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Senior Airman Nathalie Hamilton of the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron consults with a fellow Airman while completing a checklist during the June Operational Exercise June 3, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

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BATTLING ON THE VOLLEYBALL COURT



FROM LEFT: Adam Hawkins serves the ball as teammates Mike Rosenthal, Aaron Jones, Jacob Bacon, Jeff Infrere, Pat Ridlon of the Reserve Gold team look on May 31, 2016, in Midwest City, Okla. Also pictured are the Reserve White team's Dan Gibb, Jim Gasaway, Ralph Hawkins, Randy Schell; Joe Brown and Lloyd Palmer.

Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer

The Air Force Reserve football season officially ended May 31, as Reserve White challenged spring champion Reserve Gold, but they decided to settle their differences over sand volleyball.

The teams closed out the spring season with some fun on the sand courts at the 38 CEIG, east of Tinker AFB. And despite the drizzling conditions, the evening was a success.

“Between volleyball and pizza, we had a good time,” said Jeff “Red” Infrere, Reserve Gold team captain. No scores were kept but rumor has it that White exacted the revenge they sought.

Much of the success of the Reserve athletics is due to the group staying active and building camaraderie year round.

The combined 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group intramural sports program includes spring and fall flag football, softball, basketball, bowling and volleyball.

This was the first year they entered a team in the base intramural basketball league, and they will enter a team into the base intramural soccer league this season - also for the first time ever.

The program has won several base championships in flag football, softball and bowling.



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

EVERY RESERVIST IS A RECRUITER



507TH AIR REFUELING WING'S COMBAT DINING-IN

DATE: Saturday, August 6, 2016
TIME: Wingman Hour 5:00 p.m., Combat Begins at 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hangar 1030
ATTIRE: Flight Suits, BDUs or ABUs, new, old or modified
R.s.v.p. by July 22



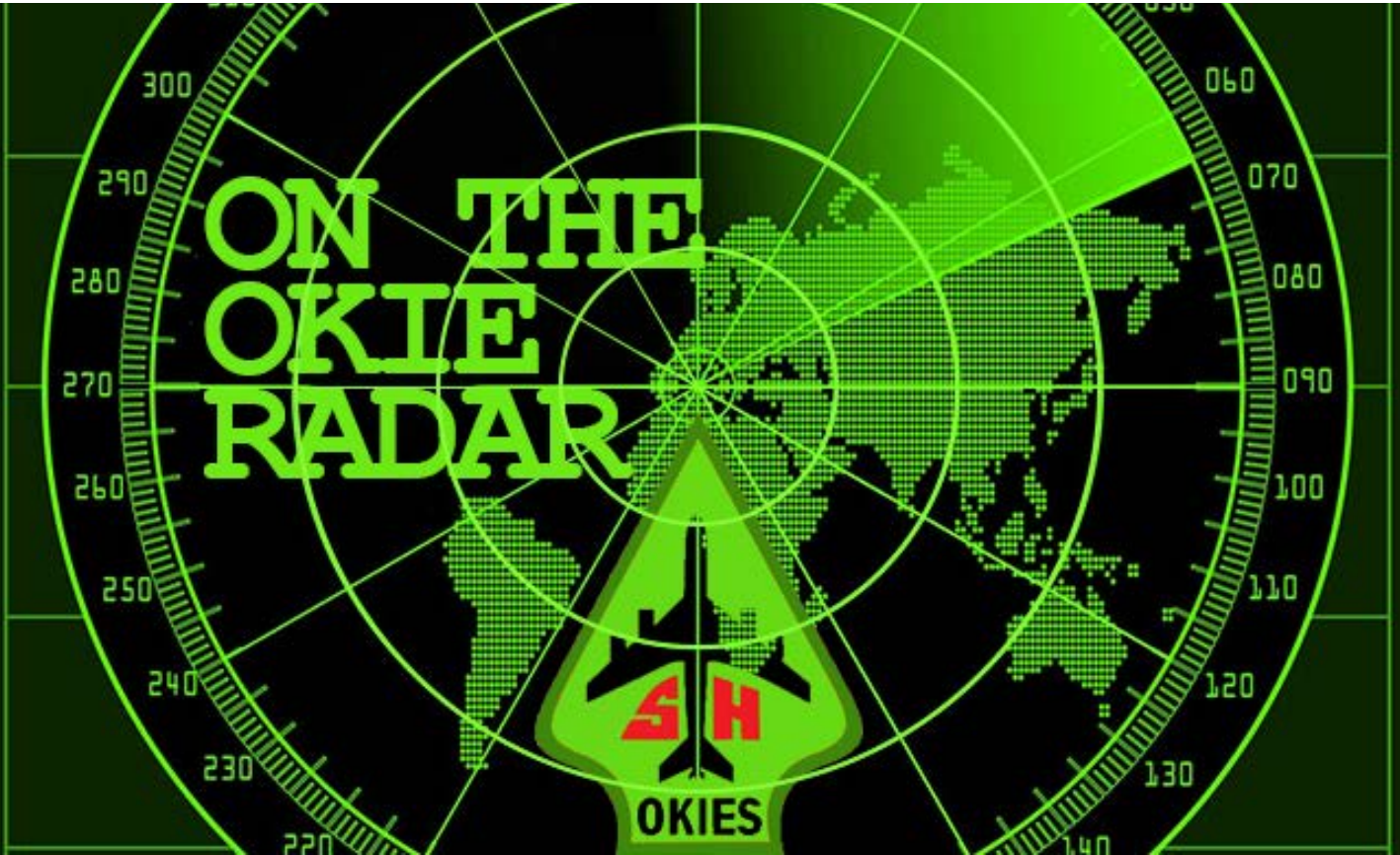
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AND O-1 THRU O-4 \$15.00
O-5 AND ABOVE \$20.00

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Please complete your R.s.v.p. first, then see a First Sergeant/Representative to purchase admission:

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JUNE UTA JUNE 4-5

-JUNE OPERATIONAL EXERCISE
(JOE 16) JUNE 4-5

-BLOOD DRIVE
@0800-1300
BLDG. 1043
SUN. JUNE 5

TREAC MEETING
@0900 IN WING CONFERENCE RM
SUN. JUNE 5

COMBAT DINING-IN PLANNING MEETING
@1000 IN WING CONFERENCE RM
SUN. JUNE 5

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

- 507TH ARW SUPER FAMILY DAY (TIME TBD)
IN HANGAR 1030
SEP. 10

*DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR UP-
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SENIOR AIRMAN DOMINIQUE HALL
507th Maintenance Group



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FIRST QUARTER AWARD WINNERS

MASTER SGT. WILLIAM SMITH II
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NCO

CH. (CAPT.) KEITH ROGERS
507th Air Refueling Wing



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Staff Sgt. Talisa Edmundson

**507TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON
WATER AND FUELS SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**

WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

In my free time I love doing high-risk activities like hunting, shooting, bungee jumping, cliff-diving and skydiving. I'll try anything that gets my adrenaline pumping.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE MILITARY?

On February 26, 2012, I joined the military straight out of high school.

WHAT IS YOUR CIVILIAN JOB?

I work at Wal-Mart distribution center in Pauls Valley. When I'm not there I work on base as an administrative assistant.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

Mountain biking and canoeing.

AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

Growing up I wanted to be an adventurer traveling the world trying new things and learning about cultures around me. Also, I wanted to be a master builder so I could construct homes for people in need throughout the world.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

The best part of my job is the knowledge I have received from the experienced people who have shared their knowledge with me, teaching me something new every day.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

To be a knowledgeable and capable NCO, and and finish my engineering degree to become a mechanical engineer.



June PROMOTIONS



FAITH, STEPHEN A., 35 CBCS
SMITH, MARK A., 507 MXG

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

BOLDING, CHAD E., 507 SFS
KRACKE, SEAN P., 970 AACs
ODPARLIK, MICHAEL A., 970 AACs



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

ANDERSON, MICHAEL, 507 MDS
BAXTER, TRACY L., 35 CBCS
CHURCHWELL, MATTHEW, 1 ASF
DUNNING, MICHAEL J., 507 AMXS
LONG, BRADFORD A., 72 APS
STACY, JOHN A., 35 CBCS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

BROOKS, GARETH M., 72 APS
EDMUNDSON, TALISA, 507 CES
GARRISON, CORINA D., 507 MDS
HIGGINS, JARED D., 507 MDS
LANE, ANTONIO, 507 CES
LEE, LYNUEL, 507 MXS
WATKINS, MADISON, 507 CES



STAFF SERGEANT

DAVISREYES, ASHLEY, 507 MDS
LANGLEY, DALTON R., 507 CES
RICHIE, MERCEDES R., 513 AMXS
ZEINE, MICHAEL W., 513 MXS



SENIOR AIRMAN



By Master Sgt. Grady Epperly

Since the humble beginnings of our armed forces, there have been many changes. One of the few consistencies has been the Chaplain Corps.

The Chaplain Corps dates back to July 29, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized one chaplain for each regiment of the Continental Army. Since the War for Independence, chaplains have served in every American war.

The Air Force Chaplain Corps provides spiritual care and the opportunity for Airmen, their families, and other authorized personnel to use their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion, according to Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus, 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain.

“Our duties are primarily focused on spiritual and moral issues, but in recent years, matters such as suicide prevention, post-traumatic stress and family separation have really changed how we do business,” said Magnus. “We are proud to work with our psychological health advisor, Jacqueline Falkner, to address these issues.”

Although military chaplains have been around for more than 240 years, the religious landscape is ever-evolving and so is the way chaplains connect with Airmen.

“There are growing numbers of non-believers and believers of other faiths,” said Magnus. “We are available for all Reservists regardless of their spiritual beliefs. The important thing is to take care of our Citizen

“Chaplains help keep the team guided.”

Col. Douglas Gullion, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, presents the 507th Chapel office with the 2015 AFRC Chaplain Ministry of Presence award May 15, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (Photo by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)



Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus, 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain, leads an invocation during a retirement ceremony May 15, 2016, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Magnus and his chapel staff were awarded the Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain Ministry of Presence Award for 2015. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

Airmen and civilians.”

The chapel staff sends their Religious Support Teams out to the Airmen. In 2015, the teams personally reached out to 10,323 unit personnel during 390 hours of unit engagement.

“Chaplains help keep the team guided,” said Lt. Col. William Young, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron commander. “They are always ready to lend a hand.”

Comprehensive Airman Fitness has four pillars: Physical, social, mental and spiritual. According to Magnus, chaplains strive to help Citizen Airmen maintain spiritual readiness while they balance military careers with families and civilian jobs.

“It’s an honor to be there for them in their time of need, and it’s great to talk about their personal joys and professional achievements in life,” said Magnus.

507th Air Refueling Wing Commander, Col. Doug Gullion, said he appreciates the chapel staff’s innova-

tive ideas on how to accomplish their unique mission.

“Because of this out-of-the box thinking, the 507th ARW Chapel Office received Air Force Reserve Command’s Chaplain Ministry of Presence Award for 2015,” said Gullion. “We are proud to have a Chapel Office that sets the standard in our command.”

Magnus has a team of two additional chaplains, Ch. (Capt.) John Weston and Ch. (Capt.) Keith Rogers, and three chaplain assistants, Tech. Sgt. Michelle Tharpe, Tech. Sgt. Patrick Garrison and Staff Sgt. Christine Tottress.

During UTA weekends, Catholic Mass is held at 7:30 a.m. in the 465th ARS Auditorium in Bldg. 1059 and a Protestant service is held at 7:30 a.m. in the 970th AACS Auditorium in Bldg. 1056.

For more information, stop by the Chapel office in Room 3 of the 507th Headquarters, Bldg. 1043, or call the Chapel office at (405) 734-1912.

SHOOT, MOVE, COMMUNICATE

By Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason



More than 60 Citizen Airmen from the 507th Security Forces Squadron here trained on heavy weapons and completed the annual Shoot, Move, Communicate class May 14-15 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Security Forces must be prepared to deploy anytime, according to Tech. Sgt. Samantha Judge, 507th SFS unit deployment manager.

"The mission of the squadron is to train for peace and wartime missions," said Judge. "This portion of our training enables us to successfully maintain those requirements."

The heavy weapons training consists of firing the M203 grenade launcher, the M249 light machine gun and the M240 machine gun, according to Master Sgt. Ryan Cheney, non-commissioned officer in charge of Combat Arms Maintenance and Training.

"Our Airmen are tasked with providing global security to support the 507th Air Refueling Wing's mission," said Cheney. "It is imperative that we maintain the highest level of proficiency in all aspects of our job."



TOP: Airmen from the 507th Security Forces Squadron rush across a training area during Shoot, Move, Communicate training May 14, 2016, at Fort Sill, Okla. ABOVE: An Airman from the 507th SFS loads ammunition into a magazine May 14, 2016, at Fort Sill, Okla. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Hector Flores)

ABOVE: Airman Basic Austin Hiatt of the 507th Security Forces Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla, looks through a red dot sight May 14, 2016, during annual heavy weapons training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In addition to completing annual qualifications on these weapons systems, the Airmen conduct a Shoot, Move, Communicate class and practical evaluations using live simulated ammunition rounds.

"If we do not teach these Airmen how to employ the weapons systems for which they are assigned, there is no way that we could expect them to possess the proficiency required to fulfill their duties in support of the mission," said Cheney.

Security Forces always welcomes other units to learn and take part of their training.

"In years past, we have had the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron participate in a week-long training event at Fort Sill; however, this training was not mandated this year," said Cheney.

This year the 507th SFS attended the training, with emergency medical support from the 507th CES here, according to Cheney. (Tech. Sgt. Hector Flores of the 507th SFS contributed to this story.)

Q & A WITH AFRC COMMANDER LT. GEN. JAMES "JJ" JACKSON



Lt. Gen. James "JJ" Jackson, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command speaks to Capt. Dan Shaheen, a pilot with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., regarding the recent Block 45 upgrade May 14, 2016. Jackson visited Tinker Air Force Base Reserve units and members in the Reserve Officer Association May 14, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)

By 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

PA: *Sir, first off, thanks for coming back to Tinker to your old stomping grounds in the 507th Air Refueling Wing. What's it like coming back to your first Air Force Reserve unit?*

Lt. Gen. Jackson: This visit has been amazing. It brings back fond memories of the "Okies" of the 507th. Back then, I flew F-16s in the 465th Fighter Squadron and was there with our transition to KC-135's. It is great to come back here and see how things have changed but also how they haven't. One thing that hasn't changed is the outstanding caliber of our Citizen Airmen. I met many of the 507 ARW and 513 ACG team, and our future is in good hands as these Reservists continue to make a difference. It's great to see and hear about all of the outstanding efforts here first hand from the Airmen.

PA: *There have been vast changes in the Air Force Reserve in the last 10 years. Many of our seasoned Citizen Airmen in the unit have noticed a change of the culture in the Reserve from high operations tempos to additional requirements being leveraged on the Air Reserve Component. Do you think there is a culture shift, and if so, is it good long term for the Air Force Reserve?*

Lt. Gen. Jackson: Change can be difficult but it's so necessary going forward. The units here are a perfect example. When I was here, we had to work the conversion from a fighter unit to a tanker unit and we stood up AFRC's first AWACS wing. That was a great challenge and a huge culture shift, but it was great to see us evolve and become better. Fundamentally, we have to continue to adjust and improve in the Air Force Reserve. We continue to provide a hedge against risk, and our Air Force Reserve will continue to play a significant role in our nation's defense. We may be a primarily part-time force, but we participate full-time when needed. It's this flexibility and surge capacity that makes the Air Force Reserve a critical partner of our three component team. So yes, we have adopted a new way forward, we are doing more and it is good for the Air Force Reserve as we remain operationally ready and relevant to the fight.

PA: *Why is modernization so important for the future of the Air Force Reserve?*

Lt. Gen. Jackson: Some of the KC-135 tankers flown in the 507th are nearly 60 years old. The Air Force's AWACS Fleet has never had a major airframe modification. Our aircraft inventory is the oldest it's ever been, and our ad-

versaries are closing the technology gap. The Block 45 avionics change of the KC-135s here at Tinker and the AWACS upgrade are critical to keep our warfighting edge. These upgrades will keep us relevant for 20 more years. We are moving forward with standing up operational KC-46 squadrons and providing training in the KC-46. We are upgrading other legacy systems. The F-16 fleet is being equipped with new advanced targeting pods and anti-jam global positioning systems, and the C-130's secure data link capabilities will improve our interoperability with the joint force. We are delivering new fighters like the F-35 to Hill Air Force Base in Utah. We strive to build and maintain partnerships between active and reserve units, merging unique perspectives, experience levels, and embracing the total team. These modernization efforts are vital to remain combat ready.

PA: *What initiatives are AFRC considering to improve our future force and retain our Citizen Airmen?*

Lt. Gen. Jackson: An advantage of the Air Force Reserve is that we are a catcher's mitt of talent and are able to recruit talent as Airmen transition out of active duty, over 68% of our accessions were prior service last year. The Reserve allows our Airmen to continue serving and helps us retain that investment in operational capability and mission expertise. This is why it's so critical to take care of our reservists. The Yellow Ribbon Program is an initiative we continue to offer, and provides valuable assistance and personal tools for Citizen Airmen and their families preparing for or returning from deployments. We also launched the Wingman Toolkit website and mobile app that provides resources members can utilize to foster mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being. Balancing the demands of a civilian career, military career and family is demanding and creates a need for support programs to keep our Citizen Airmen resilient and connected.

PA: *Congratulations on your upcoming retirement. What are your plans as you move on to the next step in your life?*

Lt. Gen. Jackson: Next month I will pass the torch officially and end my tour as Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve. However, Barb and I will always consider the Air Force Reserve as part of our extended family. As I pass the baton to your new leadership team, I challenge all of you to continue to focus on our Citizen Airmen and their families. Our force would not be strong or combat-ready without the men and women who put on the uniform and the home team that support them. It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside each of you. Once again, thanks for all you do!

THE SUMMER OF K.D.

BY TECH. SGT. CHARLES TAYLOR,
507TH SPORTS REPORTER EXTRAORDINAIRE



SPORTS
NEWS

With the Oklahoma City Thunder seeing their season come to an end at the Hands of the Golden State Warriors in the Western Conference Finals, the summer of Kevin Durant has officially begun.

Durant is scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent July 1, and Thunder fans everywhere are on the edge of their seats waiting to see where the four-time league scoring champion chooses to play basketball in the future.

There's no doubt teams are lining up to see if they can find the key to bring Durant to their team, and they should. After all, when anyone has a chance to bring a 7-footer who can score from anywhere on the court, they would be crazy not to.

Even though options are all over the place for the man known as KD, there is one option that seems to fit the best overall, and that's with the franchise he has been with since he has been in the NBA.

When life decisions have to be

made, there are a lot of factors that go into it. Team history, money and the best chance to win championships -- not necessarily in that order -- seem to be the main aspects looked at, and Oklahoma City appears to have the edge in all of those.

Let's start with team history. Durant was the number two draft pick by the then Seattle SuperSonics in 2007. He has grown through the tough times at the beginning, and now the team is a legitimate threat to win a title every year during the following years in OKC. Most players would be willing to walk away from all of that history, but I don't see Durant as a man who would do that so easily. Score a point for the Thunder.

How about money? Well, it's the Thunder that can pay him the most because it's the team he played for. The big thing to remember is the Thunder can offer a five-year maximum deal with the most annual income, while the other teams can only offer four-year maximum deals. Score another point for OKC.

That brings us to championships, and where the best chance to win a title may be. The Thunder almost knocked off historically good teams in consecutive series. They took out the San Antonio Spurs in the conference semi-finals and came within eyelashes of knocking off a Warriors team that set a regular season record for wins. On top of that, most of OKC's players are still in their mid-20s, which means they still have time to get better as they mature.

Thunder fans should feel good about the chances of Durant staying, at least for another year. I won't say it's a 100% slam dunk, but chances are good to see KD in a OKC uniform in the future. This time next season may be the real time to worry, because guard Russell Westbrook and forward Serge Ibaka could join Kevin Durant as free agents then.

Only time will tell, but for now, I believe it's safe to disable the panic button.

CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER



By Ch. (Capt.) John Weston



You may or may not remember "Cool Hand Luke," but the above phrasing has entered our society. Why? Because all too often, we fail to communicate! Proper communication yields opportunity, mentoring, life improvement and a deep satisfaction in knowing you are heard. Miscommunication leads to low morale and loss of opportunity for all involved if it goes on long enough. As a Christian chaplain, my operating instructions are divided into two volumes: The Old and the New Testament. Allow me to share some examples that you can use to improve your life.

1. "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil." - Matthew 5:37. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers up the truism that the only control you have is over you, not over others or events. Be honest. Don't try to look better than you are in front of others, because asking questions can educate you to the level others can assume you have achieved. Looking good lasts for a little bit, but lack of knowledge by misrepresentation will come back to haunt you.

2. "You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask." - James 4:2. Few people would publicly claim the ability to read minds. Yet every day we seem to profess this ability because we assume we know exactly what

someone else will say. We simply cannot know their response from past behavior alone. There are so many factors in our decisions that we have to ask for what we need - from the Air Force, our spouses or significant others and our families. To assume someone else's decision is to rob them of the opportunity for them to help you - don't do it.

3. "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." - James 1:19.

Listen to what others say without impatiently wanting to put in your input. You already know what you know, but you don't know what they are trying to tell you. If you truly want them to listen to your help, you can help them best by listening to them whole heartedly. Don't talk too quickly in response - make sure you think about what they say. Finally, double check the lines of communication to make sure you got a clear picture of what was said before flying off the handle or wasting time and energy being angry with someone. More times than not in my experience it's a misunderstanding.

Remember that proper communication can make your work and home life heaven or hell. Since these words were written more than 2,000 years ago, it means two things: Effective communication is still a challenge, and people continue to misinterpret one another. Make the change in yourself today so that you can hear those around you. God bless you.



Staff Sgt. Colten Gibson of the 507th Air Refueling Wing Command Post configures a SCAMP (Single Channel Anti-Jam Man Portable) terminal during the June Operational Exercise at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The primary mission of SCAMP is to provide survivable extended-range communications to tactical units for command and control. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)