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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 MXG Commander's Column

By Lt. Col. James McDonnell

Wing's ATSO exercise to provide realistic training

This UTA, the 507th ARW will conduct an exercise to practice our Ability to Survive and Operate under simulated attack conditions. In the past, units traditionally deployed to one of several Combat Readiness Training Centers in the U.S. to hone their ATSO skills; or if the exercise was conducted at home station, they simulated being in a deployed environment. The exercise scenario this UTA is deliberately geared toward an attack here at home station. Maj Joe Defenderfer, 465th ARS, has been recently assigned as the Wing's new Exercise Team Chief. In that capacity, he and his exercise evaluation team have developed a script that highlights the very real possibility of an attack against Tinker AFB. Before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, such an attack against a stateside military base was not widely thought to be realistic.

The Air Force has recently adopted a new Chemical Warfare concept of operations. This new CONOPS assumes that an entire air base may not be under the same post-attack risks to personnel from chemical or biological agents. Bases can be divided geographically into differ-

ent sectors or areas which might require different protective chemical suit MOPP levels depending upon the type of agent and its delivery mode, wind direction, surface runoff, etc. Tech Sgt. Mike Thomas, Readiness specialist from CES and a key member of Major Defenderfer's exercise planning team, has provided all Squadron Readiness reps with a powerpoint briefing that explains in detail the new CONOPS and the rationale for the various new assumptions that drive it. Tech Sgt. Thomas has also been giving Shelter Manager and PAR training classes, which will be crucial to this exercise. "PAR" is an acronym for post attack response (previously called sweep teams), and is intended to educate members on how to identify facility and infrastructure damage, suspected contamination, casualties, unexploded ordnance, and the proper up-channeling of that information to the SRC, or Survival Recovery Center.

The overall purpose for exercises of this nature is to ensure that the Wing can protect its most valuable resource, our personnel, while still accomplishing the wartime mission by getting the aircraft back into the air. The Wing has an unprecedented percentage of personnel on their first term of enlistment, and this exercise will afford them a first look at how to survive an attack. As the experienced personnel know only too well, suiting up in MOPP level 2 or 4 has a significant impact on one's ability to accomplish their job. This exercise will serve as refresher training for those and initial ATSO training for our newer members. It's all about Training and mission readiness – make the most of it!

The time has come for me to bid you all a fond farewell.

After 38 years of military service it will seem strange to not have to come out on UTAs and work side by side with you and, most of all, for you. We, the "SH OKIES," have done many great things through the years and what stands out most is that we have been "Forever Ready Always There." We have prepared our troops to take our place when it was time to go. Trained them to make a difference and make it better.

I feel very comfortable

in leaving the 507th, Air Force Reserve, Air Force and our Country in your hands. I am so proud of each and every one of you that I have had the privilege to serve with and for you. Continue to be steadfast in your resolve to keep America safe. It takes a special kind of person to do what we do.

Our Active Duty and Civilian counterparts do not know how we can balance family, job and the Reserve. We all know that it is a calling and that we are a family. We support each other in all endeavors. The legacy of the "SH OKIES" is a great

one, always be proud of our accomplishments and thank you for being a part of my life.

Respectfully
Chief Kellington



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On The Cover



A Navy A-6 Prowler takes on fuel from a 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker.

(Photo by Tech Sgt. Darby Perrin)



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Unit prepares for RIMPAC 2004 exercise



By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

Next month, approximately 70 members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing will participate in RIMPAC, the largest maritime exercise in the world.

For roughly 20 days, from July 6-23 in two 10-day rotations, unit aircraft and crews will travel to Hickam AFB, Hawaii to join up with naval and air forces from seven other nations.

RIMPAC is a major maritime exercise held every two years involving more than 50 ships and 200 aircraft. Six Pacific Rim nations and the United Kingdom participated in RIMPAC 2002. Other participating nations include armed forces from Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States.

Although RIMPAC is primarily a Navy exercise, 22,000 Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers, Coastguardsmen and Marines support it. RIMPAC 2004 is the 19th in a series of RIMPAC exercises which began in 1971, and which have been held every two years since 1974.

RIMPAC is intended to enhance the tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide array of combined operations at sea. By enhancing interoperability, RIMPAC helps to promote stability in the Pacific Rim region to the benefit of all participating nations. This year's exercise will include a variety of surface combatant ships, submarines, tactical aircraft, amphibious and ground forces and a U.S. aircraft battle carrier group.

According to unit RIMPAC Project Officer, Maj. Kenneth Humphrey, "This will be the third time the 507th has par-

Five United States warships cruise in formation lead by USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) during a previous RIMPAC exercise. RIMPAC is the largest maritime exercise in the Asia-Pacific region, bringing together military forces from seven different nations. (U.S. Navy photo by PH2(NAC) David C. Mercil.)

ticipated in the joint exercise. This is a very beneficial exercise for us. While we refuel Navy E-6 aircraft here at Tinker on a regular basis, because of the aircraft size, it's very similar to refueling other Air Force aircraft."

When unit aircraft arrive, they will join up with a tanker fleet, involving a mix of active duty, guard and reserve units, to operate as a tanker cell supporting the variety of Air Tasking Orders received daily by the U.S. Navy.

"At this exercise, we're participating with the various battle groups and frigates...all the activities associated with a large joint naval and air operation," Major Humphrey said. "We're dealing with new terminologies and phrases over the airwaves. 'Call your mother, Call your Father' (referring to battle groups at sea). You hear phrases you don't deal with daily while flying out of Oklahoma."

The major said the exercise provides a good opportunity to practice how the air arm works with naval forces and allows unit crews to gain experience and competence working in a joint effort. "You also have the international flavor to the exercise, all the allied nations that border the Pacific Rim," he said.

The major said unit aircraft will primarily be detailed to refueling U.S. Navy aircraft while deployed, adding that there really isn't much difference to refueling over water as opposed to overland missions. "We'll be working off air charts for the warning areas in and around Hawaii and refueling mostly Navy fighter aircraft with our drogue boom attachment."

Congress to begin reviewing spending proposals

WASHINGTON - Congress has considered several legislative proposals since 9/11 designed to help reservists and their families cope with activations, high operational and personnel tempo, family separations and shifts in annual income.

One of the most recent is Senate Bill 2068, the Guard and Reserve Enhanced Benefits Act of 2004. Introduced in February, the bill would expand benefits beyond those outlined in President Bush's \$401 billion proposed 2005 Department of Defense budget.

The Senate bill calls for providing child care assistance grants, expanding Montgomery GI Bill benefits, deferring student loan payments, reducing the age for drawing reserve retirement pay and expanding TRICARE coverage re-

gardless of employment or insurance status. The bill also allows employers to claim up to \$12,000 in tax credits for the pay differential of National Guard and Reserve employees.

"Congress will begin its markup of the president's budget for DOD in early May," said Wayne Gracie, director of Policy Integration in the Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon. "It will take a close look at S. 2068 and other proposals. Some of the provisions have been recommended before and have not been enacted into law."

In its review, one major factor that Congress will take into account is the number of mobilized reservists. As of April 27, the Department of Defense reported that more than 170,000 re-

servists and National Guard members were mobilized. Of that number, more than 5,400 were reservists in Air Force Reserve Command.

If the president's budget for fiscal 2005 is enacted, the Air Force Reserve would receive \$3.788 billion to train, equip, organize and administer some 76,000 reservists. This request is comprised of \$2.24 billion for operation and maintenance, \$1.464 billion for reserve personnel and \$84 million for military construction.

"We won't know what's included in the final authorization and appropriations bills until probably later this summer," said Mr. Gracie. "A lot can happen between now and when the president signs a spending or authorization bill into law." (AFRC News Service)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight L. Magnus

The Fellowship of the Red Bandanna

Memorial Day has just passed. Fathers Day is coming. I hope this story will challenge you to a life of service before self and serving others for God.

As stories began to emerge from the survivors of the South Tower of the World Trade Center, several mentioned a mysterious young man who stepped out of the smoke and horror to lead them to safety. They did not know who saved their lives, but this they did remember: Wrapped around his mouth and nose was a red bandanna.

For 76 minutes, the man in the red bandanna barked orders, and led people to safety down stairwells. He said, "I found the stairs, follow me. I know the way out. I will lead you to safety." He urged them to keep going down, then headed back up never to be seen again.

Six months later, on March 19, 2002, the body of the man with the red bandanna was found intact alongside firefighters in a makeshift command center in the South Tower lobby buried under 110 stories of rubble.

Slowly the story began to come out. Welles Crowther graduated from Boston College where he played Lacrosse, always carrying his trademark red bandanna. At 16 he be-

came a junior volunteer firefighter, following in his dad's footsteps. After college he joined Sandler O'Neil and Partners and worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower. His dream was to become a firefighter or public servant. On Sept. 11, at the age of 24, Welles Crowther became both, and also a hero — the "man in the red bandanna."

- Welles was willing: willing to serve and to make a sacrifice for the good of others.

- He was also prepared: he trained so when the time came he was ready.

- Both willing and able, Welles did not miss his moment. He went up while everyone else was coming down.

Are you willing to go up while everyone else is coming down? Are you willing to be God's representative of the moment? Are you willing to join the fellowship of the Red Bandanna?

UTA Services

Saturday Lunchtime Topic:

Conflict Resolution

Sunday Protestant Service (7:30)

Sermon: What Kind of Person is This?

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

Engine swap out no problem for unit propulsion crew

By Master Sgt. Floyd Gordon
507th Maintenance Group

Keeping the unit's Stratotanker aircraft at peak operational maintenance can be a daunting task for the men and women of the 507th Maintenance Group.

In addition to the daily, routine maintenance and inspections, every 360 days each aircraft undergoes a 60-day periodic inspection process, formerly known as an isochronic inspection, to extensively inspect and service the aircraft.

During this periodic inspection, all of the aircraft's panels and selected components are removed for visual and functional inspection and maintenance completes the process by

performing a lube and wash of the aircraft. Typically, one area requiring the least attention during the periodic inspection are the four durable CFM56 engines used to power the aircraft.

For nearly 30 years, CFM engines have proved their reliability as a source of power for the Tanker-Transport fleet. Some of these engines are still performing flawlessly with more than 30,000 hours of operational use.

According to SMSgt. Rodney Mesenbrink, 507th MXG Propulsion Flight Chief, "This engine is the most reliable we've worked on here." In fact the last time an engine needed to be changed out on a unit aircraft occurred seven years ago. Because of the engine's durability, it's not uncommon for engine specialists to consider themselves similar to the familiar Maytag repairman commercials as seen on television.

All that changed last April, as engine specialists conducted a borescope examination of engine #1 of aircraft 63-8880 as part of the aircraft's periodic inspection phase. A borescope is similar to the instrument used by a doctor when they look inside a person. Basically, a long tube with a camera lens at the end, the borescope is inserted into the engine to provide a visual inspection of the fan blades and other moving parts.

While looking through the engine at the different stages, the engine team found a few damaged blades. On further inspection they found even more damaged blades. The cause of the damage was assumed to come from a material known as METCO, which is used to make a seal between the compressor blades and the engine case.

In this particular engine, the METCO had delaminated or separated from the engine case, causing damage to the fan blades.

After consulting with aerospace engineers from the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, the decision was made to conduct an engine swap-out.

A team was assembled consisting of Tech Sgt. Daniel Anderson, Tech Sgt. Dave Wallis, Master Sgts. Keith Brown and Floyd Gordon, along with Tech Sgt. Loren Hall and Master Sgt. Wayne Miller, to begin the two-day process of completing the exchange.

After disconnecting all of the lines and cables from the engine, the next step for the team was to get the trailer into position. Removing the engine from a KC-135 is different from other aircraft en-

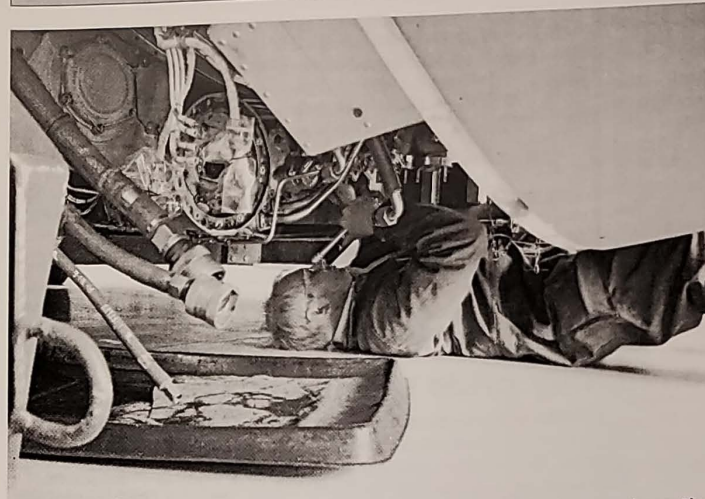


Tech Sgt. Daniel Anderson works with other team members to position the engine under the strut to raise the engine in place. The entire process takes approximately five hours.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Melba Koch

"Readiness Is OUR Number One Priority"

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Master Sgt. Keith Brown unbolts the nose cowl to be used on the replacement engine.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry



Master Sgts. Keith Brown, Floyd Gordon and Wayne Miller remove the nose cowl from the old engine as part of the QEC (quick engine change) process.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Melba Koch

gine removals. Using chains, blocks, and tackles and a special stress monitoring scale known as a dynamometer, chains are attached to lift points under the wing and the trailer is raised up to the engine where it is bolted to the engine. During the five-hour operation, the engine team constantly watched the dynamometer to monitor the lifting weight on the wing. The process of raising the 3200-pound trailer to the engine and then lowering the trailer and its 5,787 pound engine payload as one unit back to the ground also required monitoring and transferring aircraft fuel load to adjust the aircraft's center of gravity during the operation.

"Getting an aircraft out of balance during the engine swap out would not be a good thing," Mesenbrink said adding that an improper balance could cause the plane to fall back on its tail if it wasn't balanced properly.

With the engine removal complete, the team took the engine to the shop to remove the nose cowl and put it on the replacement engine using a bridge crane.

"While we were completing that task, the Non-Destructive Inspection shop was inspecting the engine mounts for any cracks," Mesenbrink said. With the cowl swap out complete, the crew took the replacement engine back to the aircraft for installation.

According to Lt. Col. James McDonnell, 507th Maintenance Group commander, "Even though this wasn't a typical day for our engine personnel, they really did a great job catching the problem with the engine and then completing the repairs so the aircraft could return to flying status."

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513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. Gregory "Farb" Phillips

A fond hello

Let me begin by saying how thrilled I am that once again I am to become a part of the 513th. Some of you may remember me from the past, but the majority may not. Granted, my stay in the 513th was short and sweet, nevertheless, it still counts as I was also involved in the planning of the unit from the very concept of the program. I may very well be the individual you hold responsible for something you do or do not

like about the program; however, I hope you will give me credit for the many good things that the program has in it. For the next several weeks please be patient with me because you must only remember one new face while I, on the other hand, have to remember nearly 400 new faces.

I know that this unit is full of highly professional achievers and I expect each and every one of you to continue to perform in the exceptional manner this unit is known for as I take the reins here. I am extremely pleased in the good will that has been developed over these last years between the active duty and our unit. It is very obvious that the idea of an AWACS associate has taken well.

I look forward to being your commander and hope that I can help the unit carry on in the outstanding tradition it has established over these many years. God bless.

513th builds community pride with dedication flyover

Amid a round of appreciative applause, an E-3 Sentry flown by members of the 513th Air Control Wing conducted a fly over during the May 3 dedication ceremony for the new Federal Building complex in downtown Oklahoma City.

The 81,100-square-foot office building replaces the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, a nine-story structure that was destroyed by a truck bomb on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people.

Officials stated that the presence of Air Force aircraft during the dedication ceremony also served to reinforce the dedication and commitment of our nation's military in support of Homeland Defense.

"Over a dozen active duty members and defense department personnel lost their lives in the event. We were proud to be able to support the dedication ceremony and help honor those people and the others who died in the bombing,"

said E-3 aircraft commander Lt. Col. Matt Van Winkle, commander of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

Special dignitaries attending the event included The Honorable Ernest J. Istook, Jr. United States House of Representatives, Fifth Congressional District of Oklahoma; The Honorable Mick Cornett, Mayor of Oklahoma City; Col. Sheila M. Q. Scanlon, U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, Western Sector, U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command; The Honorable Roy A. Bernardi, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; The Honorable Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, General Services Administration, and The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States. Vocal selections for the ceremony were presented by the Cherokee National Youth Choir singing in their native language.

"Everyone was impressed and delighted that the 513th Air Control Group was able to support our dedication ceremony. I received so many favorable comments about their flyover. We all appreciated them being there and supporting our event," said Ms. Karen Worley of the U.S. General Services Administration and project coordinator for the event.



An E-3 Sentry flies over the new Federal Building complex on May 3 during a dedication ceremony.

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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 must show course number/title, credit hours and cost of tuition.

Complete TA forms in our office PRIOR to class start date.

HQAFCR 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 will be scheduled for FY05.

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.

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- 2. Point Summaries** - Point Summaries can also be viewed and printed.
- 3. Record Review RIPS** - You will now be notified via e-mail, on your birthday, to log on to VMPE to review your RIP.
- 4. 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.

IEUopen from 1200-1500 on Saturday of the main UTA.

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

FY2004/2005 UTA SCHEDULE

10-11 Jul 04	07-08 Aug 04
11-12 Sep 04	30-31 Oct 04
20-21 Nov 04	04-05 Dec 04
08-09 Jan 05	05-06 Feb 05
05-06 Mar 05	02-03 Apr 05

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TRAINING PLANNER

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	Unit Designated
0730-0930	Computer Based Testing	Bldg 1030, Room 214
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
0730-0930	Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY	
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0900-1000	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
1000-1130	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf 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
1130-1200	Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion Vanwey Dining Facility	
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
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Sun, 06 June 2004

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0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	513th ACG Auditorium
0730-0800	Catholic Mass	Bldg 1066, OG 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	Supr. Safety Training	Bldg 1030, Room 104
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
0900-1000	Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
1245-1545	First Duty Station	Bldg 1030, Room 214
1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	CAT
1400-1500	IG period w/Capt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
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0830-1030	Haz Comm (Non-Supvr)	Bldg 1030, Room 104
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1300	SORTS/Post UTA Mtg	CAT
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	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. You will need to know your date of rank, pay date, and command (ex: AFRC) in order to sign on. Then click on the VMPP icon and follow instructions. Questions should be directed to Customer Service at 734-7492.

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	1300-1315	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
Saturday	1530-1600	Fam. Support Svc.	DPAF
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
Sunday	1245-1545	First Duty Station	ME

UCMJ Briefing:

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

Ethics Briefing:

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Room 214.

Disaster Preparedness:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical Warfare Training, by name, at least one UTA prior to the requested dates by calling CEX at 734-4460. All personnel must bring a complete training ground crew ensemble (GCE) including the mask and its hood to all classes. Those attending Initial must be prepared to process through a tear agent chamber. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without a complete GCE with mask, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show.

Drug Testing: You must report within two hours of notification.

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7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
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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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507th celebrates National Nurse's Week

By Tech. Sgt. Lonnie G. Royal
507th Medical Squadron

This week of May 6-12th is National Nurse's week recognizing the nurses all over the world in many facets of the civilian and military community. The 507th recognizes the hard

nurses by the *National Association of School Nurses*.)

The military and civilian community conducts celebrations on these dates to recognize the contributions that nurses and nursing make to the community. The ANA supports and encourages *National Nurses Week* recognition programs through the state and district nurses associations, other specialty nursing organizations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.

A brief history of *National Nurses Week*

1953 Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made!

1954 *National Nurse Week* was observed from October 11 - 16. The year of the observance marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea. Representative Frances P. Bolton sponsored the bill for a nurse week. Apparently, a bill for a National Nurse Week was introduced in the 1955 Congress, but no action was taken. Congress discontinued its practice of joint resolutions for national weeks of various kinds.

1972 A resolution was presented again by the House of Representatives for the President to proclaim "National Registered Nurse Day." It did not occur!



Nurses group: front row from left to right, Capt. Sherry L. Jorgensen; Capt. Esther M. Mitchell; Maj. Gwendolyn L. McKay. Back row: from left to right, Capt. Myra L. Berry; Capt. Michelle Billeter; Maj. Gail A. Livengood and Maj. Sandra G. Steblin (Chief Nurse)

work and dedication of our nurses and those medical technicians with nursing degrees who tirelessly work to maintain our health and promote wellness in the community.

History of National Nurses Week

The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association (ANA) since 1897. Nurses from all over have been recognized this week for outstanding dedication and selfless efforts to provide their professional services to all they contact.

"Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life" is this year's theme for National Nurses Week, celebrated May 6-12 each year. *National Nurses Week* begins May 6 and ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as *National Student Nurses Day*, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, *National School Nurse Day* is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year. (Previously, the fourth Wednesday in January had been set aside for the recognition of school



These 507th MDS 4N0X1 Aerospace Medical Service technicians also serve in the nursing field in their civilian jobs. From left to right, Staff Sgt. Adrian J. Theerman (Nursing student); Tech Sgt. Larry Nugent, LPN and Tech Sgt. Jennifer L. Trevino, RN, OB Nurse.

1974 In January of that year, the *International Council of Nurses* (ICN) proclaimed that May 12 would be "International Nurse Day." (May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale.) Since 1965, the ICN has celebrated "International

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Chickenpox vaccine

Why should you get vaccinated?

By Tech Sgt. Lonnie G. Royal
507th Medical Squadron

A common childhood disease, **chickenpox**, known as varicella, is usually mild in childhood but can be very serious in infants and adults. Chickenpox is a virus that is spread from person to person by contact from the fluid in chickenpox blisters. This virus is also transmitted through the air.

The most common symptoms are: tiredness, fever, and itching. The symptoms can lead to scars, severe skin infections, brain damage, and even death. As a result of more serious symptoms, about 12,000 people are hospitalized yearly for chickenpox. Approximately 100 persons die yearly of this disease. The good news is that the chickenpox vaccine may prevent

contracting chickenpox.

In the event someone does take the vaccine and contracts chickenpox, it is usually mild and recovery is quicker. So, when and who should get the vaccine? Children between 12 and 18 months should get one dose of chickenpox vaccine. If the child has never had chicken pox, it should be administered at any age. Children who do not get the vaccine until 13 years of age should get two doses, 4-6 weeks apart.

Those who have a life-threatening allergy to gelatin cannot take the chickenpox vaccine, but there are alternative drugs to help. People who are moderately or severely ill should delay taking the vaccine until well again. Pregnant women should wait until they give birth. Women should not get pregnant for a month after taking the vaccine.

Chickenpox vaccine can be given with other vaccinations in most cases. The chances of the vaccine causing harm or death are extremely small. The risks are very minimal. If you have concerns depending on your medical history and allergies, check with your doctor prior to taking the vaccine.

The 507th Medical Squadron will be providing the chickenpox vaccine to all personnel in the wing. The advanced version of chickenpox, shingles, is a painful rash that can be prevented by taking the vaccine.

You can obtain more information regarding the chickenpox vaccine from the *Center of Disease Control and Prevention* by calling (800) 232-2522 or visit the National Immunization Program's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip>.

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Nurse Day."

1974 In February of that year, a week was designated by the White House as *National Nurse Week*, and President Nixon issued a proclamation.

1978 New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne declared May 6 as "Nurses Day." Edward Scanlan, of Red Bank, N.J., took up the cause to perpetuate the recognition of nurses in his state. Mr. Scanlan had this date listed in Chase's Calendar of Annual Events. He promoted the celebration on his own.

1981 ANA, along with various nursing organizations, rallied to support a resolution initiated by nurses in New Mexico, through their Congressman, Manuel Lujan, to have May 6, 1982, established as "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

1982 In February, the ANA Board of Directors formally acknowledged May 6, 1982 as "National Nurses Day." The action affirmed a joint resolution of the United States Congress designating May 6 as "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

1982 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" to be May 6, 1982.

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1990 The ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6-12, 1991, as *National Nurses Week*.

1993 The ANA Board of Directors designated May 6-12 as permanent dates to observe *National Nurses Week* in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

1997 The ANA Board of Directors, at the request of the *National Student Nurses Association*, designated May 8 as *National Student Nurses Day*.

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1998 — To celebrate the work of the 2.6 million registered nurses throughout the United States and particularly those who play key roles in the highest levels of government — Congress and the Executive Branch — the American Nurses Association (ANA) is hosting a reception on May 6, the first day of National Nurses Week.

Let us stand and recognize the many nurses who have provided themselves to give us the support to maintain and heal our diseases, ailments, and disorders. A special thanks to Major Steblin, Chief Nurse and all the nursing services technicians who stand by their sides at the 507th Medical Squadron to give us the best health care possible.

To all the Nurses: *Happy National Nurse's Week!*

Recruiter retires, continues busy lifestyle

By Tech Sgt. Melba Koch
507th ARW Public Affairs Technician

Master Sgt. Larry Wheatley may be retiring from Air Force recruiting, but he's not retiring to a life of leisure. He will continue to recruit and lead young people to the Lord.



Wheatley has served 21 years, nine months, with 12-plus years in the recruiting program, and has brought in approximately 250 Air Force Reserve recruits. He will now devote more time to

the Word Aflame Ministries in Midwest City as associate pastor. "I felt called to youth ministry and outreach and have served at Word Aflame since 1998."

Wheatley began his Air Force career as a material facilities specialist before becoming an active duty recruiter. After 14 years of active duty he answered the call to become a Reserve recruiter. "My recruiter was fair and honest with me and I wanted to give young people the same opportunity I had," said Wheatley. "It was quite an opportunity for a poor kid from Kentucky. I never regretted it. A hard part of being active duty and traveling was our children not getting to know their grandparents, but it made the immediate family stronger."

After being stationed in Okinawa, Wheatley felt called into youth ministry. "A lot of people don't see the value of a young person, but dealing with young people is a natural progression from recruiting."

My deputy commander major in Okinawa had a great impact on me. He showed that he could be a commander and have a one-on-one relationship with subordinates. I learned to take each day as it came and to deal with each situation as it comes to you. Every assignment has had people who influenced me, from Chief Garza to my first supervisor.

"Master Sgt. Larry Wheatley has been one of the best

Assistant Senior Recruiters I have had the pleasure of serving with," said Chief Master Sgt. Alfonso Garza Jr., 507th ARW Senior Recruiter. "Larry epitomizes the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all you do. He is loved and respected by our recruiting staff and command. As he goes forward to pursue his destiny we have mixed emotions. We are saddened because we will miss him; however, we feel great joy to know that his family will be blessed as he goes forward to his higher calling. Godspeed my Friend," said Chief Garza.

For new people starting their career, the first thing to do is trust that your supervisor and leadership have your best interest at heart. If you're going to put forth the effort, do it 100 percent. A job is always worth doing right the first time.

Wheatley has seen a lot of changes over the years. For one, downsizing, and the dramatic effects on how to do business ... doing more with less. On the downside, some programs have been done away with and a lot of those folks remaining are overworked. The Air Force is better in a lot of ways though, like technology. The caliber of young people has the potential to be sharper. It all boils down to mid-level supervisors leading tomorrow's generation.

Short-term goals/plans include substitute teaching in the local area. And long-range plans do not sound much like retirement either. They include obtaining a teaching certificate and pursuing a masters in education degree with a desire to teach at the secondary level or junior college in computers or business courses.

Wheatley has also been accepted into the Troops to Teachers program. This program assists eligible military personnel into a new career as public school teachers in schools serving students from low-income families. TTT helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-needs subject areas, and assists military personnel in making successful transitions to second careers in teaching.

Troops to Teachers Program a benefit



The TTT program was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2000 transferred the responsibility for program oversight and funding to the U.S. Department of Education but continued operation by the Department of Defense. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 provides for the continuation of TTT through Fiscal Year 2006. TTT is managed

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Reservists learn coaching skills

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

When it comes to building team performance, learning how to coach your mission can be a vital skill.

Twenty-one unit reservists attended a special two-hour workshop hosted by the Reserve Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) last month to learn how to become better coaches.

The workshop, the second in a series being offered by the HRDC, was taught by Capt. Mark Vardaro, 507th Inspector General.

Captain Vardaro, a business consultant in private life, challenged the attendees to consider their involvement as coaches in supporting the mission. "A coach is someone who tells the people around them that what they do matters and makes a difference," Captain Vardaro said.

"We all encounter people who have helped or taught us... sometimes simply given us an encouraging word when we needed it or a second chance to do something right. A coach BELIEVES in you and tries to steer you away from those dead-end roads. Coaches are people who care about you, get honest with you, trust you and push you to do more," Vardaro said.

The workshop began with a special drop-in visit by Brig. Gen. John Grueser, 4th Air Force vice commander, who stressed the importance of HRDC work-

shops such as those being hosted by the unit. The 507th ARW and 513th ACG HRDC is at present the only reserve unit sponsoring workshops in the command. "The Air Force Reserve Command is very interested in what you are doing here today and we in 4th Air Force are very proud of this unit stepping forward to offer this training to its reservists," the general said.

During the workshop, participants focused on their daily role as mentors, in relationship building, and team building. Pulling from his personal experiences while serving as unit IG Captain Vardaro included examples to support those attending improve their skills for performance feedback sessions, performance

planning and management.

Attendees were treated to a fast-paced, light-hearted management training video which introduced techniques to approach difficult issues and also conducted team exercises to complete the session.

According to Col. Stayce Harris, 507th ARW vice commander, "Our HRDC Workshop last month was a great success! Captain Vardaro is a wonderful and inspiring coach. It was truly a team effort by all the HRDC members. General Grueser was 'wowed' by the attendance and enthusiasm for our workshops."

Unit members are encouraged to look for future announcements of additional HRDC workshops planned for later this year.



Workshop attendees take a break and dine on pizza during the HRDC coaching workshop last month.

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by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, Pensacola, Fla.

The TTT homepage provides information and resource links, including a job referral system to allow participants to search for job vacancies as well as links to state Departments of Education, state

certification offices, and other job listing sites in public education.

Pending availability of funds, financial assistance may be provided to eligible individuals as stipends up to \$5,000 to help pay for teacher certification costs or as bonuses of \$10,000 to teach in schools serving a high percentage of stu-

dents from low-income families. Participants who accept the Stipend or Bonus must agree to teach for three years in schools that serve students from low-income families in accordance with the authorizing legislation.

For additional information, visit <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com>.

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This isn't Ft. Knox's gold bars

By Capt. Bill Pierce
507th ARW Public Affairs

This may not be the same gold as Ft. Knox's, but for the men and women who are pinned as Second Lieutenants it might as well be.

Beginning next month, the 507th Air Refueling Wing will hold an annual Commissioning Board, under the direction of Col. Robert R. Colyer, 507th Mission Support Group commander. "We want to see fair opportunities for our people to pursue career advancements within this Wing," said Colyer.

Second lieutenants have been through some type of selection process ever since Congress gave them their distinctive insignia "butterbars" in 1917. "Just like those before them, candidates interested will find that part of the selection process is surviving the paperwork process," said Colyer.

"July was selected as the month the 507th Commissioning Board will convene. This gives potential officer candidates the opportunity to have their degrees posted to their transcript and finalize their commissioning packets," said Colyer.

Each officer candidate will submit his/her commissioning packet to the commissioning board and partake in an oral review process. The board is made up of a chairperson (O-6), two board members (O-4 to O-6s) and a non-voting senior non-commissioned officer serving in an advisory capacity.

"Candidates are encouraged to submit their packets six months in advance," said Tech Sgt. Melanie Berkley, 507th

ARW Career Enhancement.

According to Colyer, the minimum requirements for a commissioning package include:

- A Bachelor Degree (preferably with degree conferred on college transcript)
- AFOQT Results (15 percentile in the verbal and 10 percentile in the quantitative composites – pilots and navigators requirements differ)
- Satisfactory commissioning physical
- Satisfactory Fit to Fight score
- Availability to attend the Academy of Military Science and advanced job specific training
- Enlisted Performance Report (the last three)
- Satisfactory completion of Basic Military Training and appropriate technical school
- Letter of recommendation from your current commander

Once rated, candidates will be placed on a list along with their preferences (maintenance, services, etc.). Their names will remain on the selection list for one year. Should a candidate not be picked up, he/she will need to reapply the next year.

Candidates will be notified by letter within approximately seven days following their meeting with the board. Should a candidate be turned down, he/she may reapply to meet the next commissioning board.

Anyone interested in submitting or needing information on how to submit a commissioning package is encouraged to contact Berkley, the official point of contact, by phone (405) 734-7491 or by e-mail at Melanie.Berkley@tinker.af.mil.

Military phone card donation program goes public

The Department of Defense announced today that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help servicemembers call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://www.aafes.com/>, the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com/>, and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mecs.org/>. Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships — anywhere servicemembers are

deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers, never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

Gift certificates are also available. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.commissaries.com> or by calling toll free (877) 770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Homefront" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and <http://www.navy-nex.com> or by calling toll free (877) 770-GIFT.

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General Bradley nominated to lead Air Force Reserve

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley has been nominated by the president to the Senate for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, relinquished command of AFRC during a ceremony here May 11. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper presided over General Sherrard's retirement, which took effect June 1.

General Bradley is the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters in the Pentagon. Other recent assignments since that December 2002 appointment include:

Deputy commander of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations, U.S. Space Command, Arlington, Va., from March 2002 to December 2002; Commander of 10th

Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, from February 1998 to March 2002; and

Deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C., from February 1993 to February 1998.

The chief of Air Force Reserve serves as principal adviser on Reserve matters to the Air Force chief of staff. In the dual-hat role, the AFRC commander is responsible for supervising Air Force Reserve units worldwide.

General Bradley began his Air Force career in September 1967 as a mathematician and program analyst at Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, in March 1970, and separated from the active force in April 1973 to join the Air Force Reserve at Barksdale AFB, La. (AFRC News Service)

Maintenance officer writes science fiction book

By Maj. Richard Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

During the day, Maj. Rick R. Reich works as the senior Air Reserve Technician maintenance officer for the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, but at night he is reaching for the stars.

Major Reich recently completed a novel, a science fiction yarn, entitled "Galactic Future: Destiny."

The 336-page novel, Major Reich's first book, was started shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, and took 2 and 1/2 years to complete. "It took about three months to get the story outlined. I worked on the book an hour or two in the evenings," he said.

Reich, an avid science fiction fan, began reading sci-fi books at a young age and says he was also influenced by television shows and movies such as Star Trek and Star Wars. Reich's book takes the reader into the future of the human race as we encounter technological changes that take us out to explore the universe. Humans will discover that many of the intelligent life forms in the galaxy are very similar to us and will want

to become our friends. The book's central figure, Derrick Starlander, will have his life changed from one simple encounter. He will soon learn that his destiny is greater than what he envisioned.

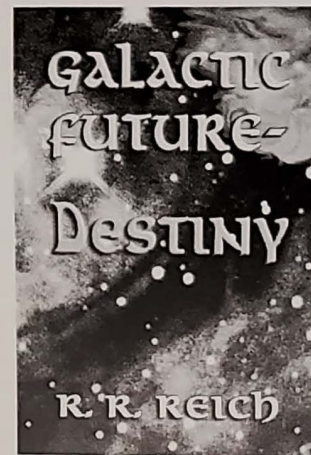
"I have read many of the Star Wars books and wanted to write a story that would fit into their series. After almost

six months of trying to find a character that continued to live from one book to another (without success), I decided to write about our future in the galaxy," the major said.

Currently his book, the first in a planned seven-book series, is being printed by self-publishing company but Major Reich said he is trying to get his novel picked up by a major publishing company. "I am sending the book out to several companies. Other authors I've spoken with say it may be six to nine months before I can expect a reply, so we'll see," he said.

Major Reich said his second book is about half finished and should be ready for publishing at the beginning of January 2005. Major Reich was born in Texas and raised in Oklahoma where he currently lives with his wife and two daughters. He holds a MBA degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Currently, "Galactic Future" is being promoted at his publisher's web site at <http://www.booklocker.com/books/1550.html>.



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Uprose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW: "Do you have any special plans for this summer?"



Sr. Airman Jacquelyn Stauffer, 72nd APS

"Yes, I plan on taking a week off to relax at the beach with my family. It will be a much needed break!"



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hudson 72nd APS

"I am going to spend time with my family, enjoy annual tour, and see Eric Clapton and Van Halen! WooHoo!"



Tech. Sgt. Leann Novosel 507th LRS

"Wish! Annual tour and spend time with friends."



Staff Sgt. Lee West 507th LRS

"I'll be doing nothing major but going to school trying to finish up my degree."



Staff Sgt. Courtney Penn, 507th MXS

"I'm going on a cruise in June; spend time with my family; also study to become an officer."



Sr. Airman Adrian Mack 507th LRS

"Yes, I plan on getting an extra job, and taking a few classes."



Maj. Matthew Borszcz, left, presents Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Stewart, 72nd APS, with a certificate upon his retirement recently. Stewart completed 35 years service. He currently works at the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office (DRMO).



Maj. Sandra Brooks, 507th LSS commander, presided over retirement ceremonies for Master Sgt. Freeman Pittman on May 2. Pittman retired with 24 years military service. He works on base at the OC-ALC Transportation and Packaging Management Branch, Materiel Management Division.

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Col. Tim Forrest, 507th JAG, says his goodbyes to unit members during a going away luncheon held last month. Forrest took an IMA position at Offutt AFB, Neb., but will continue to work on Tinker at the base JAG office.



Doris M. Kitze, former member of the Air Force Reserve, died April 23, 2004 at the age of 72. Doris entered the Air Force in 1952, serving five years on active duty. In 1972 she began the second phase of her service in the Reserve program at the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. She was the 507th first female enlisted member, its first female Air Reserve Technician, and its first female chief master sergeant. She retired March 25, 1992 as chief of Personnel Management. Also pictured is husband Len Kitze.

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Parting Shot



John Ashcroft, U. S. Attorney General, sixth from left; and Ernest J. Istook, Oklahoma Representative, seventh from left; help to cut the ribbon May 3 during the dedication ceremony for the new Federal Building complex in downtown Oklahoma city.

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June UTA blood drive set

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

Reunion Meetings Set

The next meeting of the 937th/507th Breakfast Club for retired AFRES/AFRC reservists will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Midwest City Golden Corral on Air Depot Boulevard. For more information, please contact Gene M. Clayton by mail at 4812 Michael Drive, Del City, OK 73115; telephone (405) 672-0469 or by e-mail at genec672@aol.com.

The next meeting of the 507th Breakfast Club will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, again at Midwest City Golden Corral. Make plans to attend.

SH OKIE Reunion Set

A Sierra Hotel OKIE Reunion is planned for Sept. 17-18, 2004. The reunion is for anyone who served with the 937th group or 507th Group/Wing. The last reunion was held in September 2002. Lots of dignitaries and loads of fun is planned with familiar faces everywhere.

Festivities will begin with a social gathering and barbeque at 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, at the Tinker Club. Other scheduled events include a semi-formal dinner at the Reed Center located at Sooner Rd. and I-40, a golf tournament, and a trip to Bricktown.

This function is not a pilots' reunion, a 507th Fighter Group reunion, or an Okie Maintenance conclave. Instead, it's all of those and more. All current and former "SH Okies" along with their guests, are welcome. The only prerequisite for attendance is that you must have been a bona fide "SH Okie" at some time in your career. All members of the 513th Air Control Group, are invited. For more details, go to <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/9114>.

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