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Late October marked the end of the government shutdown and the resumption of normal air refueling operations here at the 507th Air Refueling Wing. Lt. Col. Jason Zimmermann, 465th Air Refueling Squadron tests the trim wheel during pre-flight inspection. This flight operation took the KC-135 Stratotanker north to refuel two B-52 bombers out of 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, Minot N.D. Also along for the ride were pilots Lt. Col. Marvin Ashbaker, Lt. Col. Paul Ihrig and boom operator, Staff Sgt. Mike Moore. Lt. Col. Ashbaker, on a check-ride, was evaluated by Lt. Col. Ihrig. The B-52s received their "gas and go" in the skies between Indiana and Kansas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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Staff Sergeant Derek Bryant, 507th Sheet Metal Shop, sands a B-4 stand in the new paint booth. This is the first piece of aerospace ground equipment (AGE) to go through the corrosion test and painting process in the new facility. Workers now begin the process of converting all AGE equipment from green to gray. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

Farwell Okies, It's been an honor serving with you

by Col. Russell Muncy

507th Air Refueling Wing Commander

Okies, It has been an honor to serve with you. This is the best wing in AFRC and its all due to your efforts to make this unit the best it can be. Bringing our guard and reserve members together to form "Team Oklahoma" was an amazing accomplishment that set the bar for all future Air Reserve Component associations. I have learned a ton from you all and will take those lessons with me as I depart for California. One thing I would like to stress on my way out is that YOU make the difference each day, no matter what situation the wing is in. Whether it's Operational Readiness Inspections or fiscal austerity of the budget, the members of this unit have persevered and you have made the unit shine through it all.

I am proud of all this unit has accomplished. We hit a home run last year setting the bar for all ARC associate wings during our 2012 NORI/ORI, excellent all the way! The 507

and 137 Air Refueling Wings performed our inspections flawlessly as a single, seamless unit.

We excelled through multiple deployments providing reservists to multiple theaters of war supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. Our maintenance teams continue to put up some of the best mission capability ratings in the Air Force. Also, we excelled in exercises such as Global Thunder and RIMPAC.

While we have had many successes, we also have had many challenges. The two rounds of furloughs, reduced budget and government shutdown have been tough issues for you and your families. The reduction of our aircraft has also been difficult as we move ahead. Through all of this I have seen you persevere, take care of each other and take care of the mission. That is what makes this unit so amazing; you succeed despite these tough challenges.

As you continue under new



Col. Russell Muncy, 507th ARW commander

leadership here in the 507th, remember that change will always come but what you bring to the unit is far more important that any changes down the road. You make the mission happen, you support your team, and you make the Okies successful. Again, it's been an honor and a privilege to serve with you.



Where Is God in Suffering? – October 13

"My God, My God, Why...Have you forsaken me? **Matthew 27:46**

This powerful cry from Jesus on the cross is a cry many of us can relate to in a significant way. At times, God seems to have abandoned us. Yet I maintain that this cry from Jesus is a comfort to me in my distress. As I pray to God, I pray to One who knows the pain of suffering, betrayal, and abandonment. I believe that Jesus, who was quot-

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ing Psalm 22 here, had the full Psalm in mind, one that ends in great trust and praise of God. There is meaning to our suffering.

I can't say it any better than a letter from a doctor who did a tour at the Balad Combat Hospital in Iraq.

How can there be a God in all this suffering? He might just be right in some of our hands, working right beside us in the ER and OR...guiding the hands of the surgeon, in the will of the sergeants helping organize a blood drive, in the hearts of soldiers who rolled up their sleeves to give

what they had to save a dying brother whom they don't even know.

I had a similar experience working with the outstanding medical team in Bagram, Afghanistan during the summer of 2008. As the US presence in Afghanistan enters a new phase in the coming year, I know one of the enduring lessons I learned there was God was with me, and with those who were suffering. Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you.

Blessings,
Ch Magnus



Sheet metal shop gets paint booth

by Senior Airman Mark Hybers

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Construction on the 507th Maintenance Squadron's new paint booth finished in October as crews from the sheet metal shop resume corrosion control and paint work.

The new booth replaces the nearly two-decade old one after being shut down in February 2011 when it could no longer keep up with the high demand.

According to Staff Sgt. Gary Poindexter, sheet metal shop chief, bidding for the new booth began immediately and was headed up by retired Fabrication Flight Chief, Senior Master Sgt. Larry Spradling with assistance from Maintenance Squad-

ron Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Corporon.

"Without a serviceable paint booth we are not self-sustaining and must rely on outside sources," said Corporon. "Our requirements range from the smallest aircraft parts and equipment all the way up to our powered and non-powered AGE items. The booth is vital in order for us to meet our corrosion control and prevention requirements."

Poindexter said his shop had to become very flexible with scheduling while awaiting the new paint booth.

"Performing corrosion control and painting of vital aircraft parts is paramount to our mission," Poindexter said. "We were able to work out scheduling with the 552nd Air Control

Wing to get our work done using their facility. They have their own mission over there but were always very helpful with scheduling time for our equipment."

The new paint booth is slightly larger than the old booth and also brings new features that will increase productivity and decrease man hours.

"This booth has variable spray speeds and has a faster dwell time," Poindexter said. "The burners, which are hotter, kick on automatically to start the drying process. They also turn off automatically which is really great because we won't need someone checking on the booth all the time – they can work on different projects."

He also said the fans on the new booth are much more powerful, which will help keep the air inside the booth safer for longer periods.

These new features will make an immediate impact said Poindexter.

"All the AGE equipment on base is changing from green to gray," he said. "We weren't able to work on any of that equipment while we were down, so having a more efficient and faster paint booth is going to be a great help to us."

October 21 2013, some 25 months after construction began on the new paint booth the first two B-4 stands went into the new paint booth marking the start of catching up on a lot of backlogged work.

"The dedication and persistence of the members of the 507th MXS Fabrication Flight has paid off and will benefit the wing as a whole for years to come," said Corporon.



Staff Sergeant Derek Bryant, 507th Sheet Metal Shop, sands a B-4 stand in the new paint booth. This is the first piece of aerospace ground equipment (AGE) to go through the corrosion test and painting process in the new facility. The stand is one of two pieces of equipment currently in the new paint booth. The sheet metal shop begins the process of converting all AGE equipment from green to gray. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

New recruiter glad to be part of the team

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

When Tech. Sgt. Colin McDonald joined the military in 1997, he never thought he would one day wind up at the 507th Air Refueling Wing as an Air Force Reserve recruiter.

McDonald spent a year recruiting at Ft. Hood, Texas before transferring to the 507th a path that seemed very unlikely when his career began.

McDonald, born and raised in Lynchburg, Va. joined the United States Marine Corp in 1997 with high hopes of becoming a computer programmer.

“Something happened between the time I thought I was going to be a programmer and the time I went to basic training,” McDonald said. “I’m not really sure how or why, but I became a cook instead.”

Sergeant McDonald said that was not really a career path he wanted to pursue and decided to leave the marines at the end of his first enlistment in 2001, shortly before the September 11 attacks.

McDonald said he was going to college and trying to figure out what he wanted to do with his life after the attacks and it wasn’t long before he knew he needed to go back into the service.

The only certainty to him at the time was he did not want to rejoin Marine Corps.

“I really got lucky,” he said. “I found out that active duty Air Force was accepting prior service enlisted people and that was just unheard of in those days. So, I jumped on the opportunity as quickly as I could.”

After searching through several options McDonald found himself taking a position as a Fuels Systems Specialist. Fortunately for McDonald, he enjoyed the field but once again left active duty military life, this time to pursue the housing industry

for me,” McDonald said.

Sergeant McDonald later became an Air Reserve Technician but still felt something missing in his career. That’s when a conversation between himself and his reserve recruiter came back to him.



Technical Sergeant Colin McDonald, bottom right, participates in his first area-wide recruiter training. McDonald joins the recruiting team after serving at Ft. Hood, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

during the boom.

“Unfortunately my timing was wrong,” he said. “The housing bust happened shortly after I started my career in real-estate.”

McDonald was once again drawn back towards the military – this time he pursued a more part time career with the Air Force Reserves. He was able to get back into the same career field he held previously, and was stationed at the same unit.

“It really was prefect. Some of my old bosses were still there, so it was a smooth transition to reserve life

McDonald liked the idea of helping people and the anonymity that comes along with recruiting. He had second thoughts about pursuing a career in recruiting due to his current ART position.

“Giving up my ART position was a real mental struggle,” he said. “I had the option of two retirements or pursuing active duty again and taking one retirement but at a younger age.”

Ultimately, desire for helping people became the deciding factor for McDonald. It’s a decision that he’s

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PII violators will have network accounts locked

by Maj. Brooke Brander

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- People who inappropriately store and transmit Personally Identifiable Information over the Air Force Network will now have their accounts locked in response to the violation.

"We are taking several steps to improve notification and reporting of PII incidents," said Gen. William L. Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander. "My intent is to increase awareness within the Air Force as part of my responsibility to ensure the security and defense of the AFNET and its users. PII violations create both a personal and operational risk for all of us."

The 68th Network Warfare Squadron and 352nd Network Warfare Squadron, as the Cyberspace Defense Analysis Weapon System, are actively monitoring the AFNET for PII breaches and violations. When a PII breach is identified, it is reported to the 624th Operations Center, and the formal reporting process is initiated.

The 624th OC, as the Cyber Command and Control Mission System Weapon System, reports the AFNET PII breach to the 24th Air Force commander. This action will result in locking the violator's AFNET account and notifying the person's wing commander.

"Beginning Oct. 24, we began locking out the AFNET account of individuals who were found to be inappropriately transmitting PII data via the AFNET," said Air Force Maj. Gen. J. Kevin McLaughlin, 24th Air Force and Air Forces Cyber com-

mander. "A violator's account will only be unlocked once the first O-6 in their chain of command certifies that the individual has accomplished all

number, medical, educational, financial, legal and employment records.

A PII breach is defined as a loss of control, compromise, unauthorized



The responsibility to safeguard Personally Identifiable Information falls upon every Airman. Failure to protect PII could result in identity theft, which occurs when an individual's personal information is used without prior authorization in an attempt to commit fraud or other crimes. (U.S. Air Force graphic/ Airman 1st Class Eboni Reece)

necessary actions to include remedial training."

These new actions are in addition to, and do not circumvent or replace, the normal Privacy Act notification process, which is already in place throughout the Air Force. Air Force Instruction 33-332 governs the PII breach reporting process as well as the consequences for PII violations.

PII is any information about an individual that can be used directly, or in connection with other data, to identify, contact or locate that person and can include such information as: full name, address, Social Security

disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users, and for an other than authorized purpose, have access or potential access to PII, whether physical or electronic.

Encrypting PII allows secure transmission. Additional information on protecting PII can be found of the Air Force Portal under the Cyber Threats and Information tab as well as at [http:// dpclo.defense.gov/privacy](http://dpclo.defense.gov/privacy).

Get 1 now program helps bring quality Airmen to the reserves

by Maj. Jon Quinlan

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Whether you know it or not, you are a recruiter. We all are recruiters. Every day you wear the uniform, talk about your job in your community, or visit your children's school you are highlighting the Air Force. It may be a story you told your son's friend years ago or a discussion you had with a neighbor who refers a friend to you because, you are in the Air Force. Bottom line, possible recruits are looking at you. As reservists we know we are highly experienced and bring a lot to the total force. We also know that we want to surround ourselves with experienced, highly professional Airmen in our work centers. So it's up to us to recruit that next generation of Citizen Airmen. Go out there and recruit someone that you believe will be a great asset to the Air Force Reserve. Then go to the Get1Now (www.get1now.us) referral website and log your submission. Not only will you bring AFRC a talented recruit but you also will get an incentive if your submission leads to an accession in the Air Force Reserves. Good for you and AFRC. Our boss, General Jackson wants us all to

participate to help strengthen the Air Force Reserves. Here is some of what he said.

"Fellow Citizen Airmen, The Air Force Reserve recently relaunched the Get1Now referral program. This program enables you to submit the names of quality individuals for consideration into the Air Force Reserve," said Lt. Gen. James Jackson, commander, Air Force Reserve Command. "I need your help to find talented men and women who wish to serve in our Air Force Reserve. Your referral can be a friend, relative, co-worker or even a neighbor. Additionally, if your submission leads to an accession, then you can receive an incentive award. Together, let's work to find the next generation of Citizen Airmen."

So go to the website and submit info on you possible recruits. If you have questions, please contact any of our highly professional recruiters under the lead of Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Toon.

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Maj. Jon Quinlan



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very happy to have made, despite the intense amount of work in recruiting technical school.

"Someone told me it's like 'drinking water from a fire hydrant'," McDonald said. "And you know what? That's what it felt like."

He went on to say it was all worth it. He was challenged and had a memory much stronger than he thought.

After serving his first year in Texas, McDonald joins the 507th and offices in Moore, Okla. He mentioned the excitement level of the recruiting team here and said the amount of members in the flight is great because ideas get bounced around to each other.

McDonald said his greatest motivation came when a young Airman came back from basic training and told him how much they would like to pursue and active duty career.

"When someone tells you something like that, you know you've really made a great, lasting impression," Sergeant McDonald said.

He has no specific recruiting goals, but does want to become an in-service recruiter so that he is eligible for a recruiting assignment in Europe.

"Other than that, if you come in my office, I'm gonna help you find your career goal, just like someone did for me."

For questions about jobs in the reserves or to refer someone looking into the reserves, you can reach Tech. Sgt. McDonald at (405) 409—6943.

Winter-Holiday safety campaign under way

Tech. Sgt Regina Rector

507th Air Refueling Wing Safety Manager

As we approach the holiday and winter season, let's enjoy it with family and friends. There are many activities to prepare for. The best way to enjoy them is to be prepared for the risks involved in these activities. The Air Force Ground Safety Holiday/Winter campaign will runs November 22, 2013 through January 2, 2014. There are tips for winter driving, Christmas decorations, snow skiing and hypothermia. These tips will help you stay vigilant during the holiday and winter seasons.

Preparation for travel is very important during this time of the year. Keeping up with the weather changes is crucial in your travel plans. Ensure you have your car prepared for the winter. Do not forget to practice cold weather driving when there is a possibility of encountering snow and/or ice during your travels.

Another thing we prepare for this season is decorating the house. Ladder safety is important as you hang your outdoor lights. When you are using a ladder, it is best to work as a team and use the proper ladder. Have

someone to support the ladder when you climb up and down. A good rule of thumb to follow is to keep your belt buckle between your ladder rails to prevent overreaching. Another thing



think about it is to prevent fires by checking your lights and keeping your live tree watered.

Snow skiing and snowboarding are fun activities. It helps to observe the skier and snowboarder Responsibility Code and "Heads Up" campaign during these activities. The skier and snowboarder Responsibility code includes yielding to right of way, maintaining control, using runaway

equipment, observing signs and warnings and using lifts safely. These points will help you enjoy your time on the slopes.

During the holiday season, there is an increased chance to be involved in an alcohol related traffic accident. If you plan to include alcohol in your celebration, ensure you are vigilant in preparing for those occasions by designating a driver or taking a taxi cab to and from your designation. Be aware of the myths of alcohol and ensure you do not fall victim to them.

The last topic is hypothermia and frostbite. Hypothermia and frostbite occur when there is prolonged exposure to low temperature, wind or moisture.

Hypothermia is when the body temperature is below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Frostbite is when your skin has the appearance of white or grayish-yellow color. Remember to layer your clothes and remove any restrictive clothing items to keep warm. If you believe you or another person has been affected by hypothermia or frostbite, seek medical attention immediately.

More information and tips are available at the 507 ARW Safety Office sharepoint drive. The address is <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/1139/507SE/default.aspx>. Please, use the information and tips to help you enjoy your time off safely.

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