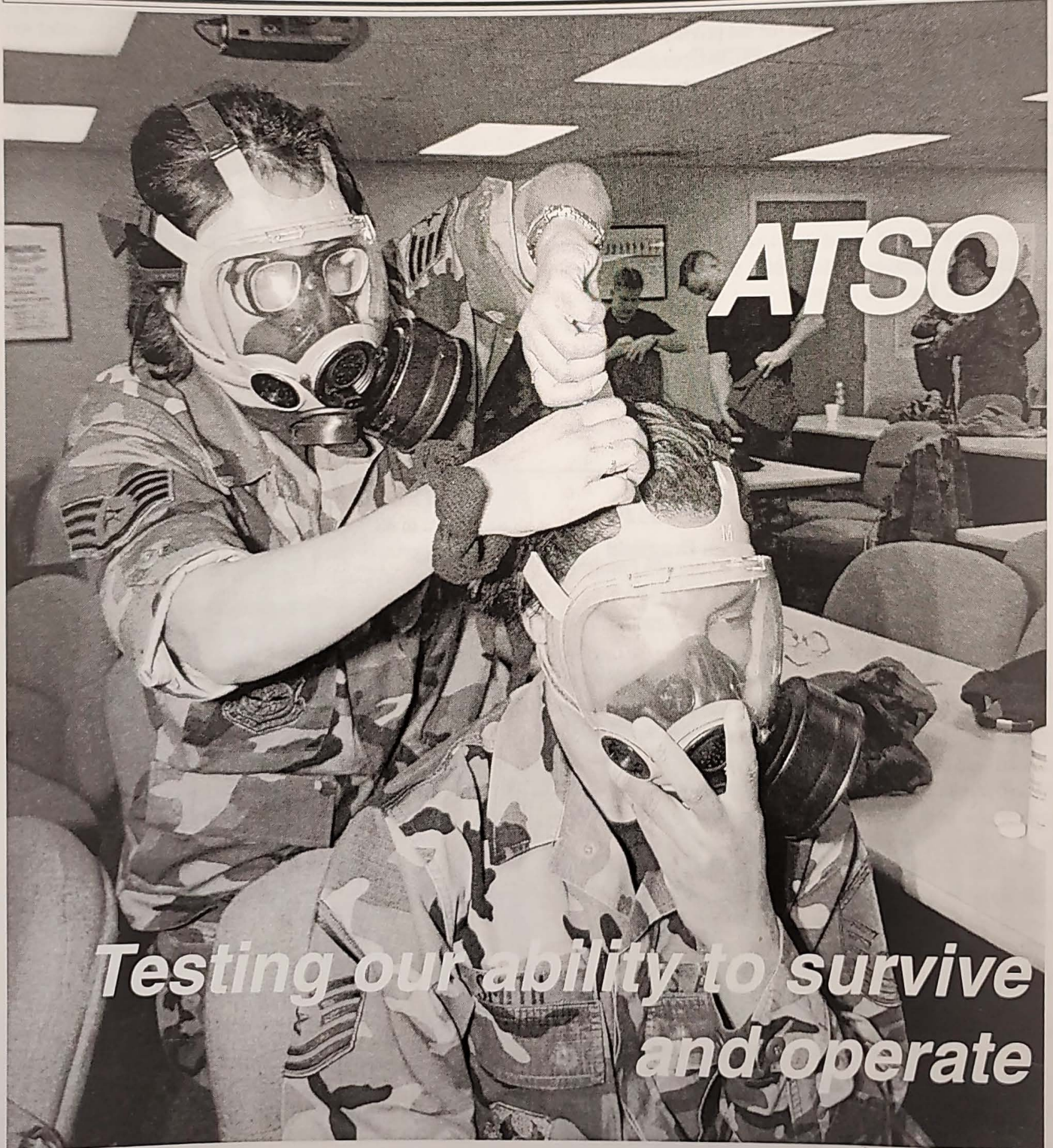


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# ATSO

*Testing our ability to survive  
and operate*

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

**513th ACG Mission:** Citizen-airmen extending America's Global Power operating the world's best airborne battle management, warning and control platform.



**507th OG  
Commander's Column**  
By Col. Gregory "Farb" Phillips

## A fond farewell

The commander has allowed me the privilege to write my last article as the commander of the 507th Operations Group. When I say last, I really mean my second (and last) article.

As you probably know by now, in June I am moving up the responsibility chain to become the new commander of the 513<sup>th</sup> ACG. I am replacing another fellow Okie, Colonel Kerr, who is moving on to new challenges in his future. For me, this is the second time I have gone from a position in the Okies to a position in the 513<sup>th</sup>. I had the distinct privilege to plan and open the 513<sup>th</sup> back in the late '90s. Since I have done this move before, I am an expert at what the move will really mean to me personally. Thus, this move for me is bittersweet. While I am only moving up the hill a few hundred feet, I am still leaving what I consider my family.

As I rapidly approach the point where more than half of my military career has been spent as an Okie, I know that I

am leaving some very familiar faces. It seems that being an Okie is all I know. Once again I am leaving my home to venture out to a different and sometimes foreign world. I have made many friends along the path I have taken with my fellow Okies. We have shared many a good time and many a hard, sometimes sorrowful time, as we lost others along the way.

I have been privileged to go on many (always highly successful) deployments and exercises with what I consider to be my family. Along the way I hope that I have treated you all as brothers and sisters. I have shared many a joy as new Okies came onboard and as others retired. As a matter of fact, this family has been so good to me and mine, that my youngest son has recently been adopted by the Okies. Of that fact I am very proud. As I look back at the family I am leaving I say in all honesty that I know of none finer. You all possess and demonstrate daily what I consider the essence of strong family.

The morals of this Okie unit are bathed in loyalty, faithfulness, and competence. These things I hold most dear and I know that you all do also. I will miss all of you very much. In the future when I am wearing different patches, I hope that none will take offense if I still call myself an Okie.

God Bless.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Bradfield

### Questionable Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed during the month of May. It is a time to recognize the need and value of seeking God. It is a time to offer praise to Him and to make specific requests for our nation. It is a time to be concerned about our country's spiritual health. In observing this special month, are we praying as God would appreciate? Do we offer prayers that may be questionable in their method and for their value? Here are some mistakes that people can make in their prayer life.

1. Do you misapply the scripture that says, "ask and it shall be given you?" Do you try to obligate God to answer prayers the way you want and not the way He wants?

2. Are you most likely to only pray when you are in trouble or have a special need?

3. Do you pray "long and hard" believing God will be impressed with your piety?

4. Are you hesitant to pray, especially in public, because you think prayers should be formal as if you were giving a speech instead of just talking to the person who loves you?

5. Have you forgotten in your prayers to praise and com-

pliment God for how wonderful He is and how much He has done for you in the past?

6. Are your prayers a repeat of the same words you have said over and over and it is only a routine and not a vibrant conversation with someone who loves you?

7. Do you only say prayers as part of religious services or ceremonies and not part of your day?

The truth is that God just wants us to talk to Him. He is concerned about our daily issues. He does want to help. He wants us to pray as ourselves and submit the outcome to His will. Whether God says "yes", "no", or "wait" the answer is from His loving heart. God has no ulterior motives to dangle favors before us. His biggest wish is for us to be His children. So, when you next pray, talk to your Heavenly Father and leave the answer to Him. By the way...remember to thank God for Mothers this month, too.

### UTA Services

Saturday Lunchtime Topic:  
Couples Communicating  
Sunday Service (7:30 a.m.)

National Day of Prayer Protestant Worship Sermon:  
Being a Praying Person

Catholic Mass (7:30 a.m.) in OG Conf. Room (Bldg. 1066)

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#### On The Cover



Staff Sgt. Nina Villarino, 507th ARW, assists Master Sgt. Kathy Smith, 507th CLSS, during chemical warfare gear training.

(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida)

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"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"



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Trainees read decontamination instructions during chemical warfare refresher training.

## June exercise will challenge home station ATSO skills

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

As 507<sup>th</sup> members begin reporting in for the June UTA, they'll find themselves rapidly gearing up for a unit-wide Ability To Survive and Operate (ATSO) exercise that will take place on Sunday.

But unlike previous exercises that simulate operations in a deployed environment, this exercise will test unit responses for a home station scenario.

According to exercise warlord, Maj. Joe Defenderfer, testing the unit's home station response is not a unique concept.

"Critical infrastructure

protection has become very important to all federal agencies since 9-11. Across the entire federal government, we're seeing organizations challenging their response reactions to potential threat oc-



curing at their facilities. We want to make sure we are ready as well," the major said. "We train to survive and operate in deployed conditions. We also need to familiarize ourselves with what might be required to continue our mission at home station."

Major Defenderfer said that as the exercise kicks off, all unit members will don various levels of MOPP wear, according to exercise messages released. Giant voice systems have been set up to broadcast alerts as the exercise progresses. Building monitors will conduct periodic building sweeps

and everyone will be challenged to stay alert and report situations and events up their chain within the unit.

"All 507<sup>th</sup> members are players in this exercise. We will conduct business while in our chemical gear and we plan to make this a realistic exercise," he said.

The 507<sup>th</sup> Exercise Training Team members will be out among the units to assist with training and awareness, as well as making observations.

"This is not a graded exercise, however, our observations will be compiled so we can learn where we are at, in terms of our readiness," Defenderfer said.

*But could it happen here?*

## Headlines in the news from 'Yesterday'

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

Even as unit members begin preparing this month for a June home station Ability To Survive and Operate exercise, the question arises, "Does the potential of a biological or chemical assault really exist in the United States?"

According to Maj. Joe Defenderfer, 507<sup>th</sup> Exercise Evaluation Team Team Chief, "Without wanting to sound like an alarmist, all anyone needs is to look at some of the headlines over the past few years."

Those headlines, he said, include the March 19, 1995 sarin gas attack in a Japan subway that killed 5 people and hospitalized 565 people; October 2001, Anthrax found in letters mailed to the Senate; January, 2003, Terror suspects dis-

covered with ricin in London; February, 2004, Ricin discovered Senate building.

According to a 2002 General Accounting Office Report, *National Preparedness: Technologies to Secure Federal Buildings*, "The 1995 domestic terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla., aroused government wide concern about the physical security of federal buildings." The report continues stating, "The approach to good security is fundamentally similar regardless of the assets being protected....applying risk management principles can provide a sound foundation for effective security whether the assets are information, operations, people, or federal facilities.

These principles, which have been followed by members of the intelligence

and defense community for many years, can be reduced to five basic steps that help to determine responses to five essential questions."

Those steps, GAO reports, include, 1) Identify assets; 2) Identify Threats; 3) Identify Vulnerabilities; 4) Assess Risks and Identify Priorities; and 5) Identify Countermeasures.

"We prepare for overseas deployment and performing our mission. But the potential for a homeland threat exists," Major Defenderfer said. "We want everyone to take this exercise seriously. Put on your game face and be aware of the situation around you. We want to learn what we do well and what we can do better. Everyone's observations and exercise feedback is important to help us stay prepared."

*A special On-final poll*

## We asked, you voted

By 507th ARW Public Affairs Staff

The *On-final* staff conducted a poll during the April drill weekend, asking Reservists their opinion regarding the new extended drill weekend hours offered by the fitness center.

One hundred and 41 reservists from both the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group responded to the question, "Do you plan on taking advantage of the center during future weekend drills?"

The poll was conducted from April 3 to April 5. Seventy-seven respondents answered they would try to use the fitness center during a UTA weekend, while 64 respondents answered they would not. Of the 'no' respondents, 17 responses were received from individuals whose duty work locations are across base, primarily those working in buildings 280, 230, and 240.

The only additional comment received from those responding 'yes,' other than reaffirming their intent to use the center was the question, "What option is there if at all of, access after duty hours Saturday evenings?"

Comments received from those answering 'no' ranged

from "Not enough time during weekend drills." To one respondent saying, "To have the fitness center open during duty hours does not help. We need it open after duty hours for those personnel that are required to work during duty hours."

While the poll is not a scientific unit sampling, Senior Master Sgt. Terry Tunender, 507<sup>th</sup> Services Air Reserve Technician, (734-5847) said, "Obviously we are very interested in learning how we can provide better service to our Reservists. Last month our records show approximately 15 people signed the log sheet at the Fitness Center. We're still trying to figure out the best times for the center to be open. We are looking at cutting back the hours during the day but extending the hours in early morning and late afternoon Saturday with a Sunday closure of 4:30 p.m. But we're still trying to determine that demand."

Tunender encouraged unit members using the fitness center during the weekend to sign in when they arrive to help Services determine overall facility use. "We also encourage any comments our Reservists have. They can leave them at the center log sheets. We are always open to comments and suggestions for improvements," he said.

# Reservist uses AED, saves life

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

March 17<sup>th</sup> began as just another ordinary day for Air Force Reservist Tech. Sgt. Marvin Lewis working at the Tinker Air Force Base Fitness Center. But before long, it became a crucial life and death test of his first aid skills.

Sergeant Lewis, a member of the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, was working active duty man days at the center, just as he had been doing off and on for the previous three years. Working the counter desk, he passed out towels and made reservations for the racquetball courts as typical fare for the day.

Suddenly, late in the afternoon, a patron rushed up to the front desk and blurted out, "Call 911. Someone's had a heart attack!"

Lewis later explained, "A 50-year-old civil service employee from the base was playing racquetball with two friends from the 552<sup>nd</sup> Air Control Wing when he collapsed on the court."

After calling 911, Lewis dashed back to the court to see if he could help. He saw racquetball players Tech. Sgts. Alan George and Doug Keller along with another center patron, Senior Master Sgt. Dana Williamson, all from the 552<sup>nd</sup> ACW, administering CPR to the victim.

"I was stunned," Lewis said, "I knew this guy for a couple of years...talked with him...joked with him."

Lewis ran back to the front desk area and grabbed the automated external defibrillators (AED) from the wall and dashed back to the court.

AEDs are recent additions to major work centers at Tinker AFB. AEDs are small, lightweight devices that can rapidly diagnose a person's heart rhythm (through special pads placed

on the torso). An AED can recognize ventricular fibrillation (VF), also known as "sudden cardiac arrest" or SCA. If SCA is present, an AED will advise and actually talk the responder through some very simple steps to defibrillate. AEDs are designed to be used by lay rescuers or "first responders."

It would be the first real-life test for the unit in Lewis' hands.

Ironically, Lewis stated, "Just two days earlier, I had received training on how to actually use the AED. I remember during the course thinking to myself, 'I'll never need to use this thing.' That was the best 30 minutes of training I've ever received from the military!"

While the others kept up CPR, Lewis applied the pads to the victim's chest and turned on the AED.

"The great thing about these units is that they do it all. It tries to detect a heart beat and a voice tells you if you need to administer a shock." For a moment, it almost seemed that the man was not going to need help, Lewis said. "He was fading in and out. The CPR looked like it was working and he seemed to come out of it. But then he went back to unconsciousness." That's when the AED said to "Stand Clear" and gave the instructions to "Administer Shock," Lewis said.

"During this whole time, it seemed like an eternity passed. But it was only a few minutes. Immediately after I administered the shock, the AED said, "Resume CPR" and the others started up again," Lewis said. Only one shock was needed to get the patient's heart beating normally again. "The AED did its job, but the initial CPR response efforts of the others were crucial," Lewis said. "They kept up the CPR and talking to him throughout the whole time," he said. A few moments later, base firemen and security police arrived on the scene and took over to provide oxygen.

"The guy was semi-conscious at this point and kept trying to remove the oxygen mask," Lewis said.

Lewis rushed back to the desk to call 911 again to check on the ambulance and provide more details about what was happen-

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**Tech. Sgt. Marvin Lewis, a 507th Mission Support Group services technician, displays the automated external defibrillator unit that helped him recently save a life.**

# Wing second quarter winners announced

Master Sgt. Mark McGougan, Tech. Sgt. Kris Keffer, and Airman First Class Aaron Smith are the Wing's Senior NCO, NCO, and Airman of the Quarter for January through March.

McGougan is the senior D Flight evaluator boom operator for the 465<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron. He mentors the flight's boom operators and keeps the senior leadership aware of training and upgrade requirements for his flight. McGougan leads by example, serves as mentor for squadron junior NCOs and emphasizes importance of professional military education and the importance of continuing civilian education in today's Air Force. He was awarded two Air Medals and the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work during the wing's deployment in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Mark McGougan routinely volunteers to pull Alpha Alert for Operation Noble Eagle, a tasking requiring aircrew members to remain restricted to base, ready for immediate aircraft launch in support of homeland defense operations.

McGougan graduated from Community College of the Air Force with an associate's degree in aircrew operations and is aggressively pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma.

A lifetime member of his local church, McGougan dedicates every free Sunday to teaching preschool Sunday school. He spends time delivering meals to homeless during the Christmas holidays and at the Baptist Children's Hospital. He is a volunteer recruiter and guest speaker for both internal and external audiences, works with wing recruiters to publicize the benefits of joining and remaining in the Air Force Reserve and the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing.

Kris Keffer is a ..... with the 507<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. He was deployed to Southwest Asia in support of



**Tech. Sgt. Kris Keffer**



**Airman First Class Aaron Smith**

Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom from July 3, 2003 until Feb. 12, 2004. While deployed, he supported a 1,200-person beddown operation. He redeployed to Al Udeid AB Qatar in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to departing Al Udeid AB, Keffer completed the Air University NCO Academy by correspondence.

Keffer is an active member and volunteer with the Hollywood Road Community Church in Amarillo, Texas. He is assistant coach/coordinator for high school team members of the United States Tennis Association.

Aaron Smith is a computer systems operator with the 35<sup>th</sup> CBCS.

He is a self-motivated technician

who quickly accepts responsibility and is a self-starter. He works extra days, learning the business of communications.

Smith began a rigorous course of instruction in operations of the TTC-39 Tactical Telephone Systems Van and be-

came qualified on start-up, shutdown, and programming tactical telephone trunks and circuits. He quickly became proficient in the operations of Line Termination Units, devices that extended the operational capability of telephone switches working in tactical situations.

With minimal supervision, in a span of only two weeks, Smith managed to build and configure network equipment for use in a field training exercise and he reconfigured hardware on tactical network equipment to upgrade systems.

Smith is currently pursuing a degree in computer engineering at the University of Oklahoma and he also plans to participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Course.

He is a member of the Tinker Honor Guard, participating in an average of three ceremonies per month.



## 513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. James Kerr

### It's hard to say Goodbye

The world has changed so much since I became the commander of the 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group in 2001. I have watched new airmen become seasoned veterans and true professionals in our ranks take charge during great adversity.

To say I'm proud of everything you've accomplished is an understatement; any monologue shorter than a Shakespearean play would deprive you of some measure of the quality and distinction you've earned for yourselves and your coworkers. Many of you know I speak from the heart because that is the weight of our humanity in its purest essence, but my voice cracks when I think of saying goodbye. This column will be the words I could not say or the handshake I couldn't offer to each of you. These words are for all of you, the "one from many" that figure so mightily in our American resolve.

Some people say trivial issues have divided us as a people. The military once appeared as the only hold-out of a higher standard. But it took a villain's cowardly attack to make us all realize that the higher standard is worth fighting for, whether in uniform or a tank top and sunglasses. With a collective passion unfelt since WWII, the Airmen of the 513 ACG carried that standard into battle in unfriendly skies. I always felt a knot in my throat, knowing that you were going into war, but also knew you were fighting greater evils than any this nation has seen before. Each of you played a role in voicing our passion and hope to the innocents caught up in this turmoil as well made sure that the villains couldn't crush us. It may seem like only words now, but

someday you'll realize that you played a significant role in holding back the night. Not just for this nation, but other nations as well. In the light, we hope peace can grow and prosper.

When the war was over for us, we had to transition to civilian life again, unencumbered by body armor, chem suits, and round-the-clock missions. Being your commander was a full-time job, but I am only human and I would be lying if I told you that I didn't feel your hardships as you endured the things that went wrong and the odds you faced. I wanted to see each of you succeed and be the best at what you did, both for the mission and your families.

I will proudly tell any who wish to hear how proud I am to have served alongside Airmen of such character. Do I have a reason to be happy about the course of these last three years? Yes, but my time here was all the more special for you having the character and passion to do what was right when the need was so great.

Years from now, when people ask you what you did, you can tell them with your head held high, "I was an Airman for the 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group." Some may try to dismiss the meaning, but they'll know the weight of those words. That you served when others walked away. That you focused on the greater peace where others saw the trivial divisions. That the legacy you wanted to create for your children was one of justice and no evil to threaten them.

The Bible says, "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith." I now know what those words mean. They speak about the weight of passion and compassion, of being true to one's hopes and things bigger than any one nation. You put the true weight into those words for me which I will proudly voice for the rest of my life. God bless you, the Airmen of the 513 ACG. God bless your families. And thank you for continuing to serve.

## 513<sup>th</sup> tests their war skills this month

Despite their recent completion of a two-year activation, members of the 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Wing spring back in the saddle this month to take part in a Sentry Leap Exercise.

Sentry Leap is the name coined for the continuing series of Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) exercises held to prepare the unit for its role in a joint Operational Readiness Inspection, or Sentry Warrior, later this fall.

At that time, the 513<sup>th</sup> ACG will join up with their active duty counterparts in the 552<sup>nd</sup> Air Control Wing for the full-up Inspector General ORI. This will be the first ORI for the 513<sup>th</sup> since the unit was created in 1996, and its second joint ORE exercise with the 552<sup>nd</sup> ACW.

"The unit has been activated two times since it was established here at Tinker. We've gone to war, participated in numerous overseas deployments and joint exercises, so

we feel prepared for this, our first IG ORI inspection," said Lt. Col. Stephen Mittuch, 970<sup>th</sup> Airborne Air Control Squadron Director of Operations.

This month's exercise will test the unit's ability to mobilize and process personnel and equipment in preparation for forward deployment.

"The exercise is going to affect pretty much everyone in the 970 AACs," Colonel Mittuch said. "We'll be running our people through the mobility processing lines and checking their records and immunizations, as well as preparing and palletizing the equipment we need at a deployed location."

"We've worked hard as a Group. We have a lot of experience in our unit and we know we can do our part to make this exercise a success," the colonel said.

## 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 Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and 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.dantes.doded.mil> and click on certification programs, MOS matching and USAF Matrix which identifies the eligible AFSCs, certification exams available and internet addresses for more info. If you desire to take an exam, contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Reserve members are eligible to apply for TA for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further their education up to a Master's Degree.

**The basic enrollment requirements are that you must:**

Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).

**Retainability: Officers - two years; Enlisted - ETS after course completion.**

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 Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.

## AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The success of the Air Force Reserve NCO corps depends on their ability to apply leadership and management skills learned primarily in a civilian setting to a military environment. Not all of today's mid-level NCOs have extensive first-hand supervisory experience in a reserve environment; therefore, the instruction in this course is intended to improve the students' military supervisor capabilities and understanding of their positions as related to the USAFR. We focus on individual improvement which is ultimately the real source of organizational excellence and success. The next class is scheduled for 7-18 June 2004.

## FAMILY CARE

If you need to be on the Family Care Plan, notify your first sergeant ASAP - IAW AFI 36-2908. Single parents and dual military couples with children must have a Family Care Plan completed within 90 days of in-processing or family status change.

## VIRTUAL MPE

- Address Changes** - You no longer have to go to 4 different screens/areas to update your address!!!
- Point Summaries** - Point Summaries can also be viewed and printed.
- Record Review RIPS** - You will now be notified via e-mail, on your birthday, to log on to vMPE to review your RIP.
- Awards and decorations** - You can also get a picture display of your awards and decorations.

## 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 taking computer-based tests, call DPMT at 734-7075 at least two days prior to the UTA. Computer-based tests are also given Tues at 0730, Wed at 0800 & 1300, and Thurs at 1530. Call for appointment.

## EDUCATION REMINDER:

This is just to remind everyone who wishes to update their Education Records, officer and enlisted, that we need OFFICIAL transcripts to send or accomplish any updates. This means that it CANNOT say "ISSUED TO STUDENT." You may have the college/university send it, we can request it, or you may bring it in as long as it is in a sealed envelope with a SEAL on the flap AND it does not say "ISSUED TO STUDENT."

**Pass and ID Hours of Operation:**  
1200-1600 on Saturdays of the UTA.

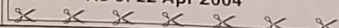
IEU open from 1200-1500 on Saturday of the main UTA.

Nomination packages for AMN, NCO, or SNGO of the quarter are submitted quarterly. Packages are due by 1400, on Saturday of the UTA after the end of the quarter. (Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan)

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**Fri, 30 April 2004**

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1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
1600	Top 3 Executive Board Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

**Sat, 01 May 2004****Unit Designated Sign In****0730-0930 Computer Based Testing**

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing

**0730-0930 Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY**

0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed

0900-1000 6 Month Contact Mtg

0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng

1000-1130 Unit Career Advisors Mtg

1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation

1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting

1030-1130 First Sgts Meeting

**1130-1200 Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion Vanwey Dining Facility**

1300-1530 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I

1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg

1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg

**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated****Bldg 1030, Room 214**

Bldg 1043, Room 201C

Bldg 1043, Room 206

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

To Be Determined

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

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Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

**Unit Designated****Sun, 02 May 2004****Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service

0730-0800 Catholic Mass

0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng

**0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams Bldg 460, Room 215**

0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II

0830-1030 Unit Safety Training

0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council

0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng

1245-1545 First Duty Station

**1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT**

1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro

1500 Wing Commanders Call

**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated**

513th ACG Auditorium

513th ACG Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1030, Room 104

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1043, Room B-1

Base Theater

Bldg 1043, Room B-1

Base Theater

**Unit Designated****Fri, 04 June 2004**

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

**Sat, 05 June 2004****Unit Designated Sign In****0730-0930 Computer Based Testing**

0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing

**0730-0930 Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY**

0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed

0900-1000 6 Month Contact Mtg

0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng

1000-1130 Unit Career Advisors Mtg

1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation

1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting

1030-1130 First Sgts Meeting

**1130-1200 Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion Vanwey Dining Facility**

1300-1530 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I

1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg

1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg

**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated****Bldg 1030, Room 214**

Bldg 1043, Room 201C

Bldg 1043, Room 206

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

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Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1043, Wing CC's Office

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

**Unit Designated****Sun, 06 June 2004****Unit Designated Sign In**

0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service

0730-0800 Catholic Mass

0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng

**0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams Bldg 460, Room 215**

0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II

0830-1030 Supr. Safety Training

0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council

0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng

1245-1545 First Duty Station

**1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT**

1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro

1500 Fly Safety Mtg

**Unit Designated Sign Out****Unit Designated**

513th ACG Auditorium

513th ACG Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

**Bldg 460, Room 215**

Bldg 1030, Room 214

Bldg 1030, Room 104

Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room

Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Bldg 1030, Room 214

CAT

Bldg 1043, Room B-1

Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room

**Unit Designated**

**ATTENTION**

Tinker was scheduled for mass implementation Vred DD93's 14 Apr 2003 through 20 Apr 2003. Of course this date has already passed and we have received updates from 83% of our members. This is Air Force wide and everyone who has not updated their DD Form 93 on the Virtual MPF needs to do so ASAP. It can be accomplished from any computer with internet access by going to [www.afpc.randolph.afmil](http://www.afpc.randolph.afmil). You will need to know your date of rank, pay date, and command (ex: AFRC) in order to sign on. Then click on the VMPF icon and follow instructions. Questions should be directed to Customer Service at 734-7492.

**Military Pay**

<b>File for pay by:</b>	<b>Receive Direct Deposit by:</b>
<b>Military Pay (405)</b>	<b>734-5016</b>
04 May	12 May
06 May	14 May
11 May	19 May
13 May	21 May
18 May	26 May
20 May	28 May
24 May	01 June
27 May	04 June
01 June	09 June
03 June	11 June
07 June	15 June

## 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
		<b>Phase I</b>	
Saturday	1300-1315	Air Force Fitness	SVF
Saturday	1315-1400	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
		<b>Phase II</b>	
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1015-1045	Counter Intel /Awareness	SFS
Sunday	1045-1115	Human Relations	ME
Sunday	1245-1545	First Duty Station	ME

### BAQ Recertification Deadlines

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

**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.

**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 temporary office in Trailer B, South of Building 1043.**

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## Unit Health Monitors excellent source for medical/dental information

By DDS (Lt. Col.) Eric Kean  
Chief, Dental Services

What do you do if you need to confirm when your military physical exam is scheduled? Who do you contact if you need to reschedule your exam? Suppose you aren't sure if you need to fast prior to your physical, or don't know what paperwork you have to bring? To get answers to these and many other ques-

tions, you don't even have to go outside your own squadron. Just go to your Unit Health Monitor, or UHM for assistance!

What is a UHM? Each squadron has a member with the additional duty of tracking that unit's medical and dental exam requirements for its members. They also act as a point of contact within the unit for the medical squadron and provide information and feedback for their squadron commanders on medical and dental issues. This person, the UHM, is a great source of information on many subjects... For example, they can tell you when your dental exam will be due and whether it can be done by a civilian dentist or must be done by a military dentist. They can even provide you with the form you have to take to your dentist to document your exam.

In addition to information on medical and dental examinations, your UHM can provide you with information on such programs as TriCare Dental Insurance for Reservists and their families, and what happens to your insurance if you get activated, etc.

So... If you have questions about medical or dental issues, you might first look just down the hall for your UHM. Listed to the right are names and phone numbers of the UHM's for the 465<sup>th</sup>, 507<sup>th</sup> 513<sup>th</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup> APS and 1<sup>st</sup> ASF. They will be happy to help you with information and assistance!

### Unit Health Monitors

1<sup>st</sup> ASF: Master Sgt. Thomas Geberth (Primary); Master Sgt. Lori Pink (Alternate);

507<sup>th</sup> MSX: Sr. Master Sgt. Steve Wright (Primary); Sr. Master Sgt. Rodney Mesenbrink (Alternate);

507<sup>th</sup> AMXS: Sr. Master Sgt. Robert Legg, Sr. Master Sgt. Ricky Abbott, Master Sgt. John Nugent;

72<sup>nd</sup> APS: Sr. Master Sgt. Nathaniel McGuire, Master Sgt. John Prokup, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Murphy;

507<sup>th</sup> ARW: Master Sgt. Wiley Brooks; 507<sup>th</sup> CES: Master Sgt. Jodie Zollo, Master Sgt. George Stiltner;

507<sup>th</sup> MOF/MXG: Chief Master Sgt. Debra Shepherd-Moore, Tech. Sgt. Kelly Hall;

507<sup>th</sup> Services: Sr. Master Sgt. Terry Tunender, Sr. Master Sgt. Clyde Hankins;

507<sup>th</sup> Comm Flight: Master Sgt. Greg Inlow, Master Sgt. Nicky Stewart;

507<sup>th</sup> MSF: Master Sgt. Glenn Meadows (Primary), Staff Sgt. Melissa Garner (Alternate);

507<sup>th</sup> LRS: Tech. Sgt. Steve Gonsalves, Tech. Sgt. Joe Guthrie;

970<sup>th</sup> AACCS: Tech. Sgt. Scott Branscum, Sr. Amn. Mark Wright;

507<sup>th</sup> CLSS: Master Sgt. Michael Maule;

35<sup>th</sup> CBCS: Tech. Sgt. Brent Slatterly;

465<sup>th</sup> ARS/507<sup>th</sup> OG-OSF: Master Sgt. Kenda Smith, Staff Sgt. Mickey Leckie, Master Sgt. Kelly Witt;

513<sup>th</sup> AMXS: Sr. Master Sgt. Jeff Minto, Master Sgt. Christopher Clark;

513<sup>th</sup> AMXS/MXS: Master Sgt. Jeff Brunzman;

507<sup>th</sup> MDS: Master Sgt. Doug Coleman, Tech. Sgt. Lily Campbell.



The Fitness Center West (Bldg. 1103) now has the Cable Motion Dual Adjustable Pulley. The fitness equipment can be used to work on many parts of your body, including the arms, shoulders, legs, back, chest, lower body and other areas. The equipment was purchased by the 513<sup>th</sup> ACG with end-of-year money.

## Baxter recognized for support of Reserve

Although he retires on May 2 with 24 years of military service, Master Sgt. Freeman Pittman couldn't resist the opportunity to thank his civilian employer one more time for supporting his Reserve career.

Last month, Pittman was accompanied by his Reserve commander, Capt. Jimmy Wolfe, to the OC-ALC Transportation and Packaging Management Branch, Materiel Management Division, where they presented an Employer

Support of the Guard and Reserve "Patriot" award to his civilian employer, Ms. C. Jean Baxter, LGIT Branch Chief.

As his civil service employer for the previous four years, Pittman said Ms. Baxter, "Not only supported my military career as an Air Force Reservist, but also has supported the entire 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing."

Captain Wolfe, 507<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, praised Ms. Baxter stating, "As Branch Chief, Ms. Baxter is currently spearheading an initiative that allows Reservists from our squadron and the 507<sup>th</sup> Combat Logistics Readiness Squadron to receive specialty training from personnel in her Packaging and Transportation Offices."

"By providing our Reservists with training opportunities, Ms. Baxter is contributing to the development of more effective and knowledgeable Reserve personnel who will be better prepared in the event of activation. This training will help minimize discrepancies and frustrated shipments," Wolfe said.

"Assisting the 507<sup>th</sup> with our training provides a service to the military and provides feedback for methods to distribute information," Pittman said. "It really has created a win-win opportunity for the Air Force and Department of Defense."

The National Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) sponsors the Patriot awards program to recognize employers for employment policies and practices that are supportive of their employees' participation in the National Guard and Reserve.



Capt. Jim Wolfe, 507<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, helps thank Ms. C. Jean Baxter, civilian employer of Master Sgt. Freeman Pittman.

## Reservists raise money for OETA



Chief Master Sgt. John Beasley helps man the phones during the OETA telethon fund-raiser.

Reserve volunteers supported the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) March 14, by manning phones during their annual fund-raising telethon.

According to Master Sgt. Clifton Howard, 72<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron and unit volunteer coordinator, "The OETA telethon went pretty well. We had 12 volunteers and helped raise \$20,675 during our six hour shift."

The Reserve volunteers manned the phones from noon to 6 p.m. fielding calls from contributors. The 72<sup>nd</sup> APS has helped coordinate Reserve volunteers for

this telethon for the past 18 years, Sergeant Howard said. He said he hoped to get the same slot next year and fill all the seats.

"This is a worthwhile cause for the OETA Channel 13 program. You get a chance to be seen on TV by all your friends. The funds we helped raise are used by the station to continue its operations. It was a lot of fun to help do something good for the community," the sergeant said. Howard added that members interested in participating next year should look for an announcement next March.



## Mission accomplished: CE completes bivouac



507th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters practice extinguishing a live fire using the P-19 firetruck.

***"Although we had deployed to this site previously, this was by far our most productive bivouac in recent years."***

*...Lt. Col. Renee Lane*

One hundred seven members of the 507<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron and one Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) from Tinker AFB, Okla. deployed last month to the 188<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard (ANG) Regional Training Site (RTS) at Ft. Smith, Ark.

The purpose of the deployment was to attain hands-on war skill training on critical equipment not available at the home station.

By combining two UTA weekends together, the group was able to perform the four-day tour from March 5 to 8, maximizing their time at the site to accomplish both annual bivouac requirements and a majority of the squadron's Task Qualification Training (TQT).

An advance team of three members deployed on Thursday, March 4, with a flat bed carrying unit equipment such as A-bags, C-bags, sleeping bags, bunker gear, tools, and control center nesting boxes.

"Although we had deployed to this site previously, this was by far our most productive bivouac in recent years," said the squadron's commander, Lt. Col. Renee Lane. "The 188<sup>th</sup> RTS Cadré impressed us all. They were extremely cooperative and supportive and true professionals who enabled our squadron to receive outstanding training along with top-notch instruction in their individual career fields."

That training, the colonel explained, ranged across the en-

tire career field spectrum within the squadron. After their initial Site Briefing and bed down, the various career fields broke out to receive specialized skill training.

The CE 507<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Training team completed 31 qualification tasking requirements during the deployment, including training for live night fire, Mobile Aircraft Arresting Systems, J-Fire TQT, and hands-on training with the P-19 fire truck, a smaller fire truck not available at Tinker but, because of its size and transportability on C-130 aircraft, a vehicle most likely to be located in forward deployed areas.

The squadron's Utilities personnel received training on the M80 Field Boiler, Preway Tent Heater, 150 Cubic Feet Refrigeration Unit, Field Deployable Environmental Control Unit with all members practicing on setting up and operating the Shower Shave Unit.

Electrical and Power Production section members received valuable training with all aspects of exterior electric and power production including valuable work on the Mobil Aircraft Arresting System (MAAS), load banks with parallel generators, and airfield lighting.

Fort Smith's training location allowed the unit's heavy equipment operators to practice digging a deep hole with a backhoe while members of the Structures Section met their licensing goals practicing the operation of a water distribution truck.

The four-day bivouac was useful to the engineering section, providing a large block of time to use surveying equipment, specifically the geodimeter, and to review their contingency/wartime tasks. The squadron's Readiness Flight personnel conducted NBC Threat Analysis, allowing them to determine placement of chemical and biological detectors for total base coverage. The team also ran an NBC Recon Route and trained



Civil Engineers process through a Contaminated Air Processing System (CAPS) decontamination station under the watchful eyes of Readiness team members. CAPS stations are commonly used in deployed locations.

**Left: Unit electricians practice pole climbing and safe use of personal protection equipment.**

**Below: 507th Civil Engineer Squadron members take a few moments during their busy 4-day bivouac at Ft. Smith, Ark., to pose for a squadron photo.**

with the M256 Chemical Detection Kit. They also operated a Contaminated Air Processing System (CAPS) used overseas at forward locations.

According to Lt. Col. Lane, "The staff at this training site are true professionals. Not only did our bivouac allow our unit to greatly improve our war-ready status, but to also to build squadron camaraderie, as this was one of the few opportunities left to deploy the entire unit instead of in much smaller UTC packages. This bivouac was a real morale booster and we definitely plan on taking advantage of this regional training site in the future."



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## Travel cardholders have online-payment option

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Airmen with government travel cards can now make payments to their accounts online.

The "MyEasyPayment" system allows Airmen with government travel cards to pay off residual or unexpected charges not covered by split disbursement payments, said Josephine Davis, the Air Force banking liaison officer.

"Split disbursement of travel card payments is mandatory for military members and by default for civilians, but there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount does not cover your total charges," Ms. Davis said.

Airmen are required to use their government cards for airline tickets, hotels and rental cars for military travel. They may also use their cards to buy meals and to get cash for incidental expenses.

When Airmen return from travel, they file a voucher so they can be reimbursed for their expenses. That payment, or disbursement, is split between the Airmen's personal-checking account and their travel-card account. Airmen are responsible for indicating how much money should be sent to the travel-card account. If there is a miscalculation of the amount owed on the travel card, there can be residual or unexpected charges still owed.

An example of an unexpected or residual charge is when

an Airman makes a purchase overseas and the exchange rate changes before the merchant processes the charge, Ms. Davis said.

"There could be additional money owed there," she said. "Instead of the transaction costing \$50, it may cost \$52.

Another example is when Airmen lose receipts and forget about charges on their cards.

Despite those types of errors, Ms. Davis said Airmen are still responsible for paying off their accounts in full.

"Just like with any other credit card, it is our responsibility to know what we owe," Ms. Davis said. "Sometimes you need to call the bank and find out what you need to pay. This system gives you the opportunity to make those payments."

Airmen with questions about being reimbursed for unexpected or residual charges on their accounts should contact their military travel pay office, Ms. Davis said. Travelers may need to file an amended travel voucher if they feel they are owed money.

The payment system is available at [www.myeasypayment.com](http://www.myeasypayment.com). To use the system, cardholders need to know the amount they want to pay on the card, the card's account number and security code, and their checking account and bank routing numbers.

Ms. Davis said cardholders can check their account balance by calling the toll-free number on the back of the card. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

## Reservist saves life

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ing. Several minutes later, an ambulance arrived to take the victim to the off-base Midwest Regional Hospital in Midwest City.

That night, after finishing his shift, Sergeant Lewis went to the hospital to check the patron's status. "He was still in the intensive cardio care unit. But I was able to talk to him for a few minutes the following day. He asked me what had happened and after I told him he said he was ready to come back and play racquetball. He was still a bit groggy."

The following day a friend of the victim came in to tell Sergeant Lewis that the man was doing a lot better. A little more than a week after the incident, on

March 26, Sergeant Lewis and the rest of the rescuers attended an awards presentation at the hospital in their honor hosted by the American Heart Association. "I met him in person for the first time after his heart attack. He shook my hand, gave me a hug and said 'Thank you.' His wife and daughter also gave me a hug and his wife called me an 'angel'. But considering the emotions that were going through me on that day, I was just glad things worked out the way they did," Lewis said. "His friends administering CPR was the best thing they could have done."

As for Sergeant Lewis, a 15-year veteran with the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW, probably one of the greatest satisfactions was the reaction from

his 10-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son. "Both of my kids are real proud of me. They call me 'Doctor'."

"It's so ironic the way things worked out," Sergeant Lewis said. "When I took the AED training, my first thought was that I already know CPR...I'll never use this. But I know now the AED works. Every major work center ought to have one of these units. The cost (roughly \$1,400) is meaningless when you consider you can't place a cost on someone's life."

For Sergeant Lewis, returning to the daily routine at the fitness center seems a bit more meaningful now. And the future? "I'm looking forward to the day when my friend can come back to the center again. Maybe he can teach me how to play racquetball one day," Lewis smiled.

## Job database key for understanding needs

ROBINS AFB, Ga. - Reservists from throughout the armed forces began registering their civilian places of employment for the first time with the Department of Defense March 31.

Called the Civilian Employment Information program, the registration is the first mandatory disclosure by the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve of their civilian employers into a common database.

"This information will be used to meet three different requirements defined by federal law," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB. "During activations or presidential mobilizations, the Department of Defense needs to consider the impact on our civilian communities and ensure that reservists fulfilling critical civilian occupations are not kept in service longer than absolutely necessary. Also, we have an obligation to inform those civilians who employ reservists of their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act."

The Civilian Employment Information program culminates a yearlong effort to establish a Department of Defense-wide system to collect information and understand who employs the 1.2 million members of reserve components.

Air Force reservists can enter their employer data by going to the new Defense Manpower Data Center Web site at: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>.

"Our Citizen Airmen balance the demands of their military service with those of their families and civilian employers," said General Batbie. "To make the Air Force mission a success, our reservists go above and beyond the commitments of civilian life. We want to make sure that their rights are protected and that they can return to their important civilian roles in our communities."

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About 75,800 Air Force reservists train on full and part-time duty - ready for immediate tasking from higher headquarters. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about one in four Air Force reservists has been called up at some point. About 6,000 Air Force reservists are currently mobilized - on full-time, active-duty status by order of the president. Many other reservists volunteer to deploy worldwide for three months or longer missions.

According to Defense Department officials, the Civilian Employment Information database may be used to determine which units or reservists should be mobilized or de-mobilized first. Unlike previous military service efforts to voluntarily gather employer data, this new program is mandatory. Reservists and guardsmen who knowingly fail or refuse to provide their employment-related information, or provide false information, may be subject to administrative action or punishment.

"The Civilian Employment Information program is an extension of our reservists' personnel data records," said Col. Michael A. Cleveland, director of personnel for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "This means that the information is covered under previous privacy act systems and is closely protected for official use only."

The new database is expected to be used by the Defense Department staff, the Joint staff, the military services staffs, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization and the Defense Manpower Data Center.

All services will provide unit commanders with compliance reports that will allow commanders to ensure reservists have entered employer information to the database and is being maintained on at least an annual basis.

"Each branch of the service is setting its own timeline to ensure that their reserve component members are entering

their information," said Colonel Cleveland. "The final program goal is to have 95 percent of the Selected Reserve and 75 percent of the Individual Ready Reserve registered by the end of 2005."

After clicking on the Web site, reservists enter their employment status, employer's names, mailing addresses, civilian job titles and total number of years in their current civilian occupations.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve staff will not directly contact any employer about an individual reservist unless the reservist asks for assistance with an employer issue. However, ESGR will send general information to employers including surveys to determine employer attitudes as well as efforts to develop positive relationships with employers and support for reservists and guardsmen. (AFRC News Service)

### Computer user tip

Never, never, never open an e-mail from an unknown source. If it looks suspicious, it is probably not official.

The Information Assurance Office has recommended and continues to recommend not using the preview pane. Viewing a malicious web page or e-mail (including emails viewed through preview pane) would allow the attacker to run code on the system of the currently logged-on user.

Recently two specific messages have appeared in the inboxes of members here at Tinker AFB, from [MANAGEMENT@AF.MIL](mailto:MANAGEMENT@AF.MIL) or [AFMILTEAM](mailto:AFMILTEAM).

They are similar to ones that appeared early last month. You should delete these messages since there is no such official military working group address as stated in the message. Do not respond to these messages, or open any attachments related to them.

If you have any questions, please contact the IA Office at 734-2241.

# Uprose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG:

“How have you scheduled exercise into your life?”



**Airman 1st Class  
Michael Lange, 507th SVF**

“I exercise whenever I have free time after work or before work. I try to get in 1-1/2 miles every other day. I’m also a ‘mall’ walker.”



**Sr. Airman Brandon Bensch  
507th LRS**

“Every other day I run about two miles with another mile of cooling down. On the other days I work on upper body strength with my BoFlex.”



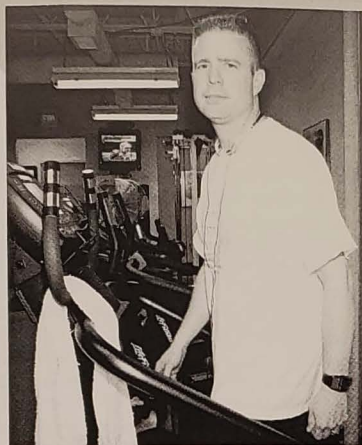
**Staff Sgt. Brian Wilson  
507th Comm Flight**

“I ride my mountain bike three miles each day to work at Tinker. I also have a project to convert my garage to a workout area with free weights.”



**Sr. Master Sgt. Monica Stinson, 72nd APS**

“My civilian job requires me to walk at least 9-10 miles per day. Training for this new fitness test requires much more which includes building my stamina for running, upper body strength for push-ups and other strengthening exercises to pass the test.”



**Lt. Col. Dell Robertson, 513th OSF**

“In the past I tried to work out three to four times per week during lunch hour. The new accrued physical fitness allowing up to three hours per week for ARTs has helped alot. Can’t have it any better with the gym (Fitness Center West) only 20 feet away from the front door.”



**Tech. Sgt. Michael Shattuck, 72nd APS**

“I have always made it a part of my routine, but now it has been modified to include the fitness testing areas.”



Tech. Sgt. Patrick Mitchell and Senior Airman Joe Huizar Jr., 507th Communications Flight, work with PSC-5 VHF/UHF radios during a communications exercise linking themselves with 15 other bases. The PSC-5 is a multi-band, multi-mission communications terminal capable of secure voice and secure data satellite transmission and the next generation radio to be used during communications with tankers while in the desert. Senior Airman Charles Williams, not pictured, was also involved in the exercise.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



Tech. Sgt. Lisa Bingenheimer receives a congratulatory set of stripes for her recent PEP promotion. Bingenheimer is the OJT manager for the 513th ACG and was promoted on Apr. 1. During the April UTA, 10th AF Commander Maj. Gen. Dave Tanzi, left, and the 513th OSF commander, Lt. Col. Dell Robertson, congratulated her on the well-deserved promotion.



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Airman First Class Andrew Cole, a new recruit for the 507th Medical Squadron, graduated from basic training in March, earning the title of Top Basic Military Training Graduate for his class of 849 graduates. Cole is the son of retired Tech. Sgt. Ricky Cole, former 507th Aircraft Generation Squadron avionics technician; and grandson of former 507th Support Group commander, Col. (Ret.) Clifford A. Cole. Making it a complete family affair, Cole is also the nephew of 507th civilian employee Marilyn Trask.

Farewell and best wishes - Master Sgt. Harry Ginzl, left, prepares to receive a retirement gift from Tech. Sgt. (now Master Sgt.) George Stiltner, his replacement as first sergeant. On Feb. 7, 2004, members of the 507<sup>th</sup> CES and 507<sup>th</sup> ARW bid farewell and sent best wishes to "First Shirt" Harry Ginzl. Hugs and kind words and the many gifts given to Ginzl attested to the affection felt for him. Ginzl selected the Honor Guard flag-folding ceremony as part of his retirement ceremony, further displaying his love for the traditions of the Air Force.



# On-final R-News

## POW/MIA tourney planned

A golf tournament will be held on base May 19 to raise funds for Tinker's POW/MIA Memorial. The memorial will be placed in the airpark and is scheduled to be dedicated in September.

Other fundraisers are also planned.

For additional information or to sign up (deadline is May 7) for the tournament, send an e-mail to Scott.Papineau@tinker.af.mil or call 734-7442.

## June UTA blood drive set

The next Blood Drive will be held June 5-6, 2004 during the UTA. June 5<sup>th</sup> times are noon - 3 p.m. and June 6<sup>th</sup> times are 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The April UTA had 32 donors. The 507<sup>th</sup> CES provided the most donors with

six, and 507<sup>th</sup> SVF provided the most donors (five), percentage wise, compared against unit strength.

## Softball players needed

Unit members interested in playing intramural or coed softball on Tinker AFB this spring and summer should send an e-mail to Brian.Finley@tinker.af.mil. The season starts May 11.

## Transformation pamphlet

Headquarters Air Force, Directorate of Strategic Planning, recently produced *The Edge*, a transformation pamphlet developed to explain the Air Force's transformation message.

Since transforming the Air Force is a continuing priority of both the Secretary and Chief of Staff, Air Force, members may wish to refer to this pamphlet to learn. The on-line version of *The Edge* may be found at: <http://www.af.mil/library/posture/edgeweb.pdf>.

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