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1st Lt. Cody Rosecrans, pilot with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, conducts pre-flight checks prior to flying a KC-135 Stratotanker Nov. 27, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The Reserve KC-135 Stratotanker carried Airmen from the 507th Air Refueling Wing to Colorado to perform maintenance on an aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lauren Gleason)

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WINGS OF HERITAGE, SHAPING THE FUTURE

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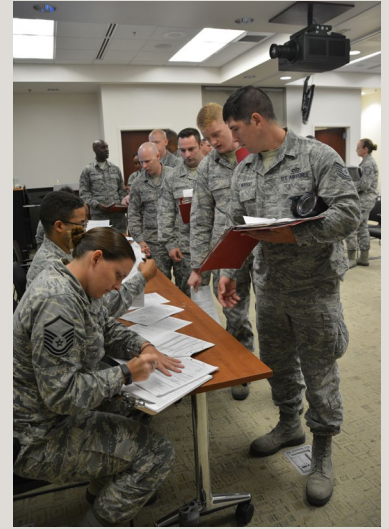
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507TH AIR REFUELING WING MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT



MISSION:

ORGANIZE, TRAIN AND EQUIP COMBAT-READY
CITIZEN AIRMEN TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC
DETERRENCE AND GLOBAL CAPABILITY.

VISION:

EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND DEVELOP AIRMEN
TO SHAPE THE FUTURE.





the cube

recruiting, retention & readiness = lethality

There's a new team in the 507th Air Refueling Wing called the Cube, whose aim is to positively impact recruiting, readiness and retention.

The Cube brings together four key players in the Reserve's quest to meet its manning challenges. The new program is being fielded in all Air Force Reserve Wings.

“The aim of the Cube is to drive at the beginning and the end of the retention life cycle – to place qualified Airmen into vacancies and retain them using all the flexibilities and opportunities available within the Air Force Reserve.”

~ Col. Lisa Craig, AFRC Headquarters director of manpower, personnel and services

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**FORCE SUPPORT OFFICER:
MAJ. AMANDA HACMAN**

As senior full-time member of the 507th Force Support Squadron, Hacman serves as lead for the wing's Cube. She is the wing's manning subject matter expert and manages a manning plan through coordination and input from the other Cube members.

**RECRUITING FLIGHT CHIEF:
SENIOR MASTER SGT.
NEIL LAMBRECHT**

As recruiting squadron flight chief, Lambrecht is the lead accessions subject matter expert. He provides analyses on unit strength; collaborating with leaders and Cube partners to provide data and management methods to improve capabilities.



**CAREER ASSISTANCE
ADVISOR: MASTER SGT.
MICHELLE BONILLA**

As 507th ARW career assistance advisor, Bonilla advises commanders, supervisors and Airmen on retention, benefits, incentives and reenlistment programs. She coordinates with leadership on retention and determines if current efforts are supporting Air Force goals.

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
LIAISON:
MRS. CAROL DAVIS**

As the civilian personnel liaison, Davis helps the wing navigate civilian personnel processes. She is the conduit between the wing, civilian personnel flights and Air Reserve Technicians, and also serves as the civilian subject matter expert in tenant unit wings.



CCAF GRADUATES

MAINTENANCE PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

Senior Master Sgt. James Randol

AIRCREW SAFETY SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Staff Sgt. Walter Bolles

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Master Sgt. Celeste Fletes
Senior Airman Jeannie Franks

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Staff Sgt. Amanda Scrimshaw

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Master Sgt. Travis Carr
Master Sgt. Darrell Freel
Tech. Sgt. Sean Carter
Tech. Sgt. Edward Ellsworth
Staff Sgt. Christopher Cobb
Staff Sgt. Jason Collins
Staff Sgt. Benjamin Pannell
Senior Airman Takea Darko

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Senior Airman Elizabeth Jennings

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Master Sgt. Trevor Senechal

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Tech. Sgt. Audreann Wallace



FIRE SCIENCE

Senior Master Sgt. Garrett Sherman
Staff Sgt. Allen Patterson

AVIATION OPERATIONS

Master Sgt. Benjamin Brent

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Tech. Sgt. Jessica Pfeffer

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Staff Sgt. Maegan Phillips
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Staff Sgt. Deborah Taiwo
Senior Airman Luis Avila

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Master Sgt. Johnathon Crenshaw
Master Sgt. David Smith
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Wright

AFCENT DEFENDER OF THE MONTH



Senior Airman Shannon Glover, 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron fire team member, stands for a photo Nov. 22, 2018, while deployed to Southwest Asia from his home unit, the 507th Security Forces Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Glover was named the United States Air Forces Central Command Force Protection Defender of the Month for October 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. James Ott)

LEADERSHIP AND **OVERCOMING** OBSTACLES

By Jacqueline Falkner
507th Air Refueling Wing Director of
Psychological Health

Being in my position, I have witnessed some absolutely wonderful scenes of Airmanship and unity. Unfortunately, I've also witnessed some awful scenes of when leadership, supervisors and Airmen had little to no concern for their jobs or others. I often ask myself why this is.

I remember being deployed and meeting Retired U.S. Army Gen. Colin Powell, the former secretary of state. Powell said, "Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

I will never forget that. I've written it down and made it my mantra to help people when they need it. I do my best to be a leader, even if it makes waves and causes rifts.

All commanders should work hard to mentor, develop and hold subordinate supervisors accountable. Improving flight leadership capabilities results in better supervisors, which results in Airmen feeling valued and cared for, so they will ultimately perform better and continue to serve.

Building STRONG units STARTS with leadership.

If they are already strong, we can work to make them even better. No leader wants to be defined as a toxic leader, but some get caught up in the drive towards mission objectives and they forget about the people.

Like all Airmen, I have dealt with my share of obstacles, both personally and professionally. So I understand many are scared that I'm going to ruin their jobs or careers, but that is not my goal. I am here to provide assistance to members of our wing, in hopes of solving problems before they become unmanageable.

In the past year, I have helped more than 67 Airmen find resources and programs that enabled them to take care of their families so they can focus on their daily jobs. I talk to Airmen, spouses and families to try to help them with stress, anxiety and other issues; whether it's through a referral to a counselor or a budgeting class. I am in the community more than you know.

It is an honor to be able to see everyone working together, whether they're in uniform or a civilian. I appreciate the members of our wing for their sacrifice and commitment to excellence, integrity and service. If you need assistance, contact me anytime at 734-6347.

The 507th Air Refueling Wing has a full-time Director of Psychological Health, Jacqie Falkner; a civilian employee who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who joined the wing in 2014.

As the DPH, Falkner works with Reserve members and their families offering counseling services, special programs and referral services aimed at fostering resilience and psychological wellness.

She welcomes office visits and is also able to meet Airmen and thier family members at times and locations convenient to their circumstances. The DPH's services are free of charge, private and confidential with a few exceptions as directed by the Air Force and state law. She can be reached at 405-734-6347 or 580-649-8393.

Photo: Jacqueline Falkner, 507th Air Refueling Wing Director of Psychological Health, poses for an official photo May 8, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



Are you protecting your Personally Identifiable Information (PII)?

The end of the year is an excellent time to remind all personnel of the importance of protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII). It is incumbent upon all Air Force personnel to be aware of the following policies:

- Protecting information is everyone's business!
- Protect all electronic data, reports and rosters that contain PII by encrypting or protecting the information with a password. Lock paper data, reports and rosters in a secure place.
- Only individuals with a need-to-know to accomplish their official duties may have access to documents containing PII.
- All government information must be properly secured and properly destroyed. Always shred PA/PII documents or take them to an office that has a large capacity shredder.
- When transmitting personal information over e-mail, encrypt the email by clicking on the "Contains PII" button in the toolbar. This will ensure the email is signed, encrypted and labeled in accordance with Air Force and DoD Directives.



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507th Privacy Act Manager at: (405)739-4428, DSN: 339-4428
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SharePoint: <https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/507ARW/507MSG/SCO/KM/>

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U.S. Air Force graphic by 507th Force Support Squadron



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

EXERCISE

APRIL UTA APRIL 4-7

ATSO EXERCISE

MAY UTA MAY 4-5

**UNIT EFFECTIVENESS INSPECTION
UEI - November UTA 2019**

Do you have an event to add?

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

A CLOSER

LOOK

Master Sgt. Michelle Bonilla

507TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON
WING CAREER ADVISOR

WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE MILITARY?

I joined the military in 1998 at 17. I knew I had to do something different to make a change and get on a successful path. The week I graduated high school I found a recruiting office and just walked in and joined. It happened to be the AF Reserve office and it's the best decision I've made!

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

Giving back to the Air Force is the most fulfilling and best part of my job. I look up to and respect many people who provided me with genuine mentorship and guidance. I do my best to do the same for others.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I take Latin and ballroom dancing lessons with my husband and go shopping and get my hair/nails done with my daughter. I also like to watch my kids' sporting events, go on cruises and travel, and spend quality time with family.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

I would like to make senior or chief before I retire; but, in the mean time, my goal is to motivate others in their next steps toward climbing a successful career ladder.

Master Sgt. Michelle Bonilla stands for a photograph Sept. 18, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



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

DRIVE ENDS SUNDAY, DEC. 2



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

December

PROMOTIONS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

TRAVIS CARR, 507 AMXS

MASTER SERGEANT

HEATHER BELL, 507 LRS
ERIKA SPENCER, 970 AACs
VICTOR ZAVALA, 970 AACs



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

NATHAN ELLIOT, 970 AACs
VANESSA ESCOBAR, 72 APS
ALLEN PATTERSON, 507 CES
CHRISTOPHER RITTER, 513 MXS
JACOB SIRUC, 507 SFS

STAFF SERGEANT

WILLIAM GAUSE, 507 MXS
SAMANTHA HUMPHREY, 970 AACs
PHILLIP MANLEY, 507 MXS
MICHAEL THOMAS, 507 SFS
WUSTHU UNG, 507 MDS



SENIOR AIRMAN

KEANDRE GIBSON, 507 SFS
SARAH SPAVINS, 507 AMXS

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

ELBERT CIFUENTES MADRID, 507 MXS
KEVIN PORTE, 507 FSS
VICTOR WARE, 72 APS



THE 507TH ARW'S 23RD ANNUAL

ANGEL TREE 2018

THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M.



Choose from 3 ways to contribute to our local veterans:

MAKE A DONATION

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

Deadline: Dec. 14, 2018



PURCHASE A GIFT

Pick up a Veteran's wish list from the POCs below. Please drop off unwrapped gifts to a POC below.

Deadline: Dec. 14, 2018



ATTEND THE PARTY

All are welcome to celebrate the season and visit with the Veterans at the party at 9:30 at the Norman Veteran's Center:

**1776 E. Robinson St.
Norman, Oklahoma**



Points of Contact:

MSgt Jennifer Pipkin
507 SFS First Sergeant
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507 LRS
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FEDERAL EMPLOYEES INSURANCE

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

Story by Bob Amundson
72nd Force Support Squadron

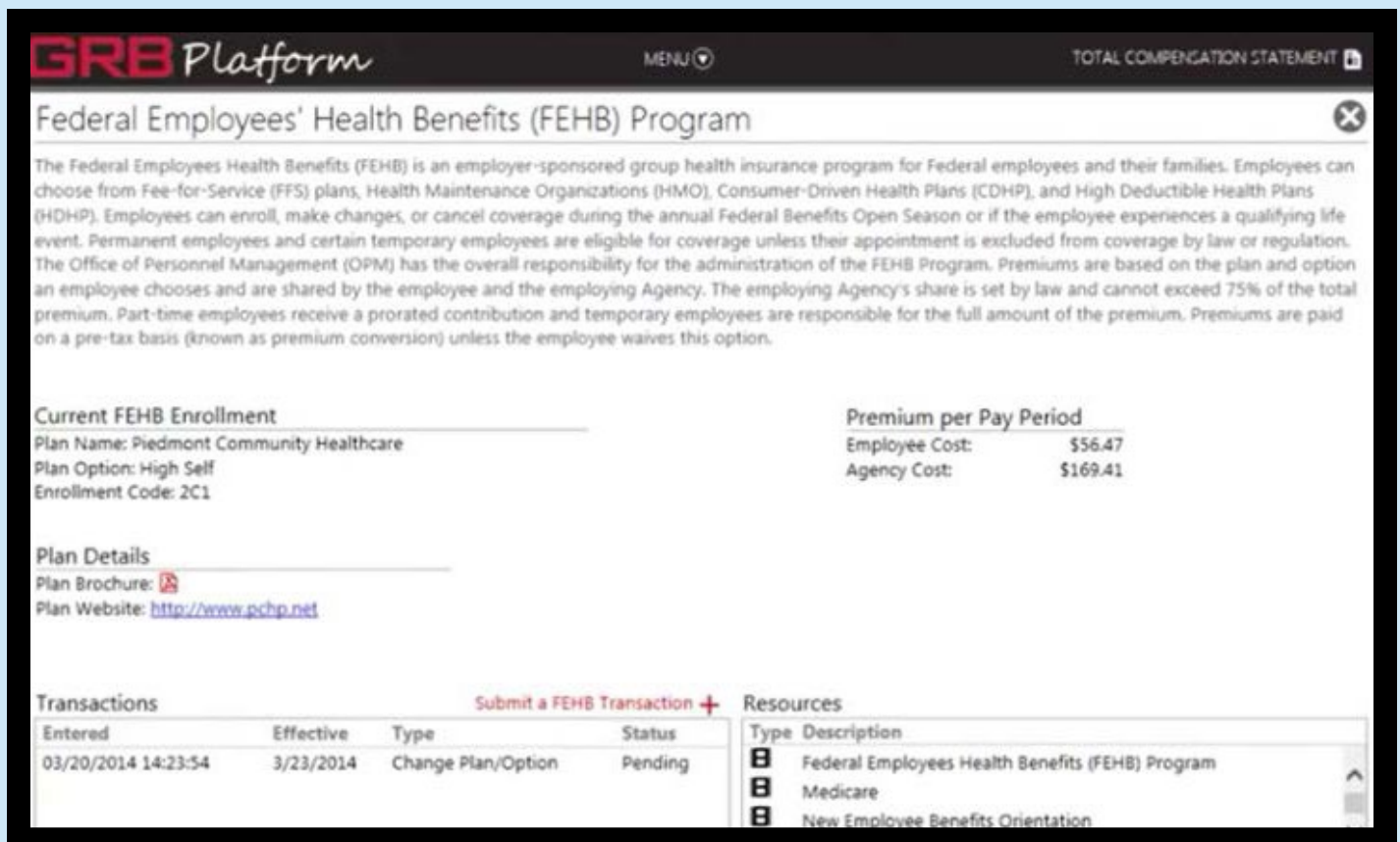
Nov. 12 marks the beginning of open season for the 2019 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, Federal Flexible Spending Accounts Program (FSAFEDS), and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). **Open season ends on Dec. 10.**

During the open season, employees may enroll, change health plans or options, cancel enrollment, change to Self Only, Self+I 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.



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)



2018

THE 507TH AIR REFUELING WING PRESENTS
2018 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

MARCH 2, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.
DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

SHERATON REED CONFERENCE CENTER
5750 WILL ROGERS RD.
MIDWEST CITY, OK 73110

~ PRICE ~

\$25.00 - E4 AND BELOW, GS7 AND BELOW, AND GUESTS OF WING MEMBERS

\$35.00 - E5-E6

\$40.00 - E7-E8 AND GS8-GS11

\$45.00 - E9, OFFICERS AND GS12 AND UP

(FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE CIVILIANS AND RESERVISTS, MILITARY RANK SHOULD BE USED
TO DETERMINE PRICING)

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REGISTER BY FEB. 15, 2019

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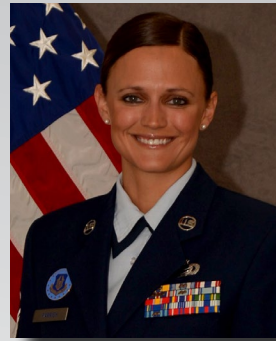
CIVILIAN: BUSINESS CASUAL

Reserve RECRUITERS

GET **1** NOW



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Are you deploying?

Would you like a **FREE** vacation?

See your yellow ribbon representative to sign up
for one of the events below:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Yellow Ribbon Representative

Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Charkowski

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UPDATE

**Deadline to transfer
Post 9/11 benefits deferred**



(U.S. Air Force graphic/Staff Sgt. Luis Loza Gutierrez)

By Stephanie Barna

Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

The July 12, 2019, deadline for transferring Post 9/11 benefits for those members with 16 years of time-in-service has been deferred for a year, according to a memo dated Oct. 25, 2018.

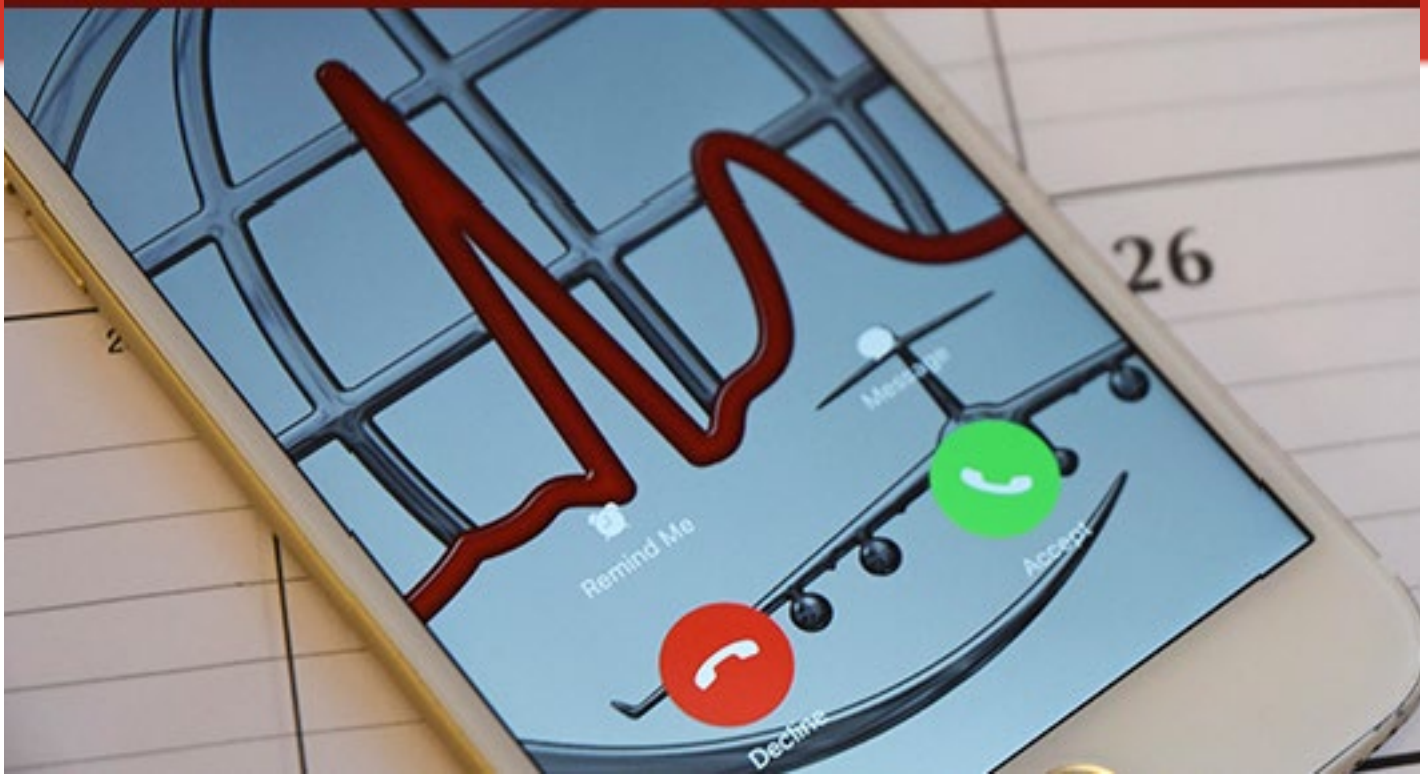
On July 12, 2018, the Department of Defense issued Change I to Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1341.13, "Post-9/11 GI Bill," updating policy on the transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits by Service members to eligible family members. Change I is consistent with the purpose of authorizing such transfers as an incentive for recruiting and retention

following requisite periods of service by the Service member and an agreement for future service, as applicable.

Recognizing that some of these changes were effective immediately, certain Service members previously eligible to transfer benefits, but who had not yet successfully completed the transfer process, may have found themselves no longer eligible to transfer their educational benefits.

Accordingly, and to ensure that the unique situations of these members are fairly and expediently addressed, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness is deferring implementation of the deletion of Enclosure 3, paragraph 3.a.(2) of DoDI 1341.13, "Post-9/1.1 GI Bill" for a period of 1 year from the effective date of Change 1.

WHO are YOU going to call?



EMERGENCY, AMBULANCE OR FIRE: DIAL 911

From your cell phone, you may get the Midwest City/Oklahoma City call center. Please request to be transferred to the **TINKER AIR FORCE BASE 911** call center.

NON-EMERGENCY:

Call **72ND SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON LAW ENFORCEMENT DESK** at DSN 734-3737 or commercial (405)734-3737.

ANONYMOUS CALLS:

Call **CRIME STOPPERS** at DSN 734-2000 or commercial (405)734-2000.



Maintenance and operations crews with the 507th Air Refueling Wing ready a KC-135 Stratotanker for flight Nov. 27, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)