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The sun rises over the 507th flight line as maintenance crews prepare a KC-135R Stratotanker for its refueling mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

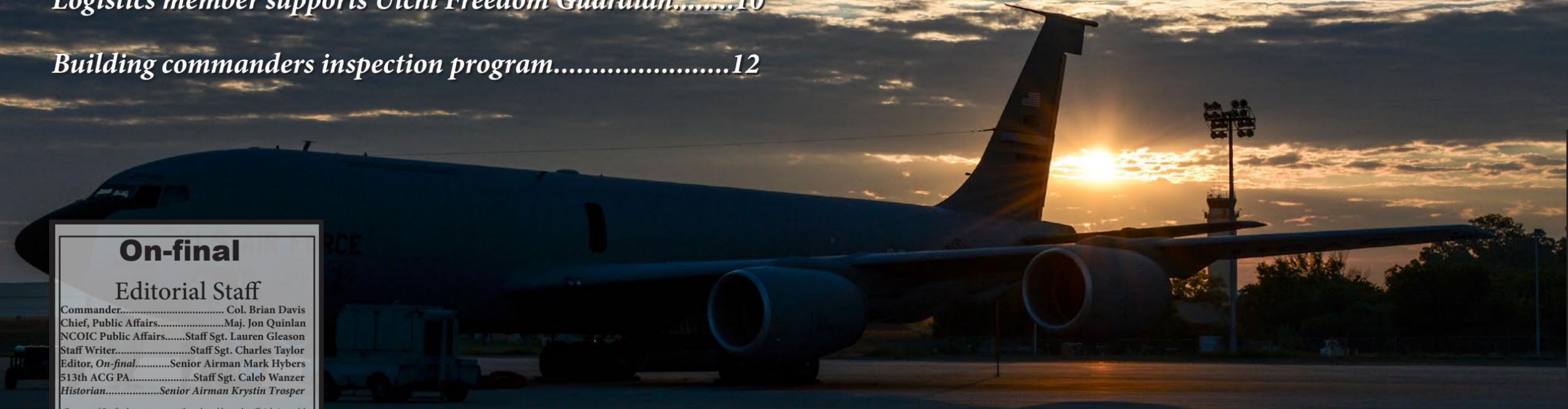
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**Cover Photo**

Staff Sgt. Chase Blair from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron carries the U.S. flag during the 5th Annual Fire Climb Sept. 7 at the fire training tower here. Reservists from the CES and 507th ARW took turns carrying the flag up and down the equivalent of 110 stories to commemorate the 343 firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)



Left, Firefighters from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron trade the U.S. flag and an axe during the 5th annual fire climb Sept. 7 at the fire training tower here. The axe and flag were pieces of several packs carried up and down the tower stairs as members of the CES and the wing climbed the equivalent of 110 stories to commemorate the 343 firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Krystin Trospser) Right, Firefighters and 507th Air Refueling Wing Reservists join together as Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus gives a prayer prior to the 5th annual fire climb here, Sept. 7. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Lauren Gleason)



Firefighters and 507th Air Refueling Wing Reservists climb the outside of the fire tower during the 5th annual fire climb Sept. 7 here. Reservists from the CES and 507th climbed up and down the equivalent of 110 stories to commemorate the 343 firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Krystin Trospser)

## Reserve firefighters pay tribute to 9/11 comrades

by Senior Airman Krystin Trospser  
507th Air Refueling Wing Historian

Firefighters from the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in their 5th Annual Fire climb on Sept. 7 to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Inspired by firefighter cadets in Austin, Texas, members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing climbed the equivalent of 110 stories to commemorate the 343 firefighters, emergency

medical technicians and paramedics who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center.

Members donned full firefighter gear and traded packs of equipment as they climbed up and down the fire-training tower at the end of Reserve Road. The packs contained hatchets, oxygen tanks, fire hoses and the U.S. flag. Emergency medical technicians kept time to ensure the firefighters participating could complete the 18 laps within 56 minutes, the amount of time it took the South Tower of the

World Trade Center to collapse after it was struck by an airliner.

507th CES Assistant Chief of Operations Master Sgt. Adrain Smith says they are not only commemorating those killed during the Sept. 11 attacks, but also military personnel. "Military members were not directly killed in the 9/11 attacks on the towers but many perished in subsequent battles as a result," Smith said at the end of the event.

The tribute held dual functions for the Airmen participating. In addition

to paying tribute to the victims of the attacks, firefighters were able to mimic conditions that they may face during an emergency.

"We do our part and it also helps us stay in shape," said Staff Sgt. Chase Blair, a firefighter for the 507th CES. "It helps us stay realistic and practical with what we may come across in real life."

Lt. Col. Patricia Pettine, the commander of the 507th CES, spoke praise of not only the firefighters under her command but other Airmen

participating as well.

"This year, we opened the event to all members in the wing," Pettine said. "It was great to see such support from so many in the wing."

Even after the allotted time was

up, Airmen continued to climb the stairs to complete the 110 stories.

"The family members are still living on," said Smith as he looked on.

"We have not forgotten them, and we never will."



Reserve KC-135R aircrews provide vital aerial refueling training

*Photos by Maj. Jon Quinlan and Senior Airman Mark Hybers*



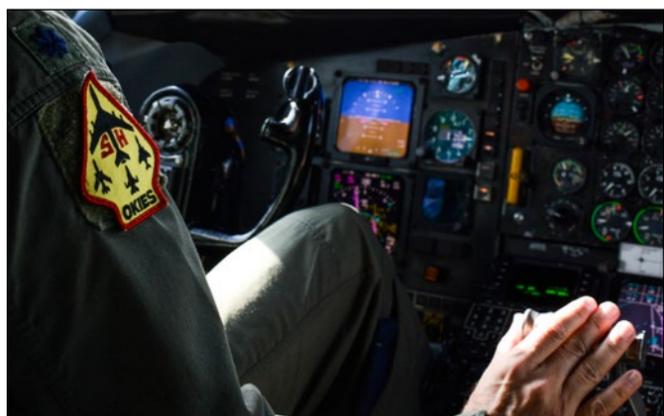
Right, A B-52 Stratofortress crew refueled with the KC-135R for approximately one hour while completing proficiency and evaluations during the exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)



An aircrew from the 465th Air Refueling Squadron conducts mission planning for a training sortie here Aug. 17. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



465th Air Refueling Squadron aircrew and maintenance crew chiefs from the 137th Air Refueling Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard, go through the aircraft forms during pre-flight here Aug. 17. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



While conducting pre-flight on the KC-135R, Lt. Col. Mark Van Cleave, from the 465th Air Refueling Squadron monitors the throttles and gauges. Van Cleave is a reserve pilot and aircraft commander with years of experience flying with the 'Okies' out of Tinker Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)



A B-52 Stratofortress descends 500 feet after a training disconnect from a KC-135R refueling boom at 27,000 feet over the skies of Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



KC-135R aerial refueling is possible due to the efforts of boom operators who lay on their stomach while "flying the boom." Here, Senior Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, 465th Air Refueling Squadron operates the boom while refueling a B-52 Stratofortress at 27,000 feet. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



A B-52 Stratofortress crew from Barksdale Air Force Base keep a watchful eye on a KC-135R Stratotanker while refueling over the skies of Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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**Wing News**

**507th Logistics member supports  
Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2014**

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Defensive in nature, the joint-combined command post exercise is designed to enhance the Republic of South Korea's defensive capabilities in the face of an aggressor threat on the Korean Peninsula as well as to ensure stability in Northeast Asia.

This year, the annual large-scale computer-simulation involved more than 3,000 personnel from all U.S. military branches within the U.S. and across the Pacific region and focused on perfecting mission readiness and combat effectiveness by simulating real world situations in real time. U.S. and South Korean forces were also joined by United Nations Command forces from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and the U.K.

Technical Sergeant Claudia Borquaye, a logistics planner from the 507th LRS, was chosen from her career field to support Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2014 as an aide to 10th Air Force vice Commander Brig. Gen. Donald Lindberg.

In addition to aiding Lindberg,

she functioned as a liaison between airmen and leadership to facilitate smooth communication throughout the chain of command.

Borquaye was impressed by how the different services worked together to make the most out of the month-long training exercise.

"While working alongside leadership during the exercise, I was able to see strategic problem solving take place," Borquaye said. "It was exciting to be a part of that process."

She also appreciated having the opportunity to experience a new culture firsthand.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience for me to deploy to Korea and experience a new culture while working with military forces from all over the world," Borquaye said.

The exercise is named after the famous 7th century Korean General Eulji Mundeok, who was the commander-in-chief of the army of Goguryeo, which repelled an invasion by China's Sui Dynasty. Along with Exercise Foal Eagle, UFG is the second of two command post exercises held every year in South Korea.

Sgt. Eric-James Estrada contributed to this report.

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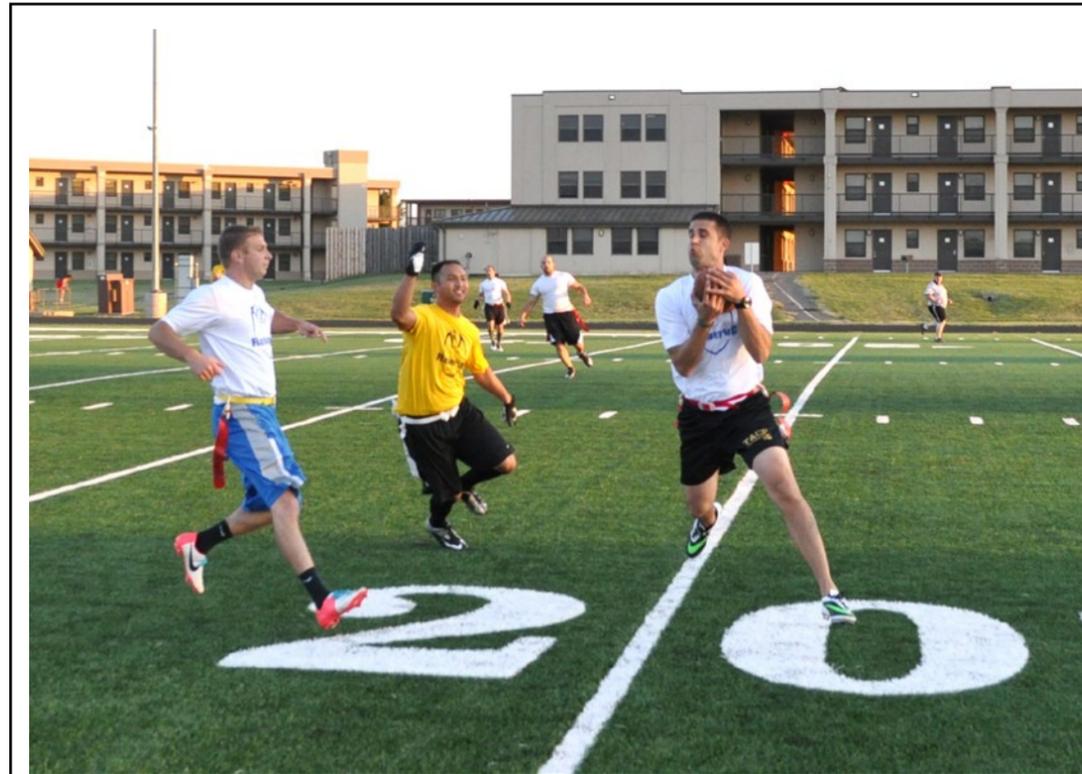


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**Around the Wing**



Larry Mansell intercepts a Randy Schell pass with Brett Nims (Reserve White), left, and Henry Pope (Reserve Gold), center, looking on. White upset Gold 18-0. The regular seasons began this week for intramural soccer and flag football. Football games will start at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, with the season ending Nov. 20. Soccer matches are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays and will begin at 5, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. All games are held at the sports field north of the dorms. (Air Force photo by John Parker)



**Chaplain's Corner**



**GOD'S GREAT FAITHFULNESS**

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus

You can find hope in your darkest hour through the faithfulness of God. For years Harry had been a successful publisher. Everything in his life seemed to be perfect: A lovely home, a family, a solid future; but all this suddenly collapsed. Harry's wife told him she was leaving him. She was in love with someone else.

Devastated, Harry tried to cope, work, continue with his life, but this tragedy was too overwhelming. De-

spite all the other good things in his life, Harry felt like a complete failure with nothing to live for.

He was on the road to meet with a church about their anniversary publication. Arriving early, Harry sat down in the fellowship hall. Suddenly, he began to think about suicide. His life was over. All was finished.

In total despair he looked up, and noticed a faded poster on the far wall. In that picture was the image of a man in the same despair Harry was going through -- head in his hands in complete anguish. Then, as Harry studied the poster further, he noticed a smaller image in the lower right corner of the poster: Three crosses, on a hill, sur-

rounded by a dark sky. Beneath the center cross these simple words were inscribed, "I know how you feel; I've been there myself."

While staring at those words, Harry fell to his knees and prayed, "God, help me." Suddenly God touched Harry with a new flood of hope. He got up telling himself, "I'm going to beat this thing." Harry got on with his life. And today he is serving the God who came to him in his moment of greatest trial.

The Lord used a faded poster to remind Harry of God's great faithfulness. May He use Harry's story to remind you. You have hope in the darkest hour.

## Are You Ready? – Building the Commanders Inspection Program

by Maj. Jon Quinlan

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**“Transparency drives excellence everyday.”** This is our mantra for our upcoming unit effectiveness inspection. We should always be ready; that’s what it is all about. According to Lt. Col. Kevin Ripple, Dyess AFB inspector general, this means that we should become adept at accomplishing our mission and stop worrying about preparing for the next inspection team. So we are at that point where we are finishing up our last-minute MICT checklists. The important thing to remember is that this is not just an inspection; we are building a new commanders inspection program that will sustain us for years to come.

So what is this new inspection system all about? It’s about measuring reality. This means we must be honest about what tasks we can accomplish with the resources that are provided. What are the tasks that are most important in order for the 507 ARW to provide global reach anywhere in the world.

The new Air Force Inspection System requires a complete mindset shift in how Airmen need to think about inspections. We are currently being inspected each and every day. Unit Effectiveness Inspections are necessary for future success in our resource-constrained environment. The continuous, two-year-long UEI process provides wing commanders with the tools needed to ensure mis-

sion readiness and compliance using a more decentralized approach.

The CCIP is based on two main pillars, self-assessment and inspections. Self-assessments are unit and or program managers’ declarations of mission capability and compliance. Inspections provide unit/program managers an opportunity to demonstrate mission capability. Inspections validate and verify self-assessments. The database system of record to report self-assessments is the Management Internal Controls Toolset.

Under the new AFIS construct, our MAJCOM IG visits will be focused on Col. Davis’s commanders inspection program and the first on-site visit will occur next UTA. Are you ready?

## Air Force Reserve adapts to new AEF Construct

BY STAFF REPORTS

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Air Force's re-designed Air Expeditionary Force construct will modify how Reservists mobilize for contingencies and support combatant commander.

The new AEF construct, scheduled to start in October, is intended to make deployments more predictable for reservists and improve opportunities for them to deploy with their units. Under the revised AEF construct, Air Force Reserve Command units will deploy larger numbers of Airmen from the same unit under a 1:5 mobilization-to-dwell ratio for aviation/maintenance and agile-combat-support Airmen.

The revised construct establishes a 48-month mobilization battle rhythm where a Reservist may deploy

for up to six months and be home for up to 42 months. This will allow wings to more effectively posture forces to meet global mission requirements while allowing them to continue to train at home station. In the past, Airmen deployed as individuals or small elements in a system of tempo bands, based on their Air Force specialty codes.

"Our Airmen have performed superbly in their individual deployments under the current AEF structure for the last 11 years," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, who approved the new AEF construct in April 2013. "I visited a deployed squadron last year that was manned by 81 Airmen from 41 different 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. This new construct will facilitate better teamwork and unit performance during deployed operations."

Air Force leadership has worked hard to secure the 1:2 deploy-to-dwell as the baseline active component standard battle rhythm while continuing the 1:5 mobilization-to-dwell as the Reserve component mobilization battle rhythm.

"The new AEF construct should provide more opportunities for Air Force reservists to deploy with members of their own units," said Brig. Gen. Derek P. Rydholm, AFRC director of plans, programs, requirements, and assessments. "It will increase morale and esprit de corps among our Reserve units and provide reservists a better idea of when and with whom they will deploy."



Members from the 507th Air Refueling Wing receive a safety briefing as they prepare to deploy to Southwest Asia. The safety brief is required prior to takeoff for all members flying aboard the KC-135R Stratotanker. The 35 Airmen are deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)



CLICK ON THE PHOTO FOR THE VIDEO STORY: Senior Airman Samuel Wilson, 137th Oklahoma Air National Guard Maintenance Squadron, applies grease to a wheel off a KC-135R Stratotanker during the recent Isochronal Inspection here. The small tire shop performs maintenance on all the wheels during an ISO inspection as well as any other time the tires or wheels need maintenance. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)

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Master Sgt. Carl Hojnacki carries the U.S. flag as he finishes the 5th Annual Fire Climb Sept. 7 at the fire training tower here. Reservists from the CES and 507th ARW took turns carrying the flag up and down the equivalent of 110 stories to commemorate the 343 firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Mark Hybers)