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**FROM SCOTT TO SCOTLAND:
OKIES FLY AMBULANCE IN THE SKY**



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Capt. Jarred Logan, 465th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 pilot, inspects an aircraft before flight Aug. 27, 2017 in Prestwick, Scotland. The 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., partnered with the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to fly 16 aeromedical technicians for in-flight training designed to improve skills and strengthen teamwork.

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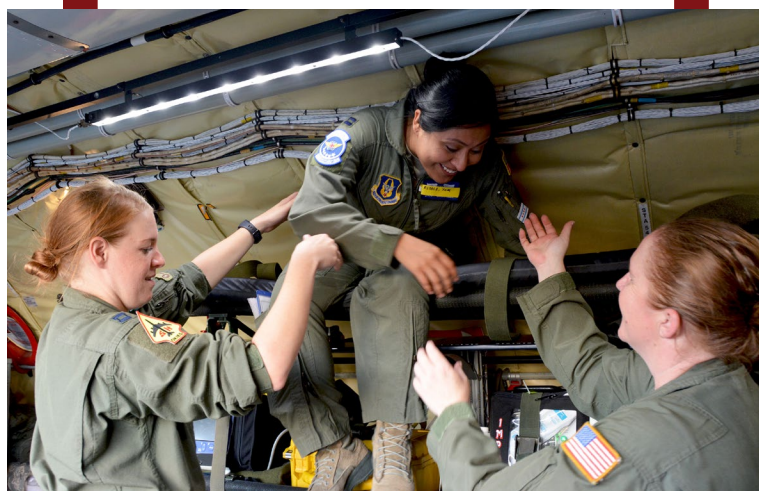
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Critical Phases of Flight



Total Force Citizen Airmen from the 507th Air Refueling Wing demonstrate flight and **refueling capabilities** of the KC-135R Stratotanker while augmenting the 100th Air Refueling Wing at **RAF Mildenhall, England**, July 1-29 in support of **OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE.**

F-15C Eagles from **RAF Lakenheath, England**, and **F-16 Fighting Falcons** from **Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany**, receive fuel from the 507th ARW KC-135R in this **timelapse video**, shot from two different missions, July 19 and 25, 2017.

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SEPTEMBER UTA **SEPT. 9-10**

A "ROYAL" FAMILY DAY @ 1200
HANGAR 1030
SEP. 9

9/11 MEMORIAL RUN @ 0700
SEP. 11

MILITARY INCENTIVE FLIGHT
SEP. 29

OCTOBER UTA **OCT. 14-15**

ATSO EXERCISE, SAT. & SUN.

3RD QUARTERLY AWARDS DUE
OCT. 9

CIV OF QTR DUE
OCT. 15

NOVEMBER UTA **NOV. 4-5**

OPERATION HOLIDAY SPIRIT @ 1800
AMERICAN LEGION/VFW DEL CITY, OK
NOV. 4

GLOBAL THUNDER

DECEMBER UTA **DEC. 2-3**

JANUARY UTA **JAN. 6-7**

CIV OF QTR DUE
JAN. 15

FEBRUARY UTA **FEB. 3-4**

MARCH UTA **MAR. 3-4**

Do you have an event to add?

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OKIE AMBULANCE IN *FLIGHT* TO SCOTLAND



A medical team from the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., carries a simulated patient onboard a KC-135 Stratotanker for in-flight training, Aug. 25, 2017. The 507th Air Refueling Wing provided the aircraft and flight capability for the team to gain in-flight aeromedical experience in a military aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

The 507th has a fleet of 8 KC-135 Stratotankers
Each can transform into an emergency room in the

SKY



2 crews, 1 mission:

The 507th Air Refueling Wing partnered with the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, Aug. 25-28, 2017, to provide in-flight medical training for 16 aeromedical technicians by flying them round-trip to Scotland.

[Click here for story](#)

465th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 pilots, Capts. Jarred Logan and Ed Burnet, reference the aircraft orders, Aug. 25, 2017, before departing Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

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PROMETRIC 

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19th ANNUAL
HOLIDAY SPIRIT
STEAK SUPPER

Saturday November 4th, 2017
American Legion/VFW Post
5000 SE 24th Street, Del City
Time: 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Price \$30.00

Menu: Your choice of steak or chicken will be served with
baked potato, green beans, salad and cheese cake.
Beverages: Cash bar provided (no outside beverages)

TICKETS:

Takesha Williams, Angi Vereb, Steve Rosebrook, Laura
Santiago, Arlene Nilkumhang, Ralph Hawkins, Larry
DeSalle, Beth Collins, Joe Wade, Stephanie Heath,
Michelle Bonilla

Proceeds to benefit
Operation Holiday Spirit



A CLOSER

LOOK

Senior Airman Jeannie Franks

**507TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON
LODGING ASSISTANT**

WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

Although I am Christian, I enjoy interacting with people of all faiths, including Native Americans. Also, I enjoy watching animated movies, and watching airplanes fly.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IN A MOVIE?

A character I found to be interesting is Emma Harte from "A Woman of Substance." She not only has an amazing resilience but also figures out a way to survive and excel.

AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

I thought I would be an Architect or be recognized as an inventor.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

My career goal is to cross the blue as an officer/Chaplain and continue to serve in the U.S. Air Force until it is time to retire.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

Going to the movies, reading, writing, rollerblading, riding motorcycles, singing in choirs when possible, and doing charitable work.

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEXT 'CLOSER LOOK'?

[EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION HERE](#)

Senior Airman Jeannie Franks stands for a photo Aug. 30, 2017, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

September PROMOTIONS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT
DELIA ROY, 507 AMXS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

KERRA HIBNER, 507 MDS
WILLIAM CAVER, 507 SFS
MICHAEL CARPENTER, 513 AMXS
RYAN WALSH, 507 SFS



STAFF SERGEANT

DAVID WINN, 507 CES
MICHAEL BENTLEY, 507 FSS
JOSEPH LUCAS, 507 CES



SENIOR AIRMAN

JESSICA GIBSON, 507 CES
JASMIN MENDOZA, 970 AACs



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

CASEY HENNINGER, 507 SFS
JACOB PETTY, 507 CES

NEW

Air Force Directive Publication Reduction



THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC



AUG 3 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIRMEN

SUBJECT: Air Force Directive Publication Reduction

The Air Force has too many directive publications. They are often outdated and inconsistent, breeding cynicism when Airmen feel they cannot possibly follow every written rule. They are sometimes too rigid, slowing adaptation and discouraging new ideas. The result is distraction and inefficiency – when we specify the trivial, we lose focus on the important.

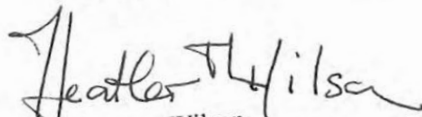
Over the next 24 months, we will systematically review, reduce, and clarify all Air Force directive publications. The men and women of the United States Air Force command history's most lethal force. Therefore, we trust you can make the right decisions based on our values, your training, the mission, and your experience. Where possible, instructions will allow commanders to exercise good judgment and waive requirements at the lowest appropriate level. The focus will be identifying best practices and concentrating on values, mission, and results.

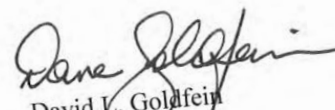
At the end of this effort, there will be fewer publications and those that remain will be shorter. All publications will be current; approvals and authorities will reside at the lowest appropriate level; and all publications will be written clearly and concisely, without jargon or acronyms. Additionally, instructions rescinded or made optional by Headquarters Air Force will not be replaced by comparable instructions at lower levels of command. The intent is to be less directive, not to decentralize direction.

The Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Management (SAF/MG) is the lead for this effort. Within the next year, their cross functional team will review and revise, or else rescind the most problematic instructions. Before September 2019, the team will review the remaining directive publications. To address the root cause of the current situation, we will also develop and implement an agile process that changes how publications are created, maintained, and disseminated.

Reviewing and revising publications is not your job, but no one knows how instructions impact the mission better than you. Your opportunity to be part of this institutional shift will come within the next several weeks when we circulate an Air Force wide survey. We encourage you to take part. We also encourage you to visit the Airmen Powered by Innovation portal. There, you can provide input on which publications should be prioritized for review.

We are honored to serve with you and respect your time and dedication. Thank you for helping us drive a culture of innovation and focusing on mission success – today and tomorrow.


Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force


David L. Goldfein
General, USAF
Chief of Staff



Solar Eclipse

A FLYING VIEW FROM A KC-135

A 465th Air Refueling Squadron aircrew flies on a KC-135 training mission from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, during the Aug. 21, 2017 solar eclipse. The event was the first total solar eclipse to occur over the United States in 38 years, spanning from Oregon to South Carolina.

(U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Bobby Jackson)





“We’ve lost 68 total force Airmen (active, Guard, Reserve and civilians) this year. That’s a rate of two each week.

I need your help. We MUST solve this. People don’t end their lives because they think things will get worse; oftentimes, it’s because they think it won’t get better.

If you’re not sure how to help, reach out to the DOD BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center: (844) 357-PEER (7337), Text (480) 360-6188.

If you need help, call the Military Crisis Line: (800) 273-8255, Text 838255.

One is one too many.”

~ CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright

OKIES IN

ALASKA

PHOTOS BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. ERNEST GOETHE



A 507TH AIR REFUELING WING KC-135 STRATOTANKER FROM TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLA., FLIES TO ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA, TO REFUEL 477TH FIGHTER GROUP F-22 RAPTORS IN AUGUST 2017.

LEADERSHIP COMMENTARY

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Kettler
Director of Inspections, 507th Inspector General

Family day is here, but next month: ATSO's back. I know what you're thinking...It's family day, yay! We get to bring out our families and show them where we work and enjoy some games and frivolity. Family is so important. They deserve to be included, when we can, in what we do and family day is the perfect opportunity. We get to give them a glimpse of how and why we are so important to the defense of this nation and tout our mission to organize, train and equip combat-ready Citizen Airmen to provide strategic deterrence and global capabilities. The wing can't do it without its most important resource, you, the Citizen Airman, and you can't do it without the support of your family.

Why are the men and women of the 507th so valuable to America? The nuclear threat from North Korea continues to garner news coverage, and our ability to survive and operate (ATSO) in chemical or biological contaminated environment has become increasingly more important. Our ability to effectively exercise in a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) environment, proving our prowess and strengthening those skills are telltale signs to the world that we are 100 percent mission ready and any attempt to attack would be futile.

Let me tell your family now, "What the men and

ATSO's back

women of the 507th do matters and contributes greatly to America's defense". We'll be having an ATSO exercise in October requiring us to get into MOPP (mission oriented protective posture). What should you expect? We will practice using our gear, donning and doffing (doffing means to remove an item of clothing...I only say this because when I first heard it, I didn't know what it meant) and we'll have various alarms to respond to. We've carved out time for you to demonstrate your ability to work while in MOPP Level 4. (Hint: Make sure you document the training.) We're setting up zone transition points and a contamination control area (CCA). Air and ground crew will get to get familiarized with aircrew eye and respiratory Protection (AERP) equipment. Like family day, there's fun to be had by all.

Okay, being in MOPP gear isn't exciting or glamorous, but it's a critical skill that we hope we never have to use. Have you heard the expression, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?" In strengthening our ATSO muscles, we again demonstrate that America is combat ready and in doing so, deterring enemy actions. Thank you to the men and women of the 507th and to your families for their support. Enjoy family day and may God continue to bless the 507th.

A 507th Air Refueling Wing member walks towards a station during a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear training exercise Feb. 2, 2017, Glenwood training area, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)



OKIES PARTNER WITH WALMART

Reserve Citizen Airman Maj. Britnee McIntyre, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron director of operations, received a U.S. Military Meritorious Service Medal as a surprise during a meeting at Walmart, where she also works as a senior manager for planning and strategy. McIntyre was awarded the medal for her work in strategic nuclear deterrence and global capability.



Photos courtesy of 1st Lt. Aaron Wolfe



Reserve Citizen Airmen respond to *HURRICANE HARVEY*

“This was a **total force effort** to support our federal, state and interagency partners as we **collectively** responded to those in need.”

~Lt. Gen. R. Scott Williams
Air Forces Northern commander

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Reserve Citizen Airman Staff Sgt. Gregg Forshaw, 308th Rescue Squadron pararescuemen, 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, gets a child to safety August 30, 2017, Port Arthur, Texas. (Courtesy photo)



VIDEO: From Oklahoma to OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

94 Citizen Airmen from the 507th Air Refueling Wing deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from December 2016 to February 2017 with KC-135R Stratotanker air refueling support.

The group of Reserve Airmen, made up of a mix of operations and maintenance group professionals, is one of the largest groups to leave from Tinker in 2016 to support ongoing operations against ISIS.

The 507th Air Refueling Wing deploys Reservists overseas every year to support warfighting requirements.

Maintenance members describe their deployment experience in this video produced in August 2017.



2017 Quarterly Award Winners 2nd Quarter



Senior Airman Demetria King
507th Force Support Squadron

Staff Sergeant Justin Jarrett
507th Security Forces Squadron

Unable to attend presentation



Master Sergeant Eric Whitesel
507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Unable to attend presentation



Captain Joe Peters
465th Air Refueling Squadron

Unable to attend presentation





Staff Sgt. Travis Krause, 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs a visual inspection Aug. 27, 2017, on the wing of a KC-135 Stratotanker before flight at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Scotland. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)