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Following a post-flight inspection, Airman 1st Class Andrew Barnard, left and Senior Airman Dillon Turpin cover an engine of a KC-135R Stratotanker. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

Cover Photo



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody speaks to 507th ARW Airmen during All-Call at Tinker Air Force Base during the August Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

“Each component gives the AF its strength” CMSAF told Tinker Reservists

by Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer
513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody emphasized the importance of the Active, Reserve, Guard and civilian components Aug. 2 during a visit with Reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group at Tinker Air Force Base during the August Unit Training Assembly.

“Anything that affects one component affects us all,” the top enlisted leader for the Air Force said. “We are one Air Force.”

During the morning enlisted call, Cody also spoke on force reductions, the future mix of active, Reserve and Guard missions, and the high level of operations the Air Force has seen in the past few years.

“We are more globally engaged today as a military around the world than we have been in the history of our country,” he said. “This is your legacy; this is your time in service.”

To ensure the Air Force can maintain the high level of operations within today’s budget constraints, Cody said Air Force senior leaders are reviewing the missions the Air Force performs to determine where there are opportunities to put some missions into the Reserve Components.

“By the end of this year, we’re going to review about 80 percent of the mission sets in our Air Force,” Cody said. “There are clearly some missions that better reside in the



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody greets Master Sgt. Christopher Scott, 507th Security Forces Squadron during a visit to the reserve campus at Tinker Air Force Base during the August Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)

reserve component than the active component. If we can put that mission in the reserve component, we can hold on to more capacity.”

Cody added that it will take time and thought to find the right missions for the Reserve and Guard, but he expects component’s overall roles will grow as a way to conserve resources.

“The more capability that we can get into the guard or reserve components, the better it is for the nation,” Cody said. “We have to balance that with the ability to maintain the right level of readiness and the right level of access.”

Chief Cody toured reserve facilities and spoke about the importance

of being a Wingman and communicating the important issues of the Air Force. Reserve Airmen had several opportunities to ask questions directly to the chief.

“It was a great opportunity to get feedback directly from the highest enlisted leader in our Air Force,” said Senior Airman Celeste Sutton, 507th Maintenance Group. “He was direct and gave good information when we asked questions about the future. At the ground level we appreciate that type of feedback.”

(Staff Sgt. Lauren Gleason, 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs contributed to this report)

Air Force revamps AEF construct

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force will deploy Agile Combat Support Airmen under its redesigned air expeditionary force construct October 1.

The primary purpose of the redesign was to look at ways to deploy more ACS Airmen with their units and standardize dwell times across the Air Force as much as possible to present a consistent Air Force capacity to the warfighter.

While the construct was approved in April 2013 by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, the first deployments under this construct will be October 2014. Under the revised AEF construct, installations will deploy larger numbers of Airmen from the same unit under a 1:2 deploy-to-dwell ratio for active component, ACS Airmen. The revised construct establishes an 18-month battle rhythm where an Airman may deploy for six months and be home for 12. This will allow wings to more effectively posture their forces to meet global mission requirements as well as continue home station training.

In the past, Airmen deployed as individuals or small elements via “tempo bands” based on their Air Force specialty codes. Those Airmen met downrange from bases across the Air Force.

“Our Airmen have performed superbly in their individual deployments under the current AEF structure for the last 11 years,” Welsh said. “This new construct will facilitate even better teamwork and unit performance during deployed operations. I visited a deployed squadron last year that was manned by 81 Airmen from 41 differ-

ent bases! While we’ve proven we can be successful with that approach, we believe the new AEF model is a more efficient way to get the job done.”

While there are some other subtle changes, the most noticeable change to ACS Airmen will be a stabilized battle rhythm at 1:2 deploy-to-dwell ratio. Some Airmen will see this battle rhythm as an increase in their deployment vulnerability. Requirements for most skill sets have remained constant. However, those who deployed less frequently may be more vulnerable. Not all Airmen will be selected for deployment in their vulnerability window.

Air Force leadership has worked very hard to secure 1:2 as the standard battle rhythm therefore reducing the number of Airmen who will deploy at rates greater than 1:2. While this is the goal, there may still be some high-demand specialties that may deploy under a different scheduling construct.

“Previously, Air Force specialty codes played a large role in determin-

ing an Airman’s battle rhythm and deployment location; the redesign focuses on aligning Airmen to deploy with their unit,” said Col. Stephen Hart, the Chief of War Planning and Policy Division. “Deploying with members of their own unit increases continuity of work, allows our junior Airmen to deploy with their supervisor, trainers, and enhances the skills and management of wing missions.”

According to Hart, there are benefits to the Airmen and to the service, as it allows the Air Force to better understand its available capacity and it allows Airmen to have a better idea of when they will be deploying within the given year.

For Airmen maintaining expeditionary readiness, it’s “business as usual.” Airmen should continue preparing themselves and their families for the reality of deployment, and ensure they are ready to go when called.

Airmen should contact their local unit deployment manager or base deployment manager for more information.



Airmen from the 507th Air Refueling Wing prepare to deploy to Southwest Asia in 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

507TH ARW GAINS A NEW SQUADRON, AND NEW AIR MOBILITY TRAINING MISSION



A C-17 Globemaster III receives fuel from a 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker in a recent training mission. The 507th ARW received command responsibility for the 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron, the first classic associate unit in the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force Photo/ Maj. Jon Quinlan)

The 507th Air Refueling Wing gained a new squadron and a new training mission assuming command over the 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron out of Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

The 730th AMTS is an Air Force Reserve Command unit which is charged with training aircrew on the C-17 Globemaster III, KC-135 Stratotanker and in the future, the KC-46 Pegasus aerial refueling aircraft. The reservists in the unit work next to active duty Airmen of the 97th Air Mobility Wing, training aircrew members for Air Education

and Training Command.

The transition just made sense due to the proximity of the 507th to the “off-site” squadron at Altus according to wing leaders.

“We are so excited to be working with these outstanding Airmen and happy to be gaining a new mission,” said Col. Brian Davis, 507th ARW commander. “This training is vital for the Air Force Reserve and with the addition of the KC-46 mission in the coming years, I can’t think of a better team of reservists to train on the newest aerial refueling aircraft and the C-17 and KC-135.”

The training squadron is made of

up of a mix of traditional reservists and air reserve technicians who support over 2,100 KC-135 and C-17 students a year in 22 formal training courses for active, guard, reserve and international students. Nearly 25 percent of the instructor force at Altus is provided by the 730th. The squadron is split by weapon system as roughly half instruct in the C-17 and the rest in the KC-135. Initially, a handful of positions will transition to begin work with the new KC-46 training squadron when it comes online.

“This unit is another example of the Air Force commitment to Total

Force Integration ... we are infusing TFI in our training every day and it starts at the school house,” Col. Davis said. “These reservists work directly with active duty training units augmenting the instructors and they bring a tremendous amount of experience which enhances the training pipeline.”

A familiar face, previous 507th Operations Support Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Michael Remualdo took command of the 730th AMTS as the unit transitioned to its new chain of command.

Administrative control of the 730th AMTS now falls with the 507th Operations Group here at Tinker with operational direction coming from AETC and the 97th

AMW due to the training mission. The 730th was previously assigned to the 452nd Operations Group, March Air Reserve Base, Calif. This classic associate unit was the first of its kind mixing reservists with active duty.

The 730th AMTS activated in 1943 during World War II, and performed a variety of missions to include bombardment, night photo, tactical reconnaissance, troop carrier, tactical and military airlift in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War. The unit first saw reserve duty when activated in the reserve on Aug. 1, 1947

On Mar. 25, 1968, the 730th



The 730th Air Mobility Training is charged with training aircrew on the C-17 Globemaster III (Above), KC-135 Stratotanker and in the future, the KC-46 Pegasus aerial refueling aircraft. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Military Airlift Squadron became the first associate reserve unit, which is when a reserve unit shares facilities and aircraft with an active duty unit. It was redesignated the 730th Airlift Squadron (associate) on Feb. 1, 1992 and then deactivated on March 19, 2005.

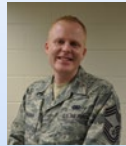
The 730th has flown many aircraft including the B-17 Flying Fortress, T-6 Texan, T-7 Navigator, T-11 Kansan, B-26 Marauder, F-51 Mustang, C-46 Commando, C-119 Flying Boxcar, C-141 Starlifter and now the C-17 and KC-135.



ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- Colonel Brian Davis (left) hands off the 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Michael Remualdo as he assumes command of the unit during the August Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air Force Photo/ Airman 1st Class Nathan Clark)

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Wing Sports

Thumpers thump Okies in double header route

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The Okies and Thumpers took their softball rivalry to the field for the 94th and 95th time since 2001 Thursday Aug. 14 with the Thumpers winning both games handily.

The team from the 513th Air Control Group jumped out to an early 16-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The 507th Air Refueling Wing Okies got right back in the game, scoring 12 of their own in the bottom half of the first frame.

The Thumpers put the game away for good with 14 in the third en route to a 32-14 victory. According to

Master Sgt. Joseph Brown, Thumpers coach, both teams played well.

“The first game was close for a while, each team scoring a lot of runs,” Brown said. “We are just fortunate to have a lot of returning players who have played together for a very long time. That consistency has helped us a lot this year.”

Game two of the twin bill was also a lopsided affair in favor of the Thumpers. After losing 17-3 Okies interim coach, Senior Master Sgt. Richard Stull said they were just beaten by a better team.

“Simply put, we played poorly against a very good team,” he said.

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Staff Sgt. Jason Collins ducks under an overthrown ball during game one of a double header Thursday Aug. 14. between the 507th Okies and the 513th Thumpers. The Thumpers took the twin bill with lopsided scores of 32 – 14 and 17 -3. This is the only meeting between the rivals this season as the Thumpers improve their record to 9-1. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

Wing News



Chaplain's Corner



“Didn’t You Get the Memo? Don’t Judge Me!”

Chaplain (Capt.) John C Weston

Scientists tell us that up to 70% of communications is in body language, gestures and the sound of our voice and its intonation. Thus when those factors are removed, and we wind up with only the written word, no matter how careful we try to be, it is entirely likely that only 30% of our meaning is getting through. The only possible way to misunderstand anyone further is to assume their motives in the absence of any communication whatsoever.

Yet as human beings, we do this because we are designed to make snap judgments based upon what information we have at hand. Sometimes this can be extremely useful -a fighter pilot makes many, many decisions quickly based on the inputs of information available to him. Other times, it does us harm as we assume we know what another person is thinking. Even the most advanced computers can’t accomplish that!

Jesus said in John 7:24, “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.” In

other words, you can’t simply go from how things appear. You need information, facts and observation to judge correctly. Sometimes we don’t have all these at hand, and when that happens, we have to judge as best we can, or try to put off judgment until we know more.

But wait, isn’t there some prohibition on judging? Most people have heard Jesus say something like “Judge not, that you be not judged” (Matthew 7:1.) But then how did Jesus say what He did above? And what does He mean? He continues from 7:2 “For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

Here Jesus is saying “You shouldn’t judge people harshly or severely, but you will. When you judge, make sure that you are in a position to make that judgment properly! A Senior NCO is going to be in a better

position to understand the actions of a Senior Airman than a young Lieutenant is going to be able to understand the thought process of a Colonel. We have to have some degree of understanding or common ground with our judgments, and must not judge people harshly for their issues, especially when we share the same ones!

Our communications are sometimes inadequate. Sometimes we say what we mean, and it’s misunderstood or misconstrued. Outside of instant life or death calls, we have more time than we think. If each of us decides that we want to judge rightly and not by appearances, we will need to put in the time to understand people, talk to them, and ask them about their issues and concerns first. Before we jump to judgment because we think we know the problem, we need to make sure it’s not one we ourselves suffer as well. Finally, if it is something we have gone through before, we need to make sure we extend the grace to them that was extended to us when we were having troubles too. May God bless you, and don’t be too hard on one another out there before you get together and talk.

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507 ARW Civil Engineer
Squadron firefighters
conduct fire training
aboard KC-135

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Mark Hybers
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Firefighters from the 507th ARW Civil Engineer Squadron perform fire training aboard a KC-135R Stratotanker during a super unit training assembly September 5. The CES fire flight performs these super UTAs once a quarter in order to perform training scenarios that cannot be performed during normal drill weekends. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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

Firefighters from the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron conducted simulated aircraft fire training on a KC-135R Stratotanker here Sept. 5.

Teams from the Fire and Emergency Services Flight conducted the training in a contingency environment with limited fire department resources. According to CES Assistant Chief of Training Master Sgt. Michael Bilharz, the training is part of CES' quarterly super unit training assembly.

"The fire flight and Emergency Management Flights hold one super UTA per quarter in order to facilitate

in depth training that cannot be conducted on two-day drill weekends," said Bilharz. "It also helps build camaraderie and esprit de corps."

Bilharz said the fire flight's structure mirrors a civilian fire department. There are fire and deputy chiefs, assistant chiefs and three to five person crews.

"We do our best to structure and keep our crews working together when they are here in UTA status, on annual tour, or deployed," Bihlarz said.

During This training exercise, those crews drove fire trucks across the flight light and entering the distressed aircraft from the wing door with instructors watching from inside

and outside the KC-135.

Two crews entered the aircraft and split forward and aft checking for fires, smoke and personnel that may need assistance. Bilharz said instructors were looking for overall safety, the ability to establish command, form an appropriate plan of action and execute it in a timely and safe manner. He said it's important for the members to mitigate the risk of the situation and act appropriately to save victims, put out any fires and keep everyone safe.

"The performance of our crews today was outstanding," Bilharz said. "Everyone walked away with a fresh understanding of what's expected



of them during a real-world aircraft emergency."

Bilharz added most of the firefighters will do these large exercises twice a year, which makes them all more proficient and better prepared.

"We are always preparing to deploy to a bare base environment anywhere in the world and provide fire and emergency services at a moment's notice," he said.





What is your favorite football team?



Staff Sgt. Joel Edwards
507th LRS

My favorite team is the Philadelphia Eagles, they're my hometown team and I have loved them since birth.

"I love the Steelers because I was born and raised in Pittsburgh."

Senior Airman Shelby Zimmerman
507th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Maj. Jon Quinlan
507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

The St. Louis Rams! I love them because they're not really that good, but they still have a chance.



Mr. Anthony Lazarski, Senate Armed Services Committee Professional Staff Member discusses unit mission changes with 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, Col. Brian S. Davis Wednesday Aug. 20. Several members from the SASC were briefed by Col. Davis and offered feedback on the pulse unit's mission. Other committee members spent time listening to Reserve and Guard members' concerns about the future of the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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The 3-8 Okies play their final games this week with little hope of making the playoffs while the Thumpers at 8-0 play the only other undefeated team, Mojo Sports in their finale.

With playoffs starting next week and the Okies likely sitting it out this year, Stull said they need to go out and have some fun and try not to take it too seriously.

"We just need to pick our chins up and get back out there and finish the season," Stull said.

The Okies/Thumpers rivalry dates back to 2001 with 95 games now in the books. The Thumpers have a slight 51-44 edge in the series, winning by an average score of 13.9 to 13.3.

The Thumpers went on to take second place losing in the championship game to the Swingers.



June 2014 Promotions:
Congratulations to the following 507th Air Refueling Wing members

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Technical Sergeant Harold Fulghum shapes and grinds a joggle block to be used on the simulated aircraft structure being built by the 507th Air Refueling Wing fabrication flight's sheet metal shop. Fulghum came up with the idea to build the simulator. It gives sheet metal workers the opportunity to work on the leading edge of a KC-135R Stratotanker wing without the jet actually being broken. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)