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# ON-FINAL

NEWS FOR THE 507TH AIR REFUELING WING



Q&A with the MDS Commander

## Reserve nurses mobilize to support COVID-19 response

### [ON-FINAL NEWS BULLETIN – May 1, 2020 \(Vol 40, No. 5\)](#)

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#### [Reserve nurses mobilize to support COVID-19 response](#)

Three Air Force Reservist nurses with the 507th Medical Squadron here mobilized and departed for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, between April 13-21, 2020, to provide medical treatment to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### [America Strong: Blue Angels, Thunderbirds to conduct multi-city flyovers championing National Unity Behind Frontline Responders](#)

America Strong is a collaborative salute from the Navy and Air Force to recognize healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential personnel while standing in solidarity with all Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### [Hey what's up, Doc? \(VIDEO\)](#)

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- Col. Miles Heaslip, 507th Air Refueling Wing Commander, and Lt. Col. Alvin Bradford, 507th Medical Squadron commander, address the wing's COVID-19 questions April 20, 2020, at Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma.

#### [More than 770 AF Reservists called up providing medical support](#)

More than 150 additional Air Force Reserve medical specialists were mobilized in the latest Air Force Reserve call-up in support of COVID-19 relief efforts with most Reservists set to assist medical staff in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

### [Chaplain's COVID-19 message \(VIDEO\)](#)

Ch. (Maj.) Ed Sanders, 507th Air Refueling Wing chaplain, offers a message of resiliency to the wing's Airmen April 9, 2020, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

### [Command Chief's Update \(VIDEO\)](#)

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Nicholas, 507th Air Refueling Wing command chief, provides information to Reservists regarding COVID-19 and its effects on wing operations April 2, 2020, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

### [Commander's COVID-19 Update \(VIDEO\)](#)

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- Col. Miles Heaslip, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, provides information to Reservists regarding COVID-19 and its effects on wing operations April 3, 2020, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

### **507th ARW May enlisted promotions**

*Coming soon!*

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

#### **June UTA**

*(Please see your leadership for more information and details)*

June 6-7 UTA A

June 20-21 UTA B

## **MESSAGES FROM 507th ARW WING COMMANDER**

A message from your commander,

As we continue to press on, I am amazed by the continued understanding and resiliency of the members of our wing.

It was an incredibly tough choice deciding to postpone the April and May UTAs. This decision was not made lightly. We weighed the pros and cons and at the end of the day the health and safety of our Airmen was paramount. Bringing in hundreds of our members from outside the local area presented an unnecessary risk for all Okies and their families and the community at large. Our mission and our readiness cannot fail. Our Airmen are our most important asset.

Being resilient during these trying times is easier said than done. Resiliency has been an Air Force priority for many years. Now is the time to use your training and the resources available to you to maintain your resiliency. Reach out to your friends, your family, the chaplains, the Airman and Family Readiness Center; they are all ready to help you in any way they can to see you to the other side of this crisis.

This is the time to stay connected with your fellow Reservists. Reach out to your coworkers and your supervision. Stay up to date on base changes and wing updates. Stay informed, stay safe, and stay resilient.

-Col Miles Heaslip

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Yellow Ribbon Dates and Locations

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](mailto:katie.johnson.10@us.af.mil)

- **June 26-28 Orlando, FL**
- **July 17-19 Costa Mesa, CA**
- **July 24-26 Chicago, IL**

## Vanwey Dining Facility – Opening – Sunday 5 Apr

Operating Hours – No Dine In Service .... Carry out ONLY

### Mon-Fri

Breakfast 0600 – 0800

Lunch 1100 – 1300

Dinner 1630 – 1830

### Sat-Sun

Brunch 0600 – 1300

Dinner 1600 - 1800

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