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	4	6	8	10	12	14
8	1,169.60	1,199.48	1,249.48	1,261.08	1,308.56	1,322.16
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507th ARW Vice Commander's Column

By Col. Randall C. Guthrie

Units have outstanding members

Our nation's mighty military prowess comes from the effort every one of us puts into our jobs. Both the 507th and the 513th have enjoyed tremendous success in the protection of our nation and helping project power around the world. We have been recognized at virtually every level in the Air Force for our efforts.

The 507th ARW has recently been informed we have been awarded the Meritorious Unit Award, which is the follow-on to the Outstanding Unit Award. Those members who were a part of the wing during the period from Sept. 11, 2001 to June 30, 2004 will soon be able to proudly wear this new award. Since 2001 we have been recognized 11 times by headquarters and organizations outside the wing and have awarded over 1000 medals.

Members of the 513th are well-known for their contributions to missions in virtually every corner of the world. This hit home to me at the Billy Hughes Banquet when I saw the large number of campaign medals many of you in the 513th were wearing. During the recent Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit (ASEV) they received the highest rating possible, an Outstanding. Since 2001 the 513th has individually and collectively received 15 awards.

I get the honor of seeing your abilities first-hand when I get out to your unit. Every UTA I visit a different unit. This past UTA I got to see the talented and dedicated the people in the 507th MDS. It was impressive. From the nurses, who manage a myriad of programs for the wing in addition to their nursing responsibilities, to the medical technicians who participate in virtually all areas of the squadron, I was very impressed. All of the medical technicians maintain full emergency medical technician (EMT) certification despite less than half using their certification in their civilian jobs. That means when you need help in a medical emergency, they are trained and ready to help.

In December I visited with the 35th CBCS, which is one of only two combat communications squadrons in AFRC. Their mission has changed, and now they are on the cutting edge of technology. These members volunteered to go to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to set up communications at the local military base, insuring critical information concerning operations in the damaged area flowed unimpeded.

On a separate note, there is no doubt we will have several "top performers" lauded as a result of the inspections we are currently undergoing. Many of you have been personally responsible for programs that are being inspected. Rest assured, I may not be able to say thanks personally for all your hard work, but I will do my best because you deserve it. The wing could not function without your effort and expertise. Special thanks go to Major Don Satterlee, who has done a tremendous job as the wing focal point for our preparations.

Air Force recognizes Wing performance



The Air Force has recognized the 507th Air Refueling Wing for its superior performance by presenting it with the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

In March 2004, the Secretary of the Air Force approved the establishment of the Meritorious Unit Award (MUA) to recognize organizations for outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Wing was recognized for displaying outstanding devotion and superior performance during the period Sept. 11, 2001 to June 30, 2004. During this period, the Wing provided major contributions to Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, JOINT FORGE, SOUTHERN WATCH, and NORTHERN WATCH. The wing flew over 1,140

sorties totaling over 5,700 flight hours, off-loading over 50 million pounds of fuel to over 2,000 US and allied nation receiver aircraft in direct support of combat and homeland defense operations with virtually perfect safety.

During the award period, the wing conducted five major overseas operational deployments of aircraft and personnel while continuing to maintain local alert status. Other wing units added to the overall war response. Members from the 1st Aviation Standards Flight flew numerous overseas missions including the first flight inspection missions into Afghanistan, commissioning facilities at Bagram and Kandahar Air Bases and Kabul International Airport. The 1st ASF subsequently commissioned approaches into Iraq, including those of Baghdad

International Airport, and Kirkuk, Mosul, Tallil, and Basrah ABs.

The 35th Combat Communications Squadron deployed five personnel for 120 days to Kuwait City International Airport, Kuwait. The 507th Fire Protection Flight had 10 fire fighters activated and deployed to McConnell AFB Kansas, from Oct. 21, 2001 through Oct. 5, 2002 in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE. In October 2001, the 507th Security Forces Squadron activated 43 members for over one year, deploying teams supporting Operation NOBLE EAGLE to California, Florida, Georgia, and Oklahoma; Operation ENDURING FREEDOM to Qatar, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; Operation NORTHERN WATCH to Spain; and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus

Take time to show unconditional love

Ten days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, a group of citizens in North Platte, Neb., heard a rumor that soldiers from their town, part of the Nebraska National Guard Company D, would be coming through on a troop train on their way to the West Coast. Five hundred people showed up at the train depot with food, cigarettes, letters, and love to give the boys.

When the train showed up, it was not the Nebraska National Guard Company D boys on board; it was the soldiers from the Kansas National Guard Company D.

After a few awkward moments, a woman handed a young man she'd never seen the gifts intended for her own son. Everyone else followed that lead, and there were hugs and prayers and love shared all around. It was a spontaneous act of genuine devotion that touched both the soldiers and the people who came to the depot that day. That alone would have been a beautiful illustration of the willingness to "sacrifice for one another." But the story continues.

A few days later, a 26-year-old woman named Rae Wilson wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper recounting the profound experience they'd shared that night. She then suggested the town organize a canteen, so they

could do something similar for every troop train that came through. She offered to lead the effort as a volunteer.

For the next four and a half years, the people of North Platte and the surrounding communities met every troop train that came through their town. Every day, they prepared sandwiches, cookies, cold drinks, and hot coffee. They had baskets of magazines and books to give away to the soldiers, and snacks for the train. There were even birthday cakes for anyone having a special day. And they did this, some days, for as many as 8,000 soldiers and sailors.

The statistics are staggering. By the time the last train arrived on April 1, 1946, six million soldiers had been blessed by the North Platte Canteen. Forty-five thousand volunteers had served faithfully until the war was over and most of the troops had been transported home.

Most of the troops had only 10 minutes to sprint from the train, grab some food, maybe dance with a pretty girl, hear the appreciation of those present, and sprint back before the train left without them. But in those 10 minutes, they got more than a meal. They received a dose of unconditional love that they remembered later—during the heat of battle as well as decades after the war was over.

Who can you show unconditional love to this month?



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507th ARW Mission: Man, train, equip, and sustain an Expeditionary Reserve Force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.

513th ACG Mission: Citizen-airmen extending America's Global Power operating the world's best airborne battle management, warning and control platform.

Wing selects 4th Quarter award winners

Capt. Ian Gunyea, Master Sgt. Treva Ragland, Tech. Sgt. Michael Hapgood, and Senior Airman Christopher Scott were recently selected as Company Grade Officer, Senior NCO, NCO and Airman of the Quarter, respectively.



Capt. Ian Gunyea

to fight and deployment ready. Gunyea is a proven leader and was appointed to perform respiratory fit-test medical screening at work stations.

Gunyea recently cross-trained in his civilian position as a trauma service physician assistant, and brings expert knowledge in the care of trauma patients to unit personnel. He provides in-service lectures to technicians and nursing personnel.

Master Sgt. Treva Ragland, a unit training manager with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, has been in that position for the past 12 years. She has volunteered to work continuous military personnel appropriation manday tour over the past year supporting the active duty 72nd Security Forces Squadron, backfilling for key personnel. She later took on the responsibility to serve as the interim 72 SPS first sergeant. Ragland was requested to serve as the 72nd Mission Support Squadron unit training manager, preparing the enlisted training records for their upcoming UCI this month.

Ragland was selected as the 72nd ABW command chief's assistant for Tinker enlisted matters, working on

Capt. Ian Gunyea, a physician assistant with the 507th Medical Squadron, is a stalwart military officer and dedicated to mission readiness as an invaluable member of Team Aerospace, according to Col. Steven Gentling, Medical Squadron commander.

He performs 20-30 physical examinations per UTA, working toward keeping units medically fit

and deployment ready. Gunyea is a proven leader and was appointed to perform respiratory fit-test medical screening at work stations.

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Master Sgt. Treva Ragland

monthly promotion ceremonies and quarterly award luncheons. Ragland is involved with her church's vacation bible school and other youth-related activities.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Hapgood, an air transportation supervisor with the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, is NCO of the Quarter.

"A dynamic leader and integral member in the 72nd APS capturing Air Force Aerial Port of the Year award," says Maj. William Bush, 72nd APS commander.

Hapgood supported Operation Iraqi Freedom, expertly led mission as ramp team chief and flawlessly processed 20 cargo tons, seven aircraft and eight trucks in 100-percent on-time departure.

Hapgood graduated with a Jurist Doctorate, aced the Oklahoma Bar Exam on first try, and sought out 44 hours in advance computer programming courses while striving to improve himself.

Senior Airman Christopher Scott, a security forces journeyman with the 507th Security Forces Squadron, is Airman of the Quarter.

Scott supported Joint Task Force Katrina; hand-picked to deploy. He helped secure 8,000 displaced personnel with zero incidents. Only airman recognized for his performance by the JTF Katrina SF commander. He maintained deployed equipment inventory (\$45,000 value) in a high-theft environment with no lost items. He was named superior performer by team chief during real world deployment, selected among all ranks.

Scott is currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma (86 credit hours completed), working toward Bachelors of Science in Education degree. He earned expert marksman in M-16 and 9MM for first time.

Scott is an assistant coach and mentor at Cheyenne Middle School 7th grade boys basketball and soccer coach at YMCA.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Hapgood



Senior Airman Christopher Scott

Reservists benefit from 2006 defense authorization act

WASHINGTON – People serving in the Air Force Reserve Command and other reserve components could receive new or enhanced benefits this year.

The 2006 National Defense Authorization Act lets the Department of Defense offer reservists a variety of benefits more on par with their active-duty counterparts, said Chuck Witschonke, DOD's deputy director for compensation. President George W. Bush signed the defense bill Jan. 6.

One big change is a provision that shortens the duty time before reservists qualify for the full housing allowance. People called to active duty for non-contingency operations for more than 30 days will now get the full allowance, just as active-duty troops do. In the past, reservists serving in non-contingencies had to be called to active duty for at least 140 days.

For reservists who experience pay cuts when called to active duty, a new provision for income replacement will help reduce the strain military service places on the family, Mr. Witschonke said.

"It can be difficult for a family that has been living on a certain income to now have less money, particularly at a time when they're stressed by a change in their lifestyle" due to a military deployment, he said.

The income-replacement program won't be instituted for

six months, in accordance with the law. At that time, specific guidelines and qualifications will be issued, he said. This authority will end in December 2008.

The 2006 authorization act also permits increases in recruiting bonuses for reservists. People could get accession and affiliation bonuses of up to \$20,000 to enlist in the Selected Reserve. Officers could see an increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for initial service in the Selected Reserve.

People who possess a designated critical skill could earn a bonus of up to \$100,000.

Another provision of the defense bill extends the eligibility for a prior-service enlistment bonus to include Selected Reserve members who previously received one.

Mr. Witschonke emphasized the new law does not guarantee that all service members will qualify for these pays and benefits or that those who do will receive the highest amounts authorized. Rather, the law gives defense and service leaders the flexibility they need to meet operational, recruiting and retention goals.

More information about pay and benefits is posted on the DOD's military compensation Web site at www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/

(AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service)

507th Civil Engineer Squadron member Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hughes helps Airman First Class David Tipton with his CDCs during the January UTA. The Civil Engineering Squadron has a computer-based learning lab established to aid in the academic success of its members.

Photo by Capt. Bill Pierce



Nominate employer online for Employer Support Freedom Award

ARLINGTON, Va. - The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, announced that nominations will be accepted at the ESGR website for the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards. The nomination process will conclude on Feb. 28, 2006.

Over 1,500 nominations were submitted in 2005 on the ESGR website. In 2006 the goal is 5,000 nominations, a relatively small number, as ESGR estimates that over 125,000 employers in America employ National Guardsmen and Reservists.

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members need only to visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil, and complete the 2006 Freedom Award nomination form online. ESGR Field Committees will review the nominations, and have the option to present three nominations per committee for review by the National Selection Board which will select up to 15 as 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients.

In 1996, the then Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The award publicly recognizes employers nominated by their employees, who voluntarily serve in the National Guard and Reserve, for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law. This prestigious award is the highest in a series of Department of Defense employer support awards that include the Patriot Award, the ESGR Above and Beyond Award and the Pro Patria Award.

"I am encouraging all National Guardsmen and Reservists worldwide, and their family members, to visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil to nominate their employers for this prestigious national award that recognizes supportive employers who provide exemplary support above the USERRA Law requirements for their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve," said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director.

Previous recipients have included a "who's who" of corporate America, including Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, GE, Verizon, and UPS. State and local governments and a number of America's small businesses, who are the majority of National Guard and Reserve employers, have also been recipients.

When asked about the impact of employee military service on small business, Hollingsworth said, "At no time in our recent history have the small businesses of America been asked to give so much in our nation's defense."

"Today, in support of the war on terrorism and the ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an essential alliance has been formed as many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, their employees," added Hollingsworth.

In today's environment of continuous mobilizations of National Guardsmen and Reservists, ESGR has recognized that more employers are being impacted by the loss of key employees.

The 2006 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 11th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony hosted by ESGR on Sept. 19, 2006.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve.

As the 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR will continue to be the informational agency for the employers of America's new Minutemen. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at www.esgr.mil, or by calling Tom Bullock at the National Committee Office at (800) 336-4590.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, hosts the Secretary of Defense employer Support Freedom award ceremony annually in Washington, DC. This prestigious Department of Defense Award is the highest in a series of ESGR awards that recognizes and honors the sacrifices made by America's employers who support you and your fellow members of the National Guard, Reserve, and your families in the defense of our nation.

It is important for you to know the difference between the ESGR Patriot Award and the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The ESGR Patriot Award recognizes your employer and is usually presented by you, or an ESGR Field Committee Member, to your employer. This Award requires no justification, and is easily requested on line at the ESGR website <http://www.esgr.mil>.

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No matter how small, every part counts in the Air Force puzzle

**Commentary by Capt. Julie Wokaty-Kozma
777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron**

ALI BASE, Iraq — Descending into Baghdad, my C-130 Hercules crew prepares for landing.

The copilot coordinates with air traffic control while the navigator ensures we follow desired ground track to the field. The flight engineer runs checklists and the loadmasters scan for threats. We keep our speed up as long as possible, configure close to the airfield and the plane settles onto the runway.

Through all the maneuvering, coordinating and flying I have a sense of *deja vu* — with a twist. I've done all this before, but never with this group of people. It's the same, yet different.

I arrived at Ali Base the last week in December and soon set out on my first Operation Iraqi Freedom mission in more than a year. While it was far from my first time flying in combat, it was my first time flying in combat with this crew. In fact, it was my first time flying with this crew — ever.

I knew little more about them than their name, rank and crew position. This will change over the duration of the deployment, of course. But one might wonder: What enables a crew of people who haven't flown together before to successfully maneuver an aircraft to accomplish a combat mission?

I believe the answer boils down to the professional integrity of the crewmembers and the support Airmen on the ground. This professional integrity comes from knowing your job, performing your duties to the best of your ability and constantly striving to improve your skills.

From my perspective as a C-130 pilot, I know that each crewmember is trained in specific duties and must be able to

perform those duties proficiently. The training and checklists are standardized.

Everybody knows what to expect and what's expected from them, regardless of whether they've flown together or not.

Each piece of the puzzle is important, unique and irreplaceable. My part of the puzzle (and yours) fits into the overall puzzle: Each Air Force Specialty Code having its own unique pieces and each AFSC irreplaceable to the total mission.

Professional integrity allows us to trust that others are doing their jobs correctly, and to accept their product as flawless. I count on the professional integrity of maintenance Airmen, intel Airmen and air terminal operations center Airmen in my job — to name a few. Being able to trust in their abilities and integrity saves crucial time in a combat zone. This trust is vital to mission accomplishment.

Professional integrity also involves challenging yourself to stay at the top of your game and never growing complacent. The enemy and their weapons are constantly changing. Every Airman must stay ahead of these changes to win the war. Staying in the books and keeping up to speed on latest tactics, techniques and procedures keeps our skills sharp and up to date.

Knowing that you work hard to be your best at your job and trusting others to do the same, that's the professional integrity that allows us to show up in a combat zone and complete a mission with people we have never worked with. It distinguishes professional warfighter from ordinary citizens.

No matter how your duties fit into the puzzle, you are vital to the Air Force mission. Wherever your piece of the puzzle fits, work hard to bring the entire picture together for mission accomplishment.

Nominate employer online for Employer Support Freedom Award

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The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award nomination process is much more detailed and requires you to answer 10 questions about the support that you receive from your employer. These questions are targeted at: pay policies, benefits and leave policies, previous ESGR awards, supervisor training, ESGR advocacy, service member recognition, family support, deployed member support, hiring preferences, and

general military support.

If you are knowledgeable of your employer's policies that support your military service, and you can provide answers to the ten Freedom Award nomination questions, please visit <http://www.esgr.mil> and complete the nomination form.

The 55 ESGR Field Committees then review all nominations, and verify the Employer information received via the ESGR web site. The ESGR National

Ombudsman Team will then investigate all nominations to ensure that Employers nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award do not have numerous, significant or outstanding USERRA complaints registered in the ESGR database. Up to 15 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards will be presented in Washington D.C. on Sept. 19, 2006.

Mentors help establish goals for your future

By Lt. Col. Russell Reimer
513th OSF/DO

Let me be honest. When I first heard about the Air Force mentoring program, I cringed.

I thought, here we go again. Somebody (we never know who) invented another program designed to institutionalize common sense and expand my training requirements sheet.

My mind was full of cynical questions. What is a mentor? Am I supposed to be somebody's mentor? Besides, who is my mentor? I don't feel mentored.

I soon found out. My boss called me in for my annual feedback session. For 10 minutes, I nodded politely as he reviewed my performance. I'll spare you the details.

Then he said, "Let's move on to mentoring. What are your five-year goals?"

Confused, I replied, "Well I guess I'd like some more responsibility."

He blinked twice and said, "Great, you're in charge of the new mentoring program."

This might sound like a sad story. Actually it isn't. Over the next two years, I realized that somebody (I still don't know who) created a very easy and effective program.

You could read all about the mentoring in AFI 36-3401 on your own. However, I think this would make you very sleepy. So trust me when I say the program is applicable to every officer and enlisted member.

A mentor is defined as a trusted counselor or guide. Aspects of the program include career guidance, professional military development and Air Force heritage education.

That all sounds great, but what is really new? Supervisors, or mentors,

now conduct an annual mentoring session in conjunction with the performance feedback session.

This combined session really makes a lot of sense. First, the supervisor reviews performance over the previous year. Then, as a mentor, he helps the subordinate establish a clear and achievable set of goals for the future.

The AFRC Form 141 uses five sections to help guide the supervisor through this mentoring session. Part I establishes a five year plan. Part II explores nine areas to help determine the subordinate's ability to achieve the 5 year plan. Parts III, IV and V simply provide a template to discuss Air Force history and core values.

So there is no need to cringe. The Air Force mentoring program is easy and effective. Somebody (I wish I knew who) actually got it right.

Paying off credit card debt

By Capt. Wendy Whitt Rader
507 ARW/JA

Credit card balances are the worst kind of debt, and yet credit card debt has reached staggering proportions in our country. If you just pay the minimum amount due it may take years to pay off the balance, and you will spend hundreds to thousands of dollars in interest charges. The only way to eliminate the debt is to form a repayment plan and stick to it! Here are several steps you can take to get your debt under control:

1. Stop using your cards. Take all of the credit cards out of your wallet or purse, and leave them at home. Cut up the cards, if that's what it takes to stop using them!

2. Calculate how much you owe. Make a list of the amounts you owe, starting with the balance on which you pay the highest interest rate. Then list your balances in descending order, by interest rate.

3. Plan for repayment. Once you've determined the maximum amount you can pay toward your credit card debts each month, form a plan for repayment. Usually, this will

require paying off your high interest rate credit cards first. The www.quicken.com offers an excellent debt reduction planner which can help you calculate how much to pay on each credit card in order to reduce the amount of interest paid on your cards.

4. Stick with your plan.

Once you have paid off one credit card, you must apply the money you have been paying that particular company to paying off another card. Each time you pay off a card, cancel it immediately.

After all of your debts have been paid off, apply the money you were paying all those months toward saving for your future. Use the financial skills you learned through conquering debt to build an emergency savings account so you will not be tempted to rely on credit cards when unexpected expenses occur.



FREE COLLEGE TESTING

Air Force Reserve members, spouses and civilian employees may take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) or College-Level Examinations Program (CLEP) or Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) FREE! (Military Only for Excelsior examinations). These examinations test college-level knowledge you may have gained through your job, reading, travel, or hobbies. You must test at your Reserve DANTES approved test center. Testing at another DANTES test center will be on a case-by-case basis. The third Tuesday of each month at 0800 has been set aside for testing. You must call us four weeks prior to test date to ensure we will have your test. **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Sharlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Become a certified professional in a field related to your military training. DANTES and AFRC funded certification examinations are available for certain career fields. Go to <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> and click on certification programs, MOS matching and USAF Matrix which identifies the eligible AFSCs, certification exams available and internet addresses for more info. If you desire to take an exam, **contact Chief Master Sgt. Sharlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Reserve members are eligible to apply for TA for Distance Learning and In-Residence courses to further their education up to a Master's Degree.

The basic enrollment requirements are that you must:

Be a participating member in good standing (no UIF, Article 15, etc.).

Retainability: Officers - two years; Enlisted - ETS after course completion.

Enrollment form must show course number/title, credit hours and cost of tuition.

Complete TA forms in our office PRIOR to class start date.

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. **You must provide a paid receipt and your grade NLT 60 days after course completion.** TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$4500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors). **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Sharlotte Epps in the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.**

AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The success of the Air Force Reserve NCO corps depends on their ability to apply leadership and management skills learned primarily in a civilian setting to a military environment. Not all of today's mid-level NCOs have extensive first-hand supervisory experience in a reserve environment; therefore, the instruction in this course is intended to improve the students' military supervisor capabilities and understanding of their positions as related to the USAFR. We focus on individual improvement which is ultimately the real source of organizational excellence and success. **See your unit training manager for more information. NEXT CLASS: July 24 - Aug. 4, 2006.**

FAMILY CARE

If you need to be on the Family Care Plan, notify your first sergeant ASAP - IAW AFI 36-2908. Single parents and dual military couples with children must have a Family Care Plan completed within 90 days of in-processing or family status change.

VIRTUAL MPF

- 1. Address Changes** - You no longer have to go to 4 different screens/areas to update your address!!!
- 2. Point Summaries** - Point Summaries can also be viewed and printed.
- 3. Record Review RIPS** - You will now be notified via e-mail, on your birthday, to log on to vMPF to review your RIP.
- 4. Awards and decorations** - You can also get a picture display of your awards and decorations.

HOT TOPICS :

All testing (paper and computer) must be scheduled by sending an e-mail to Kimberley.Silkwood@tinker.af.mil with the time and date that you would like to test and include the course number.

Paper testing on the UTA is only available at 0750 on Sunday of the main UTA and is in Bldg. 460 (active duty HQ), Room 215. You need to enter through the MPF main door (in the back near the ramps), turn right and take the stairs.

Computer-based testing on the UTA is available on Saturday and Sunday at 1300 in Bldg. 1030 (Hangar) in Room 214.

Please schedule all tests NLT 1500 on Friday before the UTA. If you are unable to keep the scheduled time please e-mail Ms. Silkwood or call 734-7075 NLT 1000 on the day you are scheduled to test.

All testing is also available on Tuesdays at 0800, Wednesdays at 0800 and 1300 and Thursdays at 1300.

NOTE: If you are retaking a test, you must bring the authorization letter with you or you will not be allowed to test.

EDUCATION REMINDER:

This is just to remind everyone who wishes to update their Education Records, officer and enlisted, that we need OFFICIAL transcripts to send or accomplish any updates. This means that it CANNOT say "ISSUED TO STUDENT." You may have the college/university send it, we can request it, or you may bring it in as long as it is in a sealed envelope with a SEAL on the flap AND it does not say "ISSUED TO STUDENT."

Pass and ID Hours of Operation: 1200-1600 on Saturdays of the UTA.

IEU open from 1200-1500 on Saturday of the main UTA.

Nomination packages for AMN, NCO, or SNCO of the quarter are submitted quarterly. Packages are due by 1400, on Saturday of the UTA after the end of the quarter. (Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan)

FY2006 UTA SCHEDULE

04-05 Feb 06	04-05 Mar 06
01-02 Apr 06	20-21 May 06
03-04 June 06	08-09 July 06
05-06 Aug 06	09-10 Sept 06
As of Jan. 25, 2006	

FEBRUARY TRAINING PLANNER

Fri, 03 Feb 2006

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1043, Wg Conf Room
 1430 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1043, Wg Conf Room
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Sat, 04 Feb 2006

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-noon ID cards Bldg. 460, customer service
0800-1530 MPF/Customer Service Section Open
 0830-0900 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
1300, by appt. Computer Based Testing Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Trng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 05 Feb 2006

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 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750-1115 Course Exams, PAPER only Bldg 460, (AD Hq) Rm 215
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
0800-1500 MPF/customer service section open
 0800-1030 Safety Council Mtg/Unit Sfty Trng. Bldg 1030, Room 104
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300, by appt. Computer Based Testing Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro To Be Determined
1500-1630 MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
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OCCUPATIONAL SURVEYS

These surveys provide information essential for developing personnel programs, classifying occupations, and developing training programs. The Wing Survey Control Monitor (SCM) works with the Unit Training Manager (UTM) to ensure surveys are completed. AFI 36-2623, paragraph 2.7 makes completion of these surveys mandatory for all Air Force Reserve members. It is extremely important these surveys are completed by the suspense date. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Kim Silkwood or Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hudson at 734-7075 or your UTM.

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted monthly in Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room in basement. Unit/ancillary training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at 734-7075.

Day	Time	Subject	OPR
Phase I			
Saturday	1305-1315	Air Force Fitness	SVF
Saturday	1315-1345	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1345-1445	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1445-1515	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1515-1545	OPSEC Training	OG
Phase II			
Sunday	0800-0815	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0815-0830	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0830-1000	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1000-1030	Counter Intel/Awareness	SF
Sunday	1030-1100	Human Relations	ME
Sunday	1300-1600	First Duty Station	ME

UCMJ Briefing:

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room.

Ethics Briefing:

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1043, Wing Training Room.

Disaster Preparedness:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical Warfare Training, by name, at least one UTA prior to the requested dates by calling CEX at 734-5249. All personnel must bring a complete training ground crew ensemble (GCE) including the mask and its hood to all classes. Those attending Initial must be prepared to process through a tear agent chamber. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without a complete GCE with mask, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show.

Drug Testing: You must report within two hours of notification.

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File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
07 Feb	15 Feb
09 Feb	17 Feb
14 Feb	22 Feb
16 Feb	24 Feb
21 Feb	01 Mar
27 Feb	03 Mar
28 Feb	08 Mar
02 Mar	10 Mar
07 Mar	15 Mar
09 Mar	17 Mar
14 Mar	22 Mar

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Commander in: Recertification due by end of month in:

1	November	January
2	December	February
3	January	March
4	February	April
5	March	May
6	April	June
7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
0	August	October

If you need assistance or have suggestions on how we can improve our service to you, please call us at (405) 734-7075, or stop by our office in Building 1043, Room 213.

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Reserve Command's newest C-17 honors President Reagan

by Sr. Master Sgt. Matt Proietti
452nd AMW Public Affairs

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. — Former First Lady Nancy Reagan helped the Air Force Reserve Command dedicate its newest C-17 Globemaster III here Jan. 13, in honor of her late husband, the 40th president of the United States. The Spirit of Ronald Reagan is assigned to the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, the first Air Force Reserve unit to fly its own C-17s.

"We've been looking forward to this day and leaning forward to get ready for this day for over five years," said Wing Commander Brig. Gen. James T. Rubeor.

He noted that more than half the wing's C-17 maintenance force is trained, 28 of 40 assigned flight crews are mission ready and the rest are currently in training. The unit should be able to declare its C-17 operations mission ready this summer, more than two years ahead of schedule, the general said.

Mrs. Reagan, 84, did not address the more than 1,000 people who attended but issued a statement in which she said it was an honor to help welcome the aircraft to its new home.

"Ronnie believed that it is the responsibility of every American to help guard the freedoms we hold dear, so I know he would be especially pleased that this plane will be flown by citizen aircrews, providing support for our troops fighting in far-away lands," she wrote.

The aircraft is the last of eight C-17s supplied to the 452nd AMW in the past five months. It was flown by Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, from Boeing's assembly facility in nearby Long Beach, Calif.

"The C-17 has phenomenal capability and flexibility," General Bradley said. "It can go into places that many other airplanes cannot, it can carry huge loads (and) great numbers of troops into very austere environments. It will help the Air Force in its continued war on terror."

General Bradley acknowledged past leaders, including President Reagan, who had "the vision to provide the kind of capabilities that we need today."

"This aircraft will fly around the world and do wonderful things for America and for many other people," he said. "It will deliver troops and equipment (and) deliver humanitarian supplies to people around the world who've never

seen anything from America."

"The fact that our Airmen are equipped with unsurpassed military assets like the C-17 is a testament to those leaders, especially President Reagan, who have demonstrated the commitment to sustaining our military strength."

While the 452nd is the first Reserve unit with its own C-17s, the command's 315th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C., and 446th AW at McChord AFB, Wash., operate C-17s owned by active-duty units.

President Reagan, who served in the Army Reserve and Army Air Corps during World War II, died June 5, 2004, at age 93.



Lt. Gen. John Bradley shakes Nancy Reagan's hand after landing the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft the Air Force dedicated today in honor of her late husband, President Ronald Reagan. The general's wife, Jan, and 4th Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan also attended the dedication of The Spirit of Ronald Reagan. (Courtesy photo)



Master Sgt. Deborah Kidd, 507th MSF First Sergeant, is the Wing First Sergeant of the Year. Kidd is also a member of the base honor guard team. She participated in 72 funerals last year, commanding 24 details.



Tech. Sgt. Alvin Kuper, left, and Maj. Trey Nessler, work on plans for an upcoming mission. Kuper is the 507th ARW NCO of the Year for 2005. Both are mission planners for the 507th OSF.



Master Sgt. Treva Ragland, is a unit training manager for the 507th CES, and was selected as the 507th Senior NCO of the Year. She worked MPA days in support of active duty Security Forces and the Mission Support Squadron.



Senior Airman Christopher Scott, a security forces journeyman, was selected as Airman of the Year. He supported JTF Katrina and often is hand-picked to support security forces activities.

Air Force IBA billing cycle date changes

Effective March 2006, the Air Force individually billed accounts will cycle on the 22ND of every month. The Air Force currently cycles on the 3rd of every month. For cardholders within the Air Force hierarchy structure receiving a statement in February, the following message will appear:

Effective March 2006, statement billing cycles for all Air Force cardholders will change to the 22nd of each month. Your next billing statement will be March 22, 2006. Carefully review your statements for the payment due date.

Please note that cardholders will experience a long cycle during the transition from February 3rd through March 22ND. As APCs a few items to note:

- The retail limit refreshes upon cycle date
- The travel and cash limits refresh

upon payment

Our customer service representatives will be prepared to handle all cardholder calls relating to the cycle date change. By moving the cycle date closer to the end of the month salary off-set payments will post prior to the

cycle date and this will prevent the problem of cardholders reappearing on the aging report. Another benefit is it will allow the Bank of America aging analysis delinquency report to be ready for distribution during the first week of each month.

Anheuser-Busch extends theme park free admission

Anheuser-Busch has extended its "Here's to the Heroes" program through 2006. The program provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and up to three direct dependents. Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman is entitled to free admission under the program. Also eligible are members of foreign military

forces serving in the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training. Eligible individuals can register online at <http://www.herosalute.com/> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld San Diego operate year round. The company's remaining parks are seasonal. Each park's operating schedule is posted online.

The IG Says...

Policy for filing an IG complaint

1. Air Force military and civilian members have a duty to promptly report FWA or gross mismanagement; a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulations; an injustice; abuse of authority, inappropriate conduct, or misconduct (as defined by this instruction); and a deficiency or like condition, to an appropriate supervisor or commander, to an IG or other appropriate inspector, or through an established grievance channel. FWA complaints may be reported to the AFAA, AFOSI, security forces, or other proper authority. All military and civilian members must promptly advise the AFOSI of suspected criminal misconduct or fraud.

2. Complainants should attempt to resolve FWA issues and personal complaints at the lowest possible level using command channels before addressing them to a higher level or the IG.

3. The immediate supervisory command chain can often resolve complaints more quickly and effectively than a higher level not familiar with the situation.

4. The IG system should be used when referral to the com-

mand chain would be futile or there is fear of reprisal.

5. When complaints are addressed to a higher level (the President, Congress, SAF/OS, SAF/IG, etc.), the IG office which is tasked with the complaint will determine the appropriate level or organization for redress of the complaint. The complaint may be referred back to the complainant's command IG for investigation.

6. When complainants send the same or a similar complaint to several levels of the government, the highest level with which the complainant corresponds will **normally** reply, unless determined otherwise by the higher-level office. If it is decided that a higher level will respond, the IG must inform the complainant they will not receive separate replies from various levels of the government and inform the complainant which level will provide the response.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Capt. Mark Vardaro at: (405) 556-1745; toll-free: (877) 225-5928; or email: mark.vardaro@tinker.af.mil.

News from 'the shirt'

Good ol' boy system crashes abroad

By Master Sgt. Kathy D. Smith
35th Combat Communications
Squadron

Warning! The contents of this article are written "tongue-in-cheek."

Identities were changed to protect the ~~guilty~~ innocent!

Have you ever felt beaten by the "system"? Have you ever heard of someone who didn't get the task, position, job, or promotion because of the "good ol' boy" system? Well here is how it may go down if such unethical practices go away: Air Force News sources reported Good Ol' Boy networks abroad are disbanding as this article prints! The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Anita Goode-Starte, reported, "We wanted to bring ethical practices back to our force and this is a great initial step! So as not to leave anyone out, we changed the name of the Good Ol' Boy System to the 'Good Ol' Buddy System'

or GOBS." When asked how she was able to find and up-root these historically embedded groups, CMSAF Goode-Starte laughed saying, "It was time we took member's complaints seriously." The Chief further offered, "Total removal will take some time, given the unofficial status of the GOBS. It was clear from the sworn testimonies, good order and discipline had indeed been breached."

The story might continue with: Until recently, the GOBS had stood the test of time in a workforce whose core values include integrity, as a way of life. Because GOBS' antics were hush-hush and went unchallenged for decades, it was difficult to gauge just how harmful its unethical practices became. One top official, who agreed to speak only under anonymity said, "Well, everyone knows who these folks are and what they do, you just can't do anything about it." Secretary of the Air Force, General Dootha Righte-Thing, was pleased cit-



Master Sgt. Kathy Smith

ing, "The Air Force is making ethically sound operations a priority." A forum of Subject Matter Experts (among them were GOBS whistleblowers), concluded these all too common practices were in violation of Department of Defense Instructions and misaligned with the spirit of Air Force doctrine.

A last look: Air Force Chief of Staff, General Howdidwe Misse-Thisone noted, "Joint Ethics Regulations (JER) found in DOD 5500.7-R, provides a good running start to what ought to be going on at every level of service." The General continued, "If it ain't, then by golly, let's make it happen"! The JER overlaps with some of our Air Force Core values. It also contains an ethical decision-making checklist, to guide your own operations. General Misse-Thisone summed it all up, "A good rule of thumb to use is imagine if your actions or decisions happened to wind up on the next day's front page news, would you mind?" As the Air Force progresses with workforce changes and new global missions; it's up to us all to preserve sound principles such as ethics. We should always practice good ethics in every area of operations. Quite simply, most of do the right thing and that's what it's all about!

Black History Month Observances

Heritage observances are designed to increase awareness across the installation. The



month of February observes the achievements and contributions made to this great nation by African-Americans. The theme for 2006 is "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions."

Tinker AFB will officially begin the celebrations with a Black History Month Kick-off Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Tinker

Club Ballroom with Oklahoma's State Representative Mike Shelton as the guest speaker. There will be a Black History Month Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m., in the Tinker Club Ballroom with the State of Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Tom Colbert as the guest speaker.

With supervisor's permission, employees attending the luncheon may use duty time to extend their lunch, not to exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Club Ballroom with Oklahoma's State Representative Mike Shelton as

72ND APS proves they have 'The Right Stuff'

By Tech Sgt. Kevin Richison

The 72nd Aerial Port Squadron sent six super-sharp aerial porters to NASA. The aerial porters, consisting of Master Sgt. Randal Colbert, Tech Sgts. David Shane, Kevin Richison, and Michael Knight, Staff Sgt. Josue Santiago and Senior Airman Zachary Walker, went above and beyond the call of duty to support airlift operations for NASA at Ellington Field in Houston Texas.

The Mission of the 72nd aerial porters was to deploy a NASA team from Ellington Field to Mildenhall, England. This mission was unique. The aerial porters had minimal tools and equipment to complete the mission. This was not a standard aircraft load for this team of aerial porters. Together with two members from the 433rd ALCF from Lackland AFB, armed with nothing more than laptop computers, work gloves, and positive attitudes, the aerial porters used their combined knowledge to develop a plan to airlift the NASA team and all their equipment. This included moving 60,000 pounds of cargo consisting of NASA vehicles, mission essential equipment, pallets, and 11 NASA personnel.

True to their nature, this team of aerial porters dove into this mission with vigor and enthusiasm. Great care had to be taken to ensure all of NASA's cargo was properly inspected and ready for flight. Safety is always paramount for aerial porters. After the team inspected and prepared the cargo for airlift, they devised a load plan for a C-5, nicknamed "Fat Freddie" for its enormous size. The load plan included calculating weights and balances to properly distribute the cargo throughout the floor of the aircraft. All information was input into their laptops to produce the required documentation. When



Six aerial porters from the 72nd APS pose with two members of the 433 ALCF from Lackland AFB.

given the green light, the team sprang to action and began loading the cargo onto the aircraft. They chained the equipment down and locked the pallets in place. "Fat Freddie" was loaded and ready to begin its journey around the globe.

By accomplishing this mission the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron demonstrated how their knowledge and abilities allowed them to be placed in any situation in any part of the world with a successful outcome. Undeniably this team proved that this unit has what it takes to work in all parts of the aerial port business. This is an indication of the training and pride that members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron take in their unit. Unit camaraderie and cohesion allowed this team to succeed once again in a critical mission. This may have been a small step for NASA but for the members of the 72nd APS this was a giant leap to prove that they really are "The Force behind the Force."

OETA Telethon volunteers sought

Volunteers are requested to help support the annual Oklahoma Educational Television Authority fund-raising telethon.

According to unit Telethon coordinator, Master Sgt. Clifton Howard of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, the unit has submitted a time and date from either 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11 or 5:30 – 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Sergeant Howard reports that he won't have a firm date for unit members until sometime in February, but volunteers don't have to wait to sign up.

According to Sergeant Howard, this

will be the 21st year that unit reservists have supported the telethon.

"We're looking for 24 volunteers to support our portion," Sergeant Howard said. "We need all the volunteers we can get." The sergeant said that previous volunteers have all stated they had fun supporting the telethon. "The folks at OETA teach us everything we need to know to use their phone and computer systems for donations and they provide a lot of food...so come hungry." I will need a good head count at least two weeks before the dates mentioned; so give me a call or drop me a line.

Spouses and friends are welcome. Remember, I have 24 seats; first come gets a seat, reminded Howard.

Unit volunteers are encouraged to wear their uniform at the event but we will take you in civilian clothes also, said Howard.

For more information or to volunteer call 405-412-9230 or write Sergeant Howard at Clifton.howard@tinker.af.mil or Choward@JCPenney.com.



Promotions for Jan. 1, 2006

Name	New Grade	Unit	Name	New Grade	Unit
Chamber, Casey L.	airman	513th MXS	Stevens, Tessa D.	staff sergeant	507th SVS
Hiddle, Richard	airman	507th MDS	Ravenel, Michelle	staff sergeant	507th CES
Martinez, Jose P.	airman	507th MXS	Stanga, Scott M.	staff sergeant	513th MXS
Welliver, Michael B.	airman	72nd APS	Barnett, Charles J.	staff sergeant	507 MXS
Kuruvilla, Nimol A.	A1C	507 AMXS	Foster, Victor L. J.	staff sergeant	513 MXS
Quinn, Andrew J	A1C	513th MXS	Guttmann, Jeremy R.	staff sergeant	507 CES
Hollis, Shawn W.	senior airman	507th SFS	Hathaway, Sue A.	staff sergeant	507 MXS
Hellinger, Shane M.	senior airman	507th CES	Hightower, Charles	staff sergeant	507 LRS
Lacy, Melodi J.	senior airman	507th CES	Johnson, Dwayne E.	staff sergeant	507 CES
McFadden, Kamil	senior airman	72nd APS	Roach, Michael D.	staff sergeant	507 AMXS
White, James C.	senior airman	507th MXS	Skaggs, Jesse C.	staff sergeant	507 MXS
Coonce, David J.	senior airman	513th AMXS	Stanga, Scott M.	staff sergeant	513 MXS
Daniels, Justin W.	senior airman	513th AMXS	Alcorn, Jeremiah	staff sergeant	507th LRS
Parke, Jonathan S.	senior airman	513th AMXS	Wilson, Derek	tech sergeant	507th CF
Peters, Josephine A.	senior airman	507th SVS	Bradley, Cecil D.	tech sergeant	507th MDS
Miller, Michael D.	senior airman	35th CBCS	Mahmud, Ahmed	tech sergeant	507th MDS
Hockenbroch, Allen	senior airman	507 AMXS	Reese, Benjaporn	tech sergeant	507th CES
Hogue, Shawn D.	senior airman	970 AACS	Brown, Gregory L.	tech sergeant	72nd APS
Monroe, Jameel V.	senior airman	507 CES	Milburn, James J.	tech sergeant	72nd APS
Moore, Daniel L.	senior airman	507 CES	Knight, Courtney S.	tech sergeant	507th MXS
Owens, Randy L. JR.	senior airman	72 APS	McKey, Christopher	tech sergeant	513th MXS
Satterfield, Alan	senior airman	72 APS	Vanness, Alyson D.	tech sergeant	970th AACS
Ward, Justin T.	senior airman	513 MXS	LaFleur, Paul D.	tech sergeant	507th ARW
Wirstrom, William	senior airman	507 MXS	Martin, Eddie	tech sergeant	507 CF
Medford, Rebekah D.	staff sergeant	35th CBCS	Rodriquez, Andrew	tech sergeant	970 AACS
Ray, Bernice L.	staff sergeant	35th CBCS	Rock, James C.	master sergeant	507th ARW
Davenport, Keajawanda	staff sergeant	507th CES	Steinmann, James W. III	master sergeant	970th AACS
Milliken, Timothy J.	staff sergeant	507th MXS	Powell, Courtney L.	master sergeant	970 AACS
Bishop, Matthew T.	staff sergeant	513th AMXS	Tenbrook, Ivan L.	sr. master sergeant	513th MXS
Micue, Ronald A.	staff sergeant	513th MXS	Steffens, Gene E.	chief master sergeant	513th MXS

Leadership changes in AFRC, 10th Air Force

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Senior leaders in Air Force Reserve Command and one of its numbered air forces changed jobs in late December and early January.

In a ceremony Dec. 20, Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin relinquished command of 10th Air Force to Maj. Gen. Richard C. Collins at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, to become AFRC vice commander at Robins AFB.

General Poulin replaced Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, who retired in a ceremony at Robins AFB Jan. 11.

As AFRC vice commander, General

Poulin will serve fulltime and oversee the day-to-day operation of the command and its headquarters. AFRC has about 75,000 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command is composed of three numbered air forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group and more than 600 subordinate units.

In civilian life, General Poulin was an airline pilot flying international routes for a major U.S. carrier.

General Collins was mobilization assistant to the commander of Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB, Texas, before becoming the 10th

Air Force commander.

As commander, the general will continue to serve as a traditional reservist, overseeing the operation of all AFRC fighter, bomber, rescue, airborne warning and control, special operations, flying training, combat air operations battle staff and space units. Col. Jimmie Mills, 10th Air Force director of staff, will run the day-to-day operation of the numbered air force when General Collins is not on duty.

In his civilian occupation, General Collins is an airline captain flying for a major U. S. carrier. (AFRC News Service)

Up close

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW:

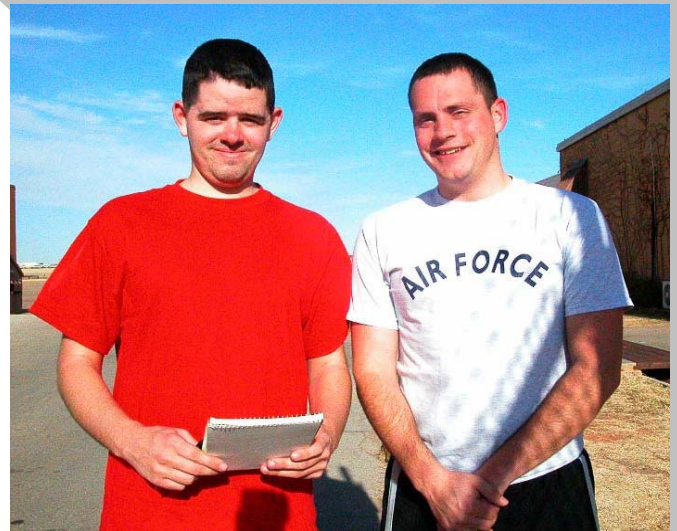
“What is your on-the-job talent?”



Senior Airman Chris Taylor, 507th CES
“I’m able to make people laugh.”



Tech. Sgt. Lynda Quigley
507th AMXS
“Tuning radios.”



Senior Airman Joseph Askey, 50th AMXS
“Doing what I’m told.”

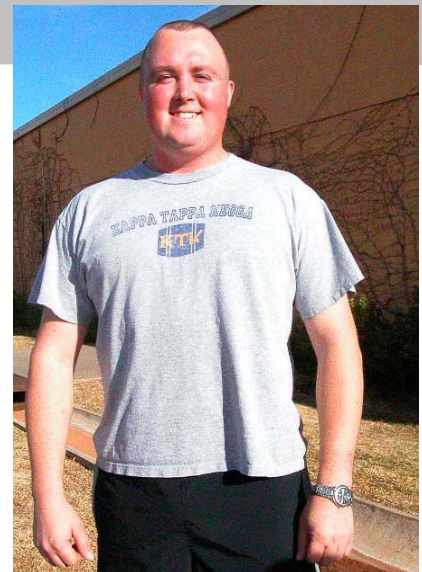
Senior Airman Steve Byron, 50th AMXS
“Working with tools.”



Staff Sgt. Nina Villarino, 507th MSF
“I’m able to multi-task.”



Tech. Sgt. Jesus Medrano, 507th CES
“Keeping my troops well organized and thoroughly trained in order to accomplish the mission.”



Staff Sgt. Towma Edwards
507th AMXS
“Motivate others, no matter what.”

Reservists battle Oklahoma wildfires

**By Lt. Col. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs**

As the wildfire threat continues to alarm citizens across Oklahoma, Air Force reservists are rolling up their sleeves to join the ranks of hundreds of people volunteering their time to help their neighbors.

Meet Tecumseh resident Master Sgt. Michael Holford. Sergeant Holford, the 507th Air Refueling Wing Pneudraulic Shop Chief, has been with the unit for the past two years. While normally he says he enjoys his quiet country-living setting, that changed on a Sunday evening during Thanksgiving weekend. "Fire got within 50 feet of my elderly neighbor's house," he said. "When I realized the fire was coming their way, I went there to help."

Using a garden hose and shovel, Holford battled the fire, eventually linking up with area firefighters. "We kept the fire away from my neighbor's house, thank goodness," he said adding that the blaze also came within a half mile of his own home.

Holford then helped the firemen by describing the country roads in the area. "I was able to help them by pointing out the quickest way to access other people's property and get to the blaze," he said. "That was a good-sized fire. I believe two houses and several out buildings were destroyed," he said.

Holford isn't unfamiliar to volunteering his time to his community. He has been a volunteer policeman for more than 10 years and has over 6,000 hours of volunteer police work.

A similar story was learned about Tech Sgt. Chad Ginzl, also a member of the 507th ARW's Hydraulics Shop. A Chandler, Okla., resident, Ginzl drove from his home to Sparks, Oklahoma last week to volunteer his time operating a

backhoe to create fire breaks in the Sparks area.

As thousands of acres have burned across the state since November, both full-time firemen and volunteers from the more than 900 volunteer departments state-wide have rallied to the cause.

Master Sgt. John Hansen, NCOIC of the 507th ARW Dash-21 aircraft accessories shop and a full-time Oklahoma City fireman, has been fighting fires in the metro area recently also. "Since my job is with the HAZMAT response team, we aren't dispatched as often as the other teams," the 16-year veteran fireman said.

"But we did respond to three fires on New Year's Eve that we believe were fireworks-related and we've responded to several grass fires in the neighborhood around the station," he said.

For Master Sgt. Courtney Powell,

Air Force reservist with the 513th Air Control Group and full-time Edmond fireman, a lot of the area fires efforts could have been avoided.

"We fought a fire last Sunday in Edmond that threatened several commercial structures and a bank," he said. Powell, a computer display maintenance technician in the Reserve, has been an Edmond fireman for two years. "People need to be careful when disposing smoking materials," he said, adding that many incidents are started when people ignore the state-wide burning ban.

People can also lessen the impact of a potential fire, Powell said, adding that people with large acreages need to keep their property maintained, free of debris, hire professionals to keep tree limbs away from power lines and keep grass cut short. "It's a lot easier to put out a fire in short grass than one burning in tall weeds," he said.



Air Force Reserve Command aviators will soon be wearing this custom fit earpiece. The ACCES helps to reduce noise by 40 decibels and provides clearer radio communication in the cockpit.
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Years of Service

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O-8	1,102.80	1,138.92	1,162.88	1,169.60	1,199.48	1,249.48	1,261.08	1,308.56	1,322.16	1,363.04	1,422.16	1,476.72	1,513.16	1,513.16	1,513.16
O-7	916.36	958.92	978.64	994.28	1,022.64	1,050.60	1,083.00	1,115.32	1,147.72	1,249.48	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,342.20
O-6	679.20	746.16	795.12	795.12	798.12	832.36	836.88	836.88	884.44	968.52	1,017.88	1,067.20	1,095.28	1,123.68	1,178.84
O-5	566.20	637.82	682.00	690.28	717.80	734.32	770.56	797.16	831.48	884.08	909.08	933.84	961.92	961.92	961.92
O-4	488.52	565.52	603.24	611.68	646.68	684.24	730.96	767.44	792.72	807.24	815.68	815.68	815.68	815.68	815.68
O-3	429.52	486.92	525.56	573.00	600.40	630.52	650.04	682.12	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76
O-2	371.08	422.68	486.80	503.24	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60
O-1	322.16	335.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28
O-3E	-	-	-	573.00	600.40	630.52	650.04	682.12	709.12	724.60	745.72	745.72	745.72	745.72	745.72
O-2E	-	-	-	503.24	513.60	529.96	557.52	578.88	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76
O-1E	-	-	-	405.28	432.84	448.80	465.16	481.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	536.28	548.44	563.76	581.80	599.92	629.04	653.64	679.60	719.20
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	439.00	458.44	470.44	484.84	500.44	528.60	542.88	567.16	580.64	613.80
E-7	305.16	333.08	345.84	362.76	375.92	398.60	411.32	424.04	446.72	458.08	468.84	475.44	497.68	512.08	548.48
E-6	263.96	290.40	303.24	315.68	328.68	358.00	369.40	382.04	393.16	397.08	399.80	399.80	399.80	399.80	399.80
E-5	241.88	258.04	270.48	283.28	303.16	320.28	332.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88
E-4	221.72	233.08	245.68	258.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12
E-3	200.16	212.76	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60
E-2	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32
E-1	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80

E-1 with less than four months: \$157.08

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Graduate degree tuition assistance increases

Effectively immediately, the graduate degree tuition assistance (TA) fiscal year cap for Air Force Reserve personnel will increase from \$3,500 to \$4,500. This increase will streamline the TA process with the active duty Air Force and bring AFRC in compliance with the education system of record, the Air Force Automated Education Management System.

For more information, contact the MPF Education and Training Office at 734-7075.

Upcoming blood drives

The next campus blood drive will be held Sunday of the February UTA from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The times for other scheduled blood drives will be Sunday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blood drives for the rest of the year will be scheduled at a later date.

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