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**MXS partners with Beale
on ISO inspections**

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MX PARTNERS WITH BEALE ON ISO INSPECTIONS

Staff Sgt. Tray Dorrell, 507th Maintenance Squadron engine mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, inspects a KC-135R Stratotanker engine from the 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale Air Force Base, California, October 26, 2018. The 507th ARW is supporting the 940th ARW by completing isochronal inspections on the KC-135 and training fellow Reserve maintainers on the process. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Jon Quinlan)

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MX partners with Beale to complete ISO inspections

U.S. Air Force photos by Maj. Jon Quinlan

The 507th Maintenance Group is supporting the 940th Air Refueling Wing at Beale Air Force Base, California, by completing isochronal inspections on their KC-135 and training fellow Reserve maintainers on the process.

An ISO inspection is a periodic checkup to evaluate, maintain and repair aircraft problems. Often Reserve units will help sister units with inspections due to manning or facility issues.

Left: Staff Sgt. Tray Dorrell, 507th Maintenance Squadron engine mechanic, inspects a KC-135R Stratotanker engine at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, October 26, 2018. Below: Tech. Sgt. Christopher Kim, 507th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, inspects the horizontal stabilizers on a KC-135R Stratotanker Oct. 26, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



November celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month

“Sovereignty, Trust, and Resilience”

Heritage Lunch & Learn

- 7 Nov 18, 1130-1230
- Tinker Chapel Fellowship Hall, Bldg. 5701



Flag Retreat

- 7 Nov 18, 1700
- 72 ABW Headquarters, Bldg. 1002 Flagpole



Midwest City Veterans Day Parade

- 12 Nov 18, 1000
- 15th St – Douglas Blvd – E. Reno



Lunch & Learn Presenter:
Myron Beeson – Artist – Musician
Hopi Navajo Tribe(s)

Arts & Crafts Fair

- 15 & 16 Nov 18, 0900-1400
- Oklahoma Room, Bldg. 3001

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Members of the 3rd and 4th Division Navajo code talker platoons of World War II, dressed in their unit's uniform, pose for a group photo during a commemoration of the landing on Iwo Jima Feb. 21, 1987. (National Archives)

POLITICAL DO'S AND DON'TS

By Maj. James Johnson

507th Air Refueling Wing judge advocate

As elections approach, it is important to remember as a military member you are encouraged and expected to be responsible and politically conscious citizens. However, your active participation in political activities is not without limitations. Federal law and Air Force Instruction 51-902 prohibit or limit some political activities in order to maintain good order and discipline and to avoid the appearance of improper DoD endorsements in political affairs.

For additional information, contact the 507th Air Refueling Wing Legal Office at 405-734-3823.

Air Force members **MAY:**

- **Vote or generally encourage others to vote**
- **Express a personal opinion** on political candidates and issues, **but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.**
- Make **monetary contributions** to a political organization or political committee favoring a particular candidate or group of candidates
- **Attend political meetings** or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform
- **Join a political club** and **attend** its meetings **when not in uniform**
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper **expressing a member's personal views** concerning public issues provided those views do not attempt to promote a partisan political cause
- Display a small **political sticker** on your vehicle or **wear a political button** when **not in uniform** and **not on duty**

Social Media Guidelines:

- Express personal views on public issues or political candidates (disclaimer may be required)
- "Friend," "like" or "follow" pages/posts related to group, candidate or political issue



Air Force members **MAY NOT:**

- Use official authority or influence to **interfere with an election or affect its outcome**
- **Solicit votes** for a particular candidate or issue
- Participate in partisan political fundraising activities or solicit political contributions
- **Run for or hold elected civil office** except as narrowly allowed by AFI 51-902

- Participate in **partisan political campaigns** or conventions, or make public speeches in the course of such activity
- Write or **publish partisan political articles** signed or authorized by the member for soliciting votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate
- Serve as an **officer for or sponsor** of a partisan political club
- Participate in any **radio**, television, or other program or **group discussion** as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate
- Distribute **partisan political literature**
- **March or ride** in a partisan **political parade**
- Participate in any organized effort to **transport**

voters to the polls, if it is organized by or associated with a partisan political party or candidate

- Attend, as an **official representative of the Armed Forces**, partisan political events, even without actively participating
- Engage in the public or **organized recruitment** of others to become partisan candidates for nomination or election to a civil office
- **Display a large political sign**, banner, or poster on the top or side of a **member's vehicle**
- **Use contemptuous words** concerning the President, the Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Governor or legislature of any State, Commonwealth or possession in which member is on duty or present

Social Media Guidelines:

- Engage in any of the above social media activities in the work place, on duty or using government resources
- Fundraise or solicit support for a partisan cause including "liking", "retweeting", "sharing" or forwarding invites to these online sources



507TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



Members of the 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron pose for a photo Oct. 14, 2018, on the flightline at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

The 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron combines planning, supply and transportation skills into one organization, under one commander, with all the resources to keep pace with the swift demands of deployment, employment, and sustainment support requirements.

“Operationally Ready” signifies that a unit or weapon system is capable of performing the mission for which it was designed. It’s the responsibility of the 507th LRS to ensure that all supply, distribution, organizational structures and contingency plans are in place prior to the beginning of any mission.

In addition to supporting the 507th Air Refueling Wing, focus is placed on the expeditionary mission: To be able to get out of town quickly, re-supply with time-definite transportation delivery, and have constant visibility over the people and assets in the pipeline to ensure they get to the right place as quickly as possible to support war-fighting commanders.

The synergy that is gained by combining the people who provide those processes into one organization, the 507th LRS, ensures the wing is truly an expeditionary, ready and agile force.

20th ANNUAL

HOLIDAY SPIRIT STEAK SUPPER

Friday, November 30, 2018

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

Once an Okie, Always an Okie

Video by Maj. Jon Quinlan



Members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group pose for a unit photo in front of the F-105 Thunderchief and F-4 Phantom II during the unit conversion at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. In 1980, the 507th TFG Okies were re-equipped with the McDonnell Douglas "Mig Killer" F-4D fighter aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo)



'Once an Okie, always an Okie.' It's a mantra spoken by a group of several hundred former members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing. This group of Okies meets at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, every two years, and they met here Sept. 28-29.

Click one of the play buttons to **watch the video!**

The "Okies" of the "Fighting 507th" have seen many changes in its diverse history from the P-47 "Thunderbolts" to the F-105 "Thunderbolts" pictured here, to the KC-135 "Stratotankers", the unit continues to play a important role in our national defense. This video highlights the historical past of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve Command. (507th Fighter Wing, 507th Wing, 507th Tactical Fighter Group, 507th Fighter Group.)





NOVEMBER UTA NOV. 3-4

GLOBAL THUNDER

GREEN DOT TRAINING - NOV. 3
HILL CONFERENCE CENTER @ 1200

GREEN DOT TRAINING - NOV. 4
HILL CONFERENCE CENTER @ 0800

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

DECEMBER UTA DEC. 1-2

GREEN DOT TRAINING - DEC. 2
HILL CONFERENCE CENTER @ 0800

CC CALL - DEC. 2
BASE THEATER @ 1400

JANUARY UTA JAN. 5-6

CIV OF QTR DUE - JAN. 15

FEBRUARY UTA FEB. 9-10

CC CALL - FEB. 10
BASE THEATER @ 1500

MARCH UTA MAR. 2-3

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET- MAR. 2
SHERATON REED CONFERENCE CENTER @ 1730

Do you have an event to add?

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

A CLOSER

LOOK

Tech. Sgt. Michael Fewell



**507TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
AERONAUTICAL HYDRAULIC TECHNICIAN**

WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I'm from Guthrie, Oklahoma.

WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE MILITARY?

I joined on February 28th, 2001. I planned on joining the Marines, but my grandfather talked me into the Air Force for the career opportunities.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

I've been deployed 14 times. The best part of my job is seeing the planes I work on take off and land safely.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

Know-it-alls and two-faced people.

AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

To be a scuba instructor on a beach in Guam.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

My family and I travel everywhere in our RV and we enjoy hiking.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

To retire as a master or senior master sergeant.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Fewell stands for a photograph Oct. 26, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

WARM THEIR SOLES

RESERVE AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS

SOCK DRIVE

The Reserve A&FRC is hosting a SOCK DRIVE for the homeless. Please donate a package of NEW (UNUSED) socks so that we can help keep the city's feet warm and clean



Collection baskets are located in the Airman & Family Readiness Office (Wing HQ Building) and Unit First Sergeant Offices.

Deadline: December UTA

POCs: Sharon Lochman and MSgt Jo De Lorenzi – 405-734-6278

November

PROMOTIONS



MASTER SERGEANT

RYAN CORNELL, 507 OG
RYAN SINGER, 507 ARW

TECHNICAL SERGEANT

DAVID REED, 507 CES
DIANTE ANDREWS, 970 AACs
BENJAMIN BEARD, 507 MXS
DAISY SMITH, 72 APS



STAFF SERGEANT

JABOREE KIEL, 507 SFS
COLLIN SIMMS, 513 AMXS
PATRICK HOLFORD, 513 MXS
STEPHANIE LOPEZ, 513 MXS
ANDREW BIRNEY, 507 CES
NATHAN DUNCAN, 513 ACG



SENIOR AIRMAN

VANESSA BERMUDEZ MUJICA, 507 SFS
COURTNEY BROWN, 507 SFS
MICHELLE COFFER, 507 SFS
SAMUEL MURIUKI, 72 APS



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

DEVARON BLACK, 513 MXS
WILLIAM FISHER, 513 MXS
MITCH MELCHOR, 970 AACs
GODSPOWER IGBEN, 507 FSS



FEDERAL EMPLOYEES INSURANCE

'OPEN SEASON' RUNS NOV. 12- DEC. 10

Story by Bob Amundson
72nd Force Support Squadron

Nov. 12 marks the beginning of open season for the 2019 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, Federal Flexible Spending Accounts Program (FSAFEDS), and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). **Open season ends on Dec. 10.**

The 72nd Force Support Squadron is hosting a health benefits fair, open to all base personnel, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Oklahoma Room located in Bldg. 300I next to the main cafeteria.

During the open season, employees may enroll, change health plans or options, cancel enrollment, change to Self Only, Self+1 or Self and Family and waive or begin participation in premium conversion. Open season enrollment or changes will be effective Jan. 6, 2019 for AF employees.

Additionally, due to the changes at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC), the link for making FEHB changes is now called Government Retirement and Benefits (GRB) Platform instead of EBIS. GRB is accessed through MyPers.

If you have any questions regarding open season information you can reach AFPC customer service number at 1-800-525-0102.

GRB Platform MENU TOTAL COMPENSATION STATEMENT

Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program

The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) is an employer-sponsored group health insurance program for Federal employees and their families. Employees can choose from Fee-for-Service (FFS) plans, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO), Consumer-Driven Health Plans (CDHP), and High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP). Employees can enroll, make changes, or cancel coverage during the annual Federal Benefits Open Season or if the employee experiences a qualifying life event. Permanent employees and certain temporary employees are eligible for coverage unless their appointment is excluded from coverage by law or regulation. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has the overall responsibility for the administration of the FEHB Program. Premiums are based on the plan and option an employee chooses and are shared by the employee and the employing Agency. The employing Agency's share is set by law and cannot exceed 75% of the total premium. Part-time employees receive a prorated contribution and temporary employees are responsible for the full amount of the premium. Premiums are paid on a pre-tax basis (known as premium conversion) unless the employee waives this option.

Current FEHB Enrollment		Premium per Pay Period	
Plan Name:	Piedmont Community Healthcare	Employee Cost:	\$56.47
Plan Option:	High Self	Agency Cost:	\$169.41
Enrollment Code:	2C1		

Plan Details
Plan Brochure: [http://www.pchp.net](#)

Transactions				Resources	
Entered	Effective	Type	Status	Type	Description
03/20/2014 14:23:54	3/23/2014	Change Plan/Option	Pending	B	Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program
				B	Medicare
				B	New Employee Benefits Orientation

A screenshot of the Government Retirement and Benefits Platform, which can be accessed through MyPers. Open season is scheduled to begin Nov. 12 and will end Dec. 10, during which time federal employees can make changes to their health, dental and vision insurance. (U.S. Air Force graphic)

Air Force extends **HIGH YEAR OF TENURE** for E-4s through E-6s

Story by Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs



(U.S. Air Force courtesy graphic)

The Air Force is extending the high year of tenure for senior airmen through technical sergeants beginning Feb. 1, 2019.

The memo, signed Oct. 18, 2018, extends the high year of tenure from eight to 10 years for senior airmen, from 15 to 20 years for staff sergeants and from 20 to 22 years for technical sergeants.

Airmen in these ranks who reach their HYT prior to Feb. 1, 2019, or those who are currently approved for separation or retirement under the previous HYT limits, may submit a request to extend their HYT beginning Oct. 24 to the updated limit if government funds have not been expended on their separation or retirement, such

as moving expenses.

“This is just one of the ways we are working to manage the talent we currently have,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. “Adjusting the high year of

“Adjusting the high year of tenure policy will allow us to keep Airmen we’ve trained and developed, over the course of their careers.”

tenure policy will allow us to keep Airmen we’ve trained and developed over the course of their careers, and allow them to continue to serve their nation to the best of their ability and pay it forward, by training the next generation of Airmen who are right behind them.”

The Air Force will use the flexibility to retain talented mid-tier Airmen to provide

training, leadership and mentoring to the growing number of accessions who are joining the force.

“As we grow the force, we need to retain technically skilled experts across our ranks,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel, and services.

“By extending high year of tenure, we’re able to leverage our talented, seasoned professionals to train, develop, and lead new Airmen to accomplish current and future mission requirements.”

The Air Force will consider using career job reservations and NCO retraining programs to ensure that its growth is targeted to meet the needs of the National Defense Strategy.

AIR FORCE HIGH YEAR OF TENURE

HIGH YEAR OF TENURE IS EXTENDED FOR



SENIOR AIRMAN
FROM 8 TO 10 YEARS



STAFF SERGEANTS
FROM 15 TO 20 YEARS



TECHNICAL SERGEANTS
FROM 20 TO 22 YEARS

BENEFITS

Increasing the High Year of Tenure limits allows the Air Force to retain technically adept and talented Airmen to train while meeting mission requirements.

TERMS

HYT extension does not change an Airman's expiration term of service, therefore Airmen wishing to extend their enlistment will need to contact their local MPF to request an extension or reenlistment.

POLICY

The HYT for SrA through TSgt with a current HYT of Feb. 1, 2019, or later will change to the new HYT limits. Airmen may submit requests to extend HYT beginning Oct. 24.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

Those who are currently approved for separation or retirement under the previous HYT limits may submit a request to extend their HYT to the updated limits through their respective commanders, if no government funds have been expended on their separation or retirement transition.

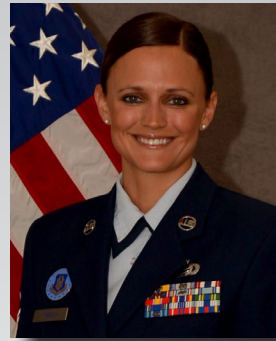


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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGN-UP BEGINS</u>
Dec. 14-16	Orlando, Florida	Oct. 10
Jan. 18-20	Denver	Oct. 31
Feb. 15-17	Orlando, Florida	Nov. 28
March 15-17	Costa Mesa, California	Jan. 9

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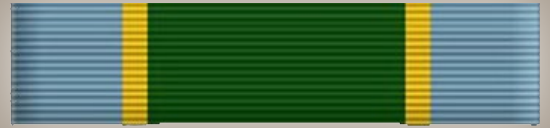
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TINKER SMALL ARMS RANGE CLOSURES FOR RENOVATION



The Tinker Small Arms Range has been temporarily closed due to unforeseen maintenance that could not be delayed. During the closure, the 507th Security Forces Combat Arms section is ensuring all deployment-tasked members of the wing

receive required training as needed. If you have members who have been tasked and have not yet received a training date please contact 1st Lt. Ryan Cheney at ryan.cheney.3@us.af.mil and Master Sgt. Farrel Young at farrel.young@us.af.mil to work out a training schedule.



A member of the 507th Air Refueling Wing completes weapons qualification training Oct. 13, 2018, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The Tinker Air Force Base Small Arms Range is undergoing maintenance, and members will qualify at Fort Sill until the completion of the renovation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kurt Weisel)



The 507th Air Refueling Wing flightline the morning of Oct. 26, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (Courtesy photo by Master Sgt. Allan Smith)