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**Stormy Archer of Oklahoma City takes the Air Force Oath of Enlistment at the Oklahoma City RedHawks game on July 27. Colonel Russell Muncy, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, administered the oath to 26 new recruits before the start of the 2nd inning. Archer wanted to join the Air Force to follow the footsteps of his father. He heads to basic military training in November and will be serving in the public affairs career field after BMT graduation. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)**

Cover Photo



Technical Sgt. Dawn Hardwick, 513th Maintenance Squadron along with 50 other members of Team Tinker hold a huge U.S. flag during the national anthem at the opening of the Oklahoma City RedHawks military appreciation game on July 27. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



# Air Force takes swift action against sexual assault

by Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward  
Headquarters Air Force Sexual Assault  
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It's not an overstatement to say that the past many years have been challenging for those in the military working to prevent sexual assault and sexual trauma. However, for those who've been victimized it has been much worse, and we should never forget that.

The harm in this crime is not just physical; it is emotional, scarring the mental health of our Airmen, often in enduring ways. As an institution, we must foster a culture that nourishes dignity and respect for fellow Airmen. The health of our Airmen and the readiness of our force demands it.

Scandals such as the one at basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, have taught us that those of us in uniform must remain vigilant and supremely committed to addressing and eliminating this crime. From my new vantage point, overseeing Air Force sexual assault prevention and response efforts at the Pentagon, it's worth noting how our institution has stepped up to meet this challenge in myriad ways.

The renewed focus started with my appointment to lead this team of 31 experts who are truly dedicated to tackling the multidimensional issues surrounding sexual assault and rape occurring in our Air Force. Our team includes research analysts, epidemiologists, mental health professionals, special investigators and others who can help us address root causes and find effective, verifiable and lasting solutions.

My mandate from Gen. Welsh is

to initiate broad and sweeping changes that will help the Air Force pursue perpetrators and support victims holistically, with input from Airmen, seasoned sexual assault prevention and response professionals, victim advocacy groups, and incorporating the very best practices outside of military and government. We also will spend a great deal of time listening to and learning from you, our Airmen, to develop policies with far-reaching and tangible effects.

We realize fixing this problem will not be easy or quick. But we won't be paralyzed by the size and scope of the challenge. We are already moving out on multiple fronts:

Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer launched "Every Airman Counts" July 16, a wide-reaching program, the first initiative of which is a blog website where Airmen can talk to their peers and share ideas on how the Air Force can better address this issue. We also will routinely offer web chats with senior leaders and experts in the field of sexual assault and sexual trauma.

As of July 2, after completing any disciplinary action for sexual assault, commanders must initiate administrative discharge processing for any Airman, officer or enlisted, found to have committed a sexual assault offense.

Airmen have the right to have a



general officer review a case if the Airman believes the commander's recommendation for involuntary separation was initiated in retaliation for having made an unrestricted report of a sexual assault within the previous 12 months.

We are conducting Airmen surveys and focus groups where we will travel to several bases to personally talk to Airmen about their views and perspectives.

We have already instituted a program to provide trained legal advisers to those who have been victimized. The Special Victims Counsel program is designed to fill gaps that often arise in the wake of sexual assault and rape cases.

We have begun partnering with sexual assault prevention experts inside and outside the military. One thing I have learned thus far is there is no silver bullet, no quick fix to this problem. The solution requires our total commitment at every level of the chain of command and from each one of you.

We will continue to educate lead-

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# Military, Reservists recognized at Oklahoma City baseball game



Colonel Russell Muncy, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander prepares to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Oklahoma City RedHawks game on July 27. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)

by Maj. Jon Quinlan

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Local military members and their families were recognized by The Oklahoma City RedHawks minor league baseball organization during a game on July 27 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark.

The military appreciation game included a special presentation of a U.S. flag, ceremonial first pitch, an oath of enlistment, the singing of "God Bless America" by a Navy Seaman and special recognition of recently deployed Airmen.

Representing Tinker Air Force Base, Col. Russell Muncy, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, thanked the crowd before the game for their unwavering support to the military, Team

Tinker and the Guard and Reserve.

"We truly do appreciate all that you're doing and all that you have done for the members of Tinker Air

Force Base," Col. Muncy said.

The colonel threw out the first pitch to start the festivities. As part of the events, 26 new recruits enlisted in the Air Force before the 2nd inning. The oath of enlistment was administered by Col. Muncy on the 3rd base line.

Nearly 50 volunteers from 72nd Air Base Wing, 507th Air Refueling Wing, 552nd Air Control Wing, U.S. Navy Strategic Communications Wing One and the Air Logistics Center held the huge U.S. flag during the national anthem before the game. Navy Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class Trautyka Butler, VQ-7 sang "God Bless America" in the middle of the 5th inning.

The major events wrapped up by giving special recognition to several Airmen that recently returned from deployments to Southwest Asia.



Master Sgt. Adrian Mack, 507th Maintenance Squadron, gives Cooper the Oklahoma City RedHawks mascot a big hug after being recognized by the crowd at the military appreciation game July 27. Sergeant Mack recently returned from a deployment to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



## Reserve AWACS unit wins 17th outstanding unit award

by Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer  
513th Air Control Group public affairs

The 513th Air Control Group was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptional meritorious service from Dec. 5, 2010 through Dec. 4, 2012.

During that period, the 513th excelled both at home station and abroad on two major deployments to Southwest Asia.

"Whether it is volunteering to deploy and excelling in an austere environment, overcoming the challenges of maintaining an aging fleet or breaking new ground daily in integration with our [active-duty] partners, it's my honor to be able to serve with these outstanding patriots," Priest said.

While closer to home at Tinker AFB, maintenance reservists provided the majority of day-to-day experience as they worked side by side with Air-

Airmen assigned to the 513th ACG and its subordinate units during the award time period are authorized to wear the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon, and should check with the 507th Force Support Squadron to ensure that the ribbon is added to their records.

Subordinate units of the 513th Air Control Group include the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, the 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 513th Maintenance Squadron and the 513th Operations Support Flight.

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ers up and down command chains, using everything from unit level discussions to a planned general officer summit. We all must understand what it takes to identify, and hold accountable, perpetrators of sexual assault and how best to support our Airman survivors.

This isn't an issue that just affects the very small percentage of perpetrators or victims within our ranks, it affects us all. And we are all part of the solution. We all must help the Air Force reinforce a culture of dignity and respect, and create an environment that isolates perpetrators and removes them from our ranks. We will not stop until collectively we solve this issue for the good of our Air Force, our nation, and most importantly, every one of you!

(Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward is director of the Headquarters Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.)

## Reservist takes home top NCO Academy awards

by Senior Airman Mark Hybers  
507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Technical Sgt. Roger Kubilis, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was awarded the Academic Achievement and Distinguished Graduate awards from the Non Commissioned Officer Academy at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. on July 17, a first for a member of the LRS.

Kubilis, who attended the in-residence course from June 6 through July 17, competed with 126 reserve, guard and active duty members for the top honors.

"I think the course was incredible," he said. "I really loved getting the interaction with active duty members. That's not something I have had a lot of opportunity with in my career."

Kubilis was not sure of his overall GPA, but knew he had tested very well throughout the course. He was more surprised that he was nominated in the top 10 percent for the Distinguished Graduate Award.

"I made perfect scores on all my tests except the last

one, so I knew my academics would at least be right up there," he added. "But the distinguished grad award involves academics, fitness and leadership. With 126 people competing in all three areas, I think it's a great honor to have received that one too."

According to LRS Commander, Maj. Dennis Sivert, this might be the first time that anyone from the 507th ARW has taken home these two awards from the NCO Academy.

"I have been here since 1981, and I can't remember anyone in the wing ever taking home both of these awards from the same class," he said. "It is definitely the first time anyone in LRS has accomplished this feat."

Sivert added, "I'm extremely proud to have watched Kubilis' career growth over the past six and a half years. He's really set the standard for the entire wing."

Kubilis gave credit to the course and the other 125 members that were in attendance. He said the course provided a lot of hands on, real world experience that he could not have received by taking the correspondence course.

He also said it



Technical Sgt. Roger Kubilis proudly displays the two plaques he recently received from the Non Commissioned Officer Academy in-residence course at Peterson AFB, Colo. on July 17. Kubilis was awarded the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award, beating out 125 other active duty, Guard and Reserve members in the class. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

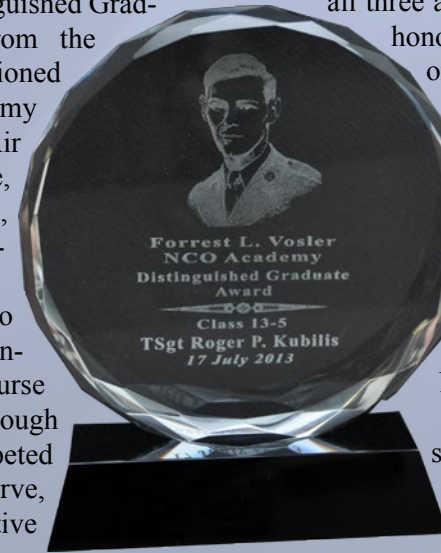
was a real chance to show the Guard and active duty members that reservists can play a vital role.

"I think it was great for a reservist to take the top spot," he said. "It means that reservists can hang with the best of them."

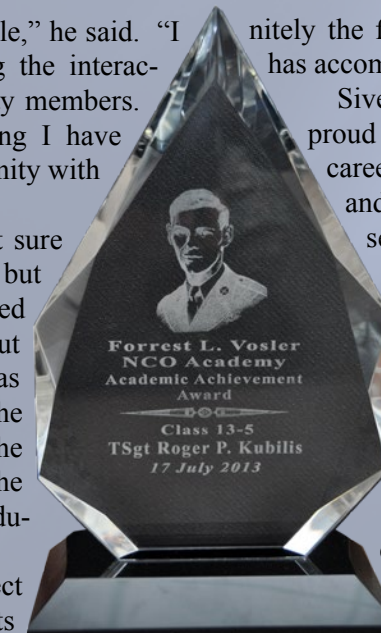
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Distinguished Graduate Award



Academic Achievement Award



## Familiar face assumes command of 507th Operations Support Flight

by Lt. Col. Kim Howerton

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Remualdo assumed command of the 507th Operations Support Flight in a July 13 ceremony presided over by Col. Thomas K. "T.K." Smith, Jr. the 507th Operations Group commander.

Remualdo is familiar with the 507th having served as the 465th Air Refueling Squadron as the B Flight commander since February 2009.

Col. Smith told Remualdo during the ceremony he believed his leadership and followership skills as well as his supportive family will help him meet the challenges of his new command.

The 40-member flight incorporates traditional operations support functions such as aircrew flight equipment, combat crew communications, operations plans and flight records maintenance.

Remualdo is a traditional reservist and instructor pilot with more than 7,500 combined military and commercial flight hours. His 179 combat and combat support sorties include supporting Operation Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Deliberate Force and Unified Protector.

In addition to fixed wing aircraft, he has been an HH-60G Pave Hawk pilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot.

The new commander thanked his family for "all you have done and will continue to do," supporting his military career. He spoke of his father, a retired chief master sergeant, and the advice he had received from

him growing up. He quoted his dad's advice, "You can learn more from a bad coach than a good coach." And he admitted his dad had been right about many things including leadership and learning. Ramualdo reminded the squadron about some of the leaders they have worked for during deployments over the years who had proven his dad right too.

Ramualdo praised his predecessor, Lt. Col. Richard Peterson, for his leadership and mentoring as commander.

"He did a great job. I appreciate his hard work."

He addressed the squadron members directly saying, "you're like family to me and I look forward to working with you." He listed two goals for the squadron members; leave the squadron when they decide it is time and only after they have

accomplished their goals.

He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and holds an MBA from the University of New Mexico. He's employed by Delta Airlines based out of Minneapolis, MN.



Lt. Col. Michael Remualdo  
507th Operations Support Flight commander

### CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION

#### Elements of Personal Spiritual Fitness:

- Independence of mind
- Choice of response
- Eye on the future
- Resilient Attitude



**Our Spiritual Fitness begins with a choice. Victor Frankel, a holocaust survivor and brilliant psychologist, wanted to understand why some survived the camps and others did not. He concluded that those who exercised this choice and chose to live for the future or someone else had a greater tendency to survive. Your personal spiritual fitness begins with a choice – choose life.**

## No decisions yet on cutting furlough days, official says

by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Despite media reports that say Defense Department civilians may face up to five fewer furlough days, "no decisions have been made at this time," a Pentagon spokesman said July 30.

More than 640,000 civilian employees are being furloughed one day a week for 11 weeks, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen said. These unpaid days are in response to the Budget Control Act of 2011, which mandated significant cuts in the fiscal 2013 defense

budget.

The furloughs began July 8. Most employees now have taken four unpaid days, or will have by the end of the week. Christensen said DOD leaders did not "take these actions lightly, or in

lough the civilian workforce, which will save around \$2 billion this fiscal year. "He recognizes the significant hardship this places on DoD civilians and their families," Christensen said.

The guiding principal behind the furlough "was the preservation of the readiness of the force to accomplish the Department's mission to ensure our national security," the commander said. The DOD applied furloughs as consistently as possible across the department, he added.

When Hagel announced at a May 14 town hall meeting for civilian employees that officials had been able to reduce the originally expected number of furlough days from 22 to 11, he promised a continued effort to reduce the number further, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," he said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, (and) we'll continue to do everything we can."

a matter-of-fact fashion." Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel reluctantly made the decision to fur-

## Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain (Maj.) Dwight Magnus  
507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain  
Office

### Communication

*"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Proverbs 25:11)*

In this era of texts, twitter, and email, we communicate more things with more people than ever before. That does not always mean what is shared is done clearly. Clear communication is a constant struggle. Charles Swindoll provides these examples of, shall we say, unclear communication taken from insurance or accident forms:

"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way."

"The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve several times before I hit him."

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

"I was on my way to the doctor's with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident."

While we endeavor to be clear in what we say, it can be misunderstood. To have an insurance adjuster not understand is one thing. When a spouse or close friend is hurt by what we say, it isn't a laughing matter. So please, think before you speak, or hit send.

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Public Affairs Office at  
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# Memorial run ties tanker units around the world together

by Lt. Col. Kim Howerton  
507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

An idea to honor a friend and former co-worker and the members of his flight crew turned into an international outpouring of support from KC-135 Stratotanker units around the globe during the July 13 and 14 Unit Training Assembly weekend.

The Shell 77 Memorial Runs united KC-135 tanker units around the world over the July weekend and saw Air Force active, Reserve and Guard members and their families and friends pay tribute to three of their own.

On May 3, 2013 a KC-135 with a crew from the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron from Fairchild Air Force Base went down in Chon-Aryk, Kyrgyzstan. All three crew members, Capt. Mark T. Voss, 27, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Capt. Victoria A. Pinckney, 27, Palmdale, Calif.; and Tech. Sgt. Herman Mackey III, 30, Bakersfield, Calif. died in the crash. The three airmen

were deployed to the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing's 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The call sign for the aircraft was Shell 77.

When Sky Ablay, wife of Capt. T.J. Ablay, learned of the crash and realized their friend Mackey was among the crew she wanted to do something to honor him. She talked with another friend, Tech. Sgt. Sean Gilson, 465th Air Refueling Squadron member and a boom operator like Mackey about the possibility of doing a memorial run.

"I thought it was just going to be Tinker involved in the memorial event," Gilson explained but Ablay had much bigger plans. It evolved into a world-wide weekend event with refueling wings from around the globe participating.

Runs were conducted at over 30 sites she explained including Kadena Air Base, Japan; Joint Base McQuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, Royal Air Force

Base Mildenhall, United Kingdom, and bases in Alaska and Hawaii, and two units in Southwest Asia.

Approximately 30 runners signed in for the Tinker event on Saturday, July 13. The runners ranged from 507th Operations Group leadership and members to small children and one small dog.

Gilson spoke to the group before they began to pay tribute to the three crew members, especially Mackey, his fellow boom operator and friend. The mood of the group took on a somber tone as they remembered the Airmen who brought them together that day.

Ablay and Gilson were pleased with the turn out and overwhelmed by the worldwide support for the Shell 77 Memorial Run idea.

A facebook page, Shell 77 Memorial Run, <https://www.facebook.com/Shell77MemorialRun?fref=ts>, includes information about the memorial runs as well as photos and stories from the units participating in the event.

## In Memory Of

Tech. Sgt. Herman  
Mackey

Capt Victoria Pinckery

Capt Mark Voss



## Volunteers Needed

**Who:**  
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Reserve  
volunteers in  
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### May 2013 Promotions: Congratulations to the following 507th Air Refueling Wing members

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AB LEDBETTER, SHEENA  
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AB SANCHEZ, LISA  
AMN 507 CES



#### To Airman 1st Class:

AMN WATKINS, MADI-  
SON A1C 507 CES



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SSG 35 CBCS  
SRA WAY, HOLLY  
SSG 507 AMXS



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TSG 35 CBCS  
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TSG 507 LRS



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MSG 507 FSS





# Safety is not by chance

## Spring and Summer Outdoor Safety

Article courtesy  
The Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

The return of warmer temperatures brings the opportunity for freedom, relaxation, exploration, and being closer to nature. Whether you're relaxing in the backyard, turning up your garden, hitting the pool, or exploring the great outdoors, here are some ways to help keep you and your family healthy this spring and summer.

### Beware of Bugs

Warmer temperatures aren't just attractive to people, but to mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas. Mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, eastern equine encephalitis virus and even dengue; ticks can transmit Lyme disease and other serious infections; and fleas can transmit plague.

To prevent these illnesses, use an appropriate insect and tick repellent and apply it properly. Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually from dusk to dawn, but ticks are out at all times. Young ticks are so small that they can be difficult to see, but both young and adult ticks hungrily look to animals and sometimes people to bite.

To keep ticks at a distance, avoid tick-infested areas (especially places

with leaf-litter and high grasses) and use repellent containing 20% DEET. If it's primarily mosquitoes that are the problem, CDC recommends repelling them with products that contain DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus. You can also treat clothing with permethrin (which protects through several washings) or purchase clothing that is pre-treated with permethrin.

Always follow

the

directions on repellent packaging.

After coming indoors, shower as soon as possible and check your body for ticks. Make sure that your children also bathe or shower and get checked for ticks. Wash and tumble dry your clothing and check your pets for ticks. If you find an attached tick, don't panic, ticks are easy to remove with a pair of fine-tipped tweezers. Consult your health-care provider if you develop a rash, fever, body aches, fatigue or headache, stiff neck, disorientation in the 1-3 weeks following a bite. It could be any number of illnesses.

Pesticides, vegetation-free play

areas, and landscaping techniques for tick-free zones can also help limit your exposure to ticks and other insects. Healthy Pets, Healthy People

While you're outside enjoying the weather, remember to protect your pets too. Keeping healthy pets will help keep you and your family healthy. Children can get roundworm and hookworm from soil contaminated by pet feces (stool), so make sure that puppies and kittens are seen by a veterinarian and dewormed. Protect family pets from ticks and fleas by keeping them on a flea and tick control program. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on the appropriate anti-bug products to use on your pet.

### Fun in the Sun

Protect yourself and your family from recreational water illnesses (illnesses caused by germs or chemicals in recreational water) by doing your part to keep germs out of the pool. Do not swim when you have diarrhea, don't swallow

pool water, take a shower before swimming, and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing

diapers. Keeping germs out of the pool means a healthier swimming experience for everyone. Check the Healthy Swimming site's Resources page for helpful tools (such as videos, podcasts, and brochures) and "How To's," including how to use pool and hot tub test strips.

Prevent skin cancer. Avoid being outdoors during the midday if the sun is intense, use sunscreen with at least SPF 15, cover up with clothing, wear a brimmed hat, and wear sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays. Be aware of the signs of heat stress.

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# Family Day



Moon Bounce



Dunk Tank



Face Painting

Tours  
Games  
Arts & Crafts  
Booths  
Door prizes  
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Live music

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Hot dog eating contest  
3 on 3 basketball tournament

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