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The future of the Air Force Reserve approaches

Editor's note: On July 20, Air Force Reserve Command commander Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley spoke before the House Armed Services Committee about aspects of Future Total Force initiatives and their impact on reservists.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the role of the Air Force Reserve and the Air Force Reserve Command in the Air Force Future Total Force.

We are all facing new and unique challenges. The Air Force is re-evaluating its functional and operational constructs. This leads to new opportunities for the Air Force Reserve, as we divest ourselves of older weapon systems and become more integrated in new Air Force missions ... the Air Force of the 21st century.

In order to enable Air Force transformation as a whole, we in the Air Force Reserve must also change to ensure we remain relevant to the joint fight. To me, Future Total Force is an extension of the way we conduct business today. It optimizes the capabilities of all three components; the active duty, Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard and their respective members: creating a common vision.

In support of the Future Total Force vision, the Air Force Reserve will divest older aircraft that are becoming increasingly less relevant to what's needed over the battlefield. We will also test new organizational constructs to integrate into every facet of Air Force op-

erations. The Reserve Associate program has been a proven force multiplier in the mobility community since 1968. We are expanding our associate program to other mission areas in order to ensure critical continuity, surge capability, and enable cost savings through a sharing of weapon systems.

As a Command, we must transform to maximize the capabilities that cutting edge technology offers us. We are closely reviewing current and emerging mission areas to ensure each component's role is appropriate. Involvement in future missions will not only increase our operational effectiveness, but should reduce reliance on involuntary mobilization, through the reachback capability missions such as Information Operations, space, UAVs and others will provide.

The Air Force uses volunteers first for a variety of peacetime, contingency and war operations. However, some missions like major conflicts cannot be strictly completed through volunteerism and we need to turn to mobilizations. However, mobilizing during a steady state of operations eventually creates an unbalanced force. Better balance is achieved with Future Total Force.

The Air Force Reserve has been a full partner in the Future Total Force process and is working closely to stand up a number of test initiatives directed by the Chief of Staff last year. One initiative is expanding the Air Force Reserve presence in support of many missions at the Air Warfare Center Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. We



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

are also working with Air Force Special Operations Command to establish an associate Predator unit at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. And, for the first time, we are standing up an associate fighter unit at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. I am closely following the progress of these initiatives and look forward to working with my partners in the active duty and Air National Guard to explore further opportunities.

Mr. Chairman, Future Total Force will further integrate all Air Force components, realizing synergies we are only now beginning to realize. We, in the Air Force Reserve, are prepared to take on these new missions; to be proactive; and accept change. Future Total Force enables the Air Force Reserve to remain an integral part of the Air Force team.



AIR FORCE RESERVE

A simple 'thank you' can go a long way

By Lt. Col. Frank Van Horn
86th Flying Training Squadron commander

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Many of us are familiar with the book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. The theme centers around basic lessons we should have learned as children on how to interact with one another.

I am convinced that if any of us read Fulghum's book, we would nod our heads in agreement with just about everything he has to say in there. How could you not; they are the basic lessons your parents taught you.

One of the cornerstones of instruction and learning is the value of repetition. We can learn our multiplication tables,

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--- Lt. Col. Frank Van Horn

but without constant practice, the lesson is only short term and after a short period of time we forget.

I am convinced the principle of repetition is just as important in our interaction skills with others. If we don't practice the skills our parents taught us, we end up forgetting those lessons. If we are lucky, we will be presented with an opportunity to relearn some of the important lessons we may have forgotten.

I had such an opportunity recently, and my "instructor" was a senior airman who helped me "relearn" one of those valuable lessons we originally learned in kindergarten.

The "classroom" where this lesson occurred was my office. Under mounting piles of e-mails, OPRs, course critiques, and a frustrating meeting schedule, I was not in a particularly good mood.

As I was sorting through the piles on my desk I ran across a brightly colored envelope addressed simply to "Lt. Col. Van Horn". I opened it up and inside was a thank you note from one of our fantastic airmen who I had just flown recently on an incentive flight in a T-1 Jayhawk.

Her simple words of thanks for showing her what we did in the 86th brought a smile to my face that had been missing all day long. The impact was immediate. My focus returned. I remembered the most important asset in any endeavor is people. I instantly understood the power of those two simple words.

The piles of paperwork shrank in importance and I remembered my primary job was to motivate and guide the airmen in my unit towards accomplishing our mission. And finally, I "remembered" that some of the best motivational tools ever made were the two simple words "thank you".

I left the office and went out into the flight rooms where our mission happens everyday. I took the time to thank the instructor pilots for their long hours and extra efforts. I took the time to congratulate some students on recent check ride successes. That is when I remembered another lesson I learned long ago, a positive attitude is contagious. A simple thank you from a senior airman had immeasurable impact on the morale of my squadron that day.

So when you find yourself feeling down or have had a tough day, remember that some of our most powerful motivational tools are the simplest and they don't cost a thing.

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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.

Flight crews undergo water survival training

Story and photos by Capt. Bill Pierce

Aircrew members undergo extensive training during their careers. One aspect of that training includes open water survival certification. Although aircraft are outfitted with survival equipment, aircrew members need to know how to survive in a variety of conditions, in the event their aircraft has to make an emergency landing. One such condition is survival in open water,

which can be one of the harshest environments to survive if not prepared.

Members of the 465th Aerial Refueling Squadron participated in open water training, at the base pool, during the July UTA. "Crew members are required to recertify every three years," said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Skelton, NCOIC, 465th Aerial Refueling Squadron Life Support section.

For the 465th ARS aircrew members their training began with classroom instruction in the morning, including survival techniques, use of equipment and a lesson in hazardous marine life. Following that, aircrew simulated a parachute landing and individual and team raft concepts.

One by one aircrew members donned the appropriate equipment to complete their training. Without hesitation each member climbed onto the diving board, stepped into position and with the gesture of the hand was catapulted backwards into the water simulating a parachute landing.

According to Eric Bigelow, member of the 465th ARS Life Support section, "this simulates coming off the airplane in a parachute. Sometimes the wind may push their parachute back dragging them through the water. Members were shown how to disconnect their parachutes quickly to avoid being dragged. The idea behind this is to prevent the members from drowning."

Once crewmembers disconnected their parachutes, they shed their helmet to ease their swim. Feeling the weight of their water-logged flight suits, they continued paddling toward their next task.

At the next station members found a parachute spread out in the water. With a gulp of air each member disappeared under the parachute backwards following a seam to the other side. "In the event a member lands in the water and their parachute lands directly over them they are trained to pick a seam in the parachute and follow it to the other side safely," said Bigelow.

Just as quickly as they disappeared each member reappeared on the other side. With three tasks completed, trainees swam to the individual life rafts. Awaiting them were two Life Support instructors to advise them on



Aircrew members, in the 20-person life raft, work to assemble a cover to protect themselves from the elements.



(From front cover) Senior Master Sgt. Marty Lochman, 465th ARS boom operator, relaxes in the pool while practicing with an individual life protection unit.



Carlos Escobar, Life Support technician, helps Capt. Jenette Jensen, Current Operations, inflate her flotation device.

Q&A session with Col. “Arlo” Guthrie

On-final: *What were your thoughts about the 507th prior to making your decision to come here?*

Col. Guthrie: When Colonel Despinoy initially contacted me about the possibility of coming here, I immediately went to the 507th ARW web site and read everything I could about the wing. Wow, was I impressed! It was evident the 507th has a rich and varied history. There were many “firsts.” I knew the quality of people in the 507th and the Tinker team has to be among the absolute best in the Air Force. I considered the opportunity of working on such a wide variety of missions with the professionals in the 507th an honor.

On-final: *What are the biggest challenges you see facing the 507th and the Air Force Reserve in the future?*

Col. Guthrie: Everyone from the Airman just graduating from Tech School to the President is faced with decisions on how to use limited resources. Getting the balance right and keeping it right is a difficult task, but it is one we must continually strive to achieve. The decisions made on how much to invest in the future and how much to expend now have large implications, many of which are long-term.

At my previous assignment I worked with both the Air Force headquarters planning and acquisition offices, and have seen firsthand the difficulty the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve Command, and even the 507th ARW face. It makes no sense to have great equipment with no people to

operate it, nor to have a bunch of great people but not give them the equipment they need to do the job.

On a more personal level, we all have to use our time wisely. Taking care of our families has to be our first priority, whether it is our family at home or here on the base.

On-final: *How would you describe your leadership style?*

Col. Guthrie: My leadership style varies depending on the situation. In general, I believe in using a teambuilding approach. The abilities of a team are almost always greater than of the individuals by themselves. The talent and diversity we have in the reserves blend together to create a tremendous force, and I am very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the 507th.

Yet there are occasions when the teambuilding approach won’t work due to the nature of the situation. One example that comes to mind is when there is an emergency onboard an aircraft; the aircraft commander must make a quick decision on what to do.

No matter how the decisions are made, I believe a leader must take responsibility for the outcome. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, after making the decision to launch the D-Day invasion, prepared for what could have been a disastrous outcome. He wrote a letter he gave to his assistant. In that letter he took full and total responsibility should the mission



fail. A leader is defined not just by the decisions he or she makes, but by their commitment to stand behind those decisions.

On-final: *What characteristics do you value most from those working under your command?*

Col. Guthrie: I believe the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do summarize what is most important. Beyond those, effective communication is vital.

On-final: *Who is your personal hero and why?*

Col. Guthrie: I don’t have just one. I am inspired by the great acts of courage and determination many people have exhibited. Inspiration can come from anyone, from the Airman to the General, from the CEO to the mailboy, from the athlete to politician. The families that endure hardships brought about by separation and long work hours of those serving and protecting our great nation are very moving.

Flight crews undergo water survival training

the proper techniques of flipping a raft, climbing into it and maintaining it.

With a little rest and this task completed, members made their way out of the water. Once every member was through this stage the Life Support instructors positioned the students in place for the 20-man raft training.

On the side of the pool members were shown how to deploy the raft. Pulling back on the handle, Life Support instructors deployed the raft, including its accessory containers. Once the raft was inflated, instructors signaled the crew

members back into the water for the last task of the day.

One by one, crew members climbed into the raft. Taking their positions, each assumed a role. With the last member in the raft, instructors began going over the ration containers, instructing how to gather rain water and how to prepare the raft for calm and rough seas.

With the training completed, aircrew members left with a better understanding of how to survive in the open water. “We showed them in the classroom and they saw how it applied in survival training,” smiled Bigelow.

Wing selects second quarter winners

Quarterly winners for the second quarter of 2005 are 1st Lt. Michael R. Scopel, Company Grade Officer; Senior Master Sgt. Robert M. Gaspar, Senior NCO; Tech. Sgt. William V. Bische, NCO; and Senior Airman Brandon T. Rameriz, Airman.

Lieutenant Scopel, an Intelligence Officer with the 507th Operational Support Flight, is new to the OSF, but "he has proven to be an invaluable asset bringing a balance of work ethic and professionalism far beyond his grade to our Intel section," said Lt. Col. Michael F. Mahon, OSF commander.

Scopel was recently recognized by the



Col. Dean Despinoy presents certificate to Tech. Sgt. William Bische

4th AF inspector general team leader during the Staff Assistance Visit as an outstanding performer. He was praised for his management of the new Intelligence Support to Force Protection program and he developed an automated program to track internal and external training.

Scopel is currently enrolled in the Masters of Business Administration program, University of Central Oklahoma, and attending computer classes for an additional Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Science.

Scopel recently assisted with various offices on the active duty side, from working as a testing control officer to

working with the personnel relocations and assignments section.

Sergeant Gaspar, Senior NCO of the Quarter, is NCOIC of the 507th OSF Intelligence Shop. He volunteered for a second short-notice Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait to fill a vital shortfall position in direct support of USCENTAF C-130 operations in Iraq. Gaspar is a "meticulous COMSEC manager," says Lt. Col. Michael F. Mahon, 507th OSF commander. "His keen attention to detail was directly responsible for the intelligence section receiving an outstanding rating during a recent COMSEC inspection."

Gaspar completed the HQ USAF/REI Congressional/Headquarters Orientation Course at the Pentagon. He owns and operates a retail business utilizing "E-Commerce Super Highway."

Gaspar is an active member of the 507th ARW Reserve Top Three, AF Sergeants Association and the AF Association. He also volunteers time for the Oklahoma City Downtown Baptist Church Soup Kitchen.

Sergeant Bische, NCO of the Quarter, is a Medical Service Technician with the 507th Medical Squadron. Bische is "a top performer in the nursing services," says Col. Steven Gentling, 507th MDS commander. "As NCOIC of staff development, Sergeant Bische is responsible for the training of 29 medical service technicians to ensure competency and proficiency in performing 160-plus physical exams and administration of mobility required immunizations for worldwide duty deployments."

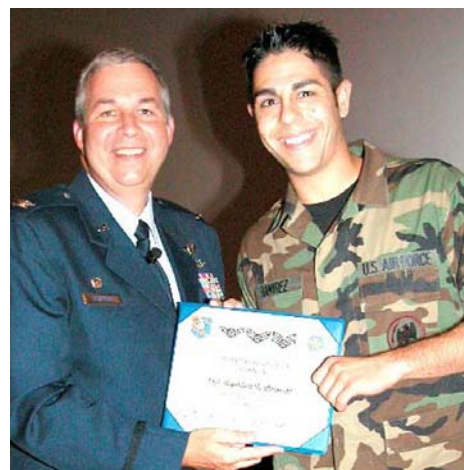
Bische consistently seeks to improve processes recognizing the importance of presenting solutions to achieve measurable and positive outcomes. He recently initiated contacts and coordinated the transfer of medical training equipment from Lackland AFB, Texas while attending TOPSTAR

training. This saved \$4,000.

Bische completed NCO Academy in residence at Keesler AFB, Miss. in April. He is an active member of the 507th Medical Squadron's Senior NCO Advisory Committee and a troop leader for 25 Boy Scouts with the Henryetta First Nazerene Church.

Senior Airman Rameriz, Airman of the Quarter, is an Aircrew Life Support Craftsman with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron.

Rameriz is an outstanding Airman, elevating the standard of excellence with his professional attitude and dedication, according to Lt. Col. William L. Erickson. He enthusiastically accepts the challenge



Col. Dean Despinoy presents a certificate to Senior Airman Brandon Rameriz

of newly assigned tasks, exhibiting a spirited drive to learn and grow.

Rameriz is currently enrolled at Oklahoma City Community College, pursuing an Associate of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. He completed 14 semester hours toward the degree, maintaining a 3.2 GPA and was on the President's Honor Roll. Rameriz is a mentor for 6- to 8-year-old boys at Westmore Community Church youth group, Leaders of America. He is also a member of the Church's men's basketball team.

Bingham to coordinate church mission efforts

A 507th Medical Squadron civilian was selected recently to coordinate worldwide mission efforts for the Free Methodist Church, head-

quartered in Indianapolis, Ind.

Tamara "TJ" Bingham was asked to become the next Mid-America Conference Missions Coordinator. According to Bingham, she'll serve as liaison between the mission's department, missionaries and the host countries. "This is a part-time position I will work on my off-time," said Bingham.

Bingham has experience with missions, having been to Kakabekah, Canada and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Bingham's church, the Midwest City Free Methodist Church, falls within the Mid-America Conference. The conference includes churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and part of Missouri. "I will coordinate the worldwide mission

logistics for these areas," said Bingham.

Bingham attributes her selection to her faith and attitude. "I'm overjoyed at this opportunity to do something that matters and that directly affects lives.

"My goals are to ensure that the missions run smoothly and provide some benefit. This should be a great experience for everyone," smiled Bingham.

Bingham, manager of health records for the 507th Medical Squadron, began her career with the wing as a reservist in 1977 before transferring to her current position in 1982. Many know her as the keeper of the medical records. "I'm usually one of the first people basic trainees see before coming into the unit," said Bingham.



TJ Bingham

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight L. Magnus

Play the game of life wisely

I enjoy the story of President Dwight Eisenhower and his mother. He described his mother as a smart and saintly lady. "Often in this job I've wished I could consult her. But she is in heaven. However, many times I have felt I knew what she would say."

One night in their farm home, Mrs. Eisenhower was playing a card game with her boys. "Now, don't get me wrong," said the former president, "it was not with those cards that have kings, queens, jacks, and spades on them. Mother was too straitlaced for that." President Eisenhower said the game they were playing was called Flinch.

"Anyway, Mother was the dealer, and she dealt me a very bad hand. I began to complain. Mother said, 'Boys, put down your cards. I want to say something, particularly to Dwight. You are in a game in your home with your mother and brothers who love you. But out in the world you will be dealt bad hands without love. Here is some advice for you boys. Take those bad hands without complaining and play them out. Ask God to help you, and you will win the important game called life.' The president added, 'I've tried to follow that wise advice always.'"

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970th AACCS Commander's Column

By Lt. Col. Matthew Van Winkle

Changes take place in the 970th

On Sunday, July 24th, Lt. Col. Stephen Mittuch stepped down as the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron's Operations and Training /Director of Operations (O&T/DO) officer. Colonel Mittuch has served brilliantly in that function for over one-and-a-half years. His wide-ranging abilities as the O&T and DO were instrumental in the units great ORI rating and the steady progress of the continuing UCI preparation. In addition to his many and varied daily duties, such as the safe and efficient execution of the weekly flying schedule, oversight of squadron programs and processes, as well as supervising all Air Reserve Technicians and civilians in the squadron, he has served as the "go to" man for the entire 513th ACG. His vast knowledge of all aspects, military and civilian, has helped many a commander, from group to flight to squadron, including yours truly. There are many behind the scenes actions (again, both military and civilian) in which Steve's knowledge of the system, processes and regulations has helped out individual members in the unit without them even being aware. In some instances these actions have had huge positive impacts on individual lives. Some may not rec-

ognize his contributions but I recognize it and I appreciate it, as do all the Commanders with whom he has served.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for all his hard work and loyalty. He will be moving on to a straight GS civilian job at Hill AFB, close to his home in Salt Lake City. Steve will remain in the unit as a traditional reservist mission crew commander.

On Monday, July 25th, Lt. Col. Michael "Babytuck" Tucker assumed duties as the new O&T/DO of the 970th. As many of you know, Tuck comes to us from the 513th OSF where he was Chief XP following a long and distinguished career. Originally from Lynchburg, VA (we won't hold that against him) Colonel Tucker was commissioned in 1974 after graduating from VMI. After qualifying as an F-4 navigator in '75, Tuck spent the next 11 years in various fighter assignments, including duty in Korea and the Philippines. He left active duty in 1986 to join the reserves. His first assignment was in the 465th flying F-4s. After a three-year stint as a school house instructor/evaluator at Bergstrom AFB, Tuck returned to the 507th where he stayed through the F-16 and KC-135 transitions. He has held every position at the unit level except for commander and has over 3,000 hours F-4 time. He also has 2,700 hours in the KC-135, 150 hours in the C-130, 80 hours in the F-16 and 150 hours in the E-3. As you can see, Colonel Tucker brings a wealth of experience to his new position and I, for one, am looking forward to working with him. For the 970th: Welcome aboard Tuck.

Airmen can wear Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

Airmen now may wear the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal, officials announced June 28.

The medals are approved for active-duty Airmen, reservists and guardsmen deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001 for Operation Enduring Freedom and on or after March 19, 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Iraqi Campaign Medal

To be eligible, Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

The ACM is awarded for service for

all land areas within and all airspaces above Afghanistan.

The ICM is for service covering all land areas within Iraq, all adjoining water areas out to 12 nautical miles and all airspaces above those areas.

Airmen may wear only one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for a single action, achievement or period of service, officials said. A period of service is a deployment lasting at least 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days; a second period of service would begin after an Airman returns home from a first deployment and then deploys a second time. There are also no devices for either campaign medals or the Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary Medal, officials said.

Airmen have a choice: Those who deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq and have



Afghanistan Campaign Medal

30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days between the eligibility period and April 30 may choose to wear either a campaign medal or the GWOT-E medal. But they can't wear both, officials say.

The Air Force Personnel Center will update its system in August to convert GWOT-E medals to campaign medals for Airmen who are eligible. Airmen who don't want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight, officials said.

The campaign medal for Afghanistan is positioned below the one for Kosovo and above the medal for Iraq.

FREE COLLEGE TESTING

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

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

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

TUITION ASSISTANCE

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

The basic enrollment requirements are that you must:

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

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

HQ AFRC will approve/disapprove based on funding.

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$3500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors). **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Sharlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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

FAMILY CARE

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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)

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 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Rm
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 7 Aug 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 by appt. **Computer Based Testing Bldg 1043, Room 213**
 0730-0800 **Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium**
 0730-0800 **Catholic Mass 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 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1000-1100 HRDC Meeting 513th ACG Auditorium
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, Room 214
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro To Be Determined
1500-1630 MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 9 Sept 2005

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, Wg Conf Room
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Sat, 10 Sept 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 by appt. **Computer Based Testing Bldg 1043, Room 213**
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0730-0930 Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY
 0830-0900 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Rm
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 11 Sept 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 by appt. **Computer Based Testing Bldg 1043, Room 213**
 0730-0800 **Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium**
 0730-0800 **Catholic Mass 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 Supervisor Safety Tng Bldg 1030, Room 104
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, Room 214
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro To Be Determined
1500-1630 MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

McNabb nominated to command AMC

President Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb for the rank of general and to command Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

General McNabb is currently the director of logistics for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Before that assignment he was the Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and programs.

A 1974 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Academy, he has held command and staff positions at squadron, wing, major command and Department of Defense levels. He is a command pilot with more than 5,400 hours in a variety of aircraft including the C-141 Starlifter and C-17 Globemaster III.

If confirmed by the Senate, General McNabb will succeed Gen. John W. Handy who has commanded AMC since November 2001. (AFPN)

ACC flying hours restored

Air Combat Command officials restored an estimated \$201 million to its flying hour program July 1 after receiving additional funds from Air Force headquarters.

Air Force officials approved the restoration which will help alleviate the loss of readiness resulting from the \$272 million, 31,349-hour cut announced earlier this year, said Maj. Dean Gould, ACC flying hour program chief.

Air Force officials had approved the earlier cuts to meet budget shortfalls and help cover expenses incurred from the war on terrorism. Those cuts represented about 60 percent of the remaining planned flight hours for the year.

With the new funding, units are restoring their flying hours for July, August and September. The command is now targeting a stop-fly date of Sept. 26 for the fiscal year, officials said. (AFPN)

DOD changes emergency data form to prevent heartaches

As a result of two recent incidents, DOD has changed the Record of Emergency Data Form — DD Form 93 — to require service members to designate exactly who should be declared the “person authorized to direct disposition” of remains should they be killed in action.

The change grew out of the cases of a Soldier and a Marine killed in Iraq earlier this year. In both cases, the men — both unmarried — had not designated a person authorized to direct disposition, and their parents were divorced.

With no one specified as to whom should receive their remains, the services followed long-standing rules. In these cases, the older parent received the remains. In the Soldier’s case, burial was delayed for weeks until a court ruled on the

situation. The Marine’s case is still pending.

Previously, service members could volunteer information on persons authorized to direct disposition of remains. The change will make that information mandatory. (AFPN)

Senate confirms Moseley as next CSAF

The Senate has confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next chief of staff of the Air Force. He is the current Air Force vice chief of staff.

General Moseley met with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee June 29 during his confirmation hearing. Following the approval of the committee, his nomination was forwarded to the full Senate which approved the nomination just before adjourning for the Fourth of July holiday.

During the hearing he said his priorities would be to further refine and improve joint warfighting skills, continue to strengthen the Air Force’s greatest asset — its people — and to recapitalize the aging aircraft fleet to meet future warfighting needs.

General Moseley is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in political science. Besides holding numerous operational assignments, he commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined Forces Air Component commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. (AFPN)



General Moseley speaks at defense strategy, transformation seminar.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

Contact center supports Tricare enrollment

**By Joe Herbertson and Tech.
Sgt. Rob Mims
Headquarters Air Reserve
Personnel Center**

DENVER – The Air Force Reserve Contact Center here is the sole point of contact for Air Force reservists to enroll in Tricare Reserve Select.

This is the first time the Air Reserve Personnel Center has been able to provide a service to all reservists under the Air Force Personnel Service Delivery Transformation Shared Services Organization model, a centralized personnel service.

The Fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act established Tricare Reserve Select for reservists who served on active duty in support of a contingency anytime since Sept. 11, 2001.

TRS is a premium-based health care plan. It offers a bridge for reservists leaving active duty who are not covered by a civilian employer or other health insurance plans.

The plan is available for reservists and their families. Coverage is similar to Tricare Standard and comparable to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan for federal employees.

For each active-duty service period of 90 consecutive days, a reservist earns one year of Tricare coverage if committed to serve in the Selected Reserve – Air Force Reserve Command Unit Program or Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program – for the same period.

Reservists must commit to serve by Oct. 28 and be serving in the Selected Reserve before TRS starts.

Coverage begins on the date of the agreement to serve in the Selected Reserve, the expiration of transitional Tricare benefits, or April 26, whichever is later. The decision to enroll in TRS is a one-time choice and the earliest effective

date of coverage is April 26.

Tricare coverage ends when the service agreement ends. It stops sooner if the reservist separates from the Selected Reserve, voluntarily withdraws from the program or fails to pay the monthly premiums. Monthly premiums are \$75 for an individual reservist and \$233 for a reservist and family.



Mobilized reservists released from active duty after April 26 will be advised of their eligibility as part of their demobilization process.

Reservists serving on voluntary active-duty, man-day tours who do not go through out-processing, as well as mobilized members must call the Air Force Reserve Contact Center at 1-800-525-0102 to start the enrollment process.

People serving on voluntary man-day tours in an active-duty or Air National Guard organization in support of a contingency must ensure ARPC/XPC has a copy of their active-duty orders so the proper coding for the contingency tour can be entered in the personnel system. Without this order, eligibility cannot be confirmed. Reservists who withdraw

from the program or who are no longer qualified may not re-enroll unless recalled to active duty and a new qualification period is earned.

Active-duty health care benefits for recalled reservists supersede TRS coverage. Upon release from active duty, TRS coverage resumes after transitional benefits expire.

Reservists can enroll before their orders expire by going on line to www.tricare.osd.mil and following the instructions for the TRS program.

After they complete the Defense Department Form 2895, reservists fax it to (478) 327-2215/DSN 497-2215 or mail it to the AF Reserve Contact Center, HQ ARPC/PSDC1, 6760 E. Irvington Place #4010, Denver, CO 80280-4010.

The contact center will verify/approve the member's coverage and forward the completed form for filing. Questions can be directed to the Air Force Reserve Contact Center at 1-800-525-0102. On the restricted Web, they can go to arpc.afrc.af.mil/customer_support_on.htm and click "New Request."

The Tricare Web site – www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect – has further details. To get updates by e-mail, reservists and their families can subscribe to www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresubscriptions/ (AFRC News Service)

The IG Says...

Air Force members must submit Inspector General (IG) complaints within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong. IG complaints not reported within 60 days will normally be dismissed unless the member is able to demonstrate he/she was unable to meet the time requirements

due to unforeseen, or extraordinary, circumstances and such circumstances justify the delay.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Capt. Mark Vardaro at (405) 556-1745; toll-free: (877) 225-5928; or e-mail: mark.vardaro@tinker.af.mil.

Lightning causes early fireworks on unit aircraft

The holiday fireworks began early this year after lightning struck a unit KC-135 parked on the ramp at 6:35 a.m., Monday, July 4.

According to Base Security Forces patrolling the ramp, the unit's KC-135 suddenly appeared to have "fingers of lightning" jumping off the aircraft surfaces as a bolt struck the 6-foot long High Frequency antenna located at the top of the aircraft's tail. The lightning strike burnt a hole in the antenna, blew an HF lightning arrester located inside the antenna and burnt both the aircraft ground wires.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Murrah, 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Production Superintendent, while aircraft try to bypass storms to avoid lightning, it's common for aircraft to receive lightning strikes during flight. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, when an aircraft in flight is struck by lightning, typically, there is little or no damage to the flying aircraft. Commercial aircraft are struck by lightning once every 5,000-10,000 flight hours.

"Normally when lightning strikes an aircraft in flight, the damage is limited to a small burn area which blackens paint



The KC-135 ground wires were burned by the lightning strike on July 4. There was minimal damage overall.

about the size of a dime or smaller. Rarely does it actually burn a hole through the skin, but when it does it is about the size of a pencil lead," Murrah said. These burn holes, he added, are routinely identified and repaired to prevent metal corrosion. The hole left in the HF antenna, however, was roughly 1/2 inch in diameter.

"The hole looks almost perfectly round, like it was machine cut," Master Sgt. Junior Whiteside, sheet metal specialist. Because of the location of the damage on the antenna, Whiteside said the \$10,000 part could not be repaired.

Likewise, the \$9,500 HF lightning arrester system had to be replaced said Master Sgt. Johnnie Baker, 507th Avionics Shop Chief. "Immediately after we receive a report of a lightning strike on an aircraft, whether in flight or on the ground, we have to begin a Dash-6 inspection. Our shop has to check out different avionics systems to make sure they weren't affected and the crew chiefs will conduct powered inspections on all the systems to make sure everything is working," he said.

According to the National Weather Service, during a lightning strike the air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000°F, which is hotter than the surface of the sun. The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave producing thunder. A typical lightning strike usually lasts under a second and is composed of three to four discharges.

The KC-135 underwent a thorough 2-day inspection and was cleared back to flying status. "The safety systems on the aircraft did their job," Sergeant Baker said.



Master Sgt. Junior Whiteside holds the HF antenna damaged by the lightning strike. The hole caused by the lightning was approximately 1/2 inch in diameter.

Photo by Maj. Richard Curry

Flexibility, working together key to Air Force FTF

by Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Leaders from the active-duty Air Force, Air Reserve Command and National Guard Bureau spoke recently about the direction of the Air Force's Future Total Force.

The future of the Air Force will be determined not only by the Future Total Force plan, but also the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendations, the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review, ongoing capabilities studies and annual budget deliberations, said the Air Force director of plans and programs.

"We must keep in mind that there will always be moving parts," said Lt. Gen. Stephen G. Wood. "The Future Total Force planning process is a dynamic one."

General Wood said the FTF plan comprises two parts: a well-analyzed, cost-constrained force structure and innovative organizational structures that synergize the strengths of active-duty and citizen Airmen.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command; Army Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; and Brig. Gen. Allison Hickey, director of the FTF directorate, accompanied General Wood to highlight the unity among the three components in forging ahead on the future plans of the Air Force.

"We have been working with our Air National Guard and active-duty partners on this Future Total Force (plan) from day one," General Bradley said. "It's going to make us a much more operationally effective Air Force in the future."

"The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve will not be excluded from any mission set for any of the weapons systems for the Future Total Force," General Blum said. "There are great opportunities ... that exist for (the Guard and Reserve) to deliver the capabilities that this nation needs."

These capabilities include Homeland Defense, which, according to General Blum, "must be capability number one for the Air National Guard." He also said that retaining expeditionary combat support capabilities are "hugely essential" and will provide support in their federal role, as well as give the governors the capabilities they need during state emergencies. These capabilities include medical, civil engineering, communications and security.

The six FTF initiatives originally proposed in December 2004 continue to move ahead, while all components work closely together to expand and plan for future emerging missions.

"We will continue to work with all stakeholders in this

process to work through emerging mission priorities while assessing the resulting budget, manpower and training impacts," General Hickey said.

As BRAC and QDR move forward, the Air Force will be responsive to changes and address new strategy and capability requirements, General Wood said.

"BRAC does not dictate the number of airplanes, it deals strictly with basing," General Bradley said about the effect of potential changes to BRAC recommendations. "If the direction coming out of BRAC changes, we will work together to make the necessary adjustments."

"It is important to remember ... there will never be a 'final' Future Total Force plan," General Wood said. "Like the evolutionary nature of our air (and space) expeditionary force, we must retain the ability to adapt our plan."

General Blum and General Bradley agreed, stating the FTF plan would be the Air Force priority regardless of ongoing studies or external events. The plan reinvests savings from divestiture of older weapon systems to allow future capabilities.

"We need to be postured for the future instead of stuck in the past," General Blum said. "We will continue to work together — active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve — to reach our goals without ever compromising the capabilities we bring to the fight."

Army studies PolyHeme, trauma blood substitute

Brooke Army Medical Center and University Hospital are participating in a groundbreaking national clinical trial for PolyHeme, an oxygen-carrying blood substitute that might save lives on the battlefield.

Brooke Army Medical Center and University Hospital are participating in a groundbreaking national clinical trial to evaluate the safety and usefulness of PolyHeme, an oxygen-carrying blood substitute, in increasing survival of critically injured and bleeding patients.

Under the study protocol, treatment would begin before arrival at the hospital, either at the scene of the injury or in the air ambulance, and continue during a 12-hour post injury period in the hospital.

Since blood is not presently carried in ambulances, the use of PolyHeme in these settings has the potential to address a critical unmet medical need for an oxygen-carrying solution where blood is currently not available.

According to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, trauma-related injuries are a leading cause of death among Americans under 45. (DOD News Release)

Mark Rogers – a busy guy building synergy

**By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida
507th ARW Public Affairs**

Capt. Mark Rogers, 507th Medical Squadron (MDS/SGA), is a busy guy building synergies between his reserve job, civilian job, and community activism. Recently some of that synergy had the captain help with a turkey hunt, get appointed to the state trauma committee representing rural rehabilitation, and attend a highly specialized and prestigious executive public health program at Harvard University.

His job as a hospital administrator in civilian life directly carries over into his skills as a health services administrator for the 507th Medical Squadron, where he is responsible to the unit commander and senior staff for the continuity of all unit and medical support programs via the unit self inspection program.

As a civilian, Mr. Rogers is an administrator at Lane Frost Health and Rehabilitation Center, the largest civilian employer in his hometown of Hugo, OK.

“As an administrator of one of the largest 60-bed facilities in rural Oklahoma,” said Rogers, “I largely deal with personnel issues, budgets, contracts, and community relations in building a better avenue for rural access to healthcare services not previously available without a tremendous burden in traveling to Texarkana, Dallas, Tulsa or Oklahoma City – a nearly three-hour trip in either direction.”

In addressing another medical need in rural Oklahoma, Rogers last year helped stand up the community emergency response team (CERT) program in Choctaw County, and later that year was appointed by the state legislature to the Oklahoma state trauma committee representing rural rehabilitation.

“Rural trauma and the severe lack of immediate appropriate levels of care in the ‘golden hour’ of trauma is the leading cause of death in Oklahoma for our young adults,” said Rogers. “The trauma systems improvement committee is committed, as chartered by Governor Henry and the state legislature, to address this problem of access to appropriate trauma care.”

“Also,” Rogers said, “the state is coordinating efforts with both the state’s departments of emergency management and health, and the federal government’s Department of Homeland Security to ensure that our state is linked with our ability to employ and sustain the appropriate effort to successfully respond in the event of a natural or man-made, large-scale disaster.”

Mr. Rogers’ community activism includes membership in the Hugo Rotary Club, being on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of America, and the 2005 Vice President of the Hugo and Choctaw County Chambers of Commerce (and Presidency in 2006).

“Each year for the past several years we’ve hosted, along with other parts of Oklahoma, a Lt. Governor Invitational Turkey Hunt,” said Rogers. “The Lt. Governor invites national and international business leaders for a two-day trip.

“During the trip, they are treated to sample cuisines from Southeast OK, view products and services displayed by area businesses, and the trip culminates with a guided turkey hunt,” said Rogers. “All in an effort to help stimulate interest in tourism, rural investment and economic development in financially depressed areas of our state.”

Rogers’ selection to attend the executive public health program at Harvard University was from a highly competitive group of people from America’s largest health care corporations. The selection committee recognized Mr. Rogers’ efforts on the state trauma systems improvement committee, standing up the community emergency response team (CERT) program, Chamber of Commerce community outreach efforts, reserve military medical service, as well as his successes in leading the Lane Frost Health and Rehabilitation Center in attending the competitive program.

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Mark Rogers and Lt. Gov. Mary Fallen discuss healthcare issues.

Reservists receive motorcycle safety training

An active-duty sergeant has embraced the Team Tinker concept by volunteering his time to teach advanced motorcycle rider course to reservists.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Hall, a member of the 72nd Services Division and Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard, volunteered his time off to help members of the reserve complete the advanced riders' course.

"I wanted to teach this course because I believe in the program. I've seen accidents happen and this course can help

prevent them," said Hall.

The advance riders' course is a one day motorcycle course designed for experienced riders. Participants are taught how to react to situations they may face on the streets and highways.

According to Hall, "this marks the first time this course has been offered on the weekend. Normally this is scheduled during the week. I know a couple of people in the reserve and thought I'd help out."

For the beginning rider the base safety office offers a basic two-day course. For more information on either course contact the base safety office.



Riders receive instructions on motorcycle safety during the advanced rider course July 23 on base.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Hall gives riders a thumbs-up during the motorcycle safety course.

Photos by Capt. Bill Pierce

Continued from page 12 Rogers, a busy guy building synergy

"As it turned out," Rogers said, "I was the only attendee that represented rural healthcare in America."

"The program was titled, 'Forces of Change: Strategies to Flourish in the New Health Care Marketplace,'" said Rogers, "and illustrated leading-edge executive techniques in managing change and adding quality to today's complicated health care environment and marketplace.

"The Harvard School of Public

Health presented an extraordinary executive program," said Rogers, "with presentations from industry and world leaders in the fields of business, economics, public health, and medicine discussing possible solutions to problems that health-care leaders are acutely aware of today — the consequences of rising costs, uneven quality, and shrinking coverage.

"In all of my meetings and exposure with these folks," said Rogers, "I

always work in a word or two promoting the Air Force Reserve and the military.

"Those I talk to are amazed continually," said Rogers, "that you virtually never can tell who is a reservist or Guardsman in the private sector except for one key indicator - they usually are the best employees and highest performers. I thought this is a good synopsis of our reserve forces as well."

Uppclose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW:
“What is currently causing you the most stress?”



**Tech. Sgt. Julie Cranston
 507th JAG**
 “The upcoming Tinker ORI. I’m a civilian employee at the Base Legal office and I’ll be ‘playing.’ Other than that, my life’s beautiful.”



Tech. Sgt. Wendy Ellyson, 507th MSF
 “I’m too busy to answer!”



Tech. Sgt. Ronald Ashpaugh, 72nd APS
 “I’m working on some personal family medical matters. My daughter has recently been diagnosed with Wegeners disease. She has to be attended to 24 hours a day. Between work and other commitments, it is a very stressful time for me, but I have a lot of friends and family support to help my family through this.”



**Tech. Sgt. Dennis Hutton
 507th CLSS**
 “Trying to locate all the paperwork for securing a new military position.”



Airman 1st Class Jeffery Richesin, 72nd APS
 “Trying to find enough money to support me and my wife when she finishes having her baby. I want to finish my degree, but I also think I need to go to work to support my family.”



**Senior Airman Martha Aponte
 507th AMXS**
 “The cause of most stress is family. It’s hard to juggle a pre-schooler, newborn, and husband, and then have time for yourself.”

507th Promotions for July

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Scherber	35 th CBCS
Senior Master Sgt. John Wilson	465 th ARS
Master Sgt. Melanie Cherry	507 th MSF
Master Sgt. Doyle Finstad	507 th CLSS
Tech. Sgt. Christie Barnett	507 th MDS
Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Bates	507 th SFS
Tech. Sgt. Melissa Burkhart	507 th MSF
Tech. Sgt. Charles Dalton	465 th ARS
Tech. Sgt. Raymond Farrar	507 th MDS
Tech. Sgt. Marc Haworth	507 th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hughes	507 th CES
Tech. Sgt. Michael Jones	507 th MXG
Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kasgnoc	507 th CES
Tech. Sgt. Charlette Moody	507 th LRS
Tech. Sgt. Paul Spence	507 th CES
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Whaley	507 th CES
Staff Sgt. Brandi Calvaruzo	507 th LRS
Staff Sgt. Dennis Furey	507 th SFS
Staff Sgt. Haller Lewis	507 th MXG
Staff Sgt. Matthew Phillips	507 th MXS
Staff Sgt. Eddie Rivera	507 th SFS
Senior Airman Adam Bell	507 th MDS
Senior Airman Omid Bolourforosh	507 th SFS
Senior Airman Jennifer Bourn	72 nd APS
Senior Airman Miles Bruner III	507 th LRS
Senior Airman Sonya Daniel	507 th LRS
Senior Airman Andrea Easton	507 th MDS
Senior Airman Christopher Ferrell	72 nd APS
Senior Airman Scott Lair	507 th CES
Senior Airman Jason Lewis	507 th LRS
Senior Airman Jose Lopez	72 nd APS
Senior Airman Aaron Mallory	507 th CES
Senior Airman Ryan Mullings	507 th AMXS
Senior Airman Donald Penman	507 th SVS
Senior Airman John Rhodes	507 th CES
Senior Airman Jeffery Richesin	72 nd APS
Senior Airman Christopher Robbins	507 th LRS
Senior Airman Garrett Sherman	507 th CES
Senior Airman Octavia Smith	507 th CES
Senior Airman Michael Steele	35 th CBCS
Senior Airman Jeffery Underwood	72 nd APS
Senior Airman Zachary Walker	72 nd APS

513th Promotions for July

Master Sgt. Allen Tidwell	970th AACs
Master Sgt. Colin Larson	970th AACs
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Bertrand	513th MXS
Staff Sgt. Matthew Severns	513th ACG
Staff Sgt. Christopher Cowell	513th MXS
Staff Sgt. Luis Badillo	970th AACs
Senior Airman Irby Bailey	513th MXS
Senior Airman Joshua Southern	513th MXS
Airman 1st Class Renee Witten	513th MXS

July Reenlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Carl Bell	507 th AMS
Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Riedl	513 th MXS
Master Sgt. Terrence Glover	72 nd APS
Master Sgt. Sheldon Hopper	513 th MXS
Master Sgt. Michael Prater	513 th MXS
Master Sgt. Gary Reagan	513 th MXS
Master Sgt. Colin Tatham	513 th AMS
Tech. Sgt. Casey Bohannon	970 th AACs
Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch	507 th ARW
Tech. Sgt. Lisa Ortiz	507 th MXG
Tech. Sgt. Jane Ward	513 th OSF
Staff Sgt. Matthew Garrison	507 th AMS

Scholarship opportunity available

The objective of the Total Force Top 3/USAA Scholarship is to provide a military/family member with a scholarship that will provide funds to further his/her college education. Deadline to receive the application is Sept. 30, 2005. The scholarship amount will be a minimum of \$500. Funds shall be applied to tuition, books and/or academic fees at a regionally accredited college or university for the 2005 academic year.

To be eligible, the military member must be the rank of E-9 or below or an immediate family member of an E-9 or below. The military member must be a current member of the Air Force Reserve. You must be currently enrolled in an associates, bachelor or masters degree program at a regionally accredited college or university during the upcoming semester or have a letter of acceptance from the registrar's office of a regionally accredited college or university. Students with an earned masters degree are not eligible to apply. The applicant must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above (within the last six months). If a new college student, you must have your last high school transcript.

Total Force Top 3/USAA Scholarship recipients in the last 12 months are not eligible.

The information package consists of the application form, certification form, essay, and unofficial copies of transcripts. The essay must be typed, Aerial font, size 12, with no more than one-inch margin on all sides. It must be no less than one, but no more than two pages in length, double-spaced. The essay summary needs to include your educational goals and your direct Air Force affiliation (plans, commitments, contributions, community roles).

For additional information, including application forms, e-mail requests to tft3_usaa@hotmail.com or call (800) 223-1784, Ext. 71082 or Ext. 71972.

Mail completed packages to Total Force Top 3/USAA Scholarship, P.O. Box 98484, Robins AFB, GA 31098-8484.

Parting Shot

Wow! Look at those shiny gold bars! Former technical sergeants (Deshawn Jones, left, and Patrick Mitchell, right) congratulate each other on their promotions to second lieutenant during the July UTA. They were recently commissioned through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program.



On-final R-News

EAC sponsors forum

The Enlisted Advisory Council is sponsoring the Wing's first Q&A Mentoring Forum during the October UTA. All junior enlisted personnel (Airman through Staff Sergeant) are strongly encouraged to participate. The panels will consist of four first sergeants and four chief master sergeants. Sign-up will be on a first-come, first-serve basis with a limit of 30 personnel per forum. Lunch will be provided.

Those interested should contact takesha.williams@tinker.af.mil by the end of the September UTA.

More information can be obtained by attending the monthly EAC meetings on Sunday of each UTA at 8:30 a.m. in the 507th ARW conference room.

Special air fares for troops

United Airlines is now offering reduced fares for active duty and reserve

members of the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and National Guard.

In addition, servicemembers' spouses and dependent children are also eligible. These special fares are not available at the United Airlines website. To purchase the special fares, service members should contact United Reservations at (800) 241-6522 and identify themselves as eligible for military fares. All passengers eligible for these and other military fares must carry proper identification.

Servicemembers can travel with these special fares all the way through Jan. 31, 2006.

For additional information on Military Travel Specials visit <http://www.military.com/Travel>.

Here's to the Heroes

Anheuser-Busch is honored to salute the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. Until Dec. 31, 2005, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter Anheuser-Busch's Sea Worlds, Busch-Gardens or Sesame Place parks for FREE!!! Go to www.herosalute.com.

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