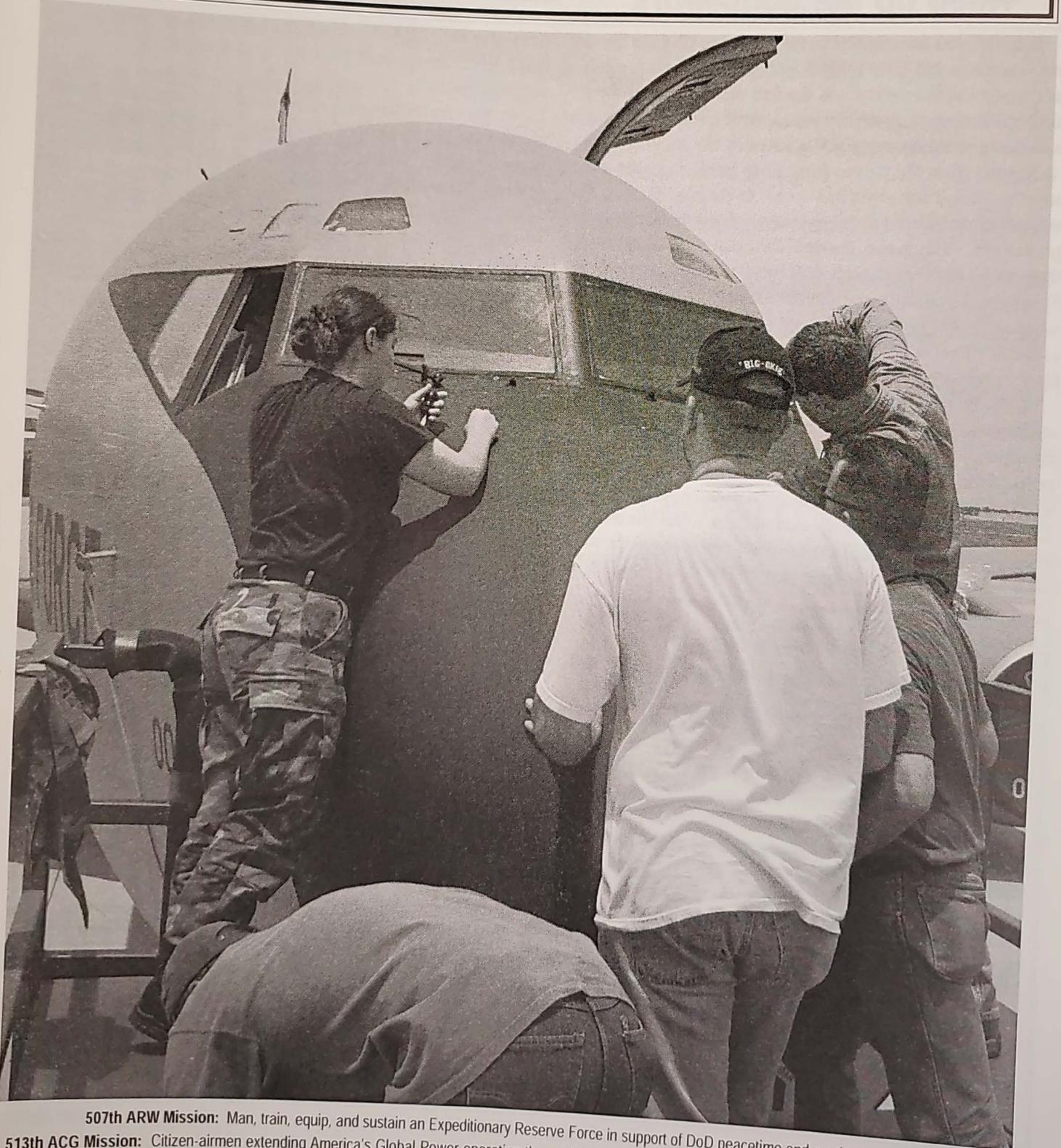


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**513th ACG Mission:** Citizen-airmen extending America's Global Power operating the world's best airborne battle management, warning and control platform.



**507th ARW  
Commander's Column  
By Col. Dean J. Despinoy**

**Keep up the good work**

Many of you participated in the Air Force Climate Survey that was conducted a few months ago. One of the more significant aspects of the survey was the fact that it included the reserve. This is just one more example of how the reserve is considered in almost every action taken by the Air Force.

Results from the survey have been briefed to your commanders. Each squadron has access to the specific data that was generated by the surveys taken by members of that organization. The group commanders can see the results of their group but they can not drill down to the squadron level. Similarly, I can only see the composite data for the entire wing and not an individual group or squadron. I also have the capability to compare our total wing results with other active duty or reserve wings.

I highly encourage the commanders and members of each squadron to view their specific data and discuss it as a unit. The information will act as a catalyst for frank discussion on all aspects of the squadron's operation. I also challenge each of you to take your lowest area or areas and develop a plan to improve.

I will use a portion of my commander's call this month to brief the wing level data from the survey and give you the wing's plan for improvement as appropriate. Overall, I was very im-

pressed with the 507<sup>th</sup> results. The survey indicates what I see on a daily basis, the members of the 507<sup>th</sup> are professionals doing a fantastic job as a full partner in providing for our nation's defense. The leadership is sound and our training and mission capabilities are strong. Even our lowest area was not really low. It ranked well above average for the category.

Even though the survey indicates that things are pretty good, we must use the survey to look very closely for areas where we can improve. All of us should ask ourselves, how can I make things better for the members of the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing?

We are currently in a period of catching our breath. It will not be long before we are, once again, preparing for our AEF cycle overseas. Now is a perfect time to review surveys, run self inspection check lists, and do some of the things that may have been put off because of our high operations and deployment tempo.

Recently I talked to you about some command concerns regarding attention to regulations and detail. As I go through the many work areas of the wing, I am impressed with our operation. I see dedicated people, proud of what they do and why they do it. I see a family who cares about one another as we perform our demanding mission.

The wing's mission-ready indicators look good. Morale seems high and volunteerism remains steady. Keep up the good work and make sure that we are not taking dangerous short cuts. Remember, almost everything we do puts someone's life on the line. Make sure that everything you do is done the right way and in a professional manner. In short, keep being those "Okies" I am so proud to command.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Bradfield

**The real story of Independence**

To have signed the Declaration of Independence was a "big deal" 228 years ago. Those men were, in fact, rebelling against their own government. They argued among themselves at great length if they should take this step. Some felt the timing was not right. We today speak about the cost of freedom. Consider the cost paid by just signing a piece of paper which gave us our great nation that we enjoy.

Twenty-four were lawyers, 11 were merchants, nine were farmers, some were doctors, others were ministers or related to ministers. These were educated men, not mindless rebel rousers. They put their lives and riches on the line. Five men were tortured to death. Twelve had their homes burned down. Nine signers fought and died in the Revolutionary War. The sons of two also died in the war and two others were captured.

John Hart was driven from the bedside of his dying wife and their 13 children scattered. He never saw them again and

he died a few weeks later from exhaustion and a broken heart. Thomas McKeam had to frequently move his family and keep them in hiding because they were so hounded by the enemy. Carter Braxton's merchant ships were sunk, he had to sell his home to pay taxes, and he died in rags.

The real story of independence is of sacrifice, devotion, and patriotism. It must continue in every generation, in whatever war. Should there be tyranny or a threat to another's freedom there is a threat to our own freedom. Our challenge is to help others understand the price of freedom, to value that price when paid by someone else, and to take up the cause. God help us.

**UTA Services**

Saturday Lunchtime Topic:

Conflict Resolution

Sunday Protestant Service (7:30)

Sermon: A Soldier's Story

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

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**On The Cover**



**A 507th Maintenance team installs a new radome on a unit Stratotanker. See related story on page 6.**

(Photo by Maj. Rich Curry)



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## ESGR bosslift produces many satisfied customers

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

Flying on one of our aircraft always amazes me, but a recent BossLift flight left quite an impression.

In May, I was an escort for a three-day flight to Jacksonville, Fla. Naval Air Station. Employers of various Guard and Reserve members throughout the state were invited to attend; 25 accepted.

The purpose of Bosslift flights is to provide employers the opportunity to observe, firsthand, the type and quality of military training and leadership activi-

ties in which their uniformed employees participate when they are absent from the workplace and fulfilling their military duties and responsibilities.

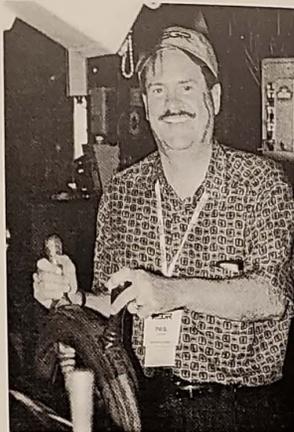
While on the trip, they were able to observe our role in the defense of our nation. Talking to the employers on the trip was like preaching to the choir. They were already singing praises of their military employees. I heard comments about being disciplined employees, received free training from the military that really helped in their workplace, willing to work as a team to get the job done, etc.

Ray Hibbard, publisher of the *Edmond*



An E-3A from the 552 Air Control Wing hooks up to take on fuel from a unit KC-135 during the return flight home.

Photo by Judy Hindman



Paul Creider, American Airlines, stands in the control center onboard the USS John F. Kennedy.

Photo by Erich Langer, 95th Division USAR

*Life & Leisure*, said "It was a great trip that displayed the critical role of our Reserve military men and women."

Jane Lodes, nominated by National Guardsman Paul Campbell, said, "While I've always had great appreciation for Paul's dedication and service, both to Oklahoma Natural Gas and the National Guard, my understanding was certainly expanded by getting to observe, firsthand, the training and leadership activities in which he participates.

"I was, also, very proud to be associated with a company whose culture has been to respect and support our employees who fulfill military responsibilities. We at Oklahoma Natural Gas appreciate service to our country and for the extreme sacrifice made by those who 'lay their lives on the line' for the rest of us."

It really helped me too to see other service members in action. We toured the USS Louisiana, so secret that cameras were not permitted near the sub. Our trip ended with a visit to the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier. I have a lot of respect for sailors who can serve in those capacities, peace time or during war.



Fred Janzen and Erich Langer listen in on flight operations via headsets while sitting in the cockpit.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



Judy Hindman, 95th Division ESGR Program Coordinator, left, and Jean Baxter, OC-ALC employer, right, watch Master Sgt. Kathy Lowman, 465th ARS boom operator, refuel an E-3A during the return flight.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

But something that ceases to amaze me is watching an air-to-air refueling. On the return flight, we refueled an E-3A from Tinker. This served as training for our crew and was like helping out a neighbor. Boom operator Master Sgt. Kathy Lowman said, "Pure excitement would be my impression of our recent bosslift. Everyone on board was extremely

excited about their trip to Jacksonville and the air refueling was just icing on the cake. All the individuals on board were very personable, a great joy to be around. Our AWAC brethren were very accommodating with our request for random air refueling, even after they had responded to a real world rescue mission with an F-15 which crashed off the coast of Panama City."

Thanks to Col. (USA Ret.) Gary Jackson, Executive Director of the OKESGR Committee, and his staff for another successful event. "Colonel Despinoy, many thanks for your outstanding support of our Bosslift 2004," said Colonel Jackson. "Your hospitality is unmatched and you provided a perfect kickoff to our folks with your initial briefing and Major Planer and his crew were just outstanding too. A simple thanks doesn't really define what your efforts meant to our guests on the flight down and back; it was just super."

There will be other opportunities to let your boss see what we/you do. Don't deny them the opportunity to visit us. Watch the *On-final* for more details.



2004 Bosslift employers, ESGR committee members, and flight crew

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

## Extreme makeover

## KC-135s to receive 'nose jobs'

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs Officer

Within the next three years, 495 C/KC-135 aircraft will receive nose jobs, but it's not about vanity. The new noses will last longer and save the Air Force nearly \$30 million.

According to officials from the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's C/KC-135 Systems Program Office here, the 45-year-old plus aircraft will receive NORDAM Weather Master compressed foam core units as organizational level maintenance specialists replace the radomes.

The 507th Air Refueling Wing provided one of its KC-135R Stratotankers last fall to support the final test proof and verify the time-compliance technical order instructions. The Air Force Reserve has 58 KC-135R and 15 KC-135E aircraft assigned to nine air refueling wings. In addition, a Reserve air refueling group flies and maintains KC-135s with an active-duty wing.

The Air Force chose the new radome because of its high-impact resistance and resistance to moisture intrusion, said Ron Hopkins, C/KC-135 structural engineer. It's also 10 pounds lighter and easier to repair.

The new radome consists of a foam core sandwiched between inner and outer fiberglass plies. Hopkins estimates the meantime between failures for the new radome is projected at 17,241 hours versus 1,689 hours on the existing honeycomb.

Current honeycomb radomes are failing and being condemned at a high rate partly due to the radome layers separating, he said.

"Moisture was entering the edge of the older radome where it would freeze and expand at flying altitudes causing disjuncting of the radome materials," Mr. Hopkins said.

The Air Force initially will issue the new radomes to customers as a TCTO modification kit. Most of the C/KC-135 currently being flown will receive these kits. KC-135D/E aircraft will not get the modification because they are pending retirement.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Erickson, NCO in charge of the 507th Maintenance

Group's quality assurance section, said it takes four hours to install the radome.

"It's great to know that our unit can help to improve the readiness of the entire fleet of KC-135s," said Erickson.

Installing the new foam core radome is a reduction of total ownership cost initiative with a projected savings of \$29.6 million during the life of the C/KC-135 weapon system.

Officials expect units will get TCTO, 1C-135-1616, sometime this year and complete the radome replacements by early 2005.



**Air Force Reserve Airman Ron Arredondo visually inspects a new Weather Master radome installed on one of our Wing KC-135R Stratotankers. Arredondo was part of the team supporting the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's fit test and final Time Compliance Technical Order installation kit proof for the new radome.**

Air Force Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

JULY 2004

## As the dust settles, more planning begins

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

Although the dust may have settled from the 507th's recent month-long Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Europe last April, plans are already beginning for next year's expeditionary mission.

For unit reservists, recent Air Force changes to the AEF structure may ask them to deploy for longer durations and serve more time on the tarmac than previous rotations.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Janice Lyles, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Plans Office, this means beginning plans for next year's operation today.

Next year's AEF deployment will involve two other reserve units, the 931st Air Refueling Group, a subordinate unit of the wing located at McConnell AFB, Kans., and the 939th Air Refueling Wing based at the Portland International Airport, Ore.

"Previous AEF deployments were for a 90-day rotation, which were evenly divided between our unit and two other reserve units. Basically, we were able to support our portion with 15-day rotations, or unit members could volunteer to stay the entire 30-day period of our commitment," she said. Unlike other support personnel AEF rotations, which were set up on a 15-month rotation, unit operations and maintenance have supported annual AEF rotations since 1995, with the exception of 2003 when 507th ARW personnel were activated in support of OPERATION Iraqi Freedom. With the new AEF changes, all reservists may see additional increases in normal tempo.

The changes to the AEF cycle stem from a June 8 "Sight Picture" where Air Force Chief of Staff General John P. Jumper outlined Air Force plans to expand the duration of Air Force Air and Space Expeditionary deployments to a minimum of 120 days. The reason for the change, the general explained, is that the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future. Air Force component commanders for the Central Command area of operations need Airmen to deploy for longer tours. This extension allows greater continuity for expeditionary commanders supporting global contingency requirements.

The basic composition of each AEF, including five air expeditionary wings and six air expeditionary groups of airpower and combat support capability, will not change. Low-density and high-demand units will continue to follow Department of Defense-approved deployment guidelines. Mobility aviation units will be postured in multiple AEFs to support the U.S. Transportation Command mission and

other combatant commander needs.

The general said he is aware that changes will present challenges to reserve units, possibly affecting the number of volunteers, and leaders will monitor the situation closely to ensure fairness across the total force. "If you're wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you're part of the AEF," General Jumper said in his sight picture. "This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power."

With the longer 120-day rotations, Sergeant Lyles said that unit reservists will be requested to serve a 20-day rotation. "The issue being discussed at Air Force Reserve Command is how we task reservists with a normal 15-day annual active duty tour commitment to serve 20 day rotations," Sergeant Lyles said.

According to Col. (USA Ret.) Gary Jackson, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve office, "The Uniformed Services employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), is pretty clear regarding tours of duty, whether they involve voluntary tours or activation. The reservist has reemployment rights and cannot be denied the opportunity to serve by his civilian employer."

That said, Jackson encouraged reservists anticipating longer military tours to start talking with their civilian employers about the new changes. "To avoid misunderstanding, it's really important for reservists and guardsmen to talk openly to their civilian employers about their military obligations. I would also strongly encourage all commanders of reservists and guardsmen to engage in outreach efforts with civilian employers to help build understanding and support of national defense."

Sergeant Lyles said the unit Plans office is already working with the 931st ARG and the 939th ARW to coordinate for next year's operational deployment. "The 507th has been identified as the lead unit to start off our AEF cycle and in the beginning period of 2005," she said. Additionally she said the 931st Air Refueling Group has been identified as the lead unit for the second rotational period.

"Since the 931st does not have as many backfill maintenance shops as the other reserve units on tap for this cycle, this means there will be additional opportunities to pull personnel from our unit and the 939th ARW to support the second rotation," she said.

The 507th's spring AEF deployment to Europe involved approximately 80 unit members. While deployed, unit aircraft flew 32 sorties and over 200 hours while offloading 364,600 pounds of fuel to F-16 and French Jaguar aircraft.



### 513th ACG Commander's Column By Col. Gregory "Farb" Phillips

## Are you being noticed?

Military service is an arduous life. We serve long hours, days on end, and sometimes it may seem like no one notices our dedication and commitment.

This got me thinking: "Do people really notice?"

I asked our Public Affairs folks to conduct a quick internet search to find out. I didn't need anything fancy,

just use a search engine to explore what's out there.

The results are pretty impressive.

Using the key word "513th ACG" on Google produced 87 individual hits. "513th Air Control Group" produced 614 hits. "AWACS critical to national defense" brought up 9,810 results while "E-3 Sentry" tallied 13,700 results. The word "AWACS" racked up 151,000 results.

Obviously, we ARE a topic of discussion in our nation and around the world. The importance of what each and every one of you accomplish every day is being noticed.

Be proud of your accomplishments. Our nation needs and appreciates you.

## Fourth Air Force, Tuskegee Airmen team to support ROTC cadets

by Capt. Andra Higgs  
4th Air Force Public Affairs

If the class of seven Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from University of Southern California's Detachment 060 who were recently commissioned are any indication, the 21st century Air Force appears to be in good hands.

Cum laude with honors, dean's list, martial arts, musicians, drill team, marching band, academic and devotional fraternities where just a few activities that consumed these cadets engaged in beyond their dynamic scholastic degree programs in fields such as electrical engineering, communications, international relations, computer science and bio-environmental science.

Detachment 060 was adopted a few years back by the Los Angeles chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. It was that participatory pride that also brought 4th Air Force personnel to the commissioning ceremony. Partners for the past two years in support of the detachment's outreach and cadet development, Brig. Gen. John Gruesser, 4th Air Force vice commander, offered words of advice to the Air Force's newest second lieutenants.

"Learn your supervisor's job as well as you can, because they won't be there very long," said Gen. Gruesser, referring to today's expeditionary force, "and know your job as well as you can so

that you can teach it to somebody else, because you won't be there very long."

Two Tuskegee Airmen, Mr. Roger "Bill" Terry and Mr. Edward Brantley, long-time catalyst for change while in uniform and in the community, were on hand to share remarks and present the Stacey Harris Award. The award is named for Col. Stacey Harris, currently vice commander, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla., an alumnus of USC who also received her commission through Detachment 060. The award is presented to the cadet who exemplifies the greatest will to overcome challenges to stay the course with their ROTC career (toward commissioning).

Part of the Tuskegee Airmen character fundraising efforts are aimed at providing support to students pursuing careers in aviation, math and science. A cash award and an accompanying crystal plaque is given in conjunction with 4th Air Force to the cadet who most exemplifies the spirit of achievement – and overcoming obstacles – of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"What we [Tuskegee Airmen] did changed the Air Force," said Mr. Brantley, former crew chief, during remarks before presenting the Stacey Harris Award to Cadet Erin Campbell, a USC sophomore. Campbell is the second recipient of the award. "We showed through our exemplary record of flying

and service what can happen when you level the playing field and give all men a chance. And now, with this award, we are saying, as well, give the woman a chance," Mr. Brantley said.



**Cadet Erin Campbell, seated left, holds the Stacey Harris Award, presented by the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and 4th Air Force, that was presented at the University of Southern California graduation and commissioning ceremony recently. Also pictured are: Mr. Edward Brantley, Tuskegee Airman, Inc. (seated right); (standing back row, left to right) Mr. Roger "Bill" Terry, TAI, Brig. Gen. John Gruesser, 4th Air Force vice commander and Col. Robert A. McIntosh, Detachment 060 commander.**

### 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. Sharlotte 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. Sharlotte 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.**

**HQ AFRC will approve/disapprove based on funding.**

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$3500 per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500 per FY (Bachelors). For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Sharlotte 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 FY 05.

### 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 MPF

- 1. Address Changes** - You no longer have to go to 4 different screens/areas to update your address!!!
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- 3. Record Review RIPS** - You will now be notified via e-mail, on your birthday, to log on to vMPF 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

07-08 Aug 04	11-12 Sep 04
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**Fri, 09 July 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, 10 July 2004**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0930</b>	<b>Computer Based Testing</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Room 214</b>
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
<b>0730-0930</b>	<b>Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY</b>	
0730-0900	Wing Training Office Closed	Bldg 1043, Room 206
0830-0930	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
1000	Chief Kellington's retirement	Bldg. 1030
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
<b>1130-1200</b>	<b>Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion Vanwey Dining Facility</b>	
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
<b>Unit Designated</b>	<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>Unit Designated</b>

**Sun, 11 July 2004**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Auditorium</b>
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Catholic Mass</b>	<b>Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Room</b>
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
<b>0750-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
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
<b>1300</b>	<b>SORTS/Post UTA Mtg</b>	<b>CAT</b>
1400-1500	IG period w/Capt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Wing CC Call	Base Theater
<b>Unit Designated</b>	<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>Unit Designated</b>

**Fri, 06 Aug 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, 07 Aug 2004**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0930</b>	<b>Computer Based Testing</b>	<b>Bldg 1030, Room 214</b>
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Room 201C
<b>0730-0930</b>	<b>Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY</b>	
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
<b>1130-1200</b>	<b>Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion Vanwey Dining Facility</b>	
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
<b>Unit Designated</b>	<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>Unit Designated</b>

**Sun, 08 Aug 2004**

Unit Designated	Sign In	Unit Designated
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Protestant Chapel Service</b>	<b>513th ACG Auditorium</b>
<b>0730-0800</b>	<b>Catholic Mass</b>	<b>Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room</b>
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
<b>0750-1115</b>	<b>CDC/PME Course Exams</b>	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Room 214
0830-1030	Safety Council/Unit Rep Trng	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
<b>1300</b>	<b>SORTS/Post UTA Mtg</b>	<b>CAT</b>
1400-1500	IG period w/Capt. Vardaro	Bldg 1043, Room B-1
1500	Fly Safety Mtg	Bldg 1048, OPS Briefing Room
<b>Unit Designated</b>	<b>Sign Out</b>	<b>Unit Designated</b>

**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 VMFP 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
<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
Saturday	1530-1600	Family Support Services	DPAF
<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

### 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 734-5249. All personnel must bring a complete training ground crew ensemble (GCE) including the mask and its hood to all classes. Those attending Initial must be prepared to process through a tear agent chamber. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without a complete GCE with mask, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show.

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

## Military Pay

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Military Pay (405)	734-5016
13 July	21 July
15 July	23 July
19 July	28 July
21 July	30 July
27 July	04 Aug
29 July	06 Aug
03 Aug	11 Aug
05 Aug	13 Aug
10 Aug	18 Aug

## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

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

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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## Farewell

## Kellington retires with 38 years service

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

Chief Master Sgt. Robert W. Kellington began his military career in 1964 as a personal flight equipment outfit technician, assigned to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's Air



In the beginning ...

Material Area. He retires this month, after serving more than 38 years, active duty and in the Reserve.

After spending three years at Tinker, Kellington spent a year at 614th Tacti-

cal Fighter Squadron, Life Support Section, Phan Rang AB, Vietnam. Kellington left the military shortly after the Vietnam tour and took a four-year break in service. In 1972 he joined the Reserve and became NCOIC, 507th Tactical Fighter Group, 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron Life Support for the next two years. In 1974 he became superintendent of the 507th Fighter Group. In 1995 Kellington became the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 507th Air Refueling Wing, serving until November 2002. For

the next four months he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid AB, Qatar. Upon his return to Tinker, Kellington continued serving as the Wing's Command Chief Master Sergeant.

Kellington personally met with over 227 families, organized unit representation during deployed family member ac-



Good-natured Bob with a bet that got out of hand.

tivities and recruited and fostered volunteer retention with the Family Support Cell, all of which resulted in the highest levels of combat readiness.

Kellington retired from civil service in March 2001, where he was Chief of the B-1B, B-2 Production Manager Branch, OC-ALC.

He is a life-time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Air Force Sergeants Association, the Non-Commissioned Officer Association, and the Vietnam Veterans Inc.

Retirement for the chief is far from retiring. His plans include spending time with his son Beau; improving his horse-boarding facility; travel; volunteer work with the Oklahoma City Zoo; staying active in the community; making himself available to help others and to spread the word about how great the military is, especially the 507th ARW SH OKIES!

"I have always kept in mind when things need done ... if you don't do it, who will," concluded the chief.



As we have come to know him.

## It happened in 1964 .....

- \* Lyndon Johnson wins presidency by landslide
- \* Khrushchev is deposed
- \* China detonates its first atomic bomb
- \* The first USAF gunship, the AC-47, enters combat in Vietnam
- \* Cost of first-class stamp: 5 cents
- \* Cost of a new home: \$20,500
- \* Cost of a gallon of regular gas: 30 cents
- \* Cost of a gallon of milk: 95 cents
- \* Firsts: Ford Mustang, Kennedy half dollar, Pop-Tarts, zip codes, Lucky Charms
- \* U.S. Surgeon General affirms that cigarette smoking causes cancer
- \* Deaths: Harpo Marx, Douglas MacArthur, Herbert Clark Hoover
- \* Movies: Dr. Strangelove, My Fair Lady, Mary Poppins
- \* Median income: (men) \$23,940; (women) \$7,249
- \* Cost of Beatles concert tickets (\$1.95 - \$7.50)
- \* Nobel Peace Prize Winner: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- \* and Bob Kellington enters the U.S. Air Force

## Welcome

## Tytanic becomes new wing command chief

By Capt. Bill Pierce  
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Chief Master Sgt. Joe Tytanic has been selected as the next 507th Air Refueling Wing Command Chief.

Chief Tytanic entered the military in March 1968 as a crew chief assigned to the 10th Maintenance Squadron. From there Tytanic held numerous positions and eventually rose to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. "I never thought about the Command Chief position until I was selected as Chief myself. Reaching this rank got me to think-



Chief Tytanic talks with Master Sgt. Paula Pate, former 507th ARW legal assistant.

ing about what I could do to impact the wing. That's when the Command Chief opportunity came along.

"I pursued the Command Chief position because of my strong belief in the enlisted corp. They need a person to voice their concerns. I can and will be that voice. Since my promotion to chief I have thought of ways I could serve the enlisted ranks. This will be my way.

"How will I do this? My plan is are to lead by example and make time to be in the field. In order to reach the enlisted, I have to be where they are," said Tytanic.

Following Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert W. Kellington's nine year stint as the wing's top enlisted advisor, Tytanic plans to continue in a similar direction. "Chief Kellington's efforts with the Moore Chamber of Commerce, the awards and recognition program, and his example as a champion of the reserve will be a point at which I can start.

Our Wing has a rich history of honesty and integrity. We will share this history ensuring everyone understands our mission, the Air Force core values and the policies of the 507th ARW. These will be enforced in a fair and equitable way. This ensures everyone has the same opportunities and enables them to accomplish anything they put their minds to.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Joe Tytanic

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## Wing exercise challenges unit war skills



A flight line sweep team reacts to exercise casualties with first aid buddy care.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

By Maj. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs Officer

Members of the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing practiced their Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) skills last month, reintroducing unit members to war skills training.

According to Tech. Sgt. Michael Thomas, 507<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness NCO, overall the exercise provided a good training environment but also demonstrated areas for improvement.

"I believe this exercise provided excellent opportunity for



Building sweep team members help each other suit up using the buddy system.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

the 507 ARW to exercise as a unit," Sergeant Thomas said. "While many of our reservists proved themselves familiar with their personal protection gear, for others this was a reintroduction to the need for a rapid, confident response to changing situations."

Thomas observed that unit members responded to Alarm and MOPP conditions with the proper sense of urgency, performing buddy checks and working together to ensure everyone was aware of current threat conditions.

"We need to work harder to make sure we practice radio discipline so we're not 'talking over' each other and communicating situation information accurately and quickly," he said.

During the Sunday exercise, the unit campus was divided into "zones" with sweep teams assigned to assess and report any findings. Unlike previous exercises, the exercise scenario involved a home station threat. "We, like other military and federal complexes across the country, need to practice as if the threat is occurring on our own doorsteps," Thomas said.

Throughout the exercise, observer teams roamed the various zones, assisting people refine their skills. "It was important that we helped people we were observing having problems so they will be able to do things correctly the next time," Thomas said. "Many people were donning their protection gear for the first time in a very long time and were reacquainted to the restrictions we all have to face getting the job done while in full gear."

No plans have been announced for future training exercises.



A maintenance team waits for the signal to raise the warning flag during the exercise.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

## HRDC plans August weekend workshop

The Reserve Human Resource Development Council is planning to hold a motivational, team-building workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at the 513<sup>th</sup> Conference Room during drill weekend.

Capt. Bill Pierce, 507<sup>th</sup> ARW Public Affairs officer, will lecture this fast-paced workshop intended to take participants through a fun-filled, self-discovery session to better understand their organization and the choices they choose to create a better working environment for themselves and those around them.

"We all make a conscious choice to bring a positive attitude to our jobs," the captain said. "What many people may not

realize is how their choices impact their understanding of their own importance and job satisfaction."

This highly interactive yet simple course will guide unit members through a personal, self-discovery process. Participants will discover, through a peer-to-peer setting, environment strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Captain Pierce said the course will afford unit members the opportunity to make positive, environment-changing choices they may not realize they had the power to make.

"Understanding one has the power to choose the attitude they bring to their workplace can literally create the job of their

dreams," the captain said. By the end of the course unit members will understand where their organization stands as it relates to employee perceptions and where they would like to be perceived. Additionally, unit members will understand the good things their organization is doing and the things they may wish to help change. Members of management are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will include fun team exercises, a light-hearted video, and interactive group activities. Lunch will be provided.

To reserve a seat at the August workshop, members are encouraged to contact Takesha.Williams@tinker.af.mil.



Tech. Sgt. Kelly Hall, right, and husband James, display a spouse certificate and coin she presented to James at her retirement in June. Kelly, a data systems analyst with the 507th Maintenance Operations Squadron, retired with 25 years service (the first 20 years were spent in the Army National Guard). She now works as Management Analyst, Tanker Weapon System Support Center on Tinker AFB.

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Capt. (major selectee) Brian Eddy (with flag) accepts command of the 507th Maintenance Squadron during a change of command ceremony in June. Also in attendance, Lt. Col. James McDonnell, 507th Maintenance Group commander, Senior Master Sgt. Joel Fast, first sergeant, and Maj. Rick Reich, outgoing commander.

# History project tells story of veterans

by Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The letters, memoirs, audio interviews and photographs are “everything that you could imagine,” said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project. The project is an effort which began two years ago by Congress to preserve the stories and memories of America’s war veterans.

The letters speak of combat and what war was like, she said. There are also stories of pranks and funny misfortunes that occurred while veterans were on leave. But most stories, she said, speak of the closeness and camaraderie within the military — “my buddies, my unit and loyalty,” she said. “Loyalty is a very big theme.”

Another theme often written about is love and longing for families and friends back home, she said.

The project is stepping up efforts to ensure the words of thousands of veterans are told to an even greater audience, McCulloch-Lovell said. During November, the Veterans History Project began airing a series radio broadcast called “Coming Home.” The series features the oral biographies of 18 war veterans who tell of their war experiences and life in the military. It is being aired via Public Radio International, which develops and supplies noncommercial audio content to affiliate stations throughout the country.

“Nobody on the show is famous,” McCulloch-Lovell said. “It’s all the individual stories of people who served.”

The project has also expanded features on its Web site, to include more digitized letters, photos and individual stories. Site visitors can now “see and listen” to the stories of 23 veterans at [www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/). And there is no shortage of stories to tell, she said.

In the two years since the project began, McCulloch-Lovell said interest by

veterans wanting to share their stories has increased immensely. For the past year, her staff of about 15 has been receiving as many as 200 submissions each week at the project’s office, located inside the Library of Congress Folklife Center here.

“I think the older veterans are not sitting back and waiting for someone to interview them,” she said. “They’re sitting down and writing these remarkable memoirs and personal stories and are sending them to us. We have a memoir that is 20 pages long. And we have another memoir that is 900 pages long.”

Still, she said, even with the increased flow of mail arriving daily, the project staff tries to read each and every story.

“We try to see and read everything that we can,” she said. “We can’t quite keep up with it, but we really try to be familiar with the individual stories in the collection.”

McCulloch-Lovell said the collection is missing letters and stories from soldiers currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Once they get back home, and get some rest, and their life has settled, I’m sure we’ll hear from them,” she said.

On the importance of the Veterans History Project, McCulloch-Lovell said that 100 years from now people will be able to look back and understand why veterans served.

“A student, or family member or a historian or journalist is going to be looking at this collection and understanding the experience of people who went through war and how it changed them and how it changed the country,” she said.

“Certainly our goals are to collect and to preserve the stories,” she said, “but I think we also have two very important goals — that we honor the service and that we educate future generations about what it’s like to serve.”

## Country mourns death of President Reagan

The men and women of the Air Force Reserve Command join with all Americans in mourning the death of President Ronald Reagan. As Commander-In-Chief, President Reagan’s inspirational leadership during tumultuous times was instrumental in preserving the security of the United States of America and bringing hope to freedom-loving people everywhere.

It’s no secret that President Reagan always carried a special place in his heart for the men and women of the armed forces. Moreover, through his visionary leadership and unyielding determination

to achieve peace through strength, he ensured we had the people and resources to carry out our mission. As a result,

today’s Total Air Force has never been better or more respected.

We should all take time to remember this great man and rededicate ourselves to his belief in the ideals America stands for — personal freedom, opportunity, political choice, and justice for all.

May God bless President Reagan, his family, and the United States of America.

JOHN J. BATBIE, JR.  
Maj Gen, USAF  
Commander

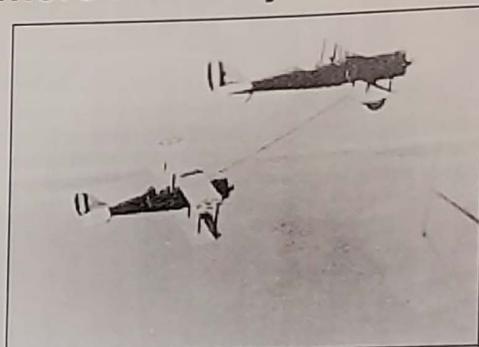


# Inflight refueling began more than 80 years ago

The Air Service first demonstrated inflight refueling in June 25, 1923, and in August of that year Lieutenants Lowell H. Smith and John P. Richter set a new world’s record by staying aloft for 37 hours and fifteen minutes in a DH-4 over San Diego with the help of refueling from another DH-4.

Between Jan. 1 - 7, 1929, the Question Mark commanded by Maj. Carl Spaatz and including Capt. Ira C. Eaker, Lt. Elwood R. Quesada, and Master Sgt. Roy Hooe among its crew would establish a world record for an endurance flight. Their Fokker C-2 transport stayed aloft for almost 151 hours. Two Douglas C-1s took turns refueling them with a hose lowered from the tankers through a trapdoor in the top of the Question Mark.

On July 19, 1948, the 43rd and 509th Air Refueling Squadrons were activated at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, and Roswell Air Force Base, New Mexico, in preparation for the assignment of tanker aircraft. These two squadrons were the first air refueling units in the U.S. Air Force. They began receiving tanker aircraft in late 1948. These first tankers were simply B-29s modified to carry and dispense fuel while aloft. Employing the British-



Lieutenants Lowell H. Smith and John P. Richter during June 25, 1923 inflight refueling.

developed system of in-flight refueling, that is, the use of trailing hoses and grapnel hooks, these tankers were designated KB-29Ms.

## Guidelines for the Air Force symbol placement on the light-weight blue jacket

The symbol to the right is shown with the actual size noted as it is to be used on the lightweight blue jacket. The Air Force logo is to be embroidered in a polyester thread conforming to DOD

Heraldic Yam for Embroidery and Ribbon, Cable # HA White 67101 with a stiff tear-off backing. The total stitch count of the logo and lettering shall be 4,631 stitches minimum.

The Wing symbol is to fit within a two-inch square. There is a 1/4 inch space between the symbol’s lowest point and the top of the U.S. AIR FORCE type (a).

The U.S. AIR FORCE type is to be 1/4 inch high, 3 1/4 inches long is Berthord



Aklindenz Grotesk bold extended. If Berthord Aklindenz Grotesk is not available use all capital Arial bold font, 24 point.

The symbol is to be embroidered on the upper left chest. The dot in the center of the symbol shall be centered vertically between the shoulder seam and where the underarm side seam joins the armhole sleeve and centered horizontally between the center zipper and the sleeve armhole seam.



# Uprclose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW during the Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) exercise last month: "What challenge are you currently facing?"



**Staff Sgt. James Randol**  
507th CES

"Getting into position as an exercise observer."



**Capt. Jodie Velasco**  
507th ARW/JA

"Attaching this air filter to my gas mask."



**Capt. Jeff White**  
507th ARW/PA

"Giant Voice said to 'hydrate.'"



**Maj. Jimmy Wolfe**  
507th LRS

"Finding simulated M-9 tape for my chem gear."

**Master Sgt. Wiley Brown**  
507th WSSF

"I just briefed my guys - clarifying their assignments and post changes, and reminding them to hydrate frequently."



**Staff Sgt. Roxanne Baxter**  
507th ARW/HO

"Sweating out Condition Black."



## Called up DOD civilians can claim health-care premiums

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Department of Defense employees called to active duty can now claim retroactive reimbursement of health insurance premiums paid while on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after Dec. 8, 1995.

The Air Force Personnel Center here advised Air Force civilian employees of the option June 4 in an AFPC news release.

Air Force Reserve Command has about 10,000 air reserve technicians serving in dual status as civil servants and

reservists. Thousands more DOD civilians serve in a different capacity as traditional reservists in the Air Force Reserve and other reserve components.

To be eligible for reimbursement of Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums, the employee or former employee must have:

- Been a civilian employee of the Department of Defense at the time called to perform active duty.
- Been enrolled in FEHB and paid the employee share of the premiums, either by payroll deduction after returning from active duty or by direct payments to the payroll office during the period of active duty.
- Been a member of a reserve component of the U. S. armed forces.

## Unit members support telethon

Two members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Standards Flight supported the Children's Miracle Network telethon last month.

Master Sgt. Lorrie Pink and Senior Master Sgt. Tom Geberth supported an hour long shift, televised by KOCO Channel 5 raising funds for the cause.

Children's Miracle Network-the alliance of premier hospitals for children-is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Each year these non-profit hospitals provide the finest care, research and community outreach to help millions of children with diseases and injuries of every kind.

The 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals are there 24 hours a day to help kids of every age and background overcome every imaginable disease and injury-from asthma and broken bones to cancer, sickle cell anemia, pediatric AIDS, muscular dystrophy and serious injuries.

"It was a very rewarding experience to be able to help less-fortunate and needy children," Geberth said.

- Been called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation as defined in section 101(a) (13) of Title 10, United States Code.
- Been placed on leave without pay or separated from federal civilian service to perform active duty.

- Served on active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days for each period for which reimbursement is claimed.

For more information and procedures for filing a claim for retroactive reimbursement of FEHB premiums, visit the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-info.htm>.

## Engineers offer scholarships

The Oklahoma City Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) has announced the availability of two (2) \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded for the fall 2004 semester.

The purpose of the OKC Post Scholarship Program is to help qualified students achieve their educational goals in fields of study related to the interests of SAME. In doing so, the program encourages students to enter the fields of engineering, architecture, and related sciences.

The scholarships will be awarded based on merit to those majoring in engineering or related science (i.e., geology, environmental sciences, etc.) at the undergraduate (must have completed at least 60 credit hours) or graduate level at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, or Oklahoma Christian University. At least one scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student.

The scholarship application form is available electronically and may be requested by sending an email to [howard.saxion@ch2m.com](mailto:howard.saxion@ch2m.com). The completed application must be returned to arrive by Aug. 2, 2004, at the address indicated on the application.

Previously, Senior Airman Billy Dresel, an engineering technician from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, was a \$1000 scholarship winner.

## Your favorite recipes wanted!

The Family Support Office wants to know some of those cooking secrets that many reservists and their family members enjoy. Please share your recipes and cooking tips while helping us raise funds for Family Support activities. The proceeds from the sale of these unique cookbooks would

facilitate activities like Parents Nights Out, family events and other needs of the wing and group personnel. Plans are to have a cook-off using recipes contained in the cookbook.

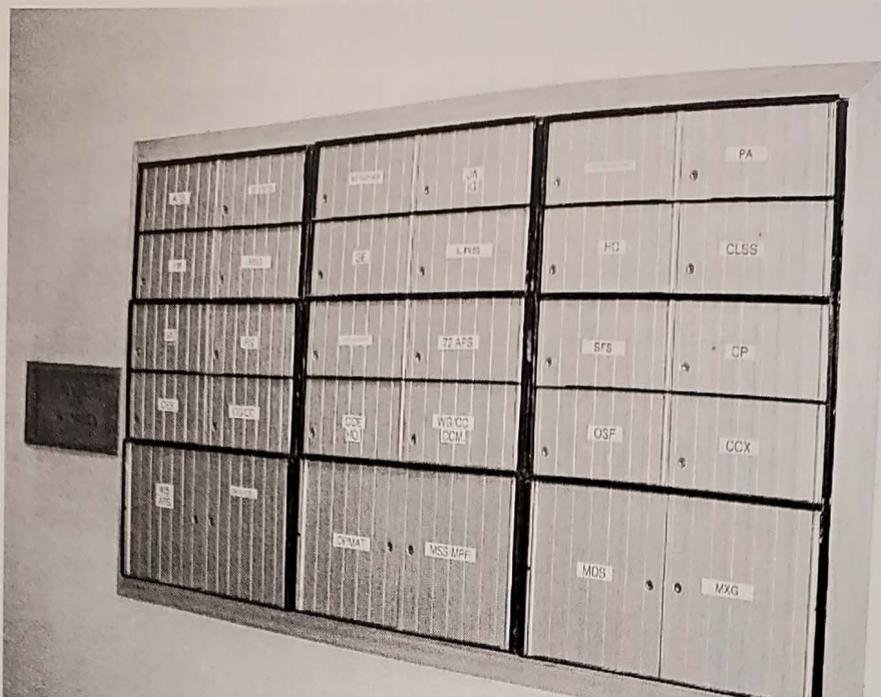
Point of contact is [mary.randolph@tinker.af.mil](mailto:mary.randolph@tinker.af.mil) or call 734-6869 or (800) 753-3487. Please respond not later than Aug. 8 (Sunday of August UTA).



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# Parting Shot



507th 114  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
MISSION SYSTEMS

From the outward appearance, nothing looks changed for the mailboxes of the 507th ARW, but everything has changed. The mailroom has been relocated to Bldg. 1030, northside, with the 507th Comm Flight folks, just outside Room 114. For details, call 734-5103.

## On-final R-News

### August blood drive set

The next Blood Drive will be held Aug. 7-8, 2004, during the UTA. Aug. 7th times are noon - 3 p.m. and Aug. 8th times are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the June UTA, 31 donors contributed, with the 507th CES leading the way again.

### 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. All members of the 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group, are invited.

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.

For more details, go to <http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/9114>.

### Reserve Top 3 general membership meeting

There will be a general membership meeting for all Reserve Top 3 members, 1 p.m., Saturday at the 513th auditorium. Request all newly promoted senior NCOs who have not joined the Reserve Top 3 to also attend.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Cicero Quinn III, Reserve Top 3 president, at 734-7848.

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