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**507th ARW
Commander's Column**

By Col. Dean Despinoy



I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. It was a special one for Judy and I because we had our parents and our daughter, who is studying in Germany, at our house for the holidays. During this new year, your wing leadership will be concentrating on readiness. This UTA you will have an opportunity to make sure that you have all your personal equipment in good order and that everyone who is assigned a mobility position, which includes almost 98 percent of the wing, has a properly fitting mask.

I have reestablished the Exercise Training Team (ETT) to help the

also help the squadron Mobility Officer/NCO make sure that the squadrons are standardized in the way they prepare their members for deployment. In addition, XP has ordered over 1,100 mobility pouches which will hold all the paperwork and materials needed for mobility. Each squadron will have the same mobility pouch, making spot checks easy to ensure that everyone has all the required items, no matter where their mobility destination might be.

During the next several UTAs, in conjunction with other UTA activities, we will have a series of exercises. The squadron commanders will tailor the

individual squadrons take advantage of the coming opportunities to exercise our ATSO skills. The ETT will

exercise to maximize the benefit to the squadron members. Just prior to the holidays, all the wings within the Air Force Reserve Command sent key members to a special course in Georgia to learn about Counter Chemical Warfare (C-CW). C-CW will be highlighted during each of these planned exercises. The initial cadre we sent to Georgia will train others within the wing in a Train-the-Trainer concept. Very soon everyone within the wing will be very familiar with the new C-CW concepts and will be better prepared to survive in the potential hostile environments of future conflicts.

It is a long standing tradition to make a resolution at the beginning of the year. The wing's resolution for this year is to ensure that everyone is well trained and equipped for ATSO and C-CW.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus
507th Chaplain's Office

Boy's condition brings random act of kindness

Have you heard the story of Jake Porter? He plays football for Northwest High School in southern Ohio. Porter, a senior, has a disorder called "Chromosomal Fragile-X," a common cause of inherited mental retardation.

Although he practiced every day with the team, Porter had only taken a knee in one game because his physical condition would not allow him to be tackled. But with the help of two coaches, all players from both teams, and a dash of the human spirit, Porter was granted the memory of a lifetime when he ran for a 49-yard touchdown in the game's waning moments against Waverly High School on Oct. 18.

The timing was perfect. The deed of kindness was even better. And once the story circulated, it didn't take long for

our nation to rejoice.

Porter's run was aired at halftime of the Nov. 2 Ohio State-Minnesota game, this display of good sportsmanship has been featured on several television sports shows.

A wave of e-mails and letters has flooded both coaches and the Porter household since, and everywhere Jake goes, he is the talk of Southern Ohio.

To this day, Porter still does not understand the significance of his touchdown run. He only believes his score was worth six points. But to the warmed-hearts and tear-filled eyes of many of us across the nation, Porter's triumph was worth so much more.

"No one will remember the score 10-20 years from now, but they will remember what Jake Porter did." —
Waverly coach Derek DeWitt

All of this happened because someone decided to commit a random act of kindness toward another. Have you committed a random act of kindness today?

**Expeditionary
readiness — take
it personally**

by CMSgt. Timmothy Dickens,
12th Flying Training Wing
Command Chief Master
Sergeant

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN) — There has been a lot of talk about readiness since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Expeditionary readiness requires each of us to be prepared at all times to execute our respective missions with the hallmark of excellence that sustains this great nation and its national security.

Having recently returned from a deployment to Pakistan, I know first hand how important every man and woman was to ensuring the mission was accomplished, and this experience leads me to share five personal areas I feel are important as you ready yourselves to support our ongoing requirements in an unpredictable world.

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On The Cover



Aircrew members of the 970th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron prepare to board an AWACS aircraft for another mission in support of Operation Northern Watch. The reservists from the 970th have been on active duty for over a year.

Photo courtesy of Lonnie Brewer, Digital Express Photography



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 513th AIR CONTROL GROUP**

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New Year brings renewed focus on war skills

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

This month 507th ARW members will find the new year is also bringing a renewed focus to hone war skills.

During last month's pre-UTA commander's meeting, unit commanders received a briefing by Maj. Meredith Anderson of the 507th Plans Office, concerning the creation of a new Exercise Training Team (ETT).

According to Anderson, the 507th ETT will focus on creating a long-range schedule of exercises to refine everyone's Ability To Survive and Operate (ATSO) and specific task war skills. Starting with those required training activities, Anderson said her office is soliciting proposals for war skills training events designed to support individual Task Qualification Training (TQT) requirements. TQTs can range from demonstrating the ability to answer and communicate on the phone or replacing

broken aircraft parts while in full chemical gear.

"Every commander knows what specific TQTs are needed for their people. What we want to do is to create opportunities during drill weekends that will allow everyone to incorporate war skills training without stopping us from the real work we need to get done," Anderson said. Anderson said the unit is striving to identify the right training at the right time with the people who need it. "It will be a balancing act because of the other workload we are trying to accomplish, but if we're smart about it, we can do both our normal workload and war skills training at the same time," she added.

Anderson also stressed that the ETT members are also part of this year-long training initiative. "No one on the ETT is going to stand by watching while others are sweating it out in their chemical gear. We need the training too. Our team will also be in gear right along side everyone else," she said.

'Pad' exercise successful

By Capt. Rick Gale
507th CLSS

The 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron planned, coordinated, and conducted an annual exercise with the active duty 654th CLSS to test their wartime skills Oct. 25-27. Referred to as the "pad exercise," it took place on the simulated aircraft ramp adjacent to Bldg. 860.

In CLSS's case, wartime skills meant practicing Rapid Area Distribution System (RADS) and Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) opera-

tions for each of the four weapons systems the CLSS teams support as specified in each unit type code mission capability statement and the squadron's Design Operational Capability statement.

This year's ABDR pad exercise began with a 6 a.m. show time at the Support Section. It was here that each team drew its tools and other gear prior to assembling at "the pad." Much of the first two days of the exercise was used for classroom refresher, pad orientation, and AGE and equipment preparation. The day was chilly and rainy as the war commenced on Oct. 27.

Through intermittent drizzle and occasional downpour, the ABDR teams performed aircraft battle damage repair on a C-135 and B-52 aircraft while responding to conventional and chemical airfield attacks, unexploded ordnance scenarios, and assorted exercise evaluation team input.



Members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron practice aircraft battle damage repair during the unit's annual 'pad' exercise. CLSS supports ABDR on four weapons systems.



Maj. Bush takes 72nd APS command

During change of command ceremonies at the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron during the December UTA, Maj. William S. Bush came on board as the new squadron commander, taking over for Lt. Col. William B. Taylor, Jr., who spent his entire 30 year Reserve career with the 507th.

Major Bush served on active duty as an F-15/F-16 Avionics Maintenance Technician at Bitburg AFB, Germany and Hill AFB, Utah. He left active duty in 1982 and joined the Air Force Reserve with the 76th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron at Youngstown Air Reserve Base.

He graduated from Youngstown State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. In 1988 he earned his commission and was assigned as the OIC of ATOC at the 76th Aerial Port Squadron. In 1990, the 76th APS was activated for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He spent nine months on active duty at a variety of duty stations as the OIC of Aircraft Services, and the ATOC Duty Officer, plus he was deployed as the Aerial Port Commander. He spent the next three years at the 76th APS. In 1993 he transferred to the 87th APS, Wright Patterson AFB as an Air Freight Officer. In 1996 he took a tour to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch with the 4404th Transportation Squadron. In 1997 he transitioned to aircraft maintenance for a year with the 445th Aircraft Generation Squadron. He returned to the aerial port world and continued business with the 76th APS as the Squadron



As part of the Change of Command ceremony, Maj. William Bush receives his Commanders Badge from Col. John Hurdle, 507th Operations Group Commander.

Operations Officer. In 1999 he accepted a tour of duty at Headquarters, Air Mobility Command in support of Operation Allied Force, which he followed with his return to the 87th APS.

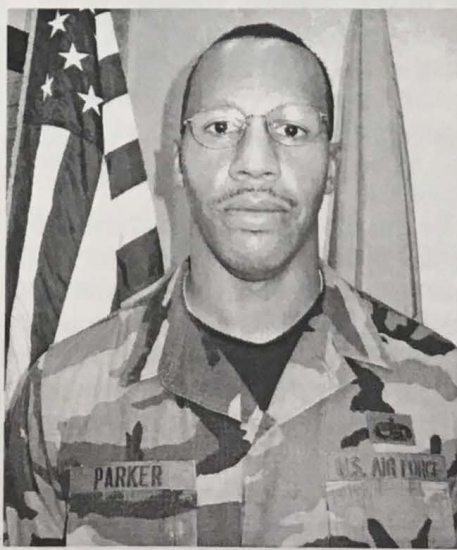
Following the Sept. 11 events, Major Bush deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle to Tyndall AFB as chief, Logistics Readiness Center for 1st Air Force.

Major Bush is a Senior Systems Engineer with MITRE Corporation where he works with transportation systems for HQ AMC on a part-time basis. He enjoys farming part-time and periodically restores old houses.

507th selects enlisted members of the year



A1C Lynette Luginu
507th ARW Airman of the Year



TSgt. Timothy Parker
507th ARW NCO of the Year



MSgt. Kathy Smith
507th ARW Sr. NCO of the Year

513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. George A. Gorham
Deputy Commander

My hat is off to you

2002 has been truly unprecedented for the 513th ACG.

For me, New Years 2002 started with my crew at dawn, watching Old Faithful erupt as we continued to orbit over Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in support of Operation Noble Eagle (ONE). Activated since 9/11, our group has been deployed to three forward operating locations and has been running the AWACS operations for Northern Watch as well as flying ONE missions. During this hectic time, we prepared for, and successfully passed, an unprecedented UCI inspection during activation, all with flying colors!

During the year, the 513th has participated in four consecutive AEF rotations, with many of our personnel

deployed for over 180 days. In addition to the days deployed, our members continued ONE missions and an aggressive training schedule. Normally we fly approximately 155 sorties and 850 hours per year. This calendar year we have flown over 300 sorties and nearly 2,100 hours. The 513th is one of just a handful of units to be extended into a second year of activation. Not since the Korean War has a Reserve unit been so heavily tasked. My hat is off to you and your impressive accomplishments!

While our accomplishments are great, our service is still needed. As the fight against terrorism takes us into uncharted territories, we must continue to train ever more diligently. We must be ready to accomplish the mission. These are uncertain times as we continue to ensure freedom's future. I thank each and every one of you, and your families, for the great and many sacrifices that you have made as you have answered your nation's call.

We all pray for a quick end and return to our peacetime way of life. Have a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Expeditionary readiness — take it personally

(Continued from Page 2)

First, ensure your personal affairs are in order. That includes everything from wills, powers of attorney and checking accounts to knowing who will assist your family when emergency situations arise. Having your affairs in order will give you the peace of mind necessary to focus on your responsibilities in the deployed location. You must take the time prior to your departure to ensure your family can maintain during your absence, because 90 days may quickly turn into something a little longer than expected. This will help minimize unnecessary stress to you and your loved ones while you are away.

Second, personal preparation is essential to ensuring you are the whole person. Being fit for duty is more than satisfying your professional responsibilities. It also includes making sure that all aspects of your life have been addressed, resolved and that you are mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually ready for the challenges to come. While we each have our own way of dealing with these areas, the key is making sure you do it before you depart,

because there are people depending on you to be ready.

Third, personal accountability not only means completing all required training and attending the appropriate briefings, but also knowing, understanding, remembering, and being able to perform when necessary. Your small arms and nuclear-biological-chemical warfare training should be second nature to you, because you may be required to respond without notice. Also, taking a look at the Airman's Manual or Ability to Survive and Operate Handbook from time to time will keep your focus sharp with a comfortable familiarity.

Fourth, a positive personal attitude can make all the difference in the outcome of your experience. You must deploy knowing you are important and the skills you bring to the fight will spell success for any organization you are assigned to. If you do not know how your job fits into the bigger Air Force picture, talk with your supervisor, first sergeant or commander. It should be your personal goal to become an immediate asset to the unit upon your ar-

rival and to leave it in better shape than you found it. Remember, there will be others who will follow, and you have the opportunity to leave a positive legacy that will make things better for everyone.

Finally, it is your personal responsibility to be ready to deploy anywhere, at anytime. In an unstable world with unpredictable enemies, deployment requirements continue to grow. Based on world events, our forces are occupying many locations throughout the world, and there is a very good possibility of more being added. This is the Air Force we belong to and the commitment we have made to our country.

Do not wait until the last minute to take care of the things necessary to better prepare you for deployments. Visit the many agencies on your base that stand ready to assist in your deployment preparation and ultimately make you a well-trained, well-prepared warrior in our Air Force. You owe it to yourselves and your families, because America and the world are depending on you.

When worn properly

Protective gear helps keep hazards at bay

By 2nd Lt. Lance T. Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - American military personnel have faced the threat of chemical and biological weapons several times in the past 85 years, and current events portend little will change in the 21st century.

"Chemical and biological warfare is serious business," said Fred Robinson, chief of the 440th Readiness Flight at Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station in Milwaukee.

"In the recent past, we have seen a terrorist attack in the subway of Tokyo with sarin gas, a biological (salmonella) attack in the Hood River region of Oregon and the Iraqis' use of nerve agents against an ethnic minority, the Kurds," he said. "We've also seen the full-scale use of blister and nerve gas agents between Iran and Iraq during their war (1980-1988)."

As a result, the U.S. military continues to update its protective gear to meet the growing threat, which can come in three physical forms - gas, liquid or aerosol (liquid or solid particles suspended in air).

Chemical agents can gain entry into the body through the mouth, nose and eyes, or by absorption through the skin. The main line of defense is the ground crew ensemble, which includes the standard issue MCU-2A/P Protective Mask with a serviceable C-2 canister installed. The mask protects the face and respiratory tract by removing harmful gases, vapors and aerosols, including oil-based aerosols, from the inhaled air.

Inhaled air is drawn through the canister, which contains chemical and a P100 filter that removes or neutralizes the contaminants. The air is then drawn through the face piece, where it passes over the lens before it is taken into the lungs. Exhaled air leaves the face piece through an outlet valve. Because the filter media breathing resistance is increased, the wearer has to work harder to breath.

Other ground crew ensemble items include either the woodland or desert camouflage-colored battle dress overgarment or chemical protection overgarment/joint service light-

weight integrated suit technology. The BDO or CPO/JSLIST, and protective hoods, rubber gloves and overboots are designed to shield the skin.

The overgarments consist of one coat and a pair of trousers. The outer layer of the BDO is nylon/cotton twill material, which is designed to absorb, spread and prevent chemical agents from saturating the inner layer of charcoal-impregnated, polyurethane foam. The outer layer of the CPO is similar to the BDO's and is designed to repel water and chemical and biological agents from reaching the carbon-bead inner layer.

These overgarments are normally worn over the duty uniform but are sized to wear over cold weather environmental clothing. In high temperatures, they may be worn over underwear. Guidance on heat stress is available in Air Force Manual 32-4005, *Personnel Protection and Attack Actions*.

BDOs and CPOs guard against chemical agent vapors, liquid droplets; biological agents; toxins; and radioactive alpha and beta particles. They become unserviceable if they are ripped, torn or their fasteners are broken or missing, or saturated with petroleum, oils or lubricants. Their protective quality is degraded if they are exposed to direct moisture, smoke, fuel or solvent vapors, or become wet through the inner lining by body fluids or common insect repellants.

When worn properly and in good repair, the gas masks, overgarments, hoods, protective gloves and overboots provide excellent protection against all known chemical agents and good protection depending on the kind of biological agent. To treat exposure to chemical agents, see Air Force Manual 160-11, *Treatment of Chemical Agent Casualties and Conventional Military Chemical Injuries*.

Whether deploying for an exercise or real-world event, reservists may want to pack copies of the Air Force Manual 10-100, *Airman's Manual*, and Air Force Handbook 32-1014, Volume 4, *USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Environment*. (AFRC News Service)



Mission-Oriented Protective Postures

MOPP Level 0



Wear:

- Mask carrier
- Field gear
- Web belt with canteen
- Helmet

Individual Protection Equipment must be prepared and accessible within 5 minutes of notification. If there is any doubt, carry bag with you everywhere you go.

Capt. Chris Burch, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., models the ground crew ensemble in the different mission-oriented protective postures. (Air Force Photos by Gary Cutrell)

MOPP Level 1



Wear:

- Overgarment
- Mask carrier
- Field gear

Carry:

- Footwear covers
- Mask and hood
- Gloves

Drink plenty of water, and take frequent breaks. You don't know how long you'll be in MOPP.

Possess protective equipment, such as M8/M9 detection paper, nerve agent antidotes and decontamination kits. Action is required when Alarm Condition Yellow is declared in a nuclear, biological or chemical environment.

MOPP Level 2



Wear:

- Overgarment
- Mask carrier
- Field gear
- Footwear cover

Carry:

- Mask and hood
- Gloves

Depending on climate, consider donning GCE directly over underwear.

People wearing contact lenses need to remove them. MOPP 2 reduces transition time from MOPP 1 to MOPP 4.

Drink plenty of water.

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 as follows:**

- 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. HQ AFRC 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). **For more information contact CMSgt. Epps in the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.**

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
2003-6	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 215. You need to enter through the MPF main door (in the back near the ramps), turn right and take the stairs. 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."

Pass and ID Hours

Pass and ID hours of operation are from 1200-1600 on Saturdays of the UTA.

IEU Hours

Individual equipment issue is open FROM 1200-1500 on Saturday of the main UTA.

Nomination packages

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)

FY2003 UTA SCHEDULE

01-02 Feb 03	07-08 Jun 03
01-02 Mar 03	12-13 Jul 03
05-06 Apr 03	09-10 Aug 03
03-04 May 03	06-07 Sep 03

As of 20 Dec 02

Fri, 10 Jan 2003

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, 11 Jan 2003**Unit Designated Sign In**

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	513th ACG Conf Room
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
0915-1115	Computer Based Testing	Bldg 1043, ATN Room
1000-1130	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Room 214
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 1030, Room 214
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**Sun, 12 Jan 2003****Unit Designated Sign In**

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 215
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph IIBldg 1030, Room 214	
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0830-1030	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Room 104
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Cancelled
0930	Catholic Chapel Service	Base Chapel
1115	Escorts pick-up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, Room 214
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1400-1500	IG period w/Capt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room

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Unit Designated Sign Out

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.

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 1030, Room 214**. **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at **734-7075**.

Day	Time	Subject	OPR
Phase I			
Saturday	1300-1400	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1015-1045	Counter Intel /Awareness	SFS
Sunday	1045-1115	Human Relations	ME

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Room 214.

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 1030, Room 214.

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:
14 Jan	22 Jan
16 Jan	24 Jan
21 Jan	29 Jan
22 Jan	31 Jan
27 Jan	03 Feb
30 Jan	07 Feb
04 Feb	12 Feb
06 Feb	14 Feb
11 Feb	19 Feb
13 Feb	21 Feb
18 Feb	26 Feb
Military Pay (405) 734-5016	

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

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

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

If you need assistance or have suggestions on how we can improve our service to you, please call us at (405) 734-7075, or stop by our office in Bldg 1043, Room 206.

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2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

Pay Grade	Years of Service														
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	828.12	866.56	884.40	898.56	924.12	949.44	978.72	1007.92	1037.20	1129.16	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1212.92
O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
O-2	335.36	381.96	439.92	454.76	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16
O-1	291.16	303.00	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24
O-3E				517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	640.84	654.80	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92
O-2E				454.76	464.16	478.92	503.84	523.12	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48
O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
E-8						396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	505.00	517.00	546.56
E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
E-4	200.36	210.64	222.04	233.24	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20
E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
E-2	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00
E-1>4	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44
E-1 with less than 4 months: 141.96															

Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

From the Wing IG -- Capt. Mark Vardaro

Resolving complaints

The most effective way of resolving most complaints is through your chain of command, or an appropriately established grievance channel. Complaints can often be resolved by seeking assistance through your chain of command, and you are encouraged to seek this avenue first. There are two reasons why. The first reason is because commanders and supervisors are charged with not only performing their unit's mission, but also with taking care of unit members. The second reason is commanders are empowered to solve problems and resolve issues within their organizations.

Another avenue for seeking assistance from within the unit is the First Sergeant. Although not a part of the chain of command, the First Sergeant parallels the unit chain of command and is one of the most capable individuals to handle concerns of unit members. He or she is there to help.

Should you find, for one reason or another, that you are unable to resolve your issue through your chain of command or unit First Sergeant, the Wing IG is another avenue. In fact, it's your right to contact the IG at any time. Public law states that you cannot be restricted from contacting the IG or punished for doing so.

If you need more information on airing grievances, just want to talk, or feel you have been restricted from contacting the IG, I am located in Room 1 of the 507th ARW headquarters building and can be reached on base (during UTAs) at 734-6910, by cell (throughout the month) (405) 245-7341, or e-mail address vardaro@earthlink.net.

MEO chief, tech sought

Chief - Col. Stayce D. Harris, 507th ARW Vice Commander, is accepting application packages for the Military Equal Opportunity chief, a major position.

The selectee should have attended or will attend the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) course and the Basic Officer Personnel Course. Military Equal Opportunity is a part of the Personnel career field. AFMAN 36-2105 Attachment 24, 30 April 2001 states the requirements for Personnel AFSC 36P.

Applications must be turned into the Vice Commander's Office via mail or in person prior to close of business Wednesday, Jan. 29. A board will convene to interview applicants during the February UTA. Questions/concerns may be addressed via e-mail to stayce.harris@tinker.af.mil.

Technician - 1st Lt. Roslynn D. Rayford, 507th Acting Chief of Military Equal Opportunity, is accepting applications for Military Equal Opportunity technician.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be an E-5 or above; have prior qualification in any AFSC at the 5-skill level or higher; have the ability to speak distinctly and communicate well with others; have no record of disciplinary actions; be financially stable; possess outstanding appearance, high moral standards, and exceptional military bearing and conduct.

Applications must be turned into Military Equal Opportunity Office by mail or in person. For more information, call Lieutenant Rayford at (405) 734-5019 or pager 904-7808.

MOPP Level 3



Wear:

- Overgarment
- Mask carrier
- Mask and hood
- Field gear
- Footwear cover

Carry:

- Gloves

Keep a close eye on your co-workers. It doesn't take long to become overheated.

MOPP Level 4



Wear:

- Overgarment
- Mask carrier
- Mask and hood
- Field gear
- Footwear cover
- Gloves

Ensure you use buddy system when donning your IPE. Make frequent equipment checks. MOPP 4 provides maximum protection from the hazards of a nuclear, biological or chemical environment.

MOPP Alpha



Wear:

- Mask and hood
- Field gear
- Gloves

Carry:

- Overgarment
- Footwear covers


MOPP Alpha is used to reduce heat stress and when chemicals are in vapor form. People also take this action when there is a nuclear or biological threat, or when a chemical threat is minimal and down wind from present conditions.


Editor's note: This 'MOPP' chart (Pages 8 and 9) was designed as an easy pull-out for posting where appropriate.


Are you ready?


Individual protection equipment checklist

1. Put name and rank on front and back of helmet and hood.
Put name and rank on back and front right side of overgarment and flack vest.
2. Don overgarment shirt. Ensure drawstring at waist is tied.
Ensure zipper is shut and protective cover over zipper is closed.
3. Don overgarment pants. Secure pant fly snaps and zipper.
Ensure snaps connecting pants to jacket are snapped.
4. Ensure M-9 tape is attached on upper arm, wrist and lower leg in a zigzag pattern with tape on dominant wrist.
For example, tape is on left upper arm, right wrist and left leg.
5. Don protective boots. Ensure boots are inside pants leg.
Tie ankle drawstrings outside using bowknot.
6. Secure leg zippers and Velcro protective flaps.
7. Place mask up to face and tighten bottom two straps (Top straps should already be adjusted for wear of mask by user and should not need to be tightened). Hold mask firmly against face and exhale to clear mask. Using a hand, cover canister inlet and inhale to verify seal of mask.
8. If attached to mask, fasten hood tabs. If part of overgarment shirt, don hood and secure to mask.
9. Don cotton inserts. Don protective gloves, ensuring gloves are underneath overgarment sleeves.
10. Tighten Velcro fasteners on overgarment sleeves. Ensure all pockets are closed and secured.
11. Wear mask carrier in shoulder carry, leg carry with web belt or leg carry without web belt. Ensure mask carrier is closed.
 - Don flak vest.
 - Perform "buddy check" of co-workers.
 - If reacting from MOPP 0 to MOPP 4, protective mask must be donned prior to any other part of ground crew ensemble.
 - Inspect mask in accordance with Air Force Technical Order 14P4-15-1.
 - Inspect mask at least every 7 days during wartime and annotate on Defense Department Form 1574. (AFRC News Service)

 Inhalation anthrax can occur when inhaling as few as 5,600-6,000 anthrax spores, perhaps in a single deep breath.

 Anthrax spores are tasteless, odorless and invisible.

 Spores are highly resistant to heat, cold, chemical disinfectants and long dry periods.

 Spores can survive for years in the environment.

Source: Departments of Defense and Agriculture

'Eye in the Sky' watches northern Iraq

By SSgt. Shannon Collins

Operation Northern Watch Public Affairs AWACS

They are awake and ready to review the mission by 5 a.m. They use computers and keyboards, though their office is mobile and thousands of feet in the air. They are the eyes and ears of the ground and sky for the pilots. They are the AWACS team.

The role of the AWACS, or airborne warning and control system, is air battle management. The mission of the crew is to monitor the northern no-fly zone in Iraq using radar and other sensors. They also direct the fighters assigned to them to engage any Iraqi military aircraft north of the 36th parallel, and supply their radar picture via data link to coalition leadership.

For almost a year, about 100 reservists from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron out of Tinker AFB, Okla., have been activated to serve their country during the Operation NORTHERN WATCH mission. For some, the biggest challenge is being away from their civilian jobs; for others, it's being away from family and friends.

"Being away from my wife and three children is by far the most difficult thing I've encountered, but I'm here to serve my country," said SSgt. Mike Gibson, airborne surveillance technician.

"The mission can be very challenging at times; separation from family is always difficult; and it's never easy being away from the greatest country in the world," said Capt. John Bartoli, electronic combat officer. "But it is my obligation to my family and friends to play the most direct role I possibly can in their defense. Plus, there's this rush when I put on my uniform, knowing that I'm a member of the best Total Force in the world."

Lt. Col. John Trnka Jr., 970th Expeditionary AACS detachment commander agreed that the time away can be difficult but worth it.

"The Guard and Reserve are being used as never before, deploying at a rate that would have been considered high for active duty units a few years ago. We're proud to serve, but ultimately, we're reservists with other lives and jobs away from the military," he said. "We could not do



TSgt. Beth Schaefer, 970th AWACS surveillance operator, looks on as Turkish Air Force 1st Lt. H. Harun Kosten, AWACS observer, works on a computer.



SSgt. Shawn Kilbourne, 970th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron communications technician, replaces a mission audio panel Oct. 1 during an ONW mission.

Photos by TSgt. Anna Hayman

what we do without tremendous support from family and employers."

Though the squadron is mostly comprised of reservists, there are a few active duty people who work side-by-side with them. Bartoli, an active duty member out of the 963rd AACS from Tinker AFB, said working with the reservists has been seamless. "They are simply amazing," he said. "The talent and experience in this unit runs incredibly deep."

Not only is the team comprised of reservists and active duty airmen, but also includes members of the Turkish Air Force.

Turkish Air Force AWACS observer 1st Lt. H. Harun Kosten said he enjoys working with the American personnel.

"They are real professionals, and we are developing real friendships with them. With every mission, there is cooperation and hard work," he said.

Whether the aircrew member is Turkish or American, active duty or reservist, they continue to show up each morning before daylight to serve their part in the ONW mission.

Pentagon begins vaccinations against smallpox

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2002 — DoD has begun mandatory smallpox vaccinations of military personnel, according to the Department of Defense's top health official.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said immunizations started Dec. 12 and would continue "over the next weeks and months." He said DoD is concentrating initial immunizations on units with "high priority." He said National Guard and Reserve units would be added in the near future.

"There are a fairly large number of troops that have been identified as being the highest priority, the most important to vaccinate," he said. "We'll start with ... teams that would respond in the case of an attack, followed by military medical personnel, and then certain forces that we believe would be important to carry out any missions ... in the near future."

Mass smallpox vaccinations of service members come amid growing White House and Pentagon concerns about bio-terrorist attack threats that U.S. and allied forces would face if Iraq or any enemy has a store of smallpox virus.

Although Winkenwerder would not confirm any specific threat against U.S. military personnel, he did say the services need to be prepared now.

"We can't quantify the threat, and it would be inappropriate to suggest exactly the degree to that threat. But we know that smallpox stores do exist. We know that there are people who are unfriendly to our country," he said. "You put those together and it certainly creates the possibility that smallpox could be used in a deliberate way. So our first order of duty and business in the military health systems is to be prepared."

Being prepared raises hundreds of questions for Winkenwerder. His office has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the issue, compiling fact sheets for military personnel covering everything from the nature of smallpox to vaccine safety.

Young military personnel probably know little about the virus and its symptoms. In the United States, routine vaccination against smallpox ended around 1972, well before many of them were born. According to the CDC, the last naturally occurring case was in Somalia in 1977. In May 1980, the World Health Organization recommended that all countries cease vaccination. U.S. military smallpox vaccination programs contin-

ued in small degree until 1990.

Smallpox is a highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease for which there is no specific treatment. The disease kills about 30 percent of all people infected, according to the CDC. Currently, the only preventive measure against the disease is the smallpox vaccine.

The vaccination, usually given in the upper arm, requires a two-pronged needle that pricks the skin several times. If the vaccination is successful, a red-itchy bump will appear in three to four days. Reactions to the vaccination include swelling, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, pain, or chills. Some people may have rashes that last from two to four days.

"We've spent quite a bit of time over the past several months putting together all the educational training material, spending time with medical personnel to get their best advice and input," Winkenwerder said. "We've used what we felt were

the very best medical experts in the U.S. and around the world to give us advice on how to do this in just the right way."

The vaccine being issued to service members has been sitting on the shelves of U.S. research labs since 1972, Winkenwerder said he's sure it's still safe and effective.

"The vaccine is a safe vaccine; however, it does have some side effects that need to be carefully monitored and carefully managed," he said. He believes those side effects can be managed effectively.

The CDC reports that about 1,000 people for every 1 million people vaccinated for the first time experienced serious reactions, though not life-threatening ones, and that one or two people per million vaccinated risk death as a result.

Winkenwerder said all military personnel receiving the smallpox inoculation would be given careful instructions on what to do in case side effects appear. In addition, a telephone hotline will be set up to provide information what to do for any adverse reaction to the vaccine.



Smallpox

Quotable quote

"The collapse of borders and alliances, and the blending of radicalism with religion make unity of effort in our execution of national security an absolute imperative. Faced with this new threat, we've come to realize the intense need for teamwork across the full spectrum of government."

— Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force

Scholarships available for military children

The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program began Nov. 1. The essay topic for this year's \$1,500 scholarship is "How has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?"

Scholarship applications need to include information on the applicant's scholarship, citizenship, school and community activities, and leadership (no financial information will be required). The applicant must provide proof of acceptance to the college or university of his/her choice prior to issuance of the award. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 grade scale. Each application will be accompanied with a short typed essay (not to exceed 500 words).

The key factor in eligibility is "children of military active duty, Guard/Reserve, and retired." This program is intended to focus on "military family and quality of life" initiatives. That is clearly indicated on the application form and in the program title: "Scholarships for Military Children."

Legion rekindles tradition, reintroduces Blue Star Service Banner

The American Legion, in an effort to stimulate American pride and to honor sacrifices of military personnel following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, has reintroduced the Blue Star Service Banner.

The banner is an 8-by-16-inch white field with a blue star(s) sewn onto a red background for each family member serving in the military during times of conflict. A banner can have up to five stars, signifying that five members of that family are currently on active duty. Gold stars replace blue stars for those who died in service. For banners displaying many stars, the gold star(s) take the place of honor nearest the staff.

The banner was instituted in 1917 when World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry had two sons serving on the front lines. He created and patented the banner and it quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service.

During World War II the Department of War issued specifications concerning the design of the banner, as well as when and who could display the service flag.

Today, the Blue Star Service Banner can represent any family member serving in the armed forces, including activated members of the National Guard or Reserves. To obtain a banner, or receive more information, contact the American Legion at www.legion.org or call (888) 453-4466.



The intent of "Scholarships for Military Children" is certainly not to exclude civilians who are also making valuable contributions. The intent is to honor and recognize those who serve their country through the U.S. military, guard or reserve forces.

Applications can be picked up at your local commissary and are also available as a PDF file at <http://www.commissaries.com/documents/whatsnew/scholarships.htm>. Applications may be filled out on line, however once completed, you must print and hand-carry or mail to your local commissary. Individuals may apply at only one commissary—it should be the commissary where his/her family principally does its shopping. Applications received at different sites from the same student will be disqualified and none of his/her applications will be considered.

You may contact scholarship managers with questions at scholarshipmanagers@erols.com or (856) 573-9400.

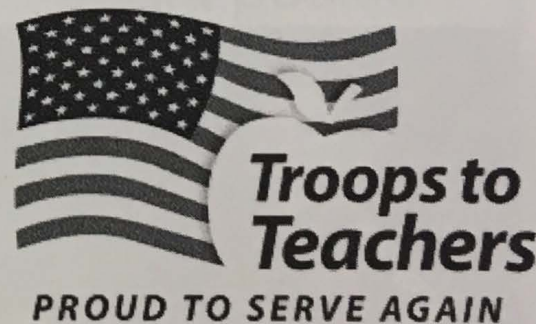
Troops to Teachers program available to Reserve members

In January 2002, the Troops to Teachers program expanded to include Reserve component service members. Under the program, the U.S. Department of Education and the Defense Department team up to help qualified service members transition from the military to teaching careers.

The Troops to Teachers program is designed to recruit quality teachers for schools serving low-income families and to relieve teacher shortages. It primarily focuses on relieving teacher shortages in math, science, special education and other high-needs subject areas.

Reservists who wish to participate in the program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have one year of college with six years experience in a vocational or technical field.

The TTT homepage provides information and resource links, including a job referral system to allow participants to search for job vacancies as well as links to state Department of Education, state certification offices, model resumes, and other job listing sites in public education. For more information, visit www.ProudToServeAgain.com or call (800) 231-6242.



Uppclose

The following was asked of unit members during the December UTA: "What will you do special on Superbowl Sunday?"



TSgt. Dennis Derry
507th Comm Flight

"I usually work on home projects and spend quality time with the family."



MSgt. Jay Serviss, 507th AGS

"I'll spend the day with family, watch football and have a lot of food and drinks."



MSgt. Thomas Turner
513th AACS

"Get with friends and watch the Superbowl. If it's a blowout, we go to the gameroom and play pool."



MSgt. Paul Victorian, 507th LSS

"First go to church, then enjoy the day with family and friends."

TSgt. Ty Bouse, 507th CLSS

"I expect to go over to a friend's house where about 10 of us will watch the bigscreen TV and drink some cervesa."



SSgt. Wendy Setzer
507th CLSS

"Sit with friends and family, watch the game, cheer for my team and antagonize my friends who are for the other team."

High school 'adopts' 513th AGS

Lynsie Baskin started the project titled "Heroes of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," designed to recognize veterans of the past, military members of today, and underprivileged youth. The school adopted the 513th ACG and

collected various books, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, cards, puzzle books, etc., to be delivered to unit members deployed overseas. They also collected school supplies (notebooks, lined paper, pencils and pens, crayons, and colored markers) for the local elementary school where the children are still using slates and chalk.



Lynsie Baskin and Tyler Hill of McCloud High School unload boxes of items collected and donated by students and faculty at the school.



CMSgt. Gary A. Bourisaw is currently serving as 507th ARW command chief master sergeant while CMSgt. Robert Kellington is overseas on TDY.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Andrews, McCloud News

Apply now for 507th MSS first sergeant position

CMSgt. Gary A. Bourisaw, Acting 507th Command Chief Master Sergeant, is accepting applications for the 507th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant position.

An applicant review board will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday during the February drill to make a decision.

The listings below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application per AFI 36-2113, AFMAN 36-8001, and the 507th CCC criteria:

1. Must be a volunteer for the first sergeant position.
2. A letter of recommendation from current supervisor endorsed by your commander or first sergeant, if commander not available.
3. Resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skills.
4. Be a MSgt. (E-7) or be eligible for promotion to MSgt.
5. Possess an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
6. Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
7. Have completed the NCO Academy (residence or correspondence).
8. Possess a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL.
9. Ability to speak distinctly.
10. Be financially stable.
11. Meet minimum weight and body fat standards. Overall image should exceed minimum standards.
12. Selectee must attend AFRES First Sergeant Academy at earliest

possible date, but no later than one year from date of assignment.

13. Meet a first sergeant's review/interview board made up of the Command Chief Master Sergeant and three first sergeants. The unit commander makes the final decision, but does not sit on the board. Board members should not be assigned to the same unit as the applicant.
14. Applications must be turned into TSgt. Robert Enriquez in the 507th Military Personnel Flight, no later than Jan. 30.

For additional information, call CMSgt. Gary A. Bourisaw at 734-6379 or TSgt. Robert Enriquez at 734-7493.

Parting Shots

SrA. Billy G. Dresel, Engineer Apprentice assigned to the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Oklahoma City Post, for the Fall Semester 2002. SrA Dresel is currently a Junior in his third year of a five year architectural program. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.



On-final R-NEWS

Expired 2002 decals

On Dec. 31, 2002, over 15,000 vehicle decals expired here on Tinker AFB. To prevent delays at the gates and possible tardiness at your workstation, employees should renew their vehicle decals as soon as possible. Without a valid 2219/2220, vehicles will be turned away and directed to Pass & ID. Vehicle decals may be updated M-F from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Pass and Registration Office (Building 590) near the Eaker Gate or M-F from 6:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Building 3001 Badging Office. Present a valid driver's license, the vehicle registration, proof of insurance, a valid Civilian or Military ID and also the old vehicle decal number then a current decal will be issued.

Arrangements have been made with the security forces for the Pass and ID Office to be open from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 11, 2003, the Saturday UTA, to support reservists needing new stickers.

Essay, art contests open to military children

Art Contest 2003 seeks original artwork from children of military members in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their military families. Top prizes are \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds with each winner's artwork used on posters for next year's Military Family Month. Deadline for the contest is Jan. 27.

The Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest is open to children in first through 12th grades, with prizes up to \$1,000 bonds. Essays can be on any subject related to reading. Deadline for entry is March 17.

Children of the armed services (active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired), and civilian employees of the DOD and Coast Guard, can enter the contests.

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