

# ON-FINAL NEWS BULLETIN – Aug. 2, 2019 (Vol 39, No. 8)

## **Alaskan Adventure**

No less than 4 units within the 507th Air Refueling Wing here sent their members to Alaska in July to hone skills and gain knowledge in each of their respective career fields.

### CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright visits 507 ARW

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright visits the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, July 31, 2019. Wright discussed total force integration with the Reserve Citizen Airmen of the 507th ARW.

## **VIDEO: ACE Camp students visit Tinker AFB**

Oklahoma students visit the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, June 2019, as part of the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy held by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals and the Federal Aviation Administration.

## **Developmental education opportunities for Reserve Citizen Airmen**

Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen are selected every year to attend Developmental Education courses boarded through the Reserve School Selection Board (RSSB A&B), Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board (RDEDB), and Enlisted Developmental Education Board (EDEB).

# <u>Air University elective broadens SOS students' research experience</u>

A new elective at Squadron Officer School is connecting some of the school's innovative students with Air University's vast body of research topics, extensive academic and military networks and expansive repository of information.

## First BMT trainees experience M-4 training and qualification

The 37th TRSS reopened the newly renovated Combat Arms Training Range at the JBSA-Lackland Medina Training Annex July 8, 2019. BMT trainees were the first to experience M-4 carbine Weapons Familiarization Course at the range, which closed in November 2018, due to improper rainwater drainage.

## **507th ARW August enlisted promotions**

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

## July newsletter for Individual Reservists now available

The July 2019 edition of the Readiness Report newsletter for Individual Reservists is now available for digital download.

# **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.

## 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 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Spark Tank Memorandum

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

In February we held our second annual "Air Force Spark Tank" and the response was inspiring. You spoke, we listened and your ideas resulted in tangible changes throughout our Air Force. It is once again time to unleash your innovative talent and ideas with our third annual Spark Tank competition!

We are asking each MAJCOM to submit your top two innovative ideas through our ideation platform hosted by Airmen Powered by Innovation and AFWERX. The six winners will then have the opportunity to present their ideas at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando early next year.

In this age of great power competition, your innovations and ideas will extend our dominance in Air, Space, and Cyberspace. The competition is on — we look forward to seeing what you got!

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 myPers

July 24, 2019

SUBJECT: Update to the AFR Fitness Assessment and Air Force Fitness Screening Questionnaire

DISCUSSION: Air Force Reserve members may resume Fitness Assessments after confirmation of all compliance with the changes to the FSQ. Recent changes were made to the FSQ to improve the safety, health, and welfare of our Airmen. Air Force Reserve originally suspended FAs for AFR members pending further guidance to afford members the opportunity to validate sickle cell traits (SCT) and comply with the new FSQ requirements. These requirements remain and all Airmen will complete the FSQ not later than seven calendar days prior to taking the FA. Commanders are to ensure members confirm SCT and compliance with the new FSQ requirements prior to members resuming Fitness Assessments.

The FSQ has been changed to add a provision for SCT and includes the following: Can you verify that you know your sickle cell trait (SCT) screening test result and that if you have SCT, you completed at least 2 counseling sessions with a health care provider and watched the educational video within the past year (<a href="https://www.hprc-online.org/articles/sickle-cell-trait-awareness">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8s9nKcFd-Fk</a>) SCT screening results can be located at <a href="https://imr.afms.mil/imr/myIMR.aspx">https://imr.afms.mil/imr/myIMR.aspx</a>.

Again, if a member has the SCT, he or she is required to complete two counseling sessions by a health care professional and watch a video prior to taking the FA. Members can validate their sickle cell trait on My IMR/ASIMS – Medical Readiness-- through the AF Portal. This requirement will be updated in the instruction upon revision of AFI 36-2905. Additional guidance from the medical community (SG) is forthcoming.

Where to find the corrected FSQ:

- Fitness Screening Questionnaire hyperlink: <a href="https://www.afpc.af.mil/Portals/70/documents/06">https://www.afpc.af.mil/Portals/70/documents/06</a> CAREER%20MANAGEMENT/03 Fitness%20Program/FITNESS% 20SCREENING%20QUESTIONNAIRE%202019.pdf
- AFFMS II Navigation: Fitness Tools, Fitness Questionnaire, click OK. The FSQ will come up in a new window, click OK.

The Air Force FSQ Change message can be found on myPers at: <a href="https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a">https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a</a> id/40524

This message and other AFRC/A1 messages of interest can be found on the A1R SharePoint at: <a href="https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/A1/Lists/A1%20Emails/active1.aspx.">https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/A1/Lists/A1%20Emails/active1.aspx.</a>

YOUR FORCE INTEGRATION SUPPORT TEAM

# **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.

## Aug. 2019 – Yellow Ribbon Event

Location: San Antonio, Texas

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 predeployment event and two post-deployment Yellow Ribbon Events.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Charkowski at 405-734-7207 or email <a href="mailto:stephanie.charkowski@us.af.mil">stephanie.charkowski@us.af.mil</a>.

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

Aug. 4, 2019 - 507th ARW Commander's Call 1500 at Base Theater

# Aug. 4, 2019 – AtHoc Self-Service account setup deadline

The 507 ARW Command Post now has Emergency Mass Notification Service (EMNS) access and will be able to send notifications via desktop, email, cell phone etc. for any emergency or exercise purposes outside of the normal 552 Command Post (Tinker) notifications.

It is MANDATORY for all military (REGAF and Air Reserve Component), and civilians (bargaining/non-bargaining) to provide an after-hours contact number or personal email emergency notification information (T-0).

Please ensure all members complete this task as soon as possible. Below are the directions for member to update their self-service profile:

- 1. Click on ^ (show hidden icons) on the bottom right of your desktop
- 2. Right click on white globe icon (Athoc)
- 3. Click on "access self-service"
- 4. Under "My Profile" click "edit"
- 5. Ensure that the information is entered for text messaging, email, and voice.
- 6. Under the "assigned unit" block ensure you have expanded and selected your unit as far down the hierarchy as possible. Ex: (tinker\_afb > 507\_ARW > 507\_MSG > 507\_CES)
- 7. Once complete, click "save"

Command post will run a report on Sunday of June UTA to show the exact users that have this completed and will provide that to the Squadron Commanders for review.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact the Command Post.

## Aug. 5-9, 2019 – Continuous Process Improvement Green Belt Training

The next Continuous Process Improvement Green Belt Training will be held 5-9 August 2019 in the 507ARW SFS new training classroom. This FREE class is open to all members of the 507<sup>th</sup> ARW, 513<sup>th</sup> ACG and 730<sup>th</sup> AMTS with approval from member's supervisor or commander. Contact Lt. Col. Kimberly Howerton by phone at 405-734-9732 or email <a href="mailto:kimberly.howerton.2@us.af.mil">kimberly.howerton.2@us.af.mil</a> to sign up.

# Sep. 2019 - Yellow Ribbon Event

Location: Orlando, Fla.

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Sep. 2, 2019 – Labor Day

## 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 triblend 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 <a href="mailto:lindsay.newton.1@us.af.mil">lindsay.newton.1@us.af.mil</a>.

## Sep. 7, 2019 – 507th Okie Alumni Breakfast

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

## Sep. 12-13, 2019 – 24hr POW-MIA vigil run/walk

The 2019 POW-MIA & 9.11 Committee will be hosting its first 24 Hour POW-MIA Vigil Run/Walk on **September 12-13**, **0600-0600** at the **base track**. Attire is ABUs, PT gear, or civilian attire. The purpose of this event is to remember those who are not home.

To sign up please use the link below, click sign up and list the names of you and your teammate(s).

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea4af22a3fe3-powmia

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact TSgt Alonda Daniels at 405-734-0955.

### 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.