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## Unit receives second de-icer truck

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

**513<sup>th</sup> 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 Despinoy

### A Personal Request

The 507<sup>th</sup> family made it through the holidays without a mishap. I hope that everyone had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends. Judy and I were blessed to have both our girls home. I am sure everyone is ready to start the New Year and have made their traditional resolutions. I ask that each of you increase that list of resolutions by one.

There is a required program that needs your personal attention. It is the registration of your civilian employer through the Civilian Employment Information (CEI) Program. This can easily be done on a unit or home computer. I wish to emphasize that this program is the result of a new law that was recently passed. ARTs and reservists have no options in this matter, they must register.

This requirement applies to all Airmen of the Ready Reserve within the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The Ready Reserve includes the Selected Reserve (Sel Res) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) populations. All Air Reserve Technicians (ARTs) are required to provide their ci-

vilian employment information relative to their technician (civilian) employment. There is one exception, the Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) members will not have full-time civilian employment since their full-time employment is military; however, they may have a part-time job or specific voluntary service. If so, they are encouraged, but are not required to provide information. The only AGRs in the 507 ARW are in the Aviation Standards Flight.

For those of you who do not have a civilian employer, you still are required to register. The computer program has been fixed and there is now a selection on the Web Page for unemployed.

Members can provide the required information by going to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/>. This is the AFRC public website and members can access it from any computer. From here, go to "Information for Reservists and Families" and then "Civilian Employment Information Program (CEIP)". The secure website is <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/>, then look under the heading "NEW" on the home page. For additional information, please contact your squadron leadership or the 507 MPF.

I have asked for a big push on this UTA to complete this required task. I want to thank you now for taking the small amount of time required to make sure that all members of the 507 ARW are in compliance. Keep up the good work – Forever Ready, Always There!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Bradfield

### A Personal Note

There have been times that this article seemed to flow onto the paper. Of course, there were other times I sat for a while waiting for inspiration. Never has there been a time like the writing of this article! I will be 60 years old Feb. 14 and am on the retirement chopping block. I have told others that I have no idea how I got to this age. I am still 19 in my heart. Those of you that have been around me any time at all know that sometimes I act like a teenager, too. As I write this article I am waiting for direction from God for what other ministry I will do for Him. Already I know I will not be good at just sitting around and watching my hair turn more gray and my pot belly get bigger.

Excuse my sentimentality. I really have loved this unit and members of the unit. I truly respect the leadership and the followship. This unit has qualities I never expected to find. Now I have been so blessed to have found it on my last tour. Thank you, Lord! So, other than swallowing hard, what else do I say as my parting words? How about a five point guide to go on and upward as a person and in service to our Heavenly Commander?

1. Promote God's glory. Sometimes we forget that a main reason for the creation of human beings was to recognize just how

great God is. Let us make an agreement that, wherever we go and no matter how far apart we are, we will structure our lives and play out each day that brings honor to God.

2. Encourage others. Particularly be sensitive to those that are attempting to serve God and that may need prayer. With that salute or hello shoot a prayer bullet at the person you pass in the hall. Keep the well being of others primary.

3. Assure your personal spiritual health. In the same way that no one can exercise for you or eat the right diet for you, no one can assure that your spiritual and mental state is on target. Anything that distracts from health is not good.

4. Be not surprised by the world and the conduct of evil in the world. Some people allow others to detour them from God. Good people are real. Evil is also real. That is the reason we wear our uniform. As a military we pledge to contain evil. The battle in our personal and international life will always wage on.

5. Maintain an attitude of expectation. What is around the next bend in the road? What new adventure will God allow for you? Even that which we see as setbacks can be the leading of God on to other ways for Him to bless and use us for His service.

With these few words I say goodbye, my fellow Airmen. I will miss you. But I am so proud to have been a part of your family. Once an OKIE, always an OKIE! God bless you and yours.

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**The 507th ARW recently received another aircraft de-icing truck, bringing the total to two.**



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# New Year, new missions for Air Force Reserve

**By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Gregoire**  
**Air Force Reserve Command**  
**Public Affairs**

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — In the New Year, Citizen Airmen will see some new missions headed their way as they continue their efforts to fight and support the Global War on Terrorism.

Responding to the active-duty Air Force's needs, reservists will take part in Future Total Force initiatives which will test new organizational constructs to integrate air reserve component personnel and active duty in virtually every facet of Air Force operations.

"In order to make the Future Total Force a reality, the Air Force will conduct a number of test cases to serve as proofs of concept. Initially the program involves six initiatives that are designed to improve our nation's combat capability," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, here. "Three of the initiatives directly affect AFRC and will hopefully lead to less involuntary mobilizations in the future and more opportunities to retain our Air Force's seasoned professionals in the Reserve."

One test initiative will integrate reservists into all mission areas of the Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev. Growing rapidly, the Air Warfare Center is starting new operations that require a new way of doing business. Using full-time reservists, called Active Guard and Reserve, the initiative is expected to alleviate the center's high training loads, high operations tempo, limited surge capability and low experience levels. On Dec. 17, the center took its first step into the Future Total Force when Lt. Col. John Breeden assumed command of the center's 11th Reconnaissance Squadron. As the first reservist to command a permanent active-duty squadron, he

is responsible for Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations.

Another test initiative will incorporate reserve component Airmen into Predator operations along the southern border states. Texas and Arizona Air National Guard units will also take on Predator missions, and the Air Force Reserve will become further involved at stateside locations to be determined in the near future. The low turnover rate of the Guard and Reserve will significantly reduce the Air Force's training costs associated with this mission. Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, calls the new operations the "crown jewel of tomorrow's Air Force."

The last test initiative impacting AFRC will partner the active duty's 388th Fighter Wing with the Reserve's 419th Fighter Wing. Both units fly the F-16 and are located at Hill AFB, Utah. The goal is to accommodate peacetime training and wartime operations. Consolidating the F-16 resources will put the reservists into a position to help train the less-experienced active-duty members and increase their operational capability. For this initiative, planners will use the associate unit structure where both wings have their own commander and separate chains of command.

"For decades we've had Reserve associate unit successes with our mobility units, but we've never done it for the combat world," said Col. Gregory Vitalis, chief, Programs Division, AFRC Plans and Programs Directorate. "Looking ahead we will be a smaller, more capable force, and our long-term goal is for the Reserve, Guard and active duty to better integrate their efforts as single entity."

Successes with Reserve associate units, a generally more experienced force than their active-duty counterparts, and

the ability to provide nearly 20 percent of the Air Force's capability with approximately 4 percent of the Air Force's budget are just some strengths AFRC brings to Future Total Force.

"Integrating Reserve and active-duty units makes sense and is being reviewed for every weapon system and every major command that AFRC is a joint partner in," said Brig. Gen. Martin Mazick, director, AFRC Operations Directorate. "Future Total Force is just another step to keep us relevant and ready."

As technology and new weapon systems increase the capability of the Total Force, less weapons systems are needed to provide today's level of combat and airlift power. Officials at the headquarters say that what becomes more vital than the hardware is the pool of experienced professionals who train, mentor and provide a surge capability when needed.

This means having the right people at the right place at the right time, said Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner, director, AFRC Plans and Programs Directorate.

"If we have to mobilize during a steady state of operations, we know our force is not balanced," said General Stenner. "Future Total Force will help us find that balance. It will help us get into the right missions and keep us relevant to the active-duty Air Force."

Also, officials say the goal of the Future Total Force initiatives is to test new ways to balance the advantages and costs of each component - and see how each one most efficiently and effectively fits into tomorrow's training and front-line missions.

"We know our Air Force wouldn't be able to perform its mission without the Reserve," said General Mazick. "What we bring to the Air Force as a capability is priceless."

## SAV visit scheduled for Wing during March UTA

More than 70 inspectors will conduct a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) of wing functional activities during the March drill weekend.

The intent of the SAV is to examine unit administrative practices to ensure they are in compliance with guidance.

“The last time our Wing received a Staff Assistance visit was in 2001,” stated Maj. Donald Satterlee, unit Performance Planning Officer, “but the good news is that this SAV visit will provide us time to fix any identified problems prior to our scheduled Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) that’s set for early 2006.”

Satterlee stressed that having a SAV team come to visit should be viewed as an opportunity. “The SAV team is here to help us and if you permit them, they can actually help you fix any problem areas you have.” However, that said, the major also stressed that unit members should be working now to identify and correct known problem areas in advance of the team’s visit.

“We don’t want to waste the opportunity this SAV provides us by having the team waste valuable time discovering problem areas we already know we have or which are easy to fix,” he said. “The SAV team is a support visit to help us out. Our Unit Compliance Inspection will be a close-up examination of everything we do. Use your SAV team representative to help you

get ready for the UCI,” he said.

Satterlee recommends unit members examine several common areas or issues prior to the SAV team’s arrival to include managing Government Travel Card accounts, Time and Attendance records, Family Care Packages, Fit to Fight records and statistics and government purchase card records. Members should also be able to demonstrate compliance with mandatory training such as the recent Wingman sessions held for everyone during the January UTA.

“Your office should have a current self inspection complete, and all members must have documentation on file to demonstrate AF Form 55 Safety Briefings have been completed,” he said. “It also wouldn’t be a bad idea to review office operating instructions and update as appropriate for currency and accuracy and if your office maintains files ensure you have a current file plan.”

The final big tip for all is to clean up your areas and make your work centers presentable. “The first impression of your office and work surroundings sets the pace for the rest of the inspection, so presenting a good game face always helps keep an inspection on a favorable climate,” Satterlee said.

## Reservists switch to myPay; LES becomes paperless

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Jan. 1 was the deadline for Air Force reservists to start using myPay, the Internet method for managing pay.

If they didn’t sign up, they may find it difficult to know how much they are getting paid. The Feb. 1 leave and earning statement is the last paper copy reservists will receive through the mail. The change for Air Force Reserve Command civilian employees depends on local bargaining obligations at their units, but eventually they too are to use myPay.

Under the myPay program, people view their LES online. If they don’t have access to the Web at home or at work, they should contact their respective reserve or civilian pay offices.

To use their myPay account, reservists were supposed to activate their per-

sonal identification number by Dec. 31.

If reservists don’t have a PIN or need a new one, they can obtain a temporary PIN through their reserve pay office or the local Air Force finance office, said Mike Bilbrey, chief of the management and finance branch at Headquarters AFRC.

“These offices have ‘trusted agent’ access and can assign a PIN,” he said.

Another way to obtain a temporary PIN is by going to the myPay Website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and selecting the “new pin” button on the homepage. It may take 10 business days from the date of the request for mail delivery of the new PIN.

In addition, reservists can ask for a new PIN by fax or mail. They need to sign their request and give their full name,

social security account number, a copy of their military photo identification and a daytime telephone number.

The fax number is (216) 522-5800 or DSN 580-5800. The mailing address is:

DFAS-Cleveland/Code PMMCCA,  
Attn: myPay, 1240 East 9th Street,  
Cleveland OH 44199-2055.

The new temporary PIN will contain the last five digits of the person’s social security account number.

People should wait at least two business days before using their PIN if they got it by fax and four days if by mail. They will not receive confirmation that their PIN has changed. (AFRC News Service)

# Staying safe at the pump

By Senior Master Sgt. Gary  
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507th ARW Safety Office

Americans visit the gasoline pump between 11 and 12 billion times a year without incident. Static electricity caused fires during refueling are extremely rare. However, since 1991 there have been an increasing number of fires associated with pumping gasoline. Concerns over the growing number of fires at the gas pump prompted the Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) to look into 160 reported cases between 1992 and 1994.

The PEI found that *electrostatic charging* was the probable cause of the fires. The refueler became electrically charged prior to or during the refueling process through friction between clothing and the car seat to such an extent that electrostatic discharges to the vehicle body, fuel cap or dispensing nozzle occurred. Seventy-eight (78) fires occurred when the fueler returned to the vehicle during the refueling process and then touched the nozzle after leaving the vehicle. Thirty-seven (37) reports described fires before the refueling process began, when the fueler touched the gas cap or the area close to it after leaving the vehicle. Twenty-eight (28) fires do not involve either of the two previous situations. Seventeen (17) fires reported contained insufficient information to categorize them.

Between 1992 and 1994 there were 161 reported gas pump fires. Six of the 161 fires occurred here in Oklahoma. The majority of the 161 fires happened

between December and March when the air is dryer and static electricity is the most easily generated. The state with the highest number of gas pump fires was Nebraska with 13 of the 161 fires.

Even though there was no conclusive link found between cell phone use and

static electricity caused by people getting in and out of their cars during refueling. Another trend found was out of the 160 fires studied, in almost all of them women were involved. The study found most men never get back in their vehicle until they have completely finished refueling. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.

The best way to avoid static electricity at the pump is to stay outside the vehicle while refueling. It may be tempting to get back in the car to get out of the weather or for any other reasons however; staying outside the vehicle will greatly reduce the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity that could be

discharged at the nozzle.

If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door, **TOUCHING THE METAL**, before you ever reach for the nozzle. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.



gasoline pump fires in the study, there is a government warning because of the potential danger posed during refueling and cell phone use. The buildup of static electricity can be generated by many different sources. What the study did find was fires caused by plastic gas cans, nylon windbreakers and, possibly most dangerous of all, people. The most common trend found was the generation of

## Safe Refueling and Fuel Handling Guidelines

- Turn off your vehicle engine.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else.
- Do not re-enter your vehicle during refueling. If you cannot avoid re-entering your vehicle, discharge any static buildup **BEFORE** reaching for the nozzle by touching something metal with a bare hand — such as the vehicle door — (away from the nozzle).
- When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved portable container and place it on the ground to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

## Air Force Reserve Command vice commander retires

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retired after nearly 39 years of military service in a ceremony Jan. 21 at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga.

Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, former Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, officiated the ceremony. General Batbie's retirement will take effect March 15.

Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC's 10th Air Force commander, assumed responsibility for the daily operations of the command during a commander's conference Jan. 21 following the retirement ceremony.

"Needless to say, the operations tempo for this command was near its peak when I returned to AFRC's headquarters as the vice commander in November of 2001," said General Batbie. "The credit for AFRC's continued success goes to the more than 76,000 reservists and 4,000 civilians I had the privilege to work with."

As the vice commander, General Batbie oversaw the day-to-day operations for the Air Force Reserve Command and

its headquarters here. AFRC has about 76,100 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group, four space operations squadrons and 620 mission support units. He reported to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, who serves on the Air Staff at the Pentagon.

General Batbie began his military career in 1966 as a U.S. Army armor officer and helicopter pilot. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1972 as a helicopter pilot and became a fixed wing pilot in 1979 after graduating from the Air Force Fixed Wing Qualification Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. As a command pilot, he accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours in the A-10, A-37, KC-10, KC-135, AH-1G, HH-34J and CH-3E.

During his career, he had numerous supervisory and command positions, including director of operations; squadron, group, wing and numbered



**Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr.**

Air Force commander; and director of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs for U.S. European Command. Prior to General Bradley's nomination, General Batbie served as the interim AFRC commander after General Sherrard's retirement in May 2004.

In 1983, the general was the first Air Force Reserve officer to be assigned to Europe as a Reserve statutory tour officer. He coordinated Reserve affairs in both the plans and operations directorates and served as negotiator for the establishment of collocated operating bases in Greece and Turkey.

He spent more than seven years at Robins AFB. From June 1994 to September 1998, he was director of plans and programs. While in that position, General Batbie was promoted to major general July 1, 1997. After his tour at U.S. European Command, he returned to Robins AFB as the vice commander for AFRC in November 2001.

General Batbie is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La., where he earned his master of arts degree in business administration. He also earned his bachelor of arts degree in the same program at Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz. (AFRC News Service)

### Nominations sought for Guard, Reserve employer award

(AFPN) — The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is accepting nominations for its 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, given for outstanding support of employees who serve in the Reserve and National Guard.

The award was instituted in 1996 to recognize the significant contributions and sacrifices made by America's employers of National Guardsmen and reservists, ESGR officials said. This year, ESGR officials said they are reinstating the original parameters of the nomination process in which only guardsmen and reservists may nominate employers.

"Today, in support of the war on terrorism and the ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an essential alliance has been formed, as many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset — their employees," said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR executive director.

National Guardsmen and reservists can nominate their employers online at [www.esgr.mil/](http://www.esgr.mil/). Nominations will be accepted through midnight Feb. 24. Recipients will be recognized Oct. 22 in Washington, D.C. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

## 513th ACG Deputy Commander for Maintenance

By Maj. Max J. Stitzer

### 'Wingman Day: A Waste of Valuable Time?'

Before we get too far downrange and forget about everything we talked about during the January 2005 UTA safety culture and the Wingman Day discussions, let's reflect on whether we made good use of our precious time to train and accomplish those requirements that keep us combat-ready and deployable worldwide.

Did you drive home that Sunday evening reflecting on the tools and insights you had just gained into how to be more effective in your military and civilian pursuits and to help others do the same, or did you lament the wasted four hours? In the 513<sup>th</sup> Maintenance and Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons, our folks completed surveys at the conclusion of the day. Their overwhelming response was that the

Wingman Day activities were well worth the time we spent, and that we should have similar activities again. Dr. Steven Covey refers to the habit of refreshing ourselves spiritually and enhancing our professional skills as "Sharpening the Saw." By your accounts, you are all "sharper saws" in the arsenal in our cause to maintain our nation's freedoms.

I enlisted in the Air Force Reserve over 20 years ago this past year because I wanted to be a part of this great force that maintains those freedoms. Throughout my life, I have had the good fortune to be able to rely on an ever growing team of my heroes upon whom I rely for feedback, advice, and guidance. From my grandfather, the C-46 flying crew chief in World War II, to my father, the senior Defense Department civilian, to the reliable corps of officers, NCOs, and spiritual leaders who have always been there for me, I have benefited from this concept that we now call "Air Force Combat Wingman." I challenge you to be the person who can reach out, and who can be reached for as we serve in this great fighting force. That's what Airmen do for each other!

## Unit members give generously to Operation Holiday Spirit

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

Final stats are in for the 2004 Operation Holiday Spirit activities for the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group. In most cases, we gave more than the years past.

"The holidays bring out the best in people when it comes to giving to the less fortunate," said Maj. Ralph Hawkins, one of the co-chairmen for this last year's activities. Other co-chairmen included Kathy Lowman, Janice and Jerry Lyles. "More and more unit members are supporting Operation Holiday Spirit each year, and that's a credit to the Tinker Reserve campus, said," said Hawkins.

The Operation Holiday Spirit Steak Supper raised \$7,401--\$1,108 more than the year before. Participation was not as great (30 less), but more money was donated.

Each year, units are asked to identify needy Reserve families for the holiday season. This year 15 families were identified. Donations of food, toys and gift certificates were gathered and presented to families that otherwise might not have a nice Christmas. The unit has been filling Salvation Army

Stockings since 1999. More than 1,800 stockings have been filled by the unit during that time, with 311 this past year. The 507th Chaplains Office oversees the Army Stockings' project.

For the past three years, the unit has adopted the veterans at the Norman Veterans Center for the Angel Tree program. This last year's program was phenomenal with several unit members beating the bushes for volunteers to sponsor the 179 veterans and purchase gifts (equal to the totals in 2002 and 2003 combined) to be delivered. Usually the veterans do not ask for much, just the basics to make life comfortable at the center. The highlight of this event is attending the Veterans Center Christmas party and helping pass out

the gifts, singing Christmas carols and visiting with the veterans. Other military units around Tinker also joined in this program. The 507th Family Support Office, with help from the Public Affairs Office, is the "gate-keeper" for this event.

New programs added this last year were mailing boxes of gifts to Army Reserve members in Iraq (13 boxes) and buying gifts for DHS adopted children (7).



**Tech. Sgt. Kelly Witt, 465th Air Refueling Squadron, visits with veterans during their annual Christmas party in December.**



## FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) or Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) FREE! (Military Only for Excelsior examinations). These examinations test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. You must test at your Reserve DANTES approved test center. Testing at another DANTES test center will be on a case-by-case basis. The third Tuesday of each month at 0800 has been set aside for testing. You must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test. **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Become a certified professional in a field related to your military training. DANTES and AFRC funded certification examinations are available for certain career fields. Go to <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> and click on certification programs, MOS matching and USAF Matrix which identifies the eligible AFSCs, certification exams available and internet addresses for more info. If you desire to take an exam, **contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 class is scheduled for 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

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- 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 0800, Wed at 0800 & 1300, and Thurs at 1300. Call for appointment.

## EDUCATION REMINDER:

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

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

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

Nomination packages for AMN, NCO, or 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)

## CAREER ENHANCEMENT OFFICE:

The next **Decoration Board** will be held during the Feb 05 UTA. For more details, call 734-7491.

## FY2004/2005 UTA SCHEDULE

05-06 Feb 05	05-06 Mar 05
02-03 Apr 05	14-15 May 05
04-05 Jun 05	09-10 Jul 05
06-07 Aug 05	10-11 Sept 05

As of 24 January 2005

**Fri, 04 February 2005**

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

**Sat, 05 February 2005**

**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  
 0830-0900 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 1000-1100 Unit Career Advisors Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Room 214  
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined  
 1300-1600 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Room 214  
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office  
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
**Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated**

**Sun, 06 February 2005**

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**0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium**  
**0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1030 MSG Conf Rm**  
 0730-0930 MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
**0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams** Bldg 460, (AD Hq) Rm 215  
 0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, Room 214  
 0800-1030 Sfty Council Mtg/Sfty Rep Tng Bldg 1030, Room 104  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1066, Conf Rm  
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 1245-1545 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, Room 214  
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 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro To Be Determined  
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 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1066, Conf Rm  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Staff. Sgt. Carmen Zuccarelli, 507th AMXS, who was presented the Aerospace Education Foundation's Pitsenbarger Award. This award is for outstanding academic achievement in the Community College of the Air Force. He was presented with a check for \$500 to further pursue his educational goals.

## 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	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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15 Mar	23 Mar

## 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 office in Building 1043, Room 206.

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# 'Every year' physical process now a reality

By Tech Sgt. Lily Brown  
and Tech. Sgt. Mickey Leckie

As you all may know the Air Force Reserves has gone to an "Every Year Physical Process" for every member.

What does this mean to you?

This means every year at 6 months prior to the **END of your Birth Month** you will hit your window of opportunity for accomplishing your annual **physical/dental** requirements. For example, your window of opportunity **begins** on 1 July of every year if your birth month is December, and the window of opportunity **ends** on the last day of your birth month. This means that you have from 1 July to 31 December to finish every aspect of your annual physical **every year**. If your annual physical is not completed within this window of opportunity, then you will become expired on your **physical/dental** requirements and you will no longer be World Wide Duty Qualified. See attached spreadsheet for RCPHA Cycle information.

**When you are in your 6 month window of opportunity:**

You must log onto the **Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment (RCPHA)** web site > [https://bock.afrc.af.mil/help/rcpa\\_frontpage.htm](https://bock.afrc.af.mil/help/rcpa_frontpage.htm) < and complete your questionnaire as to your present and past health. This website can be saved to your "Favorites" and can be accessed from your home computer. You will need to know your date of current rank to access the questionnaire.

It is important that you **answer the questions completely**.

Any problems with the program need to be addressed immediately through your Unit Health Monitor (UHM) or the Medical Squadron.

Once your questionnaire has been accomplished it is your responsibility to inform your UHM so that an appointment

can be scheduled for you if necessary.

Your next step will be determined by the age in which you **will be turning** on your birthday **for that year**. For example, if you are in your window of opportunity for a 2005 physical and you **will be turning** 31 years of age within that window of opportunity then you will be accomplishing a **"long"** physical.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> year you will accomplish a long physical. Ages 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, will be considered long physicals for flyers and non-flyers alike.

On these ages you will be required to see a Military Dentist, a Military Doctor (With the exception of flyers; flyers must see a Flight Surgeon every year.) and have an HIV drawn, in addition to other requirements that are age specific, on the UTA.

You must bring your shot records to your appointment for an Immunizations check.

We are asking you to accomplish the questionnaire 6 months prior to the end of your Birth Month to better accommodate your schedule and the Medical Squadron's schedule.

The 2 years in between your long physical you will accomplish a short physical:

You will need to complete the questionnaire ([https://bock.afrc.af.mil/help/rcpa\\_frontpage.htm](https://bock.afrc.af.mil/help/rcpa_frontpage.htm)) and it will be reviewed to determine if you will need to see a Military Provider, your UHM will be contacted to set up an appointment on the UTA if you need to be seen.

On these years you are required to

complete a DD Form 2813 (Civilian Dental Assessment). Items #6-11 on the form must be filled out and signed by the **dentist**.

The DD 2813 may also be accomplished 6 months prior to **the end of your birth month, but not before then**, and be turned into your Unit Health Monitor

A	B	C	D
<b>6 Month Window of Opportunity According to Birthmonth</b>			
<b>Birthmonth</b>	January	<b>Birthmonth</b>	July
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Aug - 31 Jan	<b>Cycle</b>	1 Feb - 31 Jul
<b>Birthmonth</b>	February	<b>Birthmonth</b>	August
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Sep - 28 Feb	<b>Cycle</b>	1 Mar - 31 Aug
<b>Birthmonth</b>	March	<b>Birthmonth</b>	September
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Oct - 31 March	<b>Cycle</b>	1 Apr - 30 Sep
<b>Birthmonth</b>	April	<b>Birthmonth</b>	October
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Nov - 30 Apr	<b>Cycle</b>	1 May - 31 Oct
<b>Birthmonth</b>	May	<b>Birthmonth</b>	November
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Dec - 30 May	<b>Cycle</b>	1 Jun - 30 Nov
<b>Birthmonth</b>	June	<b>Birthmonth</b>	December
<b>Cycle</b>	1 Jan - 30 Jun	<b>Cycle</b>	1 Jul - 31 Dec

(UHM). If a DD 2813 is accomplished with a date of examination that is **before your window of opportunity then the exam will be considered too old and cannot be used**.

You must bring your shot records to your appointment for an Immunizations check.

\*\*\*Please keep in mind that a DD 2813 does not take the place of a military dental exam when a military dental exam is due.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Due to our workload the Medical Squadron no longer has the ability to perform any part of a RCPHA during the week.\*\*\*

It is very important that you stay on top of your responsibilities and accomplish everything prior to the end of your birth month. Failure to do so, IAW AFI 48-123, AFRC HQ/SG, you will be placed on a profile and made Not World Wide Qualified and you will no longer be eligible for any extra **pay or point gaining activities** until your annual physical/dental requirements are complete.

# Wing welcomes new chaplain

By Senior Airman Bryan Axtell  
507th Public Affairs Office

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Jones will assume the duties of Wing Chaplain as Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Bradfield retires this month.

Chaplain Jones entered the Air Force Reserve in 1983 when he was granted ecclesiastical endorsement from the Churches of Christ for the Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program. After completing seminary studies he was recommissioned as a Chaplain, First Lieutenant in November 1986. He has also earned a Ph.D. in Homiletics and completed Air Command and Staff College as a nonresident. As a civilian minister, Chaplain Jones has served churches in Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, and Arkansas.

His individual mobilization augmentee (IMA) reserve duty for the last 21 years has consisted of lots of military personnel appropriation (MPA) days which can come in chunks of 120 days or more while not putting him on active duty (requiring a minimum of one year). He has typically been gone from home three to four months at a time, home for a while, then back for another three to four month chunk. As such, Chaplain Jones hasn't led a church home in his civilian life for two years.

As an IMA here at Tinker, Chaplain Jones has worked in the

following offices and positions, mostly as backfill three to four months at a time for chaplains that were deployed: IDS team, 552<sup>nd</sup> – Senior Chaplain, ALC, ABW, religious education program, and the sexual response team. By joining the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW

as a traditional reservist, he plans to actively seek a ministry position such as in a Hospice position or teaching at a Christian school since he holds a Ph.D.

In speaking about his new job as Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Jones said, "We provide a safe environment to talk about anything you want." As well as performing religious services for members, Chaplain Jones' office also advises the commander about 'religious accommodation' – for any faith. While his office is actively involved in suicide prevention, Family Day, and Christmas projects, to name a few, Chaplain Jones wants to raise the profile of the counseling aspect of the chaplain's office.

Chaplain Jones lives near Little Rock, Arkansas. His son is currently a junior in high school planning to attend the University of Kentucky to

study either Architecture or Engineering. Chaplain Jones' daughter works at a counseling clinic as an administrative assistant, and is getting married next month. He is a "fair weather" motorcycle rider, likes watching Sci-Fi television, and reading Tom Clancy novels.



Lt. Col. Michael Jones

## Counseling services can cover a multitude of concerns

Wingman training has recently highlighted the counseling services of the Chaplain's Office as a first line of defense against stress and anxiety. Counseling sessions can be about spiritual matters, but doesn't have to be. If a member just needs a sounding board, yet is concerned about privacy, this is the place to go. Chaplain, Lt. Col. Michael Jones emphasizes the absolute confidentiality of any

**Stress Awareness** *ex-PRESS yourself...*



member session. There are literally no exceptions to this confidentiality (it's in the regulations) including extreme statements such as "I'm going to leave here and kill myself." A chaplain could not divulge that information to anyone. Chaplain Jones is quick to add that a member making such a statement to him should expect to have a lieutenant colonel within arms reach for a

while!

What does this mean realistically? Because the counseled military member is the only person with the power to release the chaplain from his/her confidentiality obligation, it allows members to have a 'repercussion cushion.' Members can go in and talk about anything without fear that it will reach the ears of their supervisor, commander, husband, wife, or anyone else. Keep in mind, however, that this counseling is not meant as a substitute for long-term therapy (i.e., this isn't where you go to treat your schizophrenia).

# Airman's role brings career full circle

by Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol  
416th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan (AFPN) — In September 1972, Donald Klinko stepped through the gates of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., primed and ready for his new duties as a security police officer.

In a time when Vietnam and the Cold War were at their height, then Lieutenant Klinko would eventually become a missile security section and weapons convoy commander.

Some 32-plus years later, Lieutenant Colonel Klinko said his job, and experience, has in many ways come full circle.

Deployed here as the 416th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron commander since September, he is in a former Soviet territory, an area of interest during the Cold War that chimes back to the days of his first Air Force assignment. But it is more than that.

The colonel, who is deployed here from Tinker AFB, Okla., is here for a different kind of war — the war on terrorism — where the enemy is elusive and everywhere, unlike the Cold War days.

“We’re in a different kind of war,” Colonel Klinko said. “We’re not fighting another country. We’re fighting a worldwide enemy. Afghanistan was once a staging base for transnational terrorism, and we stopped that. One hundred years from now, people are going to look back and say, ‘That’s when it all changed.’”

Colonel Klinko said he remembers the events of Sept. 11, 2001, very vividly. He remembers how it drove him to want to do more for his fellow Airmen and for his country.



**Staff Sgt. Robert Polanco shows Lt. Col. Donald Klinko areas where the security forces are guarding the flightline. Sergeant Polanco is assigned to 416th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron's security forces flight. Colonel Klinko is the squadron's commander. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Matt Rosine)**

As a matter of fact, he was activated from the Air Force Reserve within 10 days and assigned as a force protection and anti-terrorist adviser to the 513th Air Control Group commander at Tinker. Three years after that activation, he is now here supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

“To be honest, I should have been here a long time ago,” Colonel Klinko said. “Being here is the right thing to do.”

His job here is similar to that of a mission support group commander at a wing, with many career fields under his watch. But that is not unusual for a man whose experiences involve many career fields, including security forces, history and public affairs.

Overall though, Colonel Klinko said he considers himself a person who would be considered on the same level as his troops here, troops whose ca-

reer fields range from security forces to personnel.

“I have probably the most complex squadron in the 416th Air Expeditionary Group,” Colonel Klinko said. “The only thing we don’t have is the fire department and services — those are run by a contractor.”

Colonel Klinko said that in his early days as a security police officer, he learned that “you don’t ever want to ask a troop to do anything you wouldn’t do yourself.”

Such has been his philosophy to this day, as he has gone with two fly-away security teams to forward-deployed locations in Afghanistan.

He has always maintained his proficiency in the security forces career field and has expanded his knowledge about force protection, anti-terrorism, special operations and world history.

Colonel Klinko said all of his

# HRDC e-mail poll results presented

More than 100 unit reservists participated in a local e-mail poll last month, helping to set the course for future training initiatives.

The e-poll, an e-mail message sent to all members which provides voting response options, was sponsored by the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group Human Resource Development Councils.

Last year, unit HRDC members offered a series of two-hour training workshops during drill weekends. Last month's survey was designed to determine unit reservist interest in reoffering specific sessions or new workshops still on the drawing board. The poll resulted in 102 members responding and sampled opinions for six proposed offerings.

The voting options included selecting one of the following: **Building Team Spirit – It's an Attitude** (Morale Building); **Improving your Counseling and Performance Feedback Skills** (Mentoring); **Writing Bullets that Dazzle** (Report and communications skill improvements); **Coaching Your Mission** (Mentoring); **Instilling Air Force Core Values in Everything We Do** (Mentoring); and **Maximize your Air Force Reserve Career** (Mentoring). The last two courses listed have not yet been presented.

The voting results indicated the top three requested training courses include Writing Bullets that Dazzle; Building Team Spirit; and Maximize your Air Force Reserve Career.

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schooling, which also includes a doctorate of philosophy in history and Master of Arts degrees in history, would not amount to a hill of beans if he did not listen to his people.

"From being an Air Force historian, I have some understanding of a lot of career field missions," he said, "but here and everywhere else I've been I've had to listen to the experts in each career field — the flight commanders, senior (noncommissioned officers) and others. As a leader, you have to trust their judgment."

He said challenges for leaders in a deployed base include the need for flexibility.

"In a wartime environment, you have to deal with the unexpected, whether it's shortages in something or otherwise," Colonel Klinko said. "You can't panic or get frustrated. You just have to do what you're trained to do."

Most importantly, he said, as a leader you need to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your troops, then "capitalize on their strengths and minimize their weaknesses."

"That's a basic principle of leadership," Colonel Klinko said. "It's a principle that allows people to excel and best accomplish the mission."

Colonel Klinko said the war on terrorism has brought together a melting pot of Guard, Reserve and active-duty forces from all services probably not seen at the same level since World War II.

"The Air Force has been practicing 'total force' since at least the 1950s when (there were) reservists flying daily missions," he said. "Now, what we've seen across the board, there are citizen Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines doing more and more who are integrating into a great force across the globe."

"We see that here ... you wouldn't know the difference unless you asked someone where (he or she was) from," he said. "Total force is driving our success in meeting mission requirements. My troops in this squadron are a testament to that fact."

Before he leaves, Colonel Klinko said he wants all of his troops here to know that this war is only won by the people who fight it.

"Our wars are won by people — not procedures, not machines," he said.



**Lt. Col. Donald Klinko joined the Air Force in 1972 as a security police officer. More than 30 years later, the colonel, now a reservist, has maintained his proficiency in the career field and has twice joined security forces fly-away teams to forward-deployed locations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.**

## 2005 Spouse Scholarship applications accepted

The 2005 Spouse Scholarship applications will be accepted through March 31, 2005. Information and the application is available on the AEF Web site “<http://www.aef.org>” or by calling AEF directly at (800) 291-8480. Thirty scholarships are awarded each year to spouses of active duty Air Force, National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. The deadline for applications to be post-marked is March 31, 2005. The Wing Training Office has the application forms. For details, call 734-7075.

### Objective

The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees.

#### Requirements/Evaluation Criteria

- The applicant must be a spouse of Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve to be eligible. Spouses who are themselves Air Force members, or in ROTC, are not eligible.

- Include an original or copy of your most recent college/university transcript or a report card from your last semester verifying your minimum 3.5 (CUMULATIVE) GPA or higher. If submitting transcript printed on-line, transcript **must** have your name.

- Proof of acceptance into a regionally accredited community college/ college/ university. This may consist of a short letter on college/university stationery from either the admissions office or the registrar. A class registration payment/receipt stating that you are currently enrolled is also acceptable. You must be attending classes in the current academic year.

- In a two page double-spaced essay, describe your academic and career goals and the motivation which led you to this decision. Describe how Air Force and other local community activities in which you are involved will enhance your goals.

- The two letters of recommendation should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer. A letter of endorsement from the local AFA Chapter would be welcomed and encouraged. The two letters must be from different sources. Letters from previous or present professors, employers, and volunteer organizations referencing work you have done (church, sports, school, hospital, etc.) are encouraged.

- Please BE SURE to include information on which major command spouse belongs to.

- You will be required to provide us with information requested on a feedback form six months after the scholarship is awarded.

#### Scholarship Allocation

- Scholarships are awarded in May.
- \$1,000 Stipend.
- Scholarships may be used to pay for any reasonable cost related to pursuing a degree. This would include tuition, books, and any remaining money can be used to pay for either transportation or childcare costs.

### Guidelines

- Applicants who have received the Spouse Scholarship in the past are not eligible.

- This scholarship is open for all academic programs.

- Undergraduate students must be enrolled with a minimum of 6 credit hours when the scholarship is awarded in May. Graduate and post-graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours.

**FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS ABUSE THEIR GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD.**

Government Travel Cards are for official travel expenses while on TDY status. Even then, interim travel vouchers asking for split disbursement should be filed so the account can be paid in full every month. That's it. Nothing else. Members using it for other things and “paying it off before they notice” are asking for trouble.

**DON'T LET YOUR WINGMAN CRASH & BURN**





**Lt. Col. Edsel (Archie) Fry, right, accepts the 507th Operations Group flag from Col. Dean Despinoy, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, as he assumes command during the January UTA.**



**Lt. Col. James McDonnell, 507th Maintenance Group commander, presides over the retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Lyles. Chief Lyles retired in January with 36 years service.**

## 2005 Freedom Award Nomination Period Begins

The nomination period for the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards is now open! All members of the military are encouraged to nominate your outstanding employers for this prestigious award! Award nominations must be received by Feb. 24, 2005 for this year's competition.

The Freedom Award recognizes employers who provide exceptional support to their employees who voluntarily serve the nation in the National Guard and Reserve. The award is the highest in a series of ESGR awards that include the Patriot Award, the Above and Beyond Award, and the Pro Patria Award.

The categories for the Freedom Award include: Major Corporations (100 or more employees), Small Corporations (less than 100 employees), and Public Sector (federal, city, state, municipalities, police and fire departments, or any entity funded by tax dollars).

To nominate an employer for this award, go to [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil) or use the following link to go directly to the nomination form now! <https://www.esgr.org/employers2/onlineFormsFAP2005.asp>



**Master Sgt. Nicky Stewart receives the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal from Lt. Col. Michael Miller, 507th Mission Support Group deputy commander. Stewart retired last month with 33 years service.**

# Uprclose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW:  
**“How do you express your creative side within your Reserve job?”**

**Capt. Otto M. “Trey” Nessler III**  
**465th ARS**

“In my primary ground job as an aircrew mission planner, creativity is sometimes required to ensure our reserve TDY aircrews are treated as good (or better) than a similar active duty crew.”



**Senior Master Sgt. Mike Reed**  
**507th CES**

“Nothing is ever like its planned, so we have to adjust as we go along.”

**Master Sgt. William Dean**  
**507th CES**

“I pretty much have to plan everything I build.”



**Senior Airman Ryan Adair**  
**507th Medical Squadron**

“I do the best that I can and hope the things that I do help out the people in the Reserves and in my unit.”



**Staff Sgt. Tisa Warren**  
**507th Medical Squadron**

“As a medic it can be hard to be too creative, but at times I try to be. With most tasks we adapt & overcome to solve problems or come up with a solution. :-)”



**Tech. Sgt. Erik Strawn**  
**507th MXS**

“I work on cars as a hobby and my job relates closely to that.”

*Invite your civilian boss to...*

# *Come fly with us*

All 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) and 513th Air Control Group reservists are invited to nominate their employers for an upcoming Employer Support Orientation Flight, scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2005.

Employer support flights are sponsored to help better acquaint business leaders who employ reservists with the mission of the Air Force Reserve.

According to Maj. Richard Curry, 507th ARW Public Affairs Officer and unit representative for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) activities, "The April orientation flight will involve at least one of the 507th ARW's KC-135R 'Stratotanker' aircraft. We are looking to fly employers on a 2-3 hour mission."



Reservists may nominate their employers by filling out the nomination form appearing on this page and presenting it to their commander. Because of space limitations, reservists may also provide additional information to their commander to tell

them why their boss should be selected for this flight. Public Affairs is requesting that reservists do not nominate employers for repeat flights.

"In the past, this activity has been a regular event for our units," Curry said. "So if we are unable to fly your employer on this mission, watch for future announcements and please try again."

All nominations should be given to an individual's commander before March 6, 2005 so final selections can be made and employers contacted with flight information.

## Employer Orientation Flight Nomination form

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name / Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone / Fax / Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Name/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Unit \_\_\_\_\_

# Parting Shot



## Secretary Roche retires

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche speaks during his retirement ceremony here Jan. 18. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Amber K. Whittington)

## On-final R-News

### Telethon volunteers needed

Volunteers are requested to help support the annual Oklahoma Educational Television Authority fund-raising telethon.

According to unit Telethon coordinator, Master Sgt. Clifton Howard of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, the unit has tentatively been blocked from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20.

According to Sergeant Howard, this will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year that unit reservists have supported the telethon.

“We’re looking for 24 volunteers to support our portion,” Sergeant Howard said. “We need all the volunteers we can get.” The sergeant said that previous volunteers have all stated they had fun supporting the telethon. “The folks at OETA teach us everything we need to know to use their phone and computer systems for donations and they provide

a lot of food...so come hungry.”

Unit volunteers are encouraged to wear their uniform at the event. For more information or to volunteer, write Sergeant Howard at [Clifton.howard@tinker.af.mil](mailto:Clifton.howard@tinker.af.mil) or [Ssmokem055@yahoo.com](mailto:Ssmokem055@yahoo.com) or call (405) 412-9230.

### Some BMT flight photos available for viewing

Lackland AFB, the Gateway to the Air Force, has undertaken a unique tasking of adding BMT flight photos from the 1940s to present on their web site. Many are available now and the site is updated almost daily, as photos are obtained.

If you do not see your flight photo and would like to submit it, go to <http://www.lackland.af.mil/info/photos.asp>

### UTA Services

Sunday Protestant Service (7:30 a.m.) in 513th Auditorium Sermon: *What's Next?*

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

## 507th ARW Recruiters

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Master Sgt. Nathan Bickle  
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### Moore, Norman, OK

Master Sgt. Gene Higgins  
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### Midwest City, OK

Tech. Sgt. Marvin Greene (SE)  
Staff Sgt. Sharon McQuitty (NW)  
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### Tulsa, OK

Tech. Sgt. Richard D. Kozik (NE)  
(918) 665-2300

### Lawton, OK

Staff Sgt. Kamala Thigpen  
(580) 357-2784

### McConnell AFB, KS

Master Sgt. David McCormick  
(In-Service Recruiter)  
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### Vance AFB, OK

Master Sgt. David McCormick  
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