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details.**

It's not about you

by **Master Sgt. Kenneth Carter**
437th Security Forces Squadron
first sergeant

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFNS) — When you volunteer to become a first sergeant, one of the questions asked by senior leaders during the interview process is “Why do you want to be a first sergeant in the U.S. Air Force?” Not going into too much detail and speaking from the heart, my answer was simple, “It’s not about me.”

Now that I am serving as a first sergeant, I am often asked that same question. My response is still the same.

I know you are not interviewed or asked if you want to be a supervisor when you reach that level in your military career, but I would like to think your answer would be very similar to mine.

As first sergeants, our primary focus is maintaining a mission-ready enlisted force, helping people to reach their full potential and using the expertise and experiences in our military careers to guide and mentor along the way. As supervisors, you have the same focus and, although the path in which you take to get there may be a little different, the underlining purpose is the same.

Now you may ask yourself, “but why?” The answer is simple: because “we must.” The Air Force has seen to it that we, as first sergeants and supervisors, have all the necessary tools to help each and every member in our unit be successful

in his or her career. We are each given standards, Air Force Instructions and the appropriate level of professional military education throughout the stages of our careers to guide us as leaders, trainers, counselors and mentors.

One of my favorite references is the little brown book, commonly known as AFI 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure. When speaking to the “Airmen” at our outstanding Airman Leadership School or First Term Airman Center, I always bring my little brown book. It amazes me how many questions can be answered by reading and then explaining passages from the text. Most of the questions concern supervision and the “do’s” and “don’ts” of being an effective supervisor.

I would challenge you to read the instruction, which is all of 19 pages front to back, and apply it to everything you do, just like that core value. I think that when looking back on your career and all the great things you have accomplished, the memory most vivid in your mind will be the privilege you earned to be someone’s supervisor, how you took the time to help them grow with a focus on knowing that everyone has something to teach and if you just take the time to listen and get to know them on both a personal and professional level, you can learn something.

As first sergeants and supervisors, we do these things not because we are told we have to, we do these things because “we must” and when asked why, simply say, “It’s not about me.”

Lodging ‘Did You Know’ Facts

Reservations are required to be made NLT five (5) calendar days prior to each UTA via the Automated Lodging Reservation System (ALRS). The ALRS will be shut down three (3) calendar days prior to each UTA.

Reservations, changes, and cancellations are the responsibility of the member and must be handled through the ALRS. Once the member chooses a desired hotel, no deviation is allowed. Cancel reservation before 1600 on the check-in day.

It is highly recommended that you call the reserved hotel, double check reservations, give credit card information, and request confirmation number.

Advise reserved hotel if any dependents/guests will accompany you during the stay. Member is responsible for all additional costs, damages and inappropriate behavior or misconduct incurred by family

members per reserved hotel. If housed on base, minor dependents are not allowed. Temporary Lodging for Families (TLF) is not authorized for reserve members on inactive duty training (IDT) unless prior arrangements have been made with the Wing Lodging Representative (WLR).

Complies with the established hotel check-out times and return key to the front desk on the date of departure unless prior arrangements have been made with hotel and lodging office, to include removal of all personal effects and/or family members. The member is responsible for all late checkout charges.

Member will provides a personal credit card at time of check-in to cover any additional room charges that may be incurred during the stay not covered by the unit, i.e., telephone, movie rental, etc. Member will coordinate with unit First Sergeant and squadron/flight ART if member does not

have a personal credit card to provide to the hotel at time of check in. Only the WLR can authorize any arrangements with the hotels.

Unit members will not bring pets during tours of duty to Tinker. Member will kennel pets at own expense.

During the UTA, all eligible members will make reservations for the next UTA, IDT, scheduled within the next 30 days through ALRS. Advance reservations will ensure lodging staff has time to work out any conflicts which may arise from local events.

Members calling ALRS and choosing not to select the available accommodations by hanging up on the system are flagged and will be unable to make future reservations until they contact the WLR. Individuals repeatedly refusing available lodging accommodations will be reported to their First Sergeants and Commanders, and may be denied lodging privileges.

A new take on an Easter story

by Chaplain, Maj. Dwight L. Magnus
507th ARW Chaplain Office

A couple of F-15s are escorting a C-130 Hercules, and their pilots are chatting with the pilot of the transport to pass the time. Talk comes around to the relative merits of their respective aircraft. The fighter pilots contend that their airplanes were better because of their superior speed, maneuverability, weaponry, and so forth, and pointed out the Hercules deficiencies in these areas. After taking this for a while, the C-130 pilot says, "Oh yeah? Well, I can do a few things in this old girl that you'd only dream about." Naturally, the fighter pilots challenge him to demonstrate.

"Just watch," comes the quick retort. And so they watch. But all they see is that C-130 continues to fly straight and level... After several minutes the Hercules pilot comes back on the air, "There! How was that?" The fighter pilots reply, "What are you talking about? What did you do?"

And the Hercules pilot replies, "Well, I got up, stretched my legs, and got a cup of coffee."

Similarly, many of us don't really recognize what God has done in the Easter story. We've got hi-tech toys, with great graphics and things that the generations before us

could only dream of. And the simple 2,000-year-old Easter story comes along, and it feels like a great old C-130 Hercules. We figure, "It's old and so what can it do?" We search the Internet, and we think we've got Christianity nailed down. I mean, look at the colossal failures of Christians through the centuries, and they are numerous. But through the centuries and even with modern hi-tech sophistication and our evolved sensibilities, no one can explain away the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The resurrection of Christ comes to us, sneaking into our consciousness, and somehow we



hear a voice in that Easter story: "There! How was that?" Celebrate the joy of Easter!

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513th ACG Mission: Citizen-airmen extending America's Global Power operating the world's best airborne battle management, warning and control platform.

Service organizations are for all Citizen Airmen

**Editorial by: Maj. Ralph Hawkins
513th ACG Executive Officer**

(This is the first in a series of articles on military and other fraternal organizations in the local area.)

Anyone visiting the local American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars will see the same thing as they'd see at most clubs by the same name across the nation. Older veterans talking about the "good old days" with other older veterans.

It's no secret that these service-related clubs, as well as other fraternal organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Elks, Moose and Eagles, are dwindling in popularity and membership. A comment about the Legion or VFW I often hear from the younger G.I.'s is "old farts." Let's take a look at one of the clubs – the American Legion – and see why their future is the younger G.I.

The first American Legion Post, Post 1, was established in France after World War I, and since then the American Legion has grown into the largest veteran's organization in the world, with nearly 15,000 Posts and 3 million members world-wide.

The closest Post to Tinker Air Force Base is Post 73, which is located 500 yards northwest of the Sooner Road and SE 29th Street intersection. Post 73 opened in 1950, and moved to its present location in the late 1970's. Currently there are 300 members, as the Post has enjoyed resurgence the last four years, growing from 220 members in 2005.

"I hope more active duty, reserve and guard personnel in the local area may one day take an interest in the organization that exists for them," said Frank James, Post 73 commander. "They'll all be veterans someday."

When a current or prior military mem-

ber joins, their membership is honored at every Legion Post. If there's a Post where you are TDY, deployed, or on vacation, you are more than welcomed there. Despite the age differences, many members find solace in being able to talk to other veterans about experiences that only veterans can understand.

From WWII to the Global War on Terrorism, fellow members know the hardships and challenges service personnel have faced or will face, and they're there to provide a valuable but laidback support structure.

Legion membership automatically connects you with valuable professional and social networks. On any given day you made find doctors, lawyers, law enforcement and business people at your local Post, to name a few.

You never know when your affiliation with the Post and fellow members may come in handy. The Post is also there if you experience a tragedy or a seemingly hopeless situation.

"We've got your back," says Frank. The Post also hosts Veterans Administration "on-sight" visits. The Legion is also involved in local community projects, as well as continuing to fight for current and improved veterans' benefits.

All Legion Posts offer several interesting monthly events. Post 73 has their own Website to lists their events, which includes shuffle board tournaments, sporting event "watch" parties, Poker Runs, large meals and more.

The Del City Post is open six days per week except Sundays. And you don't have to be a member to stop in and see what it's all about. "It's the best kept secret in town," said Legion member Roger Carter, a retired active duty First Sergeant from the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron.

In early October, Post 73 will host

a large Job Fair featuring over 110 businesses that will be on-hand to meet current or future veterans and spouses, looking to match their strengths and skills to possible positions in their organizations.

The Post also has the distinction of hosting the National Shuffle Board tournament this year from June 27 to July 4. "We have a large hall that we rent that seats 400 people," said James.

"We also have our own park and pavilion next to the building that anyone can rent as well, which are great venues for large and small wing, group, squadron and flight functions," he added. "We anticipate over 100 campers parked there during the national tournament this summer."

James also stresses that the future is the young military person. "If you don't like the direction the Legion is heading, then become a part of our leadership and begin making the changes that you think will help the Legion(s) for years to come," he said.

First year of Legion membership at Post 73 is absolutely free and only \$30 per year. And take it from me, being a Legion member also provides a solid performance report "bullet statement."

"Membership and participation by the younger generation is important to insure that their voices as veterans will be heard in congress, and their rights and benefits will be there when they need them," said Mr. Carter.

Stop by, check it out, take advantage of the free first-year membership, and get involved. It's a club for military personnel – past or present and into the future.

American Legion Post 73, 5000 SE 24th Street, Del City OK 73115 (405) 670-9120/9128 or at www.legion73.org

(Next month's article will feature the Del City VFW)

Unit members attend WAI Conference

by Tech Sgt. Kristin Mack
507th ARW Public Affairs

The theme for the 20th Annual Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference was "A New Approach for Your Tomorrow." The conference translated this theme through reflection and pride of past accomplishments combined with future aspirations among all women aviation professionals.

The conference brought together thousands of women, and a few men, in the aviation industry to network, share ideas, and encourage and inspire one another in their career paths.

Six Wing members were selected to attend this event, along with Col. Michael Mahon, 507ARW Vice Commander, through supervisory selection or participation in the Human Resources Development Council. The HRDC played an important role at the conference to conduct outreach, support and understanding of the WAI.

One of the event's major highlights was the presence of the Women Aviation Service Pilots (WASP). Through volunteering as personal escorts to attending panel discussions, attendees were able to gain insight to their past history that paved the way for all women in the military today.

"My favorite part of the conference was spending time with the WASPs," said Senior Master Sgt. Carol Suggs. "I am so fascinated with World War II."

There was a jam-packed auditorium present to hear the famous aviation pioneers discuss their courageous and marvelous experiences. The recollection of their stories discussing aircraft flown, their salaries, and overall impressions conveyed the realization just how far times have come since their contributions in the 1940s.

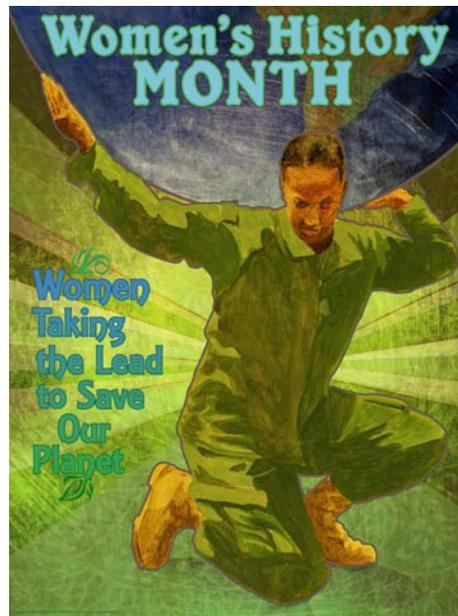
"One of the happiest days of my life is to be here and be one of your pioneers...and I feel especially grateful

you represent to me our future," said Dawn Seymour, WASP. "We're sending you a handoff to keep going. These are chapters in our life."

The panel ended in a thought-provoking question from WASP Violet Cowden: "What story are you going to tell the young people that are coming up?" then a surprise performance of their signature song Zoot suits and parachutes.

During the general session the audience heard from famous aviators and executives from several different aerospace organizations, to include astronaut Peggy Whitson. In 2007, she became the first female commander of the International Space Station when Expedition 16 was launched on Oct. 10, 2007. She oversaw the first expansion of the station's living and working space in more than six years.

Other Conference highlights and



notes included:

- * Attendance reached nearly 3,000 women and men, including representatives from 15 countries.

- * The Exhibit Hall displayed 125 separate companies and organizations, representing all aspects of the aviation com-

munity

- * Over \$459,450 in scholarships was distributed to WAI members at every stage of life from university students to mature members seeking a mid-life career change to aviation.

- * The WAI silent auction raised \$18,500 for WAI's Endowment Fund, bringing the total in the Endowment Fund to \$629,500. The money in the WAI Endowment Fund is used for scholarships.

- * Five women were inducted into WAI's International Pioneer Hall of Fame including Jacqueline Cochran, the first woman to break the sound barrier; Patricia Malone, a US Navy WAVE who trained aircraft carrier-based pilots on instrument flight procedures; Ruth Nichols who holds more than 35 women's aviation records; Dawn Seymour, the first woman accepted into the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) at Cornell University, and who later was chosen for the WASP program; and Anna Timofeyeva-Yegorova, one of the most famous Soviet women to fly in a male combat regiment during World War II and holder of the Hero of the Soviet Union award.

The conference concluded Feb. 29, 2009, with an awards banquet and dinner that recognized several women aviators and provided scholarships to those trying to advance their career in the industry.

"This Conference was a celebration of 20 years of Women in Aviation conferences, and a rededication of our commitment to look forward by providing career opportunities for women in all aspects of the aviation community while looking back to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the determined women who made today's accomplishments and career choices possible," said Dr. Peggy Chabrian, president and founder of the Women in Aviation International.

It's my job, just do it!

by Lt. Col. Perry Jones
970th AACs/ADO

Much has been touted about how important it is to find a job you love. Maybe that's not as critical as we've been led to believe. My experience is that most people don't love their work. Many like it, some tolerate it, but it is a minority who find work they love that also supports their lifestyle. Does that mean that everyone else is left to live in frustration desperately seeking that perfect job they can be passionate about? Not at all; you can and should find enjoyment in your work. Doing so is valuable to your life in many ways including greatly increasing your probability of financial success. But you don't have to love, or even like your overall job to enjoy everyday aspects of it.

It is critical to distinguish between the job and the way you do it. This is important because every job has aspects that will be unpleasant for you and you'll need to be able to get through them with a smile on your face. Let me give you a personal example. When I was an instructor pilot in ATC, I had to wake up every weekday during early week at 0300. I was so tired when I showed up to work that I was actually sick to my stomach. I literally hated early week. I had four techniques for keeping the smile on my face.

1. Remind myself that in a short time I'd be flying a jet

which is why I overall loved the job.

2. It's not digging ditches.

3. I signed the bottom line and swore to "Defend the United States of America against all enemies."

4. It's my job, just do it.

Then reality would set in when the fresh new student pilot would sit across from me and brief the sortie we were about to go on. The whole time I'm thinking to myself: He's going to try and kill me. Imagine loving a job that makes you sick to your stomach and someone tries to kill you daily. Do I love it, hate it? Yes, but it's my job, just do it!

Although certain aspects of my job literally made me sick, I was proud and took satisfaction in the way I was doing the job. I would always give it my best. Why did I put such a concentrated effort into a job that I clearly didn't always love? Because my life depended on it! Plus, I needed to make a living. And as important, it made me feel good about myself. I enjoyed undertaking something and giving it my best. It made me feel better about me and my life as a whole. Passionate about the job...no; passionate about how well I did the job...yes. Fortunately, my efforts have paid off and my bosses have noticed and allowed me to take on more responsibility which has equated to more pay which unfortunately, at times, equates to more situations which make me, at times, hate my job. But it's my job.

So if your boss doesn't appreciate you, you're underpaid, your company isn't ideal...that can be OK, for now. They aren't the key evaluators in your life. You are. Do your job well for YOU. Even if you don't like your specific work or the work environment you are in, you can love the way you do it. Be able to pat yourself on the back at the end of every day. By doing so, you may also set yourself up for finding within your company or somewhere else a job you will enjoy more. And you may discover, as you focus on doing it better, that some of the irritants of your job become more rewarding, or at least less lousy. For me, I've always loved flying and working with people. And after 20 professional years, I am fortunate to have been promoted into a job I love doing. It would have never happened without my previous work experiences, many of which were less than ideal.

Afraid of being stuck in the same job for life? Don't worry. Individuals who emphasize the positive and rewarding aspects of their job don't stay in unpleasant jobs that long; they get promoted or use their positive record to get a more fulfilling job. So, paraphrasing a verse Stephen Stills penned,

If you can't be in the job you love...

Love the job you're in (or the way you do it)



From front cover: Capt. Bill Pierce receives "high fives" from students at Wiley Post Elementary School during a send-off last month for his overseas deployment. Pierce works as an Assistant Principal at Wiley Post and is the 507th ARW deputy public affairs officer. Above, posters lined the walls of the school to show their appreciation of Pierce. Photos by Lt. Col. Richard Curry

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 for authorized languages will pay based on active duty days or IDT periods performed. 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 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors). **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps or Ms. Kim Silkwood in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The success of the Air Force Reserve NCO corps depends on their ability to apply leadership and management skills learned primarily in a civilian setting to a military environment. Not all of today's mid-level NCOs have extensive first-hand supervisory experience in a reserve environment; therefore, the instruction in this course is intended to improve the students' military supervisor capabilities and understanding of their positions as related to the USAFR. We focus on individual improvement which is ultimately the real source of organizational excellence and success. Next class is scheduled for June 1-12, 2009. See unit training manager for information.

FAMILY CARE

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

VIRTUAL MPF

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

HOT TOPICS :

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

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 09 UTA SCHEDULE

04-05 Apr 09	02-03 May 09
06-07 Jun 09	11-12 July 09
01-02 Aug 09	12-13 Sep 09

As of April 1, 2009

Fri, 3 April 2009

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 1043, ATN Room

Sat, 4 April 2009

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 Unit Designated

Sun, 5 April 2009

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 1043, ATN Room
 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 - Supr 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 Bldg 11043, ATN
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5
 TBD TOP 3 General Meeting TBD
 1500 Wing Commanders Call Base Theater
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 1 May 2009

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 1043, ATN Room

Sat, 2 May 2009

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 0900-0930 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
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 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
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Sun, 3 May 2009

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
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 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1130 Suprv Safety Trng 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 Bldg 11043, ATN
 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
 TBD TOP 3 General Meeting TBD
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

OCCUPATIONAL SURVEYS

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>OPR</u>
Saturday	1330-1415	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG
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

UCMJ Briefing:

Article 137 of the UCMJ requires "articles (of the code) shall be explained again ... at the time when the member reenlists." In an effort to ensure compliance with this requirement of the UCMJ, members who are selected for reenlistment must obtain their Article 137 briefing prior to their reenlistment. This briefing is presently being given at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA at Bldg. 1030, MSG conference room. Members who need the training must bring their reenlistment checklist so it can be annotated.

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 the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, MSG Conference Room.

Emergency Management:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and incendiary Explosive devices (CBRNE) Survival Skills, by name, through ACES PR. All personnel must bring protective mask (inspected and sized) with C2 canister, protective glove inserts, overboots, mask spectacle inserts, canteen (1 quart) with M1 canteen cap, web belt, helmet, Airman's Manual AFMAN 10-100, CBRNE Awareness CBT certification. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without all required equipment, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show. Classes will always be on Sunday at 0800 and noon. Students should make every effort to show up 15 minutes prior to the start of class. Walk-ins are not welcome. Any questions can be directed to your CBRNE Unit Scheduler.

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

Military Pay

File for pay by: **Receive Direct Deposit by:**

07 Apr	15 Apr
09 Apr	17 Apr
14 Apr	22 Apr
16 Apr	24 Apr
20 Apr	29 Apr
22 Apr	01 May
28 Apr	06 May
30 Apr	08 May
05 May	13 May

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

****New MPF Hours****
Closed Thursday afternoon
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 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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First Aviations Standards Flight Back in the Saddle

After starting conversion to the Challenger 601 aircraft a little over one year before, crews from the 1st Aviation Standards Flight returned to supporting OPERATION Iraqi Freedom and OPERATION Enduring Freedom for the first time in over two years.

The 1st ASF works in tandem with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), performing flight inspections of navigational-aid radar and instrument procedures at military and civilian installations in the United States and overseas. The flight operates from the Will Rogers International World Airport, Oklahoma City, and augments the Air Force Flight Standards Agency Detachment 1, the on-site active-duty unit.

“The Hawker aircraft we were flying were pulled from the desert mission when the Challenger aircraft were fitted with defensive systems to mitigate the MANPAD threat,” said 1st ASF

commander Lt. Col. Randall Peterson. Man-portable air-defense systems (MANPADS) are shoulder-launched surface-to-air missiles (SAMs). They typically use infra-red guidance and are a threat to low-flying aircraft. “Due to the small amount of aircraft available for training, we delayed the conversion until we had the assets available to get the crews trained,” the colonel said.

The deployment was originally scheduled as a six-week mission with crews swapping out every two weeks. The first month was the Reserves’ responsibility.

“We completed inspections on over 80 facilities plus all the associated instrument procedures. We also brought 15 of those facilities up to the same standards they would need to meet in the U.S.,” the colonel said.

“This is an ongoing priority as we work on nation building and the prospect

of transferring responsibility for these facilities to the host nations,” Colonel Peterson added. “I am very proud of my crews since we finished 99 percent of all the work allowing the third crew to only spend one day in OIF AOR and be redirected to priority work in the Pacific region.”

In all, the 1st ASF crews flew over 140 hours in 27 days on the single aircraft. Each of the 2 reserve crews were supplemented with a crew member from their active duty sister unit to provide experience and replace a sick Airman. “This worked well since we hadn’t been in the theater for some time nor had operated out of the bases used on this trip,” Peterson said.

Colonel Peterson said his Flight learned many lessons while deployed and added that they “look forward to returning to the deployment cycle we followed in years past.”



Challenger parked on the ramp at Ali Al Salem

Employer Flight set for July

Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing are invited to nominate their employers for the Employer Support Orientation Flight scheduled for Friday, July 17.

Employer support flights are traditionally sponsored to help better acquaint business leaders who employ members from the Air Force Reserve with their missions. Leaders gain an understanding of how their support affects the overall defense of the nation.

Reservists may nominate their employers by filling out the nomination

form which will be sent out to everyone via e-mail and submitting it to the Public Affairs Office. Space is limited so Public Affairs requests members do

not nominate employers for repeat flights and only one nomination per reservist.

“The Employer Support Orientation Flight has been a regular event for our

units,” said Lt. Col Richard Curry, 507th ARW Public Affairs Director. “So if we are unable to fly your employer on this mission, watch for future announcements and please try again.”

All nominations should be given to an individual’s commander by the June UTA so final selections can be made and employers contacted with flight information. For more information, contact Public Affairs at 734-3078.



Employer Orientation Flight Nomination form

Company Name _____

Employer’s Name / Title _____

Employer’s Phone / Fax / Email _____

Employer Address _____

Reservist’s Name/Rank _____

Reservist’s Business Phone _____

Reservist’s Home Phone _____

Reservist’s Unit _____

March Promotions

New Rank	Name	Unit
Staff Sgt	Richard Shaw	507th SVF
Senior Amn	Elizabeth Drew	507th SVF
Senior Amn	Kevin Giles	507th SVF
Tech Sgt	Pedro Matinez	507th SVF
Staff Sgt	Melissa Mendoza	507th SVF
Senior Amn	Samuel Huskey	72nd APS
Tech Sgt	Robert McClaren	513th AMXS
Tech Sgt	Robin Moseley	513th AMXS
Tech Sgt	Christopher Brigán	513th MXS
Staff Sgt	Ross Williams	513th MXS
Tech Sgt	Michael Steele	35th CBCS
Senior Amn	Jacqueline Wells	35th CBCS
Staff Sgt	Phu Pham	35th CBCS
Tech Sgt	Paul Steger	970th AACCS
SMSgt	James Young	507th CES
Master Sgt	Eric Nixon	507th CES
Staff Sgt	Clifton Mack	507th CES
Tech Sgt	Scott Lair	507th CES
Tech Sgt	Anthony Carter	507th CES
Senior Amn	Jeremy Latendressa	507th SFS
Staff Sgt	Claudia Borlabibarquaye	507th LRS
Tech Sgt	Patricia Mora	507th SFS

April Promotions

New Rank	Name	Unit
Senior Amn	David Smith	507th SFS
Staff Sgt	Geoffrey Green	507th MDS
Tech Sgt	Shannon McNeley	35th CBCS
Staff Sgt	Patricia Kent	507th ARW
Tech Sgt	Steven Johnson	72nd APS
Tech Sgt	William Willoughby	72nd APS
Staff Sgt	Creston Gerth	513th AMXS
Tech Sgt	Ronald Micue	513th MXS
Tech Sgt	Trevor Wilson	513th AMXS
Senior Amn	Caleb Wanzer	507th LRS
Senior Amn	Jamie Brewer	513th AMXS

EARTH DAY.gov



Earth Day, April 22, is a time to celebrate gains we have made and create new visions to accelerate environmental progress. Earth Day is a time to unite around new actions. Earth Day and every day is a time to act to protect our planet.

Earthday.gov is a cooperative effort across the entire U.S. government. Go to www.earthday.gov to see how you can make a difference.

NCOLDC soliciting facilitator candidates

The NCO Leadership Development (NCOLDC) is again soliciting for facilitator candidates from hard-charging NCOLDC graduates (staff sergeant and above). These facilitators will help train future enlisted Airmen and prepare them for leadership. The next NCOLDC Facilitator Candidate Selection Class is May 12-16, 2009 at the AFRC Professional Development Center; nominations are due to HQ AFRC/A1KA by April 10.

This five day course exposes members to the presentation skills required to facilitate the military portion of the NCOLDC. It prepares candidates to facilitate this portion of the course emphasizing guided discussion and informal lecture. This fast-paced course requires candidates to develop and deliver presentations within a short suspense time frame (to include after-hours work). Members selected after the formal presentation on day three will spend the remainder of the course covering curriculum as well as administrative and logistical issues related to facilitating this course. Members selected that are less than fully successful will be mentored for the first year with a qualified evaluator to help them spin-up to fully successful.

The NCOLDC bridges the gap between the PME courses laid out in a 10 day citizen airman centric forum. Partnered with Central Texas College, it continues to be the flagship course of the Professional Development Center with over 40,000 graduates since its inception in 1989. This would not have been possible without the constant curriculum updates and the overwhelming support from commanders, command chiefs, wing training and the dedicated facilitators who deliver this course on top of and in addition to their unit/mission requirements. We eagerly await your nominations. For more information, contact the AFRC Professional Development Center at DSN 497-0737 or our unit training office at 734-7075.

2009 Teen Leadership Summits

Funding has been received for two Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits this year. The application deadline is April 6 and application and criteria are located at the following website: www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit.

Dates and times include: July 13-17: Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega, GA. This summit will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available to AF Reserve and Air National Guard dependents.

July 27-31: Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, GA. This summit will build upon information gained at the first summit so attendees should come with a basic understanding of programs and services available to them as dependents of AFR/ANG.

For more information, call (478) 327-0971 (DSN 497-0971) or (478) 327-2090, (DSN 497-2090).



Master Sgt. Michael Meek
Senior NCO of the Year



Tech. Sgt. Daniel Bostwick
NCO of the Year



Senior Airman Casey Pearson
Airman of the Year

Wing selects annual award winners for 2008

All three winners excelled in their individual areas of expertise, setting them apart from the rest in this year's competition.

Master Sgt. Michael Meek, a satellite and wideband crew chief for the 35th Combat Communications Squadron, was selected as Senior NCO of the Year.

Meek deployed to Peru and supervised daily activities of multinational forces as chief of the satellite team. While there he diagnosed and repaired a \$50,000 satellite transceiver, restoring 100 percent of the communications capability. One of his many duties included serving as interim first sergeant for 81 Airmen. He served as orders clerk, cutting more than 50 sets of orders and transformed \$31,500 to critical training completed.

Last year Meek earned his CCAF associate degree. He aggressively pursued PME and sailed through five SNCOA course tests in five weeks with a 90 percent average.

As building custodian Meek organized a self-help project to lay carpet for their building, saving \$3,000. He checks on elderly neighbors, grocery shops and conducts home maintenance to ensure their safety and well being.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Bostwick, a readiness craftsman with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, was selected as NCO of the Year for 2008.

Bostwick astutely implemented a policy holding units accountable for CBRNE no-shows, down 10 percent. He brokered \$15,000 and quickly purchased more than 300 JSLIST suits for deploying wing Airmen, which boosted readiness. He also garnered \$10,000 in end-of-year funds and purchased quick-release helmet straps for reservists and resolved an ORI write-up.

Bostwick scheduled and tracks CBRNE survival skills training for more than 1,400 reservists with 100 percent accuracy. He flawlessly conducted 14 unit EM SAVs, paving the way for the wing earning an Outstanding with 99 percent compliant rating.

After completing NCOA, Bostwick immediately enrolled in SNCOA. Self-motivated, Bostwick is continuously enhancing his EM knowledge. He completed 24 credits toward his bachelor's in Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness. He also voluntarily programmed 350 weather radios for Midwest City, ensuring early hazardous weather notifications.

Senior Airman Casey Pearson, a combat arms journeyman with the 507th Security Forces Squadron, was selected as Airman of the Year for 2008.

While deployed to Iraq, he defended \$1.5B in weapons/munitions/equipment used to protect 5,000 coalition forces. Rated "best in theater" as armory was 100 percent compliant during no-notice explosive safety SAV. Pearson was a combat survivor. He braved three rocket attacks and responded under hostile fire to reinforce the base perimeter defense.

Pearson was a top-notch instructor, diligently taught 47 personnel the tough Tactical Rifle Qualification Course with 100 percent qualified. He was a joint fighter. Pearson diplomatically procured an Iraqi Army Firing Range to proficiency qualify deployed personnel.

He was also a top performer. Pearson daily maintained, issued and accurately accounted for more than 800 weapons and 720,000 rounds of ammo.

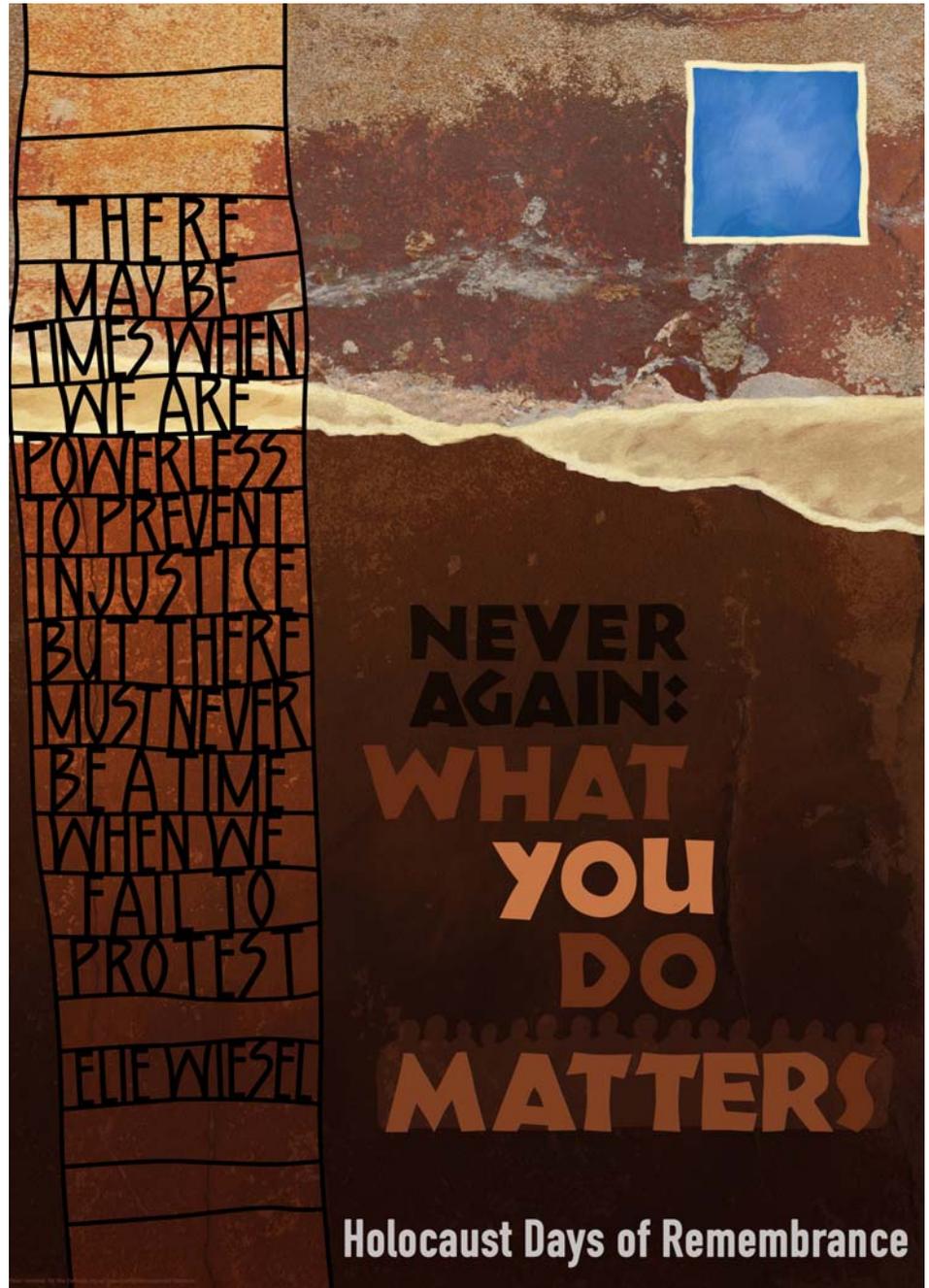
Pearson was the pointman for Operation School Supplies, packed 800 pounds of supplies that aided more than 300 Iraqi children. He participated in seven Ramp Ceremonies honoring fellow comrades-in-arms and worked 12 self-help projects around the compound.

Never Again: What you do matters

By Capt. Rubannette Jenkins
507 ARW, Chief, Equal
Opportunity

While living in Germany, I was able to visit Dachau concentration camp. I vividly remember the stark housing facilities, the gas chambers and pictures of the medical experiments on prisoners. A couple of months after my visit, I was able to put a face with Holocaust when I met a Holocaust survivor. My mother, sisters and I were playing at a local playground, when a man began to talk to us. I don't remember all of the conversation, but I do remember him telling us of his survival of the Holocaust and showing us a number that was tattooed on his arm. On that day, I knew that I wanted to help with the discrimination and injustices of the world and use my voice for the voiceless. Although I was only 9 years old, I will always remember the life-changing impact that Dachau and the man from the park had on my life.

To commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, the United States Congress established April 19-26, 2009 as the annual Days of Remembrance. Never Again: What You Do Matters is the Days of Remembrance theme for this year's observance. This theme reminds all of us to remain vigilant of the injustices going on in our world and that you can help. If you feel that a particular group of people or region is facing injustice or persecution, speak up and stand up for what you know is right. If you feel that you are facing discrimination in the wing, please come by the Equal Opportunity office for consultation. The office is located on the main floor of Building 1043.



Revised 'Little Brown Book' now available

Air Force officials recently revised Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, also known as "The Little Brown Book," and the electronic version is available now with hard copies expected to be available in May.

Uppclose

April 19-26 has been set aside for Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust --
 The following question was asked of unit members during the March UTA:
**“What lesson do you feel is the most important thing we should all
 remember about this?”**



Capt. Rubanette Jenkins
507th ARW/MEO
**“That it did happen and we
 can learn from this by
 accepting peoples’
 differences.”**



**Senior Master Sgt. Mario
 Maiorana**
513th AMXS
**“How important our freedom is
 and how easy it can be taken
 away.”**



Maser Sgt. Christopher Clark
513th AMXS
**“Remember history and how
 important it is. Try not to repeat
 past mistakes.”**



Tech. Sgt. Vivian Bailey
507th MOF
**“We should always remember it
 and not forget it happened. Too
 many people forget and it could
 happen again in our lifetime.”**



Staff Sgt. Regina Verducco
507th ARW/SE
“A lot of people had to suffer.”

Breakfast with the Commander

During the March UTA, Col. Jeffery Glass met with unit staff sergeants and tech sergeants for breakfast at the dining facility. He meets periodically in an open forum with various groups of unit members to get a pulse on what's going on in the wing.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Kristin Mack



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Colonel selectees

Congratulations go to Lt. Col. Pete Peterson, 35th Combat Communications Squadron commander; Lt. Col. William Mason, 465th Air Refueling Squadron commander and Lt. Col. Steve Seaman, 513th Operation Support Flight commander for their recent selection for promotion to O-6.



Wear of black boots with ABU in industrial areas

Effectively immediately, MAJCOM commanders may temporarily authorize wear of the black boots with ABUs in industrial work environments. Black boots should only be authorized for wear in work centers where industrial products or processes cause irreparable staining to the sage green or tan boot.

This policy is not specifically restricted to flightline activities.

MAJCOM approval authority for wear of black boots in industrial areas will remain an option until stain-resistant sage green boots are available.

Questions regarding implementing this policy should be directed to AF/A1SOU at AF/A1SOU.WORKFLOW@PENTAGON.AF.MIL.

507th ARW recruiters <http://get1now.us>



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