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### WING BIDS FAREWELL TO LONG-SERVING AIRMEN

507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen Senior Master Sgt. Corey Still, superintendent, attempts to walk while Maj. Randy Starnes, commander, and 1st Lt. Adrian Mack, operations officer, hold onto Still's feet to demonstrate how much he will be missed Aug. 4, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Still was one of two long-serving senior master sergeants the 507th Air Refueling Wing bid farewell to during the August unit training assembly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

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## Wing bids farewell to two long-serving Airmen

Above: Senior Master Sqt. Corey Still, 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent, wields a torque wrench while posing for a photo Dec. 20, 2017, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sqt. Lauren Gleason)

Senior Master Sgt. Corey Still, 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent, joined the 507th Air Refueling Wing in June 2000. After 18 years, he accepted a position at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, and is slated to promote to chief master sergeant.

We wish him the best in his next adventure!



Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing stand for a photo with Senior Master Sqt. Corey Still (middle), 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent, Aug. 4, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sqt. Samantha Mathison)

Senior Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, 465th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, joined the 507th Air Refueling Wing in December 1998. After 20 years, he accepted a historian position at Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters to paint illustrations full-time.

We wish him nothing but success in the future!

### Click HERE to watch the Facebook video!

Far right and bottom: Senior Master Sqt. Darby Perrin, 465th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, celebrates with friends and family after his final flight with the wing Aug. 4, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)





## SATURDAY, SEPT. 8TH

1100-1530

HANGAR 1030

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## SCOBEE CONTINUES LEGACY OF SERVICE

Story by Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

aj. Gen. Richard Scobee was nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for promotion to the rank of lieutenant general Sept. 4, 2018.

With this promotion, Scobee will become the Chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command where he will serve as principal adviser on reserve matters to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff and assume leadership of nearly 70,000 Reserve Citizen Airmen including the supervision of all U.S. Air Force Reserve units around the world.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, he joined the Air Force in 1986. He is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, including 248 combat hours. Prior to his current assignment as the deputy commander of Air Force Reserve Command, he was the commander of the Air Force Reserve's 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas. Scobee commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels and held numerous staff positions at the unit, Air Staff and Combatant Command levels.

Scobee continues his legacy of service as the son of retired Lt. Col. Francis Richard Scobee, Air Force aircraft mechanic, test pilot and National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut who logged more than 6,500 flying hours and flew 45 types of aircraft. Lt. Col. Scobee was the commander of the Space Shuttle Challenger which suffered a catastrophic booster failure in 1986. For his significant accomplishments, Lt. Col. Scobee was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor and inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

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(U.S. Air Force official photo)



Tenth Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Scobee greets Airmen at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, April 25, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Roman)



ore than 100 members of Safari Club International visited the 507th Air Refueling Wing Aug. 29, 2018, for a static aircraft tour and mission briefing. The visiting group of military retirees and civilians was led by retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ralph Cerney, a former B-52 Stratofortress and helicopter pilot. Safari Club International is an organization that works to protect the freedom to hunt and promote wildlife conservation worldwide.



## 20th ANNUAI SPIRIT STEAK S Friday, November 30, 2018 Del City American Legion/VFW Post - 5000 SE 24th Street

Del City American Legion/VFW Post - 5000 SE 24th Street

Time: 6:00 - 10:00 PM Price: \$30.00

### Tickets

Takesha Williams

Angi Vereb

Steve Rosebrook

Laura Santiago

Arlene Nilkumhang

Ralph Hawkins

Larry DeSalle

Beth Collins

Joe Wade

Stephanie Heath

Michelle Bonilla

### Menu

Steak or chicken Baked potato Green beans

Salad

Cheesecake

Cash bar available (No outside beverages, please)

Proceeds to benefit

Operation Holiday Spirit

## AIR FORCE RECRUITER CO-AUTHORS BOOK ON RESILIENCY

Master Sgt. Nickelette Hunter, Central Recruiting Squadron line recruiter in Oklahoma City, told a personal story of hardship and resiliency in a book titled 'Resilient Warriors,' published July 2018.

The book is a compilation of stories written by 22 women who served in the military and how they got through their personal hardships.

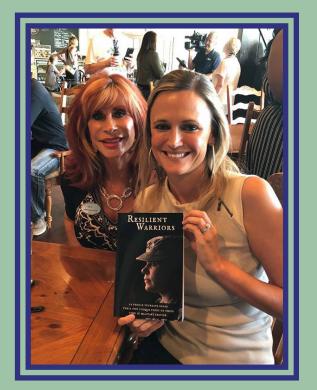
Their accounts range from facing single motherhood and escaping abusive parents to dealing with deployments and post-traumatic stress disorder; all from the point of view of service women.



Master Sgt. Nickelette Hunter, Central Recruiting Squadron line recruiter, stands for a photo at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lauren Gleason)

'Resilient Warriors' is published through Books By Vets which is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide Veterans an outlet for their experiences and share them with the world.

For more information about the organization, go to <a href="https://www.booksbyvets.org">https://www.booksbyvets.org</a>.



"The story you are living out could possibly be the encouragement or counseling some individual needs to hear 11 years from now."

~Master Sgt. Nickelette Hunter

Master Sgt. Nickelette Hunter, Central Recruiting Squadron line recruiter, holds a copy of the book she helped write July 31, 2018, in Oklahoma City, during a book-signing event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Marshall Hunter)

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#### SEPTEMBER UTA SEPT. 8-9

1ST SHIRT 5K - **SEPT. 8** HANGAR 1030 VEHICLE GATE @ 0945

FAMILY DAY - SEPT. 8 HANGAR 1030 @ 1100

9/11 & POW/MIA MEMORIAL 5K OR 2K - SEPT. 14 ALS SOCCER FIELD @ 0700

AIR FORCE BALL - **SEPT. 15**RENAISSANCE COX CONVENTION CENTER @ 1800

9TH ANNUAL OKIE SILVER SQUADRON REUNION SEPT. 28-29

-REUNION BBQ BUFFET DINNER - **SEPT. 28** HANGAR 1030 @ 1700

-OKIE BRUNCH - **SEPT. 29** DEL CITY VFW/AMERICAN LEGION @ 0800

-BANQUET DINNER - **SEPT. 29** TINKER CLUB @ 1700

#### OCTOBER UTA OCT. 13-14

CIV OF QTR DUE - OCT. 15

### **NOVEMBER UTA NOV. 3-4**

GLOBAL THUNDER

HOLIDAY SPIRIT STEAK SUPPER - NOV. 30 DEL CITY AMERICAN LEGION/VFW @ 1800

#### DECEMBER UTA DEC. 1-2

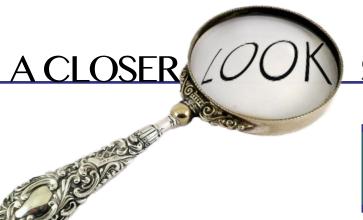
#### **JANUARY UTA JAN. 5-6**

CIV OF QTR DUE - JAN. 15

### Do you have an event to add?

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

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### Staff Sgt. Robert Golliver

### 507TH AIR REFUELING WING RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AIRMAN

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

I climbed Mt. Everest in Nepal. My group and I made it to 18,000 ft. and had to turn around because my friend got pulmonary edema, or altitude sickness. Don't worry, he lived.

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

I joined in May 2011 because I want to help people.

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

Getting to know Airmen and being a listening ear when needed.

### WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

When people drive slowly in the left lane.

### WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

My goal is to become a First Sgt. because I want to help Airmen succeed.

### WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I like to ride bikes and swim with my family.

Staff Sgt. Robert Golliver stands for a photograph Sept. 4, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

## SERVICE BEFORE SELF' DOESN'T CHANGE WITH RANK

By 2nd Lt. Callie McNary 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs Officer

he freezing temperatures continued to drop on a cold January afternoon at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, as I stood with my fellow cadets at Officer

Training School (OTS).

As a former enlisted member selected through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program to become an officer, I was honored to be there; however, in that moment, I was angry and having cynical thoughts towards the cadet chosen to lead our student squadron through the snow to dinner.

Our leader had made the decision that since not every cadet had gloves, then no one would wear hats, jackets or gloves during the march. You see, at OTS every leadership opportunity is evaluated and graded, to include marching to and from meals. My fellow cadets and I struggled to maintain military bearing and discipline in freezing temperatures, just so this cadet could achieve the grade he wanted from marching us to dinner.

He was the type of guy that seemed Base, Alabam to belong at OTS. He maintained a photo) rigid physical fitness routine, he was cocky and he had all the answers. Turns out he had been a master sergeant in the enlisted ranks and it seemed he thought that OTS was basically technical school with some yelling thrown in.

What followed was this poor former master sergeant would be humbled for the entire squadron to see.

Another cadet leader, fresh from college and

with no military experience, decided to instruct his group to retrieve their cold weather gear, which made them late to dinner.

When advised by fellow cadets that he could

potentially fail the leadership exercise because of his choice, he responded, "I would rather fail this leadership exercise than get anyone sick."

In the end he took a little hit with his grade, but ultimately passed the exercise. The former master sergeant failed and was yelled at by the training staff in front of all of us about possibly getting his entire squadron sick. Just so he could pass an exercise.

This small experience at OTS taught me a lot about leadership and I've often thought back to it in the months since graduation.

The three biggest lessons I learned from those two cadets are:

Leaders come in all shapes and sizes with varying levels of experience.

True leaders use common sense even if it goes against the grain.

3 Serving others before yourself doesn't change, even if rank does.

As a new lieutenant I'm still learning the ropes.
While I have context of the Air Force way of life from my enlisted days, I must remember to keep my

eyes open for the fresh lessons before me.



Cadet Callie McNary takes a group photo with her flight upon finishing an obstacle course during Officer Training School February 21, 2018 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

# September PROMOTIONS

**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT**KATHLEEN DISNEY, 730 AMTS

MASTER SERGEANT
JACOB O'CONNOR, 513 MXS

**TECHNICAL SERGEANT**VERNON NICHOLS, 513 OSS

STAFF SERGEANT

KEVIN BURKS, 507 FSS BRYCE ALEXANDER, 507 SFS

### Team Tinker Presents:

## NEVER FORGÖTTEN

9/11 & POW-MIA Memorial 5K or 2K Run/Ruck/Walk

Airman Leadership School Field September 14, 2018 0700-0900





### Shooting for the Stars



Senior Master Sqt. Chad Bolding, 507th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent, holds the trophy his team won Aug. 3, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

### AFRC team wins international competition Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison

or the second year in a row, Air Force Reserve Command security forces Airmen placed in the International Bavarian Military Competition held July 20-21, 2018, in Lagerlechfeld, Germany.

Last year's teams placed second and third in the competition, but this year's lone team went for the gold to receive first place.

The team captain, Senior Master Sgt. Chad Bolding, 507th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, helped coordinate, select and train the participating team members.

The team spent five days training at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, in preparation for the twoday competition, but there were still challenges to overcome.

Bolding explained that they trained the best they could, however they didn't have access to the German weapons systems that were going to be used in the competition.

In spite of jet lag, a strange environment and unfamiliarity with the course and weapons, Bolding said they still pulled together as a team and won first place by more than 100 points.

Bolding's team consisted of experienced Security Forces Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructors from across the Air Force Reserve. They are:

### Master Sgt. Eric Ellis

446th Security Forces Squadron Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Washington

### Tech. Sgt. Jared Jeppsen

419th Security Forces Squadron Hill Air Force Base. Utah

### Staff Sgt. Julian Wilcox

943rd Mission Support Flight Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona

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### RESERVE AWACS MAINTAINERS AT THE

LEADING EDGE OF



Story by Master Sgt. Andy Stephens 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

magine you're in aircraft maintenance and a mission is scheduled to fly in the next 24 hours. You need a part that hasn't been manufactured in more than 30 years. A specially-commissioned replacement is available for \$15,000, but it will take a year to arrive.

A technician tells you he can get you the part by the end of the day for less than \$500. When you ask how, the answer is shocking: He's going to "print" one.

The previous scenario is a real-world example of what aircraft maintainers for the 513th Air Control Group do every month for the Air Force's only Reserve associate unit for America's Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) fleet. Assigned to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, the AWACS maintenance community is a blend of active-duty Airmen with the 552nd Air Control Wing, traditional Reservists, Air Reserve Technicians and civil service employees -- all working together to keep the parts-and-labor intensive AWACS fleet flying.

"With our 3-D printing capability, we can have 30 parts ready in hours with spares distributed into the AWACS supply system," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Ritter, metals tech section chief for the 513th Maintenance Squadron. "The technology is simple. An Airman can become competent on the printer in 10 days, from software and machine maintenance to getting signed off on the printer in his training records."

Ritter said the printers represent an added empowerment for the 21st century Air Force maintainer. If a vital part that's not under contract is unavailable, the maintainer can print their own. After a thorough inspection, a zero balance issue, meaning parts are unavailable, can be eliminated.

Zero balance for parts is a problem across the service as aircraft age and contracts lapse. The advent of 3-D printing has empowered maintainers to fill voids in the supply system.

The printer AWACS maintainers use has a printing area of 16 inches x 14 inches by 16 inches and allows for spools of colored plastic to be subject to high heat, melting them through a stylus that follows a plotted pattern. A manufactured piece cools rapidly at room temperature, then becomes as hard as most metals.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Ritter, 513th Maintenance Squadron Section Chief, and Staff Sgt. Michael Wright, 552nd Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Metals Technology, show the difference between 3-D printed parts and manufactured parts. Whether printing up something as simple as a plastic seat handle or as complex as a replacement for phenolic resin honeycomb, 3-D printing saves Tinker AFB's Team AWACS time and money while improving aircraft readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Stephens)

Ritter demonstrated how a printed mold fixture was durable enough to bend sheet metal in a hydraulic press to create necessary brackets for the airframe. The printed plastic mold reduces an eight-hour long project to less than 90 minutes.

"The printed plastic is heavier than phenolic parts," explained Ritter, referring to a type of lightweight plastic resin used in many aircraft worldwide today.

That can be a disadvantage when every pound of weight added to an aircraft means greater fuel consumption, so smaller pieces are more convenient to manufacture.

### CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL STORY

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### FITNESS ASSESSMENT

That dreaded day is fast approaching and you can't believe you have to report to the fitness center tomorrow. This day came so fast. Worst part, you aren't ready. What does it take to get ready for a Fitness Assessment? Conditioning is the first thing. You need to put some time into your well being, this is one you must prepare for. If you are not in condition you could injured yourself. Happens quite a bit. Injuries range from sprains to death. Condition yourself by working out regularly -- combining cardio with strength training. This should be done at least three times a week.

### BOATING/WATER SAFETY

Although summer is coming to an end, people are still participating in water activities. Remember basic water safety rules: all boaters should wear personal floatation devices; don't operate a boat or swim after consuming alcoholic beverages; know the weather condition; know the depth of the water and don't dive into shallow water and never swim alone. If you decide to take your water activities to the coast, be cautious of rip currents and high waves. You can be pulled out to sea if you are caught in a rip current or washed off docks or reefs by high waves. Also be aware of marine animals such as jellyfish and sharks.



### **FIRE SAFETY**



If your last weekend of the summer will be spent camping, be extra cautious. Be aware of the forest fire danger level where you plan on camping. Most wildfires are caused by carelessness. Never leave a fire unattended and ensure all fires are extinguished prior to leaving the campsite of going to sleep. Extinguish the fire by pouring water over the fire and stirring the ashes until they are cold. Do not discard lit cigarettes or other smoking material on park grounds. The parks are natural resources we are should protect, not to mention forest fires are deadly and spread guickly.

### AF MISHAPS UPDATE

So far this summer their were 6 fatal motor vehicle mishaps (3-PMV2, 3-PMV4) and two PMV mishaps resulting in disabling injuries. Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer. Brief personnel about their based on their travel plans so we can ensure the rest of the summer is accident free. Remember, driving fatigued and drunk is similar; get plenty of rest and don't drink alcohol prior to operating a vehicle. Alone with that last summer trip, keep in mind grilling and swimming safety. 18 // ON FINAL

### **COMMANDER'S CALL RECOGNITION**

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison



### Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Samuel Forson 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron

### NCO of the Quarter:

Tech. Sgt. Steven Young 507th Air Refueling Wing Development and Training Flight





**SNCO of the Quarter:** *Master Sgt. Kayla Cuffie*507th Logistics Readiness Squadron

### **COMMANDER'S CALL RECOGNITION**

Photos by Tech. Sqt. Samantha Mathison

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**CGO of the Quarter:**Capt. Jose Rubio
507th Communications Flight

### First Sgts. Diamond Sharp Award:

Staff Sgt. Audreann Wallace 507th Air Refueling Wing Commander's Support Staff





Staff Sgt. Marcus Walker, Reserve Recruiter, talks to baseball fans Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, Oklahoma City.



# OKC Dodgers Baseball MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, the 513th Air Control Group and Air Force Reserve Recruiting from Tinker Air Force Base joined forces with members of the 72nd Air Base Wing to represent Team Tinker at the Oklahoma City Dodgers military appreciation night Aug. 17, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photos by Lauren Gleason)

