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OKIES AROUND THE WORLD**





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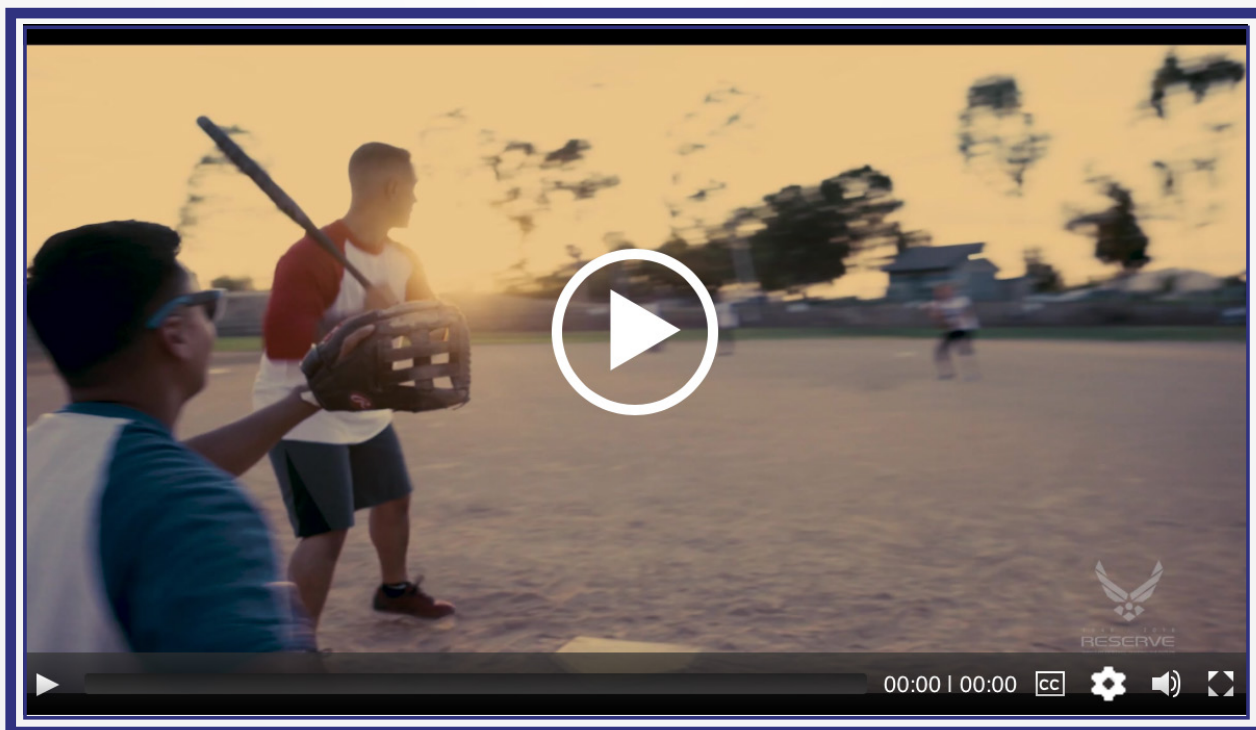
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# VIDEO: HOPE video series



The HOPE video series allows Reserve Citizen Airmen the opportunity to share their stories of how they found hope, even in their darkest hours. These videos are intended to be a source of learning and encouragement. This series allows for leadership to share narrative of hope and options for those who may be suffering.

# VIDEO: LIMITLESS



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### **DECEMBER UTA DEC. 2-3**

GREEN DOT TRAINING

BLDG 260

@ 0800 AND 1000 - DEC. 2

@ 0800 AND 1000 - DEC. 3

LMR TRAINING

AMXS CLASSROOM @ 0800 - DEC. 3

PAR TEAM TRAINING

AMXS CLASSROOM @ 0830 - DEC. 3

GREEN DOT TRAINING

BLDG. 1047 CLASSROOM

@ 1300 - DEC. 8

CIVILIAN CALL, 970TH AUDITORIUM

@ 1000 - DEC. 19

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PARTY

NORMAN VETERANS CENTER @ 0900 - DEC. 21

### **JANUARY UTA JAN. 6-7**

CIV OF QTR DUE - JAN. 15

### **FEBRUARY UTA FEB. 2-4**

**(FEB. 2 WILL BE ANNUAL TOUR)**

COMMANDER'S CALL, BASE THEATER @1500 - FEB. 3

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET @ 1800

LOCATION TBD- FEB. 3

### **MARCH UTA MAR. 2-4**

**(MARCH 2 WILL BE ANNUAL TOUR)**

ATSO EVENT

### **APRIL "SUPER UTA" APR. 5-8**

CIV OF QTR DUE - APR. 15

### **MAY UTA MAY 5-6**

**Do you have an event to add?**

[Contact us at 507arw.pa2@us.af.mil](mailto:507arw.pa2@us.af.mil)



# RESERVE RECRUITERS: OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

By 72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

## **“It’s a different world in the Air Force Reserve.”**

You hear that, but what does that mean? Maybe you have served active duty and are ready for something completely unrelated to the military. Maybe you’ve enjoyed your time on active duty and are unsure of what your next move is.

The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities for those transitioning from active duty Air Force as well as those who have served in other branches of the military.

Every Air Force base has at least one Air Force Reserve In-Service Recruiter who assists Airmen in their transition from active duty Air Force to the Air Force Reserve in order to continue their military careers. For Tinker Air Force Base, that Air Force Reserve recruiter is Master Sgt. Cody Newsom.

Newsom served on active duty for 13 years, spending five of those years in the active duty recruiting service before transitioning over to the Air Force Reserve recruiting service. Master Sgt. Newsom brings his knowledge and experiences through his unique dual-perspective view in order to effectively counsel those who wish to separate active duty and pursue the Air Force Reserve.



*Master Sgt. Cody Newsom is Tinker’s In-Service Recruiter and he won the Top Officer Accessions Recruiter for AFRC at the yearly recruiting banquet in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 9, 2017. The Reserve Recruiting office here at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. won a superior performance award and large recruiting flight of the 4th Quarter for reaching 126% of their recruiting goals. Col. Douglas Gullion won the Wing Commander of the year for Reserve Recruiting, Central Recruiting Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Kelly White)*



*Col. Dana Nelson, 507th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, accepts the award for Commander of the Year from the Central Recruiting Squadron on behalf of Col. Douglas Gullion, 507th ARW commander Nov. 9, 2017 in Orlando, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Cody Newsom)*

For the full story,  
**CLICK HERE**



# ATSO: IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

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

Welcome to December Unit Training Assembly. I want to take this opportunity to remind you of our accomplishments in 2017.

We completed the NORI in March. The Super UTA in April was chock full of ancillary training. Our wing members were tasked for various deployments--some of who are still deployed, and some are preparing for deployment now.

In April, we tackled the UEI. We began the "crawl" phase of ATSO in October, and in November, we completed Global Thunder '18.

Whew. It's been busy. The ability of our Airmen to balance their military obligations with their civilian jobs and families was heavily exercised this year.

Congratulations to you and your family for such success. Our wing is stronger because of your continued commitment. Readiness remains the priority.

The IGI office's focus for November UTA was for members to ensure that they have their gas mask and all



*Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing practice aircrew decontamination Oct. 14, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)*

chemical protective gear. If any members are missing items, please ensure they are ordered in a timely manner. All of the wing personnel should have a form 1574 in the gas mask carrier, indicating that the mask has been inspected and signed off.

This UTA Sunday, Dec. 3, we will conduct PAR Team and LMR Training at 8:00 a.m. in the AMXS Classroom.

With recent global events, our wing must be ready to respond quickly with reliable and trained personnel. Please keep your sights on ATSO and keep sharpening your skills for our exercise in March 2018.

Thank you for an awesome year and keep up the great work.



# ANGEL TREE 2017



Choose from three ways to contribute to our local Veterans:

## MAKE A DONATION

Please contact a POC listed below to contribute a monetary donation. Funds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for our Veterans at the VA center in Norman.

Deadline: Dec. 11, 2017



## PURCHASE A GIFT

Pick up a Veteran's wish list from the Angel Tree in the Wing HQ, Bldg. 1043. Please drop off *un-wrapped* gifts to a POC below.

Deadline: Dec. 11, 2017



## ATTEND THE PARTY

All are welcome to celebrate the season and visit with the Veterans at the party at 9:30 a.m. at the Norman Veteran's Center:  
**1776 E. Robinson St. in Norman**

**Party: Dec. 21, 2017  
@ 9:30 a.m.**



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# Operation Holiday Spirit CELEBRATES 19 YEARS

By Maj. Jon Quinlan, 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs



*Tech. Sgt. Stefanie Greer, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron acting first sergeant and Master Sgt. Natalie Kelly, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron first sergeant serve steak dinners to members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, 513th Air Control Group and the Oklahoma Air National Guard, 137th Special Operations Wing Nov. 4 2017. The 19th Annual Operation Holiday Spirit Steak Supper raised \$25,906 to benefit Airmen in need of assistance during the holidays.(U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)*

**T**he Air Reserve Component at Tinker Air Force Base raised \$25,906 to support Airmen in need of assistance at the 19th Annual Operation Holiday Spirit Steak Supper at the Del City VFW/ American Legion in Del City, Oklahoma, on Nov. 4, 2017.

The joint effort between the 507th Air Refueling Wing, the 513th Air Control Group and the Oklahoma Air National Guard 137th Special Operations Wing has attracted an overall total of 3,698 attendees since the inaugural OHS in 1999. The patrons of the event have raised a grand total of \$349,316 since the fundraiser's inception nearly 20 years ago.

While this year's attendance was down a bit due to deployments, OHS still managed to raise an impressive amount that will be used directly to help Reserve or Guard Airmen who need financial assistance during the holidays.

For more photos, **CLICK HERE**





A CLOSER

## Airman 1st Class Ashley Patrick

**507TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON  
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT APPRENTICE**

### WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I can walk on stilts and make balloons.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IN A MOVIE?

John Nash from A Beautiful Mind, portrayed by Russell Crowe. I like it because it's a story about overcoming adversity.

### AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

I always dreamed of designing houses and becoming an architect.

### WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

My goal is to become a commissioned officer and climb as high as I can.

### WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

The best part of my job is simply having the privilege of wearing the uniform.

### WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

When people blow up my phone or message me when I'm clearly busy.

### WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE MILITARY AND WHY?

I enlisted on December 9, 2015, but I didn't leave for basic training until November 15, 2016. I joined to be a part of a team and to have the experience of being a part of something bigger.

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

[EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION HERE](#)



*Airman 1st Class Ashley Patrick poses for a photo Dec. 1, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)*

# PROMOTIONS



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MICHAEL KNIGHT, 72 APS



## **MASTER SERGEANT**

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## **TECHNICAL SERGEANT**

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CHARMAINE JONES, 507 LRS

ASHLEY LIDDELL, 730 AMTS

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ELIJAH SABREE, 507 AMXS

DUSTIN TOMPKINS, 970 AACs



## **SENIOR AIRMAN**

JACQUELINE MOSS, 465 ARS



## **AIRMAN FIRST CLASS**

ASHLEY PATRICK, 507 LRS



# Chapel Services



Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus, 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain, leads an invocation May 15, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

## UTA Weekends

### Protestant Service:

**Sunday @ 0730 Bldg. 1056,  
(970 AACS Auditorium)**

### Catholic Mass:

**Sunday @ 0730 Bldg. 1059  
(465 ARS Briefing Room)**

**Contact the 507th ARW Chapel Staff at 734-1912. The office is located in Bldg. 1043, Rm. 4**



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### CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL FITNESS

#### WEEKLY MASS

Mon, Wed, Fri	1130
Saturday	1700
Sunday	0900

#### CONFESSION

Saturday	1530-1630 (or by appt)
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#### WEEKLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday	1900 (Retreat in Daily Life)
Thursday	1300 (Ladies Rosary Guild)
Friday	0930 (CWOC, first Friday)
Sunday	1000 (Pre-baptism, last Sunday)
Sunday	1030 (Pre-K-12th Class)

### PROTESTANT SPIRITUAL FITNESS

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School	0930
Worship Service	1100
Wee Church	0930/1100 (6 mo-3yrs)
Children's Church	1100 (4 yrs-11 yrs)

#### WEDNESDAY

Community Dinner	1800 (Sep-May)
Men's Bible Study	1900
Women's Bible Study	1900
Youth of the Chapel	1900 (6-12 grade)
Children of the Chapel	1900 (4yrs-11yrs)
Wee Church	1900 (6 mo-3yrs)

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# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW: OKIES AROUND THE WORLD

Story by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason



*Reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing return home following a deployment Feb. 17, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. More than 90 other Reservists deployed in December 2016 in support of air operations at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, against the Islamic State group. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)*

**2017 was a whirlwind of a year here for the 'Okies' of the 507th Air Refueling Wing.**

From Oklahoma to Europe and Southwest Asia, more than 1,100 Reserve Citizen Airmen of the 507th ARW, the largest Reserve unit in the state of Oklahoma, accomplished a great deal.

The 507th Operations Group flew the KC-135 Stratotanker for **2,666 hours**, supported **685 sorties** and provided more than **17 million pounds** of fuel to **2,043 receiver** aircraft. In addition, Citizen Airmen provided flight training to C-17 and KC-135 operators at a geographically separated unit, the 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

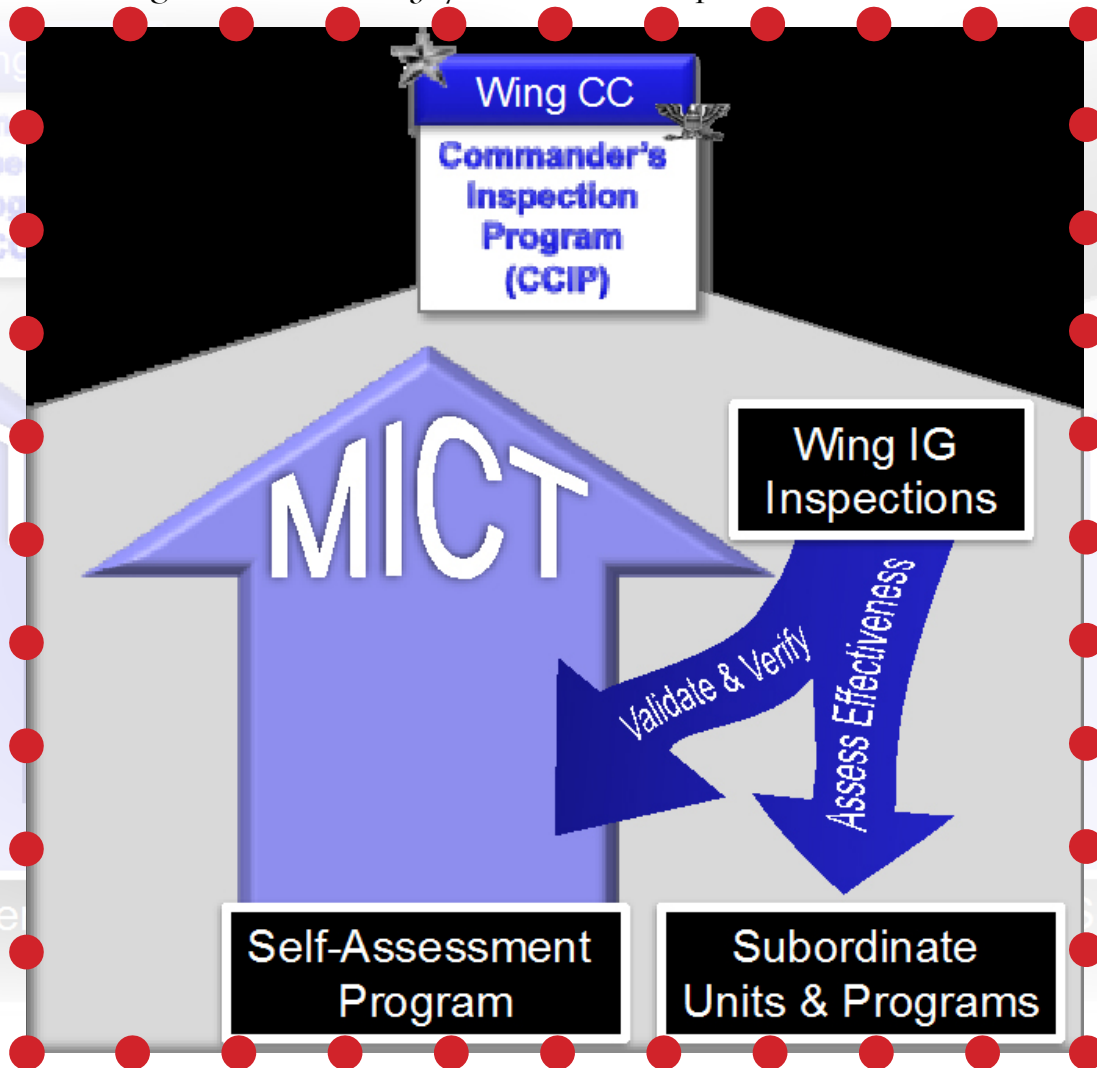
The powerhouse of the wing, the 507th Maintenance Group, deployed 72 personnel, five aircraft and **53,000 pounds** of equipment to Turkey; readying aircraft for **225 combat sorties** and making **13 million pounds** of fuel available to receiver aircraft.

For the full story and more photos, **CLICK HERE**



# MAKING TIME FOR MICT VALIDATIONS

Master Sgt. Justin Malzer, 507th ARW IGI Inspections



**I**t goes without saying that there is just not enough time during UTAs to execute what we set out to accomplish.

Appointments, training, deployment preparations, and job-specific functions make additional taskings appear to be a hindrance.

The 507th IGI understands this completely, which is why we are always here to assist you with your questions and concerns with MICT.

With readiness being witnessed at every level on a global scale, we must continually assess our own compliance with the increasing and ever-changing levels of readiness.

If we allow the critical functions of MICT to take the backseat of our day-to-day operations, it will show when it comes time to flaunt our readiness and execute the mission.

The reality: Readiness has evolved from practice to practical. Remember the principle of "watering the grass" versus "painting the grass green."

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our mission. Your IGI office looks forward to seeing your MICT validations by close of business on the December UTA.

# AFRC tests KC-135 defense system

by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison

**A** 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker here is fulfilling a critical role within the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard in the testing and fielding efforts to employ an operational Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures-based pod defensive system.

The LAIRCM modification is designed to autonomously detect, provide warning and employ countermeasures against shoulder fired Man-portable air defense system missiles. Older LAIRCM versions are currently employed on other aircraft, such as the C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III, but it's been in the works for more than five years for use on the KC-135.

According to Air Force Material Command KC-135 equipment specialist, Master Sgt. Anthony Burch, it's been a long process because of documentation and safety related tasks involved in configuring the aircraft to use LAIRCM.

"When I became part of the program four years ago, it was the generation two pod and it's evolved over the years to generation three," Burch said. "As a result, we're going to be the first Air Force platform to get the latest and greatest version of LAIRCM."

The core mission of the KC-135 is to provide aerial refueling capabilities in order to maintain global reach for the U.S. Air Force, while serving a secondary mission of transporting patients during aeromedical evacuations. The aircraft can also transport up to 83,000 pounds of cargo, depending on fuel storage configuration.

"The main purpose of the LAIRCM system is to save the aircraft and all personnel inside," Burch said. "With LAIRCM on the KC-135, we can actually get closer to the fight because it offers protection against adversaries. The aerial refueling tracks can be closer to the fighter jets to reduce the time it takes for them to refuel and get back to the mission."



*A team of maintenance personnel from the 507th Maintenance Group install a defense modification to the KC-135 at Tinker Air Force Base Oct. 25, 2017. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech Sgt. Samantha Mathison)*

According to the KC-135 System Program Office manager here, Raymond Berhalter, the new LAIRCM system is portable, modular and transferable to maximize flexibility in utilization, and can be installed on an aircraft in approximately 10 minutes.

When installed on the aircraft, the LAIRCM system can identify infrared ground-based missile threats and defeat them using a laser to lead the missile off course, according to Berhalter. The missile-warning sensor detects ultraviolet light from a missile's exhaust, while an onboard computer determines whether the missile is a threat to the aircraft.

If a threat is imminent, the tracker locks onto the missile and calculates its trajectory, then the laser fires pulses of infrared light to disorient the missile's guidance system. The process is automatic and only takes a few seconds.

"Although many platforms have various forms of LAIRCM, the KC-135 is the first operational U.S. Air Force aircraft to field the latest configuration of LAIRCM; the LAIRCM Block 30," Berhalter said.

"Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and the National Guard Bureau will determine which aircraft will receive the modification and deployment of the mission kits."

AFRC's National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation program manager, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kissire, said that timing of future ANG and AFRC KC-135 LAIRCM modifications will be determined once testing is complete and the production contract is awarded.

The effort is a result of critical requirements identified at both the Air National Guard Weapons and Tactics Conference (WEPTAC) and Air Force Reserve Combat Planning Council (CPC), according to Kissire.

"The 507th's role in the KC-135 LAIRCM program is a perfect example of warfighters helping to meet a warfighter driven requirement," he said. "The combined efforts of the KC-135 System Program Office, the ANG, the AFRC Test Center and AFRC ensure that our Reserve Citizen Airmen remain relevant and ready for emerging challenges ahead."



# PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE: *NOT JUST FOR AIRCRAFT*

By the 507th ARW Equal Opportunity Office

**P**reventative maintenance is defined as maintenance that is regularly performed on a piece of equipment to lessen the likelihood of it failing. Preventative maintenance is performed while the equipment is still working to ensure that it doesn't break down unexpectedly.

As a wing, we are doing a great job when it comes to adhering to DOD, AF and wing EO policies. However, we need to use a preventative approach in order to keep things going in the right direction so we can continue not to break down as the definition above states.

Our world, country and our military are currently going through workplace challenges. Just turn on the news or read a newspaper. Things that were once accepted, hushed or accepted as the "The way we've always done it" or "The norm" are changing.

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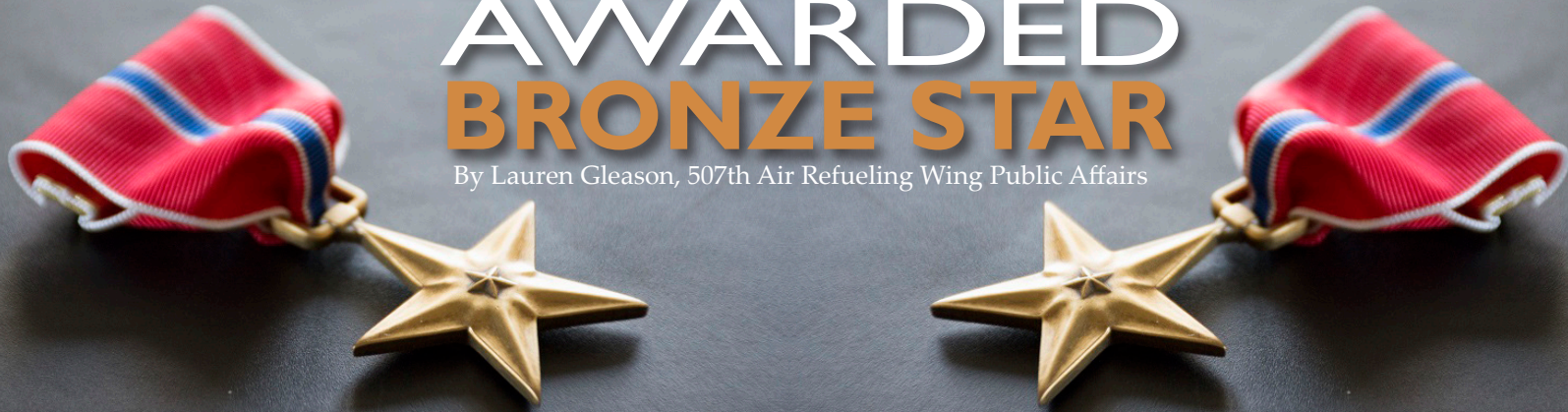
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(Courtesy image)

# LRS COMMANDER AWARDED BRONZE STAR

By Lauren Gleason, 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs



The commander of the 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron here, Maj. Damien Miller, received **the Bronze Star** Nov. 5 for his **meritorious service** in Iraq from Jan. 7 to July 8.

The Bronze Star is the **fourth highest individual military award**, and is awarded to any person who distinguishes himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight.

An Air Force Reserve Citizen Airman, Miller commanded 95 Airmen of the 442nd Air Expeditionary Squadron at the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center, the **largest Air Force Squadron in Iraq** in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.



*Maj. Damien Miller, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, receives the Bronze Star Medal from Col. Doug Gullion, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, during a medal presentation at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Nov. 5, 2017. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech Sgt. Samantha Mathison)*



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# AROUND THE WING

Commander of the 507th Security Forces Squadron, Maj. Richard Martin II, 2nd Lt. Ryan Cheney and Senior Master Sgt. Chad Bolding pose for a photo Nov. 16, 2017, upon Cheney's graduation as Distinguished Graduate from the Security Forces Officer Course at Camp Bullis, Texas. Cheney was also awarded the DG award at Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. in 2016. (Courtesy photo)



507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs specialist, Lauren Gleason, poses for a photo at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Nov. 17, 2017. Gleason was awarded the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Communication Civilian, Civilian Category II, award for 2017. An Air Force veteran of 14 years, Gleason has worked for the 507th ARW for four years simultaneously as a civilian and a Reservist. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



# AIRCREW EXCELLENCE AWARD



On Dec. 17, 2016, a three-person crew of Octane 57, the crew's call sign, departed Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in a KC-135R Stratotanker for a night combat air refueling sortie. After the refueling mission, two engines lost oil pressure and shut down. The crew made a safe landing with two engines out.

The crew's professionalism and airmanship successfully handled multiple emergencies simultaneously and precisely accomplished all the emergency procedures required to safely recover the aircraft. The teamwork and actions of the crew led to the safe recovery of a \$66 million dollar Air Force aircraft, as well as the lives of three crew members.



*The 4th Air Force Aircrew  
Excellence Award goes to:*

MAJ. BRIAN DOSS  
CAPT. RYAN BURKITT  
STAFF SGT. TYLER SORRELS



Staff Sgt. Tyler Sorrels, KC-135 Stratotanker boom operator, Maj. Brian Doss, and Capt. Ryan Burkitt, KC-135 pilots, assigned to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., pose for a photo during a deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in February 2017. Their actions during an in-flight emergency led to being awarded the 4th Air Force's Aircrew Excellence Award in 2017. (Courtesy photo)



# *Congratulations to our* **3RD QUARTER AWARD WINNERS**

## **AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER**

Senior Airman Bryce Alexander, 507th Security Forces Squadron

## **NCO OF THE QUARTER**

Tech. Sgt. Demerious Nelson, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

## **SNCO OF THE QUARTER**

Master Sgt. Ricky Buettner, 507th Security Forces Squadron

## **CGO OF THE QUARTER**

Capt. Edwin Burnet, 465th Air Refueling Squadron



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## **Combined Federal Campaign 2017**

**New this year:**

- **Volunteer** your time at a local charity

**Retirees can donate via a deduction from **retirement pay****

- One **website:** [www.opm.gov/showsomelovecfc](http://www.opm.gov/showsomelovecfc)

*Deadline to donate is Dec. 15*

Contact [Lauren.Gleason.2@us.af.mil](mailto:Lauren.Gleason.2@us.af.mil) in Public Affairs to donate

# Season's Greetings!



Col. Douglas Gullion, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing and his wife, Pamela, toss candy to children during the I Christmas parade at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Nov. 29, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo/Kelly White)

## 507TH CES TAKES 3RD PLACE IN CONTEST



Master Sgt. Jo De Lorenzi, Senior Airman Andrew Birney and Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Greer of the Civil Engineer Squadron display their gingerbread house Nov. 29, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)





*Staff Sgt. Kirsten Milkowski of the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron installs the Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures-based pod defensive system on a Reserve KC-135 Stratotanker Oct. 25, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The modification is designed to autonomously detect, provide warning and employ countermeasures against shoulder fired Man-portable air defense system missiles. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)*