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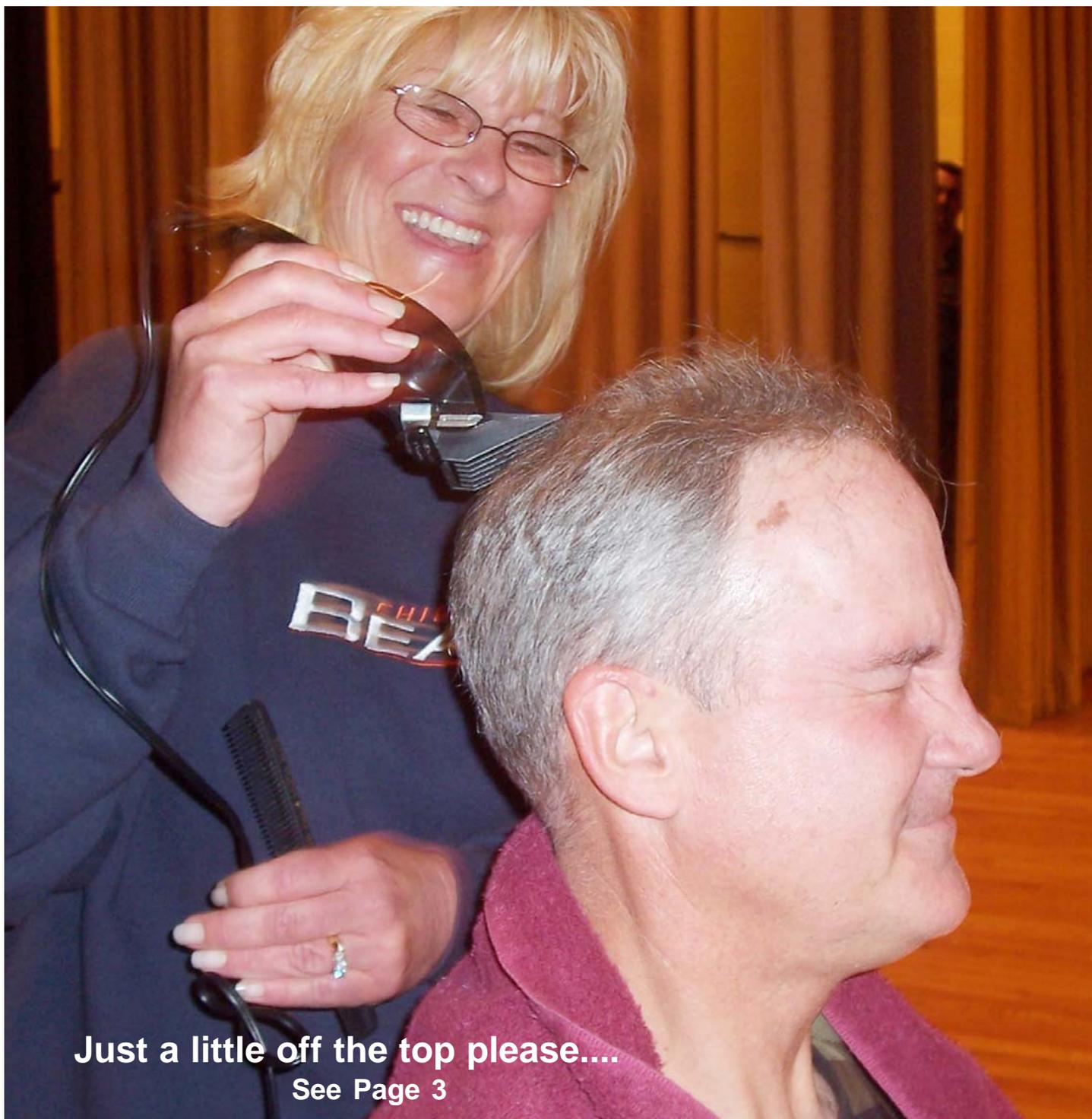


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507th ARW
Commander's Column
By Col. Jeffery R. Glass

Entire unit needed to make a team

The ORI is almost here and I need each and every one of you to make one last push to get your unit and yourself ready. I know it's been a hard past year preparing for an ORI and continuing to do real-world taskings, but the wing's attitude has been amazing whether battling snow and freezing conditions in Alpena or having to rebuild your cargo pallet one more time. With one last push to clean up mobility folders and processing procedures, we should be all set to impress the IG team. Take a minute in the next month to review your Airman's Manual and practice putting on your chem mask. I know we will do a great job next month, just don't let up too soon. We are only taking about 1/3 of the wing to the ORI, but I need the entire wing to work as a team to get us out of

town and then on the redeploy. You might be asked to be a door guard or baggage handler; those two jobs are critical to getting us out of town. Any airline would not be able to operate without security and baggage handlers. So remember any job you're tasked to do, do it with as much professionalism and positive attitude that I know each and every one of you have.

The Oklahoma Chapter of the ROA (Reserve Officers Association) is having their State Convention on May 18-19. There will be a lot of great speakers and Lt. Col. Goodman will be getting the Minuteman of the Year Award for 2006. The ROA is your best friend when it comes to fighting for benefits for each and everyone of you. Without their support our pay and benefits would be much less than our active duty counterparts. If you have time please come out and see what the ROA has to offer.

I would like to thank all of the families for allowing their loved ones to participate in this great organization because without their support we would all be doomed for failure. Please thank your families for their support.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Who or what do you ultimately trust in?

By Wing Chaplain
(Lt. Col.) Michael Jones

Okay, I can't give you any advice on your UXO training or putting up a tent or whatever you're being tasked to do during this Operational Readiness Inspection. But I would like to ask you an important question. When you are in the midst of the ORI or when you actually deploy, in whom or what do you put your trust? We certainly need to trust our training, our fellow military members, and our leaders. We also need to trust in our technology and weap-

ons. But my question goes deeper than that. My question really is: Who or what do you ultimately trust in when the going gets tough and the stuff hits the fan?

Centuries ago, the commanding officer of his troops wrote: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalms 20:7). Now King David was a fierce warrior and certainly didn't lack courage, strength, or guts but he also knew that his own strength and the strength of his men and "machines" (in his day that

meant chariots and horses) would only go so far. He knew that if he were really to be successful he would need to trust in something bigger than himself and his own ingenuity. So ultimately, David put his trust in God.

As you contemplate life, the upcoming ORI, or a deployment, think about the question above. "Who or what do you ultimately trust in when the going gets tough?" Your answer could be very important to the outcome of your own life.

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A donation of \$450 made for an expensive haircut during the 507th Air Refueling Wing's April UTA Commander's Call. Kim Glass, wife of Col. Jeffery Glass, gave Col. Randall Guthrie, 507th ARW vice commander, a buzz haircut, amid shouts of "Mohawk" and "take it all off." Two haircuts have raised \$2,250 (\$1,800 was raised for Maj. Ralph Hawkins' haircut in 2001). The donation was added to the Operation Holiday Spirit funds raised to help unit members. A total of \$10,022 was raised this last year, which set a new record. Operation Holiday Spirit is in its 8th year and approximately \$47,000 has been raised by this activity, with more than 100 needy Reserve families benefiting from this fund.

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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.

Wing announces 1st Quarter winners

By 507th ARW Public Affairs

Capt. Rebecca Lee, Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch, and Senior Airman Timothy Williams are First Quarter winners for 2007.

Capt. Rebecca Lee, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, is commander of the 507th Services Squadron.

Lee is an astute leader and superior manager, says Col. Rodney Bryan, 507th MSG commander. She leads 32 traditionals and ARTs in readiness/lodging/food/fitness and mortuary affairs.

Lee orchestrated Services ops operating instructions, directed requirements/processes, first time 100-percent reliable. She masterfully managed UTC taskings, training requirement identified, program revamped and now 100-percent complaint.

Lee was handpicked by Wing commander for the AFRC in-residence CGO professional development course and enrolled in SOS at first opportunity. Lee strives to improve; attended the commander's course and increased her knowledge and further developed leadership skills. She is a continuous learner; garnered nine credits toward an MS graduate degree and personally mentored 15 students weekly.

Lee is a Wichita State University Kinesiology and Exercise Science Department adjunct professor. She leads 120-plus students weekly.

Lee is a Wichita Running Club volunteer and supported the Wichita YMCA benefit.

Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Johnson, Senior NCO of the Quarter, is superintendent and first sergeant for the 507th Services Squadron. Johnson outshines her peers; a superb training leader who brings seamless cohesion to the section. She is an outstanding manager who fed and lodged 459 ORE deployers with six of her flight members recognized by the 4th AF EET. Under

Johnson's watch 2,083 MREs were disbursed to the ORE members and 2,591 hot meals were served during the five day exercise.

Johnson oversaw an office upgrade, replacing furnishings and adding space. The partial self-help project saved the Air Force \$1,000.

Johnson honed a stellar UDM program, tracking and training 32 military members and created 100-percent compliance and operational readiness.

Johnson is a stellar NCO leadership development course facilitator, expertly coaching more than 20 new enlisted leaders. She strives to improve herself; sough out nursing correspondence courses with 8 hours of training. She is a continuous learner, garnering 15 credits toward a BS nursing degree.

Johnson spearheaded a pre-kindergarten immunization testing with 150 tested. She directed a community open house for Piedmont Family Care, singularly coordinating for over 2,000 attendees. She is a traveling "team mom" for a local 26-member cheerleading team, ensuring safe, fun events. Johnson is vice president of the Tinker Reserve Top 3.

Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch, NCO of the Quarter, is a 507th ARW public affairs specialist and editor of the On-Final.

Koch was a first-line PA enlisted deployer for the Wing ORE, a critical Wing member lauded for her work effort initiatives. She coordinated two flawless Wing KC-135 flights for ORE and ORI planning with more than 50 passengers flown.

Koch volunteered as Wing lead for the 2007 Valentines for Vets program, benefiting the Norman Veteran Center and troops deployed to South America. She worked with local schools, gathering more than 600 valentines and four banners, with greetings from students and faculty. The banners were delivered to and displayed

on the walls of the Veteran Center.

Koch created seven news releases for the Tinker Take Off, resulting in positive public relations for the Wing. She heads the Hometown News Release program, supporting 2,000-plus people and averages 10 news publications monthly.

Koch is enrolled in and progressing toward completion of the NCO Academy correspondence course. She serves as the 2007 president of the Tinker Reserve Enlisted Advisory Council, guiding enlisted initiatives. She volunteers as a member of the Team Tinker Tutors program, spending time at a local elementary school working to improve students' reading, math and English skills. She also volunteers time as chaperone and takes photographs of activities with elementary students and at a local day care.

Senior Airman Timothy Williams, Airman of the Quarter, is a pavements and equipment journeyman for the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Williams spent the majority of the quarter deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base. He extraordinarily managed roads, grounds and runways/taxiways, supporting 4,350 warrior soldiers and Airmen. "Senior Airman Williams is mission focused, a dedicated supporter with superior effort," said Lt. Col. Ernest Goodman, 507th CES commander.

Williams manned an airfield sweeper for 200 hours, improving flight line safety and reduced FOD hazard. He sacrificed days off assisting catch-up of backlogged work orders.

Williams completed his 5-level upgrade training while working 72 hour/week, including night work to mitigate sniper threat. He also completed Airman Leadership School through a highly motivated CDC self-study program.

Williams respected fallen comrades by marching in six ceremonies, assembled in the middle of the night.

513th ACG announce annual winners

The 513th Air Control Group annual award winners are Capt. Allen "Page" Lynn, Master Sgt. Donna Shoemaker, Staff Sgt. Matthew Bishop and Senior Airman Alphonzo Glover.

Capt. Allen "Page" Lynn, 970th AACS Deputy Chief of Current Operations, is the 513th ACG's Company Grade Officer of the Year. Lynn coordinated one of Air Force Reserve Command's largest flying training programs, which exceeded 100 percent mission capable rate while he executed 99.97 percent of flying hour programs, flawlessly scheduled 154 sorties, 146 control and 111 tanker events.

He single-handedly organized and directed a two week overseas deployment for more than 75 unit personnel.

Enrolled in, and actively pursuing the completion of Squadron Officers School, Lynn strives for the very highest degree of personal, professional and operational excellence, and continually strengthens his experience and knowledge in the workings of unit management.

Senior Master Sgt. Tracy House is the First Sergeant of the Year for the 513th ACG.

House voluntarily requested to deploy in direct support of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. When he deployed to the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, he was the epitome of a First Sergeant who inspired 203 deployed Airmen encompassing 34 career fields from 15 bases.

Dedicated to fitness, House completed the Deployed 500 Mile Fitness Challenge, led the unit physical training program and developed an extensive exercise program for two Airmen with unsatisfactory fitness scores.

While deployed House ensured compliance with several Wing Tent City policies, which resulted in one apprehension for tent theft, overhauled the squadron's

monthly awards program, ensured spotlighting of all well-deserved nominees by including their names in the script with their photo for squadron-wide recognition.

House aggressively promotes the importance of completing Enlisted Professional Military Education; over the past year enrollment for the Noncommissioned Officers Academy Course by correspondence increased by 10 percent.

A highly motivated Senior NCO, House stands out far above contemporaries in personal and professional excellence. He currently serves as Vice-President for the Tinker Reserve First Sergeant's Council and Tinker Reserve Top-3 Council, serves as Armed Forces Emergency Contact Officer for the American Red Cross, Cimarron Valley Chapter and regularly volunteers at Our Daily Bread where he has provided over 600 hot meals to Enid's less fortunate citizens.

Master Sgt. Donna Shoemaker, Senior NCO of the Year, is the Computer System Administrator for the 513th ACG.

A technical expert, Shoemaker led 15 troops in computer operations and information manager career fields and trained additional personnel on network administration and customer service, which filled a void in the training process.

Shoemaker was also a critical focal point during base migration to the new e-mail server and provided step-by-step instructions for users, which saved many users from losing or having no e-mail.

Her keen eye for detail allowed for information assurance, already at 90 percent complete, to be done two months ahead of the mandated base deadline.

The Group's "go-to" computer expert, Shoemaker handled over 700 calls in the past year, and as Computer System Administrator she is responsible for over 300 computers' maintenance

and diagnostics.

She enrolled in the challenging Master's degree program in Information Security with a current GPA of 4.0, and recently completed her Bachelor's in Computer Networking - achieving a 3.8 GPA - all while completing various Microsoft Certified Professional courses.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Bishop is the NCO of the Year and is a crew chief.

Bishop ensures qualified technicians are assigned to quickly correct aircraft discrepancies and directly contributed to the counter-drug operation sorties totaling 2,523 flying hours last year.

He also instructs and trains personnel on the proper use of flightline equipment. A top-notch teacher and mentor, Bishop achieved a 100 percent pass rate on 10 quality verification inspection assessments, thus leading by example.

His excellent maintenance skills were instrumental to the 552nd Air Control Wing flying 2,201 sorties and 14,620 flying hours last year, and he was a vital contributor to the generation of 37 Operation NOBLE EAGLE sorties with 100 percent mission success. Bishop effectively monitors all flightline activities during the drill weekends, and ensures that all personnel have a safe work environment.

Bishop completed all of his 7-level requirements five months ahead of schedule, and volunteered and attended the Civilian Personnel Management course. He also completed Basic Life Saver and Child CPR courses, which could increase survival chances of fellow workers and family during an emergency.

A civic-minded Airman, he selflessly contributes to the Salvation Army by providing clothes for the less fortunate. He is also a member of the World Karting Association, which raised over \$2,000

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513th MXS
Commander's Column
By Lt. Col. Terry Stine

First impression was great!

As the new commander of the 513th Maintenance Squadron, I was touring the squadron with my senior noncommissioned officers and was very impressed with the quality of the facilities but even more so, I was impressed with the quality of the personnel in the shops. The pride and professionalism that was displayed by the members was well over the top of what is expected from maintenance technicians. Having spent several years on active duty as a maintenance officer, I have a good understanding of the Air Force Core Values and these Airmen are the epitome of these values: Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do. These Airmen meet or exceed the expected standards. "My hat's off to all!"

Afterwards, I questioned why our reservists have such high technical standards, great attitude, and a good appearance. I then started to think of all the personnel development programs that are on-going in the Air Force today, such as Career Development Course (CDC), Professional Military Education (PME), and Physical Fitness (PT). These programs have a huge impact on a member's professional development and success.

CDC's should be taken very serious! Through CDC's, the Airmen begin training to give them the technical skills

needed to perform their career field specialties.

They are designed to teach each member the ins and outs of working on jets on the flight line. And really, isn't that why we are here! With this technical knowledge, we can complete our maintenance duties to ensure that the aircraft can perform the mission and return home safely. If a member fails to pass the end of the course test, they will be required to retrain into another work series or face possible discharge from the service. Bottom line....study and pass your CDC's!

PME has the same idea, but in a different area of the member's development. The mission of PME is to develop America's Airmen today...for tomorrow. It prepares our Airmen for more responsible positions as they progress through their careers. The courses emphasize supervisory duties and foster a commitment to the profession of arms. Airmen gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a non-commissioned officer. The bottom line is to complete your PME or you will not be promoted.

Physical fitness requirements can be a tool used to maintain one's good health and appearance. The PT requirements are now tougher and more focused on producing fit Airmen. Although technology has changed the nature of conflict over the years, physical fitness remains an important component of the effectiveness of every military service member. Furthermore, with these technological changes coupled with force reductions and continually changing world conditions, all personnel must be ready and fit at all times. Individual service members must possess the stamina and strength to perform successfully any potential mission. Bottom line, we must all pass our physical fitness test to be successful in our duties.

Let's continue to keep up the good work!

513th ACG announces annual winners

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for Toys for Tots in Santa's Dash for Cash, delivered over \$1,500 in gifts and new coats to assisted-living youth through Oklahoma Youth Services, and helped Habitat for Humanity refurbish and provide homes for low-income families.

Senior Airman Alphonzo Glover, a crew chief for the 513th ACG is the Airman of the Year.

His attention to detail has given him a reputation as an outstanding maintainer. During pre-deployment inspections, he changed 18 MLG tires, six NLG tires and 14 brakes, directly contributing to 310 counter-drug operational

sorties totaling over 2,523 flying hours. He has an exceptional knowledge of the 552nd ACW.

A meticulous inspector, Glover discovered a faulty cam track roller on a fillet flap during an aircraft acceptance inspection. The replacement of the roller saved \$25,000 and two days of downtime. He has also ensured 100 percent completion of contracted operational sorties and flying hours remains the norm for a third consecutive year. In his persistent quest for knowledge, he passed four CLEP classes, acquiring 18 credit hours through exam programs and has accumulated 61 credit hours toward a

CCAF degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology.

Glover assisted in the clean up, set-up and tear down for the KC-135R 50th anniversary celebration hosted by Tinker AFB, and volunteered to be a Team Captain for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon - organizing two volunteer teams, and ensured course marshals provided encouragement, motivation and kept runners hydrated. He is also involved with the "Meals on Wheels" program and participated in the Relay for Life marathon, which helped the squadron raise \$5,968 for the Cancer Society of America.

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.**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PAY (FLPP)

Reservists may apply for FLPP by submitting a written request for FLPP testing to his/her commander. FLPP I requires you to be on a tour of duty that requires the language. FLPP II will pay based on active duty days or IDT periods performed. Spanish and Tagalog speakers are not entitled to FLPP II. If you are proficient at a foreign language and are interested in this program please contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps or Master Sgt. Sharon Lochman in the MPF Education Office at 734-7075 for instructions on how to apply for FLPP.

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.

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. **You must provide a paid receipt and your grade NLT 60 days after course completion.** TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$4500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors). **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps or Ms. Kim Silkwood 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 more information. NEXT CLASS: July 9-20, 2007.**

FAMILY CARE

If you need to be on the Family Care Plan, notify your first sergeant ASAP - IAW AFI 36-2908. Single parents and dual military couples with children must have a Family Care Plan completed within 90 days of in-processing or family status change.

VIRTUAL MPF

- 1. Address Changes** - You no longer have to go to 4 different screens/areas to update your address!!!
- 2. Point Summaries** - Point Summaries can also be viewed and printed.
- 3. Record Review RIPS** - You will now be notified via e-mail, on your birthday, to log on to vMPF to review your RIP.
- 4. Awards and decorations** - You can also get a picture display of your awards and decorations.

HOT TOPICS :

All testing (paper and computer) must be scheduled by sending an e-mail to 507.msf.dpmt@tinker.af.mil with the time and date that you would like to test and include the course number.

Paper testing on the UTA is only available at 0750 on Sunday of the main UTA and is in Bldg. 1030 (Hangar) Room 214.

Computer-based testing on the UTA is available on Sunday at 0800 and 1300 in Bldg. 1030 (Hangar) in Room 214.

Please schedule all tests NLT 1500 on Friday before the UTA. If you are unable to keep the scheduled time please e-mail the training office or call 734-7075 prior to scheduled testing time. All testing is also available on Wednesdays at 0800 and 1300 and Thursdays at 1300.

NOTE: If you are retaking a test, you must bring the authorization letter with you or you will not be allowed to test.

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: 0800 - 1200 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)

FY 2007 UTA SCHEDULE

05-06 May 07
16-17 June 07
14-15 Jul 07
04-05 Aug 07
08-09 Sept 07

As of 27 April 2007

MAY TRAINING PLANNER

Fri, 04 May 2007

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, Wg Conf Room
 1430 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1043, Wg Conf Room
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1056, 970th AACS Conf Rm

Sat, 05 May 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1530 MPF/Customer Service Section Open
 0900-0930 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Trng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 06 May 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-noon MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 0800-1030 Unit Safety Rep Training Bldg 1030, Room 104
0800-1500 MPF/customer service section open
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300. by appt. CDC Testing
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro To Be Determined
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 15 June 2007

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
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OCCUPATIONAL SURVEYS

These surveys provide information essential for developing personnel programs, classifying occupations, and developing training programs. The Wing Survey Control Monitor (SCM) works with the Unit Training Manager (UTM) to ensure surveys are completed. AFI 36-2623, paragraph 2.7 makes completion of these surveys mandatory for all Air Force Reserve members. It is extremely important these surveys are completed by the suspense date. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Kim Silkwood or Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hudson at 734-7075 or your UTM.

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room in basement. Unit/Ancillary Training Managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at **734-7075**.

Day	Time	Subject	OPR
Phase I			
Saturday	1305-1315	Wing Lodging Program	SVF
Saturday	1315-1345	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1345-1445	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG
Phase II			
Sunday	0800-0815	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0815-0830	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0830-1000	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1000-1030	Counter Intel/Awareness	SF
Sunday	1030-1100	Human Relations	ME
Sunday	1300-1600	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 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room.

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 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room.

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.

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11 June	18 June

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

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 213.

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Airman's Creed exemplifies warfighting ethics

by Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Secretary of the Air Force Office
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WASHINGTON (AFNEWS) — The Air Force chief of staff introduced the new “Airman’s Creed” April 18 to provide Airmen a tangible statement of beliefs that they can hold most dear.

The Airman’s Creed reflects pride in the role of air, space and cyberspace power and the Air Force’s commitment in supporting and defending the nation. The creed is fueled by the Air Force’s heritage and a warfighting ethos that exists in all Airmen, Gen. T. Michael Moseley said.

“Our new Airman’s Creed reminds us all of the incredible combat heritage we have as Airmen,” he said. “So it’s not entirely out of coincidence that we’re debuting the creed on the 65th anniversary of the Doolittle Raiders’ heroic strike at the heart of Imperial Japan in 1942. Like many Airmen of the past, the Raiders exemplified our warfighting spirit, and remain an inspiration to us all.”

General Moseley said having an Airman’s creed is like a blinding flash of the obvious. The creed simply and concisely puts into the words the warfighting spirit that exists in Airmen past and present.

“Every single Airman, every person who walks across the parade deck at Lackland (Air Force Base, Texas), and every person who is commissioned is a combatant. That is our culture,” General Moseley said. “We’re a combatant Air Force; our mission is to fly, fight and win our nation’s wars. We should embrace the notion that the Air Force is a combatant organization.”

Since Operation Desert Shield in 1990, the Air Force has deployed and fought in the Persian Gulf region and other regions around the world by displaying its warfighting ethos. Having a

warfighting ethos is part of the Air Force’s soul, General Moseley said. But, that ethos goes beyond just the last 16 years.

“The contribution of every Airman brings American military might to bear with the least possible loss of friendly lives and the maximum possible loss of hostile lives. That is an inherent good. That is the benefit of the American airpower that goes back to when Billy Mitchell said the same things in the 1920s,” General Moseley said.

It’s the rich heritage of airpower and the missions Airmen carry out around the world every day that give Airmen their warfighting ethos and bring about the reason to have an Airman’s Creed - an Airmen first mentality.

“This (Airman’s Creed) is wrapping ourselves in who we are and in our culture,” General Moseley said. “It matters in everything we do from the organizational structure of a wing to our acquisition systems and from how we train to how we deploy. Everything about us is wrapped around our notion of American airpower. The warfighting ethos is a mind set.”

The Airman’s Creed was not created to regain some ideal that was lost or never identified. It was created to focus on and identify a spirit — a warfighting ethos — that transcends time from the past, to the present and into the future.

The Airman’s Creed encapsulates what it means to be an Airman, to have pride in service, General Moseley said.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley recently returned from visiting bases in Europe where he recited the new creed to Airmen and he received positive feedback.

“The response I got from Airmen was absolutely fabulous,” Chief McKinley said. “I think this will be something special to Airmen.

This new creed every Airman will

know and be able to recite; but more than that, it’s something they can have in their hearts. We’ve had so many unofficial creeds for such a long time and now we will have an official Airman’s Creed.”

The Airman’s Creed derived from a collaborative effort and feedback from Airmen throughout the Air Force. General Moseley said the Airman’s Creed is designed to resonate with Airmen past, present and future.

“This is about our people and an Air Force that is fundamentally different than any other service,” he said. “This

THE AIRMAN’S CREED

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
I AM A WARRIOR.
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION’S CALL.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION’S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.**

is about where we’ve been and where we’re going as an Air Force.

“We’re attempting to give credit to 700,000 Airmen — Active, Guard, Reserve and civilians — who fight our nation’s wars and give them the sense of ownership of a combatant organization, whether it is through changes at BMT, Airman battle uniform, the new service uniform or a focus on warfighting skills,” he said. “This is to recognize who we are and the contributions we have made and make and to set the course for the future with a refined, reemphasized and remilitarized Air Force.”

Make A Wish

Alex celebrates following heart surgery

In 2003, Alex Serviss, an 8-year-old redhead, was diagnosed with Restrictive Cardiomyopathy. Soon after, she was placed on the national Organ Donation list. Alex received her heart transplant Nov. 14, 2005. In the last year and a half Alex has grown six inches taller and eight pounds heavier. Mom, Tech. Sgt. Annette Serviss, says Alex is doing wonderfully. "She will have a biopsy on May 7, and we will know more after that, but for now she is great," says Annette.

Alex was granted a wish through the Make A Wish Foundation; her wish was to go to Florida to Disney World and to see her friend Maddie Price who also has had a heart transplant. The girls met in St. Louis where the transplants were made, and the families have become good friends.

"We all had a wonderful time in Florida. Make A Wish definitely made a dream come true," says Annette. They were able to visit all four theme parks at Disney World as well as the two parks at Universal Studios and Sea World.

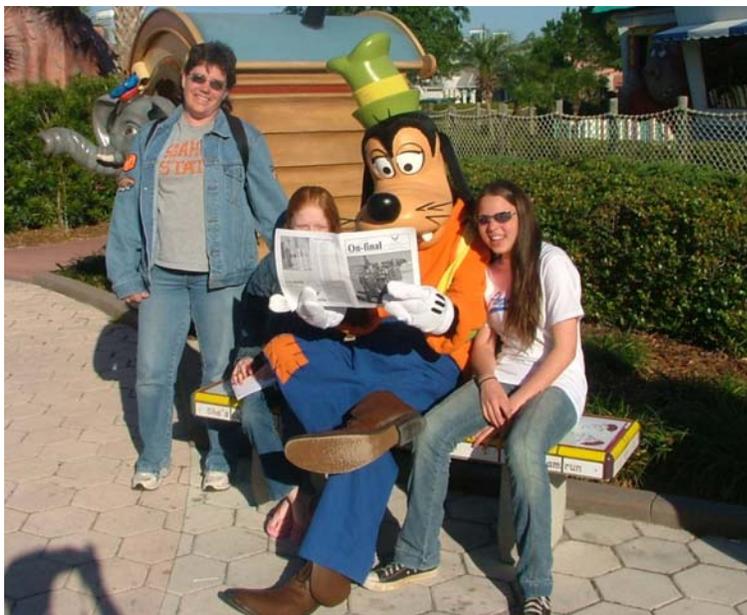
"They flew us out there, the first-ever plane ride for the girls, and back, plus put us up for the week at Give Kids the

World and provided meals, transportation and spending money. It was our first-ever family vacation," said Annette.

"Watching Alex's face all week made the whole trip for me," said Annette. "I encourage anyone interested to check out Make A Wish and Give Kids the World. They are both very good charitable organizations and really come through for the kids as well as the families," said Annette.

The mission of Make A Wish Foundation and Give Kids the World is to grant wishes of children with life-threatening

medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. In operation since 1980, the Make A Wish Foundation has granted 148,605 wishes, about one wish every 41 minutes.



Alex Serviss, seated in center, reviews an *On-final* with Goofy while relaxing at Give Kids the World resort in Florida during Spring Break. Helping Alex celebrate are mom Annette (Tech. Sgt. in the 507th Maintenance Squadron) and sister, Shannon.

Photo taken by Billy Serviss (Master Sgt. in 507th AGS) and daughter, Shayla.

Reservists can now request USERRA assistance online

Members of the National Guard and Reserve can now request assistance online from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) ombudsmen for employment issues arising from military service or mobilization.

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act is the federal law that protects the employment of military reservists and prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of military service.

Reservists can visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil and select the link, "USERRA Complaint Request" on the right side of the page. The service member is asked to provide contact information for him or herself and his or her employer, as well as a brief explanation of the issue. The information is stored on a secure server and ESGR assigns the request to one of its 900 volunteer ombudsmen for informal mediation. Reservists are still

able to use ESGR's customer service center at 800-336-4590 to initiate a request.

"While Reservists have always been able to e-mail us from the website, the USERRA Complaint Request allows them the opportunity to initiate an ombudsman case online at any time of the day or night," said Philip T. Pope, acting executive director of ESGR.

In response to USERRA complaint requests, an ESGR ombudsman will contact the service member within 48 hours. If the ESGR ombudsman is unable to resolve the issue through informal mediation within 14 days, the Reservist is referred to the U.S. Department of Labor, the federal agency with statutory authority for enforcing USERRA.

The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for all Reserve members.

'No one told me' doesn't work anymore

For those of us who are NOT first term Airmen, we should not even be thinking this phrase much less using it. We signed a contract to join the military and then off to basic training and upon graduation reported to our first duty station. There we experienced 'death by information overload' via briefings, classroom training and now through e-mail. What you should be saying is EVERYONE told me at least once. Here are some examples of what you have been told not only once but time and time again and hey, look, I am telling you again.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS – You travel and I mean any kind of travel, upon return to your home or home station, hey guess what, **FILL OUT A VOUCHER.**

BILLETING – Let's see, you make a reservation when you travel. Life happens and your TDY is cancelled. Oh My God! What do I do? **CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION.** Guess what folks, same goes when you make a reservation for drill weekend and life happens and you don't make it to drill, **CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION.**

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD – You use it, you pay for it. Exactly how does your GTC get paid? That's right **FILL OUT YOUR TRAVEL VOUCHER.**

FIT TO FIGHT (FTF) – You are a member of the United States Air Force Reserve, it is your duty to be fit to fight. You should never have to be told

to be FTF.

MEDICAL (IMMUNIZATIONS, RCPHA, and DENTAL) – This is a no brainer!!! Your health should be your number one priority.

Bottom line: In quoting from the Airman's creed:

"I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN: WINGMAN, LEADER, AND WARRIOR. I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND, I WILL NEVER FALTER, AND I WILL NOT FAIL."

Be safe and let's WOW our commander during the ORI!



Master Sgt. Norma Foster
507th Communications Flight
1st Sergeant

April promotions

<u>Promoted to:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Staff Sgt.	Balson, Phillip M.	35th CBCS
Staff Sgt.	Pierce, Daniel S.	507th AMXS
Senior Master Sgt.	Nugent, John D.	507th AMXS
Master Sgt.	Tabor, Michael D. Jr.	507th MXG
Tech. Sgt.	Bolling, James H.	507th SFS
Senior Airman	DeBusk, Ronald E.	507th SFS
Tech. Sgt.	Gabel, Jeffrey A.	507th SFS
Senior Master Sgt.	Garner, Jason L.	507th SFS
Staff Sgt.	Mora, Patricia A.	507th SFS
Staff Sgt.	Perez, John D. Jr.	507th SFS
Senior Airman	Montero, Jose	507th SVF
Senior Airman	Santiago, Richard R.	507th SVF
Staff Sgt.	Obannon, Lindsay	513th ACG
Tech. Sgt.	Elneser, Khalid	513th OSF
Senior Airman	Gardner, John K.	72nd APS
Tech. Sgt.	Taylor, Ernest T.	72nd APS
Senior Airman	Boehm, Laura C.	970th AACCS
Tech. Sgt.	Pitre, William E.	970th AACCS
Master Sgt.	Rogers, Mark A.	970th AACCS

Pep promotions for April

Master Sgt.	Jessica Reyes	507th MSG
Master Sgt.	Lynda A. O'Coighligh	507th AMXS
Tech. Sgt.	Richard January	35th CBCS
Tech. Sgt.	Thomas Lord	507th MOF
Senior Master Sgt.	Treva Bragg-Ragland	507th CES
Chief Master Sgt.	Lamond Tate	970th AACCS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



May 13, 2007

Free educational prep programs available

eKnowledge Corporation and a group of NFL players have pledged to donate up to \$10 million in SAT/ACT Test Preparation Programs to military servicemembers and their families.

To request a donated eKnowledge SAT/ACT prep program, active duty, reserve or retired military servicemembers should visit <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> to confirm their military status in the DEERS main database. The website will forward them to the eKnowledge/NFL sponsorship order page where they can request the SAT/ACT programs.

Servicemembers pay only the actual cost of packaging, processing and shipping the donated product(s). For more information, visit <http://sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp>.

Visit the Military-Friendly School Finder and search our database of 4,000 schools and their military attributes. Find the right school for your education needs: <http://web50.military.com/cgi-bin/outlog.cgi?url=http%3A//schools.military.com/schoolfinder/search-for-schools.do%3FESRC%3Dmiltrep.nl&code=mrtxt.nl>.

Stepping up cultural awareness for Airmen

Air Force officials are broadening their vision of the expeditionary Airman with a stepped-up emphasis on foreign language and culture training. Currently, the maximum pay for one language is \$500 per month; Airmen with multiple language skills can earn up to \$1,000 a month. Airmen should contact their military personnel flight testing office to take a test to see if they are eligible for Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP). The Air Force's Foreign Language and Culture Program office has a new webpage, at the Air Force's online portal under the "Top Viewed: Training" heading on the "Language and Culture Development Program" link. For more information, Airmen also can call (703) 693-7106.

To learn more about foreign language proficiency pay, visit the Military.com Benefits Channel: <http://www.military.com/benefit>.



The IG says

Policy for Filing an IG Complaint

1. Air Force military and civilian members have a duty to promptly report FWA or gross mismanagement; a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulations; an injustice; abuse of authority, inappropriate conduct, or misconduct (as defined by this instruction); and a deficiency or like condition, to an appropriate supervisor or commander, to an IG or other appropriate inspector, or through an established grievance channel. FWA complaints may be reported to the AFAA, AFOSI, security forces, or other proper authority. All military and civilian members must promptly advise the AFOSI of suspected criminal misconduct or fraud.

2. Complainants should attempt to resolve FWA issues and personal complaints at the lowest possible level using command channels before addressing them to a higher level or the IG.

3. The immediate supervisory command chain can often resolve complaints more quickly and effectively than a higher level not familiar with the situation.

4. The IG system should be used when referral to the command chain would be futile or there is fear of reprisal.

5. When complaints are addressed to a higher level (the President, Congress, SAF/OS, SAF/IG, etc.), the IG office which is tasked with the complaint will determine the appropriate level or organization for redress of the complaint. The complaint may be referred back to the complainant's command IG for investigation.

6. When complainants send the same or a similar complaint to several levels of the government, the highest level with which the complainant corresponds will normally reply, unless determined otherwise by the higher-level office. If it is decided that a higher level will respond, the IG must inform the complainant they will not receive separate replies from various levels of the government and inform the complainant which level will provide the response.

For questions or concerns, contact Capt. Mark Vardaro at:

507th ARW/513th ACG FWA Hotline: 405-556-1745;
Toll Free: 877-225-5928 (Enter 405-694-4026); or Fax at: 405-

AFRC FWA Hotline: (800) 223-1784 Ext. 7-1513

SAF/IGQ FWA Hotline: (800) 538-8429

DoD FWA Hotline: (800) 424-9098

Smith represents reservists on All-Air Force team

**By Senior Airman Zach Anderson
507th ARW Public Affairs**

She was always watching. She was always stuck on the sidelines, mesmerized for hours on end by the action taking place just a few tantalizing feet away. But she wasn't a part of it...she was only a spectator, just watching. Watching as her older brothers ran up and down the driveway, dribbling, shooting, passing... all the things she longed to do. It was pure torture, the watching. Then one day she picked up a basketball. On that day, Master Sgt. Kathy Smith stopped watching and started to play... and she hasn't been stuck watching since.

"The first time I held a ball, I was only seven years old," said Smith. "I thought, 'I love this.' I already knew I loved it."

Smith, a 1st Sgt. in the 35th Combat Communications Squadron, went on to play in the upper echelon of women's basketball, even competing at the NCAA Division I level while a student at Oregon State University. For the last two years, the 17-year reservist has been selected as a member of the All-Air Force Women's Basketball team. Smith recently returned from helping the Air Force bring home a silver medal from the armed forces games. It was her second consecutive year to be named to the All-Air Force team...but things haven't always been so easy.

"I tried out twice when I was on active duty; for the 1986-1987 team and again for the 1987-1988 team. It was a great experience, but I didn't make it. I was so disappointed; I decided not to try out again. I thought I would just play at the command level," said Smith.

After 10 years of playing in local leagues and on the base team, Smith was ready to give it another shot. At the age of 41 she strapped on her sneakers and hit the hardwood once again, fighting for a team slot against competition half her age.

"In 2006, I found out that the team needed centers. So I thought, 'OK, I can do this, even at age 41,'" said Smith.

As it turns out, she was right. Against the odds, Smith made the team in 2006. She enjoyed the experience enough to return this year to try out for the 2007 squad.

"There were 23 of us at the camp and only 12 made the team," said Smith. "The 18-day training camp was intense. By day four, merely walking to and from the parking lot became a painful process, shadowed by moans, groans and grunts."

Despite the tough practices, Smith once again made the team and had the distinction of being both the team's oldest player and its only reservist.

"Anytime I can toot the horn for the reserves, I do it. We all



say 'one team, one fight' but when you are a part of something like this, it really brings it out," said Smith.

Following training camp the team traveled to Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania to compete in the Armed Forces Tournament, a round-robin competition with teams from the Army, Navy and Marines.

Smith said the competition with the other services was heated and intense.

"You feel it from the first day. We're all there together, but none of the services talk

to each other. It's serious. It's for real. When the toss goes up it's on," said Smith.

After playing six games over an eight day period, the Air Force team ended up taking home the silver medal.

Smith said that overall, she is pleased with how she and the team performed.

"At my age, it felt great to know I could still reject shots out of bounds and fire up my teammates. Because we were a small team, we were outsized most of the time.

Under those circumstances, we did very well," said Smith.

All-Air Force Team coaches attributed much of the team's success to Smith's veteran leadership both on and off the court.

"Master Sgt. Smith brings a work ethic that is infectious. When younger members of the team see her efforts, it's often difficult for them to offer less than 100 percent. The younger players were fortunate to benefit from her tremendous leadership," said Captain Lynitta McCoy, assistant coach of the women's All-Air Force team.

Smith said this year's silver-medal winning performance makes for the perfect ending for her elite-level playing days. She doesn't plan to try out for the team again next year.

"I couldn't hope for anything better. This is just the icing on the cake. Even if I wanted to, I can't physically do it anymore. You just have to know when it's time to stop," said Smith.

While she may be ending her stint as an All-Air Force team member, Smith said she has no plans to stop playing the game.

"I'll still play in the rec leagues. I'll always love the game," she said. "I'll probably have to be pulled kicking and screaming from the hardwood. I'll be 65 years old and be thinking that I can still score two points."

No matter where she is playing, one thing is for certain; Smith will never again be stuck on the sidelines watching.

Chiara Foster named Youth of the Year

Chiara Foster is a true example of an extraordinary young woman. At age 14, she has just been selected as the Youth of the Year for the Tinker Air Force Base Youth Center and the State of Oklahoma.

Foster is among hundreds of local Youths of the Year across the country who join Boys & Girls Clubs of America in celebrating “A Legacy of Hope and Opportunity” during the 60th anniversary of the Youth of the Year program.

“The Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year program isn’t so much a contest as it is an opportunity for extraordinarily hardworking teens to be recognized for all their dedication to their home, community, school, and individual clubs,” said Chiara Foster. “Being surrounded by seven other amazing teens made me feel that there was a possibility that I wasn’t going to win, but I went into the interview with confidence, faith in myself to do the best that I could. I stayed true to myself and didn’t try to be something that I wasn’t; which I feel are the reasons the judges set me aside from the rest of the teens.”

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and boys & Girls Club. This program was founded 60 years ago through the generosity of the Reader’s Digest Foundation.

“The Reader’s Digest Foundation has been the proud sponsor of the Youth of the Year program since 1947,” said Susan Fraysse Russ, executive director, Reader’s Digest Foundation. “For 60 years, we have had the great honor of saluting amazing teens, like Chiara, for their dedication to their families, Club and community and helping them achieve their academic and career goals.”

Chiara, a freshman at Jarman Junior High School, is the president of the Keystone Club, president of the school’s National Junior Honor Society, maintains a 4.0 GPA and was one of five students to receive a Scholastic Letter. Chiara is the daughter of Master Sgt. Norma Foster, 507th Communications Flight and Bradley Foster, 72nd Comptroller Squadron.

“Chiara’s mother, Norma, describes her best by saying, ‘(Chiara) represents the excellence, spirit and dedication of the ideal youth and leader,’” said Michele Robertson, Director of Youth Programs at the Tinker Youth Center.

“When my name was announced, I was filled to the brim of my heart with honor and excitement since I knew that I was going to be representing a marvelous club that deserves to be represented by someone with the same



Chiara Foster, daughter of Master Sgt. Norma Foster, is Oklahoma Youth of the Year.

desire to help people and uphold the same moral values as it does,” said Chiara.

Foster competed against other Boys and Girls Club members for the Oklahoma Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship. Foster won at the state level, and will now compete for the title of Southwest Regional Youth of the Year and a \$10,000 scholarship.

The five regional winners will travel to Washington, D.C., in September to compete for the title of BGCA’s National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the President in an Oval Office ceremony.

Compiled by the Tinker Take Off and 507th ARW Public Affairs Office.

Parting Shot



507th ARW members help base Supply inventory our mobility bags in preparing for the upcoming ORI. Making sure the bags are ready to get the unit out of town is an important part of the grade before we arrive at the deployment location.

Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Curry

On-final R-News

Air Force College offering online Master's degrees

Air University's Air Command and Staff College will offer an online master's degree program in June. For the first time ever, eligible officers will be able to enroll in an educational program that simultaneously fulfills Joint Professional Military Education and Air Force Intermediate Developmental Education requirements while allowing them to earn an accredited master's degree online.

Applications for admission to the program are currently being ac-

cepted. Officers who are admitted into the program may begin registering for classes at the end of April. The first classes begin June 25. For more information, visit the ACSC website.

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/dlmasters.asp>

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