should be afforded the training opportunities that will enable them to maximize their potential."

Since 1993, the Chiefs of the Air Force Reserve have stressed the importance of establishing local wing HRDCs. Their mission is to assist wing commanders in reviewing matters such as recruitment, retention, personal/career development, diversity and mentoring for all members of their wing.

Back in 1998, Capt. Salazar of the 507th Medical Sq. wrote, "We must maintain our focus, as stated in the concluding line of the 507th HRDC charter, 'through the development of proactive processes, its focus is to improve career opportunities for all members of the 507th ARW.'"

The driving motivation behind the HRDCs continues to be equal treatment and fairness in all career life cycle processes. The potential benefit is the significant positive impact on readiness and retention that can be realized by utilizing the multitude and magnitude of talents possessed by our personnel.

To quote, Maj. Rich Curry, 507th Public Affairs, our desired output is to "firmly establish the role of the 507th HRDC committee as 'Professional Human Relations Consultants' in order to better serve the commander and 507th ARW in creating and maintaining a fully developed, skilled and diversified workforce."

**Chaplain's corner**

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus  
507th ARW Chaplain

**Importance of Listening**

A young man went to apply for a telegraph position with Western Union. When he entered the waiting room, there were several people busy filling out the application. You could hear the telegraph working in the background. The young

man took his application and began to fill it out. Soon, he got up and went right into the bosses office. Moments later, the two came out together. The boss told the rest of the applicants they could go home now, for the young man had the job. Howls of protest began immediately, but the boss wouldn't budge. You see, the telegraph in the background was continuously repeating the message: "If you can understand this, please come into the office. The job is yours."

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the importance of listening. Take the time to really listen to your friends, your family, and your co-workers. It will surprise you how much that can accomplish.

How do we do it? The AFRC HRDC has produced a thorough and comprehensive toolkit available at [https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/Tools/Toolkit/Tool%20Kit/tool\\_kit.htm](https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/Tools/Toolkit/Tool%20Kit/tool_kit.htm). This toolkit is a one-stop shop providing guidance, direction and best practices for local HRDCs. Under career development performance measures the toolkit offers guidance tracking overdue upgrade training, CDC pass rates, PME completion rates, and PME In-Residence. All of these are currently "hot topics" of concern in our wing!

Our council also has the unique opportunity to create a first-termers committee. First-termers bring a breath of fresh air to our organization. They are our future and their inputs, impressions and concerns are deeply valuable to all of us.

Now in order to be effective, we need at least one representative from each squadron or flight. They are charged with ensuring the interests and concerns of their particular organization are well represented.

I was very pleased by the enthusiasm and willingness of the current members of the HRDC to continue to work for the good of all persons in the wing.

Contact your individual unit about participating at our next meeting to be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Wing Commander's conference room. All ranks and civilians are welcome. We look forward to going forth and becoming a productive and useful council for all of the 507th!

**Quotable Quotes**

*"A recent Rand study observed that no American soldier has been killed in combat by enemy air attack since 1953 – a compelling statistic that speaks to both the superiority of air power and the extent to which we, as a nation, must maintain that kind of dominance." — Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche*

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**On The Cover**



Photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

An MC-130 Combat Talon I aircraft from the 919th Special Operations Wing, Duke Field, Fla., takes on fuel July 9, from a 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker. The KC-135 pilot was Col. John Hurdle and boom operator for the evening was MSgt. Rick Erwin.



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## Reserve approach offers new degree of flexibility to DoD war effort

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507<sup>th</sup> ARW Public Affairs

The 507th ARW and the 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March ARB, Calif., stepped forward in July to begin 30-day voluntary rotations overseas in support of the ongoing war on terrorism.

Maintenance and flying crews from both units have stepped forward as volunteers for Operation Enduring Freedom, deploying overseas to an undisclosed location in the Pacific Theater Area of Operations.

In addition, two KC-135 Stratotanker crews from the 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Group have joined their active-duty host, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing at McConnell AFB, Kans., to begin volunteer 30-day deployment to another undisclosed location overseas.

Roughly one-year after the initial flush of Reserve unit activations in support of the war on terrorism, activated units are beginning the process of returning to civilian status with other Reserve units stepping up to the line for tours of duty. Unlike tanker unit activations that immediately followed September 11, this volunteer initiative to support Department of Defense war efforts represents a new degree of flexibility for the Air Force Reserve.

By volunteering for shorter tours of duty, the reservists hope to avoid the need to be mobilized for up to a year. Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Reserve policy has been to seek volunteers whenever possible. Currently the 507<sup>th</sup> has 63 reservists activated, primarily in support roles such as security forces, civil engineering and military personnel specialists. Currently the Air Force Reserve has activated roughly 36,000 people.

"Previously, a primary solution for using Reserve forces in response to a major crisis involved activating specific 'packages' composed of aircraft or necessary people DoD needs to get the job done," said Col. John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group Commander.

Hurdle said that the concept of supporting a DoD tasking through volunteers is not unusual to the members of the 507th ARW. "We demonstrated we can do this twice before, during Operation Allied Force as well as during OEF."

During both operations, 507th ARW volunteers stepped forward during the initial days of buildup — deploying unit aircraft and reserve volunteers to overseas locations creating

an aerial refueling "bridge" for other aircraft, equipment and troop movements. In both cases, the 507th ARW volunteers established a basic air refueling operation center at the deployed locations during the ensuing 45-day period, providing other reserve units the time to mobilize, deploy and take over the "keys to the business."

Previously, 507<sup>th</sup> aircraft and personnel deployed to the PACAF Theater last fall then returned to home station as other units deployed to their location and took over the operational activities. Upon return, the 507<sup>th</sup> became heavily involved in daily refueling operations for Operation Noble Eagle to support homeland defense. Locally, ONE missions will continue in addition to the volunteer deployment rotations supporting OEF.

"What we are doing now, through volunteers, is showing that we have the ability to support a specific long-term mission while minimizing the impact that a long-term activation brings to our reservists, their families and civilian employers," Hurdle said. Officials expect that unit volunteers will continue to provide support throughout the next year.

Hurdle said the volunteer rotation concept falls back to the true Minuteman concept represented by Revolutionary War militia. "When you think about it, back then the United States did not have a large standing military force. Most of our military strength came from the farmers who left their fields to fight for their freedom. They would return home periodically to tend their crops before returning to the front lines.

"It's basically the same today. When called, our reservists leave families and civilian jobs behind. It's hard to tell your employer you have to leave for a month. But we think the employers will agree it's better for their employees to be gone a month rather than a whole year. By allowing our people to rotate on a shorter cycle, we accomplish the mission as well as reduce potential conflicts back home. We can do this...we have already done this."

According to Col. Dean Despinoy, 507<sup>th</sup> ARW Commander, "We don't anticipate any problems finding unit volunteers to support this rotation cycle. I've been tremendously impressed at the response of our reservists in support of the war on terrorism. We know that DoD will be watching us closely to see how well our volunteer rotation cycle unfolds and I don't think we will disappoint them. I believe this will become a milestone accomplishment for the 507<sup>th</sup> and the Air Force Reserve Command."

## Reserve seeks volunteers to fill longer AEF tours

By SSgt. Sean P. Houlihan  
AFRC Public Affairs

Despite an increase in the number of 90-day air and space expeditionary force deployments, Air Force Reserve Command's policy of seeking volunteers first to satisfy these requirements remains unchanged.

"The policy of the Air Force Reserve Command's preference to use volunteers has not changed since 1999 when (Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC commander) made the commitment that AEF was job one, even in light of the events of Sept. 11," said Tony Tassone, AEF Cell director at Headquarters AFRC.

However, Tassone acknowledged, since the United States initiated its war on worldwide terrorism, Reserve AEF commitments to Operation Enduring Freedom and the enforcement of no-fly zones over Iraq have evolved beyond limiting these deployments to two weeks.

Tassone said that with the new theaters of operations, including homeland defense, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper's decision to meet commitments within these theaters using the AEF framework, the process has changed to include combinations of tour lengths for reservists.

During the current AEF cycle (March

1, 2002, to May 31, 2003), the command must fill more than 800 support taskings with reservists doing two-week rotations and numerous aviation taskings with people serving various tour lengths. The cycle includes about 1,500 taskings that require 90-day commitments with no intermediate rotations.

Several factors are responsible for the 90-day tour lengths, Tassone said. These factors include the opening of new bases and theater commanders in chief requiring longer tours. Another factor is the inability to rotate large numbers of people on a two-week basis in and out of forward operating locations because of a lack of transportation. In addition, he said, people with certain aviation and support skills in high-demand career fields are subject to the longer tours.

"Despite the longer tours, volunteerism is still the first consideration of the AEF Cell as we try to fill those positions," Tassone said. "However, if the number of 90-day tours, with no intermediate rotation, remains at the present level, we will not have enough volunteers to meet the taskings."

As a result, AFRC will be forced to resort to mobilizations to meet its requirements.

"This is not something AFRC will recommend, but that decision will be

made by the gaining major commands if they need Reserve participation," Tassone said.

He said the command intends to offer up capabilities using volunteers with 15 days of availability in AEF Cycle 4, which is scheduled to begin in June 2003, with planning starting this summer.

In April 2002, Sherrard said AFRC favors filling its AEF commitments with volunteers because this "reduces the stress on our reservists and their families, as well as employers."

"It's the best way for us to operate," the general said. "I will do everything I can to fill our requirements using volunteers."

If the command maintains its current level of commitments throughout AEF Cycle 3, it will provide more than 30,000 volunteers in addition to its approximately 13,000 mobilized reservists.

"The goal of the whole AEF process hasn't changed: force projection through a stable and predictable deployment schedule for both active and reserve personnel," Tassone said.

He said the Reserve will continue, as it has for the past three years, to be a part of the AEF process by providing volunteers and aircraft in support of deployments in 15- to 90-day tour lengths to support Air Force requirements.

## Demobilization discussed

The Air Force will demobilize only selected groups of reservists across the service until it determines the right mix of active-duty, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard forces, according to an announcement June 17.

"Our mobilized guardsmen and reservists want to know when to expect demobilization," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper on May 3. "The deputy chief of staff for air and space operations is coordinating an effort to evaluate our mission needs and

determine which Air Force specialties can be demobilized as soon as possible. At the same time, we are evaluating where, when, and how to shift from a crisis response mode - with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve - to our 'new steady state,' which would utilize volunteer guardsmen and reservists to help meet our mission taskings.

"We need these results to determine our long-term requirements for our mobilized members and how long to continue Stop-Loss for those in our most stressed skills."

## War on terrorism keeps reservists overseas

Editor's note: Air Force Reserve Command policy is to withhold the last name of reservists deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM – America's war on terrorism has been an unusual conflict. The enemy is not an army of soldiers, but a confederation of zealots from several countries. Even the high-tech bombs differ from those dropped during the Gulf War.

But at least one thing remains the same: men and women on the ground are needed to keep planes flying. That's especially true of the deployed B-52 aircraft maintainers from the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., who continue to support the war.

"When I was first deployed here last September, I had only 30 minutes to pack," said MSgt. Dennis, 93<sup>rd</sup> BS production supervisor. "This time I had four months to prepare myself and my family for my absence."

In September 2001, the only B-52 unit in Air Force Reserve Command received a war-tasking order and within days deployed reservists and aircraft to a forward-operating area in support of the war on terrorism. During this deployment,

they integrated with active-duty people to form an aerospace expeditionary force.

After a brief visit home, members of the 93<sup>rd</sup> BS deployed in May 2002 to continue their patrol of the skies over Afghanistan, awaiting the call on where and when to drop their bombs.

"I wish I'd been here during the first rotation when they were dropping more bombs, but people keep telling me to be careful what you wish for," said MSgt. Eddie, a 93<sup>rd</sup> BS weapons loader.

So far the B-52s have dropped more than 14 million pounds of munitions, most of it during the first three months of the war on terrorism.

From September to January, 93<sup>rd</sup> BS crews flew 88 combat missions, dropping 1,000 Joint Direct Attack Munitions; 1,600 general purpose bombs; and 800 cluster bombs.

"We were definitely a lot busier the last time I was here, but we still have a job to do," said TSgt Bob, a 93<sup>rd</sup> BS crew chief. "Right now, boredom seems to be our biggest enemy, but we keep our minds focused on the mission." (AFRC News Service)

### Unit aircraft fly 1,000 hours supporting Homeland Defense

The 465th Air Refueling Squadron flew its 1000th hour supporting Operation Noble Eagle during its 171st sortie on July 6th. The unit had been flying missions in support of homeland defense since Sept. 12, 2001.

On July 6, the total flying hours was 1006.1 while supporting 418 receivers with aerial refueling. Since the unit began conducting ONE missions they have off-loaded a total of 5,329,000 pounds, or 795,373 gallons of fuel.

### GI Mail keeps families in touch

Global Internet Mail, or GI Mail, provides a secure method to allow service members 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. Eligibility to use the system is determined by the Air Force Crossroads interface with the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Re-

porting System. Once validated as a GI Mail member, the account's user-ID and password can be used to access the system from anywhere in the world.

### New tuition policy pays 100 percent tuition

A new Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of tuition costs for off-duty courses will start Oct. 1. The policy will pay tuition costs and mandatory fees for a maximum of \$250 per semester hour or \$750 per three-hour course and includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling. For more information regarding the new tuition assistance policy, contact the local education center.

### Are you ready to roll?

The Air Force wants people trained to fight and physically fit with their minds on the job when they deploy overseas. Part of being prepared is making sure loved ones are taken care of before shipping out. To help make that happen, reservists can turn to the Guard and Reserve Family Readiness Program Toolkit, which is available on the Web at [www.defenselink.mil/ra](http://www.defenselink.mil/ra). The toolkit offers advice on a variety of topics, including medical care, necessary documents, finances, transportation and housing.

## What did you do during your annual tour?

By Maj. Phyllis Hobbs  
507th Medical Squadron

When asked by a friend, "What do you do while you are on annual tour?" I had to stop and think. Now you might find this unusual, if you knew that I spent those two weeks at Home Station.

I mean, what do you do? Come in the same as you do on UTAs, attend some meetings, do some paperwork, try to get in some training time. Spend more time eating, shopping, exercising, shopping, watching TV, and then counting up all your money to see what is left after shopping. "Same old, same old", you might say. Well, let me tell you that although that is part of the experience, it is not everything!

Training is the primary focus of annual tour. Not just classroom training or skills lab training, but actual hands-on real-life training within our own specialties.

This annual tour started out with a group of approximately 10-12 individuals scattered from Public Health, BioEnvironmental Engineering, EMS/Fire Department and the Family Practice Clinic.

Those in Public Health and BioEnvironmental Engineering supplemented the existing active duty staff to learn the "ins and outs" of these sections. MSgt. James Miller states, "I've learned a lot about ergonomics and incorporating these concepts with the group managers. It also helps me to be aware of the workstations reserve members are assigned and recommendations that can be made if necessary."

Three medical technicians provided healthcare to the military and civilian populace of Tinker AFB through the Family Practice Clinic. Here, they had an opportunity to assist with day-to-day outpatient care. Included in their experiences were IV starts, setting up and assisting minor procedures such as mole/

wart/toenail removal, dressing changes, and the necessary paperwork involved in documentation and screening. The non-commissioned-officer-in-charge of Family Practice assisted these members with ambulance training, computer assess and orientation. Each technician was assigned to a different primary care provider and team working in the care of their patients. Reports heard back were that these four NOs did an "excellent job, were good to work with, and we really appreciated all their assistance." What a joy it was to see SrA Raymond Farrar walking down the hall with a four-year-old boy, carrying on a "man-to-man" conversation, or A1C Ryan Adair preparing for a procedure



under the guidance of Capt. Susan Lee and Amn. Smith, or SrA Adrian Theerman's dedication documenting his clinic assignment.

In addition to the three technicians assigned to FPC, two of our providers were available to help during that first week. Maj. Thomas Franklin and Capt. Michael Underwood, devoted their time to helping Flight Medicine and FPC. Now some of you may think this would be the same as our usual UTA Saturday morning clinic, but you are wrong! Tinker AFB has a patient population of approximately 25,000. And don't forget about the four-day holiday before that first Monday of UTA. Boy, were they busy!

During the Wing UTA, July 13<sup>th</sup> and

14<sup>th</sup>, additional Reserve members came in to perform the duties and responsibilities that MUST go on even when the majority of the unit is elsewhere. Flight Medicine/Physical Exams performed a total of 64 exams, plus assisted the Navy. This required extending clinic hours, with some staying after hours to complete waivers. Four doctors came in for the day, and everyone kept busy. Immunizations geared up for 150 deploying members to go through a mobility line. Extra members assigned to this location were later moved to Flight Medicine when the mobility line did not materialize as expected. I attended the Wing Award Board and reviewed 12 award packages from various squadrons to be presented to the Wing Commander.

Other Annual Tour reserve members spent their time, either catching up on their own programs, or supervising others. For example, SSgt. Dena Hale revamped the Self-Aid Buddy Care Program, sent our numerous Wing e-mails and started training A1C Adair as an instructor. Lt. Col. Thomas Crane, as acting commander, attended and coordinated activities for the normal UTA weekend, working with only 22 reserve members. The ARTS, SMSgt. Hiroko Yates, MSgt. Douglas Coleman, and SSgt. Veronica Garrett coordinated and fielded questions, attended meetings, and produced mountains of reports, in addition to constant communication from each annual tour location and the Wing. And this is probably not all.

In the midst of all the work, there was a spirit of willingness, dedication, commitment, and just plain joy of being able to help others and share experiences.

So when someone asks, "What do you do on Annual Tour?" We here at the Home Station can say, "We trained, plus ensured that the 507th MDS could continue to carry on its mission with one-fifth of the unit members!"



### 513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

#### "Employer Support -- A Vital Part to Our Success"

It pleases me to see how deeply our Air Force believes in Total Force as well as the belief that we are all part of the "Air Force Family." We all know what Total Force is, especially since we in the 513<sup>th</sup> are currently living it.

But the "Family" concept is a different issue. To active duty this usually refers to the member and his or her dependents. Today, however, more active duty leaders are beginning to realize and understand that we reservists must include our civilian employers as a third facet to this family dimension.

Our Employer Support Program is a means to our command's success just like our Family Support Program. Both programs require two-way interaction. Just as we need support from our families, we also need support from our employers. Just as our families need support from us, so do our employers — especially while we are activated. It is critical that we have an active and robust Employer Support program.

It is also very important that our employer's contributions are noticed. Their support represents a significant portion of our nation's military success and we need to remind them how proud we are of their contributions. This reminder should not only come from the commander but also from you! Remind them that their support is as important as your direct fight. Our employers are as much team members to this conflict as we reservists are to active duty.

We hear Active Duty leaders say they could not do the mission without the Reserve. Our Reserve leaders state we couldn't do our mission without our employer's support. As a matter of fact, DOD felt Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve so important that they made ESGR an agency within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve members and their civilian employers.

Now that we are 10 months into our activation, it is time, once again, for all of you to remind your employers how important their support is to your success in the fight. Tell them you value them and that they are an important part of our nation pulling together and being steadfast.

Victory has not yet been declared. Therefore, the war is still on.

So, let's write those letters to our employers. Let's invite them out for tours at Tinker and nominate them for an Employer Support Award. If you wish for help, see your commander. He or she will be glad to assist you.

### Thank you Reserve Employer

Col. Kerr, 513th Air Control Group commander, presents an Employer Support certificate to Doug Wells, City of Lawton, Okla., while Well's wife, Janice, looks on.

Wells was nominated to receive his certificate by a member of the 507th OSF. Wells knows well, the price of freedom. He retired from the U.S. Army after serving 20 years of active duty and his son is a reserve KC-10 flight engineer.

After receiving his certificate, Wells said, "On behalf of all civilians, we pray for you all."

Photo by TSgt. Ty Yoshida



### 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 1-877-823-2378 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

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
01-02 Feb 03	06-07 Sep 03

**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

**Sat, 03 Aug 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, 04 Aug 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	Unit Safety Rep Tng	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Cancelled
<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, 06 Sep 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, 07 Sep 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>1030-1630</b>	<b>MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT WILL BE CLOSED</b>	<b>38th EIG Campus</b>
<b>1030-1630</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY</b>	<b>Unit Designated</b>
Unit Designated	Sign Out	Unit Designated

**Sun, 08 Sep 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 Tng	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>
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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
<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 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.

## Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
06 Aug	15 Aug
08 Aug	16 Aug
13 Aug	21 Aug
15 Aug	23 Aug
19 Aug	28 Aug
21 Aug	30 Aug
27 Aug	03 Sep
29 Aug	06 Sep
03 Sep	11 Sep
05 Sep	13 Sep
10 Sep	18 Sep
12 Sep	20 Sep

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:	Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:	Recertification due in 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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# 'Eagle Eyes' tries to make terrorists blink

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - The best judge of knowing who or what belongs in a building, work center or neighborhood is usually the person who lives or works there.

Recognizing this fact is behind one of the latest Air Force anti-terrorism initiatives, a program known as "Eagle Eyes." The program resembles a neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service's anti-terrorism strategy.

Eagle Eyes takes its cue from British and Israeli authorities, who are experienced in dealing with urban terrorism, said Maj. W. Troy Hubbard, director of Air Force Office of Special Investigations supporting the Air Force Reserve Command.

"They make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they're being targeted," Hubbard said. "Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives."

At military installations, anyone with something to report should immediately call the local security forces law enforcement desk. From there, security forces will respond appropriately and pass the report to local OSI agents. The agents will begin follow-up action, which may include an agent talking with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard.

At the same time, OSI agents will transmit the information to their central analytical center at Andrews AFB, Md., which will compare the data with other Air Force reports, as well as with similar information from the Army, Navy and other federal agencies.

Response to a threat begins at the local level, where terrorists conduct operational planning activities, Hubbard said.

"Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report," he said. "Terrorist acts don't just happen; they are carefully planned and rehearsed many times in advance."

Hubbard said the key to countering terrorism is for the public to know what to look for and report, on and off base.

"The whole community needs to be involved," he said. "Everyone - traditional reservist, air reserve technician, family member, government employee, civilian contractor, even an off-base business proprietor - should report something out of the ordinary. That call could make the difference between

a terrorist act occurring or not occurring.

"Our best chance to detect and prevent a terrorist act is for the community to be vigilant. The more eyes and ears we have on the lookout for suspicious activity the more difficult we make it for terrorists to succeed."

Hubbard said people shouldn't be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be false alarms.

"That's bound to happen from time to time, but you don't know if it's innocent until you report it and have it checked out," he said. "We're much less concerned about too much reporting than we are with too little. When lives are at stake, it's better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it. That call could make the difference. The bottom line: If something doesn't seem right, tell the right people."

Activity that should be reported falls into the following broad categories, according to Hubbard:

- A threat received by any means that contains a specific time, location or area for an attack.

- Out-of-the-ordinary people monitoring activities or recording information. Instances include using cameras, taking

notes, annotating maps or drawings, or hand drawing maps or diagrams, as well as using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. It could also be as simple as seeing the same unknown vehicle routinely parked in the area without explanation.

- An attempt to obtain security-related information - or even basic information about the base - by anyone who does not have the appropriate security clearance or need to know. Referred to as "elicitation," these attempts may be made by e-mail, fax, telephone, in person or through the mail.

- Attempts to measure security-reaction times or strengths and weaknesses; attempts to test or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures; and attempts to acquire or duplicate uniforms, badges, passes or other security-related documents.

- Two or more suspicious activities by the same person or vehicle in a month's time.

- Activities that do not specifically fit into the previous categories yet seem suspicious. Examples include theft of uniforms, ID cards or vehicle decals from a vehicle, home or office.

The Eagle Eyes program is an essential component of a

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# Policy permits more Reserve athletes to compete

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force reservists who attend Air Force or higher-level sports training camps and compete in military-sponsored sporting events are now eligible for pay.

According to the Air Force Services

Agency, Air Force Reserve Command athletes can now be placed on paid "man-day" status under the Military Personnel Appropriation program.



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Previously, reservists who attended training camps were placed on an active-duty tour in order to receive lodging, travel and points, but were not paid. Now, the allotted MPA man-days cover pay and allowances, while the host train-

ing or competition base provides the lodging and travel expenses.

"We had capable competitors who wanted to participate in training but couldn't afford to take a week or two off from their civilian jobs," said Lynda Sheltmire, chief of the recreational support in the Headquarters AFRC Directorate of Services. "Now, Air Force competitors can be paid while they are training and competing."

Sheltmire added that "man-days" are also available for some athletes who compete in Armed Forces competitions when no Air Force try-outs or training camps exist. "We have had a skeet shooter compete in Pan Am games and the Olympic trials," Sheltmire said.

Typically, Olympic caliber athletes are accepted into the World Class Athlete Program and placed on active duty to facilitate full-time training.

Military athletes apply for training camps on an Air Force Form 303, Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training, a "resume" type document used to choose participants. Along with the AF

Form 303, reservists submit an AF Form 49, Application for MPA Man-Day Tour, with their supervisor and commander's approval to use MPA days.

Individuals are allowed up to 139 MPA days for the fiscal year if required, including any MPA days they may use at their respective unit. Chief Master Sgt. Larry Kalivoda, chief of the air reserve branch at the Air Force Services Agency, said that the only reason MPA days for sports competitions were denied in the past was because of the 139-day MPA limit.

To be considered for Air Force sports competitions, reservists must mail both completed forms to HQ AFRC/SVPR, 255 Richard Ray Boulevard, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-1637 no later than 60 days prior to the start of the respective training.

If the Air Force approves an application, the Air Force Services Agency allocates the appropriate number of MPA days to the individual's military unit.

The Air Force Sports Calendar of events is available for viewing on a military computer at <https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/FT/Index.htm>. (AFRC News Service)

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## 'Eagle Eyes'

successful force protection program, according to Col. Mike Swaney, AFRC director of security forces. Just as fighter aircraft rely on radar and other defensive systems to reduce their vulnerability and increase their effectiveness, the program uses human "sensors" to help identify and investigate suspicious activity.

Even when Eagle Eyes reports turn up no evidence of terrorist activity, the active reporting and follow-up investigations associated with the program may have a valuable deterrent effect, the colonel said.

Most terrorist attacks are preceded by in-depth planning

and surveillance, Swaney said. During the pre-attack phase, terrorists assess the security level of a targeted area.

Documentation shows terrorists usually turn to an alternate target when their surveillance of a primary target indicates a high risk of detection or failure, Hubbard said.

"An active Eagle Eyes program helps create the look and feel of a 'hard target' and that makes the terrorist think twice before acting," he said. (AFRC News Service from an AFOSI news release)



# Points determine retirement eligibility, pay for reservists

By Lt. Col. Tom Deall, Chief of Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Once retired, members are considered gray-area reservists. They remain in this status until reaching age 60 when they begin receiving retired pay. By law, reservists must apply to transfer to the Retired Reserve by filing an Air Force Form 131. As directed on the 131, they must also submit a Defense Department Form 2656 to start their retired pay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Commander's coins presented to deserving members

TSgt. Larry Easley, 507<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron

TSgt. Easley of the Traffic Management Section received his Commander's Coin of Excellence last May. He was the task supervisor for and coordinated building skids for several items being transferred to property disposal. As the on-site technical expert, he taught the entire process to his younger troops; empowering them to achieve, leading by example, and promoting camaraderie and esprit de corps within his work section. — Maj. Sandra K. Brooks, 507<sup>th</sup> LSS/CC

CMSgt. Delbert Looper, 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Chief Looper went above and beyond his normal duties to make sure the troops assigned to him on an annual tour deployment to Aviano AB, Italy were taken care of. His professionalism and untiring efforts to take care of his troops despite many obstacles deserves the Commanders Coin of Excellence. — Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS/CC

MSgt. Novetta Battles, 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron

MSgt. Battles was part of the ADVON team to Aviano AB, Italy. She went above and beyond to address issues that arose during this deployment, skillfully handling issues ranging from a lack of rental cars to sending a team member home due to medical reasons. Many of her days exceeded 12 hours. MSgt. Battles' performance deserves the Commanders Coin of Excellence. — Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS/CC

SMSgt. Jesse Fletcher, 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Support Squadron

SMSgt. Fletcher oversaw all Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) maintenance on B-52 and KC-135 aircraft. He worked hand and hand with the Air Logistics Center (ALC) engineer, helping to engineer the repairs for the aircraft. His leadership during a two-day exercise, which had no safety violations or mishaps, culminated with the inspectors identifying him as one of the best team chiefs they have observed. — Maj. Donald E. Harlan, 507<sup>th</sup> CLSS/CC



McDonald's Corporation and the U.S. Air Force teamed up recently to honor local heroes. Certificates were presented to various military members and the Air Force "Experience" van was on display. Representing the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW and 513<sup>th</sup> ACG was Command CMSgt. Robert Kellington, pictured with Ronald McDonald and a childrens choir from a Midwest City church.

Photo by TSgt. M. Koch

## Reserve 1st sergeant training relocates to Maxwell AFB

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joel Harper  
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. -- Air Force reservists looking to add diamonds to their shoulders will now come through the First Sergeant Academy here.

The transfer of Air Force Reserve Command first sergeant training from Robins AFB, Ga., means the academy here will train all Air Force first sergeants - active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

"It's a great thing for our first sergeants," said AFRC Command Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams at a ceremony welcoming the first class of reservists to attend the training on June 17. "With more of our reservists taking leadership roles with joint-component organizations, many at deployed locations, we all need to train together. It's a total-force effort."

One of the main benefits for all first sergeants training at the same location is the exposure of all components to each other, she said.

"We're not just putting on a diamond," said Adams. "We're making a change." (AFRC News Service)

# Uprose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following was asked of members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group:  
"How did you celebrate the 4th of July?"



**2nd Lt. John King**  
513th Operations Support Flt.  
"I spent quality time with the family. Celebrated at Lake Eufula. We enjoyed our freedom."



**SrA. Eric Exum**  
507th Logistics Support Squadron  
"My kids and I cooked out and watched the fireworks together."

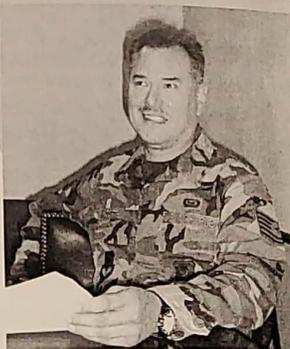


**TSgt. Sherry Barnes**  
513th Operations Support Flight  
"I celebrated with family and friends. We enjoyed the fireworks."



**SrA. Marcus Ray**  
507th Civil Engineer Squadron  
"I worked at the phone company for eight hours, then worked on my lawn and ended with family, food and fireworks."

**TSgt. Jeff Hicks**  
507th Aircraft Generation Squadron  
"I visited my family at Palo Duro Canyon and camped out."



**TSgt. Theodore Cortez**  
513th Operations Support Flight  
"I went camping at Sheppard AFB's Lake Texoma Recreation Annex. Had a great time and met several Air Force personnel from Sheppard."



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## Burritos for breakfast

SSgt. Evelyn Patton, 507th Logistics Support Squadron, serves up breakfast burritos during a recent 507th ARW / 513th ACG Enlisted Advisory Council fundraiser. Additional fundraisers are planned for the future to help support EAC activities.

Photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

## Static electricity can cause serious accidents

Submitted by MSgt. Gary Bristol  
507th ARW Safety Office

The Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static" (that is, static electricity) at gas pumps. They have researched 150 cases of these fires. The results were very surprising:

1. Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women;
2. Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas, when finished and they went back to pull the nozzle out the fire started, as a result of static;
3. Most had on rubber-soled shoes;
4. Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires;
5. Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas;
6. It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges;
7. There were 29 fires where the vehicle was reentered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer;
8. Seventeen fires that occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

**NEVER** get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely **HAVE** to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door **TOUCH-**



Results of a static electricity fire.

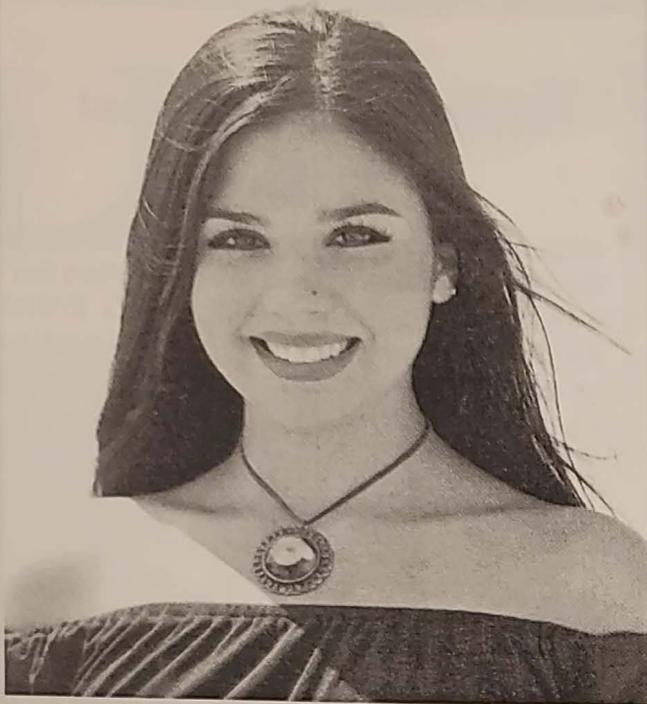
**ING THE METAL**, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger. You can find out more information by going to <http://www.pei.org>. Once here, click in the center of the screen where it says "Stop Static."

I ask you to please send this information to ALL your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car with them while pumping gas. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time. Thanks for passing this along.

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**Lainey Edwards**

## Family Day set for September, tickets on sale this month

Make plans to enjoy Family Day during the September UTA. Many of the old standby activities will be available such as food, drinks, sports, moonwalk, dunk tank, and jail. Musical guest, 16-year-old Lainey Edwards, will sing country-western music during lunch. A bench press competition has been added as well as other new events. Dunk tank "victims" have been identified and a schedule has been posted. Events start at 10 a.m. Tickets are on sale this weekend and are available from any unit first sergeant.

Ticket prices are: E-1 to E-4, \$1 each, \$5 maximum family total; E-5 to E-8, \$2 each, \$8 maximum family total; or E-9 to O-6, \$5 each, \$10 maximum family total.

Reservists are encouraged to invite former unit members and employers to attend. For non-military guests, reservists need to provide their own on-base escort to this event.

## On-final R-NEWS

### Eagles-Chiefs softball game set for Sept. UTA

The campus EAGLES (0-6's) will battle it out with the campus CHIEFS in a game of slow-pitch softball at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7th on Tinker's Championship field.

The EAGLES, led by Col. Dean Despinoy, know they are outnumbered by 16 players, and will exercise his option to "sign" several free-agent lieutenant colonels. The CHIEFS on the other hand, total 24, and the owner of the franchise, Chief Bob Kellington, needs a head-count from his teammates on who can play and who cannot.

The game will last seven innings and will be highlighted by a drawing at the end of the 5th inning for a new Gateway computer as the door prize.

The computer will be purchased by the ROA and Top 3, and the two organizations will use the proceeds for their scholarship funds.

### 513th needs nominees

Nomination packages from the 970th AACS and 513th OSF are needed for the Airman, NCO and Senior NCO of the Quarter (fourth quarter, July 1 - Sept. 30). Packages are due to the 513th ACG/CCE by Friday

### 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 465<sup>th</sup> 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 513<sup>th</sup> 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).

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