

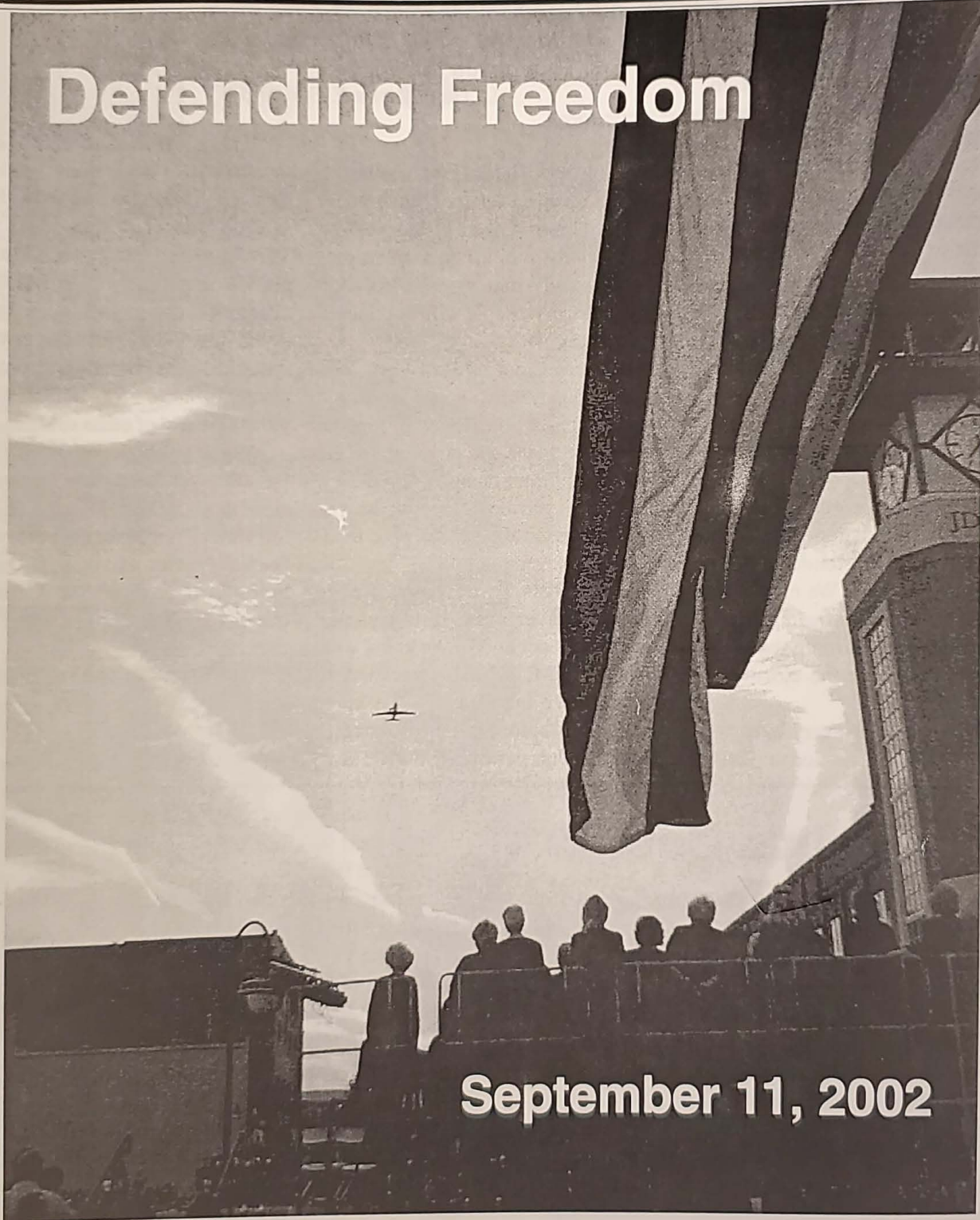
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War on terrorism remains priority for reserve command

By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
commander of Air Force Reserve Command

The response by Air Force reservists to the war on terrorism has been spectacular. Across nearly every career field at locations around the world, reservists have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and devotion to duty.

Some are being asked to extend their mobilizations for as much as 12 additional months. For them and the rest of Air Force Reserve Command, the war on terrorism is our top priority and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

It is true the Air Force is in the process of returning the Air and Space Expeditionary Force to a more steady-state footing, and we are continuing to demobilize reservists where and when we can.

As we support Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, our commitments to AEF aviation and support have increased to approximately three times that of pre-9/11. We expect that to continue to drop significantly but remain about 30 percent more than what we were doing before the terrorist attacks.

Unfortunately, not everything supporting the war can be accomplished

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-- Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III



with volunteers. The Air Force is extending for a second year more than 4,800 mobilized reservists so it can realign manpower for the war to a more predictable, steady-state process. As soon as possible, our people will be released from active duty.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper regularly thanks you - the men and women of the Air Force Reserve - for your commitment to the war on terrorism. He knows what you are doing for the country, the sacrifices you are making for the war, and how service affects you, your families and employers.

As reservists, we never get used to missing anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions. We know what it is like to forfeit a family vacation, so we can serve our country. We know what service before self is all about.

It has been more than a year since

the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and killed thousands of innocent Americans in New York City, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. We cannot and should not forget how different those events were compared to the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years ago. The world is a different, profoundly crueler place when "soldiers" attack civilians instead of other soldiers.

As you go about your military duties, I ask that you keep the memory of 9/11 close to your heart. When a task seems too much, remember where we have been as a nation and why it is important to continue the fight. Ask yourself these questions: "If not I, then who?" "If not now, then when?"

Thank you so very much for what you do for our Air Force Reserve, our Air Force and our nation. God's Blessings to all and God Bless America.

The commanding officer handed Jennings four roses. He approached the great Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers from the First World War, knelt, and placed a rose before it. Then he moved with solemn dignity to the tombs honoring unknown soldiers from the Second World War, and the wars in Korea and Vietnam, kneeling to place one red rose upon each. He returned to his commanding officer and stood before him. At attention, with their eyes locked, they shook hands. Then Sergeant Jennings carefully removed his white gloves and returned them, his work finished. He saluted his officer, greeted his family, and left.

One day we will stand before God, take off our gloves and hand them to Him, our work on earth finished. Will He be able to say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant?" Whatever your task, do it well!

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus

Recently I heard a story about the glory of finishing a task well. At Arlington National Cemetery, an individual saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. He had watched that ceremony several times before, always moved by its solemnity and precision.

This time, however, he witnessed something new. When the changing of the guard was completed, the commanding officer asked us to remain standing in silence. Sergeant Jennings had completed 27 months of this special duty and wanted now to pay his respect to the unknown soldiers. A guard escorted his family to a place of honor.

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On The Cover



While returning from an Operation Noble Eagle mission, members of the 513th Air Control Group provided an E-3 flyover during a commemorative ceremony held in downtown Oklahoma City Sept. 11.

Air Force photo by Maj. Rich Curry



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From crisis response to new steady state

WASHINGTON — Nearly half of the 13,000 Air Force reservists mobilized after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon were either back at home or on their way home when the country marked the first anniversary of that tragic day.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced a selected demobilization for the reserve components in the spring as Air Force officials worked to determine the right mix of active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces necessary to accomplish mission requirements, which include continuing the nation's war on terrorism.

The pace of the demobilization picked up steam in the months that followed, with most of the reservists who had been called to active duty ready to return to civilian status by the end of September.

In addition to the reservists who were mobilized, nearly 23,000 members of the Guard were activated to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Jumper said the demobilization is a vital part of the Air Force's transition from "a crisis-response mode — with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve members — to our new steady state," which relies mainly on volunteer reservists and guardsmen to help meet mission requirements.

"Our mobilized reservists, along with their families and employers, stepped up to the plate magnificently," said Col. Carmen Yuris, chief of the Personnel Plans Division at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga. The demobilization means a transition to a more "business-as-usual" footing for the Reserve and its members who were allowed to come home.

"We need to preserve and sustain our ability to have a reserve force that is ready and able to go to war," Yuris said. "The demobilization enhances our ability to have a healthy reserve capability for any future requirements we may have."

Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, and the colonel agree. "To sustain the Reserve and Guard, we have to get them back into their traditional roles where they can be reserves again and roll in when we need them," Dominguez said. "100 percent retention of these people is really critical to me. We want to get them back into their citizen airman role where they are with us when we need them, when they can plan for it."

Because of the continuing requirements of Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, however, the Air Force was forced to extend the mobilization of more than 14,000 Reserve and Guard members into a second year.

Air Force officials announced in August that they were extending the partial mobilization of nearly 5,000 Air Force reservists and more than 9,000 guardsmen to 24 months, the maximum period of time allowed under law. About two-thirds of the reservists who were extended are filling security forces requirements.

The gaining major commands dictate which reservists they need to extend on active duty based on operational requirements. Extensions require Dominguez's approval.

Yuris said the Air Force is doing everything it can to keep extensions to a bare minimum and is seeking reservists who volunteer to remain mobilized before deciding to keep people on active duty involuntarily.

The plan is to keep air reserve component members mobilized just long enough for the active force to realign manpower to meet requirements, said John C. Truesdell, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for reserve affairs.

"We want to retain our Guard and Reserve members and must give them the predictability in their lives they deserve," Truesdell said. "We know they are patriotic and want to serve the country, but we also understand that reality rears its ugly head and they have to pay a mortgage or return to their roles in the civilian sector."

Dominguez and Yuris both said they are pleased with the way the mobilization and demobilization process has worked but added they are already working to identify lessons learned in an effort to make things run more smoothly in the future.

Dominguez said he believes this call-up was so successful because of the expeditionary Air Force concept that involved the Guard and Reserve in its evolution.

"It allowed combatant commanders to understand how to use these guys," he said. "It built trust and confidence, and we got a lot of practice together. I have to say, from my perspective, that the process of calling people up and mobilizing them for the U.S. Air Force worked superbly. That's largely a result of the fact that they are so closely integrated with the active force."

While the demobilization is good news for most activated Air Force reservists, it presents a challenge to the active force.

"This is a huge challenge ahead of us because we have removed the two crisis response instruments (mobilization and Stop-Loss)," Dominguez said. "Mobilization and Stop-Loss were like training wheels to get us to this new steady state. Those are gone. We are going to wobble some, but we will think our way through this. This is going to be a long-term challenge." (AFRC News Service)

Demobilized reservists receive time to out-process

Air Force reservists who are not being extended into a second year or have not been identified for early demobilization should begin demobilizing at least 45 days before their call-up anniversary date.

These days give reservists time to complete mandatory medical evaluations and out-process through the military personnel flight. Another option for them is to apply to stay on active duty, either through retention in the active force or to claim sanctuary, which allows them to remain on active duty and qualify for military retirement.

The extra days also give reservists a chance to take any leave they've accrued before reaching the mobilization anniversary date.

Officials identify 17 stressed career fields

Seventeen Air Force specialties were identified in a recent study by career field functional managers and manpower and personnel experts as "stressed" because of increased operations and personnel tempo of air and space expeditionary forces in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Eventually, action will be taken to relieve this stress in all career fields, but because of time and money, officials are concentrating their efforts on the six most stressed areas first — security forces, intelligence, Office of Special Investigations, civil engineer readiness functions and enlisted aircrew members.

A core competency review launched by the Air Force is looking for ways to alleviate some of the stress. The review looked at ways to free airmen from tasks that do not require a "bluesuiter" and could be done by someone else such as a civilian employee or contractor. The review identified some 6,300 positions for possible conversion from military to civilian and another 1,000 traditional Reserve positions for possible conversion to full-time Reserve positions. Officials are also working on a funding request for the Fiscal 2004 Program Objective Memorandum to help reduce the stress.

Most AEF forces on track

Almost 90 percent of those involved in air and space expeditionary force operations can still count on returning home at their scheduled time, and replacements should continue to receive up to 120-day notices before deploying, according to Air Force officials.

If they are deployed, mobilized reservists will be returned to home station to complete the demobilization process.

"During this period, reservists are expected to perform normal duties with the exception of the accrued leave," said Col. Michael Cleveland, director of Personnel at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "Reconstitution is the period of time immediately following redeployment back to one's home unit. It's dedicated to accounting for deployed members, equipment and supplies, and for returning equipment and supply levels back to pre-deployment levels.

"It's not a set period of time, and not everyone in a unit will be involved in all aspects of the reconstitution," the colonel said. "It should not last longer than 30 days."

Unless demobilization is delayed for an authorized reason, no one should remain mobilized after their original orders expire, according to Cleveland. "If someone remains in a mobilized status after the 12-month orders expire, we must be advised immediately and before the person enters the 13th month," he said.

Reservists identified for early demobilization by their gaining major command also should be off active duty within a 45-day period. The starting date of that period can be specified in the demobilization message, the date of the message itself or the date of return to the home unit for those deployed after they receive the demobilization message, whichever occurs later.

Returning earlier to their home station also gives reservists more opportunity to contact their family and employer, so they can prepare for the reservists' return.

For more information about demobilization procedures, call MPF at 734-7492.

AF renews anthrax vaccine program

The Air Force will resume administering the anthrax vaccine within 90 days to airmen in or deploying to high-threat areas. The Defense Department will resume the program as quickly as it can distribute adequate supplies and educate its members. The resumption of the program is a result of both the current threat and the Food and Drug Administration's final approval to resume the manufacture and distribution of U.S.-licensed anthrax vaccine.

For more information, visit the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program Web site at www.anthrax.mil.

Top enlisted members of quarter selected

The quarterly award winners for the third quarter have been heavily involved in base activities, their communities, and they still have time for self-improvement activities.

Senior NCO of the Quarter, **Senior Master Sgt. Gary Newell**, is a fabrication flight chief with the 507th Maintenance Squadron. He orchestrates squadron maintenance as UTA NCOIC, ensuring effective training. He was in charge of the entire Maintenance Squadron during April, May, and June off-UTA weekends and planned and directed work and training for



SMSgt. Gary Newell

the 12 different specialties of the maintenance squadron.

"Sergeant Newell is a highly effective supervisor, promoting maximum creativity and initiative in his people," said Maj. Wendy Deemer, 507th MXS commander. "This results in streamlining the processes that provide dependable assets to the flightline."

When hairline cracks were identified on 10 KC-135R engine fairing side panels on outboard engines, his structural mechanics coordinated with Quality Assurance to fabricate replacement parts. Locally manufactured parts saved the wing more than \$200,000 in replacement costs.

Newell has 31.5 years military experience (8 active and 23.5 Reserve) and served as an avionics instrument technician on F-105s, F-4s, A-7s, T-38s,

T-38s, T-39s, UH-1s, and C-141s. He was also an electronics mechanic foreman for the F-16.

He has completed the Senior NCO Academy course via correspondence and attended the Operational Risk Management Supervisors course.

Newell actively supports the United Way of Norman; purchases food for the needy, the elderly, and Vietnam veterans of his community; and he donates to the CFC and his church.

Tech. Sgt. LaTina A. DeVaughn is the NCO of the Quarter. She is a Supply Management Specialist with the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

DeVaughn has volunteered to assume the duties and responsibilities as the Team Chief for eight personnel in the Supply Section of the Distribution Flight. She was also chosen as Team Chief for an 18-member annual tour deployment to Hickam AFB, Hawaii. She also volunteers for off-station training at various National Guard units



TSgt. LaTina A. DeVaughn

and took on the additional duty of Unit Career Advisor.

DeVaughn has 10 years active duty service and three years as a reservist, helping her to become well versed in all areas of the Supply Management career field. She has been assigned or deployed to Cannon AFB, New Mexico, Andersen AB, Guam, Taegu AB, Korea, and works in her civilian job here at Tinker as a Material Manager.

She has completed the Command NCO Academy in residence, graduated from CCAF, earned an associate degree, bachelor's degree, and her master's degree.

AIC Lynette U. Luginu, a Services Journeyman, is the AMN of the Quarter.

She volunteered for an AEF deployment to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, serving two consecutive 90-day tours, and endured 12- and 14-hour work days.



AIC Lynette U. Luginu

Luginu provided conscientious support to the dining facility, lodging facility, and fitness center. While on the deployment, Luginu supported USO events, helped the morale of the base.

Luginu shows promise as tomorrow's leader and was nominated for Tuskegee Airman of the Year. Her nomination package states that she demonstrates leadership, commitment, and maturity beyond her years as an airman.

Luginu successfully completed upgrade requirements ahead of schedule. She also completed NCO Preparatory and enrolled in CCAF, pursuing her degree. She is a student at Oklahoma City Community College, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. The long-term goal is to transfer to Oklahoma University's School of Medicine and become a doctor.

Luginu is involved with various activities in her community and church, teaching Sunday school, helping renovate homes for the elderly, and helping adults learn how to read, among many other things.

CLSS team prepares for inspection

By **Capt. Rick Gale**
507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Annual mobility processing training, conducted last month, took on added importance for members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS).

The squadron has accepted the opportunity to take part in an upcoming Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) set for late October.

During wartime or activation, the 507th CLSS is gained by the Air Force



Tech. Sgt. Michael Maule (left) and Master Sgt. Larry Bryant, 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, check deployment folders and records during the unit's annual mobility processing training.

Material Command to execute their mission of providing rapid deployable teams

in support of aircraft battle damage repair as well as combat logistics and supply teams.

Last month's mobility processing served as a dry run, providing stations to ensure all paperwork and individual shot records were current for deployable personnel.

Augmentees manning the stations checked dog tags, ID cards, DD Forms 93, AF Forms 4005, and dependent care. "We also had a full service immunization station giving shots...I got three of them myself," said Maj. Chad Gericke of the squadron. CLSS Commander Maj. Don Harlan thanked the members of the 507th Medical Squadron for providing a crew to man the immunization line. After processing, each squadron member checked out his or her gas mask, conducted the required inspection, and documented the inspection date appropriately. In addition to the processing line, CLSS team chiefs and supervisors conducted personal bag checks to ensure compliance with deployment requirements.

The upcoming ORI is scheduled for Oct. 28-30.



Air Force photos by Capt. Rick Gale

Members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron rehearse their mobility processing line procedures in preparation for their upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

Commander's Column

By Lt. Col. George Gorham
513th Air Control Group Vice Commander

The 513th has begun a new era. Our unit was conceived as a peacetime unit to aid the active duty in their commitments. After the first activation for the Kosovo conflict the unit received a wartime tasking. After 9/11 the 513th was pressed into service the first hour. Activated Sept. 20, 2001 under Partial Mobilization, the unit had been running 24/7 prior to that moment flying Operation Noble Eagle. Within two months the unit had elements deployed to Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as supporting Operation Noble Eagle and aiding the 552 ACW in certain key staff functions.

Now we begin our second year of activation. Not since the Korean War have Reserve flying units been activated for this proposed length of time. The 513th has taken lead of AWACs operations in Operation Northern Watch. Seldom have Reserve units been afforded the opportunity to lead as

we have for the second time in ONW. Our experience as operators and leaders, our theater experience has enabled us to finely tune that operation. We have had people delve into problems and solve problems that had vexed that operation for years. Yes it is hard to spend 1/2 the activation deployed overseas. Yet our nation needs our leadership, experience and expertise. For that reason we will stay activated and deployed for the second year. Our nation has never waived from the fight on terrorism. Each one of us has a part to play in this fight. I thank you for patriotism, professionalism, and participation in our nation's fight. I thank you for stepping forward with great attitudes, working together through such difficult times, supporting each other in so many different ways to overcome so many different and difficult situations.

Now as we begin this second year, let us pause, reflect on what we have done, and make the adjustments necessary to complete this next year as safe and successful as the last. Let us stay focused on the job at hand; to provide the finest AWAC crews, maintenance teams and support we can for our nation in her fight on terrorism. Continue to focus on each other, to aid your fellow reservist, as we as a unit go through this next year.

By Air Force Chief of Staff Gen.
John P. Jumper

At the beginning of the 21st Century the United States faces a dynamic and evolving security environment. America's security is now truly a global issue and the men and women of the United States Air Force are tasked to meet that challenge. We find ourselves executing an expeditionary concept that focuses us on the business of rapid deployment in response to conditions ranging from humanitarian assistance to full-scale conflict. The expeditionary air and space force concept describes who we are today and where we're going tomorrow.

Post-September 11th operations reinforce the reality that future missions and contingencies will require greater sophistication and understanding of our international security environment. Just as we need pilots, intelligence specialists, satellite operators, and jet engine mechanics, our expeditionary force requires airmen with international insight, foreign language proficiency, and cultural

understanding. Recent operations underscore our need to establish a cadre of professionals proficient in foreign languages and area studies-men and women who have the right skill sets to shape events and rapidly respond to world-wide contingencies. These international skills are true force multipliers and essential to our ability to operate globally.

Developing such a global cadre will require a much-needed "culture change." To that end, I strongly encourage the pursuit of such skill sets and experiences through regional/international studies degree programs, foreign languages, and overseas assignments. I expect commanders to fully support and emphasize the importance of this to their charges. To be truly successful at sustaining coalitions, pursuing regional stability, and contributing to multi-national operations, our expeditionary forces must have sufficient capability and depth in foreign area expertise and language skills.

I urge each of you to develop tomorrow's expeditionary airmen. America's security depends upon it.

Time to learn a new expeditionary language and focus

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.volced.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.

NEW CHANGES TO 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.

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$3500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors).

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NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY NCO Academy In-Residence class dates: A letter of recommendation from your unit commander must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT not later than 60 days prior to class start date:

Class	Quotas	Dates	Location
2003-3	1	25 Feb - 03 Apr 03	Tyndall AFB, FL
2003-4	1	15 Apr - 22 May 03	Tyndall AFB, FL
2003-4	1	16 Jun - 24 Jul 03	Tyndall AFB, FL
2003-6	1	04 Aug - 11 Sep 03	Tyndall AFB, FL
2003-7	1	22 Sep - 30 Oct 03	Tyndall AFB, FL

VA BENEFITS

Effective 1 June 2002, members receiving chapter 1606 benefits (Reserve), will be required to call in each month to certify their hours. On the first of each month members must call 1-877-823-2378 or 1-888-442-4551, option #1, to receive pay for the previous month. If you fail to call in your check will not be released. Remember, it is your responsibility to do this. If you receive a 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 an 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."

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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)**

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01-02 Mar 03	06-07 Sep 03
05-06 Apr 03	

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Fri, 04 Oct 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, 05 Oct 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	To Be Determined
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	To Be Determined
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, 06 Oct 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	To Be Determined
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Cancelled
0930	Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	To Be Determined
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

**** HAZCOM TRAINING CANCELLED FOR THIS UTA****

Fri, 15 Nov 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, 16 Nov 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	To Be Determined
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	To Be Determined
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, 17 Nov 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	To Be Determined
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0830-1030	Unit Safety Rep	Bldg 201, Base Education Bldg
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Cancelled
0930	Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	To Be Determined
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

ATTENTION

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.

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
07 Oct	15 Oct
10 Oct	18 Oct
15 Oct	23 Oct
17 Oct	25 Oct
21 Oct	30 Oct
23 Oct	01 Nov
28 Oct	04 Nov
31 Oct	08 Nov
05 Nov	13 Nov
07 Nov	15 Nov
12 Nov	18 Nov
14 Nov	22 Nov

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

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).

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 0900 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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Wide range of education opportunities offered

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – If reservists play their cards right, they can get a lot more out of being in the Air Force Reserve than “extra cash.”

Education benefits are available to military members and their families, if they take a little effort to find them. Benefits range from earning a master's degree to receiving accreditation for skills acquired while on the job – for free or at a reduced price.

Education and training offices offer assistance with enrollment in the Community College of the Air Force, advice on GI Bill benefits and help with tuition assistance to include college-level testing and job-related certification.

CCAF is the only federally chartered institution that awards an associate degree to enlisted people. It offers associate degree programs in five broad career areas: aircraft and missile maintenance, electronics and telecommunications, allied health, logistics and resources, and public and support services.

The college accepts credits for courses completed at regionally accredited civilian colleges and universities. The Air Force may pay up to 75 percent of tuition for classes.

The Montgomery GI Bill, offered through the Department of Veteran Affairs, is probably the best-known benefit to military members. With it, they receive money to defray their cost of living while taking college-level classes, cooperative classes, correspondence courses, apprenticeships, on-the-job training and flying lessons.

Time is of the essence with the GI Bill. With some exceptions, such as for disability, reservists are eligible to receive the benefits for only 10 years from the date of their first six-year enlistment in the Air Force Reserve Command or Air National Guard. For people just leaving active duty, the eligibility runs out 10 years from their date of separation.

To use one's active-duty GI Bill benefit, members should start by taking their Defense Department Form 214 to the education office. The form determines individuals' entitlements,

depending on the type of program they were enrolled in and how often they plan to go to school.

Under the most recent active-duty program, in which participants must contribute, full-time students and those enrolled full time in a cooperative program receive \$800 per month.

To qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve program, reservists must have a six-year obligation to serve in the Reserve and serve in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit or program. The Selected Reserve program pays \$272 per month for full-time students and those enrolled full time in a cooperative program.

An apprenticeship or OJT program offered by a company or union provides an alternative to college or vocational school while helping employees gain experience in their chosen field. The active-duty benefit pays \$600 per month for the first six months, \$440 for the second six months and \$280 for the remainder of the program. The Selected Reserve benefit is \$204 the first six months, \$149.60 for the second six months and \$95.20 for

the remainder of the program.

“Many veterans are not aware that they can use their GI Bill benefits in on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs with most businesses,” said Georgia Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Pete Wheeler. “These programs are an excellent way to allow a veteran to acquire a skilled occupation under the supervision of a skilled worker in a practical, hands-on way.”

Employers also benefit from the program “because the monetary benefits a veteran receives should motivate that individual to perform at a higher level and in turn enhance business operations,” Wheeler said.

“Veterans typically are experienced, mature and disciplined individuals with positive work habits,” he said. “They have proven employment histories, learn quickly and follow instructions well.”

A state agency or VA must approve any program offered by a school or company.



Active duty, Guard begin associate mission

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Two wings will become one in an unprecedented first for both the Air Force and Robins AFB when the 116th Bomb Wing and the 93rd Air Control Wing become the first “blended” future total force wing in a special activation ceremony attended by Air Force Secretary James Roche on Sept. 30.

The 116th Air Control Wing – comprised of both air national guardsmen and active duty members – will be the first of its kind when it is activated here as part of the Future Total Force initiative. This new initiative focuses on active duty, guard and reserve members working side by side in all mission types. And this merger is expected to increase the combat effectiveness and organizational efficiency of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System.

“We are making history and defining how the Air Force of the future will look,” said Col. Tom Lynn, 116th Bomb Wing commander and future 116th Air Control Wing commander. “The outstanding professionals in both wings have worked extremely hard to make this a reality.”

“Our two organizations consist of highly trained and highly motivated people who serve with distinction,” said Col. David Fadok, 93rd Air Control Wing commander. “Our people are professionals who will exceed expectations and set the standard for future total force wings.”

Last year, it was announced that the 116th BW would transfer its B-1B flying mission to active duty units due to the consolidation of the B-1 aircraft fleet. In October, Secretary of the Air Force James Roche announced the 116th BW would transition to the Joint STARS mission, creating a first-of-its-kind future total force organization.

With its 11 Air Force outstanding unit awards – more than any other unit in the reserve component – and three Winston P. Wilson Trophy wins as the No. 1 fighter unit in the Air National Guard during its days of fighter wing operations, the bomb wing was a natural choice for the new blended wing.

The 93rd ACW, which was activated at Robins in 1996, earned its first outstanding unit award the very next year – especially noteworthy since the wing had not reached its initial operational

capability then. While deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom from November to April, the 93rd ACW flew 247 combat sorties with a 98.4 percent mission effectiveness rate – all while supporting the war on terrorism.

When the two wings combine, the unit will support the Joint STARS mission. Joint STARS' primary mission is to provide dedicated support to air and ground theater commanders in order to gain and maintain control of the battle space. Its radar has a range of more than 150 miles, making Joint STARS effective for supporting the full spectrum of roles and missions from peacekeeping operations to major theater war.

The E-8C Joint STARS, a modified Boeing 707 developed by Northrop Grumman, is an airborne battle management and command and control platform that conducts ground surveillance to support attack operations and contribute to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces. The aircraft carries a 24-foot phased-array radar antenna in a 40-foot canoe-shaped radome under the forward part of the fuselage.

Air and Space Expeditionary Forces news briefs

Crossroads web site puts information at users' fingertips

The Air Force Crossroads Web site has become the service's “Yellow Pages,” putting community and service information at the fingertips of active-duty airmen, reservists, Air National Guard members, retirees and their families and civilian employees. The site pools Internet resources from Air Force, Department of Defense and civilian sources into a single location that is available to members of the Air Force family throughout the world.

Although people can access the site from any computer, and there are areas open to the public, for security reasons access to much of the site's resources require users to register for access. Membership is limited to people in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Once veri-

fied, people are required to create a username and password. For more information, go to www.afcrossroads.com.

Useful AEF links

Air Force members can get more air and space expeditionary force information at the following Web sites:

- AEF Center at <http://aefc.langley.af.mil/> or <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/eafonline/> (restricted to “.mil” addresses only)
- Air Force issues and answers at www.issues.af.mil
- CSAF sight picture at www.af.mil/lib/sight/index.shtml

Are you registered with E/MSS

Due to possible activation of Reserve members you should be registered with the Defense Finance & Accounting “Service Employee/Member, Self Service – E/MSS”. If not, you can register at: <http://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>.

507th hosts 30th reunion anniversary

By Tech. Sgt. George Proctor
507 CES UPAR

It was the night the stars fell on Oklahoma. On Saturday evening, Sept. 21, 2002, at the Tinker AFB Officer's Club, a total of eight generals, all of them former commanders or officers in the 507th, gathered with approximately 140 of their fellow flyers, crew members, maintainers, and support personnel to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the 507th.

The generals were Brig. Gen. Jim Wade (the father of the 507th), Maj. Gen. Roger Scheer (former AF Reserve Commander), Brig. Gen. Bob Lytle, Brig. Gen. Jack Gingerich, Maj. Gen. S. T. Ayers, Maj. Gen. Lou Ferraro, Maj. Gen. "Bugs" Forsythe, and Brig. Gen. Mark Pillar. Other former commanders present included Col. Jerry Wrucha and Col. Jervis "Jed" McEntee, as well as the current 507th unit commander, Col. Dean Despinoy.

The evening was the culmination of reunion events that started Friday evening with a BBQ picnic at the 465 ARS building, an early Saturday morning breakfast hosted by the Silver Squadron, composed of 937th/507th retirees, and a golf game at the Tinker AFB golf course.

The guest speaker for the evening was Oklahoma U.S. Senator James "Jim" Inhofe, a member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, who gave the gathering an unclassified briefing on the state of the U.S. military and the challenges currently facing it.

Following the briefing, Lt. Col. Don Klinko read a citation from the Oklahoma State Senate proclaiming Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, "SH Okie Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

The final presenter, Col. Dean Despinoy, the current 507th ARW commander, reviewed the mission and ac-



Air Force Photo by CMSgt. Sharlotte Epps
Col. Dean J. Despinoy, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, presents a 507th lithograph to Senator Jim Inhofe during an "Okie Reunion" held in September. At the far right is former 465th commander, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Charlie Sublett.

tivities of the Wing. According to Despinoy, our unit is operating largely on volunteerism, performing a staggering amount of flying, deploying, and supporting where needed.

Special praise went to civil engineers whose fire fighters are deployed to another Air Force base and to the Security Forces which have been activated worldwide. Finally, Lt. Col. Larry "Jesse" James was recognized as the originator of the 30th reunion.

Brief history of the 507th

On May 20, 1972, the 507th was reactivated as the 507th Tactical Fighter Group, an Air Force Reserve unit flying the F-105 "Thud" aircraft at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The original 507th Fighter Group flew P-47N fighter aircraft in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The unit was later reactivated at Kinchloe

AFB, MI, and flew F-89, F-102, and F-106 interceptors until 1968.

Prior to May 20, 1972, the Air Force Reserve unit located at Tinker AFB, OK, was the 937th which flew C-124 "Old Shaky" transports. The 507th has also flown the F-4 Phantom, F-16 Falcon and now flies the KC-135R Stratotanker.

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Family Day fun

"The 507th/513th Family Day was a huge success. We had 1,200 reservists and family members attend," said Maj. Ralph Hawkins, this year's coordinator. "That was twice as many as last year."

Highlights included a short concert by rising country-and-western star Lainey Edwards, who signed autographs afterwards. Annual favorites included the Dunk Tank, Moon Walk, Balloon Dart Game, and the aircraft static display of the KC-135R and E3-A.

Many of the campus command staff, including Col. Dean Despinoy and Col. Jim Kerr, took their turns in the Dunk Tank, where funds raised aid the 507th Civil Engineer's "retirement fund."

"The money we make off the dunk tank each year goes for providing shadow boxes and flowers during retirements," said 507th CES First Sergeant Harry Ginzl. "Without it, we'd be constantly passing the hat. It's great!"

The day concluded with a softball game between the campus colonels and chief master sergeants. "We were not to be denied," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Bob Kellington, commenting on the chiefs' upset victory. "I predicted the outcome much like Joe Namath predicted the outcome of Super Bowl III."

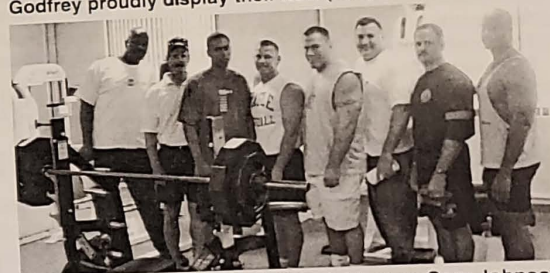


MSgt. James Miller cooks up a storm dressed in desert-camouflaged chef attire.

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SrA. Barbara Gatlin, A1C Amanda Wielgus, and Zachery Godfrey proudly display their new (temporary) tattoos.



Bench press competitors, left to right, were Gary Johnson, Kevin Rutledge, Lindy Hoagland, Bob Atkins, Ken Sarsycki, David Beavin, Ronald Mitchell, and Rodney Hall. The winner, Bob Atkins, pressed 355 lbs.



Women competitors in the bench press competition were Marci Mitchell, Michelle Paperini, Caroline Rutledge, Cindy New, and Kelly Hall. The winner, Caroline Rutledge, pressed 90 lbs.

"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

Safety tips for a Happy Halloween

from 507th ARW Safety Office

Before Halloween:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase only those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.

Before Nightfall on Halloween:

- Consider fire safety when decorating. Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects.
- Always keep Jack O' Lanterns and hot electric lamps away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children will be standing or walking.
- Plan and review with your children the route and behavior that is acceptable to you.
- Confine, segregate or otherwise prepare household pets for an evening of frightful sights and sounds. Be sure that all dogs and cats are wearing collars and proper identification tags.

When Trick-or-Treating:

- A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - o Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - o Only go to homes with a porch light on.
 - o Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - o If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - o Never cut across yards or use alleys.

- o Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- o Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- o Never consume food items or drinks that may be offered.
- o No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- o Law Enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

After Trick-or-Treating:

- Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
 - Make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.
- We hope these tips will help you and your family have a safe and happy Halloween.

Startling statistics fire up safety tips

from 507th ARW Safety Office

In 2001, according to the National Fire Protection Association, 3,420 Americans were killed and another 16,975 were injured as a result of fire. Direct property loss due to fires was estimated at \$5.5 billion. Fire killed more Americans than all natural disasters combined. 85% of all fire deaths occurred in residences. With these startling statistics in mind, here are some safety tips for you:

SMOKE DETECTORS

- Smoke is responsible for three out of four deaths.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test every detector at least once a month
- Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year, or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop.
- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires.
- Use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

Don't delay -- update DEERS today

By Carole W. Butler

Did you know that you or a family member could lose medical benefits if you do not update your information on the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS)?

DEERS stores medical benefit data for military personnel, retirees, and eligible family members. Service members and retirees are the sponsors for their family members' medical benefits and are responsible for the accuracy of the DEERS information. Correct, up-to-date DEERS information is essential, since this data defines your medical benefits.

When an eligible family member receives a uniformed services identification and privilege card, or ID card, that information is deposited in DEERS. However, the sponsor must ensure the information is correct. If you marry or re-marry, move, have a new baby, have an old baby that becomes an adult, you must make sure that DEERS data reflects those changes, as well as any others. If you marry but neglect to register your spouse in DEERS, that person is not eligible for medical benefits until the sponsor updates the information. If you move but don't submit the current address of each family member to DEERS, your family may not receive essential

messages regarding medical benefits, such as information about the mail-order pharmacy.

If you forget to register a newborn in DEERS, after 365 days the child is not eligible for medical benefits until you complete the registration in DEERS. In addition, newborns can lose eligibility for TRICARE Prime medical coverage after 120 days. In this case, you must enroll the child in TRICARE Prime, as well as register the child in DEERS.

How to update DEERS

Making changes to DEERS is easy to do. You can make changes through your military support office, the same office that assists you with your ID card. And, if you are making changes, it's a good idea to take documentation with you.

You can locate your nearest military support office at RAPIDS Site Locator (<http://www.dmde.osd.mil/rsl/>) on the Web. To make address changes or to verify data, log on to the Defense Manpower Data Center at <https://www.dmde.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?app=9012&rule=02>.

Changes could not be easier to make. Update DEERS today.

Mentors sought for education partnership

By Chrissy Taylor, Program Administrator
Team Tinker Tutoring Program

The Team Tinker Tutoring Program is searching for individuals or organizations who want to make a difference in the life of a child. This program has proven the difference in a student's success or failure can be a matter of only one hour a week – if that hour is spent with a mentor or tutor.

Precautions help guard against West Nile virus

With more than 250 reported cases and 18 deaths confirmed, Air Force officials are taking steps to prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus. They encourage anyone walking or playing outdoors to use repellent and wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. The officials recommend eliminating standing water by cleaning eaves, troughs and gutters, removing old tires, checking on tarps on boats or other equipment and changing water in birdbaths, animal feeding dishes and plant containers at least weekly. Officials also urge those suspecting they have the virus to contact their physician. For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Receiving that special one-on-one attention builds self-confidence and self worth in students. Most of the children identified to participate in the program are working below their grade level and/or need an adult role model to help them learn skills to succeed academically and socially.

The late Mitch Anderson started the program with a few friends in 1994 at Martin Luther King Elementary School.

Tutors and mentors usually spend one hour once a week with one or two students working on what that student needs most. It could be reading, basic math skills or even learning how to focus on one task at a time. Materials for your tutoring sessions will be provided. No experience is necessary, all you need is the desire to help a child.

Most tutoring sessions began the middle of September and will end the second week of May. We do not tutor on holidays, school breaks, or conference days. A school calendar will be provided for your scheduling ease.

If you want to volunteer, please call 736-2279 or send a message to chrissy.taylor@tinker.af.mil.



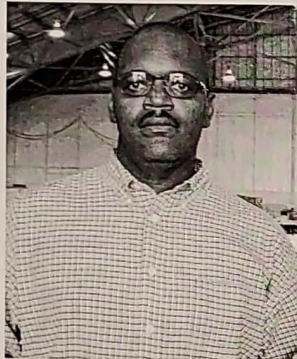
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The following question was asked at the 507th/513th Family Day:
"What's changed since 9-11?"



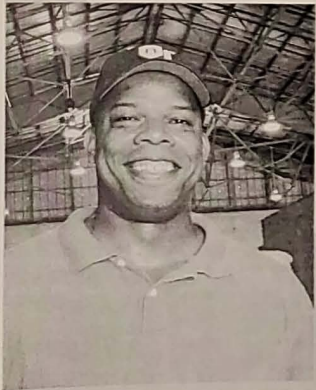
SSgt. Jennifer Powders
507th LSS Supply

"People have become more aware of their surroundings and are taking force protection seriously now more than ever."



TSgt. Terrence Glover
72ndAPS

"My whole perception of security and life in general has changed. Knowing that over 3,000 lives ended; all with unfinished business, makes you appreciate every day."



TSgt. Randal Colbert
72ndAPS

"A lot has changed. People are not so comfortable traveling by airplane, the economy is not too stable and our armed forces are on a constant state of alert. A positive is the recruitment into the different branches of service has increased."

"Our world as a whole has a new reality. On the negative side, we know there are forces that want to destroy all the values that we as a nation hold dear. On the positive side, families and friends have been brought closer together. We treasure each other more and are more willing than ever to preserve the rights



SSgt. Ami DuBoise
507th AGS crew chief

"I believe America as a country has changed because the "public" seems to be much more supportive of the military. Before 9-11 I never had a civilian say anything to me while I was in uniform. Now I am stopped all the time and told how appreciated we are. It is sad it took the WTC attack to make Americans open their eyes to the fact we are so *blessed* to live in this great country. God Bless the USA!"



Col. Stayce Harris
507th ARW vice commander

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Domestic Violence affects everyone How to help reduce domestic violence

By the 72nd Medical Group

Some think that domestic violence is a "family affair," and it only affects a few adults. They are wrong. Domestic violence is a community issue that affects us all. Children who witness it are more likely to become violent as adults.



These children are also more likely to have emotional and behavioral disturbances such as withdrawal, low self-esteem, and aggressive behavior. Their aggression may be directed toward themselves, peers, and property. Your child may attend school with a child living in a violent home. Your property may be damaged by them. Domestic violence or spouse abuse is not just a family concern – it is a community problem.

We have all heard the recent local news reports of the most violent of these acts, those that resulted in homicides. The only good news when it comes to domestic violence is that these harmful acts are totally preventable.

So, what can we do to help reduce domestic violence? If you are aware of serious fights or constant discord between couples, encourage them to get help. If you are silent, you are quietly condoning the behavior. Your lack of action may be perceived as "normalizing" the violent behaviors for both the abuser and the abused.

Abusive people frequently justify their own actions: "She always asks for it." "If she would stop making me so mad." "He pushes my buttons and makes me this way." There are many excuses for breaking property and hitting spouses. However, no excuse is justifiable, and we cannot remain silent on the issue.

If you suspect domestic violence, let the aggressive person know his or her actions are unacceptable. Tell them they need help and support them in doing so. Discuss the incident or behavior with the individual's first sergeant or commander; call Family Advocacy and make a referral. Let the spouse know about the local women's shelter.

Donate a cell phone

This year during Domestic Violence Prevention month Family Advocacy is collecting used cell phones to donate to the local women's shelters. If you have a phone around the house you are no longer using, please consider donating it for shelter use. The shelters will distribute the phones to domestic violence victims. Phones will be programmed to phone 911 in cases of emergency. For more information, please contact the Family Advocacy staff at 734-4390, or drop your phone off in the lobby of Building 1043.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

YWCA Shelter Hotline.....	949-1866
Family Advocacy (FAP).....	734-4390
Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program.....	297-2881
Tinker Employee Assistance Program (EAP).....	734-6691
24 Hour Line.....	800-222-0364
CONTACT Helpline.....	848-2273

Quick Statistics

- A recent U.S. Department of Labor study showed that in 17% of homicides, the alleged assailants were current or former husbands or boyfriends.
- According to the FBI, 30% of women and 6% of men killed in this country are killed by their partners or ex-partners.
- In a 1994 survey of senior executives of Fortune 1,000 companies, 66 % of the respondents believed that a company's financial performance would benefit from addressing the issue of domestic violence among its employees.
- In the same survey, significant numbers of respondents said domestic violence has a harmful effect on their company's productivity (49%), attendance (47%), and increases insurance and medical costs (44%). Eighty percent of respondents said that domestic violence affects employees from all walks of life.
- In a New York study of 50 battered women, 75% said they had been harassed by the batterer while they were at work, 50% reported missing an average of three days per month and 44% lost at least one job for reasons directly related to the abuse.

Parting Shots



U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Melba Koch

When you have two favorite ways to travel...sometimes it's hard to choose! Members of the 513th Air Control Group took advantage of an E-3 Sentry aircraft static display last month during Family Day to coordinate for a quick photo session. They call themselves the Oklahoma Thumpers Motorcycle Club and between their busy work schedule, they plan group trips. For information on how to join, call Maj. Del Robertson at 734-6777.

On-final R-NEWS

Getting on base

- There are a few things we can do to keep the entry process moving smoothly:
- Have your ID card out and ready to physically hand to the gate guard prior to pulling up to the gate
 - Get rid of any unneeded items in your car. Should your vehicle be subjected to a search, it will go much faster if your trunk and vehicle interior are empty or uncluttered
 - If your AF Form 75 (Visitors Pass) is faded, please go to Pass & ID to obtain a new one.

WORTH REPEATING

"The commander's responsibility to conduct a vigorous, imaginative information program is inseparable from his responsibility for the operational mission."

— Gen. Curtis E. LeMay

Chiefs upset eagles in annual softball war

By Maj. Ralph Hawkins
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The Chiefs, led by "Nimble" Bob Kellington and "Cyborg" Steve Robinson manhandled the Eagles by a score of 10-2, Sept. 7, during the First Annual Chiefs vs. Eagles softball classic.

Eagle superstar John "Clutch" Hurdle suffered an ankle injury early in the game, forcing the team to scramble for more players. Nimble Bob challenged his troops, in the dugout before the first pitch, to jump on Eagle pitcher "Dizzy" Dean Despinoy early and often. "We tried to rattle Colonel D. early," said Chief Larry Deal. "It was fun kicking their butts."

The fans were obviously pro-enlisted, as the heckling and bottle throwing was intense and sometimes insulting. "I can't believe some of the names they were calling me," said Eagle third baseman George "Hot Corner" Gorham. "We'll extract our revenge next year," said Colonel Despinoy. "The Chiefs won't know what hit 'em."

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