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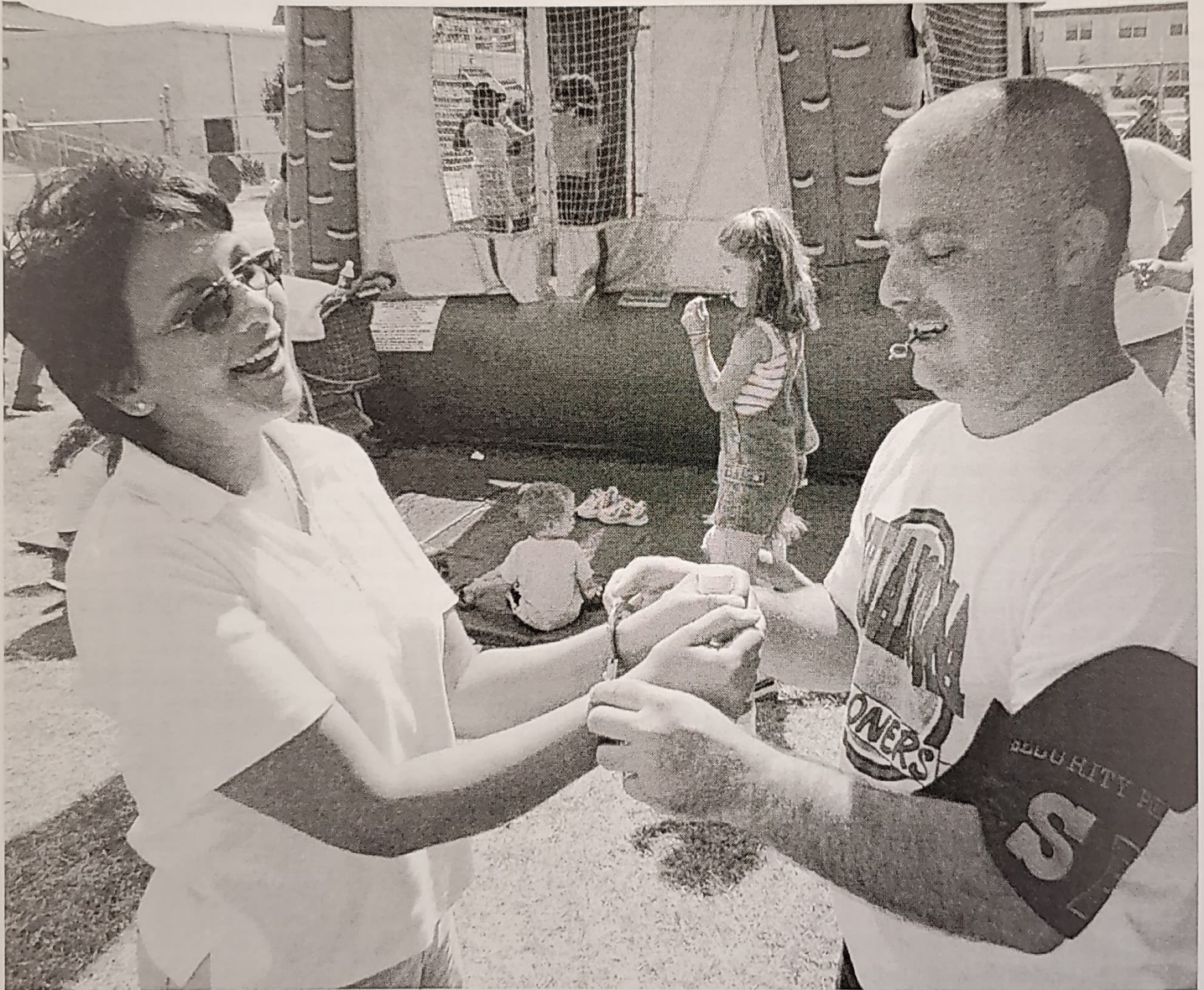


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New commander 'arrested' during family day activities

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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 ARW Commander's Column

By Col. Dean J. Despinoy

Please vote but beware of improper political activities

With the Presentational election only weeks away I feel compelled to remind everyone how important it is to vote. A large part of why we wear the uniform is to protect the right to vote. The

HATCH Act "Mays and May Not"

- **May** be a candidate for public office in nonpartisan election
- **May** register in voter registration drives
- **May** express opinions about candidates and issues
- **May** contribute money to political organizations
- **May** attend political fundraising functions
- **May** attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- **May** join and be an active member of a political party or club
- **May** sign nominating petitions
- **May** campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances
- **May** campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- **May** make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- **May** distribute literature in partisan elections
- **May** hold office in political clubs or parties including serving as a delegate to a convention
- **May** not use their official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- **May** not solicit, accept or receive political contributions unless both individuals are members of the same federal labor organization and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee
- **May** not knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency
- **May** not engage in political activity while on duty
- **May** not engage in political activity in any government office
- **May** not engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- **May** not engage in political activity while using a government vehicle
- **May** not be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- **May** not wear political buttons on duty

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus

Knowing Christ anew

One sagging electrical line near Cleveland, Ohio, connected with a tree branch at 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 14, 2003, beginning a chain of events which led to the largest blackout in American history. According to the most comprehensive study yet, the failure of this single transmission line caused a utility company in southern Ohio to overload and seal itself off from the now infamous power grid.

To the north, this created a huge need for power, and Cleveland began sucking an unsustainable amount of electricity from Michigan and Ontario...knocking out

wing has designated voting officers for people who have questions or need some help to properly cast their vote.

As a member of the military and the government there are clearly defined permitted and prohibited activities in the Hatch Act. These restrictions apply equally to all in uniform and civilian/ARTS who work for the government. It certainly is worth while to review the "mays" and "may not's" of this Act.

Additional information on the Hatch Act to include further details and answers to commonly asked questions are available at <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>. It is each of our responsibility to ensure that we are performing as professionals and properly adhering to the Hatch Act. Once again, I encourage everyone to perform their duty as a citizen of this great land and VOTE.

more transmission lines and generating plants. When the need for more power reached New York, power plants there sealed themselves from the grid in order to protect their own systems.

This, however, created a new problem when New York, ironically, had too much electricity and overloaded its own system. The result: history's largest shutdown.

Similarly, seemingly small actions and choices can end with devastating personal consequences. Sin often starts with one small choice, but the end result is ruined families, ruined churches, ruined lives.

UTA Services

Sunday Protestant Service (7:30)

Sermon: War of the Worlds

Catholic Mass (7:30) in Conf. Rm. #204, flightline side of the hangar (Bldg 1030)

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On The Cover



Capt. Mechille Braden, new Services commander, is handcuffed by Tech. Sgt. Matt Madison and taken to jail. The jail was one of the fundraising activities held during family day.

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Reserve component readiness highest ever

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, 2004 — The state of readiness among today's reserve-component forces is higher than it has been in the nation's history, the official responsible for equipping and training those forces said today.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall said he believes the high state of readiness among National Guard and Reserve troops is indicative of the goodness in the American people.

"I believe the thing that has been said about America and our goodness is (that it) is not at all in the science and not at all in the equipment, but in all the people," he said during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

Hall said the Guard and Reserve are representative of the American people because they are truly citizen-soldiers. He added that he believes today's generation of young people has the potential to be the next "greatest generation."

"Sometimes we say the younger generation is this or that. I think what the younger generation is today is patriotic," the secretary said. "And they are answering the call to colors just like their fathers, grandfathers (and) grandmothers did throughout the past."

Today's National Guard and Reserve troops are deployed to virtually every location and every mission that requires active-duty servicemembers. "So when you look in the Sinai, you look in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Korea, Europe, Iraq — almost anywhere in the world — you'll find guardsmen and reservists alongside their active-duty brethren," Hall said. "And in a totally integrated force, that's what you need."

Hall, a retired two-star Navy admiral, said he believes recruiting and retention will be among the greatest chal-

lenges facing the reserve components in the immediate future. With 400,000 guardsmen and reservists mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, and 157,000 still activated today, he said the war on terrorism has led to the largest mobilization of reserve-component troops since the Korean War.

Historically, Hall explained, there has been a dip in retention rates following major conflicts. And, he added, there is no reason to believe this one should be any different. "It's a natural thing," he said. "When you've been in a war or a combat situation and you come back from that, you're not always enthusiastic about immediately going back to that. You need a decompression period."

"So during that period of time, some people will say this is just not for me," he added.

So far, all the reserve components have met their retention goals for fiscal 2004, which ends Sept. 30. And all but one, the Army National Guard, have met their recruiting goals. Hall said the Army Guard will end the fiscal year 2 percent below its end-strength goal due to a slight recruiting shortfall, specifically a shortage

in recruiting prior-service troops.

"Not as many people have come out of the active Army to join" the National Guard, he said.

The secretary noted recruiting is always challenging, and it's vital "to ensure that we make service in the Guard and Reserve just as attractive as it always has been."

Policymakers need to consider what Hall called the "three-legged stool" — the individual, the family members and the employer. If all three are not happy, chances are an individual won't re-enlist. "We have to make sure that those three legs are equal, (that) each one of them agree or the stool will tumble over," he said.

In a message directly to the reserve-component troops, Hall urged them to thank their employers, their families and their communities. He said he's touched by how supportive Americans are of their troops, which is evident in heartfelt displays of support in towns and cities across the country.

"Once again," he said, "it's a symbol (that) the strength and the goodness of this country is in our people and the way our people respond."

Combat fundamentals manual gives guidance on how to go to war

The AF Mobility Weapons School recently released a combat fundamentals manual, which gives mobility aircrews guidance on how to go to war. The manual:

- Provides specifics for each C-5, C-17, C-130, KC-10, and KC-135 in separate volumes
- Explains aircrew skills needed to fly in both global-mobility and combat roles
- Describes aircraft performance, defensive systems and mission planning operations

• Is applicable for everyone from the newest crewmembers to the most experienced instructors

• Includes charts, tables, graphics and videos

• Is currently available on CD

The mobility community had been using other guidance for combat missions. But because their aircrews and weapons systems were getting ever closer to the threat envelope, AMC decided to document tactics, techniques and procedures in the form of the manual.

Historical marker points to 507th FG birthplace

By Lt. Col. Donald Klinko
507th Operations Group

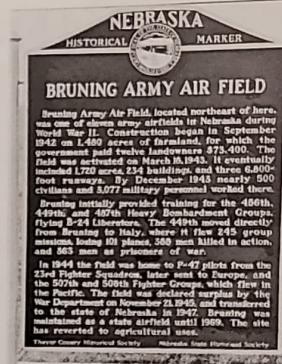
Enroute to a history conference at old Fort Robinson, Neb., in April 2004, my wife Joann was driving as we crossed the Kansas/Nebraska border. I noticed a sign for the small town of Bruning, and shortly afterwards a historical marker sign pointing down a gravel road. Then I remembered. "Turn here," I told a very perplexed Joann. About a mile down the gravel road, I found what I was looking for.

The 507th Fighter Group was activated with personnel and equipment at Bruning Army Air Field, Nebraska, on Oct. 20, 1944. Bruning AAF was an established P-47 training base by that time, and since that training was actually beginning slow somewhat, the 507th Fighter Group took many of the field's experienced instructor pilots and maintenance personnel as a

leadership cadre.

New pilots and support personnel underwent extensive training at Bruning AAF until Dec. 15, 1944, when winter weather forced the group to move its training operations to Dalhart AAF, Texas. By that time, though, the 507th Fighter Group had become a cohesive unit, and all of our World War II brethren remember Bruning AAF as the birthplace of their unit, the place where they came to know and trust the men with whom they deployed to combat in the Pacific Theater.

As the photographs show, the air field is entirely derelict now. The property owner informed me that although it was used as an uncontrolled "cropduster" and general aviation field for some years after World War II, the runway hadn't seen an aircraft in about 40 years. Judging from the present condition of the remaining



The historical marker highlights various units, including the 507th Fighter Group.

structures, most probably won't last much longer. Even so, visiting the site where the 507th first came together as a combat unit 60 years ago was a meaningful side trip for this old 507th troop.

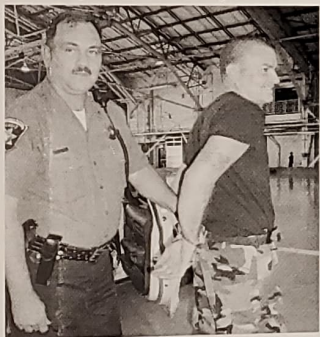


Hangar Two at Bruning AAF is in very poor condition with grass taking over the ramp and runway areas.

The 507th and 513th Reserve units celebrated



Chief Master Sgt. David Hobbs helps his daughter Shelby build a periscope at an activity table.



Deputy (Senior Master Sgt.) Ricky Abbott tries out his handcuffs on Tech. Sgt. Richard Joyce.



Senior Airman Laura Duck puts finishing touches on a young lady's face painting.



Retired Master Sgt. Harry Ginzl took a turn in the dunk tank.



Blakely Jackson poses for the camera during the 513th ACG family day.



Maj. "Hawk" Hawkins takes aim at a victim (Lisa Bingenheimer) during the 513th ACG family day.



Set up began on Friday as Master Sgt. Steve Rhodes helped set up the tent for 35th CBCS activities.



Future "pilot" Kailee Starr checks out the view from the co-pilot's seat of a C-130 on display from the OKC Air National Guard.

Photos by Capt. Bill Pierce, Tech. Sgts. Margaret Ralston and Melba Koch, and Senior Airman Bryan Axtell

Family Day during September UTA



1st ASF crewmembers pose with the FAA's British Aerospace BAE 125/800 "Hawker," which they fly and help maintain, as it was on display during family day.



Mr. Mike Black of Mike Black and the Stingrays, aka Elvis, entertains the crowd with a song and dance.

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Senior Master Sgt. Janice Lyles spent many hours delivering food and miscellaneous items to the various squadron cooking areas.



513th ACG members enjoy a friendly game of volleyball.



Brent Nelson sits high above the ramp area in the fire truck's ladder bucket, with unit aircraft and a C-130 in the background.

Family Day game winners

Basketball Free Throw Contest

Male: First place — Staff Sgt. Gregory Brown, 12 in a row
Second place — Larry Brantley, 11 in a row
Female: First place — Master Sgt. Tijuana Boyd, one big one in a row
Second place — Airman First Class Elishia Webber, she hit the rim
Honorable Mention — Col. Stayce Harris, she almost hit the rim after five shots

Bench Press Competition

Male: First place — 1 st Lt. Bob Atkins	345 lbs., 197 pts
Second place — Master Sgt. Tim Parker	335 lbs., 176 pts
Third place — Landon Combs	155 lbs., 134 pts
Female: First place — Jackie Joyce	120 lbs., 86 pts
Second place — Makeshia Robinson	85 lbs., 73 pts
Third place — Star Mustin	85 lbs., 51 pts

EAC Turkey Fryer Winner: Carol Reynolds



513th ACG Deputy Commander's Column

By Lt. Col. John Trnka

Inspections are a chance to learn

It's two in the morning. You're sitting under a desk, wearing a chem suit, breathing through a mask. It's hot as he**, you haven't really slept in two days and no one will tell you what's going on. Welcome to ORI time. While many of our folks have been exercising with the 552nd Air Control Wing for months, this Operational Readiness Inspection will test a lot more of us than the relatively few people sucking rubber on the flight line.

One of Murphy's Rules of Combat states, "No combat-ready unit ever passes an inspection." (Right after "never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you.") What Murphy meant is inspections are artificial and not a true test of what we do in combat. Not true. ...and maybe a little true. There are artificialities in any inspection. In some ways an inspection is a game, with rules and referees, uniforms, strategy, bad calls and scores. But inspections are also different: they're not about winners and losers or speculators. They're not really even the reason we practice. Inspections are not "the game," combat is.

Pretty much by definition, games have winners and losers, but no one has to lose an inspection. The evaluators want you and the unit to succeed. "OUTSTANDING" reports are more fun to write than "UNSATISFACTORY" ones, but evaluators owe the wing commander and the Air Force an accurate assessment of what they've seen. They

owe you an accurate assessment. You're the one deploying overseas, who may pay dearly for mistakes in combat. Do what you can to make an accurate grade a positive one. Everyone can, and should, come out a winner in an inspection.

Though only a small percentage of the 513th is playing in the ORI, evaluators may show up at your building. When they do, you won't be a spectator; you get to play. Show them a positive attitude, a game face. You may find a suspicious package, or pick up a phone to hear a "simulated" bomb threat, or confront someone in the hall who just looks out of place, etc. Don't hang up, ignore the problem or close your door. Put your game face on, show the right attitude. (There's that word again.) Fix the problem. Reduce the threat. Look out for your squadron mates. Make sure you know who to call and how to call them. Learn the duress words. You've been trained - show it. No spectators.

Inspections aren't why we train. Even the toughest inspection is just a scrimmage. An inspection is still a chance to learn, for everyone. The "if something doesn't look right" rule still applies. Don't let anyone, including you, do anything dumb or dangerous. Find a solution if you can, elevate the problem if you need to. Don't hide problems just because it's an inspection. This is still practice. Do everything you can to make an inspection a learning tool for combat, the real game. ORIs are the best way we have to tell if we're ready when the whistle blows. But, they're not why we train.

I know I've worked the sports analogy to death. Thanks for making it this far. Final thoughts: Inspections have the potential to help us a great deal, all of us. Learn where you can, endure what you must. Be prepared for the real test. Do what you've been trained. Look out for yourself and look out for others. That's really what it takes to "win" an ORI.



Jazz musicians from Scott Air Force Base, Ill. perform a mini concert for 507th ARW and 513th ACG members. They performed several mini concerts as part of the band's outreach program to organizations on base and travel to various bases in their region that do not have a band of their own.

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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.

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. 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 classes are scheduled for 15-19 Nov and 29 Nov-3 Dec 04 or 13-17 and 20-24 June 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!!!
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 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, your 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.

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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

23-24 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
14-15 May 05	04-05 Jun 05
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Fri, 22 October 2004

1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg. 1030, MSG Conf
1430	Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg	513th ACG Auditorium
1600	Top 3 Executive Board Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Sat, 23 October 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
0830-0930	6 Month Contact Mtg	Bldg 1066, OG 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 1066, OG Conf Room
1130-1200	Lunch-Time Chapel Discussion	To Be Determined
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Room 214
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	To Be Determined
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Sun, 24 October 2004

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0730-0800	Catholic Mass	Bldg. 1030 MSG Conf Rm
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
0750-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, (AD Hq) Room 215
0800-1115	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Room 214
0830-1030	Haz Comm Trng (Non-Supvr)	Bldg 1030, Room 104
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1066, OG 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	To Be Determined
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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 1	
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	500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1600	Family Support Services	DPAF
		Phase 2	
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1015-1045	Counter Intel/Awareness	SF
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.

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Safety awareness rings true, on and off the job

By Lt. Col. Mike Allman
465th Air Refueling Squadron Commander

As an Air Force Reserve KC-135R aircraft pilot and having spent more than 20 years in the military, I've attended my share of squadron safety briefings and I take on-the-job safety very seriously.

But all it took was a moment's lapse of focus, the blink of an eye and coming close to losing a finger to remind me that safety awareness has a place during family vacations as well.

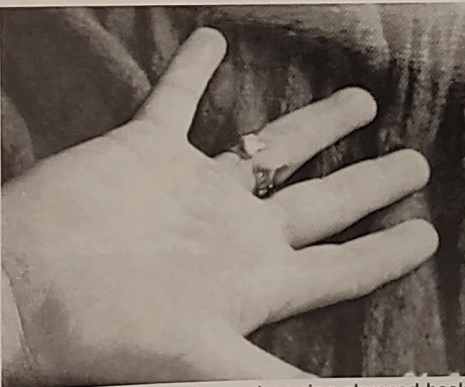
Here is what happened —

For over 16 years, I have noticed my Naval Academy class ring split apart slightly where the "sizing" portion of the ring comes together. Nothing more than a slight crack in the gold, so I thought it was no big deal. I never took care of the problem and just ignored the crack in the gold.

I called a jeweler in late August of this year to ask about ring warranty service due to my upcoming 20th Academy Reunion for the Class of 1984. I told the jeweler about the crack in the sizing and they said send the ring back to them and they would either replace or refurbish the stone and ring.

Unfortunately, I did not send the ring back prior to Labor Day. And with the hustle to get going with family festivities, I mentally pushed the ring to the back of my mind as something I would think about after the weekend was over. No problem.

My family rented three pontoon boats to celebrate during the holiday weekend. We went swimming off the pontoon boat and I quickly learned why we should not wear our rings



Allman's Naval Academy class ring clamped back together, piercing the fatty portion of his ring finger.



Allman's class ring had to be cut off his hand.

during any sporting events or while working around heavy equipment / aircraft.

I slipped while climbing back into the boat. My ring caught on a cleat and stayed. My finger and hand did not stay. As I fell, the sizing portion of the ring spread apart and my ring started ripping the flesh off my finger. I was able to "unhook" my ring from the cleat before my finger was ripped off my hand.

However when my ring came off the cleat, the sizing portion snapped back together like a clamp and pierced the fatty portion of my ring finger. The result is shown in the picture with a blue towel in the background. My class ring looked normal from the top of my hand, but when I turned my hand over we saw the ring imbedded in my finger. It could not be removed normally and would have to be cut off.

I spent about four hours in the emergency room on Sunday with the doctors and nurses trying to figure out how I had gotten myself into this situation. They were finally able to cut the ring off my finger. Fortunately, the only wounds I sustained were due to the ring scraping off my flesh and a puncture wound when the ring pierced my finger. I am very fortunate there is no nerve or tendon damage. I am also very fortunate I still have my ring finger.

The lesson I learned is to never wear your rings while engaging in any sporting activity. I always take my rings off to go fly — but really did not think about the hazards during boating. I also know now that it is important to get your ring fixed if the sizing portion separates. I have sent my ring off for replacement — along with some pictures and a note advising them to strongly recommend people not wear rings with the sizing portion coming apart. I am truly lucky and thank goodness my injuries are not permanent.

HRDC report-writing workshop set

Preparing an individual performance report or award package is likely one of the most difficult tasks facing a military member.

"Eventually everyone will face the challenge of writing performance reports or an awards package. Knowing how to get the job done right the first time can save you time and energy," said Senior Master Sgt. Karen Perkins, 507th Maintenance Operations Flight First Sergeant.

Perkins will discuss practical methods of gathering information and how to turn raw data into products that dazzle. She will also introduce participants to effective report-writing techniques to illustrate what works and what doesn't. Perkins stressed the workshop is for current as well as future supervisors.

"The decisions of what information to include and how to express information in bullet style can be daunting," said Perkins.

With the understanding that individual advancement strongly rests with their performance report, preparing effective reports can represent a major challenge for supervisors of all levels.

But beyond that, preparing any bullet report that sparkles, whether for performance reports for award packages, requires careful thought and word selection.

Perkins, and the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group Human Resource Development Council, will host a workshop on "Effective Bullet Writing" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the 513th Air Control Group auditorium. The maximum class size will be 25 participants.

Members interested in attending this workshop are encouraged to reserve a place by contacting Master Sgt. Takesha Williams via e-mail at takesha.williams@tinker.af.mil this month.



BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase only those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- This is also a great time to replace the batteries in your home Smoke Alarms.

FUN ALTERNATIVES:

- Ask around your community and check your local newspaper for information on special events.
- Community centers, shopping malls and churches often have organized festivities.

BEFORE NIGHTFALL ON HALLOWEEN:

- Consider fire safety when decorating.

Halloween Safety Tips

From the 507th ARW Safety Office

Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects.

• Always keep Jack O' Lanterns and hot electric lamps away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children will be standing or walking.

• Plan and review with your children the route and behavior that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when revelers must return home.

• Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver.

WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:

AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

• Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

• Make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.

We hope these tips will help you and your family have a safe and happy Halloween.



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Unit bids farewell to Master Sgt. Peterson

By Capt. Bill Pierce
507th ARW Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Pam Peterson, Air Force Reserve recruiter, retired following more than 23 years of service to the United States Air Force.

Peterson began her career in March of 1981. Following basic training, Peterson was stationed at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., as a driver for the Presidential Honor Guard. From there she transferred to vehicle operations at Keesler AFB, Miss.

"I transferred to Keesler on a join-spouse assignment. While there I was given an opportunity to cross train into a



Chief Master Sgt. Garza presents Master Sgt. Peterson with her retirement certificate.

Photo by Capt. Bill Pierce

different career field. Fortunately for me and my family the technical school, which was administration, was right there at Keesler," said Peterson.

Training at Keesler allowed Peterson to literally stay at home and not leave her two young sons. Upon completing this course Peterson's career excelled in Information Man-

agement. She was honored with several awards including "the 1990 Information Manager-of-the-Year for Bitburg Air Base in Germany.

"Leaving Germany we moved to Tinker. Here I was selected to instruct at the Airman Leadership School," said Peterson. Follow a short stint as an instructor Peterson decided to separate from active duty and pursue a career with the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Once in the Oklahoma Guard, Peterson became known for promoting the Guard and Reserve. It would only become a matter of time before someone noticed her capabilities. "I remember Master Sgt. Tim Swinehart suggested I become a recruiter. After meeting the 507th Air Refueling Wing recruiting team, I knew I wanted to join them," said Peterson.

Once on board, Peterson wasted no time. According to Chief Master Sgt. Alfonso Garza, 507th Air Refueling Wing Senior Recruiter, "Master Sgt. Peterson is one of the best recruiters I have had the pleasure of serving with. She was one of the best when it came to prospecting for the right applicant within her assigned zone. Her focus as a recruiter was as sharp as it gets and never faltered to the very end. Her interpersonal skills were second to none. The team and I will miss her, Godspeed my Friend."

Looking back over a career that touched numerous lives, Peterson reflected on the people that influenced her. "I've got to meet some great people like Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey, John Levitow and countless others. However, the most memorable would be Chief Garza. I will not forget the things he taught me. He inspired me to be a better person.

"People like Chief Garza, Maj. Ralph Hawkins, Barbara Gatlin, the MPF folks, the (recruiting) team and mostly the recruits are what make this especially difficult. I'm going to miss the people the most.

"As for any advice I could pass along: Work like everything depends on you and pray like everything depends on God. Also, I'd like to say thank you for serving your country," smiled Peterson.

Peterson's retirement plans include a new career in insurance and activities like golfing, traveling, fishing, and spend-

Personal Comment: I must say "Thank You" to Sergeant Peterson for the countless hours she spent trying to get me in the unit. Even after she transferred, she remained involved helping where she could. I am a product of her dedicated professionalism. I am here because she took the time. Her recruiting service to the Air Force, the Reserve and to this great country has impacted countless individuals. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

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4 years in a row

Reserve recruiters exceed goal again

For the fourth year in a row, the 507th ARW Recruiting Service and the Air Force Reserve Command recruiters exceeded the command goal.

They brought in 9,636 new recruits by the end of August. Their goal was 9,600 by Sept. 30. The 507th recruiters recently received several awards at the Annual Recruiting meeting held this month, including the Headquarters AFRC/RS Recruiting Excellence Award due to bringing in 300 accessions. The unit goal was 279.

Col. Francis Mungavin, AFRC Recruiting Service commander, congratulated members of the service for their accomplishment in an Aug. 31 e-mail.

"I cannot tell you all how proud I am of you all," he wrote. "Our objective is to ensure the command is 100 percent effectively manned. It's a continuous process. Every year we go from hero to zero."

In addition to making goal early, the command had its highest percentage of successful recruiters. Of the 284 recruiters, more than 80 percent made goal.

Other Tinker awards included:

HQ AFRC/RS Century Club Award (Top 5 percent of recruiters nationwide) for FY04: Tech. Sgt. Marvin Greene. He finished at 128 percent of his goal of 41 with 53 accessions.

HQ AFRC/RS Superior Performer Award FY04 (previously called "Top Fifty" award): Master Sgt. Nathan Bickle. He finished at 161 percent of his FY04 goal of 46 with 74 accessions.

Four unit recruiters won the HQ AFRC/RS 110 percent "Exceptional Performer" award for FY04: Master Sgt. Nathan Bickle finished at 161 percent of his goal of 46 with 74 accessions; Tech. Sgt. Marvin Greene, finishing at 128 percent of his goal of 41 with 53 accessions; and Master Sgts. Gene Higgins and David McCormick finished at 110 percent of their goal of 40 with 44 accessions each.

604th Reserve Recruiting Flight "Most Valuable Player" Award: Master Sgt. Nathan Bickle.

FY04 National Ranking "Top Sixty Recruiters in the Nation": Master Sgt. Nathan Bickle, ranked #24 with an overall average of 127.7 percent and Master Sgt. David McCormick ranked #29 with an overall average of 126.3 percent.

"I'm really proud of how the entire team came together in the final stretch," said Chief Master Sgt. Alfonso Garza, Jr., 507th ARW Senior Recruiter. "I personally salute our award winners: Greene, Bickle, McCormick, and Higgins: 'The Fantastic Four,' who truly set the pace for the team to follow. I can't forget to thank our Management Assistant, Barb Waldroop, who held us together in our finest moment. Napoleon Hill quotes, 'the starting point of all achievement is desire.' If I could define why our Team was suc-

cessful this fiscal year, it's because they had the desire to win. Congratulations Team Tinker Recruiting Squadron!"

Last year's goal was 9,500 new recruits, and 79 percent of the recruiters made goal. The percentage of recruiters making goal has risen significantly in the new millennium - 50 percent in 2001 and 60 percent in 2002.

In a letter Sept. 1, Lt. Gen. John Bradley, AFRC commander, congratulated the Recruiting Service people for exceeding their annual recruiting goal for the fourth consecutive year. He called their achievement a "grand slam."

"Most impressive was your push to access more than 2,300 recruits during July and August alone, demonstrating your urgency to man AFRC," wrote the general. "I know I can count on your continued aggressive recruiting efforts. ... You



Team Tinker recruiters include, front row from left, Sharon McQuitty, Nathan Bickle and Kamala Thigpen. Back row, Richard Kozik, Gene Higgins, Alfonso Garza, Marvin Greene, and David McCormick.

continue to lead the Department of Defense in accessions per production recruiter."

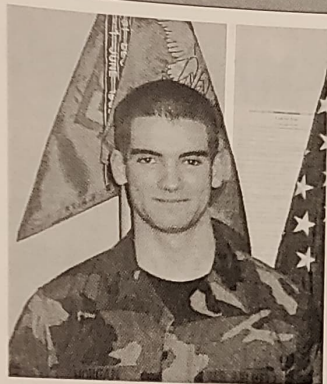
Colonel Mungavin attributed the recruiters' success to several factors and said no one individual made it happen.

"It was a team effort; great recruiters, leadership, our training program, the support staff and infrastructure behind the recruiters," the colonel said.

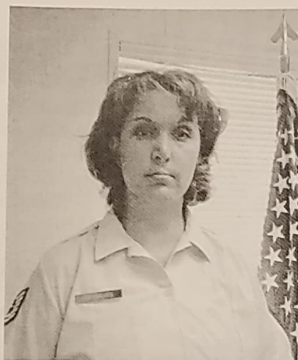
Air Force Reserve Command has about 75,800 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command hires new recruits with no prior military experience, as well as veterans.

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Senior Airman Aaron Ohara-Morgan



Tech. Sgt. Kelli Gonsalves



Master Sgt. LaTina DeVaughn

Quarterly enlisted winners announced

Senior Airman Aaron Ohara-Morgan, a Fire Protection Specialist with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the 507th ARW Airman of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2004.

While at technical school, Ohara-Morgan was recognized as a distinguished graduate, and received a "Certificate of Achievement" for "Outstanding Service to the Goodfellow AFB Community."

Ohara-Morgan received four "Ace Awards" for excellence in academic achievement while at the US Air Force Louis F. Garland Fire Academy. He also received the commander's coin for excellence in training at bivouac only six months after completing tech school. In June of 2004, seven months ahead of schedule, he scored 99 percent on the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting end-of-course exam.

Ohara-Morgan currently maintains a 3.6 GPA at West Texas A&M University in Amarillo, Texas, earning Phi Theta Kappa (International Honor Society) membership and making the Dean's List in May 2004. He has been accepted in the pre-med student Health Care Internship through the West Texas A&M University Biology Department where he shadows and assists a physician in a level-two emergency room at Northwest Texas Hospital.

He also donates whole blood every eight weeks to the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo, TX.

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Tech. Sgt. Kelli Gonsalves, the assistant NCOIC and Maintenance Supply Liaison for the 507th MOF/MXOOL, is the 507th ARW NCO of the Quarter.

Gonsalves "masterfully" manages a \$4.2 million Depot Level Repairable (DLR) budget according to Capt. Frank P. Monaco who said, "Her meticulous work resulted in [the] 507th Maintenance Group receiving \$150,000 of unfunded requirements."

Gonsalves is also described as having "tenaciously" tracked assets under equipment manufacturer's warranty, resulting in 46 parts repaired or replaced under warranty—saving the wing and the Air Force \$1.9 million. Part and parcel with that, she created a spreadsheet providing "near real-time" parts status on over 782 supply transactions during the second quarter with a 100 percent tracking rate. Monaco said, "She designed a Microsoft Access database which electronically links maintenance and supply parts ordering, eliminating previous methods...the database reduces parts ordering time by 80 percent while providing real-time part status."

Gonsalves is currently pursuing a degree in Administrative Leadership at the University of Oklahoma, and her CCAF degree in Inventory Management. She is on the National Dean's list and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

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Master Sgt. LaTina DeVaughn, a Supply Management Supervisor with the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, is the 507th ARW Senior NCO of the Quarter.

Maj. Chad Gericke described DeVaughn as the "hinge pin" during a time when 42 mobility positions in the squadron were changing hands. Gericke said, "[She] facilitated the retirement, transfer to other Air Force Reserve Units or Services, or reassigned [them] to other mobility positions within the squadron, meeting each individual's personal needs in a timely manner."

During the quarter DeVaughn re-enlisted six personnel and worked three re-enlistment bonus issues with higher headquarters, but Gericke says she "consistently maintains a 100 percent retention level..." thereby reducing the need to bring in new and untrained personnel.

DeVaughn is the primary coordinator for her unit's annual tour training. She recently sacrificed personnel leave from her civilian employer to perform three weeks of mandatory assisting two maintenance UTC's preparing for a one year activation. Gericke described her as "instrumental" in the successful transfer of equipment and weapons to support the 14 man UTC deployed to a classified location."

Midwest City has also tapped her leadership by making her President of the newly developed Police Citizen Academy.

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B-1 returns to duty

Air Force Reservists from the 10th Flight Test Squadron (FLTS) reached an Air Force milestone last month after assisting in the return of a B-1 bomber back to active duty.

The bomber, aircraft 86-00097, was the first B-1 authorized by Congress to return to active duty service after having spent a 16 month stay at the Air Force's Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC), Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

The B-1 had previously been placed in storage at AMARC, commonly referred to as the "bone yard", as part of a plan to downsize the B-1 fleet.

According to Maj. Mike Tamez, Chief of B-1 Operations and a reserve flight test Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) here with the 10th FLTS, the reservists took off with the aircraft on September 2 for an uneventful one and a half hour flight to Dyess AFB, Texas. Tamez reported that despite several pre-existing maintenance issues, the aircraft flew the mission without problem.

Political activity rules basically same for active duty, Reserve

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Citizen Airmen serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve follow the same rules governing political activity as their active-duty compatriots.

Questions about what Airmen can or cannot do abound in this presidential election year, and some situations have become national news. The rules on political activity are largely the same for all Airmen in uniform, but one area differs.

Although active-duty Airmen are prohibited from holding public office, reservists and guardsmen can, said Philip Donohoe, Air Force Reserve Command director of general law.

"But fulfilling the duties of these offices must stop once a reservist or guardsman puts on the uniform and reports for duty," Mr. Donohoe said.

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"It was awesome to have her airborne again after such a long down-time at AMARC," Maj. Tamez said. "The engineers, mechanics and crew chiefs from the Tinker AFB maintenance crew (654 CLSS), along with outstanding AMARC support, made this first of several B-1B regenerations a great success."

The Air Force Reserve's 10th Flight Test Squadron is directly assigned to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center. The unit's primary mission is to provide test crews to perform functional check flights of B-1, B-52, E-3, and KC-135 aircraft after depot maintenance overhaul and repairs are complete. After the initial acceptance inspection at Dyess AFB is complete, the B-1 will eventually come to the OC-ALC for depot maintenance.

"The Air Force Reserve 10th Flight Test Squadron was proud to deliver this asset back to the war-fighters at Dyess AFB and we look forward to working with AMARC and the Tinker regeneration team again in the near future as more B-1s are called back into service," Major Tamez said.

Air Force reservists and guardsmen who are serving on active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code for more than 30 days must comply with the active-duty rules contained in Air Force Instruction 51-902, "Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force."

Reservists and guardsmen who are on active duty less than 30 days follow the more general guidelines set out in Paragraph 8 of AFI 51-902.

All reservists and guardsmen must refrain from participating in any political activity while in uniform and from using government facilities for political activities. Guardsmen who perform duties in Title 32 USC status should be aware of any special restrictions on political activities imposed by their respective state authorities.

While active-duty Airmen may not campaign for, or hold, elective civil office, reservists and guardsmen are not so constrained. As long as they are not serving on extended

active duty — defined to be active duty under a call or order for more than 270 days — reservists may campaign for, and hold, partisan or nonpartisan civil office. It must be held in a private capacity and must not interfere with the performance of military duties.

When reservists and guardsmen campaign for elective office, they must be careful to avoid using their military status as a political selling point. For example, a reservist campaigning for office should not use political flyers that show the reservist in his or her military uniform.

Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty," gives guidance to all military branches and is the source for AFI 51-902. Political activities of civilian federal government employees fall under the guidance of the Hatch Act, and the Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5500.7-R, Chapter 6, "Political Activities."

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Uprose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW: "What advise would you give to a prospective recruit if you were trying to sell them on the Air Force Reserve?"



Senior Airman Jason Circle
507th Services Flight

"The experience is great. You meet new and amazing people. The camaraderie you have with other Airmen is unbelievable."

Senior Airman Courtney Jeffrey, 507th Services Flight

"That being in the reserve is an excellent way to supplement your income, get an education, have stability and to be a part of something bigger than yourself. I would also tell them of the pride that comes with wearing the Air Force uniform and serving your country."



Senior Airman Scott Fletcher,
507th Services Flight

"Prepare mentally and physically for basic training and a whole new career."



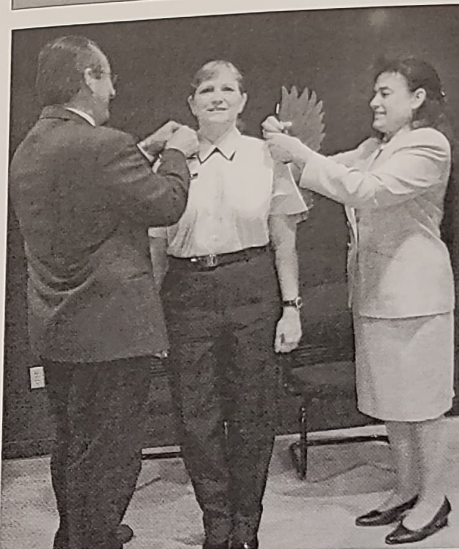
Senior Airman Ryan Godbehere
507th Services Flight

"It opens up a lot of opportunity to find the direction you want to go."



Airman First Class Stephanie Heath, 507th Services Flight

"More opportunities; a chance to see the world; embrace the challenges in life."



Meredith Andersen gets a little help from her brother Michael Goldberg and sister Margaret Kurtz with her promotion as she receives her lieutenant colonel rank.



Maj. Sandra Chasteen poses with Col. Dean Despinoy after receiving a Meritorious Service Medal during the Services change of command. Chasteen, former Services commander, is relocating to the Portland, Oregon area.

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Capt. Mechille Braden stands ready to accept the flag and take command of the Services Squadron from Lt. Col. Mike Miller, 507th Mission Support Group deputy commander. Braden became commander during the September UTA. She served as the executive officer for the 507th MSG for the last year and a half.

Correction

Master Sgt. Gary Brown, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, contributed to the article on page 15 of the September *On-final* titled: **Civil Engineers bring home honors.**

Parting Shot



Johnney Brooks, ground maintenance support for the 507th ARW, operates the Mark Lift while preparing to remove vines from the Headquarters building.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

On-final R-News

Help Rose State help its students

Have you ever said, "I wish I knew then what I know now?"

Rose State College is seeking volunteers to work with Rose State in providing real-world career advice to new college students via a program called Career Mentoring.

Over 300 students signed up to participate in this program during our Student/Family Orientation last August.

The program links students with professionals in the community who meet with students at mutually convenient times throughout the academic year to discuss preparation for a professional career.

The college is seeking career men-

tors and professionals from virtually all fields but has a special need for professionals in the health services area. If you are interested in visiting a few times this year with a student about preparing for a professional career, please call Dean Fisher, Dean of Enrollment Management, at 736-0223.

Chili Cook-Off set

Contestants will make a pot of chili that will be judged by a panel. Prizes will be awarded with a plaque going to the contestant's unit. Members can sample and buy a bowl of chili that they deem the best.

Saturday of the November UTA: Nov. 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: AGS breakroom, Bldg. 1067

Cost: 25 cents to sample and \$1.25 for a bowl or \$1.50 a bowl with no samples. Condiments are included.

507th ARW Recruiters

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(In-Service Recruiter)
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Moore, Norman, OK

Master Sgt. Gene Higgins
(405) 217-8311

Midwest City, OK

Tech. Sgt. Marvin Greene (SE)
Staff Sgt. Sharon McQuitty (NW)
(405) 733-9403

Tulsa, OK

Tech. Sgt. Richard D. Kozik (NE)
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Lawton, OK

Staff Sgt. Kamala Thigpen
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McConnell AFB, KS

Master Sgt. David McCormick
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Vance AFB, OK

Master Sgt. David McCormick
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