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

Busy months ahead

Last month we sent our security forces off to Iraq and Kim and I send thanks out to everyone that helped get them out of town. The deployment went very smoothly and many wing members made that happen. We also sent out numerous individuals for this AEF cycle and those also went very well. Our job now is to support the families of each of our deployed wing members. Airman and Family Readiness (formerly Family Support) can always use your help. Keep our deployed people in your thoughts and prayers.

Let me again emphasize the need to complete your PME! To have a successful career you must complete your PME to get promoted to the next rank. Our upcoming promotions to Major and Lt. Colonel, over half of the individuals do not have the required PME. Those individuals will not get promoted,

despite whatever great accomplishments that they may have accomplished during their careers. On the enlisted side numerous individuals have been overlooked for that next stripe due to the fact that PME was not completed. I know we have a lot on our plates but you must find the time to complete that next level of PME.

This UTA space and parking will be stressed, due to the fact that this UTA will be the first accomplished with the entire 137 ARW maintenance and operations personnel here at Tinker with us. I know it's been a strain on us with moving and sharing desks, but remember all of the guard personnel are changing jobs and location. I ask you all make them feel welcome and part of the team.

We continue to stay extremely busy with our deployments and preparation for the upcoming exercise next month. With our increased operations tempo, we can not forget about safety. Use ORM in all that we do whether it is here at Tinker, on your civilian job or at home. If you think it is unsafe it probably is, try to mitigate the risk through ORM practices. Safety is the responsibility of the most senior members of the wing to our newest airman. Remember to always be a good Wingman.

Shirt Column

Proud to be called Airman

by Master Sgt. George Stiltner
507th CES First Sergeant

When reflecting on your military career, think about the opportunities that have been afforded, the countries vis-

ited, the friends and acquaintances that have crossed your path. With the onset of reveille and the last note of taps each day will be clutched and held on to as it would be your last.

Approach each day with honor, loyalty and the commitment you seek from others; within yourself. Look at the Airman's Creed and reflect on what it means to you:

This Creed leaves a sense of awe that is befitting any Airman with heart. There is a book out about American women at war in Iraq, Band of Sisters by: Kirsten Holmstedt. It is written in the Epilogue, "Less familiar stories of women such as Air Force Staff Sergeant Aime Gaona, who was wounded twice. The first time she was riding in a Humvee that was destroyed by an IED, wounding

all four occupants. Two months later a sniper's bullet ripped into her right leg, fracturing the femur." Keep in mind that three of the four occupants of that Humvee were Airmen. For those of us who were there to see how Aime handled herself when attacked by the enemy and received yet her second Purple Heart, it is a big deal, it is but one of many reasons you should be Proud To Be Called Airman. **The Airman's Creed: learn it, live it, and love it.**



Master Sgt. George Stiltner

*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*

Chapel Corner

Will you live forever?

By Wing Chaplain
(Lt. Col.) Mike Jones

I recently watched the movie, "300." Wow, what an inspiring movie about how 300 Spartan warriors and their king, Leonidas, stood against hundreds of thousands of Persians invading their homeland. The movie is a mix of history and fiction that retells the story of the Battle of Thermopylae (480 B.C.) which took place in ancient Greece.

Leonidas, along with a force estimated at 35,000 including Spartans, Thespians, and Thebans faced the vast army of the Persian king Xerxes. The Greeks stood toe to toe with the Persians, estimated to number nearly one million troops, at a narrow pass called Thermopylae (meaning "hot gates") that controlled the only road between Thessaly and Central Greece. As the story goes, a Persian sympathizer, Ephialtes, betrayed Leonidas by showing the Persians a back trail that outflanked the Greeks and the pass. Leonidas, learning of the betrayal, sought to block the Persians

for as long as he could. He sent all but 300 of his soldiers back through the pass to safety. His 300 elite Spartan troops (known as "hoplites" because they had living sons back home) stood with Leonidas against 10,000 of Xerxes' best warriors known as the Immortals.

As interesting as all of that was, what really caught my attention during the movie was a fictionalized scene between Ephialtes (the betrayer) and Leonidas. Before the final battle, Xerxes offered all kinds of incentives for Leonidas to submit to him (warlord status, ruler of all Greece, riches, etc.). Then Ephialtes pleads with Leonidas to give up and bow down to Xerxes. But Leonidas looks at Ephialtes and asks one simple question, "Will you live for ever?" It was a question that went straight to the heart of the matter. The look on Ephialtes' face said it all. He knew, at that very moment, that he had betrayed not only his people, but himself as well. He had sold his honor for money and status.

As I begin 2008, I want to always remember that there are some things more important than money or fame or status. Things like honor, truth, character, and integrity.

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'Defenders of the Force' prepare to deploy

by Senior Airman Zach Anderson
507th ARW Public Affairs

"Defensor Fortis" is the motto for all members of the Air Force Security Forces. It means "Defenders of the Force" and is a fitting description for those who wear the distinctive blue beret of a Security Forces Airman. For the 507th Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron, the motto has taken on a very literal meaning as they are now serving as the defenders in a real-world deployed environment.

Members of the 507th SFS have been mobilized as part of the ongoing war on terror. Over the last two years, the SFS has been undergoing extensive training in preparation for this mission. The squadron members recently returned from 16 days of intense training at Camp Swift near Bastrop, Texas where they received training designed to prepare them for the specific challenges that will meet them as they provide security to U.S. forces in the Middle East.

"We are ready, we are trained and motivation is high," 507th SFS Senior

Master Sgt. Daryl Flanders said. "The feelings of patriotism are high. Seventy-five percent of our unit joined the military because of the events of Sept. 11. Now they are finally getting to fulfill the duty they signed up for."

While a few members of the 507 SFS have been through prior mobilizations, this will be the first real-world deployment for the majority of the squadron. It's an opportunity to put training to use and Flanders said he considers the first-time members to be a blessing.

"New people have youth and enthusiasm. They help motivate me to try new strategies to keep up with them and keep people motivated. You can't motivate someone the same way in 2008 as you could in 1988. The new people help out with that," he said.

Veterans of prior mobilizations will be doing their part to care of the new members as well.

"The Security Forces Squadron is a family and we take care of each other," Tech. Sgt. James Stanton said.

"That's for real, that's no joke,"



Senior Airman Chris Murchison visits with his dad during the Townhall Meeting, held in early January. Photos by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch

Staff. Sgt. Terry Pate added. "It's serious business. We watch out for each other's backs and we take care of each other. I'm proud to be with these guys because of our cohesiveness."

For new members of the unit, the sense of family provides a source of confidence.

"Being with these guys, if there was something I wasn't confident in, I know I can rely on them," Airman Jason Overstreet said.

"I'll be depending on them a lot. Definitely," Airman Basic David Smith said.

The job won't be easy. Members of the 507 SFS will be serving as the front line of defense, working 14 to 18 hour days in hostile conditions. The demands of the 180-day deployment will be high, but the squadron is ready for the task at hand.

"We've all taken the oath. We know what to expect while we are there. A lot of our freedoms will be taken away, but we do it to protect freedom," Flanders said.

"This is the greatest opportunity of all of our lives to serve our country and protect freedom," Staff Sgt. Christopher Scott said.

And protecting freedom is what being a "defender of the force" is really all about.



Senior Master Sgt. Daryl Flanders, deployment superintendent, gives Command Chief Tina Long a feeling of what it's like wearing all the gear he will be wearing to protect himself while deployed.

507th SFS deploy to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq

by Lt. Col. Richard Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

Approximately 40 Air Force Reserve Security Forces members from the 507th Air Refueling Wing left January 17 for Kirkuk AB, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The reservists were activated Nov. 29, 2007, to help them prepare for their pending deployment.



While the camera were rolling, Col. Jeffery Glass shook the hands of the Security Forces members as they headed on their way to Iraq.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch

In December, the reservists went to Camp Swift near Bastrop, Texas where the members received 16 days of professional training specifically tailored to the challenges they may face while in theater.

Once the reservists boarded their military transport here their mission will take them overseas for a minimum of 179 days.

“We are very proud of our security force members and wish them the best,” said 507th Air Refueling Wing Commander Colonel Jeffery R. Glass. The colonel said the security forces had been planning and preparing for their deployment since last spring. “Roughly last spring, we received an initial notification that our security forces might be tapped to deploy to the Southwest Asia Theater. They’ve been planning and preparing for that possibility ever since.”

Maj. Robert Baird, the 507th Security Forces Squadron commander, also expressed

his confidence in the deploying members. “Our people are very well trained and prepared to do their jobs. I have the greatest confidence in them.”

The biggest disappointment for the Major Baird was that the tasking for this deployment did not include the commander. “I want to go with my Airmen,” he said. “They already have a commander assigned there, so I wasn’t able to go with them.”

Major Baird had nothing but praise for the 507th when it came to helping provide for his personnel. “Whenever we needed to purchase equipment for our folks, Colonel Glass approved it.” Even with receiving all the authorized equipment, Major Baird said many of the reservists spent several hundred dollars apiece in preparing for the deployment. “Our people received all the gear authorized, but many bought additional equipment they felt they might need – from special container packs to personal items. They are going to be there for a long time.”

While the reservists are deployed, the 507th ARW Airman and Family Readiness Office will contact their families on a weekly basis to provide support. “We have a full-time reservist here to provide for our family support operation. We take care of our people,” Colonel Glass said adding, “My wife, Kim, has volunteered to help make those phone calls. She is looking forward to helping out while the security forces are deployed.”

“We’ll all be praying for them while their deployed and looking forward to the time they finally come back home,” Glass said.



Security Forces Squadron members display the flag that will be flown in Iraq while they are deployed.

Johnson replaces son on front lines

**By Senior Airman Eric Schloeffel
506 Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs**

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq — As many parents anxiously await the next phone call from their sons and daughters serving in Iraq, one mother journeyed across the Atlantic to not only see her child; but to replace him on the front line.

Atop a remote guard tower, mother and son stand post peering across the barbed wire into the desolate desert plains surrounding Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. In this setting, the role of the caretaker is reversed as Senior Airman Derrick Johnson instructs his mother, Staff Sgt. Tammi Johnson, on perimeter defense practices here.

Sergeant Johnson, a reservist with the 507th Security Forces Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., arrived here Jan. 20 and will receive a complete week of training from her son before he heads back to the U.S.

“This is all just a big coincidence,” said Airman Johnson, a reservist with the 610th Security Forces Squadron from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. “When I found out she was coming to replace me, my jaw dropped just wondering what the chances were of this occurring.”

The coincidence of this pair choosing to serve in the same military branch and career field is only trumped by the fact that out of the thousands of Air Force security forces Airmen and numerous deployment locations – Sergeant Johnson, 42, was randomly selected to relieve her son in the guard post which they currently sit.

This chain of events was put into play in March 2006 when Airman Johnson, 20, visited a local Air Force recruiter. His mother, who was a civilian at the time, accompanied him on the trip.

“My son was graduating from high school and talked to me about the Air Force, and as his mother, I naturally wanted to go to the recruiter with him,” said Sergeant Johnson. “As a joke, the recruiter asked if I was interested in joining up. I laughed it off at first, but then he started asking questions about my age and how long I had previously served.”

Sergeant Johnson initially joined the Air Force in 1983 and worked in the personnel career field for several years before separating.

“I gave it some real thought for awhile and talked to the recruiter some more,” she said. “When I previously served, I was always interested in the security forces career field; I’m an active person and don’t enjoy doing paperwork.”

“The recruiter said there were some openings in security forces, so I hemmed-and-hawed about it,” she said. “My son

was joining the same career field, but I knew we’d be stationed at different places, so I decided to just do it.”

Both joined the Air Force Reserve that spring; Sergeant Johnson was able to keep her job for the local school district in their hometown of Moore, Okla., and Airman Johnson could serve his country while attending college full time.

Her son offered a nod of support to his mother as she took an oath to return to duty for the Air Force.

“She always talked positively about her time in the military,” he said. “I got the impression she really enjoyed life in the Air Force, and I thought that was the place she needed to be. The reserves was a great option because she could keep her job at home.”

“I was all for it, but when she choose the security forces career field, it was a little strange because that’s what I do,”

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Senior Airman Derrick Johnson teaches his mother, Staff Sgt. Tammi Johnson, base defense practices at Kirkuk Jan. 22. Airman Johnson is currently training his mother, who is soon scheduled to replace him. Both are reservists working for the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman SerMae Lampkin)

Firefighters practice life-saving skills

By Lt. Col. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

In a career field where life-saving and life-threatening situations can occur within a heart beat apart, staying at the peak of your ability is of utmost importance.

So it was with the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineer firefighters during their January drill as they practiced their aircrew extraction training.

"We practice aircrew extraction a minimum of 4 times per year," said Chief Master Sgt. Don Meadows, 507th Fire Chief. "It is so important to prepare ourselves on what to expect and plan as much as possible for the unexpected."

Of the various requirements for firefighters, the aircrew extraction process is one of the most physically demanding activities. "Because we're talking about an environment where fire, heat, or heavy smoke is involved, our members are completely suited up in their Fire Proximity bunkers, with SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) -- approximately 85 pounds of extra weight. They have to get into the aircraft quickly, find any victims and get out quickly."

If getting into the aircraft wasn't challenging enough, getting out safely is now complicated by the fact that the firefighters are now carrying a 175 pound victim as well.

"This is a big challenge, even during a practice extraction such as the one we just completed," Chief Meadows said. "We have to pay close attention to our Operational Risk Measures and ensure both the firefighters and potential victims are safe at all times."



Senior Airman Matthew Hau, left, and Staff Sgt. Scott Lair stand ready during last month's Fire Department crew extraction exercise. Sergeant Lair is requesting the "ready" signal from the hose crew to charge the line thus allowing rescue crew members to gain entry into the aircraft.



Two firefighters stage themselves in readiness should the crew extraction simulation escalate into a scenario requiring fire suppression.

Photos by Capt. Polly Orcutt

Now imagine conducting this same exercise in a chemical environment. Firefighters must don their Chemical Ensemble and then put their bunkers and SCBA over that. This not only increases the weight but more importantly, it increases the core body temperature dramatically. In this mode, MOPP 4 Firefighting, firefighters could potentially respond in Red or Black Initial Release, depending on the priority. Again Operational Risk Measures are a major concern.

Chief Meadows stated that the quality training his firemen receive could not happen without the dedicated support of the Tinker Air Force Base Fire Chief. "Chief Terry Ford and the 72nd ABW Fire Department are extremely supportive of the Reserve ensuring we have full use of the Firefighting Vehicles as well as any support and assistance we require."

In the end, comes the realization that while aircrew members hope they never have to see them, they pray they're always there if they're ever needed.

We are the little Okies that could

By Maj. Bonnie Tremblett
Chief, Exercise Evaluation Team

“They did a good job, we’ve got to do this more often,” said Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th ARW commander during the January UTA home-station Ability to Survive and Operate Exercise. What made the exercise most successful was the fact that we did it all. Unfortunately, the unit has not had a well thought out training schedule for some time, and fortunately, we are correcting that. The exercise included a pallet buildup event, three major attacks, several smaller attacks, aircrew decontamination processes, an exercise human remains movement, and culminated in an extremely successful aircrew extraction exercise on the Romeo Ramp. Our firefighters did an exemplary job demonstrating safe extraction and took full advantage of the opportunity by cycling as many of the younger firefighters through the exercise as time permitted.

The EET wrote the script for the exercise, ensuring to include as many events as possible from the Operational Readiness Inspection Corrective Action Plan. According to Lt. Col. (colonel select) Michael Mahon, March Deployment Exercise Director, the key to our long-term wellness and unit readiness will be to continue to execute our thorough home-station exercise plan and “establish and maintain the battle rhythm we’re currently on.”

So just like the little locomotive on an uphill climb, the Okies can see the horizon, it’s bright, and we’ll be better for the experience.



Aircrew members practice the buddy system in MOPP 4 gear to ensure all snaps are snapped and everything is in working order during the January UTA exercise. Being a Wingman to other unit members is a crucial part of surviving during an attack.

Photos by Capts. Polly Orcutt and Lennea Montandon.



The ability to continue working while dressed in MOPP 4 gear is a necessity. Pens help with accuracy while hitting the tiny keys on a key board.



Capt Mark Vardaro practices hydrate, hydrate, hydrate while in MOPP 4 gear during the January UTA exercise.

POL: The mission behind the mission

by Lt. Col. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs

One could easily call it the “mission behind the mission.”

Delivering fuel to airborne aircraft wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary dedication and ground support efforts of the members of the 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants, or POL, section.

Commonly known as the fuels flight, the job of delivering JP-8 fuel to the wing's KC-135s begins with a thorough inspection of the vehicle to ensure all nozzles, systems gauges and the overall R-11 truck is fully operational. The R-11 fuel truck was first introduced into the Air Force in 1989. Since that time R-11 trucks have been produced by three different manufacturers. It has an empty curb weight of 40,000 pounds.

Once inspected, it's off to the fuels storage area where 6,000 pounds of fuel is pumped into the fuel truck and a sample of the fuel is visually inspected before driving to the awaiting aircraft.

While on the surface it may sound like a fairly simple operation, add the additional complications of doing your job during an Ability to Survive and Operate exercise and of working in full chemical gear while driving or backing the truck up into a hardened shelter area. Also throw in the awareness that (when fully fueled) you are now driving around a 70,000 pound vehicle full of flammable cargo and you begin to get a sense of the complexity and attention to detail required.



It takes 6,000 gallons of JP-8 fuel to fill an R-11 fuel truck. Senior Airmen Shaun Colvard, Brandon Bensch, and Roger Kubilis keep a watchful eye over the pumping operation.

According to Tech Sgt. Ade Martin, NCOIC of the POL Section, “Safety awareness and Operational Risk Management is of utmost concern. Delivering fuel may not be the most desirable duty in the Air Force, but without these Airmen doing their job, our aircraft just won't fly. I'm proud of the work our Airmen here in POL are doing. They're working hard to contribute to the mission.”



Staff Sgt. Joel Noell from the 507th Mission Support Groups Logistics Readiness Squadron's Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (POL) section draws a sample from a fuel truck to conduct a visual examination.



Prior to heading out to the flightline Senior Airmen Shaun Colvard and Roger Kubilis conduct a systems check on their R-11 fuel truck.

513th ACG/OGV
Stan/Eval Section

By Maj. David Robertson

It's not about you

A few years back I participated in a study of Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. This popular book has sold over 24 million copies and has been translated into several languages. Indeed, you could walk into Sam's Club here in Midwest City and still find several copies on the shelf. I readily admit that I remember little of what was said in both the book and the study. However, I distinctly remember the very first line of the book: "It's not about you." This is an unexpected way to start a self-help book that is supposed to give you answers about the purpose of your life.

However, there is a distinct truth in this perspective on life. If it's not about you then it must be about serving and caring for others. The reserves here at Tinker AFB do a remarkable job of demonstrating this very perspective. Since I joined the 513th ACG over seven years ago, I have been impressed by how much the 507th ARW and the 513th ACG care for folks in the local community. Whether it's Operation Holiday Spirit and Angel Tree during the Christmas season,

Valentines for Vets in the winter or working with Habitat for Humanity in the spring, the reserves play a huge role in supporting and caring for our local community.

On the individual level, members of the reserves serve in many different ways as well. I was recently writing a SNCO of the year package on one of my team members and was taken back by how many ways she volunteered in the local community. I had no idea she was serving integrally in so many different organizations. She helped out at the local VFW, served at the Midwest City Humane Society Chapter and supported the local chapter of the Salvation Army. It made writing the "Base and Community Involvement" section of the package a breeze....and it made me proud to be a part of the 513th.

For those of you new to the 507th ARW or the 513th ACG let me encourage you to continue this tradition of service that the 507th ARW and 513th ACG have built. There are so many different ways that you can get involved at both the unit level and individual level here at Tinker AFB and in the Oklahoma City area. For those reservists living in other metro areas or other states, there are many similar ways for you to serve those around you. If you truly embrace the philosophy of "It's not about you" then in return you will discover what it means to be a reservist here at Tinker AFB and you will find the purpose for your life.

Air Force alters cold-weather gear policy temporarily

Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Lt Gen. Dick Newton, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, recently authorized commanders to use their discretion to authorize deviation from policy for wear of cold-weather Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) outer garments with the Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) during the coming winter months.

General Newton said, "The original guidance was based on the fact the mandatory wear date for transitioning from BDUs to ABUs was 2011. I decided it was time to relook our wear policy based on the limited availability of the new All Purpose Environmental Clothing System (APECS) jacket, the fact we have new Airmen joining our Air Force who have been issued nothing but the ABU, and the overwhelming response from Airmen

in the field to the new ABUs."

Commanders are now authorized to permit Airmen to wear a woodland-patterned camouflage Gore-Tex coat or field jacket with their ABUs if the new APECS jacket is unavailable at their location and other approved cold weather options are unavailable or unsuitable for duty.

"This is absolutely the right thing to do for our Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "We are committed to taking care of Airmen. Unfortunately, we couldn't get new APECS jackets out fast enough, but the bottom line is our Airmen need to stay warm."

The chief said that adherence to Air Force uniform standards is always important to the pride and professionalism of the force. "Of course I would prefer we didn't have to mix BDU and ABU uniform items," Chief McKinley said. "We have a proud tradition of represent-

ing the Air Force image and ideals to the world. We're authorizing this change so Airmen are able to continue wearing their ABUs and have a jacket that will keep them warm."

APECS jackets are projected to become more widely available starting in February. The top priority for APECS distribution has been for Airmen deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. As their needs are met, the supply will be directed to cold-weather locations around the world.

This policy is a temporary solution and expires June 1.

Airmen with Air Force Portal access will find more information and details regarding the ABU cold-weather outer garment policy change at: <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/afp40/USAFep/contentView.do?contentType=EDITORIAL&contentID=1442582&programId=1018908&channelPageId=136111>.

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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.

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

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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 upcoming 9-20 June class.**

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- 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

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 January 2008

Fri, 8 February 2008

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, 9 February 2008

Unit Designated **Sign In** **Unit Designated**
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1500 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, 10 February 2008

Unit Designated **Sign In** **Unit Designated**
 1130-1500 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 Bldg 1030, Rm 214
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 0800-1030 Unit Safety Rep Trng Bldg 1030, Room 104
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3X0X1 Trng
1300. by appt. CDC Testing **Bldg 1030, Room 214**
 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, 29 February 2008

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, 1 March 2008

Unit Designated **Sign In** **Unit Designated**
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1500 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, 2 March 2008

Unit Designated **Sign In** **Unit Designated**
 1130-1500 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 Bldg 1030, Rm 214
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 0800-1030 Supervisor Safety Trng Bldg 1030, Room 104
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3X0X1 Trng
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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 Tech 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
Saturday	1315-1430	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG

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

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:
07 Feb	15 Feb
12 Feb	20 Feb
14 Feb	22 Feb
19 Feb	27 Feb
20 Feb	29 Feb
26 Feb	05 Mar
28 Feb	07 Mar
04 Mar	12 Mar
06 Mar	14 Mar
11 Mar	17 Mar

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

New MPF Hours

Saturday UTA

Open at 0800 - 1600, except for following closures:

- 1300-1330 - Employments/Relocations
- 1400-1430 - Career Enhancements
- 1500-1530 - Customer Service
- 1500-1600 -- only providing ID card assistance

Sunday UTA

Open at 1130 - 1500
1500-1600 -- only providing ID card assistance

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: Recertification due by end of 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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Simple needs exist 365 days a year

by Tech Sgt. Melba Koch
507th ARW Public Affairs

When military members think of giving to others, it's not just at Christmas time or special occasions. People in need are around us 365 days a year and we can easily take for granted the little things that make life simple.

"You sometimes take simple things for granted," said Mrs. Larilane Payne, a member of the Army Reserve 95th Division. "Be it a Band Aid, a warm pair of gloves, or a hot cup of coffee/hot chocolate, if there is a way I can help with someone's simple things, then I love doing that."

"I feel that giving adds such value to our lives," said Mrs. Pamela Reeves Straw. "I feel we are here to give service and if we failed to do that, we fail our community and society as a whole,"

Pamela is Master Sgt. Takesha Williams' mom and a supporter of activities the 507th ARW is involved in. Whether it's a fund raiser or event to help in the local community, Pamela is usually notified by Sergeant Williams' e-mails.

The annual Angel Tree program for the Veterans fell in the lap of the 507th ARW Public Affairs Office in 2003. We were co-located in the temporary trailers with the Family Support Office and a series of medical problems left that office vacant, right before Christmas. People were asking us the status of the program and when we couldn't get straight answers, we took the ball and ran. So for five years we've seen the program grow from a few gifts for some of the veterans to "give us all the requests from all 300-plus residents." The program was originated in 1990 by Straw's unit, but they too had turnovers and the task became overwhelming as more and more veterans needed Christmas presents.

The Angel Tree program is not just a "507th thing" either. When you think of 300-plus veterans and some end up with multiple gifts; and the gifts average \$30 or more, that's a lot of money to come up

with. People around the reserve campus and across base are also generous and they find ways to get some of those hard-to-find gifts donated too from local businesses.

Each year the soldiers ask for a list of gifts from one or two of the Veteran Center's six units and without fail deliver them when it's time to take them to the hospital.

The hospital staff always marvels at the display when we haul in the gifts by truck and van. They're not tiny, cheap, ugly packages but huge bags filled with extras and beautifully wrapped boxes with big bows.

When it comes to giving, Mrs. Reeves Straw's unit goes that extra mile, long before most people are even thinking about Christmas. They're making blankets and lap blankets for the wheelchair bound residents. Mrs. JoAnn Gilley and her mother-in-law Joy started the blanket project; donating all their time and material. In 2006, Mrs. Gilley, Mrs. Guidry and Pamela made 34 blankets. "I feel the veterans have served our

country and helped make this a 'great country' we live in today and without them we would not be what we are today," said Mrs. JoAnn Gilley.

An area of giving that can be year-round is the need for character Band Aids for the OU Children's Hospital. The hospital is only able to buy the "plain" Band Aids but an "Elmo/Spiderman/Barbie Band Aid can bring a smile to a child's face and make that booboo not hurt as much," says Mrs. Larilane Payne.

"I feel that especially the children at the Children's Hospital need all the support and help they can get to deal with what life has given them," said Mrs. JoAnn Gilley.

"I believe that reaching out to others less fortunate and going through challenges in their lives, and the veterans that served our country is very rewarding," said Mrs. Judy Hindman.

"Our country owes a great deal to our veterans and I don't want them to ever think their contribution does not mean as much today as it did while they were serving," said Sgt. First Class Miller.



Pictured are some of the Army Reserve staff who work on community projects with the Reserve campus and other Tinker agencies.

Johnson replaces son on front lines

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he added. "But she knows I would support her doing whatever made her happy."

Sergeant Johnson found out she would replace her son in Iraq shortly before he left six months ago. As a mother would, Sergeant Johnson initially felt nervous of her son's deployment

"At the time, I wished I could've deployed first," she said. "We received the same training, so I was aware of the various threats security forces Airmen can face while deployed. But at the same time, I know he is well-trained and intelligent, so that helped put my mind at ease."

Airman Johnson now spends most of his time preparing to leave Kirkuk and training his mother on the duties he performs from the guard post. This entails maintaining close surveillance of the base perimeter and beyond for suspicious activity. Security forces also conduct base patrols, anti-terrorism measures and identification checks.

"I've been asking Derrick tons of questions," she said. "A car rolled real slowly by the perimeter of the base today, and I started getting nervous. But Derrick was there to tell me it was the Iraqi Police, and everything was alright.

He knows right off-hand what to do, and I don't feel intimidated or stupid when I ask him the simplest questions."

They both feel the deployment has given them time to bond and a shared experience that only draws their mother/son relationship closer. Without this short week together in Kirkuk, they would not see each other for more than a year.

"This just adds another layer to our relationship. How many mothers and sons can say they were together in the same place in a war zone?" said Airman Johnson. "This is something we can always talk about in the future and have a very good idea of what the other went through."

As a staff sergeant, Airman Johnson's mother is just one rank above him; but she might as well be a four-star general. Airman Johnson feels hard-pressed to think of a time when he wouldn't take orders from her, he said.

"You have to find the right balance because she is my mother and we are working side-by-side," he said. "She understands and listens to the experiences I've encountered, which will help her. But really, she outranks me on many different levels. You can never outrank your mother."

Together for now, Sergeant and Airman Johnson sit in a Kirkuk guard tower sharing a few laughs and the common bond of serving for their country. While a mother and son together in combat may sound unusual to some, this pair wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is what I originally joined for in 1983," Sergeant Johnson said. "I was young and an idealist, and felt serving was a responsibility for all citizens. Some of my friends back home think I'm crazy for leaving my job and doing this at the age I am. But I feel more complete as a person by serving for the Air Force and our country."

As for Airman Johnson; he admits to taking some light-hearted jabs from the guys every so often. But like any good Airman, he vows to take on the wingman role and train his mother on the duties that helped keep Kirkuk safe for the past six months.

"I've heard some of the guys ask, 'Is your mommy here to replace you yet?'" he said. "My friends back home who serve in the military think it's strange to picture their mothers in Iraq with a helmet, weapon and flak vest. None of that bothers me though; it brings us closer together, which is what matters most."



Pictured at left, along with commanders and training staff, is the latest class to graduate from the NCO Leadership Development Course here at Tinker. The December class consisted of 25 students, and for the first time had active-duty students. The NCOLDC was developed by Air Force Reserve Command in 1989 in response to a need to provide meaningful, challenging leadership training to mid-level enlisted personnel. To date, over 60,000 students have completed the course.

February is Dental Health Month

by Tech. Sgt. Robert J.
Blochowiak
507th Med Squadron, Dental Unit

Each February, the American Dental Association sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health.

It is very important for a parent to teach their children, at an early age, to develop good dental hygiene habits. Also, parents should schedule regular dental visits for their children. This will help the children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

How do you care for your child's teeth? Good dental hygiene habits should start before you even see the first sign of teeth coming in. Wiping your baby's gums with a soft damp cloth after feedings is very effective in preventing the buildup of bacteria. Once the teeth start to come in, start using a soft children's toothbrush twice a day.

Once your child is pre-school-age, start using fluoride toothpaste. Don't cover the brush with toothpaste; a pea-sized amount is just right. Young children will have a tendency to swallow most of the toothpaste, and swallowing too much fluoride toothpaste can cause permanent stains on their teeth.

Is it OK to use fluoride tablets? Fluoride will strengthen the teeth by hardening the tooth enamel. Many cities add fluoride to tap water. If you live in an area where the tap water doesn't contain fluoride, your doctor may prescribe daily fluoride tablets when your child is about six months

old. Fluoride is an important part of your child's dental health. It is important to never give him or her more than what the prescription advises. If you miss a dose, never give your child extra fluoride to make up. Just as with swallowed toothpaste, too much oral fluoride can cause stains on your child's teeth.

What are cavities? Cavities are holes formed in the teeth when bacteria in the mouth use the sugar in food to make acid. This acid eats away at the enamel. Cavities are one of the most common diseases in children. Good preventive teeth care can keep cavities from happening in your child.

Is my child at risk for cavities? Your

ties? Everyone in your family should take good care of their teeth. Family members with a high risk to cavities can pass the cavity causing bacteria to their babies and children.

Does diet affect my child's teeth? Children and adults alike should avoid sweets, sticky foods and between-meal snacks. To avoid cavities, limit sweet snacks and drinks between meals. Have meals and snacks at regular times. Healthy snacks with less sugar include fresh fruits and vegetables, and cheese and crackers.

Baby bottles can create additional problems with your child's dental health. When certain liquids from a bottle, such as milk and juice, stays in contact with the teeth for a long time, the sugars can cause tooth decay. This causes a condition called baby bottle caries. Your baby's teeth can develop cavities and become pitted or discolored. Never put a baby to bed with a bottle, unless it contains plain water.

When should I start taking my child to the dentist? Most dentists will recommend that parents should take

their child to a dentist around his or her first birthday. This gives the dentist a chance to detect early problems with your child's teeth. Pediatric dentists specialize in treating children's dental health. You and your child's dentist should review important information about diet, bottles, tooth brushing and fluoride use. Visiting the dentist from a young age will help your child become comfortable with his or her dentist. It also establishes the good habit of regular dental check-ups.



child might be at a higher risk for cavities if he or she eats a lot of sugary foods. These foods consist of items such as raisins, cookies, and candy or drinks such as fruit juice, punch and soda. Your child also might be at risk if he or she has any of the following risk factors: was born prematurely or had a low birth weight, has ongoing special health care needs, has white spots or brown areas on any teeth or does not go to the dentist very often.

What can you do to help stop cavi-

Tips offered to manage civil service careers

By **Michelle Macfarlane**
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Maximize your opportunities within your Air Force Career!

Current Air Force civilians should ensure that their career briefs remain updated for advancement in their career.

An OF 612 form is used to update civilian work experience. When filling out a OF 612, as much detail as possible should be included. Give enough detail that the person reading the experience data could actually go in and perform that job. Tell what was accomplished, how it was accomplished and what the results where.

One should first go to the AFPC website and pull their civilian brief and plan on spending some time and energy working on it. Review it carefully and include those jobs and experience that are not already listed in the career brief. When the OF 612 is complete it should be turned into a staffing specialist in Civilian Personnel located in bldg 3001, door E.



Once the OF 612 is given to the staffing specialist it is then sent to classification and the updates should appear in your official records within 90 days.

It is also important to make sure all education, training and certifications are up to date on your civilian career brief. When competing for promotions or applying for different positions, your experience may make the difference in helping you get selected. You will only be rated for that information in your brief and officials may not give you "credit" for work experience, education or training not listed.

If any certifications or education data is missing, a records technician in Civilian Personnel will need to see original transcripts or certifications. If training certificates need to be updated, the POC for those are Rita Brown and Irma Perez in Civilian Training, blg 201.

The civilian career brief can be found on the AFPC secure website along with an area available to update an online resume that selecting officials are able to review upon selection/non-selection. Internal vacancies are also advertised on the AFPC secure website.

Keeping your personal records in order are extremely important to those seeking advancement, more responsibility and ultimately a better paycheck.

Winter: Time for sunscreen and sweaters

Outdoor fun activities such as skiing, ice skating and sledding can be fun, but it is important to protect your skin from the bitter cold, heavy winds and winter sun.

It is important to understand how painful and dangerous skin conditions can be avoided during the winter season.

To prevent frostbite:

- Wear warm clothing and dress in layers, including sweaters, thermal underclothes and wool socks.

- Stay dry. Wet clothes increase chance of heat loss.

- Avoid drinking alcohol before or during exposure to cold weather; alcohol may prevent you from realizing that your body is becoming too cold.

- Avoid smoking cigarettes, which can affect your blood vessels, increasing your risk of frostbite.

At the first sign of redness or pain in your skin, which may indicate frostbite is developing, get out of the cold or protect exposed skin.

To prevent sunburn and/or windburn:

- Cover up with a long-sleeved

jacket, hat and gloves.

- Wear wraparound sunglasses or goggles that offer 100% UV protection.

- Pay close attention to the underside of chin and ears.

- Wear sun block such as zinc oxide on exposed and sun-sensitive areas.

- Wear items like ski masks, which will cover most of the skin, leaving very little exposed to the wind and sun.

Enjoy the winter season, but be sure to take care of your skin to avoid the damages the cold season can cause.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123081828>.



Reserve Command Recruiting seeks applicants

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is now seeking applicants to fill recruiting positions in locations across the globe.

In addition to finding qualified applicants for careers in the Air Force Reserve, a recruiter interacts with the community and serves as a representative of the Reserve 24 hour a day

“We’re always looking for enthusiastic, qualified people. If you are motivated to excel, perform above the status quo, and are physically and morally fit this could be the career move you’ve been looking for,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Schoch, chief of the AFRC Recruiting Service training branch.

The application process begins with a face-to-face interview with the local senior recruiter. “If you meet the qualifications you will be asked to complete a packet, to include a current physical,” Chief Schoch said. “The packet will be sent to our headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to the recruiter selection board for evaluation.”

If selected, applicants attend an evaluation and selection course at the recruiting service headquarters here. Applicants are evaluated on “potential to become a successful recruiter. The course is five-days long designed to introduce prospective candidates to reserve recruiting. During this course, candidates will undergo an open-ranks inspection, participate in physical training, give speeches, and complete memorization work. Challenges are progressive. The top candidates are afforded the opportunity to attend the recruiter class.

The recruiting course at Lackland AFB, Texas, is six-weeks long.

“This is one of the most challenging technical schools in the Air Force. These six weeks will prepare you to be a mission-ready recruiter,” said Senior Master Sgt. Barry Kowald, an instructor at the school. “Standards here are high.”

Instruction includes Air Force Reserve benefits and entitlements, program selection criteria, advertising, and promotion, community relations, speech, and salesmanship. Course emphasis is on student performance and practical application.

Tech. Sgt. James Dock, a reserve recruiter at Tampa, Fla., said he understands the importance of his job.

“As a recruiter you will help others make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives,” Sergeant Dock said. “We’re the gateway to an amazing future as Citizen Airmen.”

He’s been a recruiter for two and half years, and formerly served as a medical administrator at MacDill AFB, Fla. He said there’s been no more fulfilling job than the one he’s had as a recruiter.

“As recruiter, it gives me an opportunity to provide people some guidance in their lives and help them reach a lifelong goal,” he added.

An initial recruiting tour of extended active duty can last up to four years. Tour extensions are reserved for those who “meet or exceed the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, appearance, integrity, production, and acceptance of responsibility,” according to Chief Schoch.

For more, contact the local Air Force Reserve recruiter or senior recruiter in your area, or call Master Sgt. Briana Ontiveros, the training NCO at the headquarters, at DSN 497-0630 or commercial (478) 327-0630.

January 2008 promotions

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROMOTION TO:</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
Donathan, Christopher	Staff Sgt	507 CF
Garza, Nimsi Y.	Airman First Class	507 MSF
Smith, Aaron M.	Tech Sgt	35 CBCS
Loveland, Robert A.	Master Sgt	1ASF
Williams-Kupec, Benjamin C.	Tech Sgt	507 CES
Brown, Gary F.	Senior Master Sgt	507 CES
Jones, Harold J.	Staff Sgt	507 CES
McClean, Edwin L. II	Tech Sgt	507 MXG
Vannostrand, David	Master Sgt	513 OSF
Overstreet, Jason K.	Airman	507 SFS
Kolleringram, Nathan	Staff Sgt	513 MXS
Mott, Mary E.	Airman First Class	507 LRS
Harding, Sharita P.	Airman	507 MDS
Blochowiak, Robert J.	Tech Sgt	507 MDS
Hoffman, Jacqueline M	Airman 1st Class	507 MDS
Maiorana, Mario N.	Senior Master Sgt	513 AMXS
Aponte, Martha M.	Staff Sgt	507 AMXS
Brzezinski, Daryle	Tech Sgt	507 AMXS
Coleman, Dawn E.	Senior Airman	507 AMXS
Rock, James C.	Senior Master Sgt	507 ARW

Uppclose

The following question was asked of 507th Security Forces Squadron members prior to their deployment to Iraq:
“How has your training in the reserves helped you prepare for this real world deployment?”



**Airman Jason Overstreet
507th SFS**

“This is what we know. I feel prepared.”



**Airman Basic David Smith
507th SFS**

“I believe that I am prepared for Iraq because they train and prepare us for the worst possible situation that could happen.”



**Senior Airman Amanda Fleming
507th SFS**

“I feel my training has prepared me for Iraq because every time we train, I learn something new about the security forces career field.”



**Senior Airman Travis Winn
507th SFS**

“I’m glad to finally do what I’ve been training for all this time.”



**Senior Airman Chris
Murchison
507th SFS**

“Not only has the training prepared me, but the family connection of our unit makes me feel more confident.”

Things you can do for our troops

This UTA, a banner will be available in the 507th ARW Headquarters building for you to send words of encouragement to our deployed troops.

If you have special skills that would be beneficial to spouses and family members, please contact the Airman and Family Readiness Office at 734-6869.

Morale packages are being assembled for the troops. If you would like to donate money for the shipping cost or add something to the package, contact Airman and Family Readiness or see Master Sgt. Robert Dunn, 507th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant.

Package ideas include but not limited to:

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| puzzle books | snack sausages | batteries | taped TV shows |
| books | Jerky | sewing kit | envelopes |
| cookies | stamps | nuts | stationery |
| Tylenol | chewing gum | home movies | cards, all occasion |
| games | playing cards | razor blades | blank tapes |
| shampoo | shoe insoles | kiddy art | magazines |
| candy bars | chapstick | music tapes/CDs | brownies |

2008 Drill Pay Charts

Enlisted Drill Pay															
Grade	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	566	580	596	615	634	664	691	718	760
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	464	484	497	512	529	559	573	599	614	649
E-7	322	352	365	383	397	421	435	448	472	484	496	502	526	541	580
E-6	278	306	320	333	348	378	390	404	415	419	422	422	422	422	422
E-5	256	272	285	299	320	338	352	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356
E-4	234	246	260	272	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	284
E-3	211	225	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238
E-2	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
E-1	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179	179
E-1 < 4 months	166														

Officer Drill Pay															
Grade	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1808	1808	1808	1808
O-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1649	1672	1707	1766
O-8	1166	1205	1229	1237	1268	1321	1333	1384	1398	1441	1504	1562	1600	1600	1600
O-7	969	1014	1035	1051	1082	1112	1145	1179	1214	1321	1412	1412	1412	1412	1419
O-6	717	789	840	840	844	880	885	885	935	1025	1076	1128	1158	1188	1246
O-5	598	675	721	730	759	776	815	842	879	935	960	987	1017	1017	1017
O-4	516	589	638	647	684	723	773	810	838	853	862	862	862	862	862
O-3	454	514	556	605	634	667	687	721	739	739	739	739	739	739	739
O-2	392	447	497	532	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543
O-1	341	354	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427	427
O-3E	-	-	605	634	667	687	721	749	766	789	789	789	789	789	789
O-2E	-	-	532	543	560	590	612	629	629	629	629	629	629	629	629
O-1E	-	-	427	457	474	492	508	532	532	532	532	532	532	532	532

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Recruiting Members for TREAC

Calling ALL enlisted Airmen (AB through CMSgt) within the 507th ARW and the 513th ACG ...we are actively seeking individuals to be a part of the Tinker Reserve Enlisted Advisory Council (TREAC). TREAC meets every Sunday of the main UTA in the Wing CC Conference room at 0830 hrs.

TREAC serves as an information forum to address issues pertinent to the morale and welfare of our enlisted force, fosters a high degree of professionalism among enlisted personnel and assists TREAC members with development and advancement of the TREAC's goal (establish group fellowship, increase visibility and recognition, and promote esprit de corps among the enlisted personnel) and initiatives.

TREAC is also responsible to hold the 507th ARW Quarterly Awards Board. What a great opportunity to see how this process works and to read about all the great things our Airmen do!

Come out and have a voice within the campus and earn a great bullet for your EPR.

ROA meeting scheduled for February

The Reserve Officer Association will hold a meeting Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the 513th ACG conference room. Col. (select) Jim McDonnell, 507th Maintenance Group commander, will be the guest speaker.

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