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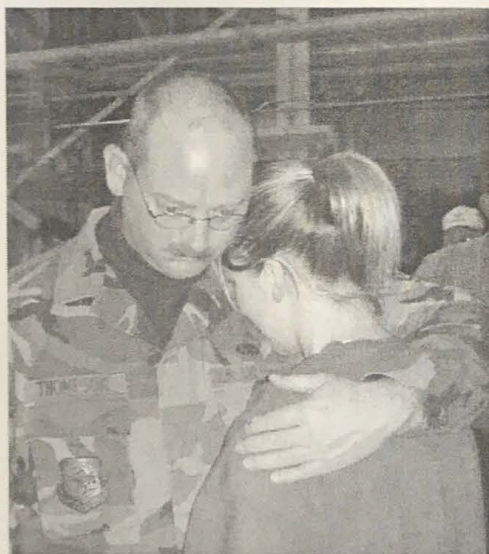


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Mobilized...



processing, packing, departures and deployment

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



507th ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean Despinoy

I am very proud of everyone's hard work over this last month. There have been many challenges to prepare the deployers and get them to their forward location. You came together as a team, many working long hours, to get the job done.

The Family Support Office has expanded into the Family Support Cell, under the direction of Capt. Mark Vardaro. It has quickly matured into a world-class operation employing state-of-the-art computer programs, call center phone equipment, and talented volunteers. The cell stays in contact with the families of our activated members through weekly "care calls" and e-mail. Lt. Bill Pierce, along with his other cell duties, is producing tailor-made newsletters for the deployed members, the families, as well as the volunteers.

The supply system was stretched to the limit with a tremendous demand for desert camouflage utilities (DCU). This meant that some of our folks were not able to depart with the DCU uniform. The uniform is not absolutely necessary to perform the required duty and there are hundreds of people in theater wearing the green BDUs. However, we all understand that at a minimum, lacking the DCUs negatively impacts on our people's morale. Due to this fact, several members of the wing worked very hard to get the needed DCUs. I am pleased to state that the hard work and creative thinking paid off and we are sending enough DCUs for every de-

ployed member to have the standard issue of three sets each.

There has been some confusion concerning the address for the deployed members. The APO address is not classified, however we should treat it like other personal information and consider it as official use only. We want the spouses, families and people we know to use the address, but we don't want to make it public. There is concern that if the address got in the wrong hands, it could be used to send dangerous material to our deployed troops in a letter or a box.

Many of the spouses and some members of the wing have enjoyed hearing from the deployed members through the use of morale calls. These calls are made possible by using Department of Defense telephone lines from the deployed location to a CONUS base operator. The operator then patches the call into the local telephone system. Some deployed locations also have commercial lines members can use to make standard commercial calls. We have been notified that until further notice, we can expect the morale calls to be terminated. Since we are now fully engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom these "morale and commercial lines" have been reserved for official Department of Defense business only. As operations allow, lines will once again be made available to the troops, but we should not be concerned if it is a while before we hear from our folks.

The 507th continues to have an important mission right here at home. Part of that mission is the stand-up of the new Mission Support Group. This will take place on the April UTA in a ceremony that will also install Col. Bob Colyer as the new Mission Support Group commander. We look forward to welcoming the Colyers into the Okie family.

Stay safe, keep vigilant, and remain focused.

Chaplain's Corner

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

June 6, 1994, was the 50th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy, which began the historic World War II battle to liberate continental Europe from Nazi control. All the major television networks ran anniversary programs that included interviews with aging veterans.

One of the programs paired two contrasting interviews back to back. The first interview was with a marine who had landed on Omaha

Beach. He recalled horrors that sounded like scenes from Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning movie "Saving Private Ryan." The aging veteran recalled looking around at the bloody casualties surrounding him and concluding, "We're going to lose!"

The next interview was with a U.S. Army Air Corps reconnaissance pilot who had flown over the whole battle area. He viewed the carnage on the beaches and hills, but he also witnessed

the successes of the marines, the penetration by the paratroopers, and the effectiveness of the aerial bombardment. He looked at everything that was happening and concluded, "We're going to win!"

When you are going through tough times, it helps to get the perspective from above. This Easter and Passover season, celebrate the hope of new life.

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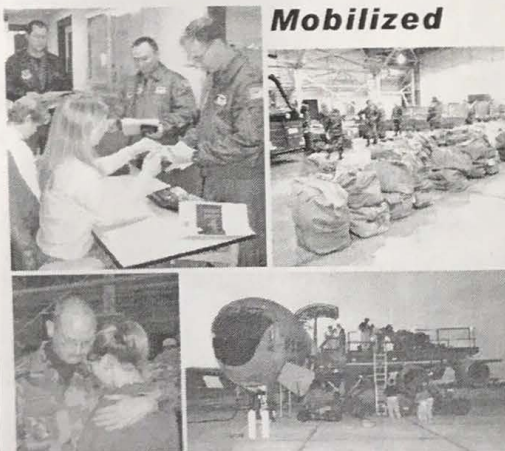
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On The Cover**Mobilized**

Mobilized, activated, recalled, called-up all means that reservists have been placed on active military duty, such as for the members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing members pictured above.

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 and
 513th AIR CONTROL GROUP**

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ACTIVATION

Unit is activated

More than 230 reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing were activated last month as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. The reservists primarily represent an operational flying package consisting of air-crew, maintenance and assorted support positions.

The activated troops will join approximately 168,083 Reserve and National Guard in all branches already called to active duty worldwide.

Roughly half of the unit reservists activated forward deployed to the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations, while the remainder of the reservists remain in place with the unit. "Our deployed people are working very hard support the war effort," said Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Wing Commander. "At the same

time, we are continuing to support vital refueling requirements for Homeland Defense," Despinoy said.

Under this partial mobilization, 507th ARW reservists are called to active duty for one year with the possibility of extension to no more than two years. The two-year upper limit includes time for mobilization, demobilization, and accrued leave. Volunteers from the 507th have already played a large role in each phase of the Global War on Terrorism, refueling aircraft during air bridge operations overseas and state-side in support of national security efforts since Sept. 11, 2001.

At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.



SSgt. Michelle Paperini helps MSgt. Mike and other unit members inprocess recently as they prepare for deployment.

Chronology of events to Operation Iraqi Freedom

Feb. 28: More than 230 members of 507th Air Refueling Wing report for active duty under mobilization orders issued in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Members of 465th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Maintenance Group, 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, and elements of 507th ARW join approximately 168,000 Reservists and National Guardmen in all military branches already called up to active duty worldwide. About half of the activated 507th ARW reservists are slated to deploy to Southwest Asia while the remainder are to remain at Tinker AFB.

March 4: 507th ARW members slated for deployment bid final farewells to family and friends at the ramp area before departures aboard several of the unit's KC-135R's. First KC-135R lifts off for Southwest Asia at approximately 9:30 a.m.

March 5: More than 125 family members of Wing reservists activated/deployed gather on base to attend Family Support townhall meeting.

March 7: Deployed 507th ARW members arrive safely at Camp Justice (aka Moon Base Alpha), SWA.

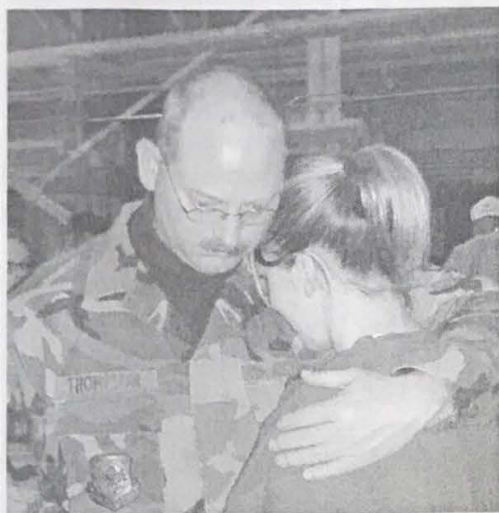
March 16: Poised for war, President Bush and three allied leaders meet at

Azores Islands and set a set a one-day deadline for the United Nations to demand immediate disarmament of Iraq.

March 17: President Bush gives Saddam Hussein a 48-hour deadline to flee Iraq or face a U.S.-led invasion.

March 19: The United states launches the opening salvo of a war to topple the Iraqi regime, firing cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs into Baghdad. "This will not be a campaign of half-measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory," President Bush says in an Oval Office address shortly after explosion began. Operation Iraqi Freedom begins.

Keeping you in our hearts, prayers



Air Force implements Stop Loss

by SSgt. A.J. Bosker

WASHINGTON - The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Loss.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global

War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National

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Stop Loss to be implemented on following AFSCs beginning May 2, 2003

A. OFFICER (APPLIES TO PAFSC
REGARDLESS OF PREFIX/SUFFIX
EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED):

11AX AIRLIFT PILOT
11BX BOMBER PILOT
11EX TEST PILOT
11FX FIGHTER PILOT
11GX GENERALIST PILOT
11HX HELICOPTER PILOT
11KX TRAINER PILOT
11RX RECCE/SURV/
ELECT WARFARE PILOT
11SX SPECIAL OPERATIONS PILOT
11TX TANKER, C-12 CTP PILOT
12AX AIRLIFT NAVIGATOR
12BX BOMBER NAVIGATOR
12EX TEST NAVIGATOR
12FX FIGHTER NAVIGATOR
12GX GENERALIST NAVIGATOR
12KX TRAINER NAVIGATOR
12RX RECCE/SURV/
ELECT WARFARE NAVIGATOR
12SX SPECIAL OPS NAVIGATOR
12TX TANKER NAVIGATOR
13BX AIR BATTLE MANAGER
13DXA COMBAT RESCUE
13DXB SPECIAL TACTICS
13MX AIRFIELD OPERATIONS
14NX INTELLIGENCE
31PX SECURITY FORCES
32EX CIVIL ENGINEER
43EX BIOENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEER
43HX PUBLIC HEALTH
43TX BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY
44EX EMERGENCY SVS PHYSICIAN
44MX INTERNIST
45AX ANESTHESIOLOGIST
45BX ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON
45SX SURGEON
46FX FLIGHT NURSE
46MX NURSE ANESTHETIST
46NEX CRITICAL CARE NURSE
46SX OPERATING ROOM NURSE
48AX AEROSPACE MEDICINE SPEC.

48GX GENERAL MEDICAL OFFICER
48RX RESIDENCY TRAINED FLIGHT
SURGEON

51JX JUDGE ADVOCATE
71SX SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR
B. ENLISTED (APPLIES TO CAFSC
REGARDLESS OF PREFIX/SUFFIX
EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED):

1A0XX IN-FLIGHT REFUELING
1A1XX FLIGHT ENGINEER
1A2XX LOADMASTER
1A3XX AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS
& ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS
1A4XX AIRBORNE BATTLE MGMT.
1A5XX AIRBORNE MISSION SYSTEMS
1A7XX AERIAL GUNNER
1A8XX AIRBORNE CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1C0X1 AIRFIELD MANAGEMENT
1C1XX AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
1C2XX COMBAT CONTROL
1C3XX COMMAND POST
1C4XX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND &
CONTROL
1C5XX AEROSPACE CONTROL &
WARNING SYSTEM
1N0XX INTELLIGENCE
APPLICATIONS
1N1XX IMAGERY ANALYSIS
1N200 SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE
ANALYSIS MANAGER
X1N2XX AIRCREW SIGNALS
INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION
1N3X4 FAR EAST CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1N3X5 MID-EAST CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1N3X6* AFRICAN CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1N3X7* TURKIC CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1N3X8* POLYNESIAN CRYPTOLOGIC
LINGUIST
1N3X9* INDO-IRANIAN
CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N4XX SIGNALS INTEL. ANALYSIS
1N5XX ELECTRONIC SIGNALS
INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION
1N6XX ELECTRONIC SYSTEM
SECURITY ASSESSMENT
1S0XX SAFETY
1T1XX AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT
1T2XX PARARESCUE
2E2X1 COM, NETWORK, SWITCHING
& CRYPTO SYSTEMS
2F0X1 FUELS
2T3X2A SPECIAL VEHICLE
MAINTENANCE (FIRE TRUCKS)
2T3X2B SPECIAL VEHICLE
MAINTENANCE (REFUELING VEHICLES)
3C0X1 COMMUNICATIONS -
COMPUTER SYSTEMS OPERATIONS
3C2X1 COMMUNICATIONS -
COMPUTER SYSTEMS CONTROL
3E000 ELECTRICAL (CEM)
3E0X2 ELECTRICAL POWER
PRODUCTION
3E4X1 UTILITIES SYSTEMS
3E4X2 LIQUID FUELS SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE
3E5X1 ENGINEERING
3E7X1 FIRE PROTECTION
3E8X1 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE
DISPOSAL
3E9X1 READINESS
3H0X1 HISTORIAN
3N0XX PUBLIC AFFAIRS &
RADIO/TV BROADCASTING
3P0XX SECURITY FORCES
4A1XX MEDICAL MATERIAL
4A2XX BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT
4B0XX BIOENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING
4E0XX PUBLIC HEALTH
4H0XX CARDIOPULMONARY
LABORATORY
5J0X1 PARALEGAL
7S0X1 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
8D000 LINGUIST DEBRIEFER
9L000 INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR
*APR 03 CONVERSIONS

DoD plans to 'rebalance' active-duty, reserve missions

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to the Department of Defense. This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on reservists, families and employers but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden on the U.S. government and the taxpayers who pay for it, DOD is laying the foundation to "rebalance" the work load shared between the reserve and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the fore because DOD cut the active force 34 percent and the reserve components 25 percent after the Persian Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we thought the world would look like," Hall said. "Then, suddenly, 9/11, and the enemy was at the doorstep and the world was never going to be

(the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. After 9/11, most activated reservists were allowed to get off active duty after serving one year. However, thousands of Guard and Reserve SF members were extended into a second year, and some of them are just getting off active duty as 9,000 members of the Army National Guard begin providing security at Air Force installations.

Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on reservists. He knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly.

"We cannot have a situation where we call you, as a guardsman or reservist, every year for three or four years," Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard and Reserve, and employers might worry about employing you."

No date has been set for the rebalancing to go into effect. The plans must be reviewed, proposed and approved, as with any defense proposal.

Officials in the directorate of plans

and programs at Headquarters AFRC say they have not received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other DOD proposals, will be dependent on budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services, office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives."

Although DOD cannot make sweeping changes without congressional approval, the services can shift responsibilities from unit to unit through force structure realignments.

For example, the Air Force announced in December 2000 plans to realign the Air Force Reserve's 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport, Ore., from combat search and rescue to an air refueling mission. This year the unit is transitioning to eight KC-135 Stratotankers and transferring its eight HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and five HC-130 refueling aircraft to an active-duty unit at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (AFRC News Serv.)

Stop Loss to be implemented

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Guard) for the above career fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forrest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is neces-

sary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For additional information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center (SLCC) at (210) 565-2374 DSN: 665-2374 or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

Why we fight

In Purchase, N.Y., a collegiate basketball player refuses to face the flag during the playing of the national anthem, citing "inequalities that are embedded into the American system" and "the war America will soon be entering." You've probably heard about this. And about the elderly veteran who walked up to her in the middle of the court who held the American flag directly in front of her.

This athlete turns her back on history and the lessons failed governments have taught humanity. She's never been tarred or feathered by a mad king's soldiers in colonial Boston for voicing dissent on sales tax. She's never known life in Stalinist Russia, where honoring their national anthem was enforced with guns and bayonets. She has never felt abandoned because the Khmer Rouge didn't take her parents away for "re-education." And she never will. Not so long as she's an American. Obviously, this is one college student who has never learned the true meaning of irony. She protests against the very thing that guarantees her the freedom to protest.

This nation was founded on the ideals of bold men in the hopes that other nations would cast their false oppressors down. We continue to fight today for that hope, whether it is only once every four years or in a desert every day of the week. That flag represents hope. Red is the blood of humanity. Blue is the color of our tears. The stars are what we should never lose sight of since they remind us how small we really are in the greater scheme of things.

America is hope. America is freedom. We are a gracious nation, driven by our collective faith and exist to inspire, if by no other means than by just existing. Those of us in the uniform exist to support that ideal and fight to defend its hopes.

We hope that the Iraqi people gain freedom and start on the road to economic well-being helping those of their own in dire need as in medicine for its children. We hope that they will be free from fear and want.

We hope that we can inspire political and economic reform to a remote corner of the world and recreate the success of post-WWII Japan, a nation that became a model for its neighbors and promoted reform by replacing a monarchy with a parliament and the freedom to vote.

We hope that the anti-Western ideology so manifest in the region can be replaced with a greater understanding of what it means to enjoy basic human rights, let alone larger freedoms like freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

We are free to think and to speak. Our ancestors couldn't, but we can. And our children will too. If you can't appreciate the freedom to vote for leaders and policies, if you can't understand that laws protect your criticism of someone else, if you can't see that your very individuality is a given right and that we are all born free, then you don't know what you're missing. And I pray you never do. Just remember that the flag drapes the coffins of our honored dead, superstar—the people who die to promote the spirit of this nation.

So go ahead, superstar. Keep protesting that flag which your ancestors fought for. Every time you turn your back, you prove that this nation has won you a rare and privileged freedom. Like every other American, what you do with it is up to you.

State legislature shows support for military forces

The Oklahoma State Legislature approved a resolution on March 20 in support of military forces and praising deployed military personnel from Oklahoma. "We have more than 3,600 Oklahomans in the National Guard and the Reserve who have already been activated. It's important that those men and women and their families know we appreciate their sacrifice and stand united with them," said Senate Majority Leader Ted Fisher of Sapulpa.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

313, approved by both the Oklahoma Senate and House praises the efforts of all military forces both active duty, guard and reserve. "We're calling on all our members and all Oklahomans across the state to keep these Oklahoma troops in their hearts, minds, and prayers. We're asking prayers for their protection while they're at war and prayers for a safe return back home when the battle is over," said Senate Republican Leader James A. Williamson of Tulsa.

The citation states that the "Oklahoma State Legislature, on behalf of the entire State of Oklahoma, a diverse state of many cultures and opinions, join our hearts, minds, and prayers, united in support of our fighting forces as they confront danger."

A copy of this resolution will be distributed to the President of the United States of America, the United States Secretary of Defense, and the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

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. Your must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test. **For more information contact CMSgt. Sharlotte 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. Sharlotte 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.

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). **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
2003-7	1	Sep 22 - Oct 30, 03	Tyndall AFB, FL

Senior NCO Academy Board Announcement

The next Senior NCO Academy board has been schedule for Aug. 22, 2003, for FY 2004 classes (2004B) Jan. 21 - Mar 3, 2004, and (2004C) March 18 - April 28, 2004. Please submit all application packages to 507 MSS/DPTM NLT Aug. 5, 2003, for review and submission to the appropriate NAF. Application procedures were posted to the bulletin board on Mar. 13, 2003. Applications submitted after Aug. 5, 2003, will not be forwarded. Questions should be directed to MSgt. Dennis Cain at 734-7075.

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 Tuesday at 0730, Wednesday at 0800 & 1300, and Thursday 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)

FY2003-04 UTA SCHEDULE

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

(As of Mar. 13, 2003)

Fri, 04 Apr 2003

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043 CC 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 Apr 2003**Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0830-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	513th ACG Conf Room
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1, Rm 222 (Enter Door D)
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 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
1500	Wing Commander's Call	Bldg 1030, Hangar
1600-1630	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Conf Room

Unit Designated Sign Out**Sun, 06 Apr 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 II	Bldg 1030, Room 214
0830-1030	HazCom Training	Bldg 1030, Rom 104
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng	Bldg 1, Rm 222 (Enter Door D)
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

Unit Designated Sign Out**Fri, 02 May 2003**

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

Sat, 03 May 2003**Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0830-0930	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	513th ACG Conf Room
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng	Bldg 1, Rm 222 (Enter Door D)
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, 04 May 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 II	Bldg 1030, Room 214
0830-1030	Safety Council/Unit Safety/Rep	Bldg 1030, Room 104
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng	Bldg 1, Rm 222 (Enter Door D)
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
1300-1600	First Duty Station	Bldg 1030, Room 214
1400-1500	IG period w/Capt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room

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 8:45 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.

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

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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AWACS crews help protect U.S. envoy in northern Iraq

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey – Mobilized Air Force reservists from Tinker AFB, Okla., supported a historic Operation Northern Watch mission in late February and early March. What started out as a request for 48 hours of combat air patrols turned into six days of practically non-stop flying as coalition forces flew protective air cover for a U.S. envoy meeting Iraqi opposition leaders in northern Iraq, Feb. 24 to March 2.

“This was one of the most challenging missions ever accomplished in the history of Operation Northern Watch,” said Brig. Gen. Robin Scott, co-commanding general of the combined task force based at Incirlik. “Our people proved once again that we have the best pilots, the best aircraft and the best maintainers in the world.”

During the missions, coalition fighter,

tanker, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance crews worked together to enforce the no-fly zone and provide air cover.

Providing airborne warning and control systems surveillance on E-3B Sentry aircraft were reservists from Air Force Reserve Command’s 970th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron. The Tinker AWACS crews flew 14 sorties and 173 hours without a single air or ground abort.

Flying around-the-clock operations is not unusual for an AWACS unit, according to Lt. Col. M. Lee Alexander, 970th AACS commander. However, members of his unit accomplished their tasks with less than half of the aircraft and people normally required for that level of flying and with minimal breaks for crew rest.

The 970th AACS is the only AWACS unit in Air Force Reserve Command, and members of the unit have been continu-

ously deployed to Operation Northern Watch since December 2001. Other coalition aircraft participating in the Northern Watch effort included EA-6B Prowler, EP-3 ARIES, F-15C Eagle, F-16CJ and F-16CG Fighting Falcon, UH-60 Blackhawk, MC-130 Combat Talon, KC-135R Stratotanker, C-12 Huron and GR-3 Jaguar aircraft, as well as Nimrod MRA4 and VC-10 tanker aircraft.

“It was truly a team effort,” Scott said. “My co-commander, Brig. Gen. Turkmen, and his staff worked tirelessly, providing the necessary coordination and approvals from a myriad of Turkish agencies to keep the mission on track. The 39th Wing worked with us day and night to ensure we had all the support we needed to carry out the mission.” (AFRC News Service from a Combined Task Force news release)

AFRC hopes ‘split training option’ boosts recruiting

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Starting in mid-April, new recruits in Air Force Reserve Command will be able to complete basic military training and drill with their unit for months before beginning technical school training.

In some cases, non-prior service applicants have had to decide on being on hold for basic training and technical training for a long, extended period or opting to look elsewhere for a possible military career.

With the Split Training Option, Air Force Reserve recruiters, at the discretion of wing commanders, may offer an STO to people who have never been in the military. The option will allow military newcomers to attend basic training and become familiar with their unit before going to technical training at a later date.

“Our recruiters have been doing a tremendous job with non-prior accessions, and that is no easy task in today’s competitive climate,” said Col. Larry C. Lee, chief of the training and professional development division at Headquarters AFRC. “It’s been difficult when an applicant is very interested in going into a particular career field, and we don’t have a formal school available in the immediate future or we cannot match

basic military training dates with immediate, follow-on technical training dates.”

If technical school dates are available immediately after basic military training, airmen will not qualify for the option, according to Lt. Col. Scott A. Ostrow, chief of recruiting operations at Headquarters AFRC. However, if no tech school dates are available, airmen will qualify for the STO with the wing commander’s approval.

“In the past, we have relied on a large portion of the Reserve coming from a much larger active force, but that’s just not the case anymore,” Ostrow said. “Now, we’re turning our focus to non-prior service and having to change how we do business to get the people we need.”

Other services have recognized the shrinking pool of potential prior-service applicants and have been offering STOs to attract non-prior service people, according to Lee. The Air National Guard has had the option for the past four years, and the Army National Guard has had the STO in place since 1978.

“We see the STO as a permanent program but hope to see a continued improvement in forecasting training needs and filling classes, hence minimizing the need for STO,” Lee said. (AFRC News Service)

How to create a 72-hour survival kit

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere. And when disaster strikes, you may not have much time to respond. A highway spill or hazardous material could mean evacuation. A winter storm could confine your family at home. An earthquake, flood, tornado, or any other disaster could cut water, electricity, and telephones-for days.

After a disaster, local officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it may take days. Would your family be prepared to cope with the emergency until help arrives?

Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster before it strikes. One way to prepare is by assembling a Disaster Supplies Kit. Once disaster hits, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. But if you've gathered supplies in advance, your family can endure an evacuation or home confinement.

Prepare Your Kit: Review a basic checklist, which can be found at www.redcross.org. Gather the supplies that are listed. You may need them if your family is confined at home. Place the supplies you'd most likely need for an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container.

There are six basics you should stock for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items. Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container. Possible containers include: A large, covered trash container, a camping backpack, a duffle bag.

Water: Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

Store one gallon of water per person per day. Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for each person in your household for food preparation/sanitation).

Food: Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water, such as ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables.

First Aid Kit: Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car. Include such items as sterile adhesive bandages, latex gloves, sunscreen, non-prescription drugs, scissors, tweezers, antacid, Syrup of Ipecac, etc.

Tools and Supplies: As a minimum, include mess kits, or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils; emergency preparedness manual, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, flashlight and extra batteries, cash or traveler's checks, change, non-electric can opener, utility knife.

Sanitation: Toilet paper, towelettes, soap, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, disinfectant and household chlorine bleach.

Clothing and Bedding: Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person, sturdy shoes or work boots, rain gear, blankets or sleeping bags

Special Items: Remember family members with special requirements, such as infants and elderly or disabled persons.

For Baby: Formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, medications

For Adults: Heart and high blood pressure medication, insulin, prescription drugs, denture needs, contact lenses and



supplies, extra eye glasses

Entertainment: Games and books

Important Family Documents: Keep these records in a waterproof, portable container:

Will, insurance policies, contracts deeds, stocks and bonds, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies, inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers, family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version of the Disaster Supplies Kit in the trunk of your car. Keep items in airtight plastic bags. Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh. Replace your stored food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc. Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

To get copies of American Red Cross Community Disaster Education materials, contact your local Red Cross chapter or visit www.redcross.org.

Compiled from "Disaster Supplies Kit," developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross.

Senator Cliff Aldridge honors troops and our family members

Oklahoma Senator Cliff Aldridge expressed his appreciation to the "Okie" family members for their sacrifice in a letter this week.

"Okie" families will receive Senator Aldridge's letter.

In his letter Senator Aldridge said, "The sacrifice you have made, to let your loved one leave the home to defend our great country, is as great as the sacrifice many of our service men and women will make during their call to duty. It is very important to me that you and your family know how much you are appreciated."

According to Mrs. Judy Despinoy, 507th Air Refueling Wing Family Support Cell Volunteer Coordinator, "We truly appreciate Senator Aldridge's expression of appreciation to every activated 507th ARW family. It is reassuring that our families' sacrifices do not go unnoticed and comforting to know that our 507th members and their families are supported by the great state of Oklahoma."



Oklahoma State Senator Cliff Aldridge presents Mrs. Judy Despinoy with over 230 letters from his office in support of the sacrifice we endure.

Colyer assumes command of Mission Support Group

Col. Robert R. Colyer will become the commander of the 507th Mission Support Group during an assumption of command ceremony this weekend.

The ceremony will also feature the redesignation of the 507th Support Group to the 507th Mission Support Group.

As commander of the 507th Mission Support Group, Colonel Colyer's leadership responsibilities will include the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, 35th Combat Communications Squadron, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 507th Security Forces Squadron, 507th Mission Support Flight, 507th Services Flight, and 507th Communications Flight.

Colonel Colyer made the transition from military dependent to soldier, U.S. Army, after graduating from Cole H. S. in San Antonio, Texas, in 1969. He served as a helicopter mechanic and maintenance instructor at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He left the Army to pursue his commission, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas,

in 1976, and was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force from the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He completed Squadron Officers School by correspondence in 1979 and Air Command and Staff College by correspondence in 1990. Colonel Colyer completed his Master of Arts degree in Management from Embry-Riddle University, Extension College, McChord AFB, Washington, in 1999. The colonel completed Air War College via Seminar in the year 2000.

Colonel Colyer served in Military Airlift Command and Tactical Air Command as a navigator in the C-141 and RF-4 aircraft respectively. He left active-duty service in 1982 to pursue a corporate career, beginning his Air Force Reserve service with the 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, as the wing electronic warfare officer in 1984.

In 1991, Colonel Colyer served as an Air Reserve Technician at Carswell Field, Joint Reserve Base in Ft. Worth, Texas, as the Chief of Deployments and Exercises for 10th Air Force. After completing this numbered Air Force tour, he continued as

the Chief of Plans and Programs with the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Washington. He completed a tour at Headquarters Air Reserve Command as the Chief of Logistics Readiness before joining the 507th Air Refueling Wing as the Commander of the 507th Mission Support Group.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device and silver hourglass, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

Colonel Colyer has flown the T-37, T-43, C-141, RF-4C, F-16B, and C-130H aircraft. He was promoted to colonel on March 1, 2003.

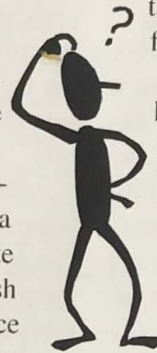
Clearing up confusion about dental status, profiles

by: Lt. Col. Eric Kean, DDS

Recently, we have been receiving a lot of concerned phone calls from people who think we have placed them on a profile for being overdue for their dental examination. While the concern is certainly understandable, a few facts may help clear up some confusion.

First off, anyone who has not had a dental examination in over a year is considered "overdue." Members who are overdue for their dental examination are placed in a dental class to designate this: Class 4.

Once we have notified a member that he/she is overdue, the member has 120 days to either come in for a military examination, if required, or go to his/her private dentist. The member's private dentist should accomplish a DD2813, Record of Civilian Dental Examination. Once we have the form, it is entered into your record just as a military examination would be. (Non-flyers are only required to be seen by a military dentist every third year. We will notify



you when you on the years you are required to see a military dentist. The cycle is based on the member's birth month.)

If the member fails to provide a DD2813 or come in for military dental examination, we can place them on a profile, which will prevent them from participating in Reserve activities for pay or points, until they have complied. This profile is called a "P4-T" profile.

Placement on a P4-T profile is not automatic. We have to complete a form, send it through medical administration, who, in-turn, sends it to MPF. MPF updates their computer, making the profile a reality. Before this happens, however, the member and their unit will both be notified by letter.

So, as you can see, being in Class 4, while not good, is not reason to panic. It is reason to go see your dentist!

I hope this has helped clear up some of the confusion about being in dental class 4 versus being on a P4-T profile and what it takes to avoid being placed on a profile.

Tricare announces new policies for Reserve family members

Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, and Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, announced today policy changes that will enhance the Tricare Prime and Tricare Prime Remote (TPR) programs for members of the National Guard and Reserves and their family members.

Starting March 10, 2003, Guard and Reserve family members, if their sponsor is on active duty (federal) orders for more than 30 days, will be eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime and enjoy the access standards and cost shares associated with the Prime benefit.

"Previously, sponsors had to be eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and activated for 179 days or more before family members were eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime," Winkenwerder said. "The Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by these families each and every day. Our commitment is to continue making improvements to the Tricare benefit to enhance access and quality of care these families receive."

Guard and Reserve family members who reside with their sponsors in a Tricare Prime Remote location at the time of the sponsor's activation can now enroll in the Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM) program.

For family members to be eligible to enroll in the TPRADFM program, sponsors and their family members must reside at a location that is at least 50 miles or more in distance, or approximately a one-hour drive from the nearest military treatment facility (MTF). Sponsors and family members also must be identified as eligible in DEERS.

"It's important that we take care of the families of our Reserve Component members," Hall said. "We want to ensure that our mobilized National Guard and Reserve members aren't worried about who's caring for their families while they're gone, and to return them to families whose health care needs have been met by the Military Health System."

Contract changes are underway at Tricare Management Activity to implement the new TPRADFM policy. Once

the changes are accomplished, family members of the Guard and Reserve sponsors activated for more than 30 days may start using the TPRADFM benefit, which has no co-payments, deductibles or claim forms to file, and which offers providers who meet rigorous standards for providing quality health care.

Guard and Reserve family members who choose not to enroll in either the Tricare Prime or TPRADFM program may still use the Tricare Standard and Extra benefits, with applicable cost shares and deductibles.

Guard and Reserve sponsors need to verify that DEERS information for themselves and their family members is accurate and up-to-date. They are encouraged to contact DEERS at the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll free at (800) 538-9552.

Sponsors and family members may also update their addresses in DEERS on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>.

For more information, check with 507th Personnel Readiness at 734-xxxx.

Family Support meeting held March 5



More than 125 family members of reservists either activated or deployed gathered on base March 5 to attend a special meeting and briefing.

According to Capt. Mark Vardaro, currently activated and serving as the 507th Family Support Cell Director, the meeting was designed to provide detailed information concerning active duty rights and benefits to those family members of activated reservists.

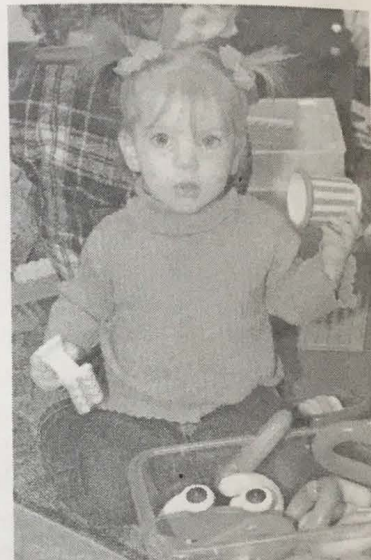
After a brief invocation, Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th

ARW commander, addressed the gathering.

Colonel Despinoy thanked the people for attending, then provided a variety of briefings to familiarize spouses with their

active duty rights and benefits. The colonel stressed that the unit intended to provide a strong support network to help with any problems or concerns and encourage the use of the unit's 24 hour hotline if a problem occurs.

Regarding the Family Support efforts, Colonel Despinoy asked family members to provide pictures and stories of family activities that could be used to send forward to the deployed forces. Colonel Despinoy showed the family members the first edition of the family support newsletter which will be mailed regularly to the homes.



Take care of child support in advance

CLEVELAND, Feb. 19, 2003 — Guard and Reserve members who have child support obligations and whose civilian income is larger than their military one should review their rights before they get orders.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Garnishment Operations Directorate has been working with the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement to address child support payment issues related to activated reservists.

One scenario of concern, said Rod Winn, director of garnishment operations, is a reservist whose child support order is based on civilian income and doesn't take into account a possible loss of income caused by military activation. Neither the obligation nor the payment due is affected automatically by military service except as the support order may state.

Reservists who need relief have

to ask for a review and modification of the child support obligation from their appropriate state child support agency, he said.



For more information, he said, visit the Web sites below:

State child support enforcement

agencies gateways at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.htm#exta>.

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Information Memorandum (IM)-01-09 at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/im-01-09.htm>.

DoD guidance, provided under "Family Law Matters" at the secure Web site operated by the Army Judge Advocate General's Office at <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal>.

"This issue can have serious consequences for the Reserve military member and dependent children relying on the support," Winn said. "All reservists with support obligations are urged to review the garnishment guidelines."

(Adapted from a Defense Finance and Accounting news release.)

Wing Promotions

name	new grade	name	new grade
	1 ASF		
Hoffman, Kevin L.	Tech. Sgt.	Bell, Car; V. Jr.	Sr. Master Sgt.
	507 ARW	Cleveland, Rufus J.	Sr. Master Sgt.
Wielgus, Amanda M.	Sr. Airman		507 CLSS
	507 CF	Marshall, Kevin D.	Staff Sgt.
Wilson, Derek L.	Staff Sgt.		513 ACG
	507 MOS	Bower, Rebecca C.	Master Sgt.
Primus, Anthony J.	Tech. Sgt.		513 MXS
	507 MSS	McCloud, Tamicheal A.	Tech. Sgt.
Mims, Nicholas L.	Staff Sgt.		513 OSF
Hankins, Clyde	Sr. Master Sgt.	Sanderson, Jason A.	Airman
	507 MXG		513 AMXS
Scopel, Michael R.	Tech. Sgt.	Davis, Micheal W.	Tech. Sgt.
Alexander, Tracy L.	Master Sgt.	Leahy, Mark J.	Tech. Sgt.
	507 MXS	Anderson, Shane C.	Master Sgt.
Milliken, Timothy J.	Sr. Airman		72 APS
Skaggs, Jesse C.	Sr. Airman	Ashpaugh, Ronald L.	Tech. Sgt.
	507 SFS	Hapgood, Michael S.	Tech. Sgt.
Larson, John C.	Airman 1st Class	Rachid, Amal	Tech. Sgt.
Bates, Jeremy C.	Staff Sgt.	Glover, Terrence D.	Master Sgt.
Rice, Michelle L.	Staff Sgt.		970 AACS
	507 AMXS	Doty, Robert A.	Sergeant
Pufall, Christian M.	Sr. Airman	Richardson, Gabriel M.	Staff Sgt.
Hoagland, Lindy R.	Staff Sgt.	Van Ness, Alyson D.	Staff Sgt.
Nugent, John D.	Master Sgt.	Clark, Thomas D. Jr.	Tech. Sgt.
		Janos, Christopher M.	Tech. Sgt.
		Bijak, Henry J.	Master Sgt.

Newcomers

Rank	Name	Unit
Senior Airman	Agnew, Kenneth	35 CBCS
Airman First Class	Barnett, Charles T.	507 MXS
Staff Sgt.	Saheb, Sheik	507 CLSS
Master Sgt.	Williamson, Feaster	35 CBCS
Staff Sgt.	Woolworh, Brendan	507 AGS
Airman First Class	Worden, Tera J.	507 CLSS

"We cannot know the duration of this war; yet, we know its outcome. We will prevail. The Iraqi regime will be disarmed. The Iraqi regime will be ended. And our world will be more secure and peaceful.

May God continue to look out after those who defend the peace and freedom. And may God continue to bless America."

President George W. Bush

Reserve gets nearly 4% of Air Force budget request

WASHINGTON – The president's proposed defense budget for next year seeks \$3.5 billion in funding and an end-strength of 75,800 reservists for Air Force Reserve Command.

The fiscal 2004 request, which covers the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, 2003, asks for 200 more Air Force reservists.

Senior Department of Defense officials announced the overall defense budget request of \$380 billion Jan. 31. The Air Force is to get \$93.5 billion.

AFRC has traditionally received funding from three separate appropriations – operations and maintenance, reserve personnel, and military construction.

However, this year's budget request has a significant twist. For the first time since the advent of the Total Force in the early 1970s, the budget request for reserve personnel funding is contained in the active duty's military personnel appropriation. Most of the AFRC portion of the FY04 President's Budget request – \$2.179 billion – is earmarked for O & M funds to train, organize and administer the command. The Reserve received \$2.15 billion in O & M funds in FY03.

Another \$1.33 billion is identified in Budget Activity 7 of the active-duty military personnel appropriation for Reserve requirements. This funding includes a military pay raise ranging from 2 percent to 6.25 percent, targeted by rank and years of service, and the addition of 162 full-time Active Guard and Reserve people. The requested reserve personnel appropriation represents a \$94.9 million increase compared to that received for the FY03 reserve personnel appropriation.

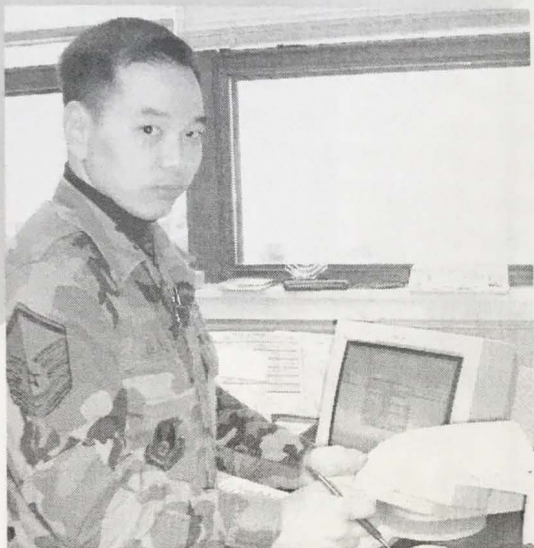
Requested funding for military construction in FY04 is \$44.3 million, which includes seven major projects in three states. (AFRC News Service)

Uprose

by TSgt. Ty Yoshida

The following was asked of unit members during the March UTA:

“What was your initial reaction upon learning of your activation?”



MSgt. Thanh Hoang, 507th CLSS

“It’s about time we at the 507th CLSS had a piece of the action.”



**MSgt. Herbert Hollis, Jr.
507th AGS**

“When I received the telephone call, I turned to my wife and said, ‘No, that was not a telemarketer, but I wish that it were.’”

**TSgt. Angela
Tullis
507th CLSS**

“Are you serious?
Starting when? Is
this a joke?”



**SSgt. Jennifer Powders
507th CLSS**

“I couldn’t believe it. I didn’t
think it would happen to us.”

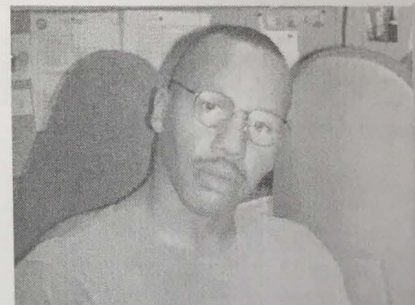
**SSgt. Charlette Moody
507th CLSS**

“Oh dear! The rumors finally
came true. !@#\$\$%&(#).”



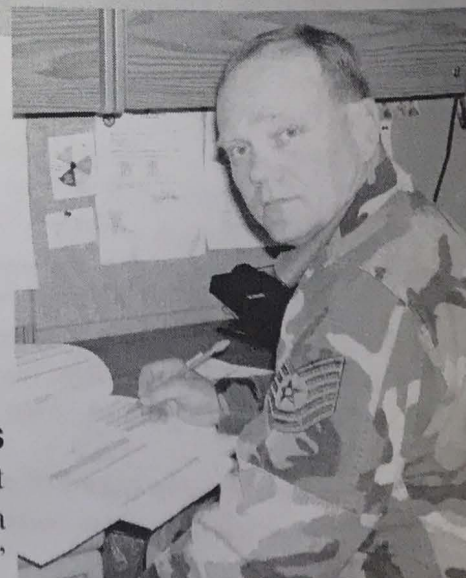
**MSgt. Craig Wiggins
507th Maintenance Group**

“I was a bit nervous but after a
moment of deep thought I quickly
came to realize that this is why we’re
here; our duty, our honor and our
country.”



**MSgt. Tim Parker
507th CLSS**

“Well, it’s what I signed up for.”



TSgt. Dale Gainey, 507th CLSS

“I thought it was about time that
CLSS was utilized. It will give us a
chance to show what we can do.”

Snapshots



During a recent Top-3 fund-raiser cookout, more than 100 grabbed a bite, netting the fund-raiser over \$300. The proceeds were donated to Family Support functions. Enjoying burgers and bratwurst are, from left, Command Chief MSgt. Robert Kellington, Col. Dean Despinoy, and Maj. Ralph Hawkins.



On Feb. 27, three Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) certificates were presented to employees at Baptist Hospital, employers of MSgt. Terry Smith of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. From left to right are MSgt. Harry Ginzl, 507th CES first sergeant; Baptist employers Navid O. Chaudry, Laura Shea, and Jay Sampson; MSgt. Terry Smith; and Capt. Sandra Chasteen, 507th Support Group Executive Officer.

Not just another typical dog-bites-man story



By SSgt. Andy Stephens
513th ACG Public Affairs

Personnel at B-2 System Support Management division recently voted 2nd Lt. Jeremy Overton, 513th Operations Support Flight, as their "favorite military person." His reward: to be mauled by a military working dog while wearing a dress.

Overton's win capped a fund-raiser. Personnel showed their appreciation for their favorite military person by donating money into a jar with that person's name. To make the fundraiser more interesting, however, the winning servicemember would become the featured "tackling dummy/chew toy" in a special military working dog exhibition.

With some added encouragement from his coworkers, Overton added colorful female clothes (on top of a padded outfit) to appear as a "rodeo clown."



Recent graduates of the NCO Leadership Development Program display their certificates. The classes are open to E-5s and E-6s and are 10 days in length. The program was developed in response to the need to provide mid-level personnel with in-depth leadership and management training. The next class is scheduled for ... The next class is scheduled for June 9 - 20 and openings are available. For more information, contact your unit training manager or Dennis Cain at the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.

Tinker AFB Honor Guard seeks Reserve members

Helping a grieving family member deal with their grief by having one of the finest base honor guards fold and present the American flag, offering a 21-gun salute and have the unmistakable sound of "TAPS" lingering in the distance enforces the phrase "give and you will receive" to take on a whole new meaning.

The Tinker AFB Honor Guard is comprised of 125 volunteers that include active duty Air Force and Navy along with members from the 507th and 513th. Due to current world situations, only 76 members are available to perform over 60 functions a month. This is the primary reason more volunteers are needed to join.

The five-day training class is held every month in Bldg. 244. The next training class will be held 21-25 April.

For details, contact MSgt. Debbie Kidd at 734-4226, Ext. 6.

Blood Drive set for UTA

Saturday, April 5, from noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bloodmobile - Building 1043

Free T-shirts (see shirt design below), juice and cookies

Please help your unit unseat the 507th CES as the current "Squadron Blood Donor Champs."

Donors will also receive the campus "VAMPIRE PASS" authorizing them a two-hour early release from a UTA period with their supervisor's approval in advance. Personnel operating the Bloodmobile will issue the passes once the donation is complete.



Air Force identifies new race categories

Airmen can now identify more than one race in their official personnel files because of a change in how the Air Force records racial information. The new categories are part of a government-wide effort to standardize race data.

In the past, airmen could select only one race preference. Now, they will be able to select any number of five designated race groups. The revamped choices are American Indian or Alaska native, Asian, black or African-American, native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander and white.

People can view and update their racial designation on the Virtual Mil-

tary Personnel Flight by clicking the "vMPF" button at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/. Race choices and descriptions of the new categories are located on the "personal information" page under the "records review" link.

Some categories will automatically be re-designated. "Asian/Pacific Islander" will be converted to the "Asian" category, and the former "other" and "unknown" options will be switched to the new "declined to respond" category.

AF revises body mutilation, modification guidance

Personal appearance guidelines for Air Force people have been revised in response to a trend involving extreme body modification and mutilation that is becoming common among a small, yet growing segment of the population.

This change to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, prohibits airmen from intentionally altering or modifying their bodies in order to achieve a visible effect that disfigures, deforms or otherwise detracts from a professional military image.

Administrative or disciplinary action will be left up to the discretion of each commander if they feel airmen have done something to themselves that might detract from their professional military image.

Recruiters wanted

Reservists interested in a recruiting career may call the Reserve Recruiting Service at DSN 497-0145 or (478) 327-0145. (AFRC News Service)

507th ARW Recruiters

Tinker AFB, OK

(In-Service Recruiter) MSgt.

Larry Wheatley

(405) 739-2980



Moore, Norman, OK

TSgt. Gene Higgins

(405) 217-8311

Midwest City, OK

TSgt. James Vaughan

SSgt. Marvin Greene

(405) 733-9403

Altus AFB, OK

MSgt. Ronald J. Salafia

(In-Service Recruiter)

(580) 481-5123

Lawton, OK

SSgt. Kamela Thigpen

(580) 357-2784

Tulsa, OK

MSgt. Pam Peterson

(918) 665-2300

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. David McCormick

(316) 652-3766

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. David McCormick

(In-Service Recruiter)

(316) 652-3766

TSgt. Arthur Powell

(316) 652-4350