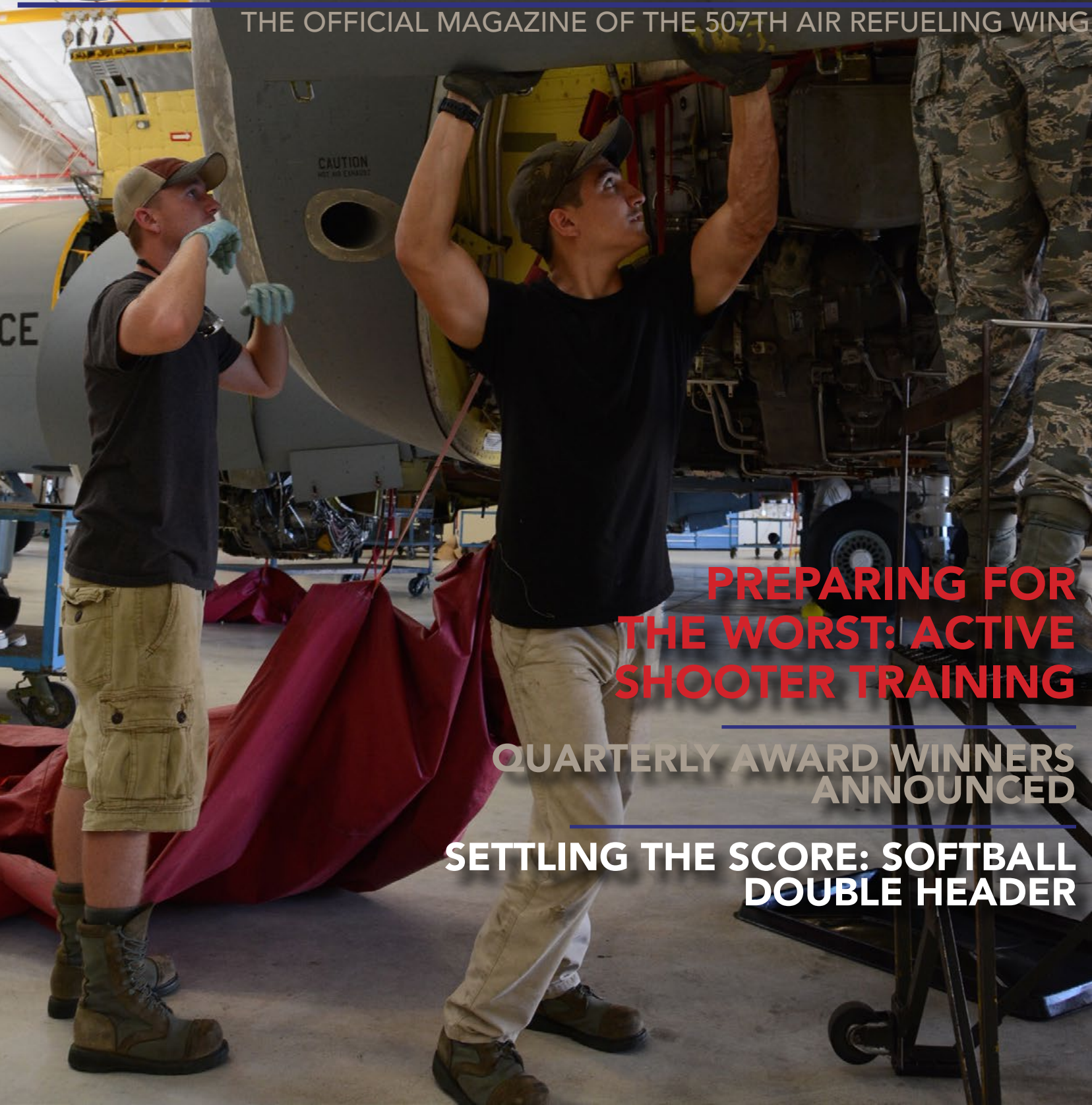


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**QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS
ANNOUNCED**

**SETTLING THE SCORE: SOFTBALL
DOUBLE HEADER**



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COVER Inspection Complete

Senior Airman Josh Hines and Senior Airman Adrian Condit, crew chiefs with the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, close an outboard engine cowl on a KC-135 Stratotanker at the end of an -7 inspection Sept. 3, 2015 at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. All U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotankers require an inspection every 900 flight-hours.

COVER PHOTO by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason

ACTIVE SHOOTER

507th Reservists train for disaster during active shooter training.

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SOFTBALL SAGA

The age old rivalry between the Okies and the Thumpers continues. **p. 6**

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SHOTS FIRED:

TOTAL FORCE TRAINING KEEPS BASE READY

“...THE LIGHTS WERE TURNED OFF AND WE STAYED AS STILL AS POSSIBLE.”



TOP LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Darryl Lindgens, mock active shooter, attempts to open an office door Aug. 11th, 2015 in the 507th ARW headquarters building.

RIGHT: 72nd Air Base Wing security forces Airmen work together to detain the mock shooter as senior controller Scott Lindsay of 72 ABW Inspector General Inspections evaluates.

FAR RIGHT: First responders tend to injured victims during the active shooter exercise Aug. 11th, 2015 at Tinker Air Force Base.



Tuesday started like a typical day, but soon erupted into a stressful mock scenario, testing emergency response in many areas, including an active shooter scenario and a mock hijacking Aug. 11th on Tinker Air Force Base.

The exercise kicked off with a realistic active shooter situation in building 1043, home to the 507th Air Refueling Wing headquarters, geared toward testing Reservists and training emergency responders.

“The shots startled me because they were so realistic,” said Kelsey Riva, a student hire at the 507th ARW. “We talked about it a few weeks beforehand in training, so that helped by teaching us what to do,” said Riva. “We made sure the doors were locked, the lights were turned off and we stayed as still as possible.”

Personnel in the 507th quickly secured the building once the initial shot rang out. First responders from the 72nd Security Forces Squadron quickly arrived, swept the building and detained the mock shooter.

After the threat was mitigated, more alerts were sounded around base requiring a total force response. Airmen from the 72nd SFS worked with the 552nd Air Control Wing to assist with another active shooter scenario. This is the third active shooter exercise performed on Tinker this year.

“Training for the worst-case scenario is the best way to prepare against terrorist attacks,” said Maj. Jon Quinlan, 507th ARW crisis action team member.

“Maintaining situational awareness and conducting realistic exercises are both essential in ensuring the safety of our Airmen and civilians.”



AROUND THE WING

Okies vs. Thumpers

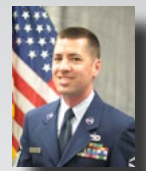


The 507th Air Refueling Wing Okies and the 513th Air Control Group Thumpers unite for a photo before facing off in a double-header on Aug. 27, 2015, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Congratulations to the Thumpers, who took the crystal cup with these final scores:
Game 1: Okies 1, Thumpers 18;
Game 2: Okies 14, Thumpers 15.
The 513th went on to win the base softball championship.

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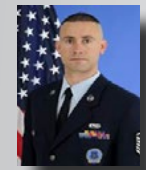
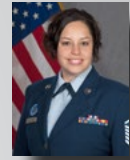


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For information on opportunities in the AF Reserve, give one of our team members a call today.

TUESDAY NIGHT FLAG FOOTBALL // Schedule //All games held at football field//



Tues., Sept. **15**
@ 5:30 p.m.
WHITE vs. 552 OSS

Tues., Sept. **22**
@ 5:30 p.m.
GOLD vs. 552 MXS

Tues., Sept. **29**
@ 5:30 p.m.
GOLD vs. 424th

Tues., Oct. **06**
@ 5:30 p.m.
WHITE vs. 552 MXS

@ 6:30 p.m.
WHITE vs. Hooligans

@ 6:30 p.m.
WHITE vs. 72 LRS

@ 6:30 p.m.
GOLD vs. 552 OSS

A CLOSER

LOOK

Senior Master Sgt. Jamison Horn

LOGISTICS PLANS SUPERINTENDENT,
507TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

"I'M ON
CALL 24/7
IF NEEDED."

LITTLE KNOWN FACT:

Underneath the tough exterior, I care about everything.

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AS AN AIRMAN?

While I was the Vehicle Operations superintendent, one of my Airmen had issues in his career to the point of losing a stripe. He wanted to get out of the Reserve and I wouldn't let him because he had so much potential. He overcame the obstacles and made Staff Sgt. It was a moment that I will never forget.

CAREER GOAL?

To take care of the wing as the best Logistics Plans superintendent that I can possibly be. As I always tell everyone, I'm on call 24/7 if needed.



WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Originally I dreamed of working at NASA. Since I haven't grown up yet, I'm still undecided. Becoming a farmer still has great potential in my eyes.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU SERVED?

More than 20 years active-duty and Reserve. For the most part, it has gone by quickly.

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND?

Since I will be working almost straight through the month of September to get our Wing ready for our exercise in November, I labored (cut grass, caught up on honey-do's) I also cooked a lot, I'm the kind of guy that loves to cook. Can't you tell by looking at me?

September PROMOTIONS

TSG HARMON, JEFFREY C. 730 AMTS
TSG HUTCHISON, CARRIE 970 AACs

MASTER SERGEANT



SSG GLEASON, LAUREN C. 507 ARW

TECHNICAL SERGEANT



SRA NICHOLS, VERNON L. 513 OSS
SRA PFEFFER, JESSICA 507 MDS
SRA RAEDY, KEVIN M. 970 AACs
SRA STEWART, BENJAMIN 507 AMXS
SRA SORRELS, TYLER B. 465 ARS

STAFF SERGEANT



A1C JEFFRIES, TARREAN 507 MXS
A1C SUNMUGAVAIL, DANIE 35 CBCS
A1C WRIGHT, NATHAN A. 507 AMXS



SENIOR AIRMAN

FORCE SUPPORT COMBAT TRAINING



TOP: An exercise search and recovery team conducts a grid search to locate missing Airmen Aug. 13, 2015, at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. Ten members of the 507th Force Support Squadron completed Force Support Combat Training at Dobbins including Master Sgt. Tamika Ferguson, Master Sgt. Celeste Fletes and Staff Sgt. Amanda Bennett of the 507th FSS.

RIGHT: Airman 1st Class Jorge Correa confronts a potential threat during a training exercise Aug. 13, 2015 at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia.



COURTESY PHOTOS



MASTER SGT. DEMETRIUS NICHOLS

507th Civil Engineer Squadron

SECOND QUARTER AWARD WINNERS

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MASTER SGT. BENJAMIN PETERSON



SENIOR AIRMAN NATALEE GATES

507th Air Refueling Wing Command Post

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FAMILY DAY:

showing **our families and friends** our unique workplace

The 507th Operations Group hosted the annual 507th ARW Family Day and car show at 1230 on September 12th in Hangar 1030 here. Capt. Ed Burnet, a pilot in the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, said the day's events were entertaining for all ages and a great way for members to relax with their families and co-workers. I think we really put together a nice family day this year," said Burnet. "There was something fun for everyone to do."

Top Right: Little "Okies": Zane Q., Katelyn E., Avery G., Kelly Q., and Jaxon Q. take a rest on a C-17 on Sept. 12, 2015 at Tinker Air Force Base.

Right: 507th ARW commander Col. Brian S. Davis cracks a joke with Tulsa rock cover band, RPM, before delivering a speech at the 2015 Family Day celebration. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charles Taylor

"There was something fun for everyone to do."

According to Senior Airman Eflidis Kokovidis, a crew chief with the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and car show point of contact, a change this year was opening the contest to trucks and motorcycles. He said that as long as it had wheels, it could be in the show. The day's events included performances by RPM, a rock cover band from Tulsa, static aircraft displays featuring a C-17 Globemaster, a KC-135 Stratotanker, and a civil air patrol Cessna 172 Skyhawk, along with two bounce houses, face painting, snow-cones and beverages for sale.

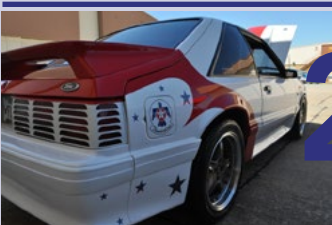
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1st place Bike: Ronald Delay, '05 Harley Davidson Road King,
1st place Car: Mark Peralta, '88 Mazda RX-7,
2nd place car: U.S. Air Force Thunderbird Edition Mustang



CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER

By Ch (Lt. Col) Dwight Magnus



Love. It is powerful four-letter word; it has a range of uses: I love chocolate, I love to shop, I love the smell of napalm in the morning, I love the USA, I love football, I love my wife, I love God. The word is the same, but what about the meaning? Vastly different. Some think of love only as a feeling associated with passion. British author C.S. Lewis describes the difference between passion and love this way: "Knowledge can last, principles can last; but feelings come and go", he said. "But of course, ceasing to be 'in love' need not mean ceasing to love." The Greek language gives us at least three different words to describe love. One word is for

sensual, physical love, one is for brotherly love and affection, and one is for unselfish love, where a person makes a decision to place the needs of another ahead of their own. It is that type of love that sustains a marriage, strengthens a family, and brings harmony to a church. I challenge you to love the people in your life with this unselfish love. Don't use your feelings, or lack thereof, as an excuse to treat others poorly. How well are you applying the core value of service before self with the people you love? Love--there's that word again. Readily commit to making that four-letter word a powerful one in your life. After all, God loves you.

Tech. Sgt. Dustin Staude, a jet engine technician from the 507th Maintenance Squadron, installs fan blades following a 1500 flight-hour fan blade inspection Sep. 3, 2015, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason

