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Col. Brian "B.S." Davis, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, poses with Brig. Gen. Samuel "Bo" Mahaney, Air Reserve Personnel Center commander, during Davis' retirement ceremony here Mar. 5, 2016. Davis served 30 years and 28 days in the U.S. Air Force. For more photos and a farewell story, see next month's On-final magazine.

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Deployment farewell

Col. Douglas Gullion, 507th Operations Group commander, and Col. Brian Davis, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, salute deployers as they depart Feb. 19, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Photo by Maj. Jon Quinlan



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RESERVE BASKETBALL //

// All games held at Gerrity Gym basketball court //





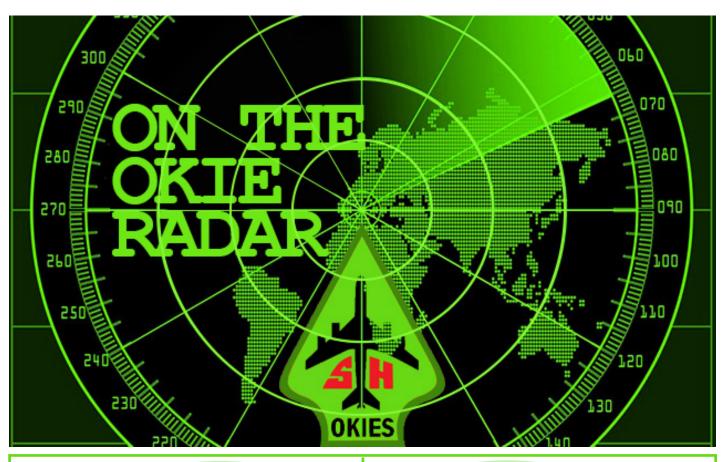
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APRIL SUPER-UTA APRIL 2-5

-CHANGE OF COMMAND @1000 IN HANGAR 1030 APRIL 2

-SECOND QUARTER AWARD PACKAGES DUE BY 1600

APRIL 2

MAY UTA MAY 14-15

-COMMANDER'S CALL @ 1500 BASE THEATER

MAY 15

-DV VISIT DATE TBD

JUNE UTA JUNE 4-5

-EXERCISE

JULY UTA

MOVED TO APRIL

-RIMPAC EXERCISE
JULY 1-31

AUGUST UTA AUG 6-7

-COMBAT DINING-IN
@ 1700 IN HANGAR 1030
AUG. 6

-COMMANDER'S CALL @ 1500 BASE THEATER

AUG. 7

SEPTEMBER

UTA SEP. 10-11

*DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR UPDATES, CHECK THE 507TH WEBSITE HERE.

TINKER RESERVE ENLISTED ADVISORY COUNCIL

(TREAC) Monthly Meetings

Every UTA Sunday @ 1400 in the LRS Conference Room

2016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: SENIOR AIRMAN JENNIFER WALLACE VICE PRESIDENT: SENIOR AIRMAN DOMINIQUE HALL

SECRETARY: SENIOR AIRMAN TYLYN DENNIS **TREASURER:** STAFF SGT. TAVARUS POWELL

Three of the four new executive committee officers for TREAC pose for a photo in front of the 507th ARW headquarters building March 6, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The new officers this year are (from left) Senior Airman Jennifer Wallace, Senior Airman Dominique Hall, and Senior Airman Tylyn Dennis, and Staff Sgt. Tavarus Powell (not pictured). The mission of TREAC is to enhance enlisted careers by learning leadership skills, to serve the community through volunteer efforts and to boost morale within the wing. Photo by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly



AROUND THE WING



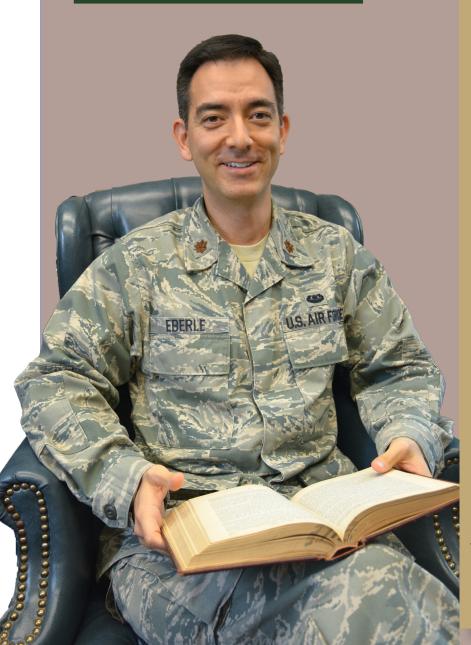
Lt. Col. Trina Hood, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, accepts her farewell gift from Master Sgt. Thomas Lord, 1st Sgt. for the 507th LRS, Feb. 6, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Hood will begin her new assignment as the deputy commander of the 301st Mission Support Group at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. For more information on NAS JRB Fort Worth, follow this link. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charles Taylor



Tech. Sgt. Katie Badowski, a basic military training instructor from the 433rd Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, briefs members of the Development and Training Flight Feb. 7, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Badowski, a Reservist, traveled to Oklahoma to brief Citizen Airmen on the opportunities for Reservists to become basic training instructors. For more details, click here to read the full story. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charles Taylor



507TH AIR REFUELING WING DEPUTY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE



WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I collect Legos and play computer games.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE AIR FORCE?

April 2007.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

To become an O-6 so I can finally get a decent parking spot at the Exchange. Really though, my goal is to be a reliable resource for all Airmen with legal concerns.

WHAT IS YOUR CIVILIAN JOB?

Chief of Acquisition Law for the 72nd ABW.

WHAT IS A LITTLE-KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I have completed more than 15 half-marathons and nine full marathons.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A stock broker.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Being able to work for all the units within the 507th and the 513th Air Control Group.





LEFT: Maj. Kurt Eberle poses for a photo March 6, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Photo by Maj. Jon Quinlan

Maych PROMOTIONS

ERICKSON, SHAUN P., 507 AMXS LEDDY, ANGELA S., 513 MXS MISKELL, AUBRIE G., 507 MDS PIPKIN, JENNIFER, 507 MDS

MASTER SERGEAN



CORNELL, RYAN B., 465 ARS GOODALL, JENNA R., 513 ACG MORENO, CRISTINA N., 507 LRS OQUENDO, JEFFREY O., 507 CES WALLICK, FRANK J., 513 AMXS



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SENIOR AIRMAN

McConnell becomes a wing

By Daryl Mayer, 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. -- The Air Force Reserve 931st Air Refueling Group was designated the 931st Air Refueling Wing March 5.

The wing designation establishes the 931st Operations Group, the 931st Maintenance Group, and the 931st Force Support Squadron. The same authorization stands up the 905th and 924th Refueling Squadrons. This action will result in the growth of nearly 400 personnel to meet the needs of the newly designated wing.

An official ceremony to celebrate the designation is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 30.

Col. Mark. S. Larson, 931st ARG commander, said he

The designation as a wing is a testament to the excellence of our Reserve Airmen both past and present."

views the ceremony as an opportunity to showcase the new wing, congratulate his Airmen on their hard work in achieving this historic milestone, and thank the local community for their long-time support in this endeavor.

"The designation as a wing is a testament to the excellence of our Reserve Airmen both past and present," he said. "At the same time, this would not have been possible without the continued resolve of our elected officials and the support of our local community leaders."

The 931st ARW is the first Reserve unit to fly and maintain the new KC-46A Pegasus tanker. According to the official Air Force fact sheet, the KC-46A is intended



The 931st Air Refueling Group patch hangs on a building at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. The 931st is the first Reserve uint to fly and maintain the KC-46A Pegasus. Courtesy photo

to replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers which have been the Air Force's primary refueling aircraft for more than 50 years.

The KC-46A will provide more refueling capability and increased capacity for cargo as well as aeromedical evacuation. The KC-46A will provide aerial refueling to Air Force, Navy, Marine and allied nation aircraft.

In March 1999, the 931st Air Refueling Group, an associate of the active duty 22d Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas was assigned to the 507TH ARW as the group's administrative headquarters 1 Mar 1999 – 1 Oct 2008

For all media interested in attending the official wing designation ceremony, or to request more information about the 931st Air Refueling Group, please contact the 931st Air Refueling Group Public Affairs office at (316) 759-3704, or (316) 617-0550.

Command chief announced



Chief Master Sgt. Ericka Kelly has been selected as the new Command Chief for Air Force Reserve Command, replacing Chief Cameron Kirksey as the command's senior enlisted noncommissioned officer. Kelly is currently the command chief for the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California. (Courtesy photo)

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Chief of the Air Force Reserve has announced the new Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command.

Chief Master Sgt. Ericka E. Kelly, command chief for the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California, will fill AFRC's top enlisted position, according to a release from Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, commander of Air Force Reserve Command and chief of the Air Force Reserve.

Kelly will replace Command Chief Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey, who is scheduled to retire in March.

Kelly spent most of her nearly 32 years of military service in the aeromedical evacuation career field. She transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1993. During her career she has deployed numerous times in support of contingency operations including Operation Restore Hope and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Kelly is an aeromedical evacuation evaluator and has more than 1.400 flight hours aboard C-9A, C-17A, C-130H, WC-130J, C-141B/C and KC-135R aircraft.

ARS Chief Pilot, the 434th ARW Chief of Safety, the 72nd ARS Operations Officer / Squadron Commander and the 434th OSS Commander. He has mobilized and deployed six times for Operations DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He is a Command Pilot with more than 6,500 military flying hours.

Public Affairs communication and media award winners announced



Story by Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason, photojournalist with the 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs office, accepts her award for Outstanding New Writer from AFRC Public Affairs Director Col. Bruce Bender and PA Functional Manager Chief Master Sgt. Bill Goben Feb. 11 in Atlanta. Gleason graduated in May 2015 from Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md., where she was Top Graduate of the 17-week Basic Photojournalism course. U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Jon Quinlan

Citizen Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base picked up multiple Media Contest and Communication Excellence awards at the Air Force Reserve Command's Public Affairs Symposium Feb. 11 in Atlanta.

1st Place:

Staff Sergeant Christopher S. Frost Outstanding Communication NCO:

Tech Sgt. Lauren C. Gleason, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, OK

Outstanding New Writer:

Tech Sgt. Lauren C. Gleason, 507th ARW, Tinker AFB, OK

3rd Place:

AFRC web-based digital publication:

3rd Place, On-final, 507th ARW, Tinker AFB, OK

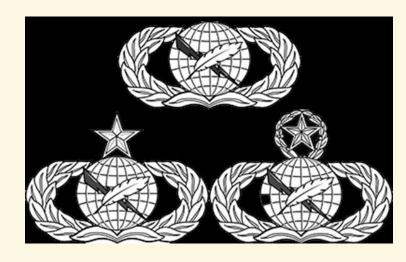
AFRC best feature article:

3rd Place, Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer, 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, OK

AFRC best news photo:

3rd Place, Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer, 513th ACG, Tinker AFB, OK





TOP: Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs revealed their new logo Feb. 11 at the Public Affairs Symposium in Atlanta. The yellow sound waves represent PA sending messages through all mediums to tell the Citizen Airman's story. ABOVE: An illustration of the three occupational badges in the Public Affairs career field



Staff Sgt. Christopher S. Frost, (pictured), died March 3, 2008, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, when the helicopter he was flying in crashed. Frost was assigned to 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, and the Outstanding Communication NCO award is named in his honor. Air Force courtesy photo

The following winners will go on to represent AFRC in the Air Force-level competition:

Major Henry H. "Hap" Arnold Award for Public Affairs Communication Effectiveness: 403rd Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Best Innovative Communication Award: 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Best Crisis Communication Award: 315th AW, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina.

Brig. Gen. Harry J. Dalton Jr., Award: 439th AW, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

Outstanding Communication Airman (E-1 to E-4) Award: Senior Airman Monica C. Ricci, 439th AW, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

Outstanding Communication Senior NCO Award: Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe, 439th AW.

Staff Sergeant Christopher S. Frost Outstanding Communication NCO (E-5 to E-6) Award: Tech Sgt. Lauren C. Gleason, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Captain Bradley R. Schuldt Outstanding Communication Company Grade Officer (O-1 to O-3) Award: Capt. Jeffrey B. Kelly, 442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

Outstanding Communication Field Grade Officer (O-4 to O-5) Award: Maj. Ashley E.A. Conner, 477th Fighter Group, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Outstanding Communication Civilian Category I (GS-5 to GS-9 or equivalent) Award: Mr. William C. Pope, 439th AW.

Outstanding Communication Civilian Category II Award: Ms. Ann F. Skarban, 302nd AW.



orging combat mobility forces is something that the aircrew instructors of the C-17 Globemaster III take extremely serious, but that mission is not just limited to skies over the U.S.

A team of Airmen from Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, recently spent two weeks with the Indian Air Force to train and certify pilots and loadmasters on personnel airdrop procedures from the C-17.

Because Altus AFB is the only formal training unit for C-17s in the world, Indian Air Force crewmembers came through Altus AFB three years ago. They graduated and left with a restriction that they had to complete their first drop under the supervision of a current and qualified airdrop instructor.

Not only were the U.S. Airmen helping the loadmasters and pilots gain current status, but also helped the Indian Air Force write their own future programs.

"Anytime you do something the first time it is a pretty amazing experience," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Paul Dragnich,

a 97th Training Squadron instructor pilot. "Helping another country write its standard operating procedures and seeing their confidence grow over the eight flights was something this team can be proud of for a long time."

Over the course of the two weeks more than 300 Indian military personnel jumped from the C-17s. The instruction was focused on the correct preflight and in-flight procedures written in the technical orders. The real challenge was teaching the things not written; they learned techniques to make the operations smoother as well as improved the crew resource management between the front of the plane and the back.

Along with the aircrew training, the two weeks served as training for the Indian jumpmasters and paratroopers who had received ground training from a U.S. Army team that visited them in December.

"One of the hardest parts was the Indian jumpmaster wanted us to give them training as well, but it was a little outside our scope since they hadn't operated in

a C-17 before," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jeff Harmon, a 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron evaluator loadmaster. "We were able to tell them what we have seen American jumpmasters do, but we couldn't provide formal training for them."

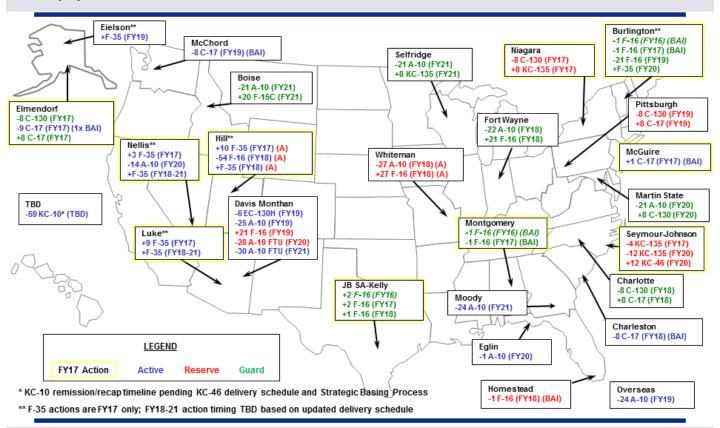
Because the Airmen were from 58th Airlift Squadron and 730th AMTS they had some instant creditability with the students because they had previous experience with the squadrons. They knew that they could rely on what was being taught. On the first flight the Indian instructors were trained, and after that day they took the lead. The Indian Air Force students were extremely motivated to not only be trained, but to be doing it the right way.

Getting it done the right way could make all the difference in real-world operations for both the U.S. and Indian military.

The Indian military currently has troops deployed to Afghanistan, helping the U.S. efforts in the region. The completion of this training expands the reach of the Indian military.

How the FY17 budget impacts us

Story by Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs



The Department of Defense budget request for fiscal year 2017 includes a number of proposed changes for the Air Force Reserve.

If enacted into law, the DOD budget request would reduce the Air Force Reserve manpower end-strength by 200 positions and increase the Air Force Reserve's presence in a number of mission areas.

Following is a summary of Air Force Reserve force structure actions that are a part of the overall FY17 Presidential Budget Request.

These force structure actions are just proposals and are subject to congressional approval/action:

The 924th Fighter Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, will gain 21 F-16s in FY19 and lose 28 A-10s from the formal training unit in FY20.

The 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York, will lose eight C-130H aircraft and gain eight KC-135 Stratotankers in FY17 and be redesignated the 914th Air Refueling Wing.

The 442nd FW, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, will lose 27 A-10s and gain 27 F-16s in FY18.

The 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, will lose four KC-135 in FY17, 12 KC-135s in FY20 and gain 12 KC-46A tankers in FY20.

The 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh ARS, Pennsylvania, will lose eight C-130H aircraft and gain eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in FY19.

The 403rd Wing, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, will continue restoring the 815th Airlift Squadron, equipped with 10 C-130Js as a unit-equipped squadron.

The 20th Intelligence Squadron, (classic associate unit) will stand up at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

The 41st IS (classic associate) will stand up at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The 75 IS (classic associate) will stand up, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

Joint Forces Headquarters-Cyber (classic associate), JBSA-Lackland, Texas, will plus up to meet requirements.

The 39th Information Operations Squadron (classic associate) will stand up at Hurlburt Field, Florida.









PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. CHARLES TAYLOR

CHAPLAIN'S

By Ch (Capt.) John Weston

The Bus Stop

esus knew the value of a good story. He was the continual story teller. On Easter, Christians celebrate those stories coming true – specifically the three times He talked about dying and being raised again from the grave. Jesus gave the original "spoiler alert"- He knew that He was going to suffer and die on the cross, but then be raised to life on the third day. It's just that the disciples, his closest followers, didn't believe Him or didn't understand. Jesus was getting ready for the crucifixion, in which He would voluntarily die to forgive the sins of the world. But, by the power of God, on the third day afterwards (what we celebrated as Easter), He would be risen.

This is the meaning of Easter – what we as Christians call the resurrection. This is the hope of Christianity – that we can know God the Father through Jesus the Son and live, die and be raised again. When we understand what Jesus is like, we can understand God in a very clear and real way in our humanity.

To get in a little practice, here's a story like Jesus might have told to illustrate the point.

A boy stood on a sidewalk, waiting for the bus. A man walking by spotted this boy, and gave him some advice. "Son," he said, "if you're waiting on the bus, you need to move up to the street corner. That's where the bus will stop for passengers."

"It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here, and this bus will stop for me."

The man repeated his directions, but the boy never moved. Just then, the bus appeared. To his amazement, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood, and the child hopped on. The man on the sidewalk stood agape. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!"

Christians believe in much more than just "being a good person." Being at the bus stop at the right time is like following the rules – you stay where you need to be, and maybe the bus has to pick you up. But with knowing Jesus, there is a greater level of relationship at work - like knowing the bus driver. To be recognized as a son (or daughter) of God is to take the relationship to a whole new level past mere obedience, entering into a familial relationship. At Easter, Christians believe that relationship was enabled not just by Jesus taking away the sins of the world, but by Jesus overcoming death itself. As Jesus triumphed over the forces of death and darkness, we believe we will also, like His glorious resurrection. Happy Easter!

New levels of madness expected in college basketball's big dance

SPORTS NEVVS

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Taylor Sports Reporter Extraordinaire



e are now in the month of March, and that means it's time to dive into the chaos we call the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

The regular season will conclude on March 6, with the tournaments for the major conferences soon to follow. After the seeding is determined for all 68 teams who make it to the most unpredictable single-elimination format in sports, it will be time to see who can get the most picks right on millions of brackets that will be filled out on different websites.

As for the regular season, the term "upset" really doesn't apply these days. It might when you look at the actual rankings, but there probably isn't a game where many people are surprised at the results. We have seen six different teams hold the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press poll at some point during this campaign, and court storming has become the norm all over the land-scape.

What does this mean for the tournament? It means there are a lot of good teams, but not necessarily the one or two great teams that are looked at as favorites to win the championship come April in Houston. It also means the parody is at an all-time high.

Another thing it means is we are all going to need a little bit of luck when it comes to picking who will be the team left standing when all of the chaos is done.

While there isn't that one great team who stands out, there are those who look like they are starting to peak at the right time. One of those teams is Kansas, who is the latest team to hold the top ranking. Another one who's looking strong is Michigan State, who was also one of those teams who was No. 1 during the season. North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Villanova round out the six teams who held the top spot at some time, and they are all capable of making a run to the title.

This edition of the tournament is sure to be filled with games that will bust brackets and have us wondering what we were thinking when we originally made those picks. All it really means is the more things change, the more things stay the same. The unpredictability will never go away, and that's a great thing.

So let's embrace the unknown. Sit back at home or your favorite bar, and watch the drama unfold. March Madness is upon us, and it can't happen a moment sooner.

