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

Have a great family day

We as a wing have some work to do to clear up our ORI write ups. My major concern is the safety aspects. If we are speeding and not wearing seatbelts while the IG team is watching, what are we doing on a day-to-day basis? With that I want to see all levels of supervision out and about checking on your people. We have to prove not only that we can do our job but that we are better than anyone else 100 percent of the time. As a pilot if I only put the gear down 95 percent of the time that would end in disastrous consequences. I expect each and every member of the wing

to step it up. I need each and every member to watch out for your wingman. If you are the newest Airman in the wing and see someone doing something unsafe, it is your job to step up and point out the problem. Do not move a vehicle until everyone is buckled up. With everyone's help we can get by this past ORI and make the 507th a much better wing.

Fitness should also be on everyone's mind. With the new OPR and EPR systems, fitness status will be reported. A score under 75 will effectively ruin your career. Please, for your own well-being and career, start a fitness training program. If your score is under 75 you will be required to work out on each UTA day, normally this will occur 1 hour prior to sign in for the rest of your unit.

Now that I have beaten you all up in the last two paragraphs, I hope we can have a "GREAT Family Day" and have some fun. Because on Sunday we need to get back to work.

Are you 'reproducing' yourself?

By Wing Chaplain
(Maj.) Dwight Magnus

"The church today is raising a whole generation of mules. They know how to sweat and to work hard but they don't know how to reproduce themselves."

It's not known who said that, but it is a statement of incredible insight. Mules are hard workers. They have carried supplies, plowed fields, pulled wagons and transported people. The only problem is that they are almost always sterile and thus cannot reproduce. They are hard workers, but they are the end of the line. They do not produce more like themselves.

Of course, in the Air Force, there is a great and needed emphasis on mentoring and training others. Are you "repro-

ducing" yourself by investing in the lives of others, sharing what you know?

The church is full of hard workers. They teach classes, serve the physical needs of others, clean up and mow the grass, cook, move tables, organize social activities, visit and even write letters and cards, and do a host of other things. There is just one problem. They don't "reproduce." They are the end of the line.

The real job the Lord gave us is to go into the world and "reproduce ourselves" by making disciples of others (Matt. 28:18-20). It is a tough lesson to realize that you may have worked hard and yet still haven't gotten the job done.

If we are nothing more than a generation of mules, we are on the road to extinction.

Family Day events and activities to enjoy Saturday

Information booth (SE corner of hangar) will be the place to check on activity timeline, get extra family day tickets, ask questions, find lost parents, silent auction items, check on winning prizes, etc.

Car show and motorcycle show - 1100 - 1300 hrs -- outside hangar 1030, west side

Weightlifting - 1100 - 1230 hrs -- inside hangar

Lots of booths, massage therapy, cake walk and displays inside hangar

Kids games inside hangar, moonwalks and dunk tank outside hangar on east side

OU game at 1100 hrs on TV in MXS training room and AMXS conference room

Several aircraft on display -- KC-135, E-3, CAP

2 bands: Bill Freniere's band: 1030 - 1230 Full Circle: 1330 - 1500

Magic Show: 1st show at noon; walk around between 1330-1400 hrs; 2nd show at 1430 hrs

Free prize drawings (on hour and half hour, starting after lunch)

Prizes must be claimed by end of day, in person, or new drawing will occur

Rules change to require technicians to wear uniforms full time

The Air Force changed three of its instructions Aug. 7 to require all air reserve technicians to wear military uniforms rather than civilian clothes while working in civilian status. ARTs are full-time civilian employees who serve in the same job as Air Force reservists. They've been wearing uniforms when in military status.

In a letter from Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th ARW: "Effectively immediately, all ARTs not represented by a bargaining unit must comply with AFI requirements and wear the military uniform while in civilian status.

Labor relations obligations will be satisfied with our union partners prior to implementing the AFI requirements for ARTs representing by a bargaining unit.

Until local bargaining obligations are satisfied, ARTs represented by a bargaining unit remain encouraged to wear the military uniform on a voluntary basis."

"We want our ARTs to be in uniform because we are integrating with the Regular Air Force and Air National Guard throughout the Air Force," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. "Total Force Integration is changing how we interact with the rest of the Air Force.

"Even before 9/11, the regular component depended on us to get the job done," he said. "That dependency is growing because we cannot afford to do business as usual. We need to consolidate our forces and capitalize on each other's strengths."

As example of progress, General Bradley cited reservists preparing to fly F-22s with the Regular Air Force in Alaska, reservists flying their own C-17s in California and

reservists standing up and managing a C-130 unit in North Carolina with an active associate unit.

"We are able to take on new and challenging missions because of the skills and experience of our air reserve technicians," said Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, AFRC command chief master sergeant.

"Some technicians have told me they feel this uniform change is calling their military dedication or patriotism into question," said the chief. "That is not at all the case. Our technicians have proved themselves in the past and, I'm confident, they will continue to do so in the future."

General Bradley said the Air Force Reserve is entering a new era, which is vastly different than 1958, the year the air reserve technician program was created.

"I believe wearing uniforms is an important step to being a full partner and an Unrivaled Wingman in today's Air Force," said General Bradley.

"Wearing our uniform daily, regardless of status, exemplifies the significant contributions of the Air Force Reserve Command in the Total Force. As Air Reserve Technicians, you are the key to providing combat-ready units in support of our Air Force and joint partners. You continue to make the Air Force Reserve Command proud," said Colonel Glass.

The Air Force Reserve has about 1,335 ART officers and 8,400 ART enlisted people, of that total 281 enlisted members are in the 507th ARW and 513th ACG and 50 ART officers are in the 507th ARW and 513th ACG.

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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.

Wilson going back to school, aiming high

By Maj. Walter Jacques
513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

If only one person will be hitting the books this fall, it will be Staff Sgt. Trevor Wilson. Wilson, an E-3 crew chief in the 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is simultaneously maintaining a 4.0 GPA while working toward a Pre-Med degree at Rose State College in Midwest City.

Like the Air Force motto insists, Wilson is 'Aiming High.' "My goal is to apply for Officer Training School in three years and then have the Air Force help pay for medical school. I would like to make it to a hospital that treats war injuries; I think that would make the best impact on the military."

The Air Force Reserve has helped Wilson along the way. "Going through Airman Leadership School and the Reserve Leadership Development Program have taught me excellent study habits and techniques that have helped me achieve my 4.0 grade point average."

Wilson is also getting tuition assistance, which pays his class fees and provides enough money to cover most of his books. His only regret is not signing up for GI Bill benefits when he was in basic training. "I didn't get the GI bill when I entered basic training because I didn't think I was ever going to go to school," he says.

In addition to his full-time job on the AWACS flight line and demanding academic schedule, Sergeant Wilson finds time to participate in academic organizations and contribute to the community as well. He has been named vice president of scholarship in the Alpha Eta Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a 2-year college International Honor Society program. He has also done volunteer work collecting books and packaging them for shipment to Africa to help with education projects. And he volunteered to clean up and plant trees in the gardens of the Bill Atkinson House

(Atkinson was the founder of Midwest City and he left his house to Rose State College when he passed away).

As if that weren't enough, Sergeant Wilson is currently enrolled in his Course 9 CDCs, which are normally accomplished after attainment of the rank of technical sergeant.

If you need to know how to fit all of this into one busy schedule, Sergeant Wilson is the man to ask. And a good place to start looking for him would probably be the library.



Staff Sgt. Trevor Wilson on the E-3 Flight Line at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Photo by Maj. Walter Jacques

New 513th ACG commander is familiar face

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

The new commander of the 513th Air Control Group may be new to the position, but he's no stranger to Tinker Air Force Base or the 513th ACG. Col. John E. Trnka Jr. officially took command of the 513th during a change of command ceremony on July 15th, replacing outgoing commander Col. Gregory Phillips. For Trnka, who in past assignments had served in several positions within the 513th ACG including deputy commander, taking command represents a homecoming of sorts.

"It feels great. I've known many of these people very well, for a long time. We've been deployed together and now this new position will allow me to meet many more," said Trnka.

Trnka has spent the last two years serving as Chief of Information Security Group, Standing Joint Forces Headquarters, Joint Forces Command at Navy Station Norfolk, Va. He's now excited about his new position at Tinker.

"I am blessed to have this opportunity. This is beyond any hope or expectation I ever had," said Trnka.

Trnka now says he's looking forward to implementing his own style of management into the 513th ACG.

"I'm very low-key," said Trnka. "I like to be out among the troops, out in the shop, on the flight line, out with the people who are working. The less time I'm in the office the better. I like to manage by being around people and staying involved. I guess you could call my management style 'management by walking around,'" said Trnka.

While he's less than two months into his new position, Trnka is already thinking about the challenges that lie ahead.

"One of our biggest challenges is the shrinking dollars. As the Air Force continues to spend money on new aircraft, all systems currently in place must show their value. AWACS have always had value, and now we must continue to be relevant and valuable. We have always done our mission very well and we must maintain that excellence, maintain our experience,

and continue to bring in good people. That allows us to show value and will keep us in good shape," said Trnka.

Trnka also said he believes the 513th ACG must continue to look toward future opportunities.

"We have to think about what other missions logically fit into our view, and be forward thinking about our future. We have to ask ourselves, 'How do we refine what we are doing to be of more value?'" said Trnka. "At the same time, we have to consider how you integrate those missions into a reservist lifestyle. We have to make sure not to over task our people. We must keep in mind what's the best thing for this unit and these people, both now and for the long term."

Trnka said he believes the role of the citizen Airman cannot be understated in today's Air Force.

"The reserve and guard are more visible now than they have ever been. I think the American people value the contributions of the guard and reserves. We and our partner wing work together to accomplish our mission Air Force wide, and that mission can't be accomplished without the reserves. We are no longer looked at as 'second-class citizens.' It truly is one team, one fight."

Trnka is a traditional reservist and is rated as a Senior Air Battle Manager. His appointment to commander represents a first for the 513th ACG, and Trnka hopes it inspires others.

"I'm proud to be the first traditional reservist commander and the first non-pilot commander. I think it shows we can open up career

paths to other specialties that aren't traditional."

More than anything, Trnka is looking forward to working to evolve the mission of the 513th ACG while continuing in its tradition of excellence.

"I'm proud to be coming back to a unit that I was with before," said Trnka. "As commander now, my job is about being out with maintainers on the flight line, being out flying, and ultimately the hope that I can make a positive difference."



Col. John E. Trnka Jr. prepares to accept the 513th ACG flag from Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Coon, 10th AF commander, during the Change of Command ceremony July 15th.



513th ACG Commander's Column

By Col. John E. Trnka Jr.

Change: embrace it

The only certainty in life is change. I've seen the truth of that old expression many times recently. We've had the kinds of change we constantly face in the military: Leadership changes, promotions, retirements, new hires and new jobs. We've shared happy changes with our friends and squadron mates: Births, weddings, new houses and cars. We've also been through some tough times with our friends: health scares, and accidents have changed their plans, and in some cases, their lives.

Here at Tinker, in our units, we are facing a time of unprecedented change. Need some examples? How many of you are now NSPS? How many of you had to trade your jeans for uniforms during the week? There are probably many more changes on the way as a result of NSPS. Heard of AFSO21? You will soon; it's "the Air Force's dedicated effort to maximize

value and minimize waste in all of our processes – operational, support and otherwise; to fully integrate continuous improvement into all we do across the Air Force." Sound familiar? Sounds like a change to the old "Quality" program to me. Speaking of change, when was the last time you saw a military gate guard? And by the way, get ready to welcome some new folks to base: Our Reserve partners are taking on a huge change – you will soon see Oklahoma Air National Guardsmen flying the tankers; they are the 507th's new associate partners. That's a guard associate unit to a reserve wing. Talk about a change! Oh, and one more big change we're into: Fitness test scores are now part of the EPR and OPR process.

The point of all this is to highlight the idea we live in a world of change. Fight it, accept it, embrace it – your choice, but change is happening. Change is often not easy and too often the reasons for it are not obvious. The key, though, is our reaction to it. A few of us really embrace change, they thrive on the challenges it presents, see the possibilities, push for it. Most of us are in the middle; we just learn to accept change eventually. A very few of us never can, and are too often left behind. What's your choice?

Campus softball 'war' continues

For the seventh year in a row, the 507th Okies and the 513th Thumpers are engaged in what has come to be known as the OKIE THUMPER WAR. The teams

meet for several softball double-headers during the course of the season, and the team with the most wins at the end of the year takes home the coveted CRYSTAL

CUP, which sits on display at the 507th AGE shop.

The two teams have met 55 times since 2001, with the Okies hold a 35-20 advantage, and taking home the Crystal Cup five of the six years. The Thumpers have won the cup only once - in 2003. The teams have already begun the "quest for the cup" this season, with the

Okies winning games one and two. While the 507th has dominated in recent years and throughout the series, the 513th is extremely optimistic this year. "This is the year the cup comes back to the 513th to stay" said Thumper coach Tech. Sgt. Joe Brown. "We will win it this year - bank on it." While the Okies appreciate the enemy enthusiasm, they remain confident. "We've got it - we're keeping it - and the 513th can learn to live without it" replied Okie captain Tech. Sgt. Brian Finley.

With the Guard joining the Reserve campus this fall, look for their softball team - the Sooners - to get involved in the battle for the cup in 2008. Here is the remaining schedule if you would like to go out and support your favorite team:

Sept 11	TBD
Champ Field	
Sept 25	TBD
Champ Field	
Oct 09	TBD
Champ Field	
Oct 23	TBD
Champ Field (finale)	



Joe Brown, left, and Brian Finley, hold the coveted Crystal Cup. Keeping sanity between the two is Ralph Hawkins, Chief, Reserve Campus Sports and Executive Officer for the 513th ACG. Currently, Finley's Okies own the Cup and bragging rights until the end of the 2006 season, but the Thumpers are ready to recapture it this year.

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. **Next class date: Nov. 26 - Dec. 7. See your unit training manager for more information.**

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 2008 UTA SCHEDULE

13-14 Oct 07	03-04 Nov 07
01-02 Dec 07	05-06 Jan 08
09-10 Feb 08	01-02 Mar 08
05-06 Apr 08	03-04 May 08
07-08 Jun 08	12-13 Jul 08
02-03 Aug 08	06-07 Sept 08

As of 31 August 2007

SEPTEMBER TRAINING PLANNER

Fri, 7 September 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 AACCS Conf Rm

Sat, 8 September 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0730-1030 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
 1300-1400 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
 1030-1600 Family Day Bldg 1030, main hangar
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 9 September 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
 0800-1600 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Bldg 1030, Rm 214
 0800-1030 Supr Safety Training Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 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, 12 October 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 AACCS Conf Rm

Sat, 13 October 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0730-1600 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 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, 14 October 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0930-1600 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 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 Haz Comm - Supr 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

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
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	1305-1315	Wing Lodging Program	SVF
Sunday	1315-1430	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Sunday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Sunday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG

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.

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

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
10 Sept	17 Sept
13 Sept	21 Sept
18 Sept	26 Sept
20 Sept	28 Sept
24 Sept	01 Oct
27 Sept	05 Oct
02 Oct	10 Oct
04 Oct	12 Oct
09 Oct	15 Oct
11 Oct	19 Oct

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

New MPF Hours

Saturday UTA

Open at 0730 - 1600, except for following closures:
1300-1330 - Employments/Relocations
1400-1430 - Career Enhancements
1500-1530 - Customer Service

Sunday UTA

Open at 0930 - 1500
1500-1600 - only providing ID card assistance

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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

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Nominate your outstanding troops for the Billy Hughes Award

The following information was provided by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Liszeski, Top 3 president. If you have questions that are not provided by this information, please get in touch with Sergeant Liszeski or see a more indepth story in next month's On-Final.

1. What is the Billy Hughes Memorial Award?

The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service is presented annually to the enlisted member of the Tinker Air Force Base Reserve whose duty performance and everyday conduct have best exemplified the United States Air Force core values of "Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all We Do."

2. Why is this award important?

The award is important because it shows what the individual has accomplished in a year's time and is also a way to celebrate the great things our members are doing while serving their country. It's basically a time for our top performers to receive proper recognition.

3. Who was Billy Hughes?

Tech. Sgt. Billy Lee Hughes was a supervisory aircraft maintenance technician of the Wing's predecessor organization, for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. Sergeant Hughes served on extended active duty in the Oklahoma National Guard until April 1982. He continued service as an air reserve technician in the 507th Tactical Fighter Group at Tinker Air Force Base until his death on July 12, 1992. All who knew him – subordinates, peers, and superiors alike – remember him as an exemplary worker, a self-sacrificing leader, forceful yet sympathetic mentor, and a loyal friend. Sergeant Hughes' legacy to the United States Air Force, his family, and his community is that of the model citizen Airman for those who come after him to emulate.

4. How is the winner selected?

The winners are selected from a number of nominee packages which each squadron/flight submits normally by the close of business on the September/October UTA.

5. What should people know about this award?

The Award was instituted in 1998 by the men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing to commemorate the life of Tech. Sgt. Billy Hughes. People should also know that although this award started as a way to memorialize a fellow citizen airman, it has turned into a platform honoring the best of the best among the reserve enlisted force in a high-spirited military setting.

6. How much are tickets to attend the banquet and how can individuals go about getting tickets if they want to attend?

The ticket price for this year's banquet is only \$25 per person, if you buy it by **Oct. 14**. For that price you will receive a sumptuous feast which includes your choice of sliced top round of beef with au jus, roasted chicken breast with mushroom gravy, or a vegetable lover's surprise, Carafe of white wine, and a commemorative 10-year anniversary Billy Hughes coin. A percentage of the profits will go to OHS.

Members wanting to purchase tickets may do so by contacting their Top 3 representative or their First Sergeant. Please make reservations prior to the close of business of the October UTA. The price will **INCREASE** after the October UTA.

7. How many people are nominated?

This year the Top 3 executive board, in conjunction with upper leadership have decided to change the criteria to allow three nominees from each squadron/flight, one from the Airman,

NCO and SNCO category. We have found that there are top performers in all enlisted grades and should be properly recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty.

8. What type of focus are you trying to bring to the award?

The focus that I am trying to achieve is that The Billy Hughes Banquet is a great time for upper leadership to reward positive behavior and superior job performance. I also want to highlight the importance of everyone from around the Wing getting together in one big gathering celebrating our top performers and showing off our own. This is the time to celebrate who we are and what we do as an organization.



Improved health care plan for reservists starts next month

Reservists can begin signing up now for more affordable Tricare Select Reserve health care that starts Oct. 1.

For some, it means they will pay a third of what they are paying today.

“All drilling reservists, including individual mobilization augmentees, will have access to the health-care benefit at its lowest premium rate,” said Lt. Col. Alexander Alex, Air Force Reserve Command’s health benefits manager. “Interested reservists, including those who are currently enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, must fill out a newly developed Defense Department Form 2896-1 to take part in this restructured program.”

In the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress told the Defense Department to restructure the plan’s three-tier payment system, which has been in effect since 2006. Dr. David S.C.Chu, deputy secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed the new policy Aug. 3.

Under the system that ends Sept. 30, only reservists on or recently returned from a contingency operation qualify for Tier 1 - the lowest cost premium.

Reservists in Tier 3 pay the most each month - \$247 for the reservist alone and \$767.41 for the reservist and family. They include people who haven’t been in a contingency recently, who are not self-employed, who work for an employer who offers a health care plan, or who do not qualify for unemployment compensation as determined by state law.

That all changes starting Oct. 1. All drilling reservists will pay the lowest premium, \$81 a month for single coverage. Monthly premiums for reservists and families will be \$253. Tricare will adjust premiums annually on Jan. 1.

“We’ve been working hard for years to improve health-care benefits for all reservists, and this is a big step in that process,” said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC’s vice commander.

The general encourages all reservists to study the program to see if it meets their needs.

“As a health-care consultant, I have looked at numerous plans,” Colonel Alex said. “And this is a very competitive 80/20 indemnity plan where the government pays 80 percent and the member pays 20 percent of the cost share.

“One of its huge benefits is the pharmacy program,” he said. “If used wisely, members can get a 90-day supply of medicine for \$3 per prescription.”

Another plus to the plan is its \$1,000 catastrophic cap, among the lowest in the industry, according to Colonel Alex.

“Once a member has paid \$1,000 in a fiscal year, Tricare will pay 100 percent of the Tricare allowable cost after that,” he said.

About 11,500 members of the reserve components across

all services are enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select. They include some 2,700 Air Force reservists.

Colonel Alex said these people will be required to re-enroll in the program using a DD Form 2896-1 if they want to keep their coverage.

To begin the application process, reservists should visit the Guard and Reserve Web portal at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/tsa/index.jsp>. DOD officials said they are looking into a simpler application process.

For more specific information, people can go to the Tricare Reserve Select Web site - <http://www.tricare.mil/reserve/reserveselect/> - or contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center toll free at 800-525-0102 or DSN 926-6730. The fax number is commercial 478-327-2215 or DSN 497-2215. Online customer service is available at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/>, then click “New Request.”

All drilling reservists are qualified for the restructured Tricare Reserve Select program starting Oct. 1 with one major exception: If they are eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits or are currently covered under FEHB (either under their own eligibility or through a family member’s eligibility), they are not eligible to purchase Tricare Reserve Select.

“We want reservists to know that Tricare Reserve Select is something they have earned through their service to their country,” said Colonel Alex. “And it is a benefit that our senior leaders have worked very hard to obtain. We hope all of our reservists will take a good look at what the program has to offer.”

Colonel Alex encourages all reservists to visit the Tricare Reserve Select Web site to find out more information.

“This Web site is kept very current and will be updated as the new Tricare Reserve Select restructuring takes effect,” he said. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

A mark of history available on Sept. 18

On Sept. 18, the U.S. Postal Service and the 94th Air-lift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., will honor the Air Force’s 60th anniversary with a commemorative pictorial cancellation. These kinds of postmarks are unique and commemorate a special event. They are rare and often sought after by stamp collectors and others interested in U.S. postal history.

More information about the postmark and how to obtain one is available on the Air Force Reserve Command public Web site at: <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123062295>

Invite your boss to ‘come fly with us’

Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group are invited to nominate their employers for the Employer Support Orientation Flight scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Employer support flights are traditionally sponsored to help better acquaint business leaders who employ members from the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard with their missions.

This year, employers are scheduled to take a day-trip to U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., via the 507th's KC-135R ‘Stratotanker’ aircraft. The 507th is a key alert asset USSTRATCOM can utilize in a time of national crisis if necessary. An employer should “come fly with us” in order to take a look at how their employees’ military mission ties into this broader strategic picture.

Reservists may nominate their employers by filling out the nomination form available here and presenting it to their commander for submission to the Public Affairs Office. Due to space limitations, reservists may also provide additional information to their commander, explaining why their boss should be selected for this flight. Public Affairs requests members do not nominate employers for repeat flights. If we are unable to fly your employer on this mission, watch for future announcements and please try again.

All nominations should be given to an individual’s commander by Sept. 14th so final selections can be made and employers contacted with flight information.

For more information, contact Public Affairs at 734-3078.



BOSSFLIGHT 2007 EMPLOYER NOMINATION FORM

USSTRATCOM (Offutt AFB, NE)
24 October 2007

Name of Nominee: _____

Name of Company or Business: _____

Address of Company or Business: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number (Day Number): _____

SSN (Required for Flight Manifest): _____

Nominated by:

Rank/Name: _____

Unit: _____

Unit Address: _____

Unit Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Officer promotions

to Lieutenant Colonel

970th AACCS

Herzog, Tamera
Jones, Perry

507th OSF

Hudnall, Thomas

72nd APS

Bush, William

10th FLTS

Toney, Michael

513th AMXS

Vallera, Anthony

507th AMXS

Brooks, Sandra

Enlisted promotions for August 2007

Promoted to:	Name:	Unit:
Staff Sergeant	Carol Koenig	35th CBCS
Staff Sergeant	Michael Steele	35th CBCS
Senior Airman	Arthur McCool	35th CBCS
Senior Airman	Sahib Henderson	35th CBCS
Airman 1st Class	Justin Malzer	507th AMXS
Senior Airman	Jose Martinez	507th AMXS
Airman 1st Class	Melissa Strange	507th CES
Tech. Sgt.	Michelle Alston	507th CES
Airman	Latura Williams	507th MOF
Airman	Jesusa Mehalick	507th MOF
Tech. Sgt.	Andrea Talley	507th MDS
Staff Sgt.	Justin Brown	507th MXS
Staff Sgt.	James Bull	513th AMXS
Staff Sgt.	Michelle Garris	513th AMXS
Senior Airman	Shaun Matthews	513th AMXS

Volunteers needed for Redman Triathlon

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

For most, the idea of a 2.4-mile swim followed immediately by a 112-mile bike ride capped off with a 26.2-mile run sounds less like a sporting event and more like a form of self-torture. Yet that superhuman effort is exactly what will be attempted by athletes competing in the 3rd annual Redman Triathlon in Oklahoma City on Sept. 22. And while not everyone has the desire to actually take part in the race, there is one way to participate that doesn't require extreme physical exertion.

2nd Lt. Kyle Jansen, an Air Battle Manager with the 552nd Training Squadron, is currently organizing volunteers to serve at a bike or run aid station during the triathlon. The volunteer opportunities are open to both active duty and reserve personnel.

"I think it's important as a triathlete to give back once a year to the sport. I've volunteered at other local running events, but this will be my first major contribution to the sport. I am using my resources here on base because I think it's important to show the local community that the Air Force is glad to be here (Tinker)," said Jansen.

Jansen said the importance of volunteers at this sort of event cannot be overstated.

"Volunteers are what make an event like this happen. There is a great demand for volunteers to support the athletes on and off the course. The volunteers I'm seeking are for either a bike or run aid station," said Jansen.

Those who have competed in the event in the past agree.

"The volunteers are huge and there is so much they do to make a big race like this successful," said Capt. Robert Atkins, executive officer for the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

Atkins, who won his age group in the

2005 Redman Triathlon (half distance), said volunteer support is vital for every athlete competing.

"The most visible volunteers are the ones that run the aid stations. It's great to have the grapes, pretzels, Gatorade and bottled water. It also helps to see the people cheering you on. It makes you want to bike or run a little harder and keeps your energy up," said Atkins.

Jansen said a strong Air Force volunteer effort can go a long way in projecting the image of Tinker to the local population.

"Being here in the community, we should be proud to volunteer and serve with our fellow Americans," said Jansen. "I think the bond formed between the community and Air Force personnel is further solidified by working side by side in an event like this, similar to the Oklahoma City Marathon."

Atkins agrees that volunteering for the event is a good way to show Air Force support for the Oklahoma City area.

"In 2005, I didn't notice any volunteers that I recognized as Air Force or any type of military group. If there is an Air Force group there this year, it would be a good way to show that we support the community as much as they support us," said Atkins.

While they may not be participating

in the actual competition, Jansen says the volunteers themselves will definitely have a rewarding experience.

"Volunteers at the aid stations will see determination, courage, charisma, strength, discipline and commitment. The athletes train for months for this one day. The volunteers will work as a team to provide support for the athletes as they make their way through the aid station. It will be a long day and the weather may not cooperate but the rewards will be great. Supporting the athletes and their charities should be motivation enough because the volunteers aren't paid. Maybe a volunteer will be encouraged to go run in an event because they witnessed someone during this event," said Jansen.

Volunteers are currently needed to work a run aid station from the hours of 10 a.m. to midnight or a bike aid station from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jansen said the shift times are subject to change and could be shorter if more individuals volunteer.

"Volunteers can expect an eight to 12 hour day if there aren't many volunteering, but if I get 60 to 100 then I can split it up into shorter hours," said Jansen.

Anyone interested in serving as a Tinker volunteer for the event can contact Jansen at kyle.jansen@tinker.af.mil or by phone at (405) 734-4466.

Let's get Fit to Fight now

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

I'm not a personal trainer. I'm not a professional in the field of nutrition. In short, I'm not a fitness expert nor do I pretend to be one. However, as I have had several members of the wing ask me for advice concerning passing the "Fit to Fight" test, I felt compelled to put some information out that might

benefit my fellow Airmen as we strive to improve our overall level of fitness.

In the coming months I'll share insight into how I keep in shape and relay information from true professionals in the field of health and fitness.

In the meantime, meet me at the base track Sunday mornings of the UTA at 6:30 a.m. Let's start working now on passing the Fit to Fight test and not keep putting it off until next time.

NCO Leadership Development Course**Class is highly rated by former student**

**By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hudson
507th Education and Training
Advisor**

During July, I had the opportunity to participate in the NCO Leadership Development Course. The course consists of both civilian and military instruction to provide meaningful, challenging leadership training to mid-level enlisted personnel. Members from the 507th ARW and 513th ACG participated in the course which consisted of lively, interesting lectures by experienced, civilian instructors and “thinking outside the box” group activities by the military facilitators. The 10-day course was held at the 507th SFS facilities.

The highly recommended and praised course offers opportunities for enlisted personnel to learn the

concepts of leadership. The course is administered in two phases covering both college-level management and leadership instruction with hands-on military applications in a practical setting. The course covers communication skills, impact of positive and negative leadership, stress, differences between lead-

ership and management, and many more areas vital to leadership success. Additionally, Central Texas College grants two hours of college level management credit upon completion of the course. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to attend this course and reap the benefits.



Col. John Trnka Jr., 513th ACG commander, Col. Archie Frye Jr., 507th OG commander, Command Chief Master Sgt. Tina Long and instructors pose with students of the July NCO Leadership Development Course.

Everyone must establish a vPC-GR account

507th Mission Support Flight officials want members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group to establish virtual Personnel Center - Guard/Reserve, or vPC-GR, accounts.

Maj. Donald Satterlee, 507th Mission Support Flight Commander, is urging all reservists to get a vPC-GR account, by logging on to the vPC-GR Web site. “It only takes a few minutes. It is another website we have to log into and get a password for, but to be unregistered would hamper you from doing business in this new virtual world.”

“The vPC-GR is our tool to transition reservists to the new Web-based personnel services,” he said. According to vPC-GR enrollment records roughly one-third of reservists assigned to the 507th ARW and 513th ACG have not yet logged on to establish personnel accounts. “The time is rapidly approach-

ing where the only way certain personnel transactions can occur will be via the internet,” Major Satterlee said.

As part of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, the Web-based system allows reservists to conduct personal transactions and access information without visiting a military personnel flight.

They can monitor their duty histories, request changes and updates, and apply for retirement online. Also, commanders and supervisors can submit their people for awards and decorations electronically.

Actions still available at local MPFs include testing, casualty assistance, passports, contingency exercises, leave accrual and personnel support for contingency operations however Air Force transition efforts are underway to create lean personnel staffs.

Uppclose

The following question was asked of unit members during the August UTA:
“How do you prepare yourself for the annual Fit to Fight?”

Tech. Sgt. Karina Rose
513th MXS

“I run year round to maintain when I am able and I go to the gym at least three times a week.”



2nd Lt. Jacquelyn Stauffer
507th LRS

“I participate in fitness classes five times a week, which include cardio, muscular conditioning, and flexibility.”

101 Days of Summer 2007 coming to an end

By Senior Master Sgt.
Gary A. Bristol
507th ARW Safety Office

I know that I’m wondering where the summer went; how about you? It seems that whenever I wanted to do anything, it rained. Because of the rain my grass was greener but also taller and I spent a great deal of time trying to keep it under control.

Sept. 3rd is the official end of the “101 Days of Summer” safety campaign. According to the Air Force Safety Center, the Air Force sustained 17 fatalities during this year’s “101 Days of Summer” campaign, compared to 13 in 2006 and 26 fatalities in 2005. Leading the way in fatal mishaps were eight involving privately owned vehicles. Next on the list, six Airmen died in motorcycle mishaps. Two Airmen drowned and one Airman died in a mishap involving an all terrain vehicle (ATV). Alcohol was involved in at least one of the automobile mishaps, in one drowning and in the ATV mishap.

As I scanned through the fatality summaries an old safety saying I had heard once came to mind... “There aren’t any new accidents, only new players.” I guess we are just having

a hard time learning from our mistakes because our mishap causal factors and categories remain the same.

I know that nobody plans on having a mishap, but let’s make sure our folks are “planning” on not having a mishap by making sure they are aware of risks, educated on hazard recognition and understand risk management not only on the job but off the job as well.

I appreciate everyone’s efforts in reducing mishaps.



Labor Day: Last official day of the 101 Days of Summer

Parting Shot



Airmen recognize impact of enlisted heritage

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley (right) shakes hands with Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey at the Senior Enlisted Leaders Conference Heritage Dinner July 26 in Montgomery, Ala. Chief Airey was the first Airmen to ever hold that position. The eighth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Sam Parrish, stands between them.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

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Reduction in annual training time affects reservists

In the near future, Airmen will finish annual ancillary training online in 90 minutes. They currently spend six times that much time attending briefings.

Slated to start as early as Oct. 1, the new program will give Air Force reservists more time to train in other areas during their monthly unit training assemblies.

The implementation steps determining which briefings will be part of the new ancillary training program have not been released. However, many of the briefings Airmen have to attend an-

nually will be combined into a new "block instruction" plan. Instead of getting time-consuming briefings on several subjects, the reservists will receive the information more efficiently.

The 90 minutes of briefings will satisfy most annual training requirements. However, new Airmen arriving at their first duty station or Airmen deploying overseas will continue to get the standard briefings.

The new training format doesn't affect "functional" training, such as chemical biological nuclear explosive defense training and weapons training.

507th ARW recruiters

<http://get1now.us>

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Midwest City, OK

Tech. Sgt. Neil Lambrecht
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Tulsa, OK

Master Sgt. Monica Flowers
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Lawton, OK

Master. Sgt. Ronald Gregory
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Sr. Master Sgt. David McCormick
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