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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.

[507th ARW welcomes ESGR employers](#)

Thirty-four civilian bosses of Reserve Citizen Airmen with the 433rd Airlift Wing got an opportunity to fly on a C-5M Super Galaxy here, Aug. 3.

[Operational camouflage pattern uniforms on sale at Tinker](#)

The operational camouflage pattern uniform went on sale at the Tinker Air Force Base's Army and Air Force Exchange Service earlier this month as part of the Air Force's ongoing transition to a single combat utility uniform to increase readiness and efficacy. Airmen began purchasing the new uniform at certain Exchanges in April, with other bases

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Honorary commanders from across Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, join the 507th Air Refueling Wing to see the Reserve refueling mission in action August 23, 2019.

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[**507th ARW September enlisted promotions**](#)

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

[**Suicide Prevention Month: Changing the narrative**](#)

September is National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Airmen are encouraged to change the narrative and combat the stigma associated with seeking help without fear of negative career implications.

[**U.S. Space Command establishment ceremony launches new era of space superiority capabilities**](#)

In a move to enhance the United States' space superiority capabilities, President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike R. Pence, Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper and Air Force Gen. John W. Raymond formally established the United States Space Command during a ceremony held Aug. 30 at the White House.

[**Air Force mandates dedicated space for nursing mothers**](#)

The policy enables commanders to support nursing mothers by outlining procedures and requirements for establishing a private, secure (lockable from the inside) and sanitary location for the purpose of breastfeeding and/or expressing breast milk.

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

[**Fiscal Year 2020 UTA schedule available**](#)

MESSAGES FROM AIR FORCE LEADERS

Memorandum from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force

July 8, 2019

Fellow Airmen,

Our United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) offers extraordinary opportunities for our most qualified enlisted Airmen who meet the criteria to enter the commissioned ranks. We ask commanders and supervisors to encourage their sharpest Airmen to apply for the USAFA LEAD Program. Each year, approximately 70 Airmen are offered appointments to USAFA either directly or through its Preparatory School.

USAFA LEAD seeks young, talented and diverse Airmen with leadership potential who meet the USAFA entry qualifications and demonstrate outstanding character. Please encourage these Airmen to consider a commissioning path through our Air Force's Academy. As a reminder, each applicant must meet the following criteria: (1) no older than 23 years of age on 1 July 2020 for entry to USAFA or no older than 22 years of age on 1 July 2020 for entry to the Preparatory School, (2) unmarried, (3) a U.S. citizen (or be able to obtain citizenship prior to USAFA entry), and (4) have no dependents. Applicants must also meet eligibility criteria IAW AFI 36-2013, Enlisted Commissioning Programs. Encourage interested Airmen to retake the SAT and/or the ACT to ensure the most recent standardized test scores are submitted.

The LEAD Program is an opportunity for all Airmen who meet the qualifications. It is a warfighting imperative to build diversity into our ranks. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to recognize the value of diversity in our Air Force and open the door for this program to Airmen from a variety of demographics, experiences and backgrounds.

The application is now open for the Class of 2024. An Airman wishing to apply for a USAFA appointment must go to academyadmissions.com to start the application. Airmen must also complete and submit an AF Form 1786 NLT 31 December 2019. The completed form and the commander's Letter of Recommendation must be mailed to: HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025. Airmen with complete applications will be considered for direct appointment to USAFA or assignment to the USAFA Preparatory School in order to become qualified for the Class of 2025.

Additional information is available on the USAFA Admissions website (academyadmissions.com), through a Career Assistance Advisor, or at your local base education office. Interested Airmen and Air Force leaders may also submit questions to the USAFA LEAD team at [USAFA LEAD@usafa.edu](mailto:USAFA_LEAD@usafa.edu).

Kaleth O. Wright

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

David L. Goldfein

General, USAF, Chief of Staff

Memorandum from myPers Civilian Support Branch

July 24, 2019

Colleagues,

The purpose of this transmittal is to forward updated DCPAS guidance regarding compensatory time off for religious observances. The attached DCPAS message has been updated to include NAF employee information. The original OPM memo is also included here as all relevant information on time limits, accumulation and transitional provisions are provided in that document. While compensatory time for religious purposes is not identified in the current DoDI1400.25V550_AFI36-808, this should still be implemented using the guidance contained in these memos and 5 CFR 550.1001. We intend to include this form of compensatory time in a future revision to AFI 36-808.

This information has also been added to myPers at:

https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/44197/track/APM3swolDv8W~esYGkkC~yKw7Okq7i75Mv9U~zj~Ov_d

Questions can be forwarded to afpc.dp3fs.civiliansupportbr@us.af.mil.

Thank you.

Civilian Support Branch

AFPC/DP3FS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yellow Ribbon Dates and Locations Released for November and December

- **November 22-24, Orlando**
- **December 20-22, Orlando**

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 Master Sgt. Katie Johnson at 405-734-7207 or email katie.johnson.10@us.af.mil

Sept. 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.

Sept. 7, 2019 – Development and Training Flight applications due

We are looking for a highly motivated TR in the rank of SSgt to TSgt (SrA and MSgt will be considered on a case-by-case basis). This is an awesome opportunity for our unit members to gain leadership experience, to mentor, and to be a part of developing our Airmen. As of right now, your initial Wing Coordinator tour of active duty would consist of 2-4 RPA days in conjunction with the UTA's. Supervisors, if you have a troop that would be an asset to the D&TF, please talk to them about this opportunity.

*** ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE DUE NLT 1200 SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2019 ***

If you're interested, please see the attached D&TF application for more information and email all required documents to myself and CMSgt Avery (taunya.avery@us.af.mil). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jocilyn.grable@us.af.mil or 405-409-6484.

Sept. 7, 2019 – First Sgt. Fun Run 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.

Sept. 8, 2019 – 507th CES Fire climb at the fire training tower
507th CES honors 9/11 first responders with annual fire climb at 0800.

Sept. 12-13, 2019 – Tinker 24-hour 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.

Sept. 13, 2019 – Tinker POW-MIA & 9/11 Memorial Run, Walk, Ruck

The entire Tinker community is teaming up to collaborate and affirm this year's message: "*Never Forgotten*". This will be a high energy event design to strengthen the spiritual core of Airmen and their families. Every member of the Tinker community is invited to participate and support this FREE event September 13th from 0615-0830 at the baseball field next to the track.

First 1,000 participants to register will receive a free "Never Forgotten" shirt

Note: MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER BY 07 AUGUST/REGISTRATIONS AFTER 07 AUGUST ARE SUBJECT TO NOT GETTING A SHIRT

Link to Register: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=463897&k=066741017250>

For more information please contact: Ms. Wakita Oliver (405) 739-3858 or TSgt Hugo Perez (405) 999-3551.

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Oct. 5, 2019- Third Quarter Award packages due by 1400

Third Quarter Award packages (July- are due NLT 1400 Saturday, 5 October 2019.

All MSG packages will be sent to: CMSgt Julie Hudson at julie.hudson.1@us.af.mil

*** Please email all other packages to TSgt Jocilyn Grable at jocilyn.grable@us.af.mil and cc CMSgt

Taunya Avery at taunya.avery@us.af.mil ***

[4th Quarter: Oct 2019 - Dec 2019 \(due Jan UTA\)](#)

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

Nov. 15-19, 2019 – Unit Effectiveness Inspection

Nov. 17- 507 ARW Commander's Call, Base Theater

January 11, 2020- Fourth Quarter Award packages due

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.