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NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual awards banquet set for Nov. 6

The 507th Air Refueling Wing 2010 annual awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Tinker Club Ballroom. The pre-dinner social time is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m.

The cost per person to attend the banquet is \$26 for club members and \$28 for non-club members.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform for military members, and formal attire for civilians. RSVP by Nov. 1, 2010.

For more information, contact your first sergeant.

Civil engineers arrive in AOR

by Lt. Col. Richard Curry
507th Air Refueling Wing

Members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron have arrived at various locations in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility in support of military operations.

During the period of August 26 through September 7, 23 wing Airmen arrived at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, three arrived at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, six reported for duty at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, two at Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic, and another six reported to an undisclosed location.

According to local wing officials, wing civil engineers



U.S. Army photo

Staff Sgt. Aimi Mlekoday from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron poses with an Afghan student at the Commander Kandahar Air Field-sponsored Bazaar School. Mlekoday, from Norman, Okla., is an Air Force Reserve operations management helper supporting military operations in the region while assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron.

have already begun engaging in work operations supporting joint expeditionary taskings (JETs). Those deployed to Kandahar are assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Prime BEEF (base engineer emergency force) Squadron (EPBS). The Air Force EPBS

stood up in 2009 as a history-making response to a Central Command (CENTCOM) directive to support the growing requirements for U.S. Forces - Afghanistan (USFOR-A).

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Wing ORI looms on horizon

by Lt. Col. Richard Curry
507th Air Refueling Wing

With this summer's unit compliance inspection over, wing officials have already begun preparing for the wing's 2012 operational readiness inspection.

This month, maintenance and operations personnel are scheduled to conduct ability to survive and operate (ATSO) training.

"The rest of the wing had

conducted ATSO training in 2009. Operations and maintenance were excused due to a pending December 2009 activation," said Lt. Col. Bonnie Tremblett, performance planner for the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

However, the rest of the wing won't be sitting on the sidelines watching. According to Lt. Col. Don Satterlee, 507th Mission Support Flight commander, "Everyone in the

mission support squadron will all be dusting off and donning our chemical gear to start getting reacquainted with it."

Satterlee recommended that, at a minimum, all wing members need to start reading their Airman's Manual 10-100. "Everyone needs to get extremely familiar with this information. Trust me, there will be a test," Satterlee said.

"From this point forward,

things will start getting much more intense," said Tremblett. "We have several operational readiness training periods planned starting next year that are roughly six months apart to get us prepared for our March 17 to 24, 2012 ORI." 

For operational readiness training periods and ORI dates, see the chart on page 11.

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Wing CC: fitness, ORI, safety are major concerns

by Col. Jeffery R. Glass

The new fitness program has been up and running now for three months. Some of you have already tested and graded under the new system.

Without a doubt, these new standards are tough. Failures have come from all categories: waist measurement, run, crunches, pushups and overall score. Fitness is everyone's own individual responsibility.

If you have a friend or unit member that is having problems on the test, it's your wingman duty to try and

help. It's easier on most of us if we have someone to push us to exercise. Be a good wingman and help. As a wing we need to do better; this program is not going away.

Over the next 18 months we will begin preparing for our ORI. Starting for some in October and the rest in November, I expect each unit to run an ATSO exercise. Each member of the wing will get a chance to wear his/her chemical gear. Each of you should then inspect and clean your masks.

Over the next 18 months, the wing will be working an ORI prep program where we start with small numbers to train the leadership (ICC, EOC, UCC and PAR teams). The following exercises will continue to grow until we have the full complement that will make up the team for the inspection. All the training will include members from our wing and our two guard partner wings. We will be ready in March 2012.

The wing continues to have an outstanding safety record

(knock on wood). That is a testament to every member of the wing. We all play a part when it comes to safety.

Remember to use operational risk management (ORM) in all we do. STAY SAFE!

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Why did we need a new hangar and when is it expected to be completed? Does this mean additional maintenance requirements and additional manning?

The construction of our new hangar will accommodate existing maintenance requirements that we have in order to support our 12 aircraft.

Currently, we "borrow" hangars from other active duty units on Tinker – this new hangar will provide additional maintenance space but not additional manning. It is expected to be complete in summer 2011.

Col. Kenneth Bunting is the commander of the 507th Maintenance Group. "Ask a colonel..." is an informational and discussion column, and is not intended to replace the

What is involved with generating a sortie? What all is done before and after a mission?

The aircraft is typically pre-flighted the day prior but the pre-flight is good for 72 hours. The morning of the flight includes a walk around: removing engine covers; performing a configuration check; visually inspecting tires, struts and oxygen; refueling and making the aircraft crew-ready and airworthy.

From there, the flight deck completes their pre-flight and flight-control checks.

After landing and recovering the aircraft, servicing includes oil, window washing, refueling, repairs of any aircrew write-ups.

From recovery to launch, an aircraft can be turned in three to seven hours.

chain of command.

If you would like to ask a colonel from the wing a question regarding professional development, administrative issues or events around the wing, send an email to

The Air Force wants us to do more with less, yet our mission requirements continue to increase. How do we do that without member burnout?

In order to do more with less, it is time to get "LEAN." The AF has some great programs already in place to help us do things more efficiently and effectively – through their LEAN and AFSO 21 initiatives.

The tough part is getting your experts who are actually doing the "more-with-less," to take time from their jobs and evaluate where their processes can be more efficient.

However, the end product can mean significant quality of life improvements – happier members and safer work environments, as well as mission accomplishment. **O-f**

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All pertinent questions will be answered by the month's columnist, and the best questions and answers will be published next month.

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Commentary: You can make a difference

by **Karen Izdepski**

21st Space Wing Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- What is one of the most powerful predictors of whether or not a sexual assault will be completed? You are.

When a woman is attacked by an individual, you, as a bystander, can play a vital role in determining whether or not a rape will be completed.

The presence of a bystander makes a completed rape 44 percent less likely.

We need to realize that sexual assault is everyone's issue. It's not just something that women need to worry about, that drinkers need to consider, or that those ages 18 to 22 should concern themselves with -- it's *everyone's* issue.

But how and when can you get involved?

Recognizing there is a problem warranting attention is the first step in making a difference.

No one is going to wave a flag and announce they

intend to commit a sexual assault. What you might see instead is a very intoxicated female being pulled along by an overly-interested male. You might see someone who's already had enough to drink being encouraged to take another shot from someone who isn't looking out for their best interests.

These are just some of the warning signs you might encounter. Each of these situations, and many others, are opportunities for us to intervene and possibly stop an assault from occurring.

While everyone may not have the same comfort level for intervening, I propose there's still a way for everyone to step in.

Some might be ready to directly address one of the parties involved. They might simply say to the aggressor, "Hey, maybe you should back off. She looks pretty drunk."

Others may not want to address the aggressor, but may be willing to take the potential victim aside. You might choose to pretend you

know him/her. This gives you the opportunity to remove the potential victim from the situation.

Other options for those who aren't comfortable confronting either party would be to alert a waiter, bartender, bouncer, etc. You can let one of these people know that you're concerned about a particular situation. You might ask if you could have their assistance watching to ensure everything is alright.

There are many ways to intervene.

It's less important what you choose to do; it's far more important to choose to do something. And though you might feel shy about getting involved, just think about how you would feel if the potential victim was your loved one. Wouldn't you want someone to step in?

In the event an assault does occur, the first step is to call the sexual assault response coordinator. We can go over your reporting options with you. If you haven't told your supervisor, your first

sergeant, or anyone else in your chain of command, you might be able to file a restricted report. This means you can get medical care and counseling, if you're interested, without an investigation or command notification by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. You also have the option of getting a victim advocate assigned if you'd like.

The other reporting option is an unrestricted report. This means you are ready to go forward with an AFOSI investigation and command notification. If you tell your first sergeant, supervisor, anyone in your chain of command, or any member of security forces, an unrestricted report might be your only option. You may also get a victim advocate if you file an unrestricted report.

SARCs are here to help you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're always available to help you sort through your options. **O-f**

Chaplain's corner: 'You are there'

by **Lt. Col. Mike Jones**

507 ARW Wing Chaplain

I was at a funeral recently for a retired police officer. The minister performing the service had known this man since 1972.

He told a story about a time when he had ridden with this police officer on patrol one night. They were called to a bar where a man with a gun was threatening another

patron.

As four squad cars, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, converged on the bar, the minister said, "I think I'll just stay in the car." His friend retorted, "That man has a gun. You're going in there with me!"

We both laughed because we understood. That police officer wanted "God" (represented by that minister) to be

with him when he had to face the man with the gun.

The truth is that at times of crisis and danger in our lives, we want God to be there with us. The good news is that he is with us wherever we go!

The soldier-king, David, wrote in Psalm 139 that one can't get away from God; God is in the heavens, in the depths, on the wings of dawn or on the far side of the sea.

And wherever we are, God holds us fast in his hands.

In another psalm, David wrote that even in the valley of the shadow of death...God is there (Ps 23).

I don't know about you, but I find comfort in knowing that no matter where I find myself or in whatever situation I find myself, God is there—to make the journey with me. **O-f**

Combat Air Force leaders sign new strategic plan

from Air Force News Service

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- Top Air Force leaders from the eight commands representing the Combat Air Force released "Securing the High Ground: Agile Combat Airpower," Sept. 15. This strategic plan provides a construct for developing, planning and employing integrated combat capabilities for the nation.

"The CAF is America's asymmetric advantage and the backbone of our nation's security," said Gen. William M. Fraser III, commander of Air Combat Command and Combat Air Force lead.

"Partnered with the joint force, our Airmen provide strategic deterrence for our nation, allies, and coalition partners, and, when required, fight and win conflicts with agile combat power."

The strategic plan articulates how the CAF will focus its efforts on winning today's fight while keeping a steady, unwavering commitment to defending the homeland, strengthening nuclear deterrence and meeting tomorrow's challenges.

As highlighted in the 21-page plan, tomorrow's security environment is changing rapidly and is characterized by a growing list

of competitors and potential adversaries from across the spectrum of conflict. To counter these challenges, the plan emphasizes the imperative for the CAF to be "properly organized, trained and equipped to deliver agile combat air power in this environment." Additionally, the plan highlights the importance of "improving warfighter integration" and balancing efforts "in order to execute CAF assigned core functions, within fiscal constraints."

The 2010 CAF Strategic Plan accentuates the role of the CAF to provide agile combat air power, which "is

our air, space, cyberspace, and battlefield Airmen, organizations and capabilities delivering global vigilance and power for the nation."

The document was signed by Gen. William M. Fraser III, ACC; Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command; Gen. Gary L. North, Pacific Air Forces; Gen. Roger A. Brady, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Lt. Gen. Donald C. Wurster, Air Force Special Operations Command; Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, Air Force Global Strike Command; Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Air Force Reserve Command; and Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, Air National Guard. **O-f**

10th AF security forces chief to lead 507th MSG

Lt. Col. Mary Ann Lutz, chief of 10th Air Force Security Forces at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Texas, since 2009, will assume command of the 507th Mission Support Group in October.

Lt. Col. Lutz is a native of Perryopolis, Penn. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from Edinboro State University, Penn. She was commissioned in 1980 after graduating from Officer Training School.

She completed Squadron Officer School in 1998 and Air Command and Staff College in 2002. She has held active duty positions as a flight commander at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and as an operations officer at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

She entered the Air Force



Reserve as a security specialist to the 934th Security Forces Squadron, Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Station, Minn. In 1994, she joined the Operations Branch of the 482nd Security Police at Homestead ARB, Fla. She assumed command of the 439th Security Forces Squadron at Westover ARB, Massachusetts in 1996. In 2003, she assumed command of the 610th Security Forces Squadron at NAS Fort Worth, Texas. **O-f**

Reserve holds first enlisted development team at ARPC

by Mike Molina

ARPC Public Affairs

DENVER - The Air Force Reserve's first enlisted development team met at the Air Reserve Personnel Center here Aug. 23-27.

Fifteen chief master sergeants and two officers looked at career and developmental education advice for the more than 830 chief master sergeants in the Air Reserve Component.

Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, served as the team's senior mentor and kicked off the inaugural event.

"This is where the dialogue begins," Mazick said. "You are on the leading edge of describing what future chiefs in our Air Force Reserve should have in their

portfolios."

Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett, AFRC command chief master sergeant, discussed the team's role in providing career advice to the chiefs being vectored, as well as to Airmen making their way through the ranks.

"The real meat of this is going to be that tech, master or senior (master sergeant) who now have guidance on how they're going to find their way to the top," Chief Badgett said. "This is the groundwork to make sure our Airmen have the opportunities they need."

The Air Reserve Personnel Center manages AFRC's force development efforts. It hosted the first reserve officer development team in

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AF Reserve chief proposes closer look at active, reserve forces mix

Manpower to 'readjust, reapply, rebalance' for efficiency, budgets

by Staff Sgt. Alexy Saltekoff

AFRC Public Affairs

9/14/2010 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The chief of the Air Force Reserve spoke to a standing room only crowd about military structure for the 21st Century Sept. 13 at the Air Force Association Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition 2010.

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. was one of dozens of senior leaders who addressed the future of the Air Force, which faces reduced budgets and calls for increased efficiency.

"We're going to have to readjust, reapply and rebalance the manpower which currently exists," Stenner said.

The general added that proven reserve capability and cost effectiveness should drive discussions on rebalancing the mix of active and reserve forces.

He said AFRC's challenge is to determine how much of the force to use as requirements change and how to continually use the strategic reserve without unduly straining the force.



U.S. Air Force photo

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of the Air Force Reserve Command and chief of Air Force Reserve, speaks to a standing room only crowd about military structure for the 21st century Sept. 13, 2010, during the Air Force Association Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition 2010 at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

"After nearly a decade of continuous combat operations, the reserve components have proven their daily operational capability through mobilization when needed," he said.

Stenner also said one way to better leverage Air Force manpower would be to ease the ability for Airmen to move between active and reserve components providing for a more fluid continuum of service.

"We're looking at ways

to ease the administrative processes of moving Airmen between active and reserve components," he added. "This would allow a faster and more responsive way to balance the force mix."

"Reservists are paid only when training and when called to duty," Stenner said. "Then they return to a non-paid status in their civilian life."

This reserve participation model provides a way to retain Airmen who have separated

after an active duty tour, he said.

"Some of the efficiencies the Department of Defense is looking for may need to come in manpower," the general said. "Additional efficiencies are likely going to come in installation consolidations and headquarters reorganizations."

General Stenner said he also sees efficiencies in providing reserve assets to combatant commanders directly rather than through other commands.

"The idea is to use a force generation center for all the requests that come in and for all the forces that go out," he said.

Stenner explained that AFRC specialists can manage the process internally and provide capability to the warfighter in a predictable and responsible manner.

"Every Air Force mission is the result of total force teamwork," Stenner said. "I see force rebalancing and a fully operational major command as viable ways to strengthen our commitment to the Air Force's air, space and cyberspace capabilities." **O-f**

DEVELOPMENT

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2006. This year more than 35 officer and enlisted teams are scheduled to meet at ARPC.

Center officials have hosted

five career field-specific teams for enlisted Airmen, called quality review panels. QRPs were for paralegal, public affairs, contracting, and logistics and plans Airmen.

The chief's event was the first time enlisted reservists

had been vectored based on rank.

ARPC will host an enlisted development team for the chaplains' career field in November and for the contracting career field in December.

The ARPC Force Development website at <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/developmentteams/index.asp> allows Airmen to submit or review a development plan or to see a listing of meetings for specific career fields. **O-f**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

FUN IN THE (HANGAR-) 507TH AIR REFUELING WING

More than 300 members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and their families took part in the wing's annual Family Day festivities on Sept. 11, 2010.

The wing's main hangar was filled wall to wall with activities, events and food on that humid Saturday afternoon.

Dozens of wing volunteers put the event together, from the initial planning stages to the final clean-up efforts.

Role reversal Traditionally at Family Day, senior leadership in the wing serves food to the attendees; Master Sgt. Deborah Kidd and Senior Master Sgt. Gilbert Campbell prepare buns for hot dogs and barbecue. Kidd is the first sergeant for the 507th Security Forces Squadron.



Come and get it! Family Day 2010 attendees line up in the hangar to fill their plates.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

Pile it high Senior Master Sgt. Gilbert Campbell of the 507th Mission Support Group piles barbecue and hot dogs on a plate for a hungry attendee.

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Altogether, Family Day 2010 attendees ate 550 pounds of barbecue, 300 hot dogs and 800 bags of chips; and drank more than 550 bottles of water and 960 cans of soda.

And more than \$750 was raised for various groups' morale funds through drink sales and events. **O-f**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

You are "under arrest" Staff Sgt. Kevin Jackson, left, and Senior Airman David Smith, right, "detain" Col. Rodney Bryan, the 507th Mission Support Group commander. Bryan spent 26 minutes "in jail."



Photo by Maj. Bill Pierce

Following procedures Above, Tech. Sgt. Ricky Buettner holds down Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Smith in the cell before he removes her handcuffs. Smith is the first sergeant for the 507th Maintenance Squadron.

The 507th Security Forces Squadron held their annual jail cell fundraiser at this year's Family Day. For one dollar per minute, anyone could pay to have anyone else at Family Day "arrested"... and 155 wing members spent a combined eight hours and 52 minutes "behind bars." Although those "arrested" could get released early for double their initial fee, only four got "bailed out." 507 SFS members Senior Airman Derek Smoot and Airman Jeremy Latendresse built the new jail for this year's Family Day.

Long arms of the law 507 SFS members pose in front of their specially made "jail cell." From left to right, front row: Senior Airman Jason Overstreet, Senior Airman David Smith, Staff Sgt. Kevin Jackson, Master Sgt. James Bolling, Tech. Sgt. John Perez, Tech. Sgt. Ricky Buettner, Tech. Sgt. Gregory Shropshire, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Myers and Staff Sgt. Brian Baxter. This year's jail cell fundraiser netted \$543 for the squadron's morale fund.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

PHOTO ESSAY



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

All wet Col. Michael Mahon, vice commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, resets his seat at the dunk tank after an attendee hit a target with a tennis ball to send him into the cold water. The dunk tank is a perennial favorite of Family Day attendees, as the wing's senior leadership usually are on the schedule to get wet.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

Fore! Dylan Replogle aims a hook-and-pile-covered golf ball toward the "hole" on a felt backdrop. Dylan is the son of Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs, a public affairs specialist with the wing.

There was more than just food at this year's Family Day. More than a dozen activities for the young and young at heart were available this year. Those activities ranged from face painting for kids to a weightlifting competition for adults to karaoke for everyone. Some activities raised money for units in the wing, but all activities were for fun.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs



Piece of cake Six attendees take part in the cake walk, a frequent event at yearly Family Days. Members of the 507th Medical Squadron donated more than 15 different baked goods for this year's cake walk. The 507 MDS puts the cake walk on every year, along with face painting and popcorn sales, to raise funds for their morale fund. These three events raised more than \$180.

Civic leaders get glimpse into AF active, Reserve, Navy ops on COMMSTAR trip

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

It's not often that non-military members get to fly in one of the Air Force Reserve's longest flying planes, much less tour one of the Navy's busiest amphibious assault ships.

But 28 local civic leaders got to do both and much more on the COMMSTAR 2010 trip on Sept. 9 and 10.

This year's trip was different in that COMMSTAR members got to see operations outside of Air Force Reserve Command.

"This year we went (to see) Air Combat Command and the Navy, because it shows a different mission," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Tina Long, command chief

for the 507th Air Refueling wing. The U.S. Navy, with its presence on Tinker, is a COMMSTAR partner, said Long, "so it's good to see Navy operations, especially with a 'total force' initiative throughout the military."

COMMSTAR attendees experienced much while on their two-day-long trip. First, they flew on the KC-135 Stratotanker to Langley Air Force Base, Va. While at Langley, they got to see an F-22 Raptor fighter plane up close and personal, getting a brief beforehand on its characteristics and capabilities by a Raptor pilot. They dined and spent that night at a hotel in nearby Norfolk.

The next day was filled with tours, first of the Joint Maritime and Deployment



[ABOVE] COMMSTAR 2010 attendees pose on the boarding stairs of a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft before leaving for Virginia Sept. 9, 2010.

[BELOW] Mr. John Over (left), Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center director, Col. Gregory Ferguson (second from left), 137th Air Refueling Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Geberth (right), 137th Air Refueling Wing command chief, listen to Navy Capt. Steve Koehler describe flight deck operations on the USS Bataan Sept. 10, 2010. Koehler is the commanding officer of the Bataan.

Operations Centers on Naval Station Norfolk, and then of the USS *Bataan*, one of the Navy's busiest ships in recent years. In fact, the *Bataan* was deployed to Haiti in January in support of humanitarian operations following the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Team Tinker has planned another COMMSTAR trip in the summer of 2011. **O-f**



Ms. Denna Lay takes a seat in the captain's chair while on a tour of the USS *Bataan* during the Tinker Air Force Base COMMSTAR 2010 trip Sept. 10, 2010. Lay is the owner of COMTEC Electronics Systems, Inc., of Choctaw, Okla., and is the former chair of the Choctaw Chamber of Commerce.



Officials urge protection against identity theft

DOD personal finance director: 'forthcoming,' 'casual' approach to giving out information aids thieves

by Heather Forsgren Weaver

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Defense Department officials are urging servicemembers to be aware of identity theft and are providing ways for them to protect themselves, the director of DOD's personal finance office said.

Dave Julian said officials take the problem very seriously.

"We equate it to service readiness," he said.

Servicemembers dealing with financial issues are less likely to be ready to fully perform their missions, he explained.

Identity theft can cause financial stress, he added.

Young servicemembers who have grown up in the digital world sometimes take a casual approach to divulging information that can be useful to identity thieves, Julian said.

"Our force is part of the digital generation," he said. "Our force lives online. We see that they are very forthcoming with their personal information."

Additionally, servicemembers get a steady paycheck, and companies want to show their patriotism by extending credit to them, he said. But that makes it easier for thieves to use servicemembers' stolen identities and profit quickly.

To help servicemembers protect against identity theft, the DOD has joined with the Federal Trade Commission on its "Deter, Detect and Defend" campaign, Julian said. While

the campaign is aimed at the general public, a brochure has been developed especially for the military.

One of the key suggestions for deploying servicemembers is activating "an active-duty alert," which requires creditors to obtain specific permission from a servicemember or an official representative before extending credit.

There is no charge for active-duty alerts, and they last for one year and can be extended, he said.

Active-duty alerts can be activated by calling the toll-free fraud telephone number for one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies. That company is required to notify the other two companies that a servicemember has activated a duty alert.

Another option servicemembers can use to protect themselves is putting a "freeze" on their credit report to restrict access to it. Once a freeze is in place, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to a credit report unless the freeze is lifted.

Credit-freeze laws vary from state to state. In some states, only identity-theft victims can freeze their credit. The cost of placing, temporarily lifting or removing a credit freeze also varies. Many states make credit freezes free for identity theft victims, but depending upon where they live, others may pay a fee of typically \$10 to each of the three credit-reporting agencies.

Since spouses left at home

often handle deployed servicemembers' finances, they should be aware of identity theft and how to protect against it, Julian said. Because of this, identity theft usually is covered in pre-deployment briefings that servicemembers and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Single servicemembers who are deployed can be at a disadvantage, because they need to watch out for identity theft themselves or have a trusted agent, such as a parent, keep track of their accounts, Julian said.

But whether single or married, he said, servicemembers who choose to watch their finances while they are deployed need to remember that common-use computers are dangerous things.

It's important to log off -- completely back out -- if they are monitoring their personal information on a common-use computer or in an Internet café, he said.

Servicemembers should request a copy of their credit report every year from each credit-reporting agency, Julian said.

Since there are three credit-reporting agencies, he suggested requesting a different copy from a separate agency every four months.

Identity theft affecting deployed servicemembers is an ongoing problem, said Gary McAlum, the senior vice president for enterprise security for USAA, an insurance and financial

services company.

USAA has worked quickly to lock down the accounts of known victims and of servicemembers whose information had been stolen but whose accounts had yet to be targeted, he said.

A recent case involved servicemembers victimized by a criminal ring that collected personal information and then used that information to open credit card accounts and drain savings accounts, McAlum said.

Identity thieves sometimes use "social engineering" to obtain information, using an "authoritative-voice" tactic to get someone to offer personal information over the telephone, McAlum said. The thief then uses the same tactic with creditors to get credit.

A thief who doesn't have all of the information required by the creditor often will "sound dumb" to creditors to obtain the information, he added.

Deploying servicemembers "are obviously not going to be as vigilant as they deploy, get ready to deploy or are coming home from a deployment, so it is important that they use online resources" to make sure everything is in order, said Mike Kelly, a USAA spokesman.

McAlum stressed that identity theft is a significant problem for the nation.

"The fact that it is exploiting our servicemembers just makes it worse," he said.

For more information on preventing identity theft, visit www.ftc.gov.

DEPLOYMENT

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By unifying civil engineer forces under a single component command - AFCENT - this new construct was designed to provide a unity of command and maximize the spectrum of abilities and talents civil engineer skills bring to the engagement. The 777th EPBS provides a hub out of Kandahar Air Field as wing engineers will begin “outside the wire” sorties in support of USFOR-A priorities.

At Kandahar, wing civil engineers may find themselves helping to maintain the infrastructure required to support the force surge. Elsewhere across the region, their skills will be called upon as they support not only joint warfighter requirements but local community outreach initiatives as well.

One such community outreach effort has already occurred as Staff Sgt. Aimi Mlekoday, an operations management helper, recently got to help out at a



Commander Kandahar Air Field (COMKAF)-sponsored Bazaar School. The school started in 2009 after a Dutch warrant officer recognized the need to reach out to the Bazaar merchants by opening a school.

skills on the school grounds, grading soccer fields, supporting construction or even painting. Others like Mlekoday spend their time assisting the school staff.

The 507th members are scheduled to return during February and March 2011. **O-f**

While merchants go through security and set up their booths, the children attend a three-hour morning session of lessons led by a local Pashtun teacher. Some of the 777th members volunteer a Saturday morning every other month to use their civil engineering



(Left) Members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron give of their downtime to assist local Afghans with rebuilding their areas. (Top) A handmade banner hangs in a school being built by American servicemembers. (Above) Air Force Staff Sgt. Aimi Mlekoday helps an Afghan boy build shelving for the Commander Kandahar Air Field-sponsored Bazaar School. Mlekoday, from Norman, Okla., is a Reserve operations management helper supporting military operations in the region while assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron. (U.S. Army photos)

Veterans urged to submit claims for retroactive stop loss pay

from Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO -- In working closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff on a congressional action involving veterans submitting claims for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay, major command and wing level officials are working to inform veterans who were affected by stop loss.

2, 2001, through Jan. 31, 2003, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2 through Dec. 31, 2003.

“This is a mandatory final push to ensure we inform our Airmen and veterans about the retroactive stop loss claim,” Air Force officials said. “It is understood that some bases may have already been complying with this, but there are still many veterans that have not submitted their claims to date.”

Eligible Airmen include those who served on active duty while their enlistment or period of obligated service was involuntarily extended, or whose eligibility for separation or retirement was suspended during Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct.

The deadline for veterans to submit claims for RSLSP is October 21, 2010. Visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss to get claims forms and instructions on how to file. **O-f**

For employer notification purposes, the ORE operational readiness training periods and ORI dates are:

- Feb. 8-13, 2011: ORTP 1, 2 - Will Rogers - Requires all C2 components
- Apr. 11-15, 2011: ORTP 3 - Volkfield - Requires UCC, shelter managers, PAR construct
- Aug. 1-8, 2011: ORTP 4 - Volkfield - Full UTC capability as prescribed by AMC IG
- Dec. 5-11, 2011: ORE - Volkfield - Full UTC capability as prescribed by AMC IG
- Mar. 17-24, 2012: CRISIS REACH - ORI 12-03A - Area TBD - Full UTC capability as directed by AMC IG

Reserve recruiting reaches goal for 10th straight year

by **Tech. Sgt. Paul Flipse**
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507th Air Refueling Wing

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service recorded its 10,500th enlistment of the fiscal year Sept. 14, marking the 10th year in a row the service reached its recruiting goal.

The goal of 10,500 was the group's highest in 10 years. The unit is on track to post its highest number of enlistees in 16 years.

"I'm incredibly impressed, amazed and proud of the work our team has done this year," said Col. Joe Wilburn, commander of Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service. "People who are the best at what they do make whatever it is they're doing look easy, even

when it's extremely difficult. I feel the same way about these recruiters. They made a really tough job look easy. They're amazing."

Enlistee No. 10,500 was Steven Duplessis, who officially became an Airman at 9:42 a.m. The recruiter responsible for putting Airman Duplessis in boots was Master Sgt. Randle Mitchell, an in-service recruiter at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The command's goal for fiscal year 2011 is scheduled to be finalized and released before Oct. 1.

Locally, 507th Air Refueling Wing recruiters are also enjoying a great year, achieving 134% of the wing's goal, said Senior Master Sgt. Marvin Greene, the 507th Air Refueling Wing's senior recruiter.

"We have two Century

Club (more than 100 people recruited) award recipients, and I believe two of our other recruiters will receive Top 50 awards," Greene said.

"We also have six recruiters who will receive the 110 Percent award."

Greene said that all wing Airmen can help support recruiting. "It's easy. Have your friends call (800) 257-1212 to reach a local recruiter," said Greene.

"Wing Airmen can also participate in the AFRC Get One Program by registering and nominating potential recruits online. When your nominees enlist, you become eligible to receive prizes," Greene added.

For more information on the Get One Program, go to www.get1now.us. To reach reserve recruiters online, go to www.afreserve.com. **O-f**

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Credit where it's due Mr. Patrick Mitchell (far right), of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, presents an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriotic Employer Award to Ms. Jean Rowell (second from right). Posing with Mitchell and Rowell are Col. Michael F. Mahon (left), vice commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, and Maj. Gen. David P. Gillett, commander of the OKC ALC. Mitchell is also a captain in the Air Force Reserve, serving as commander of the 507th Security Forces Flight at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. To nominate your employer for a Reserve Patriotic Employer Award, go to www.esgr.org.