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COVER LEGACY OF PARTNERSHIP

Senior Airman Gibson Zamarripa, a 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aeromedical evacuation technician from the Oklahoma Air National Guard, reviews procedures in-between training scenarios on a 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, March 27, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff. Sgt. Tyler Woodward)

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wo Oklahoma units, one Air National Guard and the other U.S. Air Force Reserve, used their shared legacy of teamwork and cooperation to make an Air National Guard-wide aeromedical evacuation exercise run successfully for the third year in a row.

The 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the 137th Special Operations Wing at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma City hosted MATOP, or the Multiple Aircraft Training Opportunity Program, March 27 - March 30, 2018.

Historically, the unit has hosted the event for the past two years and once before in 2012, allowing Airmen from all nine Air National Guard aeromedical evacuation squadrons to receive the same training on all three of their primary airframes in a single location.

"It's mainly about getting to see all the airframes at the same time," Lt. Col. Darcy Tate, 137th AES commander and crew evaluator. "The Airmen have the ability to go back and forth between the three and really see the differences. It also allows us to consolidate the training and get more done in a three-day timeframe than you do with a couple days here and there."

However, the success of the event rests on the continuing partnership between the Air National Guard 137th SOW and Air Force Reserve 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base right across town in Oklahoma City.

"The 507th ARW is awesome to work with," said Maj. Tiffany Andersen, 137th AES officer in charge and MATOP planner. "They fly with us pretty much whenever we need it. They do early flights, they do late flights, and they're very supportive of MATOP, especially this year. We reached out to them and they said, 'Yeah, we'll do whatever you need.' They even opened up a static plane just for egress training."

(continued) -

he 507th ARW flew three KC-135 Stratotanker missions in addition to the static as part of MATOP. For aeromedical evacuation Airmen, the KC-135R, along with the C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 Hercules, serves as an integral part of their mission, especially in deployed environments.

"The KC-135R is our primary airframe," said Andersen. "We're the only ones in the guard with such close access to it. It's a high-priority for other units, and it's eagerly sought after for flights because the other units don't get to work with it often."

With its unique availability for aeromedical evacuation squadrons, the use of the KC-135s during MATOP rests solely on the 507th ARW, and the use of those aircraft is based largely on the two units' shared history.

In 2005, the 137th SOW and 507th ARW comprised the first ever Air Reserve Component association between the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command, which meant the two wings used the KC-135s from the 507th ARW while the 137th SOW's maintenance and operations groups flew and maintained them.

Though the 137th SOW has changed to a special operations mission with a new aircraft since then, the close partnership between the two units still stands.

"We're neighbors," said Col. Douglas Gullion, 507th ARW commander. "The 137th SOW helps us out a lot with civil engineering training, because they own equipment that we don't. We have aircraft that we can take aeromedical evacuation crews on, and the 137th SOW doesn't. It just seems like a natural fit and a way to



get both of our missions accomplished."

For aeromedical evacuation Airmen, MATOP provides integral training for the entire career field, allowing them to care for and treat simulated patients in the air while anticipating the complications of flight and changing conditions.

"It allows them to get hands-on during a much less stressful time," said Tate. "They are able to work with the planes and equipment before they head out to work with them in the real world."

Targeting all nine of the Air National Guard aeromedical evacuation squadrons, MATOP and the partnerships that make it happen will continue to be an important part in the training of Guard members.



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MAJOR CHANGES



3 BIG TICKETS

REMEMBER







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ffective immediately, Air Force officials have removed the requirement to complete Courses 14 and 15 for all Airmen serving in the active component. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will have the option to complete their enlisted professional military education through distance learning or inresidence attendance.

Airmen will no longer be required to complete distance learning prior to in-residence attendance at the noncommissioned officer and senior NCO academy. Active component Airmen will complete EPME in-residence, while Guard and Reserve Airmen can complete through DL or in-residence.

"Ultimately, Airmen are always encouraged to focus on their own self-improvement and life-long learning," said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. "However, because our enlisted members have a 100 percent opportunity to attend in-residence NCO and SNCOA, this change provides Airmen greater flexibility and reduces redundancy in professional military education."

All active component Airmen currently enrolled in Courses 14 or 15 may continue the course or disenroll. Guard and Reserve Airmen currently enrolled are encouraged to complete the course unless they are currently scheduled to attend inresidence.

"We want to ensure each level of EPME is meaningful to our Airmen and works to further develop them as professionals, warfighters and leaders," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. "As we work to evolve our EPME, we have to remain flexible, ensuring we have content and delivery models that work for everyone."

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Changes to computer-based and ancillary training





THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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APR 2 7 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIRMEN SUBJECT: Reducing Ancillary and Computer-Based Training - Phase II

Starting in October 2016, we took the first step toward reducing or eliminating ancillary and computer-based training. Today, we're taking the next steps. There will be more steps to

Effective immediately, commanders and supervisors are empowered to conduct nearly all mandatory ancillary training as they see fit. Computer-based training will no longer be the primary tool for providing this information unless otherwise directed by law, Department of Defense policy, or a commander entrusted with the mission.

The attached document outlines which courses are required and the few exceptions that must still be accomplished online in accordance with law or DoD policy. For each course, the related talking points will aid commanders and supervisors should they choose to deliver course content during Commanders Calls, Directors Calls, other open forums, and supervisor feedback opportunities. Commanders and supervisors will ensure their Airmen complete mandatory training through the method and at the time they deem most appropriate, and will determine the best way to record such training has occurred. While computer-based training is no longer the primary method of delivery, this platform is still available to all Airmen through the Advanced Distributed Learning System as an added training resource.

We remain committed to pushing decisions down to the lowest practical level and providing more flexibility to leaders. This is about increasing the lethality and readiness of our force. Trusting commanders to build and sustain warfighting readiness in the most effective and efficient manner is central to our success. We're proud to serve with you.

Heather Wilson Secretary of the Air Force David L. Goldfein General, USAF Chief of Staff

Kaleth O. Wright Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force 8 // ON FINAL



MAY UTA MAY 5-6

SERVICES COOKOUT - MAY 5 @1200 IN HANGAR 1030

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 28

JUNE UTA JUNE 2-3

WING CHANGE OF COMMAND - JUNE 3 @1400 IN HANGAR 1030

JULY UTA JULY 14-15 (If needed)

INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4

CIV OF QTR DUE - JULY 15

AUGUST UTA AUG. 4-5

SEPTEMBER UTA SEP. 8-9

FAMILY DAY - SEP. 8

OCTOBER UTA OCT. 6-7

CIV OF QTR DUE - JULY 15

Do you have an event to add?

Contact us at 507arw.pa2@us.af.mil





Capt. Aaron Wolfe

507TH MAINTENANCE GROUP DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE MILITARY?

I joined when I was 32 years old because, simply put, I was bored and needed more excitement. I was enlisted as a munitions systems specialist, I deployed in 2012, and had plenty of excitement then.

WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I started college at age 26 and in order to obtain the full college experience, I lived on campus in the dorms as a freshman. I played rugby all four years as both a center and a blind side wing.

AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

As a kid I wanted to be a police officer, because who doesn't love fast cars and blue lights?

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

When people use the phrase "Well, that's how we have always done it." I've always believed 'impossible' is not a real word; it's just an excuse not to try.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I enjoy jammin' on the drum set and going to live music venues, such as Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, Okla., where they play all kinds of music genres.

Capt. Aaron Wolfe stands for a photograph May 1, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sqt. Samantha Mathison)

COMMENTARY

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

By Maj. Amanda Hacman 507th Force Support Squadron commander

When I think about leadership and what inspires me, I look around and aspire to be a servant leader. I am always amazed at how much one can learn simply by adopting the mantra of serving those you lead. Being a leader not only encompasses managing, but I believe it means having the ability to inspire followership. Being a leader is not for the faint of heart. It is a privilege and an awesome responsibility.

I have worked alongside incredible leaders throughout my career. These individuals ranged in grade and position, some I worked for, and others were subordinate to the positions I held. What I found most endearing with each leader was their innate integrity and desire to fulfill the mission without forgetting our most important asset - the Airmen standing next to them. As a commander, one of my goals is to never forget these lessons and experiences.

Servant leadership requires effective communication. Stakeholders are much more inclined to believe in the mission and vision if they understand it. Their buy-in is essential to the ownership of their productivity and participation in the overall unit goals. The less ambiguity that Airmen face, the greater the odds are for successful mission completion.

Additionally, I believe it is imperative to show each and every Airman how their job fits into the mission. Our wing's mission is to refuel aircraft, and our support units certainly have a vital role in accomplishing that mission. Each member has a specific function that contributes to getting the aircraft and aircrew to their target destination. It is our job as leaders to show our Airmen how important they are to our success.

To sum it up, I believe a true leader has the ability to motivate others to do their jobs, believe in the vision and feel ownership in overall mission success. True leaders serve their members while inspiring those same Airmen to become the best version of themselves.



Maj. Amanda Hacman, 507th Force Support Squadron commander, stands for an official photo Sep. 5, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

"I would rather try to persuade a man to go along, because once I have persuaded him, he will stick. If I scare him, he will stay just as long as he is scared, and then he is gone."

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

MPROMOTIONS



GARRETT SHERMAN, 507 CES BRADLEY SHOWALTER, 507 ARW



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TREY WILSON, 507 OSS



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

KARSON KEY, 507 CES JAYLA HURST, 507 MDS



AIRMAN

ALASIA LOVE, 507 MXG

Reserve FIRE RESCUE



A painting created by Senior Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, a boom operator assigned to the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, is displayed at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga., April 13, 2018. Perrin, the artist of the painting, created the work depicting a helicopter rescue at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. The work shows a disaster that killed 85 people and injured more than 700 on November 21, 1980. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ciara Gosier)

Etched in History

Story by Jaimi Upthegrove

The newest addition to the Air Force Reserve's art collection, "Grand Rescue," was displayed for the first time at the Museum of Aviation April 13.

Reserve Citizen Airman Senior Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, a boom operator assigned to the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, painted "Grand Rescue" as a tribute to the men and women who flew the rescue mission during the MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada fire November 21, 1980.

The painting was unveiled in front of the museum's HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter, one of three Air Force Reserve helicopters assisting with the rescue effort. The artwork depicts a helicopter rescue of a pregnant woman at the hotel.

"This painting was a challenge for me, but the rescue was intense and I was honored to be able to document the Reservists that helped out," said Perrin.

The Reserve Citizen Airmen First Responders are credited with saving the lives of roughly 1,000 people from the roof and balconies of the hotel.

On the morning of November 21, 1980, an electrical fire broke out in the hotel restaurant, The Deli. It quickly spread through the hotel with smoke being pulled into the hotel rooms. The disaster killed 85 people and injured more than 700.

"There was a Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nevada and our Reservists just happened to be there when the fire broke out," said Perrin. "The fire department reached out to the base to assist with the rescue via helicopters and our combat search and rescues team were in the right place at the right time."

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TORNADO WATCH VS. WARNING

Tornado Watch: Be Prepared!

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room.

Be ready to act quickly if NWS issues a warning or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps save lives!

Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states

Tornado Warning: Take Action!

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows.

If you are in a mobile home, a vehicle or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and cover your head to avoid flying debris. Local NWS offices issue warnings.

Warnings typically encompass a much smaller, area, around the size of a city or small county. Warnings are issues when a tornado is spotted on the ground or identified by a forecaster on radar.

LEARN MORE

ABOUT TORNADO SAFETY AT:

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NEW BEGINNINGS

SENIOR MASTER SGT. GAVIN SMITH, 507TH MAINTENANCE GROUP, *RETIRES* AFTER 33 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**



Senior Master Sgt. Gavin Smith, 507th Maintenance Group Quality Assurance superintendent, stands with Col. Travis Caughlin, 507th Maintenance Group commander, during his retirement ceremony April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Smith served in the Air Force for 33 years. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)



Senior Master Sgt. Gavin Smith, 507th Maintenance Group Quality Assurance superintendent, accepts his Certificate of Retirement April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., after 33 years of service. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)



Senior Master Sgt. Gavin Smith, 507th Maintenance Group Quality Assurance superintendent, delivers a speech during his retirement ceremony April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sqt. Grady Epperly)

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COMMANDER'S CALL RECOGNITION

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NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Kirk Godfrey 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron





1st Sgt.'s Diamond Sharp Award:

Staff Sgt. Ashley Parker 507th Operations Group



TRUE DEDICATION

SENIOR MASTER SGT. WILLIAM CAHO, 507TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON, *RETIRES* AFTER 33 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**



Senior Master Sgt. William Caho, 507th Maintenance Squadron, accepts his Certificate of Retirement from Maj. Jason Geary, 507th Air Refueling Wing Deputy Director of Inspections, during his retirement ceremony April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Caho served in the Air Force for 33 years. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



Senior Master Sgt. William Caho, 507th Maintenance Squadron, stands at attention during his retirement ceremony April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., after 33 years of service. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



A plaque made for Senior Master Sgt. William Caho, 507th Maintenance Squadron, sits on a table awaiting presentation during his retirement ceremony April 7, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sqt. Samantha Mathison)

CIVILIAN CALL RECOGNITION

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER **DEL FORD, 507TH FSS**



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

TWENTY YEARS **CIVIL SERVICE**

Marshall A. Hunter James W. Steinmann III Susan C. Boyce Beth A. Collins Sharon K. Lochman Eric W. Wilks Michael D. Toney Steven M. Robinson

507th AMXS 507th LRS 507th ARW 507th OSS 507th FSS 507th ARW 507th OSS 465th ARS

TEN YEARS **CIVIL SERVICE**

Shawn R. Tucker Ross W. Williams John D. Way, II Amanda M. Hacman 507th FSS Daniel S. Pierce

507th OSS 507th ARW 507th AMXS 507th MXS

AIR FORCE CIVILIAN SERVICE



OKLAHOMA CITY

VOLUNTEERS MARATHON

A group of Reserve Citizen Airmen enjoy a meal following the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon April 29, 2018, in Oklahoma City. More than 20 volunteers from within the 507th Air Refueling Wing and around the country volunteered to serve as course marshals for the 26.2 mile run. (Courtesy photo)

MAKING TIME: RESERVISTS **RUN** TO REMEMBER



Force Support Squadron, holds her half marathon medal in her hand April 29, 2018, in Oklahoma City. Long ran the 13.1 miles in 2 hours, 34 minutes, and said she plans to make it an annual tradition with her mother to remember the tragic events of April 19, 1995. (Courtesy photo)



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Senior Airman Ashley Patrick displays her

medal May 5, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., awarded to her after completing the 13.1 mile OKC half marathon in 2 hours, 18

minutes. Patrick said the marathon was her first, and she participated for the experience

and to honor the lives lost in the OKC Bombing. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sqt.

Lauren Gleason)

Tech. Sqt. Sarah Long, 507th



2:34:00

Senior Master Sgt. James Randol, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his sons, Michael, 8, and Andrew, 6, pose for a photo April 29, 2018, after running the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon in Oklahoma City. Randol said he ran the half marathon in 2 hours, 34 minutes, to honor the victims of the bombing and to be a good role model for his children. (Courtesy photo)

Master Sqt. Jo De Lorenzi, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, and her daughter, Lillian, 8, take a photo April 29, 2018, after running the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon in Oklahoma City. De Lorenzi said she and her daughter ran the 5K in 39 minutes, 54 seconds to promote fitness, bond with her daughter, and be a part of a group who vow to never forget the lives lost on April 19, 1995. (Courtesy photo)

