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**Snow drifts piled up on the flightline on Christmas eve**



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

## We need your help

As many of you know, the wing in the last month has deployed over 200 members in support of AEF taskings. This was truly a wing event and every unit played a part in getting these members out of town. We now have a major humanitarian mission going on in Haiti and almost 100 more wing members have volunteered to help support this critical mission. I want to thank all of you for stepping up to help. The 507th is definitely an AFRC leader when it comes to the amount of volunteers on an annual basis.

But with over 25 percent of our wing deployed and more coming this May and June, I need those remaining to step up and

help the wing prepare for our up-coming major inspections (ASEV, LCAP, HIS, UCI) this summer. Even the most junior Airmen can play a part in getting ready. 4thAF has given us numerous write-ups which need to be worked, along with completing our own self-inspection program; the workload can look daunting but I'm confident we will come through with flying colors.

The wing has had an outstanding safety record the last two years. This is a testament to each and every one of you stepping up and doing the right thing whether it's following TO's or just putting on your seatbelt. We have to keep our vigilance to continue. Everyone in the wing is empowered to call a safety time-out if something does not look right or if it just does not feel right. Do not be afraid to speak up and do what's right even if you are the most junior person. February and March are two bad months for weather, one day it can be icy and the next we can have severe thunderstorms and sometimes both together. Please take the extra precautions for whatever weather we might find ourselves in. Remember just BE SAFE and use ORM in all you do.



## *The Enlisted Perspective*

By CMSAF James A. Roy

## Airmen downrange doing a phenomenal job

During the Thanksgiving holiday and first week in December, I traveled throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and spent time with our Airmen "downrange." Simply put, our Airmen are doing a phenomenal job across the CENTCOMAOR.

An example is the great work Airmen are performing as Air Advisors in Iraq and Afghanistan. These Airmen train and mentor Iraqi and Afghan forces, helping them build capacity so they'll be able to take over security for their homeland. This is just one of several examples where Airmen readily accepted nontraditional wartime taskings and contributed even more to the CENTCOM mission.

Across the AOR, Airmen spoke candidly with me about their mission and brought up a variety of concerns in public and private meetings. Two that stand out are ensuring the Air Force is giving the proper amount of training to deploying Airmen and making sure the Air Force is doing the best job possible

reintegrating Airmen to their home stations and families when they return from deployment. I assure you, I take these and other concerns seriously and will work with our Air Force senior leaders and the Air Staff to resolve issues. I also highlight these two issues so our commanders, officers in charge, chiefs, first sergeants and supervisors throughout the chain of command can take notice. There are no excuses for improper training or lack of care for our Airmen and families.

The Air Force and our sister services will face a changing mission in support of CENTCOM in 2010. The current plan calls for the removal of all our combat troops from Iraq by the end of 2011. However, as U.S. forces draw down in Iraq, we face escalating challenges in Afghanistan.

In a recent speech, President Obama announced 30,000 U.S. combat forces will deploy to Afghanistan in 2010. While military planners are still finalizing the structure, there's no doubt our Air Force will play an

even greater role in Afghanistan's security and capacity to govern and protect itself. We can expect the expanded mission will bring even more traditional and joint expeditionary taskings. When CENTCOM calls upon our Air Force to contribute more, I fully trust our Airmen's readiness to deploy and serve alongside joint and coalition forces. As our Chief of Staff, Gen. Schwartz, said, "the Air Force is 'all in.'" Whether working in an Air Force, joint or coalition unit, Airmen will superbly accomplish their mission, regardless the task.

Since the era of the Army Air Corps, Airmanship has been essential to U.S. military power. As the airpower arm of the United States, we will continue to provide those irreplaceable Airmanship skills for the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as for future conflicts.



*James A. Roy*  
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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

# A new perspective on life and death

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mike Jones  
507th ARW Wing Chaplain

As a civilian minister and AF reserve chaplain for 25+ years, I've been around death and dying. I can't tell you how many times I've visited people in the hospital or the number of funerals I've officiated, much less, attended. But about a year ago I began a new direction in my civilian ministry by becoming a hospice chaplain and it has changed me in some profound ways. My role as a hospice chaplain is to "be there" for patients who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and are expected to die within six months of entering hospice. I work on our inpatient unit so actually, many of the patients who are admitted to our unit are within just a few hours to a couple of weeks of dying. I also minister to the family members both before and after the death of their loved one.

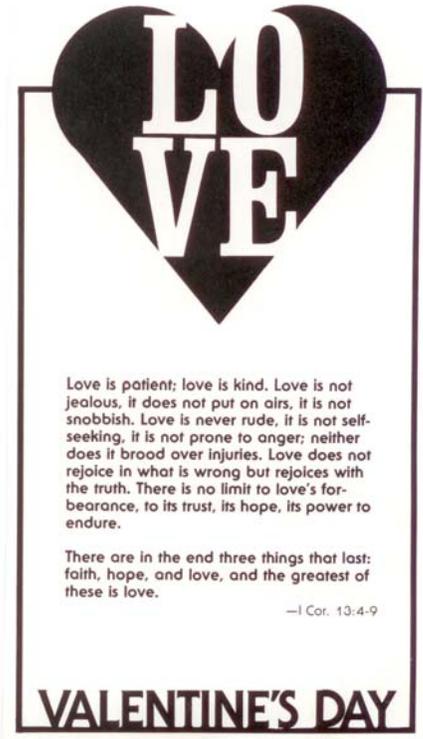


From this experience I've learned, or in some cases, been reminded of some basic truths about life and death. Over the next few months allow me to share some of those lessons with you in the hopes that they will be helpful and meaningful to you as you live your life.

Let me begin by reminding you that none of us is promised tomorrow. Death, whether you are 19 or 92 can come quite suddenly and unexpectedly. Whether in hospice or on the battle field or in everyday life, death can come swiftly and silently like a thief in the night. I'm reminded of a verse in the Bible that says, "You're nothing but a wisp of fog, catching a brief bit of sun before disappearing" (James 4:14). So living each day with purpose and meaning has become very important to me. I don't live in fear that I will die today or tomorrow, but I do live each day with a renewed awareness that it might be my last day (week, month, or year) in this world and that

I want to make it mean something. I no longer take for granted that when I say "good bye" to my wife each morning that I'll automatically see her later that day. That awareness of the fleeting nature of life helps me to savor the moment and see each day as a gift.

(This is Part 1 of a 5 Part Series)



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# What are you passionate about?

by Lt. Col. Dave 'Super Dave' Robertson  
Chief, 513th Standardization/Evaluation Section

February marks the end of a season that many of us are passionate about – college football season. During the months of August through January, you can walk the halls at both the 513 ACG and 507 ARW and hear folks debate such poignant topics as, “Which conference is the best – SEC or Big 12?,” “Who’s going to win the Red River Rivalry – Texas or OU?,” “Will Air Force whip BYU?,” and “just how badly is Florida going to beat Georgia this year?” Being military members from various parts of the country, the college football debate is wide and varied. We all have different teams and schools we root for and our passion is evident when we’re talking about our schools and their upcoming football games. Shoot, even during the off season you’ll hear discussion about recruiting classes, head coach swaps and spring practice. It seems our passion for college football is intense and limitless.

But what about our passion for things that really count? What about our families, our military service and our community? Of course, these priorities are way ahead of our devotion to something as secondary as football, however you seldom hear the same level of passionate discourse when and even if these subjects come up. Our families, of course are our top priority and our passion and devotion to them are uncompromising. But what of our military service? How pas-

sionate are you about what you as a service member do for your country? When asked, I’ll bet we’d find a great deal of passion in each member of the 513th and 507th. That’s one of the best things about being in the Reserves--we are all volunteers. Most of us have no time commitment to the military....we can walk away any time we want. However, we stay and chose to serve and fight the battles and wars our country demands of us.

There’s a statue outside one of the buildings at Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base that struck a deep chord in me the first time I saw it. It’s a concrete statue of an Airman looking into the distance and at the base is inscribed a scripture from Isaiah 6:8, “...who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” This is our calling and this is our passion as reservists – to go when and where our country calls.

Don’t get me wrong....the fall season just wouldn’t be the same without a Notre Dame fan declaring that this is the year the “Echoes are finally re-awakened” or an Ohio State fan declaring Joe Pa has been dead for seven years and the Nittany Lions are really coached by a wax museum replica. But, as reservists, our true call and true passion rests in our sacrificial service to our country.

Oh, and by the way, the answer to that first question is the SEC.....hands down.

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## Overview of Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Post 9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit for service members who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and who pursue training on or after Aug. 1, 2009.

You may be eligible if you have served at least 90 days continuous active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, are still on active duty or were:

- \* Honorably discharged from active duty
- \* Released from active duty and placed on the retired or temporary disability retired list (TDRL)
- \* Released from active duty and transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve
- \* Released from active duty to serve in a reserve component of the armed forces

Service members who were honorably discharged from active duty due to

a service-related disability and who served 30 consecutive days after Sept. 10, 2001, are also eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefit.

Depending on your eligibility status, you may receive payments for tuition, fees, housing and books. Based on the time served on active duty, the payable benefit could range from 40 to 100 percent coverage of the abovementioned costs. You can receive up to 36 months worth of benefits and you will be able to use these benefits for 15 years after your last period of at least 90 continuous days of service.

That brings us to another perk of the Post 9/11 GI Bill - transferability. Any officer or enlisted, active duty or Se-

lected Reserve member serving on or after Aug. 1, 2009 can transfer their benefits to eligible family members, including their spouse and/or children. The service member must have at least six years of service and commit to an additional four years of service in order to transfer the benefits to a spouse or child. The service member may transfer the entire unused portion of months, or all 36 months if the member has used none of the benefits.

This is just a brief overview of some the perks, provisions and programs under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

For additional information on these and other related benefits, go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

## 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.

**For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PAY (FLPP)

Reservists may apply for FLPP by submitting a written request for FLPP testing to his/her commander. FLPP I requires you to be on a tour of duty that requires the language. FLPP II 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 14-25, 2010. 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 09-10 UTA SCHEDULE

	06-07 Mar 10	
10-11 Apr 10		01-02 May 10
05-06 Jun 10		10-11 Jul 10
*24-25 Jul 10		11-12 Sep 10

As of Jan. 22, 2010

**August UTA has been moved to \*24-25 Jul to accommodate UCI inspection.**

**Fri, 5 Feb 2010**

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, 6 Feb 2010**

**Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated**  
 0730-1230 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203  
**0800-1600 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times**  
 0900-0930 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC 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  
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**Sun, 7 Feb 2010**

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0750- by appt CDC testing Bldg 1043, ATN Room  
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 0900-1000 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm  
 0900-1130 HazCom Trng for Supervisors Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm  
 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/Maj. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5  
**Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated**

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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**.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>OPR</u>
Saturday	1330-1400	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Saturday	1400-1430	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1445-1515	OPSEC Training	OG
Sunday	0800-0815	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0815-0830	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0830-0930	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	0945-1015	Counter Intel/Awareness	SF
Sunday	1015-1045	Human Relations	EO
Sunday	1300-1600	First Duty Station (dates TBD)	EO

### UCMJ Briefing:

Article 137 of the UCMJ requires "articles (of the code) shall be explained again ... at the time when the membr 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

<b>File for pay by:</b>	<b>Receive Direct Deposit by:</b>
<b>09 Feb</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>
<b>11 Feb</b>	<b>19 Feb</b>
<b>16 Feb</b>	<b>24 Feb</b>
<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>
<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>01 Mar</b>
<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>05 Mar</b>
<b>02 Mar</b>	<b>10 Mar</b>
<b>04 Mar</b>	<b>12 Mar</b>
<b>08 Mar</b>	<b>15 Mar</b>

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

**\*\*New MPF Hours\*\***  
**Open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - noon**

### Saturday UTA

Open 0800 - 1600

Newcomers have priority until noon DEERS/CAC/DEP IDs/F(SGLI) will be processed at Bldg. 460 for newcomers until noon. Other services will be filtered in between newcomers. NOTE: Your wait could be long during newcomer processing.

### Sunday UTA

Open noon - 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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# 507th names 1st quarter winners

## by Staff Sgt Zachary Jacobs 507th ARW Public Affairs

Three enlisted Airmen from the 507th Air Refueling Wing were named quarterly award winners for the first quarter of 2010.



**SrA Gregory Green**

took home the Airman of the Quarter award. Tech Sgt. Elizabeth Condon of the 35th Combat Communications Squadron was named the non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter. And Master Sgt. Timothy Parker of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron earned Senior noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter accolades.

Green is an aircraft maintenance technician, achieving a 100 percent pass rate on aircraft quality assurance inspections since he arrived at the 507th in March 2009.

Green also improves deployment readiness levels in his unit as a technical order account custodian, maintaining over 130 volumes of technical orders.

Green finished his 5-level Career Development Courses in only four months, eight months ahead of the standard, with an 86 percent final score.

And Green completed 59 hours toward his CCAF associate's degree, while working on earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Condon is a cyber transport systems craftsman, rated "Excellent" by two different MAJCOMs in her primary duties.



**Tech Sgt. Elizabeth Condon**

seven rolling stacks, weighing over 125 thousand pounds. Her efforts got the



**Master Sgt. Timothy Parker**

Parker is the noncommissioned officer in charge of Aircraft Services. He was responsible for transporting over 5,400 tons of cargo, 1,200 passengers, and more than 1,900 pallets in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM while on annual tour out of state.

Parker ensured all personnel completed 100 percent of their core training tasks, while on annual tour.

In addition, Parker led his unit's inspection of the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program for Material Handling Equipment, leading to zero write-ups from 4th Air Force.

Finally, Parker finished 12 college credit hours toward a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership. He also made his school's President's Honor Roll with his 4.0 grade point average.

build-up airworthy in less than 56 hours.

Additionally, Condon completed 40 hours of security courses and earned a CompTIA Security-Plus network certification, something that only four out of ten C4 personnel achieve.

## Tinker policy updated for towing privately owned vehicles

In recent months, illegal parking on the installation has resulted in safety, anti-terrorism and emergency responder hazards. Effective Jan. 31, any illegally parked vehicle can be immediately towed. All towing costs, to include storage and disposal are the responsibility of the owner, to be paid at the time the vehicle is released from the impounding wrecker service.

Illegal parking includes but is not limited to:

- \* parking in any space or area designated a 'no parking area'
- \* parking at yellow or red bumper blocks or curbing
- \* parking a vehicle in two or more spaces
- \* parking on any grass or seeded area, unless otherwise posted
- \* parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- \* parking within 25 feet of trash dumpsters

\* parking within 20 feet of a stop sign or traffic control device before an intersection

- \* parking in spaces or areas that do not accommodate the vehicle
- \* parking with 8 feet of each side of doorways
- \* parking on pedestrian crosswalks
- \* parking in any area not specifically designated by white lines as a parking space
- \* parking in aircraft ramp areas
- \* parking in a reserved parking space by any person whose vehicle does not bear the appropriate parking decal/placard
- \* parking in restricted parking spaces except by persons whom the spaces are assigned
- \* unauthorized parking in handicap spaces
- \* parking in motor vehicle traffic ways

# Winners announced for the Tinker Productions Video Clip Contest

The Tinker Productions Video Clip contest has come to a close and after much deliberation, the winners have been announced. In first place, winning the \$1,000 grand prize is Senior Airman Caleb Wanzer of the 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Airman Wanzer's film clip is entertaining and fun featuring running trails, bowling center and a golfer practicing his stroke at the golf course. In second place, taking the \$700 prize is Staff Sgt. Ahmad Kennedy of the 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Sergeant Kennedy's clip highlights the fitness, bowling and golf. For third place, Maj. Elaine Boyd of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron took the \$400 prize to share with the stars of the clip, her two sons, Alex and Nick. Her clip featured Alex and Nick talking about the fun things they like such as bowling, swimming, library and getting tickets to Disney World from Information, Tickets and Travel. An honorable mention was awarded to the Tinker Youth Center and the children were treated to a pizza party.

The entries were evaluated on entertainment value and humor; originality; appropri-



**Col. John Trinka, 513th Air Control Group commander, and Maj. Isobelle Mahoney, 72nd Force Support Squadron deputy director, presented Maj. Elaine Boyd from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron with a \$400 prize for her Tinker Productions video clip entry in December.**

ateness and rules compliance; delivered; and alignment with Tinker Force livery and clarity of message delivered; and alignment with Tinker Force Support Squadron and its mission.

## Tinker Reserve Operation Community Outreach to launch May 1

Tinker area community needs your help. Rebuilding Together is your opportunity to give back.

The Tinker Reserve Human Resource Development Council is linking up with Rebuilding Together on Saturday, May 1 to launch the first annual Tinker Reserve Operation Community Outreach.

The goal of the initiative is to volunteer time to help needy community citizens with home repairs.

Rebuilding Together is the nation's leading nonprofit working to preserve affordable home ownership and revitalize communities. Their network includes more than 200 affiliates nationwide providing free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income Americans. Each year, through the spring Work Day event and the Year-Round Program, Rebuilding Together volunteers meet the home repair needs of nearly 200 seniors locally.

Senior Master Sgt. David Liszeski, 507th Mission Support Group Career Advisor, is coordinating the combined reserve

volunteer response for this year's effort. No stranger to teaming up with Rebuilding Together, Sergeant Liszeski coordinated volunteer crews for several years while serving with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"We're taking a bigger focus this year," Sergeant Liszeski said. "We're trying to include an opportunity for anyone to participate." Liszeski said everyone can help make a difference. "If you can swing a hammer, operate a saw, carry building materials at the work site, or even simply help keep the work area clean, you can help. You don't have to be a civil engineer specialist to help," he said.

"The people we're helping cannot do these repairs themselves or afford to pay for them," he said, adding that all materials to accomplish the projects are provided by Rebuilding Together by individual donations. Your donation of time, skill, and availability will be invested directly into your community.

Oklahoma ranks 13th in the nation in percentage of

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# Black (African-American) History Month

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the national bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.

“This celebration provides the opportunity to educate all Americans on the positive contributions that Black Americans have made to this country,” said Col. Rodney E. Bryan, commander of the 507th Mission Support Group. “When I think about how far I have been able to come in the military, I realize it was because of individuals like the Tuskegee Airmen. These brave men were skilled warriors who excelled despite the opposition they faced to even serve in the military. They willingly put their lives on the line to serve their country during a time when Blacks were treated like “third class citizens.” Through it all they persevered and left us with a strong legacy of honorable military service. Through their sacrifices, racial barriers were torn down and the door was open to give Black men and women the opportunity to serve with pride in the U.S. Armed Forces.”

“To me African American History

Month does more than signify where we come from and what we have done,” said Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel McGuire, 72nd APS. “It also signifies where we’re going and what we are capable of doing. For African-American, the sky is the limit and everyday is a celebration for being one of God’s chosen people

to lead this great nation and the world in general. Our Commander in Chief was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. That has as much to do with what he is capable of doing (with a pure heart) as well as to what he has done. Again, “the sky is the limit” for we are a great people

with greater purpose on this earth. The best is yet to come.”

“The Martin Luther King Day celebration shows me change is inevitable and societies will adapt, even in the worst of turbulent times,” said Master Sgt. Deric Nixon, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. “Generations of families of all races experienced the impact of the freedom movement and the effects for me are seen strongly in the military community.

## Operation Community Outreach to launch May 1

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population 60 and over, and in the next 10 years it is estimated there will be more people over the age of 60 than under the age of 21. The need for being available and willing to help the elderly is growing.

“While volunteers cannot be in UTA or man day status you can have the satisfaction of knowing that your time and energy will give Rebuilding Together the ability to make some of the emergency home repairs seniors need to keep them safe, secure and comfortable this spring,” Lizeski said.

If you would like to help with this event please contact david.lizeski@tinker.af.mil for details.

There is a diverse culture assimilated among the rank structure, families, and all activities on our military bases. The Martin Luther King Day celebration for me is a rejoicing in the strength of America that works hard toward continual positive change to create an equal playing field for its diverse group of citizens. This is a great country and the MLK day celebration is a reflection of her greatness.”

\* As of July 1, 2008, the estimated population of black residents in the United States, including those of more than one race, was 41.1 million. That made up 13.5 percent of the total U.S. population.

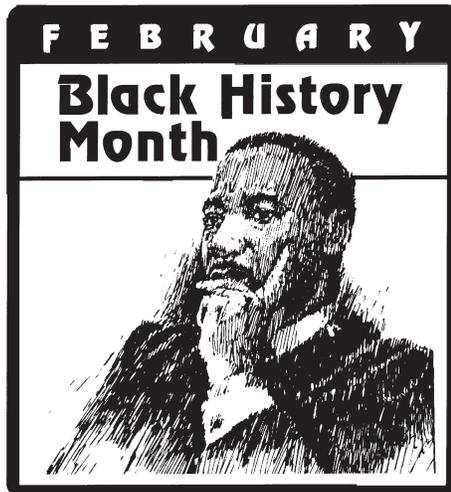
\* There were 2.3 million single-race black military veterans in the United States in 2008. More military veterans are black than any other minority group.

\* Among blacks 25 and older, 83 percent had at least a high school diploma in 2008.

\* 20 percent of blacks 25 and older had a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2008.

\* Among blacks 25 and older, 1.4 million had an advanced degree in 2008 (e.g., master’s, doctorate, medical or law).

\* There were 2.5 million black college students in the fall of 2008. This was roughly double the corresponding number from 15 years earlier.



# Lodging Do's and Don'ts

Do make your IDT (UTA, RUTA's, AFTP) reservations through the ALRS (Automated Lodging Reservation System). This is the number used for the system 800-398-9259, then you will press option 6. However, if it kicks you back to the main menu, it is because the line is busy. Continue to press the # 6, until the line becomes open. You can also use the following numbers 405-734-0371, 405-734-0372, 405-734-0373 as well.

Don't use the ALRS system for ADT (AT, MPA, Man days, etc.) reservations. Due to a SAV finding, 507th Services Lodging will no longer provide NON-Availability Statements (NON-A'S). In-

dian Hills (Base Lodging) will handle all reservations when you are on active duty orders (AT, MPA, Man days, etc), so do contact Indian Hills (405-734-5562) directly to secure lodging. Do ensure that you know what status you are in when making your reservation.

If you fail to make the proper reservation for active duty orders (AT, MPA, Man days, etc) through Indian Hills and require a NON-A, you will be directed back to request your NON-A through base lodging. 507th Services will no longer be responsible for providing you with a Non-A.

Do – secure your reservation in full as ADT when you are in dual-status

(meaning that you either start or end in ADT and then going into IDT or vice versa), then you should call 507 Services to adjust your reservations accordingly, but please remember that when you are on dual statuses that reservations are treated as separate reservations, so the possibility of moving hotels or rooms is highly probable.

For more information, call: DSN 884-5847 or 884-9241; commercial numbers: 405-734-5847 or 405-734-9241; or Fax: 405-734-9686.

The following information is required for each member authorized lodging:

First name, Last name, Rank, Gender, Unit, SSAN, and a Contact number.

## 2010 UTA Drill Pay Chart

Grade	Years of Service														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-8	1,206	1,246	1,272	1,279	1,312	1,366	1,380	1,431	1,446	1,491	1,555	1,615	1,654	1,654	1,654
O-7	1,003	1,048	1,070	1,087	1,118	1,149	1,184	1,220	1,255	1,366	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,468
O-6	743	817	870	870	873	911	915	915	967	1,060	1,113	1,168	1,198	1,228	1,289
O-5	619	698	746	754	785	803	835	872	910	967	994	1,021	1,051	1,051	1,051
O-4	534	618	661	669	708	748	799	840	867	883	893	893	893	893	893
O-3	470	533	575	628	657	689	711	746	764	764	764	764	764	764	764
O-2	405	462	533	550	562	562	562	562	562	562	562	562	562	562	562
O-1	352	367	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443
O-3E	-	-	-	628	657	689	711	746	776	793	816	816	816	816	816
O-2E	-	-	-	550	562	580	610	634	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
O-1E	-	-	-	443	473	491	508	527	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	586	601	616	637	656	688	737	744	787
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	480	502	514	531	547	578	594	620	635	671
E-7	334	364	378	397	411	435	450	463	489	501	512	521	544	560	601
E-6	289	318	331	346	359	392	404	418	430	434	437	437	437	437	437
E-5	264	283	296	311	331	350	364	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368
E-4	243	255	269	283	294	294	294	294	294	294	294	294	294	294	294
E-3	219	233	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247
E-2	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209
E-1	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186

## Boxing Center dedication

Col. Jeffery Glass, right, visits with Charles Bell, 72nd Force Support Squadron director, after the Boxing Center was dedicated in the Tinker Fitness Center West gym last month.

Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Curry



# On-final R-News

## Recruiter Assistance Program offers training classes

Ever wondered exactly what your recruiters do and how they do it? Have you ever been interested in recruiting as a career path?

Would you like to find out more about recruiting and representing your Wing, Squadron and Shop? There are opportunities in our local area to explain how reservists support the Air Force mission at home and abroad.

With support from commanders like Col. Jeffery Glass and Col. Rodney Bryan, the 507 ARW is starting up a Recruiter Assistance Program. Mandays will be authorized and a short training class is required. If interest is shown, the required class will be held during an upcoming UTA.

To find out more, contact Senior Master Sgt. David Lizeski, 734-7638 or Senior Master Sgt. Michael Seals, 734-5331.

## Air Force Portal restricted to CAC-use only

Starting on Jan. 15, 2010, access to the Air Force Portal has been restricted to common access card (CAC) only, deleting username/password access. Within the Portal, the Air Force Knowledge Now (AFKN), commonly referred to as communities of practice (CoPs), has been restricted to CAC only starting Jan. 1, 2010.

Unit Reservists requiring a home-use CAC reader to access the Portal or other CAC-enabled systems should contact their Reserve unit's communication organization. IMAs should contact their detachment staff. Ensuring availability, AFRC has centrally purchased an additional 20,000 CAC readers. The software required to install the CAC reader is accessible on the AF Portal or from AFRC communication units.

## 507th ARW recruiters

<http://get1now.us>

### Tinker AFB, OK

(Senior Recruiter)  
Senior Master Sgt.  
Michael Seals  
(405) 734-5331



### Tinker AFB, OK

(In-Service Recruiter)  
Master Sgt. Melissa Melichar  
(405) 739-2980



### Moore, Norman, OK

Tech. Sgt.  
Jackie Harris-Sanchez  
(405) 217-8311



### Midwest City, OK

Tech Sgt. Adam Thomas  
(405) 733-7639  
Master Sgt. Marcel Jacques  
(405) 733-9403



### Altus, OK

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



### Vance AFB, OK

Master Sgt. Stephan  
Kimbrough  
(316) 759-3766



### Tulsa, OK

Staff Sgt. Senecca  
Collins  
(918) 250-3400

### McConnell AFB, KS

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