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NEWS FOR THE 507TH AIR REFUELING WING



Home for the holidays

Okies win 4th Air Force's "Best of the Best"

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Members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing return home from a deployment to Southwest Asia Nov. 22 and Nov. 25, 2019, to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

[4th AF recognizes "Best of the Best" at Raincross Awards ceremony](#)

Fourth Air Force and members of the Riverside, California, community joined together Nov. 19, 2019, to recognize the "best of the best" during the 20th Annual Raincross Awards dinner at the Riverside Convention Center.

[WWII Soldier's dog tags reunited at Tinker AFB](#)

Seventy-five years after his aircraft was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire in the Netherlands during World War II, Tech Sgt. Orville Bruce Journey's dog tags were finally brought back to his family. The dog tags were presented to Bruce Journey's brother, 87-year-old Oklahoma City resident Dwight Journey, at a special presentation ceremony at the Oklahoma Air Logistics Complex.

[507th ARW December enlisted promotions](#)

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

'Tis the season for safety

It's the most wonderful time of the year again! The holidays are a time filled with great food, presents and good times. Unfortunately, the season can also bring a Grinch-like influx of fire hazards, burglaries and vehicle accidents. Here are some statistics and tips to help you take care of yourself, your family and your Wingmen.

Time to act: TRICARE Open Season, Federal Benefits Open Season

Open season for TRICARE and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program opened Nov. 11, 2019. You'll have until Dec. 9, 2019 to enroll in a plan or make changes to your existing plan. The changes that you make will become effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Public Affairs releases first On-Final Anthology

The On-final Anthology Vol.1 is out now! Read all about the wing, the KC-135 and all the amazing things that Okies do every day.

UPDATE: Reserve dining schedule

Golden Corral has a new location: 1501 S Sooner Rd. in Del City.

Fiscal Year 2020 UTA schedule available -- **NO APRIL 2020 SUPER UTA**

A blue rectangular graphic with white text listing the schedule for FY20 UTA. The text is centered and includes dates for each month from October to September, with a note for July.

FY20 UTA Schedule
Oct. 5-6
Nov. 16-17
Dec. 7-8
Jan. 11-12
Feb. 8-9
March 6-8
April 4-5
May 1-3
June 6-7
July 11-12 (<i>if needed</i>)
Aug. 1-2
Sept. 12-13

MESSAGES FROM AIR FORCE LEADERS

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

As we approach the holidays, we thank you and your families for your roles in defending our Nation, from right here at home to everywhere around the globe. To those deployed this holiday season, you are at the forefront of our thoughts. Thank you for standing the watch.

Always remember to be available to your fellow Airmen in need, to foster inclusiveness and resiliency among the team, and to take care of each other. This is our daily imperative, as every Airman across the Total Force is critical to our mission.

Unwavering commitment to your safety is our priority. Please take a moment to review the attached Holiday Safety Message before you begin any off-duty activities.

On behalf of all Americans, thank you for securing our Nation. Enjoy the holidays and let's transition safely into the New Year. We are proud to serve with you!

Barbara Barrett
Secretary of the Air Force

David L. Goldfein
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Kaleth O. Wright
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yellow Ribbon Dates and Locations Released for Dec. and Jan.

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

- **December 20-22, Orlando, Fla.**
- **January 24-26, Costa Mesa, Calif.**

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.

Other Important Dates

Dec. 6, 2019 – 21st Annual OHS Steak Supper

Jan. 11, 2020 – Fourth Quarter Award packages due

Jan. 15, 2020 – Civilian of the Quarter packages due

Feb. 8, 2020 – Annual Awards Banquet

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