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[Students get hands-on aviation experience at Tinker](#)

Twenty-six students from all corners of Oklahoma visited various units here June 5, 2019, to learn more about future careers in aviation. The Aviation Career Education Program, commonly known as ACE, hosts weeklong summer camps with assistance from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, and Metro-Tech Aviation Careers Campus. Each year, participants visit the base to learn about military aviation.

[Reservist rescues boy from flood waters](#)

A KC-135 Stratotanker crew chief with the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here saved the life of an eight year old boy who was trapped in a flooded drainage ditch May 29, 2019, in Prague, Oklahoma.

[Commentary: Goodbye but not forgotten](#)

It is with some sadness and much pride that I write this message today as my last day as the Public Affairs Officer for the 507th Air Refueling Wing. I have worked with so many outstanding 'Okies' in my tenure here and I would like express my gratitude for knowing and working with all of you.

[Col. Couch named new 10th FLTS commander](#)

Lt. Col. James T. Couch took command of 10th Flight Test Squadron here June 28, 2019. About 100 people attended a change of command ceremony at the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul facility, located on the south east site of Tinker Air Force Base, to witness Couch assume command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Jon. D. Cary.

[507th ARW July enlisted promotions](#)

Click the link above to see the 507th Air Refueling Wing's newest enlisted promotees.

[Share Your Adventure: help the Reserve team grow through testimony](#)

The peer referral program is the lead source generator for AFRC RS with one of four people referred by current Reservists joining the Air Force Reserve and is replacing the command's Get1Now campaign.

[DoD delays Post 9/11 GI Bill changes](#)

The Department of Defense delayed an issued change in policy regarding service members transferring their Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits. Implementation has been delayed until January 12, 2020, giving long-serving members more time to transfer their education benefits to spouses or dependents.

[What is the Reserve Student Loan Repayment Program?](#)

The Student Loan Repayment Program is an Air Force Reserve program that makes one annual payment, per qualifying loan account number, directly to the lending institution toward the balance of an individual's student loans.

[CCAF sets end date for Professional Manager Certification](#)

The Community College of the Air Force will no longer accept applications for the Professional Manager Certification program after Sept. 30, 2019. The program termination comes after the Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line has 31 civilian industry leadership and management professional certifications available to senior noncommissioned officers.

[Reserve dining schedule to remain in effect](#)

Effective May 4, Tinker Air Force Base Reservists will receive their meals in Café 3001 and Golden Corral, until the renovation of the Vanwey Dining Facility is complete in the fall.

UTA Dining Schedule:

Breakfast: 0530-0700

Location: Café 3001, located at on the south end of the Bldg. 3001 in Area C

Lunch: 1100-1330

Location: Café 3001, located at on the south end of the Bldg. 3001 in Area C

Dinner *Saturday ONLY: 1630-1830

Location: Golden Corral, located at 617 S. Air Depot Blvd

[Fiscal Year 2020 UTA schedule available](#)

MESSAGES FROM AIR FORCE LEADERS

Memorandum from the acting Secretary of the Air Force

July 2, 2019

SUBJECT: Independence Day message

Fellow Airmen,

Our forefathers made a bold and courageous move 243 years ago to declare independence and establish a new nation—liberty remains the most powerful force anywhere in the world today.

That same bold and courageous spirit put man on the moon 50 years ago. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and two Air Force Airmen, Michael Collins and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, crewed the famous Apollo 11 moon landing mission that produced those famous words we all know “...one giant leap for mankind.”

As our nation marks these two significant events in history, know that we hold you close in our hearts and minds. You make bold and courageous moves every day to protect the freedoms we celebrate.

We are honored to serve beside you and wish you and your families a happy and safe Independence Day.

Matthew P. Donovan
Acting Secretary of the Air Force

David L. Goldfein
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Kaleth O. Wright
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Memorandum from the Air Force Reserve Command Commander

July 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Share Your Adventure

Heroes of the Air Force Reserve,

We have officially relaunched our "Get One Now" Peer Referral Program. It is now the "Share Your Adventure" Peer Referral Program.

I would like to encourage you to be a part of this program. All Reserve Citizen Airmen and Air Force Reserve civilians can participate and help our nation's best and brightest join the Air Force Reserve team.

Through the Share Your Adventure website (shareyouradventure.us) and the free Share Your Adventure mobile app, you can refer potential recruits to the Air Force Reserve. Reservists and civilians who participated in the Get One Now program will be able to login in using their existing Get1 Now username and password. (New users will need to create an account.)

You can refer anyone: a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or a relative. Once your potential recruit becomes qualified, you will be eligible for incentive awards!

You understand what it's like to be part of the Air Force Reserve, and you know those who have what it takes to join our ranks.

So, share your story with future Citizen Airmen and invite them to be a part of the Air Force Reserve team. Help us find exceptional men and women who wish to serve our Nation in air, space, and cyberspace.

RICHARD W. SCOBEE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every UTA, 2019 – Finance hosting travel assistance; sign up via [SharePoint link](#)

Financial Management is scheduling members for both RTS and DTS assistance in 30 min. increments starting at 0730 until 1400. Please use the link below to schedule a time. Walk-ins will be helped as usual; however, members who schedule a time will have priority.

July 2019 – Yellow Ribbon Event

Locations: Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

If you received a call to Active Duty in support of a deployment for 75+ days or more, which resulted in separation from your family for the majority of the deployment, you are eligible to attend one pre-deployment event and two post-deployment Yellow Ribbon Events.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Charkowski at 405-734-7207 or email stephanie.charkowski@us.af.mil.

July 15, 2019 – Civilian of the Quarter packages due

Aug. 2019 – Yellow Ribbon Event

Location: San Antonio, Texas

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Aug. 2, 2019 – Quarterly award packages due (2nd quarter)

Sep. 7, 2019 – First Sergeant 5K

Registration/check-in will be at 0945, run start at 1000. It will begin and end in front of the Headquarters building (bldg. 1043) and will consist of a 2 loop course, equaling 3.1 miles.

Cost is \$5 for the run, \$15 for just a T-shirt and \$20 for both the run and the T-shirt. The shirts are tri-blend material, unisex sizing and very comfortable!

Volunteers are also needed, so if you'd like to participate in the event as either a runner or volunteer, get with your First Sergeant. All money is due by COB Sunday of August UTA to ensure the shirts are ordered and able to be delivered by the event.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Lindsay Newton at 405-582-5847 or email lindsay.newton.1@us.af.mil.

Sep. 7, 2019 – 507th Okie Alumni Breakfast

The next 507th Okie Alumni breakfast is Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, from 0730-1030 at the Del City American Legion Post at 5000 SE 24th Street. Cost for the buffet is \$8.

Sep. 2019 – Yellow Ribbon Event

Location: Orlando, Fla.

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Oct. 15, 2019 – Civilian of the Quarter packages due

Nov. 15-19, 2019 – Unit Effectiveness Inspection

If you would like to submit information or photos to the On-final, email us at 507arw.pa2@us.af.mil.