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Maj. Gen. John C. Flournoy, Jr., Commander, Fourth Air Force, passes the guidon to the new 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, Col. Douglas E. Gullion, at the change of command ceremony April 2, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

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On the ramp

Four KC-135R Stratotankers sit on the 507th Air Refueling Wing parking ramp March 24, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The 507th ARW employs more than 1,110 personnel and is located just miles away from downtown Oklahoma City. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason



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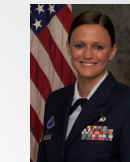
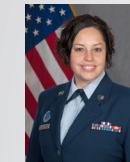


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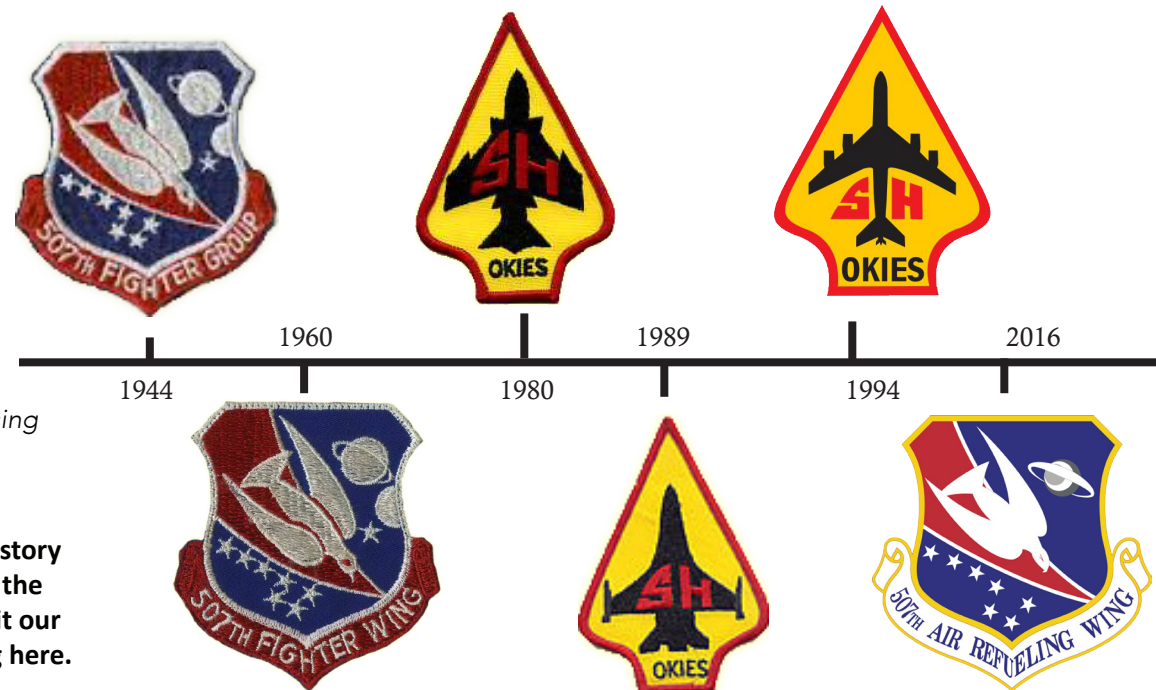
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Combat Dining In Meeting // Sun, Apr. **3**
@ 10:00 a.m.
Wing Conference Rm.

CBT Briefings // Mon., Apr. **4**
@ 7:00 a.m.
Base Theater



VIDEO- THE FIGHTING 507TH OKIES



A timeline showcasing some of the wing's historical patches.

For more on the history of the 507th, view the video above or visit our website by clicking here.



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](#).

Reserve Sports // all games held at the football and softball fields

tuesday night flag football

Tues., Apr. **5**
@ 6:15 p.m.
SFS vs. **GOLD**

@ 7:15 p.m.
552nd vs. **WHITE**

Tues., Apr. **12**
@ 5:15 p.m.
WHITE vs. MDG

@ 6:15 p.m.
GOLD vs. 552nd

Tues., Apr. **19**
@ 6:15 p.m.

GOLD vs. **WHITE**



tuesday night softball

Tues., Apr. **5**
Double Header
@ 5:30 p.m.
@ 6:30 p.m.
TDs vs. NGC

Tues., Apr. **12**
Double Header
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ 8:30 p.m.
TDs vs. 137 SOW

Tues., Apr. **19**
Double Header
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ 8:30 p.m.
TDs vs. VQ-7



thursday night softball

Thurs., Apr. **7**
@ 5:30 p.m.
BAD NEWS B2S vs. **OKIES**

@ 6:30 p.m. **OKIES** vs.
Thunderhawks

Thurs., Apr. **14**
@ 5:30 p.m.
OKIES vs. Thunderhawks

@ 6:30 p.m.
552 MXS/AGE vs. **OKIES**

Thurs., Apr. **28**
@ 5:30 p.m.
OKIES vs. THUMPERS

@ 6:30 p.m.
Thunderhawks vs. **OKIES**





Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Johns

507TH AIR REFUELING WING
SUPERINTENDENT, INSPECTIONS



WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I enjoy riding ATV's, hiking, and watching Netflix.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE AIR FORCE?

June 10, 2003.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

It would be an honor to make it to command chief one day.

WHAT IS YOUR CIVILIAN JOB?

Assistant Director of Headquarters staff, 507th ARW.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

An FBI agent.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The work environment and flexibility is provides.

"IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO MAKE **COMMAND CHIEF** ONE DAY."

Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Johns poses for a photo April 2, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason

April PROMOTIONS

JOHNS, JACQUELINE M., 507 ARW



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

BUETTNER, RICKY D., 507 SFS
SMITH, DAVID D., 507 SFS



MASTER SERGEANT

FELL, BRIAN C. TSG 507 SFS
SCHUMACHER, CHRIST, 507 SFS
WRIGHT, ADRIAN A., 72 APS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

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BAIRD, COLLACE W., 513 MXS
BLISKAVKA, MIKHAIL, 35 CBCS
BROWN, JAYMES E., 507 MXS
NIMAKOH-BOADU, RICHARD K., 507 MXS
PRINCE, ROBERT H., 507 FSS
SAM, JOSHUA J., 507 AMXS
SALVATORI, JASON M., 507 LRS
SCHAFFLER, KRISTOFFER, 507 LRS
SHARPTON, HARRY E. 513 MXS



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BARNHILL, TRACY D., 507 MXS
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LOUNGE, SKYLER G., 970 AACS



SENIOR AIRMAN

Changes to DoD mobilization authority could impact Reservists

By AFRC Force Generation Center, / Published March 21, 2016

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Department of Defense Mobilization Authorities for Reserve Component access is undergoing some changes that could impact benefits for deploying Reservists, according to Air Force Reserve Force Generation Center officials.

The authority in Title 10 U.S.C. 12304b, Mobilization for Preplanned Mission Support, was approved by the FY12 National Defense Authorization Act. "However to date, the Air Force has not uniformly utilized this mobilization authority," said Lt. Col. Greg Bules, Reserve Policy and Integration Legislative Initiatives program manager. "It's important that all Citizen Airmen realize what benefits they are, and are not, entitled to with the changes," Bules said.

Reserve Airmen who deployed in fiscal years 14, 15, and 16 have either been mobilized under Title 10 U.S.C. 12302, Partial Involuntary Mobilization, or opted to "volunteer" under 12301(d), MPA/man-days, said Bules.

"As we move forward in a resource-constrained environment, the Presidential extension of 12302 is questionable, and military planners expect to see growth in the use of 12304b," Bules explained.

The FGC explained how the changes impact Reservists.

Like 12302, the use of 12304b activation is involuntary, but the associated benefits do not match those under 12302 and 12301(d). Reservists involuntarily mobilized under 12304b will not receive the following benefits:

- Reduced Age for Retirement
- Post 9/11 GI Bill Credit
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Voluntary Separation Pay Recoup Protection
- Pre-Mobilization Health Care
- Federal Civilian Differential Pay

Multiple Unified Legislation and Budgeting efforts have been submitted in order to insert appropriate benefits into U.S.C. 12304b, but will require approval (and funding) by Congress, according to Bules.

One benefit was recently added to 12304b in the FY 16 National Defense Authorization Act. Reserve members mobilized under 12304b are now afforded an exemption from the five-year limit on reemployment rights, also

known as USERRA rights.

As always, all who serve in the uniformed services have return rights to their civilian employment, but there will not be a five year cap.

"It is critical that activated Airmen understand what mobilization authority is in play, and what protections and benefits are authorized," said Bules. "If you are selected for mobilization under 12304b, you should be given the option to deploy under 12301(d) status to ensure you receive the applicable benefits and entitlements."

For more information, Reservists should contact their logistics readiness squadron, or the AFRC Force Generation Center at afrc.fgc.workflow@us.af.mil, or call 478-327-1234, DSN 497-1234, (option 3 for deployments).

"It is critical that activated Airmen understand what protections and benefits are authorized."



An Airman from the 507th Air Refueling Wing is reunited with his family following a deployment August 7, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason

Air Force Reserve Chief testifies on Reserve posture



Story by Lt. Col. Denise Kerr
AF/RE Public Affairs, Policy & Integration

Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, testified before the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee for Defense alongside other Reserve chiefs and Guard directors, March 16.

During the hearing, Jackson emphasized the importance of adapting to a rapidly changing security environment.

“We must maintain a reserve force capable of seamlessly supporting the joint fight while keeping our eye to the future,” said Jackson.

With more than 69,000 Reserve Airmen, the Air Force Reserve defends our nation everyday said Jackson. “As we sit here today, over 5,000 Air Force reservists are supporting combatant commanders around the globe,” he said.

Jackson highlighted the Reserve’s role in ushering the first F-35s at Hill Air Force Base, the first KC-46 reserve unit bed down at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, the recruitment of 80 Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and a pilot cyber-accessions program.

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) asked Jackson to explain how the Reserve brings in experienced civilian cyber professionals to work in a cyber unit that can be utilized as needed.

“The Reserve has currently 13 cyber organizations and we are planning to add four more. The hiring for cyber traditional reservists has been very successful,” said Jackson.

“However, we could use assistance from the committee to implement statutory changes that will allow us to grade the full-time air reserve technician posi-

Lieutenant Gen. James F. Jackson, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, provides testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., March 16. The general addressed the Air Force Reserve posture for fiscal year 2017, to include challenges and solutions facing missions, manpower, modernization and military construction. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kat Justen)

tions as the same levels as their civilian counterparts. In addition, and with approval from our leadership, we will bring in cyber professionals already trained and give them constructive credit; so they do not have to take the first three years to build an Airman who can do that type of mission,” said Jackson.

Jackson described his vision for building the future force and developing the team; both areas rely on manpower and require a continued focus on the recruitment, retention and development of our Citizen Airmen.

“We increased the number of command opportunities across components to help develop true Total Force leaders,” said Jackson. “However, recruiting and retaining Airmen with the right training and requisite skill sets alone are not enough.”

Jackson reiterated the need to modernize and re-capitalize weapon systems. “The Air Force Reserve must continue to modernize our legacy systems, such as the F-16, KC-135 and C-130, to remain operationally relevant, fully mission capable and able to support the joint fight,” he said.

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THE MORE YOU KNOW: 507TH OKIES



More than 1,100 Citizen Airmen in the 507th Air Refueling Wing, affectionately known as “Okies”, support, fly and maintain eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft on the south side of Tinker, near the Navy’s TACAMO facility.

Aircrew fly daily missions and off-load millions of pounds of fuel in support of operations worldwide, and are trained, equipped and ready to meet mission requirements 24/7.

Col. Brian Davis, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander and command pilot with more than 5,500 flying hours, understands the challenges and rewards of balancing an Air Force Reserve career with a civilian career.

“Citizen Airmen must balance three components to provide a sustainable and effective fighting force: the needs of the Air Force, civilian employers and family,” said Davis, a husband and father of two who has served for 30 years. “Without balancing the three components, being a Citizen Airman is not possible.”

While some Reservists travel from out of state, many of the Okies live and work in the local Oklahoma City metro area

and surrounding states. Approximately 200 members are “full-time” Reservists, who serve as DoD civilians or Air Reserve Technicians.

The wing’s close proximity to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex helps the 507th ARW regularly maintain and upgrade the Air Force’s tanker fleet. The OC-ALC employs over 9,400 military and civilian personnel with 98 different job skills, many of whom serve in the 507th ARW as Citizen Airmen.

“Our impact on the local community is tremendous.”

According to Staff Sgt. Sarah Haggard, 507th ARW Development and Training Flight chief, serving as both a traditional Reservist while working for the State of Oklahoma employee has been ideal.

“Being able to serve as a Citizen Airman in my home state has been really beneficial,” said Haggard. “I get to serve near home and I’m able to keep my civilian job with the state as well,” said the Del City, Okla. native.

The 507th ARW has a rich history, and aerial refueling is not the only mission the 507th ARW has ever held. In 1994, the wing began its current aerial refueling mission, but in the past, they operated the F-105D Thunderchief, the F-4D Phantom II and the F-16A Fighting Falcon.

The 507th ARW’s estimated annual economic impact in the greater Oklahoma City is impressive, and for the fiscal year 2014, the total exceeded \$90 million.

“Our impact on the local community is tremendous,” said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Fousek, lead recruiter. “There are many opportunities for Oklahoma citizens to become Citizen Airmen right here at Tinker Air Force Base.”

For more information about our wing, visit our [website](#) at or call Public Affairs at 405-734-3078.

A KC-135R Stratotanker is parked on the 507th Air Refueling Wing parking ramp March 24, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The 507th ARW employs more than 1,110 personnel and is located just miles away from downtown Oklahoma City. The Devon tower is pictured in the distance; it is Oklahoma’s tallest building, standing 844 feet tall with 50 floors. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason



Crosstalks aimed at improving KC-135 service



Story and photo by Maj Jon Quinlan

Maj. Gen. Glenn Davis, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, gives opening remarks during a KC-135 customer support visit March 16, 2016, in the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Experts from the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, the Air Force Reserve, National Guard Bureau and the Legacy Tanker Division conducted a customer support visit here and at two other bases, March 14-18, to listen to unit concerns regarding KC-135 “Statotanker” support and logistics.

The team, headed by Maj. Gen. Glenn Davis, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, AFLCMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, also traveled to Birmingham Air National Guard Base, Alabama, and Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana, with airlift provided by the 507th Air Refueling Wing here.

According to William R. Barnes, deputy chief of the Legacy Tanker Division here, the purpose of visit purpose was simple.

“We want to enhance aircraft availability,” said Barnes. “it’s all about getting more iron on the ramp.”

The team of nearly 30 logistics, maintenance, acquisitions and engineering experts discussed topics ranging from supply rate times, sustaining engineering, product support management and part transportation.

According to General Davis, the open and frank discussions were beneficial as there sometimes can be a disconnect between metrics viewed at major commands versus what is going on at the ground level in operational units.

“Our goal is to get out to the units, to hear what needs to be heard and then do something about it,” said Davis. “These visits allow us the luxury to interact directly with the units because the Airmen in the units are going to have really good ideas.”

During the Tinker visit, members of the 507th Maintenance Group identified specific maintenance issues to discuss and provided hands-on tours of various back shops, as well as tours of the jets. Having the subject-matter experts on the ground allowed for real-

time discussions and solutions to be implemented immediately.

According to Davis, visiting the base in person proved to be more productive than a teleconference.

“It was great to have the face-to-face interaction so I could put a face with a name,” he said. “It helped us to get a better understanding of the concerns of maintenance professionals at the units.”

Other agencies involved in the visits included, the Defense Logistics Agency, Air Force Sustainment Center, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, Air Mobility Command.

The Reserve 507th Maintenance Group Commander, Col. Travis Caughlin said that the partnerships built during these visits are very important to KC-135 operations and the unit is always happy to assist.

The partnerships and plans built by these visits will ensure the nearly 60-year old KC-135 is flying well beyond 2030, according to Barnes.

TINKER RESERVE ENLISTED ADVISORY COUNCIL
(TREAC) Monthly Meetings
Every UTA Sunday @ 1400 in the LRS Conference Room

2016

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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



CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER

By Ch (Capt.) Keith Rogers

Using your resources wisely

Talent and resources and how to use them wisely is a recurring topic that is often brought up regarding our nation.

Does our government use our taxes wisely? The funds we donate to charity; is it managed well?

In Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of a man that went on a trip. Before he left, he gave three of his servants a sum of money.

Jesus gave the first servant five, the second servant two, and the third servant one. Each was expected use the money to increase and produce a profit. The first servant produced twice the amount he was given, and the second did as well. But third servant, who only had one, put it in the ground and returned no profit. When the master returned, he praised the first two servants and he scolded the last, calling him wicked, evil and lazy.

The moral of this parable is sometimes missed or overly simplified. This is not just referencing money, but everything we possess: money, intellect, and our relationships. For the Christian, we are to take this as a calling and a standard for our lives. Whatever we have, we need to use for the Kingdom of Christ to make our lives profitable. For the military member, make the most of the resources you have earned, whether it be training, money, education or friendships. Do not sit on these resources; instead, show a profit with them in your life. This mindset and understanding will be a reward to you and all those around you.



Sooners represent conference in Final Four

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Taylor // Sports Reporter Extraordinaire

It has been a year to remember for Oklahoma University. First, the football team won the Big 12 Conference title and clinched a berth in the College Football Playoff, and now the basketball team has made it to the Final Four, which begins April 2 in Houston.

The Sooners, who are the second seed in the West region of the NCAA Tournament, will play the Villanova Wildcats, who are the second seed in the South region. The Wildcats defeated No. 1 overall seeded Kansas 64-59 to set up a showdown with Oklahoma.

The games is scheduled to tip off at 5:09 local time. The winner of this game will play the winner of the Syracuse-North Carolina game April 4 for the national title, also in Houston.

Oklahoma has had an impressive run to get to this point. It started by defeating Cal State Bakersfield and Virginia Commonwealth University in the first and second rounds during the first weekend of the tournament in Chesapeake Energy Arena. In the second weekend, they went out to Anaheim, Calif. and defeated Texas A&M and Oregon, who was the No.1 seed in the West.

The Sooners are led by senior shooting guard Buddy Hield, capable of providing big performances any time he steps on the court. Against Oregon, he scored 37 points, hitting eight three-point shots. This Final Four trip is especially

sweet for Hield, seeing how he had the chance to go to the NBA after his junior season. He decided to come back to school to work on his game, while also becoming a better leader.

As good as Hield is, he can't win the championship by himself. This is why it is really important for fellow guards Isaiah Cousins and Jordan Woodard to provide support if they want to leave Houston with the national championship. Forward Ryan Spangler will also be depended on to carry some weight. While Hield can put up points at an alarming rate, Oklahoma is better when they have balance.

Being a Texas Longhorns fan, I don't like to see the Sooners do well in anything, and I would have loved to see a potential meeting between the Texas and Oklahoma in the regional semi-finals. The Longhorns didn't make it out of the first round to see that happen, but Oklahoma handled their business.

For that, credit is given to the Sooners for making it to the Final Four. Can they win it all? Personally, I don't think they will, plus I picked North Carolina to win the title when the original brackets were unveiled in March. I'm still comfortable with that pick, but one thing is for sure. No matter the outcome, Oklahoma should be proud of the accomplishments of their football and basketball teams.

Col. Douglas E. Gullion, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, addresses the wing during the wing change of command ceremony April 2, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base. Gullion took command of the wing after serving as 507th Operations Group commander, and now will lead the 1,110 Airmen in the 507th ARW. U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Jon Quinlan

