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representing each floor of the building

with the name of someone killed on

that floor. Nineteen smaller chairs

stand to represent the children who

perished that morning. (U.S. Air Force

photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

Rep. Tom Cole visits AF Reserve's only AWACS unit

by Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer

513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., visited the 513th Air Control Group here April 18 as part of a base-wide tour.

The 513th is the only Air Force Reserve unit to maintain and fly the E-3 Sentry, an Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft.

During a morning briefing, 513th Airmen explained how they support the AWACS mission by providing maintenance and aircrews when the active-duty 552nd Air Control Wing, also at Tinker, is unable to provide enough Airmen to fulfill mission requirements.

Cole asked questions during the briefing ranging from the proposed inactivation of the 513th to the unit's role in allied operations. He expressed appreciation for the reservists during his visit and voiced his support of their mission at the Oklahoma-based installation.

"With this latest round of cuts, we've run the risk of cutting into

think the president want to either.'

Air Control Squadron director of operations. Allowing the Airmen to time out of his busy schedule to visit



Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., talks with Col. David Robertson, the 513th Air Control Group Commander, during a briefing April 18 at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. During Cole's visit, 513th Airmen explained the Air Force Reserve AWACS mission and the vital role it plays in flying and maintaing the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System. (Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Caleb J. Wanzer)

maintenance and aircrew Airmen who don't need the training that new military muscle," Cole said. "I don't service members require. Typical

wants to leave "With this latest round of cuts, we've and active-duty Air Force capable than when run the risk of cutting into military Congress doesn't muscle," Rep. Tom Cole

The majority of 513th members training time for AWACS career fields served at the active-duty 552nd before ranges from eight months for certain becoming reservists, explained Lt. aircrew positions to four years for Col. Steve England, 970th Airborne radar and avionics maintenance jobs.

"I was really pleased that he took

move to a part-time status allows the 513th and hear our story," said the Air Force to keep experienced Col. David W. Robertson, 513th ACG commander. "It's good to have people at his level able to tell our story and address the issues that we're facing."

> Cole also visited Navy units on base during his tour. First elected in 2002, he is the representative for the fourth district of Oklahoma.



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Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III present the structure of the Air Force to the Senate Arms Services Committee April 29, 2014, in Washington, D.C. James and Welsh the Air Force's future will more fully incorporate personnel from the Reserves and National Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

Air Force secretary reports on total force balance

by Amaani Lyle

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James outlined April 30 the service's progress in leveraging the talent and capabilities of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve within the total force concept.

James, along with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, testified at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

A tiger team of three generals from each reserve component conducted a comprehensive review of mission requirements, recommended ideas for improving collaboration and sought avenues to balance total force capabilities, James told the senators.

"We laid in force structure changes to take advantage of the Guard and Reserve's strength," James said. "For example, in the area of (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance),

we've increased reserve components' presence in the MQ-1 (Predator) and (MQ-9 Reaper) fleets of remotely piloted aircraft, so we're going from 17 percent to 24 percent representation in that arena."

In the cyber arena, James said, three new Air Force Reserve units will reflect an increase in that capability in fiscal year 2016.

Meanwhile, James said the Air Force will decrease its active component end-strength by 17 percent while decreasing the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard end-strength by 3 by fiscal 2015.

"In the future, we hope to garner enough savings by moving capability and capacity to the reserve component so that future end-strength cuts may not be necessary," she said.

The secretary also reported better projection and budgeting of Guard and Reserve man-day use, with a 70-percent increase in planned man-years over the next two years.

James told the senators that Air Force leaders agree with 86 percent of the suggestions put forth by the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, established by Congress as part of the fiscal 2013 defense spending bill. However, she added, they differ with the commission's recommendation that Air Force Reserve Command be disestablished.

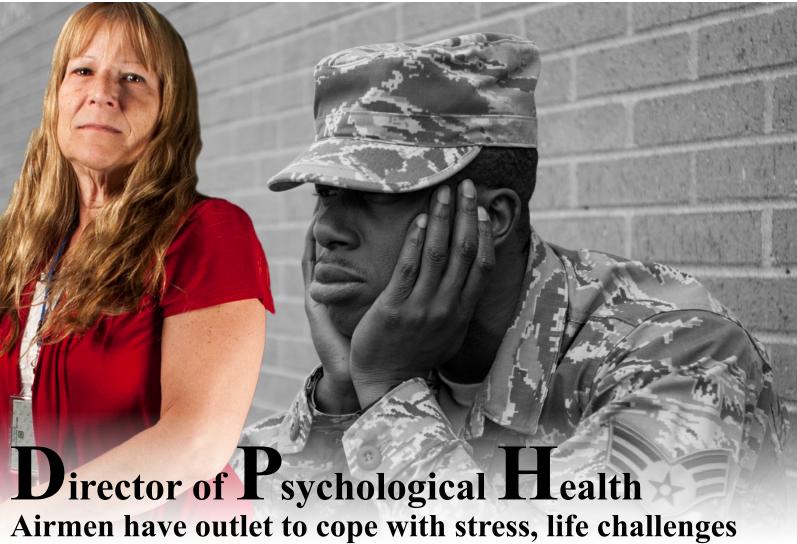
"We're all for integration, and of course, that is the basis of that recommendation," James said. "But we feel ... in fiscal year 2015, we don't have percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, a good alternative way to manage and provide for ... 70,000 members of the Air Force Reserve, so we would disagree with that proposition, at least for (fiscal 2015)."

> James reported that the Total Force Continuum, another group of generals, will lead the charge for myriad initiatives, one being facilitating an

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

with stress and other mental health Reserve Command is hiring Directors of Psychological Health.

The position stems from a study completed in June, 2007: An Department Task Force on Mental In February, 2012, a Department of Defense instruction, military. DoDI 6490.09, called for licensed installation-level Directors

Psychological Health.

A guidance paper from AFRC headquarters says Air Force Reserve In an effort to help Airmen cope Directors of Psychological Health will utilize their unique education, related concerns, the Air Force knowledge, training and expertise to increase individual, unit, and wing readiness. The new position will also help Airmen and their families maximize psychological health, Achievable vision: Report of the resilience and well-being so they can prevail over the unique challenges of the mission and life in and out of the

The 507th Air Refueling Wing of hired Jacqueline Falkner and she

not only brings the paper credentials to fulfill the requirements for the DPH position – she also understands military life as she's a retired Air Force senior master sergeant.

Falkner has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work, both received after she

"I had an assessment done after I got out and it told me I'd be good working with people," she said. "I didn't really know what my career path was going to be until I got into school

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Culture change is key to sexual assault prevention



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III makes opening remarks at the 3-Star Summit April 14, 2014, at Joint Base Andrews, Md. Welsh spoke about the importance of creating environments that promote dignity and respect and how they relate to sexual assault prevention and response. This includes recognizing when services members need help and getting those in need the help they deserve. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Carlin Leslie)

by Staff Sgt. Torri Ingalsbe

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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III spoke candidly with top Air Force leaders about sexual assault prevention and response April 14, during the Three-Star Summit here.

"Eliminating sexual assault is a huge priority," James said. "It is a top priority for me; job one is taking care of people and this is part of that. We need to do everything that we can to protect the sons and daughters of America who come to us for service in the Air Force."

James thanked the leaders at the summit for the focus they have given in support of sexual assault prevention. She spoke about her effort to speak to local sexual assault response coordinators, special victim counsels and victim advocates during her travels. She said she is encouraged by the increase in reporting, and the firm emphasis placed on both the prevention of sexual assault, and the treatment of survivors.

"What we want is the reports going up and the incidents going down," James said. "The vision of the future is to have none of this, and that's what we're all working toward."

Although there have been exceptional advances in the treatment

and care of victims, as well as the judicial process, there is still a lot to learn, Welsh explained. "Unprofessional work environments." unprofessional relationships and harassment are all things that can lead to sexual assault," Welsh said. "We are responsible for making sure those things don't happen."

He lauded the Air Force's efforts with the Special Victims Counsel Program, which provides individual legal support to victims of sexual assault, calling it a "game changer." But, "we need game changers in every

part of the spectrum, from prevention to life-long care for the survivors," Welsh said. "The solution is about focusing on one victim; thinking about the impact on that individual, and multiply that by a couple thousand. We have got to change this."

Ignoring the issue will not make it go away, he added. Welsh also emphasized the importance of relationships; ensuring commanders. supervisors and coworkers alike truly know the people they work with.

"Why is it that, on the worst day of their life, 84 percent of the people who we swore to fight and die beside, if necessary, don't feel comfortable coming to us for help?" Welsh asked.

Brig. Gen. Gina Grosso, the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response director, gave commanders a "where we are" picture, recapping the time from when the SAPR office began in 2005 to the present day.

"Despite our efforts, at the end of the day, we still haven't been able to prevent this," Grosso said.

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Events

Thunderbirds to headline Star Spangled Salute

by Tinker Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird aerial demonstration team is set to headline the Star Spangled Salute Air Show at Tinker AFB, June 21-22.

"We are very excited to welcome back the Thunderbirds," said Base Wing and Tinker installation commander. "It has been four years since Central Oklahoma has had the good fortune to host America's premier aerial demonstration team."

As in previous years, Tinker is working with community partners to host a great event for the entire family. These include Aerospace Tourism Council and Midwest City.

"In our fiscally constrained environment, we could not host an event like this without the assistance of our community partners and their supporters," said Colonel Azzano. "Military air shows are one of our most effective ways to demonstrate our military capability, inspire the next generation of the all-volunteer force and show

our appreciation for the support we receive from Oklahomans every day."

Maj. Zachariah McKissick, the 2014 Air Show director, advises that while Tinker is still assembling the full list of aerial performers and ground activities, the 14th Star Spangled Sa-Col. Christopher Azzano, 72nd Air lute will be an exciting two-dayshow.

> "From flyovers by Tinker's own KC-135 Stratotanker, "E-3 Sentry and E-6 Mercury to a special children's education and entertainment area, the air show will have lots to offer the entire family," said MajorMcKissick. "There will also be numerous military and civilian aircraft on static display."

The major said the air show America, Eastern Oklahoma County will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. "Entry to the air show and on-site parking is free," said Major McKissick. "However, there will be a charge for food, beverage and souvenir, concessions; as well as some of the special children's activities at the air show."

> The Star Spangled Salute will once again feature a special children's area.



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Tinker leaders sign sexual assault prevention proclamation

April was Sexual Assault Awareness month and leadership from the Air Force Sustainment Center and across Tinker AFB came together April 17 with members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team to sign a proclamation to reinforce a zero-tolerance policy and draw attention to the issue which is an "intolerable violent crime that affects countless men, women and children in our society." The group assembled to show a team approach to preventing sexual assault. The proclamation was signed by Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, AFSC commander, seated right; Chief Master Sgt. Gregg Jones, AFSC command chief, seated left; and standing from left, Navy Capt. (select) Ed McCabe, Stratcomm Wing ONE deputy for operations; Col. Linda Hurry, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex deputy commander for maintenance; Col. Stephen Wood, 72nd Air Base Wing vice commander; Col. Brian Davis, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander; Col. John Kubinec, AFSC vice commander; and Col. Jay Bickley, 552nd Air Control Wing commander. (Air Force photo)

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As such, she outlined major ongoing and upcoming initiatives her office is leading to ensure victims have the support they need throughout the reporting process and beyond.

Experts from several fields, including law enforcement, legal and behavioral science were present to give their insight and take questions. Two sexual assault survivors were also addressed the group, and took their questions.

"Since the audience is three-star generals, they hold the reigns of leadership," said Staff Sgt. Noah

Lubben, a 25th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, airborne crypto logic language analyst direct support operator. "I hope they execute with precision, and I hope (my story) reaches people who are victims."

He opened up about how important his leaders had been in empowering him as a victim.

"I hope if there have been victims, they understand the Air Force has their back," Lubben said. "Somewhere up the chain, eventually (their story) is going to get to someone who cares. These leaders are trying

to stop sexual assault, and they're trying to change the culture."

Open and candid discussion was the cornerstone of the day, and the top Air Force leaders were recognized for all the work they've done so far, and pushed to continue to make sexual assault prevention a top priority.

"As leaders, we have it in our power to put an end to this in our Air Force," James said. We ask that each of you take it seriously, and really take it personally every day to do your upmost to make sure that this does not happen on your watch."

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Modern day technology helps reservists stay fit

by Staff Sgt. Lauren C. Gleason

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs



a member of the Air Force, maintaining a high level of fitness is a necessity. It is one of the few careers where your personal fitness is mandatory. Thankfully, you also have many resources to help you, such as the Health and Wellness Center, free gyms and high tech fitness gadgets.

balancing act between military service, civilian employment, college education and family roles. Not everyone can go to the gym or work out with a personal trainer. There are is the Bod Pod. Unlike the Body Mass solutions for overcoming the typical barriers to stay healthy and fit, no matter what your lifestyle.

a mundane and dreaded task, you can create a new exercise routine, making fitness an event to look forward to. Tailoring a new workout plan can be exciting, yet challenging, due to conflicts with your schedule. The Tinker HAWC can assist you with creating a personalized workout plan

As reservists, we perform the to help reach your personal fitness goals. The HAWC also has classes to help you with running, muscle strengthening and personal nutrition.

Another resource the HAWC offers Index (BMI) calculation, the Bod Pod gives you an accurate reading of your body fat percentage. To get the reading, To keep exercise from becoming you sit in the Bod Pod capsule, which measures the air displacement around your body. Knowing your body fat percentage can give you a baseline measurement of where you started so you can set a weight loss goal. Having a plan in place will lay the foundation for a happier, healthier you.

If you prefer to take charge of your

Many gadgets and apps exist to help Airmen stay on top of their fitness goals. Some are wearable and track anything from distance and heart rate and can even track your sleeping patterns. Goal specific apps for smart phones can also help you set push up and sit up goals and ease you into these goals with scheduled repetitions and will track the progress for you. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration/ **Senior Airman Mark Hybers)**

own fitness, innovative gadgets and applications are available to track and promote fitness without having to enter a traditional gym. Typically, electronic fitness systems require wearing a device on your body, whether it is on the wrist, in the ear, around the neck or arm, or even in the sole of a

Some devices send information to a smartphone app, which uses the data analyze your Technical workout. Sergeant. Andrew Cole of the 507th Medical Squadron is a fan of the GPS watch. Cole is primarily a sprinter, but is currently training for his first half marathon.

"For transitioning to distance running, the most useful gadget for me has been my GPS watch,"he said. "I use it to pace myself now that I am running 6 to 10 miles at a time."

In the past, fitness devices mainly focused on heart rate, distance traveled and calories burned. Now, there are even more features available that could prove useful, depending on what you are looking for in a fitness gadget.

The latest devices can track sleep, monitor calorie intake, track your location, and even monitor mood swings. Traci Fuhrman, one of two

Staying on top of fitness is challenging, and can be an added stress since it is a requirement of your military career. Technical Sergeant Lindsay Newton, 507th Force Support Squadron stops during a run to do a set of pushups. She uses a GPS watch that tracks distance and pace while also monitoring her heart rate. This tool is just one of many that reservists with full time jobs and families can utilize to stay on top of their fitness goals. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

> exercise physiologists at the Tinker HAWC, is an advocate of these devices. She says for most people, "seeing how many steps you take in a day is a big motivator. The more steps you take, the more calories you burn and the more active you become. The key is to get people moving".

> For Airmen who struggle with pushups and situps, there's an app for that. Push up and sit up apps can be found on the IOS and Android platforms. These apps can be tailored in a number of ways to help you reach upper body and core strength.

> > The online Wingman Toolkit also reaching your goal.

has a section specifically dedicated to physical health and welfare. It offers workout ideas as well as nutritional articles and videos. The Wingman Toolkit is accessible from the www.507arw.afrc.af.mil website.

Becoming an active participant in your fitness progression is the first step in improving your quality of life, whether you are working out with a personal trainer or being your own coach. Being able to view your personal progress on your smartphone motivates you by making it a visible reminder of how far you have come in register for a class, call 734-6575.

"Anything that promotes activity is worth using. Fitness gadgets are very beneficial for staying on track and holding yourself accountable for your fitness," Fuhrman said. "Technology this advanced is good news for those who opt to exercise outdoors instead of running on a treadmill." With so many tools at available, choosing the best method for staying in shape is more accessible than ever.

To schedule a Bod Pod appointment with the HAWC or to

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To facilitate a new total force personnel and pay system in support of the continuum of service, the secretary said, the Air Force has integrated force support squadrons at Peterson Air Force program in which an active-duty Force Base, Colo.; March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H.

"One unit is essentially serving all of the three different components in the geographic area with respect to personnel systems," she explained.

James noted an uptick in shared active and reserve-component squadrons, or Air Force associations, from 102 to 124, a 22 percent increase in recent years.

we're kicking it up a notch and doing more of these in the future," she said.

To retain talent across the total Airman's ability to serve in the active force, the secretary said, the Air Force has reduced the active-duty service commitment payback in the Palace Chase Service Commitment Waiver Program from three reserve years for every year of active commitment

> Palace Chase is the name of the Air Airman transfers to the reserve component. The program also expanded to include rated officers, James said.

> "Bottom line there is we're making it easier and more attractive to people to enter the Guard and Reserve," she added

James also reported seeking authority from the Defense Department to implement aviator retention pay to traditional reservists.

"As an aviator leaves active duty "It's a form of integration, and (for) the Guard and Reserve. I want to be able to (offer) that incentive pay,"



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Chaplain's Corner



by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus The end of May is the beginning of summer, and the holiday Memorial Day kicks things off. Think for a moment about the power of Memorials. The Old Testament is filled with memorials to remind Israel of God's faithfulness.

No finer Memorial can be found than the one here in OKC honoring

those who were killed in the Murrah Bombing 19 years ago. The Marathon is a great tribute as well to the spirit of those individuals and the spirit of OKC. Washington D.C. is full of powerful memorials. I look forward to going to New York City to see firsthand the memorial at Ground Zero.

Memorial Day weekend I make it a

point to visit my mother's grave, as well as several of my relatives on my mother's side. This year I also plan to attend a special Memorial Day concert in honor of veterans. I encourage you to take some time this month to honor those who are no longer with us. Your personal memorial is as individual as the impact that person had on you. So, pause... reflect...give thanks....honor... remember.

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and discovered I really, liked the psychology and social work aspect."

Falkner's Air Force career was not in the health field but rather in the logistics and civil engineering fields. But Falkner said, as she progressed in rank, she discovered she really enjoyed mentoring Airmen.

"I did quite a bit of mentoring and helping Airmen through stressful situations," she said. "But it was as a supervisor, supervisee. The social work aspect was there, just not first and foremost due to my position."

She went on to say, "It wasn't until after I got into the social work field that I realized I had been doing this (social work) all along."

filled. The reserve DPH program is modeled after the active duty DPH. For now, DPH's will only provide limited clinical services consisting of an initial evaluation and short-term problem resolution, no more than eight visits, and only for beneficiaries eligible to receive services in the military healthcare system.

Falkner believes a major reason the position was added for reservists benefits had to do with the fact that members have no access to active duty doctors during unit training assembly weekends.

"When reservists are here on UTA weekends, the hospital is closed, so what we are doing for our active duty we can also do for our reservists." Falkner said. "This is where the DPH comes in."

Falkner says her main function is to provide an initial assessment to determine if she can help the member. If it's something more than the eight sessions will allow, or beyond her scope of training, then she will assist the

members in finding other resources to receive the help they need.

"There are a lot of resources available that our members don't know about," she said. "Military OneSource is a big component for our members. Even if they don't have health insurance to get help on the outside, we have some resources to get them the help they need."

Falkner is also going to be active in the community, and will champion the reservist's cause while serving on the community action information board. She will be able to use this base-wide tool to help get the needs of the reserves into the proper hands.

"Let's say I have an Airman who is having extreme anxiety and high stress levels due to fitness issues and there AFRC now has five of the 29 slots isn't a gym on base that is conducive to reserve schedules," Falkner says. "The community action information board is the place where those issues concerning reservists will be brought up to see if there is any way to help."

> Falkner has worked or been involved with the Department of Social Services, Family Advocacy, Airman Family Readiness, Casualty Affairs Officer, Exceptional Family Member Coordinator and the Wounded Warrior Project.

> She is located in the basement of the 507th ARW headquarters building and is available during the week and UTA weekends. For more information or to schedule an appointment, email her at jacqueline.falkner.1@us.af.mil or call 734-6347. Appointments and phone calls are confidential and your records are stored safely.

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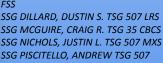
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was a 2d Lt in the 3d Combat Communications Group and was the group exec. I heard a noise and felt a shake in the building -- my secretary ran in and stated she got a call from a friend downtown who said a bomb went off. We ramped up for duty, as did the base. Then, in a senior meeting, we got the word that SrA Cartney McCraven had been down in the area at the time and was missing. It took almost 2-3 weeks to confirm her death in the bombing.

The 3d Herd was tasked to provide tents, vehicles, generators, light kits and manpower to the site. The 3d was also the ONLY unit on base that had over 300 body bags on hand. We provided about 20 personnel every 8 hours to work down at the site. At first members were working as search and recovery but as more and more professional agencies arrived and as the risk of possible biohazard increased we worked as laborers and ensured generators and lights kept working. When I first arrived downtown I was

amazed at the number of people there

working -- I was working the 10 PM to 6 AM shift. The command center was There were food vendors walking around handing out pizza and etc to the workers. There was also a tent city next to the Methodist church. In Murrah building it looked like a huge hardware store. By that time they were only removing bodies at night to prevent the media from filming. We had also learned that one of our members wives who worked in the

in the YMCA building 3-4 blocks away. one tent it was like a mini drug store -the next tent had any toiletries anyone needed. Down in the basement of the building in the Marine recruiting office was also missing. She too was a casualty of the bombing. ~~Lt. Col. Don Satterlee, 507 FSS/CC

On April 19, 1995, I

was working on staff at a local church. After becoming aware of the bombing through local media, our staff went downtown to lend a hand. I ended up assigned to the church where family awaited word on their loved ones. During that time I became impressed by the military notification teams and their process dealing with these family members. I had just begun the process of entering the reserves, completed on 20 December 1995.

The professionalism and compassion of those military members at the notification center confirmed my desire to serve in the 507th. Ch (Lt. Col.) Magnus

My daughter was born on Easter Sunday, April 16th, 1995 at the Tinker Hospital (one of the last years of a fully functional Hospital on Tinker). On the morning of the 19th with my wife and 1st child still in the hospital, I actually drove past downtown on my way to base via I-235. I arrived at the hospital at around 9:00am and was very soon watched the whole event unfold on TV. Within that first hour we had Security Forces locking down the hospital and ensuring we were safe.

We spent most of the day glued to the TV. It was incredibly difficult for us to celebrate the birth of our 1st child and yet morn the horrible loss of life at the same time. Those images of this tragedy will be forever in my mind and my daughter's birthday annually makes me remember how bad the world can be, but how resilient our state/country is. ~~ Senior Master Sgt. Gary Pfeiffer 507th Training Office

moved to MWC in Feb of 1995 and had only been in the local area for about 2 months. I was just buckling my daughter in her car seat when I heard and felt the explosion. Since we lived so close to TAFB, I thought they may have been blowing something up! I wasn't sure what all the missions were at TAFB so it seemed logical to me that it was training of some sort, perhaps EOD. Then I started driving west towards my daughter's daycare and saw the billowing smoke from downtown... I knew it wasn't good. By the time I reached her daycare center, it was all over the news and speculation was that it was possibly a pipeline explosion. Shortly thereafter, the details of the sinister attack were coming out. ~~ Lt. Col. Trina Hood 507th LRS CC

On the 19th of April 1995 I was at home watching the bombing on television with my father. My mother worked in the Murrah building. I was turning four that day it was early in the afternoon when I sat in front of the TV crying because I didn't think my mother was going to make it home from work that day. Sure as ever, she didn't make it home, and was missing for about two or so weeks. She jumped out the third story window, broke both of her legs, and was covered within the debris and rubble. She sustained a few more injuries on top of that but she learned to walk again and went through rehabilitation

and also suffers from PTSD from the incident. I run the Memorial Marathon for her every year since that incident had occurred. There's my short birthday story in a nut shell. Thank you ~~ Senior Airman Trevor Dockery

was an A1C on OJT orders, what we now refer to as STP Orders. I had been working with another technician performing an inspection on a diesel-powered MC-2A lowpressure air compressor and I took it out the southwest end of the AGE shop to conduct an ops check. With my earmuffs on and the rackety diesel/compressor combo quaking the ground slightly, I didn't see or hear anything out of the ordinary. As I shut the unit down, one of the contractors who was working on the 513th ACG building rushed over and said, "Somebody just set off a bomb at the courthouse downtown." We walked up the hill to where we could see a bit of the skyline and I could see smoke rising downtown. I immediately finished up what I was doing and went inside. We spent most of the day watching the news in disbelief. When the news posted an artists' rendition of a man seen at the scene (who later turned out to be Timothy McVeigh), we all turned and looked at SSgt Carl Hill, who was a dead ringer for the drawing. Fortunately, McVeigh was caught quickly and SSqt Hill stopped getting disguieting stares in public. ~~ Master Sqt. Erik Strawn, 507th MXS

was sitting in English class. I was in 8th grade in San Antonio Texas from the class of 2000. We watched as the first responders, were called in. Our principle issued a moment of silence for 1 minute. We were all shocked that could happen in our country. It was our first exposure to terrorist activity. ~~ Tech. Sqt. Nicolas Charles 507 AMXS

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Wing Feature

Preparing Reservists to Support the Mission

by Staff Sgt. Charles Taylor

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

takes to get a reserve unit ready for deployment? To find the answer, you may not have to look any further than the 507 Logistics Readiness Squadron.

This squadron is in charge of making sure everyone within the wing has the tools necessary for a successful things, they are the "producers" of mission readiness, the behind-thescenes part of getting airmen prepared for future endeavors.

to the maintainers for jet repair," said Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Morgan, the Non Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of the Material Management Division of LRS. "We also play a key role in wing deployments as wing weapons custodians."

In order to get parts for jet repair, Do you ever wonder what it Airmen have to place orders that get processed by LRS. Parts are only ordered through supply if it isn't in inventory at a shop's bench stock area. Some of the parts are needed as soon as possible, while others don't have as high of a priority.

Ensuring needed equipment is in deployment. In the grand scheme of stock for deploying reservists is only part of the preparation that goes into wing deployments. Airmen come to the LRS to get their mobility bags, which can have clothes for any type "We provide spare aircraft parts of weather. Chemical warfare bags are also handed out by the squadron.

> To make sure reservists are prepared for future deployments, there are numerous exercises and inspections designed to help get things where they need to be. They help the

LRS get a better idea of what type of inventory is needed.

LRS also has to make sure all inventory, which includes parts and clothing, is 100 percent accounted for at all times. Only authorized personnel are allowed to go into supply storage areas, and one-for-one swaps are used to make sure things are tracked

Even with everything the LRS is responsible for, Morgan says the actual job isn't as hard as it sounds. That doesn't mean the job doesn't come without its share of challenges. In fact, he says having the people available to do the job is more of a problem than anything else.

"There's a lot of on-the-job training going on in the shop at all times," Morgan said.

Given the dynamic changes within the reserves, the need for experience has become a top priority. For traditional reservists, getting one-onone training from a supervisor becomes difficult considering what could go on in a particular Unit Training Activity.

An airman doesn't interact with LRS very often, but when it's time to deploy, they know supply has the equipment and gear they need to get the job done, anywhere, anytime.

Senior Airman Deborah Taiwo front, and Airman Whitney Williams sort out mobility gear in the 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron werehouse during the May, 2014 Unit Training Assembly. Airmen from the wing come to the warehouse to get the necessary gear they require for TDY and deployments. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Taylor)

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Left:Technical Sergeant Brian Gunther, 507th LRS Fuels Shop, visually inspects a beaker of liquid oxygen obtained in a sampling on May 4, 2014. LOX is extremely volatile and has a boiling point of -297°F. This liquid oxygen is used onboard aircraft as breathing oxygen while aircrew members reach the proper altitude. The liquid form of oxygen is preferred because it uses less space than gaseous, which makes it ideal for military applications. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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Right: On May 4, 2014, Tech. Sergeant Brian Gunther, 507th LRS Fuels Shop, makes preparations to fill a portable liquid oxygen storage tank or "hot cart" with liquid oxygen. To ensure there are no contaminants entering the hot cart, he must begin by bleeding the line from the large LOX tank behind him. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Lauren Gleason)



On the left, the proper PPE keeps SrA Jeffrey Koeller protected while he obtains

a sample of extremely cold and flammable liquid oxygen from a portable liquid

oxygen tank, or "hot cart". On the right, wielding a non-sparking brass hammer,

Tech. Sergeant Brian Gunther of the 507th LRS Fuels Shop disconnects a frozen

filling hose from the hot cart. Because it uses less space than gaseous oxygen,

LOX is preferred for delivering breathing oxygen to military aircraft. (U.S. Air Force

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