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Senior Airman Ronald DeBusk meets his 2 1/2-month old son Trey for the first time. Wife, Jami, looks on as father and son get acquainted. DeBusk was one of 43 Security Force Squadron members returning last month from a deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch

## Security Forces return from Iraq

*More information and photos to come next month*



507th ARW  
Vice Commander's Column  
By Col. Clayton W. Childs

## Personal and Personnel decisions

When I was an active duty Captain, I was offered orders to be an instructor at the KC-135 aircrew schoolhouse. I liked my current job and where I was living, so I wasn't too thrilled about moving. When I asked the Wing Commander for advice, he told me "Clay – every move has two sides; the personal side and the personnel side. I can advise you on the personnel side, but you have to figure out the personal part."

Now that I am in the Air Force Reserve, there is also a civilian employer to consider. Earlier this month, I struggled with these issues again as I was offered an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) position as the Reserve Advisor to the AMC/IG. After consulting with my family, Colonel Glass, and my employer, I have decided to accept the job. I regret I will not have the opportunity to stay longer with

the Okies. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received and I continue to be impressed with the accomplishments of this wing. However, I also believe I can positively influence the IG inspection process to the benefit of both AFRC wings and AMC.

My assignment is an example of the different ways there are to serve the Air Force and your country in AFRC. It is also a reminder to accomplish your PME and be prepared for the next level of responsibility as many opportunities can happen quickly.

Over the years, I have seen the Air Force Reserve separate some good Airmen because they became overwhelmed with the mix of personal and personnel issues. In some cases, they have just dropped out of contact, leading to unexcused absences and possible administrative/disciplinary actions. Airmen need to realize you have leaders that know what it is like to deal with these life-changing events. Talk to your supervisors, First Sergeants, and Commanders to find out more about different opportunities to serve and please, let them know if you are having "personal" issues before they become career-impacting "personnel" issues.

Please remember to be safe and focused during these 101 critical days of summer. Thank you again for the opportunity to be a part of the Okies and have a great UTA.

### Warrior of the Week

**Staff Sgt. Eric Liftee, assigned to the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, and deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, recently was selected as Warrior of the Week for his outstanding contributions and impact to the KRAB mission. Liftee poses with Col. Richard Scobee, deployed commander for the 506th AEG. Liftee is a structures craftsman and responds to an estimated 30 calls a week to improve structures around the base.**

Photo by Senior Airman Randi Flaugh





## Operation Holiday Spirit helps campus members in need

by Maj. Ralph Hawkins  
OHS Co-Chairman

What started out in 1999 as a fund raiser for a local charity, Operation Holiday Spirit (OHS) has taken on a life of its own and now helps needy Tinker Reserve campus families during the Christmas season. In nine years, OHS has helped 110 needy families with over \$58,800 in donations. The help has taken the form of store cards, gas cards, long distance telephone cards, food, clothing and toys.

The original charity, a local battered women's shelter, received 432 boxes of donated new and used clothing, and 14 boxes of donated new and used toys, from 1999 to 2002. Additionally, an Oklahoma City homeless shelter also received food, and volunteers from the Reserve campus also served holiday meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Even during all of that, unit First Sergeants were identifying members of their organizations that needed help, and OHS came to the rescue. "As time went on, we shifted our main focus of help to our Reserve families" said

OHS co-chairperson, Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Lowman. "We had spread ourselves too thin as we took on more charities, and we finally had to let them go in order to concentrate on our fellow members."

Other charities at one time or another included "adopting" children through DHS, boxing up donated items to send to troops in Iraq, using OHS funds to fill Salvation Army stockings, and still more OHS funds to help with the Norman Veterans Homes' "Angel Tree" program. Now, the OHS funds are strictly for the Reserve families. "It really helps during the holidays, which can be very stressful for families in need," says Chaplain Dwight Magnus. Some recipients become tearful when they receive the help, but it's always tears of joy. OHS has received an incredible amount of help from volunteers on Tinker – too many to name here. They are the backbone of Holiday Spirit. Without them, we couldn't make this happen. We are very appreciative.

The 2008 "Steak Supper" fund raiser will be Friday night, Dec. 5th at the Del City VFW hall. In 2007, 158 attendees enjoyed huge steaks from Wheeler's

Meat Market, and the fellowship of knowing they were making a difference in the lives of 17 families. The all-time record for attendees at the function was 169 in 2005. "I'd like to see us hit 200 this year," said Lowman. "We've had great support from past Wing, Group, Squadron and Flight Commanders, all the way down to the junior enlisted." The \$25 per plate donation, and post-supper auction of donated items netted a record \$12,698 in 2007.

We hope the Guard members of the 137th Air Refueling Wing join in the effort. Their First Sergeants will be encouraged to let OHS know if there are members of their unit struggling during the holidays.

Steak Supper tickets go on sale in October. Ticket POC's are Steve Wright (507th Maintenance), Takesha Williams (Mil Pay), Kim Humphrey (970th AACS), Lindsay Newton (513th Maintenance), Veronica Garrett (Med Squadron), Chief Long (507th HQ), "Hawk" (Bldg 240), Kathy (507th Ops) and hopefully a member of the Tinker Air Guard. Let's make 2008 a record-breaking year to remember for OHS.

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# GLOBAL MEDIC training results in many 'firsts'

**by Senior Master Sgt. Terri Wilson  
Acting Chief, Information Systems  
35th CBCS**

The 35th Combat Communications Squadron (35 CBCS) performed their annual training in support of United States Army Reserve Command's largest medical exercise, GLOBAL MEDIC. It involved more than 2,500 reservists from the Air Force, Army, and Navy. The 35th sent 56 personnel and 14 pallets of equipment to Fort Gordon, Ga. from June 4 - 18. Their mission was to successfully plan, engineer, install, operate, maintain and protect a Joint/Theater strategic and operational voice and data network.

GLOBAL MEDIC provided medical units training on the full spectrum of Health Services Support in a deployed environment. Crucial training was conducted for initial treatment and stabilization of injured personnel to include transport by land and air to medical treatment facilities. It is designed to train Army Reservists and Guardsmen.

Multiple medical units who received combat communications support included: Fort Gordon, Ga.; Camp Parks, Calif.; and Fort McCoy, Wisc. The 35th provided communications services to include: a satellite link through East Point, Ga.; a network with e-mail and file sharing for all locations; and 103 network connections, 250 user accounts and over 50 telephones at their location. Additionally, the self-sustaining capability of the 35th enabled them to provide power to USMC equipment. Initially, there was trouble maintaining steady power for their satellites.

Many "firsts" came out of this training. This was the first real-world deployment of the "complete" Network

Control Center-Deployed (NCC-D) suite. It was also the first time the 35th network has been extended over a satellite link to support and extended active directory infrastructure along with two additional exchange servers.

"This year for the 'first time' in the history of this medical training exercise, we successfully installed a 100 percent functional theater communications system with full voice and data support provided to inter-site and intra-site communications," stated Lt. Col. Barry Birdwell,

I saw how my job fit in with what the rest of the unit does. I saw the whole picture and how combat communications works," stated squadron member, Staff Sgt. Hans Osgood.

"I got a lot of good hands-on training on radio equipment," explained Senior Airman Dustin Baca who recently cross-trained from satellite communications. "I had to brief generals and other dignitaries on my job and the equipment. I had no problem doing it."

"This exercise validated several



**Members of the 35th CBCS GOLDEN MEDIC team Tech. Sgt. Stephen Faith (left); Tech. Sgt. Christopher Franklin (on ladder); Senior Airman Jason Mansour (holding ladder); and Staff Sgt. Carl Koenig (right), dismantle an Alaskan Shelter in preparation of redeployment.**

Medical Readiness and Training Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. "This was a tremendously challenging technical undertaking and this year's joint services communications team succeeded, thanks to their exemplary efforts and outstanding exemplary technical skills."

Unit personnel received priceless real-world experience with new equipment and applications. This was the first time that newer personnel witnessed the entire deployment from cargo preparation, site setup, initial communications setup, sustainment, and redeployment.

"My job is power production and I didn't really know much about commu-

nications. I saw how my job fit in with what the rest of the unit does. I saw the whole picture and how combat communications works," commented Master Sgt. Brent Slattery, 35 CBCS Chief of Mission Systems and key coordinator for the unit's participation.

The 35th CBCS has completed this challenge: all the pallets are broken down, equipment inventoried and placed back in the warehouse, and all travel vouchers filed. Now, they must focus on their first Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for 2009. Bring it on! Huah!

# All in a day's work .....

by Senior Airman Zach Anderson  
507th ARW Public Affairs

When Tech Sgt. Ivan Esau and Staff Sgt. Aaron Folsom left the 507th Air Refueling Wing headquarters building during the May UTA, it was supposed to be an ordinary midday run to the Base Exchange...nothing more than a quick lunch break. As it turned out, this particular BX run was anything but typical.

"We were just planning on grabbing some lunch, checking out some of the televisions on sale at the BX and then heading back to work," said Folsom, a paralegal with the 507 ARW Judge Advocate General office.

However, shortly after walking through the doors of the BX, Esau and Folsom heard a distress call being announced over the public address speaker. A request had gone out for first responders to provide aid to an injured man who had collapsed inside the BX.

"We hadn't been there anytime at all and we heard the call being put out. And for us there was really no hesitation," said Esau, Law Office Superintendent for the 507th ARW JAG Office.

Both Esau and Folsom are used to dealing with emergencies. In fact, both serve as police officers in their civilian jobs. Esau is a sergeant with the Oklahoma City Police Department and Folsom is an officer with the Pottawatomie Nation Police Department.

"We both see this type of thing virtually every day in our civilian jobs. So, us both being cops, we jumped right in. It's the type of situation we're both used to dealing with," Folsom said.

As it turned out, when the two men arrived, they had already been beaten to the scene by another Airman. Fellow reservist Tech Sgt. Steve Black, a medical technician with the 507th Medical Squadron, had already reached the victim and was working to render first aid.

"When we got there, the man was lying on the ground and blood was just gushing everywhere," Esau said. "It looked like he had either fallen and hit his head causing a seizure, or he was having a seizure and that caused him to fall. Either way, he was bleeding badly from a gash in his head and definitely needed help."

As the victim continued to convulse, Folsom and Black

worked together to restrain him while Esau went to gather towels in an attempt to staunch the blood flow from the head wound. Even without any sort of protection from blood borne pathogens, the men didn't hesitate.

"Of course, the danger of that is always in the back of your mind. But in that moment, we knew we had to help this man and work to control the bleeding. It was just something that had to be done," Esau said.

Eventually, it took all three men to keep the victim from further injuring himself.

"The victim was very confused and scared and was trying to fight back. We were all three working to hold him down while applying pressure to the wound," Folsom said. "Our biggest concern was that he would hurt himself again. The entire time, we were looking for any sort of identification, a medical alert bracelet, anything that could help us out as well as emergency personnel when they arrived."

Unfortunately, emergency personnel were given the wrong information, causing a delay in arrival to the scene.

"The ambulance ended up going to the commissary at first instead of the BX. So we had to restrain the victim for about twenty minutes until help arrived," Esau said.

After a long wait, emergency personnel finally arrived and took control of the situation. Once the victim was loaded into the ambulance and transported away

for treatment, Black, Esau and Folsom simply went back to exactly what they had been doing before.

"Honestly, when it was over it was over. After all, it's just a part of the job. It's a part of being an Airman, a part of being a police officer and really, it's a part of serving," Folsom said. "We didn't even really think about it at all. We just made sure he was taken care of and went right back to our shopping."

All three men attribute their Air Force training to being beneficial to helping them respond to the situation.

"As Airmen we are trained to respond and react in high-stress situations. That goes a long way in these types of scenarios. It's why we don't hesitate to jump in and help when someone is in trouble. It just goes along with the duties of being an Airman and serving," Esau said.

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## Tinker leads the way for school supply challenge

Deployed firefighters from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron are currently involved in a challenge at Kirkuk to see which base can get more donations for Operation SCHOOL SUPPLIES which support local Iraqi children.

“This was a big week for the school supply challenge,” said Tech. Sgt. Chad Welch, 506th ECES station captain. “Tinker is kicking it with 1116 points!!!! Great Job!” said Sergeant Welch. Scott is still in it with 830 points.

Barksdale come roaring into third with a 242 point week. “Grandforks needs to get on the board and Williams may need to head to the BX,” said Sergeant Welch.

Tinker’s support came from the 507th CES personnel, Oklahoma Healthcare Authority (Master Sgt. Ken Miller’s employer), Melissa Giguere (wife of Tech Sgt. Travis Giguere). Melissa put a big boost in the totals with about 300 lbs. of supplies.

For anyone wishing to help with this cause, there is still plenty of time to help. The challenge runs until Aug. 15. You may contact Senior Master Sgt. Jodie Schaefer at the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron for more information.

“We could not have done any of this without everyone’s help and support. On behalf of Tinker AFB, now Kirkuk RAB, I would like to say thank you to everyone for the school supplies,” said Master Sgt. Linda Thompson, deputy chief fire emergency service. “Tinker is taking the lead and we have more on the way!!! Thanks to everyone of you for making what we do count. The Iraqi schools should be simply overflowing with a tremendous amount of school supplies,” she said.

“Keep up the great work. We will truly leave this place better than we found it,” said Sergeant Welch.



From Left, Senior Airman Aaron Meyer, Staff Sgt. Craig Cusenz, Master Sgt. Linda Thompson, Senior Airman Matthew Hau, Senior Airman Adam Murray and Tech Sgt. Travis Giguere. 507th Civil Engineer Squadron personnel, now deployed to Kirkuk, pose with several boxes of school supplies that will be given to Iraqi school children. An additional 15 boxes were delivered before the photo was taken.

# AFSO21 -- 'Root Cause' problem solving

By Capt. Mark Vardaro

The American Heritage Dictionary defines a problem as a question to be considered, solved, or answered. Within a process, problems can be easily spotted whenever you have to use what's called the "RE" factor. Simply put, the "RE" factor is anything you have to do with the letters "RE" in front of it. For instance: Rework, Retest, Reprocess, Reassemble, etc. Other ways to identify problems include the identification of shortcomings, sources of frustration, and sensitivity such as unachieved goals, overtime, high operating costs, missing deadlines, high employee turnover, injuries, and returned or rejected product. Once you identify the problem, you need to find its "Root Cause" or "Source." A highly popular technique is the "5-Why" approach. Within this approach, you take the problem identified and ask yourself why that problem occurred. You then ask why the first why happened and so on until you get to your fifth why. What's taught within the 5-Why approach is once you reach your fifth why, you should have identified the true "Root Cause" of the problem and can then begin corrective action. In reality, sometimes it takes less and sometimes it takes more than asking "Why" five times but the point is, you ask yourself why until you feel you have reached the "Root Cause." The process looks like this:

**Problem: (question to be considered, solved, or answered)**

- \* Why #1 (the reason the problem occurred)
- \* Why #2 (the reason Why #1 Occurred)
- \* Why #3 (the reason Why #2 Occurred)
- \* Why #4 (the reason Why #3 Occurred)
- \* Why #5 (the reason Why #4 Occurred)
- \* And so on if needed.

**Here's an example:**

Problem Identified: Welding Robot stops in the middle of its operation.

**Why #1: Why did the robot stop?** *Answer: A fuse in the robot has blown.*

**Why #2: Why is the fuse blown?** *Answer: The circuit was overloaded.*

**Why #3: Why is the circuit overloaded?** *Answer: The bearings have damaged one another and locked up.*

**Why #4: Why have the bearings damaged one another?**

**other?** *Answer: There was insufficient lubrication on the bearings.*

**Why #5: Why was there insufficient lubrication on the bearings?** *Answer: The oil pump on robot was not circulating sufficient oil.*

**Why #6: Why is the pump not circulating sufficient oil?** *Answer: The pump intake was clogged with metal shavings.*

**Why #7: Why is the intake clogged with metal shavings?** *Answer: No filter on pump intake (as designed). ROOT CAUSE!*

Once you identify the "Root Cause," develop and implement solutions to ensure the root cause does not "Reappear." If it does, you know that your method for identifying the root cause, developing the solution, or implementing the solution was not completely effective. Now you have two problems, one stems from the original problem that has "Reappeared" and the other from an ineffective problem-solving effort – time to get back to the 5-Whys!

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**The IG says:**

Roles of the IG in relation to the Commander:

1. Be the "eyes and ears" of the commander
2. Keep the commander informed of potential areas of concerns
3. Function as the ombudsman, fact-finder, and honest broker in the resolution of complaints
4. Educate and train commanders and members of the base population on their rights and responsibilities in regard to the Air Force IG system
5. Help commanders prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Capt. Mark Vardaro at: 405-556-1745 or email: mark.vardaro@tinker.af.mil

Announcement: The IG Hour will be from 1300 to 1400 in the IG Office located in basement of the headquarters building. No appointment is necessary. Those who cannot make the IG Hour can make an appointment anytime during the UTA by calling Capt. Mark Vardaro at: 405-556-1745.



513th Air Control Group  
Commander

By Col. John Trnka

# Welcome to the August UTA

In just about a month from now, many of you will be deploying. In the opening days of this deployment we will mark the seventh anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, and our nation is still at war. Now the 513th has a chance to make a mark overseas once again. While each of us has our own reasons why we joined the Air Force, the Reserve and this unit, this unit exists to provide operational capability - this is why we are here. To those of you who volunteered for 30, 60, 90 or 120 days, as did almost 140 of you, I cannot thank you enough.

For some of you, this will be your first time overseas. For many of you, this is just the latest in a long string of deployments. For all of you, here's my pep talk: "Do your jobs the way you've been taught, on the ground or in the air. What we do in moments can profoundly affect someone's life, maybe yours. You're a professional, or you wouldn't be here." End of speech.

Many of you who are deploying leave behind financial, health, job or a myriad of other problems. Please talk to your supervisors, First Sergeants and Commanders, and let us know where we can help. Some families like to get a call from the unit regularly; others don't want to be bothered. Again, let us know.

For those of you who couldn't make the trip this time, we'll need you here - we have an aggressive schedule of home station flying and active duty support. Your participation over the next few months is vital to making that happen.

Lastly, this AEF is the big thing in the windshield right now, but it's just the start of a busy couple of years. As soon as we wrap up this deployment we start ORE's leading up to our ORI in November of 2009. Right on the heels, and I mean right on the heels, of that, there's a major Stan Eval inspection, followed in the Spring of 2010 by a UCI, and then we start spinning up for our next turn in the AEF bucket. Not much down time, and a lot of work to be done. Ever ask: "How can I get more involved in the unit?" or "How can I get promoted?" (Often sounds like the same question.) Well, look at the schedule for the next two and a half years, there are many, many areas where you can make a difference. Here are a few others: Block 30/35 upgrade testing - we do all of it now, and we need some more people to get involved. Block 40/45 introduction - we want to be involved, but how, in what areas, and how comprehensively remain to be seen; no one is an expert on 40/45 yet; maybe this is where you can make your mark, and that goes for the ops, maintenance and support side. How about PEX? (aka Patriot Express) That's the new scheduling, stan eval, go/no-go data base we and the 552nd are now required to use. Do you like building and maintaining data bases? We need your help. The same thing goes for the new OPR/EPR and Awards and Decs processes, and the possible maintenance reorganization. It doesn't matter what your AFSC, if you can analyze a process and make it better, or do the grunt work required, we need your help. That's just a short list.

Thanks again to all of you as we start another chapter in the history of the 513th.

## Actions speak louder than words

by Master Sgt. George Gould  
72nd APS First Sergeant

As First Sergeants, our job is people. Everyone is our business. However, we do not have to limit this responsibility to First Sergeants. We should all take care of each other. In doing this, actions speak louder than words. When helping your co-worker, subordinate or the person in front of you needing help, TAKE ACTION. By all means, give words of encouragement to help them through a difficult time. However, do not stop with words. Be an action person. If they have personal, financial

or family issues, LISTEN first. Provide assistance based on your abilities and skill. When their needs are beyond your skill, gather the necessary phone numbers and addresses for the Chaplain or the Family Services office. Offer to take them or go with them to the resource. My point is to act rather than just talk. Let them know you care with actions. Lastly, FOLLOW UP. Get back with the individual to see if the need has been met. Offer support again if needed. Let's not let our people fall through the cracks. Words are not enough. Actions speak louder than words. Take care of each other.



## 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. **For more information or to schedule testing, 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.

## 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. 1043, ATN Room in the basement.

**Computer-based testing** on the UTA is available on Sunday at 0800 and 1300 in Bldg. 1043, ATN Room in the basement.

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 08-09 UTA SCHEDULE

02-03 Aug 08	06-07 Sep 08
04-05 Oct 08	01-02 Nov 08
06-07 Dec 08	10-11 Jan 09
07-08 Feb 09	07-08 Mar 09
04-05 Apr 09	02-03 May 09
06-07 Jun 09	11-12 July 09
01-02 Aug 09	12-13 Sep 09

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**Fri, 1 August 2008**

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room  
 1500 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1066, OG Conf Room  
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1056, 970th ConfRm

**Sat, 2 August 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 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined  
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 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**

**Sun, 3 August 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**  
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm  
 0900-1130 Haz Comm Trng for Supvrs Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng To Be Determined  
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3S0X1 Trng Bldg 1043, Rm 203  
**1300. by appt. CDC Testing**  
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
**1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT**  
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5  
**Unit Designated Sign Out**

**Fri, 5 September 2008**

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room  
 1500 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1066, OG Conf Room  
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1056, 970th ConfRm

**Sat, 6 September 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 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined  
 1200-1600 Family Day Bldg 1030 and 1082  
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 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**

**Sun, 7 September 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**  
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm  
 0900-1130 Sfty Council Mtg/Unit Sfty Rep Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng To Be Determined  
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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 at 734-7075 or your UTM.

## Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 1030, 507th MSG Conference Room. 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:
05 Aug	13 Aug
07 Aug	15 Aug
11 Aug	18 Aug
14 Aug	22 Aug
18 Aug	27 Aug
20 Aug	29 Aug
26 Aug	03 Sep
28 Aug	05 Sep
02 Sep	10 Sep
04 Sep	12 Sep

**Military Pay (405) 734-5016**

### \*\*New MPF Hours\*\*

**Closed Thursday  
Saturday UTA**

Open at 0800 - 1500, except for following closures:

1300-1330 - Employments/Relocations

1400-1430 - Career Enhancements

1500-1530 - Customer Service

1500-1600 - IDs only

### Sunday UTA

Open at 1130 - 1600

## 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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## 513th ACG members take part in recruiting advertising

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

What started off as an e-mail request will soon become a national Air Force Reserve television commercial promoting the Airborne Warning and Control Systems career field.

Blaine Warren Advertising out of Las Vegas, Nevada, is a Public Relations advertising agency contracted by the Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service.

In an e-mail message sent last May a representative from the company explained they were working on the new annual Public Service Announcements for television and print media. Blaine Warren officials explained they were showcasing various aircraft flown by the Air Force Reserve. To accomplish that, the company wanted to come to Oklahoma to shoot video and stills of the E3-Sentry featuring members of the Reserve's 513th Air Control Group.

According to agency representative Marlene Demarco, "We have very little video of the E3-Sentry and would also like to get interior shots of Reservists (at work in the aircraft)... we really want this opportunity to feature the Reservists at Tinker and on the E3-Sentry."

The filming took place on July 8th and featured aircrew members working inside while a training tape program created a real life simulation of flight operations. Several of the 513th Maintenance members also took part during the filming of the commercial. The video shot will be used to create a television commercial slated for national airing and the still pictures taken will be used for newspaper advertisings as well as for other future Command promotional events.



**A film crewmember applies makeup to a 513th ACG unit member in preparation for filming the recruiting video onboard the E-3 Sentry.**

Photos by Staff Sgt. Grady Epperly



**While 513th Air Control Group aircrew members work at their E-3 consoles during a training tape simulation, film crews work to video tape the action. These Air Force Reservists and additional members of the 513th ACG Maintenance Squadron participated in the production of an Air Force Reserve television commercial for the Airborne Warning and Control Systems career field earlier this month.**



101 Days of Summer

# The Deadman Switch

by Senior Master Sgt. Gary  
Bristol  
507th ARW Safety Office

Perhaps one of the most common safety devices used today came to us from the railroad. The “deadman,” also referred to as the “deadman switch,” is the device that stops the train if the driver releases the power controller handle. Trains do not have a gas pedal like automobiles, but a throttle control to set. Because railroad engineers often worked long hours over desolate country, many accidents were caused when they fell asleep at the controls. A switch

was invented that required the engineer to push or step on or the train would stop. If the engineer became incapacitated or had a heart attack and died, then the train would stop. Hence the name!

These safety switches can be found on virtually any powered device, including power tools and lawn mowers.

Tampering with this switch prevents the automatic shut off function from working, allowing the only way to stop the tool is shut-off the power. Of course while someone’s trying to shut off the power, this tool could be making its way through your coveralls, your pants, or your body.

## Seeking individual for EO position

The 507th Equal Opportunity Office is accepting applications for an Equal Opportunity Specialist position as a traditional reservist. Listed below are the minimum qualifications and requirements for application according to AFMAN 36-2108.

- You must be at least a staff sergeant or ready to promote to staff sergeant.

- You must have prior qualification in any AFSC at the 5-skill level or higher (or 3-skill level if no 5-skill level exists).

- You must have the ability to speak distinctly and communicate well with others.

- You must not have a record of disciplinary action or financial irresponsibility.

- You must have high moral standards, and exceptional military appearance, bearing and conduct.

- You must have no previous record of having failed to graduate from a formal EOT training course.

- You must be able to complete a re-training package.

- You must be able to attend Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute training, for the award of AFSC 3S131 within one year of acceptance of the position.

Knowledge of filing systems, publications, and computers will be beneficial to this position. Members with civilian EEOC training or background are highly encourage to apply. Growth potential for NCOs seeking E-6 or E-7. Excellent training for all members especially for those seeking civilian employment in human resources/equal opportunity. If you are interested, please send your resume with cover letter prior to the close of the August drill weekend to Capt. Roslynn D. Rayford, 507th ARW/EO, Bldg. 1043, Rm. 111A, Tinker AFB, OK.

Contact Captain Rayford at 734-0367 or e-mail Roslynn.Rayford@tinker.af.mil or thinkmath@cox.net.

### July 2008 Promotion List

Name:	Promoted to:	Unit:
Antonio Martinez	Staff Sgt	507th MSG
Barbra Sandburg	AIC	513th OSF
William Cunha	Senior Master Sgt	507th AMXS
Timothy Taylor	Staff Sgt	513th AMXS
Nicholas Ajimine	Tech Sgt	513th MXS
Ryan Derenbecker	Senior Airman	513th MXS
Chad Jarvis	Tech Sgt	513th MXS
Bradley Brierton	Airman	513th MXS
Brian Stephenson	Airman	513th MXS
Brian Jackson	Senior Airman	513th MXS
Dawn Leeds	Staff Sgt	513th MXS
Laura Duck	Tech Sgt	507th OSF
Aaron Folsom	Staff Sgt	507th MSF
Rebecca Ratliff	Senior Airman	507th MDS
Ross Romero	Senior Airman	507th CES
Octavia Smith	Staff Sgt	507th CES
Stephanie Tolliver-Clarke	Master Sgt	507th CES
Brian Farris	Chief Master Sgt	507th CES
Michael Cain	Senior Airman	72nd APS
Jason Russell	Staff Sgt	72nd APS
Eric Penrod	Staff Sgt	507th SFS
Joshua Smith	Staff Sgt	507th SFS
Jason Overstreet	Airman First Class	507th SFS
Ryan Wilkinson	Staff Sgt	507th SFS
Aubree Sandburg	Senior Airman	507th SVF
Christopher Webb	Staff Sgt	507th LRS
Alexis Warner	Airman First Class	507th MXG
Breyden Miller	Senior Airman	507th MXS



Staff Sgts. Christopher Scott and Jeffrey Grisham, pictured with other participants, placed 3rd overall in the QRF Army Challenge. It consisted of a one mile run in gear, firing the M-4, a half-mile litter carry and pushing the HMVEE for 500 meters.



507th Security Force Squadron members standing by the old Iraqi main gate.

Staff Sgt. David Morris, left, Senior Master Sgt. Daryl Flanders, background, and Senior Airman Brian Baxter, right, look over Valentines sent to them from Oklahoma school students. Several dozen Valentines were sent early in the Security Forces deployment from Moore elementary school students and Putnam City high school students.



James Stanton is recognized as he receives his promotion to Master Sgt and Top 3 status.





# Upclose

The following question was asked of unit members during the July UTA:  
**“What are you trying to do to conserve energy, save money on gas?”**



**Capt. Robert Atkins**  
**507th ARW**

*“I ride my bike to work. It takes about a gallon per day in my diesel pickup, so currently that’s \$4.50. I save every day I ride. Plus, I’m getting in shape.”*



**Staff Sgt. Ryan White**  
**35th CBCS**

*“Avoid making multiple trips. Try to get everything done with one trip only.”*



**Senior Airman Britni Boggs**  
**507th AMXS**

*“Selling my gas-guzzling Jeep Wrangler and getting a little car.”*



**Senior Airman Robert Dean**  
**507th MPF**

*“Staying at home after work and driving my Honda Civic!”*



**Maj. Doug Benton**  
**507th CES**

*“My house is a sweatbox; I keep the air conditioner set at 82 degrees. But, the dehumidifier keeps everything dry enough that 82 degrees isn’t too painful!”*



**Senior Airman Ryan Mullings**  
**507th AMXS**

*“Carpooling and walking more.”*



**Security Forces return--**The deployed 507th Security Force Squadron members were escorted from the airport to Tinker by members of the Patriot Guard Riders and Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club of South Oklahoma City. They were returning from a six month deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq. Photo by Capt. Bill Pierce

# On-final *R-News*

## Party planned for Reserve Top 3

The Reserve Top 3 is throwing a party on Aug. 2 in honor of its 10th Anniversary. All Reserve Senior NCOs (members and non-members) are invited. It will be held at the VFW, Del City, Saturday evening. More details to come.

Food and drinks will be provided. For more details, contact any Top 3 officer.

## Family Day 2008 updates

The 2008 Family Day will be held on Saturday of the September UTA. Plans are underway to make this one of the most memorable and activity-filled days yet.

Activities for young, old, and not so old will be available. The main activity areas will be in Hangars 1030 and 1082 and the area in between and North of Hangar 1030.

Aircraft, a fire truck and military HUMVEE will be on display; vendors will have booths where they sell and give away merchandise. Hangar 1082 will be geared toward the adults with a big screen TV set up for football fans. The old standby events like dunk tank, weight lifting, jail, moonwalks, kids games, will be available as well as several new items in the works.

Get your tickets now so the food committee will know how much food to buy. Wrist bands will be distributed by first sergeants to those buying tickets and wishing to enter the food lines.

See your unit first sergeant or orderly room personnel for more ticket information and prices.

### 507th ARW recruiters

<http://get1now.us>



#### Tinker AFB, OK

(In-Service Recruiter)  
Tech Sgt. Neil Lambrecht  
(405) 739-2980

#### Moore, Norman, OK

Staff Sgt. Jackie Harris  
(405) 217-8311

#### Midwest City, OK

Tech. Sgt. Melissa Melichar  
(405) 733-9403

#### Tulsa, OK

Tech Sgt. Bill Joseph  
(918) 250-3400

#### Altus, OK

Master. Sgt. Ronald Gregory  
(580) 481-5123

#### McConnell AFB, KS

Sr. Master Sgt. David McCormick  
(316) 759-3830  
Master Sgt. Stephan Kimbrough  
(In-Service Recruiter)  
(316) 759-3766  
Staff Sgt. Jason Sommers  
(316) 681-2522

#### Vance AFB, OK

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