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Here comes the judge.

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507th ARW
Commander's Column
By Col. Dean Despinoy

Proposed BRAC action will increase unit

By now I am sure that you all have heard about the results of the proposed BRAC action involving the 507th Air Refueling Wing. I am sure that everyone in the wing is very pleased about the proposed increase in the number of assigned aircraft from our current eight to a total of 12 KC-135 R models. This increase will go a long way in giving us the needed flexibility to meet our mission needs. It will also mean an increase in allocated flying time and operations tempo. Thankfully, we are not just scheduled to receive the additional aircraft but also an increase in maintenance and aircrew personnel as well.

This increase in personnel will put the 507th Air Refueling Wing in the history books. If the proposal is not changed and is signed by the President in September, we will become the first AFRC wing to have a Guard associate unit. The additional aircrew and maintenance personnel needed to fix and fly our increased fleet of aircraft will come from our neighbors at the airport. The Guard unit there is losing its C-130 aircraft and a portion of their personnel will move to Tinker. It appears that approximately 350 full and part time Oklahoma Air National Guard members will become our associate unit.

Much of the details of this plan still have to be worked out and, of course, nothing is certain until it is signed by the President, but this concept represents a very exciting opportunity for our wing. I envision that the Guard maintenance personnel would merge in to our maintenance complex and work

side by side in a traditional associate relationship.

I hope that we could get AFRC/Guard Military Construction to build a combined squadron operations building. This would allow for the guard crews and leadership to have their own organization but at the same time share briefing rooms and mission planning rooms. Operation functions such as scheduling, mission development, and Standardization and Evaluation would work out of combined offices. Members of the 507th and the Guard will fly together as one crew or as independent crews depending on training and mission needs.

Since both the Guard maintenance personnel and aircrew are currently qualified in the C-130, it will mean that the unit will not only have to change locations but also have to learn a new aircraft. The 507th certainly knows the challenge of an aircraft conversion. After they attend formal schools, the 507th members will need to be prepared to complete the cross training and get the Guard personnel up to speed as soon as possible.

I expect AFRC and Guard Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) teams to visit our unit as early as next year and draft a "Stand Up" or "P" plan for the associate unit stand-up. But with all that be said, it is important to remember that we don't want to put the cart before the horse. The 507th is not scheduled to get the additional aircraft until FY 08. Additionally, the Guard unit will be required to continue to fly their C-130 aircraft for some time yet. It will also take time to build the required buildings and hangers to accommodate our growth.

Right now all we can do is plan and make sure that we prepare to welcome our Air Reserve Component colleagues with open arms and sensitivity to the change and associated turmoil of such a dramatic realignment. I am confident that together we will form an unbeatable team and set the bar very high for possible future AFRC/Guard associate units.

New commandwide anti-drug initiative begins

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Supply and demand are part of life in America. Unfortunately, that life includes a large supply of abused legal and illegal drugs.

In an effort to reduce the demand for these drugs, Air Force Reserve Command began its "True Blue" campaign commandwide in April.

"In the past, anti-drug or anti-substance abuse efforts were all negative and centered on disciplinary action," said Dr. Don Jenrette, the command's drug demand reduction program manager. "Our new True Blue initiative promotes healthy living,

career-mind sets and career role models."

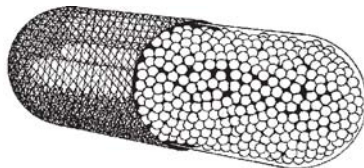
Trial runs of the new initiative exceeded planners' goals during May - November 2004 at the 440th Airlift Wing, located at General Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis.

"We focused the trial test around four themes," said Ms. Bobbie Sellers, AFRC's

drug demand reduction specialist. "We worked to raise awareness of what reservists should value over substance abuse and what they can do to protect their health, career and family and fulfill their leadership role with others."

Since 1998, the primary emphasis of AFRC's Drug Demand Reduction Program was detection through random military and civilian drug testing.

The new True Blue initiative showcases positive and healthy life choices. It introduces reservists and other command members to a new logo, themes and messages that are communicated by a dedi-



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dwight Magnus

American soldiers who do not survive the conflict in Iraq come back to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Since 1955, the Dover mortuary has been the next-to-last stop for some 60,000 Americans, most killed in service to their country.

Robert Bauer is one of two full-time morticians on staff at Dover, and has seen plenty during his 40-plus years in the business.

As difficult as the mortician's job may be, the hardest part of the job, according to Bauer, is dealing with anguished loved ones. No matter how horrific the death, he finds it easier to deal with the autopsy room than with the grief of those left behind.

Four decades in the business has taught him that all grief is not created equal. "When a family comes in here with some kind of faith, some kind of

belief in God, they hold up so much better than someone who has nothing to hold onto."

As a Chapel team, we are Ambassadors of Hope. We offer assistance in:

Healing	Hurts
Overcoming	Obstacles
Persevering	Prayer
Encouraging	Everyone.

I hope you find HOPE today!
Colossians 1:27

New commandwide anti-drug initiative begins

cated Web site, with downloadable in-house developed posters, video streams, tri-fold pamphlets and other educational venues encouraging people to be free of substance abuse and where to go for help.

"Our goal, while a lofty one, is to have a workplace free of substance abuse," said Dr. Jenrette. "In the profession of arms, our people often put their lives in the hands of their co-workers. We cannot afford to have people on the team who are not at the top of their game or incapacitated by substance abuse – after all, we are talking about a matter of life and death."

The mission of the AFRC Drug Demand Reduction Program is to enhance readiness by eliminating substance abuse through prevention, education, community outreach and drug testing.

"In the past, we have used handouts such as pencils, writing pads, calculators and water bottles to get the substance abuse-free message out there," said Dr. Jenrette. "We'll con-

tinue to provide the promotional items, but our targeted four theme approach is something brand new that our reservists really responded to in a positive way in Milwaukee. On a larger scale we're looking forward to reaping similar benefits by launching this initiative commandwide."

The 440th Airlift Wing has 1,300 reservists, with more than 300 serving overseas to support the Global War on Terrorism. The True Blue brand is designed to symbolize reservists who are "twice the citizen": working and volunteering in their local communities and serving their country.

The program's vision is for Air Force True Blue reservists to set the standard and lead the way to a substance abuse-free community. Reservists can learn more about the program by going to the True Blue link on the restricted AFRC Web site. While visiting the site, planners encourage visitors to take a moment to complete a survey. (AFRC News Service)

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

507th ARW first quarter winners announced



Capt. Jenette Jensen



Master Sgt. Darby Perrin



Tech. Sgt. Alvin Kuper

First quarter award winners have been selected. They are Capt. Jenette Jensen, Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, Tech. Sgt. Alvin Kuper, and Senior Airman Margarita Baldonado.

Capt. Jenette Jensen, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, is an aircraft commander with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. She had outstanding performance as a mission planning cell chief and was handpicked to lead unit operations AEF deployment. Jensen was directly responsible for the success of 57 combat sorties offloading 3.3 million pounds of fuel to 44 receivers. Enroute to a critical night refueling of a C-17 along the Northern Coast of Turkey, Jensen identified a body tank fuel leak. She properly assessed the emergency and quickly notified the C-17 aircraft commander, ensuring a safe separation with the C-17. She flawlessly executed multiple emergency checklists including dumping fuel and coordinating clearances.

“Capt. Jenette Jensen leads by example and personally volunteers for all unit and wing worldwide deployments and contingencies,” said Lt. Col. James Allman, 465th ARS commander. “Her enthusiasm and positive attitude greatly improve unit pride and morale.”

Jensen is actively involved with the Norman Humane Society working to place underprivileged dogs and cats in homes. She volunteers for the Goodrich United Methodist Church Angel Food Program, delivering meals to needy families. Jensen is an Air Force ambassador, and served as a briefer for numerous Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve incentive flights.

Master Sgt. Darby Perrin, Senior NCO of the Quarter, is an inflight refueler instructor with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. Perrin is the commander’s first choice to deploy in support of any operation because of his professional charismatic leadership. “Sergeant Perrin is a superb instructor boom operator who challenges other inflight refuelers to achieve their highest potential,” said Lt. Col. James Allman. “He leads by example, personally volunteering for all squadron and wing worldwide deployments or contingencies.”

Perrin enthusiastically maintains a positive attitude and improves unit pride and morale by donating his artistic talent. He balances a demanding civilian career with selfless sacrifice to support worldwide contingencies and missions.

Perrin flew several combat support

refueling missions for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, offloading fuel to inbound cargo aircraft and reducing the need for ground-based convoys in Iraq.

Perrin spearheaded the advertising and marketing designs for the upcoming July Airshow and will be a Skills Center exhibitor. He has completed over 12 credit hours toward a CCAF degree and is enrolled in the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Course 5. Perrin also designed the Special Olympics jerseys worn by participants in events and solicited donations to defray costs.

Tech. Sgt. Alvin Kuper, NCO of the Quarter, is an inflight refueler with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. “Professionalism, enthusiasm, and technical expertise are the hallmark of this reservist’s superb attitude,” says Lt. Col. James Allman. “Kuper is an outstanding new boom operator who quickly mastered all aspects of the mission and has a very positive impact on safety.”

Kuper flew several combat support refueling missions for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, offloading fuel to inbound cargo aircraft, reducing the need for ground-based convoys in Iraq. His efforts very possibly saved many lives. He is a distinguished graduate from the basic boom operator and boom initial quali-

New law to affect SGLI payments, premiums

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for servicemembers with traumatic injuries, explained Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. Wurtz said the legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for troops who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct results of injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Wurtz said.

Servicemembers enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect.

The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, Wurtz said.

Troops opting for maximum SGLI coverage — \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 - will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

Because the rates have not changed, servicemembers who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Wurtz said, except for the \$1 "traumatic SGLI" premium.

While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected servicemembers won't be charged retroactive payments, he said. DoD will absorb that cost.

In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of members who are not married, notice will be provided to the designated beneficiary when the member purchases less than the maximum coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

First quarter award winners continued



**Senior Airman
Margarita Baldonado**

fication course.

Kuper recently completed his CSEL (commercial, single-engine, single-engine land) Instrument Airplane Rating and Associate Degree in Professional Pilot Technology to improve his aeronautical abili-

ties and awareness. He is aggressively pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management at the University of Tulsa.

Kuper volunteers time with the local Civil Air Patrol Chapter to enhance their survival training and rescue procedure. He developed an innovative Atillea doll exercise to ease separation anxiety for children at Riverfield Day School.

Senior Airman Margarita Baldonado, Airman of the Quarter, is an Aerospace Medical Service Technician with the 507th Medical Squadron.

Col. Steven Gentling, 507th Medical Squadron commander, says Airman Baldonado is an outstanding Aerospace Medical Technician who diligently performs duties with integrity and professionalism.

She manages the history section of the physical examination process, ensures all members are evaluated quickly and efficiently, decreasing patient waiting times,

resulting in improved customer satisfaction.

Baldonado prepares physical packages for all scheduled personnel, maximizing team manhours and minimizing delays. She actively participates in the in-depth review of over 120 medical records every month, ensuring all medical records are complete and personnel are deployment ready and profiled. Baldonado volunteered to accept the task of reviewing members' dental records and DD 2813s for valid dental examinations, updates electronic tracking systems with zero discrepancies and updates the RCPHA.

Baldonado is education minded, dedicated and focused on self-improvement and professional development. She is currently pursuing a degree as a registered nurse.

She promotes esprit-de-corps within the ranks and is diligent in leading morale-building activities for the unit.

Wing judge advocate accomplishes life-long dream

Less than three months after becoming the 507th ARW's deputy staff judge advocate, Maj. Michael E. Chionopoulos, was also sworn in May 18 as a civilian special judge in Oklahoma County courtroom 809.

Chionopoulos competed against candidates who submitted packages from across the state. "They started with 37 candidates, and they narrowed it down to three," said Lt. Col. Michael J. Farr, the 507th ARW Staff Judge Advocate.

"He was one of the final three that came in for an interview last week with the judicial nominating committee," said Farr.

"This is a life-long dream of Mike's, and I'm just glad to be a part of it," said Mrs. Debra L. Chionopoulos.

"When he called me on Thursday and said 'You're talking to the newest Oklahoma county special judge.' I was like:

'You got it!'" Mrs. Chionopoulos said while laughing about screaming into the phone.

"I had to excuse myself out of the meeting I was in," said Mrs. Chionopoulos, who is the director of compliance for the University of Oklahoma.

Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Tom Walker is another person that expressed support for Chionopoulos and his appointment. He was also Chionopoulos' commander in the ANG for several years. Walker is a district judge for Ardmore and Carter County, Oklahoma, and performed the swearing-in ceremony.

With Chionopoulos becoming a special judge, District Judge Walker becomes Chionopoulos' civilian "commander" of sorts since special judges serve at the pleasure of district judges.

Many in Oklahoma County knew Chionopoulos as the co-host of "Cohlmlia and Chionopoulos: Not so eye to eye," an AM radio show that aired on Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. The show was started six years ago as "Legally speaking," and later "Saturday Night Law" by Lana Cohlmlia, an attorney in local private practice.

Chionopoulos joined her in October of 2003, and the name changed to its current title in February 2004. The show featured callers from the area asking legal questions of Cohlmlia and Chionopoulos.

Chionopoulos takes his new responsibility as a judge so seriously that he resigned from the show.

It wouldn't be good for the public to think that a sitting judge is giving decisions from the bench on what can be a politically charged opinion show, said Chionopoulos. It was better to leave the show than cause confusion with the public, he said.

It was difficult when he said goodbye on the show, said Cohlmlia.

He will be missed, but I know he will excel at whatever he does, Cohlmlia said.

"He is a tremendous talent and a tremendous intellect," said Cohlmlia.

According to Farr, Chionopoulos is also "a tremendous addition to our legal office."

"He brings a lot of good deployment-type experience to the job," said Farr.

"In 2003 he spent about nine months in Southwest Asia, deployed with an infantry battalion. So he was a deployed Judge Advocate over there, mainly in Egypt," Farr said.

He understands very well what troops actually go through on a deployment, continued Farr. He knows from personal experience what it is like to be over there a significant length of time. He knows what they go through, said Farr.



Judge Michael Chionopoulos and Mrs. Debra L. Chionopoulos pose after the swearing-in ceremony.

Lodging frequently asked questions

**By Ms. Natalie Gonzales and
Senior Airman Tessa D. Stevens
507th Services**

If I am assigned on base, what are my options?

* We are required to maximize usage of on base quarters by AFI 24-246. If you are assigned to on base quarters, you are required to use them. All on base quarters have a private bath.

Note: Bringing your family during UTA is highly frowned upon; however, we do understand there will be circumstances in which you will need to! These circumstances will need to be arranged well in advance to allow for lodging arrangements! Contact our office at 734-5847.

Note: With the new update to the Automated Lodging Reservation System (ALRS), if you are assigned on-base and try to cancel that base reservation to make a reservation later, it will lock you out and you will be required to contact our office for reservations.

I get confused about what status I should enter into ALRS!

IDT – AFTP, UTA, RUTA (unit pays your bill)

ADT – Annual Tour, Mandays (you pay the bill and file a travel voucher, contract quarters authorized, but you must get a non-availability (Non -A) voucher. The hotels CAN charge you tax while you are on ADT status; when you file your travel voucher, just break out the basic room rate and the taxes separately. The taxes are reimbursable. Include it on your voucher.

Lodging is NOT authorized for RMPs !

Note: Please make sure you use the correct status code for the duty you are performing. Our new lodging system tracks financial data; if you enter the wrong information, it will throw our funding estimates off.

What do I do if my duty status changes during my reservation?

* With our new software, you can go into the system, select “change reservation” and update your duty status all the way up to the current date. Example: If you’ve been here in ADT status for a week, and you’ve been changed to an AFTP (IDT status) for the last day of your duty, you can call the system early that morning (before you check out of the hotel) and make the change in the system. The system will generate a fax to the hotel advising them of your change in status.

When I call ALRS, why do I get redirected to the main telephone menu or the command post?

* ALRS can only handle a certain amount of callers. When the system is at peak capacity, it redirects you to the main telephone menu. Call back in 10-15 minutes.

Note: To avoid this problem, make your reservation early and in advance of when you’re scheduled for duty.

When I call the system to make reservations, why does it continue to just ring?

* We apologize for the inconvenience; however, Services is continually updating the system amount of rooms available, resetting pin numbers and performing other management functions. When you forgot your pin number, we have to shut the system down to look up and reset your pin. Usually we’re very busy resetting pins the week before the UTA. With the system being accessed heavily before the UTA, ALRS will ring.

Note: Write down your pin number in a safe area and make your reservation early.

How do I get a contract quarters authorization (Non-As)?

* Contact our office via e-mail, Terry.Tunender@tinker.af.mil, Natalie.gonzales@tinker.af.mil, Tessa.Stevens@tinker.af.mil, or by telephone (405)734-5847. You can stop by our office during the period of your duty (Bldg. 1030, north end, Room 205). Anyone in our unit can generate a contract quarters authorization for you!

If I arrive at my hotel on the UTA weekend and they do not have a reservation for me, what should I do?

* Go to the Indian Hills Base Lodging office. A 507th 1st Sergeant “on call” each Friday night of the UTA can assist you with your lodging situation. If they are not at their office, the base lodging technician will contact him/her for you. The 1st Shirt will then assist you with your lodging situation.

If this problem occurs on the Saturday night of the UTA, contact Senior Master Sgt. Terry Tunender at 409-6455.

Want to park in the commander’s spot?

The 507th ARW Human Resource Development Council members are selling candy to raise funds — with an extra twist to sweeten the deal.

Lollipops are being sold one for \$1 or six for \$5, along with a ticket to be used in a drawing for use of the commanders parking spaces during Saturday of the July UTA.

The money raised will support the HRDC weekend training workshops. HRDC members will accept donations from June 1 to July 7. The drawing will be held July 8. See any HRDC member to sweeten your weekend.



513th ACG
Commander's Column
By Col. Gregory "Farb" Phillips

Keep up the good work

It has been nearly one year since I assumed command of the 513th and it is once again my time to write an article. I have tried to spread out the requirements for this monthly article to the individual commanders and leaders within the organization. I did this in order to give them each a chance to spread a little of themselves out to each of you. They have all done an excellent job and I hope you appreciate the efforts they have gone through to write their articles.

As I stated earlier, it has been nearly one year since I took over. In fact it has been 11 months exactly by the time you get to read this article. We have had an exciting year and you have all performed well above anyone's expectations. We did superb on our Operational Readiness Inspection as you all are aware of by now. That was no small feat. The fantastic rating has made my job a lot easier when I am out and about with the "Big Dogs." Whenever I talk about our organization to others I get to speak with a high level of creditability because you have definitely proven your worth. That is also why we are one of a very few Reserve organizations that got an Outstanding Unit Award this year.

A lot of things have happened over the last year. That is why I started to write this article on the subject of "change." Instead I chose to just write and say how great a unit the 513th

really is. This unit has an outstanding reputation among our active duty brethren. This is only because each of you holds yourself to such high standards. You often lead the way and provide the expertise that is sometimes missing. You all bring a lot to the fight. We have been, and will continue to be, a big part of our nation's part on the War on Terrorism (WOT). Never forget the sacrifices you have made and the sacrifices our brothers and sisters in arms have made to keep it the "America" we all want it to be. A land where the word "Freedom" is spoken of often without the remembrance of the blood that bought it. I know that you never do that because each of you knows exactly freedom's cost.

As you read this article I know that we will be in the last days of our 10AF Staff Assistance Visit (SAV). I ask that each of you treat the inspectors with respect and that you listen intently to any recommendations they may have. They are really only here to help us make our jobs easier and more effective. Often we all have a tendency to do what is required to accomplish our many tasks and then fail to do the paperwork required by it. Unfortunately, that means that it often looks like our task is not done and that we have no program in place. When the inspector says "show me your program" you need to have the capability to do exactly that. So I ask that you consider this the "Paperwork War" on how well you do your part to combat America's enemies. We will improve our many outstanding programs so that they will be spotless by the time the real inspection occurs in February 2006. Please continue to do your outstanding job and know that I am extremely proud to be called your commander.

A pack of 'Wolfes' arrives at 513th household

The triplets finally arrived May 16, but not a day too soon for Kimberly and Jimmy Wolfe, who were anxious to see their baby girls. The parents are Maj. Jimmy Wolfe, an air battle manager with the 970th AACS and Tech. Kimberly Wolfe is an aeromedical evacuation technician with the 137th AES.

The oldest is Hannah, who weighs 3 lbs. 14 oz., then MacKenzie, weighs 3 lbs. 12 oz., and Reagan weighs

4 lbs. Reagan was able to go home May 25, but Hannah and MacKenzie are still in NICU. "The babies were all very healthy except for being a little small," said Major Wolfe.



'cub' MacKenzie



'cub' Hannah



'cub' Reagan

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. Charlotte 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. Charlotte 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.

HQ AFRC will approve/disapprove based on funding.

Payment occurs after satisfactory course completion. TA reimbursement amounts are set at 75 percent (\$3500) per FY (Masters) or 100 percent (\$4500) per FY (Bachelors). **For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte 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 future dates.

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 :

CDC Testing is accomplished at 0750 on Sundays of the (main) UTA. You do not have to schedule it, just be there NLT 0750 at Bldg 460 (the 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. If you cannot make it, our Education office also tests on Wednesdays at 0800 and 1300. You DO need to schedule this one 24 hours in advance. Important note: If you are retaking a test, make sure you bring the Commander's evaluation/authorization letter with you or you will not be allowed to test.

If you are taking computer-based tests, call DPMT at 734-7075 at least two days prior to the UTA. Computer-based tests are also given Tues at 0800, Wed at 0800 & 1300, and Thurs at 1300. Call for appointment.

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)

FY2005 UTA SCHEDULE

04-05 Jun 05	09-10 Jul 05
06-07 Aug 05	10-11 Sept 05
01-02 Oct 05	05-06 Nov 05
03-04 Dec 05	07-08 Jan 06
04-05 Feb 06	04-05 Mar 06
01-02 Apr 06	06-07 May 06
03-04 June 06	08-09 July 06

As of 26 May 2005



JUNE TRAINING PLANNER

Fri, 3 June 2005

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg 513th ACG Auditorium
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Sat, 4 June 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
by appt Computer Based Testing Bldg 1030, Room 214
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0730-0930 Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY
 0830-0900 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1100 Unit Career Advisors Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1000-1130 Newcomers Orientation Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1300-1600 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, Room 214
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
Unit Designated Sign Out

Sun, 5 June 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
by appt Computer Based Testing Bldg 1030, Room 214
0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750-1115 CDC/PME Course Exams Bldg 460, (AD Hq) Rm 215
 0800-1115 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, Room 214
 0800-1030 Haz Comm - Non-Supvr Trng Bldg 1030, Room 104
 0800-1030 Supr. Safety Training Bldg. 1030, Room 104
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1245-1545 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, Room 214
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
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 8 July 2005

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1430 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg 513th ACG Auditorium
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room

Sat, 9 July 2005

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
by appt. Computer Based Testing Bldg 1030, Room 214
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0730-0930 Customer Service Section Open to Newcomers ONLY
 0730-0900 Wing Training Office Closed Bldg 1043, Room 213
 0830-0900 6 Month Contact Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
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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 Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hudson at 734-7075 or your UTM.

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18 July	27 July
19 July	29 July

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 1030, Room 214**. Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the MPF Education & Training Office at **734-7075**.

Day	Time	Subject	OPR
Phase I			
Saturday	1300-1315	Air Force Fitness	SVF
Saturday	1315-1400	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1400-1500	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1500-1530	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Saturday	1530-1600	OPSEC Training	OG
Phase II			
Sunday	0800-0830	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0830-0845	IG Briefing	IG
Sunday	0845-1015	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1015-1045	Counter Intel/Awareness	SF
Sunday	1045-1115	Human Relations	ME
Sunday	1245-1545	First Duty Station	ME

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is: Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in: Recertification due in: 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

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 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Room 214.

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 0845 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Room 214.

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.

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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Traffic deaths take emotional toll

by Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — I tell myself I won't cry this time.

It's been almost six years since my brother was locked up for vehicular manslaughter. As I sit and wait for him to be released into the visiting area, I remind myself, I will be strong, I will not cry this time.

I'm thankful that he somehow survived the wreck he caused. I deal with the guilt that comes when I think of the mother and daughter in the other car who didn't.

For my mother and stepfather the emotional and financial tolls have been devastating. Although he is one of six children, he is my mother's only son.

For my sisters and me, it has been an emotional roller coaster. Some of us have forgiven him and support him to the best of our ability. Others choose to pretend he no longer exists.

I try to visit him at least once a month. The 12-hour drive gives me time to think.

I think about how this event has devastated so many lives; how that split-second decision, to get behind the wheel, has turned into a lifetime of pain.

In his intoxicated state, my brother never realized he had forgotten to put his lights on as he pulled out into the

path of a car holding a family of five. They didn't see him until it was too late.

T.C. finally arrives and checks in with the guards. This is when I feel the happiest, finally getting to see my baby brother again. I hug him briefly as a meaty-looking guard frowns.

We sit across the table from one another and chat. We've learned to keep it light, talking about something interesting he has read, or how work is going for me. I try to update him on family events without dwelling on the things he is missing too much.

Before I know it, the guard is giving us the five-minute warning. This is where it gets tough for me. I hug him hard, holding on despite another frown from the meaty guard. Inevitably, he pulls away and heads for the door back to his cell. As he turns to look at me one last time, and I see the sadness in his eyes, I feel the tears melting my resolve.

Slowly I make my way back to the outside, through the stale air, past the clanking metal doors running on molasses.

As I exit the last door, I give up and let the tears fall.

Next time I will be strong, I tell myself. I won't cry — next time.

I've got 54 years to see if I can do it.

Congratulations to April 2005 CCAF graduates

SrA Ryan J. Adair	Allied Health Sciences	507 th MDS
TSgt. Brian K. Bayan	Avionic Systems Tech.	513 th MXS
SSgt. Sandra Brierton	Transportation	72 nd APS
SrA Elizabeth Brooks	Aviation Maint. Tech	513 th MXS
MSgt. William P. Cunha	Aviation Maint. Tech.	513 th MXS
SSgt. Juan C. Escobar	Aircrew Life Support	465 th ARS
SSgt. Raymond Farrar	Allied Health Sciences	507 th MDS
SSgt. LyriSSa S. Godwin	Dental Assisting	507 th MDS
TSgt. Erik L. James	Aviation Maint. Tech.	507 th MOF
TSgt. DeShawn Jones	Logistics	507 th ARW
TSgt. Trey Middleton	Construction Tech.	507 th CES
TSgt. George Proctor	Ecological Controls	507 th CES
SSgt. Andrew Rodriguez	Air & Space Op. Tech.	970 th AACs

Campus Sports Schedule

June 6		
5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	TBD
June 9		
5:30 p.m.	Okies Softball	Field 2
5:30 p.m.	Renegades Softball	Champ Field
5:30 p.m.	Thumper Softball	Field 1
June 13		
5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
June 16		
5:30 p.m.	Renegades Softball	Champ Field
5:30 p.m.	Okie Softball	Field 1
7:30 p.m.	Thumpers Softball	Champ Field
June 20		
5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
June 23		
5:30 p.m.	Okies Softball	Field 2
5:30 p.m.	Thumpers Softball	Champ Field
7:30 p.m.	CoEd vs. Ingenium	Field 3
June 27		
5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
June 30		
5:30 p.m.	Thumpers Softball	Field 1
5:30 p.m.	Renegades Softball	Field 2
7:30 p.m.	Okies Softball	Field 1

Operation Shoebox was a big hit

By Maj. Ralph Hawkins
513th ACG Executive Officer

The Reserve campus recently completed short-notice support of OPERATION SHOEBOX, an initiative begun by a Wichita Marine's mother.



Pam Crane's son Bryan is stationed in Iraq, and is helping a local grade school get up and running in his spare time. OPERATION SHOEBOX was seeking donations of paper, pencils, pens, crayons and other school supplies, as well as sandals and inexpensive shoes for the children. The 507th ARW and 513th ACG amassed four large boxes that were dropped of at

KFDI radio station in Wichita on May 5th. All in all, the drive gathered 68 boxes weighing a total of 1,740 pounds. "Once again, the OKIE and THUMPER can-do spirit of giving was evident," said Col. Greg Phillips, 513th ACG commander.

The following letter was received from Pam Crane - mother of Marine Bryan Crane in Iraq - in reference to Operation Shoebox

THANK YOU! I was so surprised on Saturday morning by all the supplies that were given in response to "OPERATION SHOEBOX." Because of the generosity of the people that heard the request on KFDI Wichita, the word of mouth of the Marine Moms and Cargill's co-sponsor, we were able to collect enough school supplies to make 368 school kits, with about 350 pairs of shoes, as well as nine teacher boxes. All in all, there were 1,740 pounds of supplies headed to Iraq Saturday. In addition to the supplies, we raised almost \$4,000 for the shipping costs. I can't help but wonder how big it could have been if I could have convinced the local

TV stations and the Wichita Eagle to respond to my request for help promoting the effort. Although it was my son asking Kansas Marine Mom's and Families to get involved, it was the Chaplain in Al Qaim that was spear-heading the idea. Bryan was simply providing himself as a tool to bring the request to this area.

I will continue to do my part to help the people in this little area of the world understand that WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE in many Iraqi lives. With our help children will be provided the same opportunities to seek an education, women may some day be looked at real citizens, and all men will have equal opportunities to pursue their dreams.

America is looked at as the land of dreams but I say it's Americans that make dreams come true.

Again thank you for all the supplies and support. I'll let you know when I get started on the next drive. I'm thinking "wounded soldiers"....

Pam Crane
KS Marine Mom
LCPL Crane, Bryan
Al Qaim, Iraq

Take me out to the ball park during June UTA

The 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain's office will again host the annual wing Night at the Ball Park Saturday, June 4, 2005, at the Bricktown Ballpark. The Oklahoma RedHawks will host the Albuquerque Isotopes.

This year will mark the fifth year the Chaplain's office has coordinated this event. "I started this event in 1998 partly because I enjoy baseball and partly it's a great way to boost morale and get to know each other. Over the years we have had on average 100 members attend these events," said Magnus.

The event is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m. and should conclude around 10 p.m. Cost for the event is

only \$6, which includes transportation to and from the event. "We have reserved a military bus for this event. By doing this we can save our people parking charges. The bus will depart from the reserve campus Saturday evening at 6:15 p.m. We will make a stop by one of the local off-base hotels used during UTA weekends around 6:25 p.m. From there we will make our way to the ball park," said Magnus.

The 507th ARW has reserved section seating just above the third base. "This section is on the West side in the shade," smiled Magnus.

Contact either your 1st Sergeant or Chaplain Magnus at dwight.magnus@tinker.af.mil today to reserve your seat.

Maintainers undergo unique inspection process

**By Maj. Rich Curry
507 ARW Public Affairs**

Thirty inspectors with augmentees from Fourth Air Force arrived here last month to conduct a Logistics Compliance Inspection (LCI).

According to Inspector Team chief Lt. Col. Bill Smith, the LCI inspection is a new program unique to 4th Air Force with the 507th ARW becoming the second wing inspected.

The primary purpose of an LCI is to provide a "Back-to-Basics" inspection of compliance, safety and readiness which officials state are the foundation cornerstones for maintenance, supply, transportation and fuels.

The goal of the LCI is to identify problem areas, help units streamline procedures, enhance

readiness, boost combat capability and complete a thorough evaluation with minimal disruption to the units.

According to officials the LCI is designed to assess standardized practices and processes within maintenance, supply, fuels and transportation, to verify compliance with Air Force and major command guidance. Officials stress that when units are properly trained and equipped they will have the ability to better respond to the critical role they play in the Air Force mission. The LCI will also provide wing senior leadership an independent evaluation of a unit's adherence to applicable policies and directives.

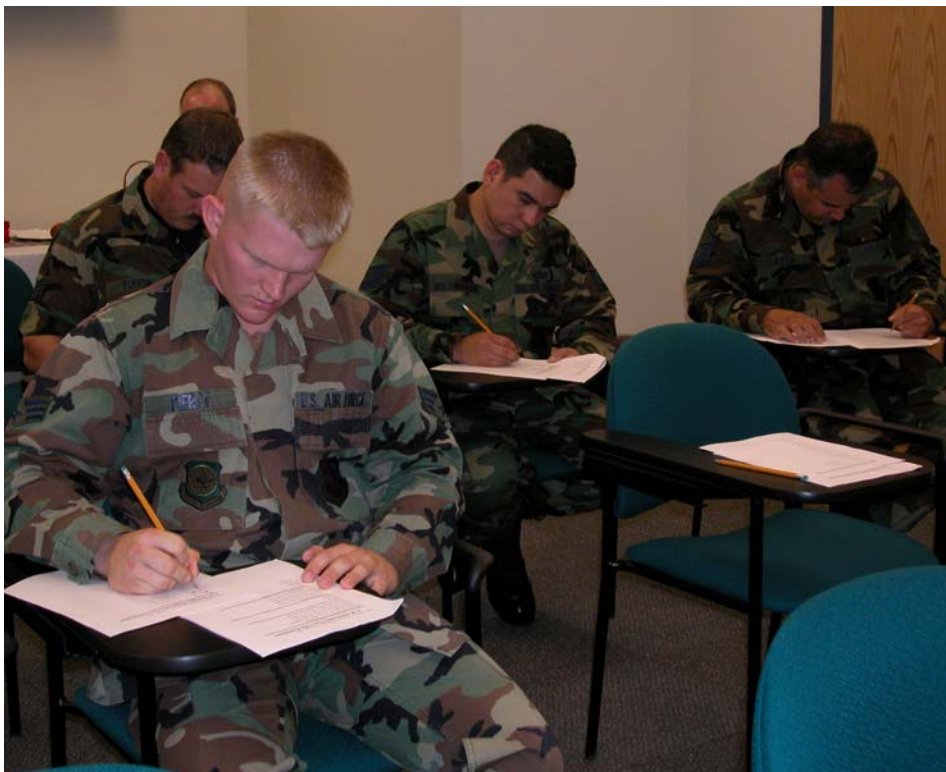
"Having the team here was a great opportunity for us to tap into their experience to help us improve our own internal programs and processes," said

Lt. Col. James McDonnell, 507th Maintenance Group commander. "In addition to performing over-the-shoulder personnel evaluations and quality verification inspections, they conducted knowledge-based testing, and helped us identify MAJCOM self inspection checklist items that we need to follow-up on. They also validated our own internal Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program that Quality Assurance manages for the Group."

According to CMSgt. Joseph Buck, 4th AF Logistics Air Reserve Technician and NCOIC of the LCI team, the LCI team also examined the wing's Logistics Readiness Squadron's fuels, supply and transportations sections. Until recently the LRS, now a squadron with the Mission Support Group, was structured under the Maintenance Group.

"While the LRS has moved over to the Mission Support Group, so many of the LRS functions are critical to maintenance operations that we felt they needed to be included in this inspection," Chief Buck said. In addition to the knowledge-based testing on safety and flight line skills, the chief said they also conducted over-the-shoulder personnel evaluations and compliance with common core checklists.

Lt. Col. Smith said the inspection is a non-scored inspection, primarily because the concept is still in development. Two more Fourth Air Force units are slated to receive LCIs to help refine the inspection process and permit Fourth Air Force to finalize operating instructions. "The members of the 507th have been very cooperative," Chief Buck said. "Their support really helps us to identify and correct inspection criteria areas we need to improve."



Senior Airman Daniel Pierce, crew chief, and other maintenance co-workers take a proficiency test as part of the recent 4th Air Force Logistics Compliance Inspection.

Photo by Maj. Richard Curry

Protect your pregnancy in the workplace

**By Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Martin
Public Health Technician
507th Medical Squadron**

Wow!! You have so many things to do and learn with the knowledge that you are pregnant: find an obstetrician gynecologist, schedule appointments and accomplish lab tests. Is Public Health on your 'TO DO' list? Are you considering your military duties?

Did you know chemicals can harm the baby before you know you are pregnant? If you are planning a pregnancy, it would not be inappropriate for Public Health to review your work duties with you.

However, as soon as you are pregnant, it is the responsibility of the **member**, **supervisor**, and **commander** to report the pregnancy to Public Health. The Air Force, as any large company, is required by law to protect the member and baby from harm.

Public Health completes an interview which includes comments from the supervisor indicating duties preformed by the member. The questionnaire also reviews civilian and off-duty activities. Once the interview process is complete, the questionnaire is forwarded to Bioenvironmental Engineering if any hazards are identified. Bio completes an investigation and duty-appropriate restrictions are identified that provide protection for mother and child. Duty restrictions should be reviewed by Public Health if the member's duty or work environment changes. Remember, even Morale and Welfare changes such as painting the hallway can adversely impact pregnancy.

In the end members, supervisors and commanders each have a responsibility to protect the member and child's health.

Please contact Public Health with the 507th Medical Squadron at 734-2571; we are located on the third floor of the hospital in Room A335.

Personnel center stops mailing point credit summary

**By Jackie Bing
Air Reserve Personnel Center
Program Management director**

DENVER - The Air Reserve Personnel Center here no longer mails Air Force Form 526, Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Point Credit Summary, to Air Force reservists.

Guard and Reserve members had been receiving the form annually since October 1972. They must now use the virtual Military Personnel Flight to print a copy of their point credit information.

In addition, the Air Force is eliminating the form itself and will no longer place it on microfilm.

As a result, point credit information will reside in data form in the Military Personnel Data System where personnel specialists will obtain it by pulling products from the system. They will use these products to verify reservists' service.

Reservists should print their summary of points using the vMPF and maintain copies in their personal files in the same manner as leave and earnings statements and other important documents.

This change promotes the use of the vMPF and self-service by reservists. Both actions are transformation goals. Whether at home, at work or while deployed, reservists

have the means to access their point credit information.

They may call Headquarters ARPC/DPPK toll free at 1-800-525-0102 for questions and concerns about credit of points. They can access the vMPF by going to: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

The IG Says...

The primary charge of the IG is to sustain a credible Air Force IG system by ensuring the existence of responsive complaint investigations, and Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) programs characterized by objectivity, integrity and impartiality.

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

Wing says 'thank you' to senior recruiter

Following a four-year stint with the 507th Air Refueling Wing Chief Master Sgt. Alfonso Garza says goodbye.

Chief Garza was selected to become the next Recruiting Flight Superintendent for the 604th Recruiting Flight, March Air Reserve Base, CA.

Approaching 20 years in Recruiting Service Chief Garza volunteered to move one last time. "I felt that I could possibly make a final contribution and serve the Recruiting Command best as the Flight Superintendent. "This will provide me the opportunity to invest and serve senior recruiters and recruiters throughout the command and propagate the philosophy that as a senior manager we are to be a stepping stone to someone's greatness and success which will make the command great. My commitment is to develop great airmen who are continually building a great Air Force Recruiting Command," said Garza.

"Never forget you get paid to do a job, however you get recognized for the extra you do."

... Chief's late grandfather Louis Ochoa

Garza's service to the 507th ARW includes two active-duty tours spanning more than six years. "Time will tell if I have had any real achievements during my time at the 507th. I'm not speaking about tangible Achievements like awards and decorations, but making a difference and positive influence in the lives of those I have served with. I can say without reservations that the 507th has made a memorable achievement in my heart.

"I will miss the family environment that is felt and shown throughout our Wing. I will miss the tremendous support and encouragement I have received from the many Wing members. I will miss the OKIES bond and friendship and most of all I will truly miss my Tinker recruiting team who has made it possible for me to go Above and Beyond," smiled Garza.

Garza's permanent change of station (PCS) date is June 6, 2005. This concludes his every day presence at the head quarters building but not his service to the 507th ARW. According to Garza, he will continue to serve Tinker Air Force Base as well as Seymour Johnson, Selfridge, Wright-Paterson, Scott, March, Grissom, Beale, Portland, Andrews, Lackland, Travis, McChord, PACAF, and McConnell.

Garza's service has been instrumental in the birth of nu-

merous Air Force Reserve careers. As a senior leader he recognizes the example he displays is influential and now far reaching. When asked if he had any parting words Garza said, "I would give them the advise my late grandfather Louis Ochoa gave me years before I started my journey with the Air Force Reserve, he said, " Jr., never forget you get paid to do a job, however you get recognized for the extra you do." Never forget, if you want to be a Chief or a leader of men and women you must become the servant of all. Your greatness will never be measure by how many people serve you, but by how many people you serve.

Godspeed!!"



Chief Garza will PCS this month to March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Photo by Senior Airman Bryan Axtell

Air Force Reserve adopts new recruiting logo

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command has a new advertising logo that more closely aligns it with the active force while touting the command as a high-tech, professional fighting force.

Sleek and simple, the AFRC logo features the Air Force's new logo alongside the words "Air Force Reserve" in a stylish, modern typeface.

AFRC recruiting officials began working with Blaine Warren Advertising in January to develop the new logo. It replaces the "Above and Beyond" logo featured in Reserve recruiting and advertising products since 1998.

Lt. Col. Jerry Herbel, chief of Headquarters AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising and information systems division here, said the time was right for a new advertising logo.

"We wanted a logo that captured the spirit of Air Force Reserve Command but also conveyed the message that we are a part of the overall Air Force," he said. "We went through a number of different designs and got input from focus groups of recruitable people. This was the design that best conveyed the message we were trying to get out."

AFRC senior leaders approved the new logo in May. They were involved in the development process from the beginning and are excited to see the new logo in the Reserve's upcoming advertising and recruiting products.

"This new logo will give a streamlined and modern look to our advertising products, and it emphasizes the word 'Reserve,'" said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander. "Since the Air Force

adopted its new symbol last spring, we wanted to incorporate that symbol into our advertising logo. This will help us brand the Air Force Reserve as a proud part of the world's greatest Air Force."

Col. Francis Mungavin, AFRC Recruiting Service commander, said the new logo is appropriate for the



command during its transformation into the 21st century.

"The young folks entering AFRC really like the new logo," he said. "Their feedback to us (from focus groups) has been that it's modern, high-tech and cool looking."

Maj. Gen. Mark Rosenker, mobilization assistant to General Bradley in his role as commander, helped develop the new logo as the leader of a cross-functional AFRC team that looks at command branding and marketing.

"I think everyone in AFRC will be pleased and very proud of the new logo," he said. "It's simple, elegant and powerful, and it clearly brings us into the 21st century. The logo's progressive typeface, combined with the new effective Air Force logo, sends a strong message to the audiences we are trying to reach."

Sterling Martell, creative director for Blaine Warren Advertising, said the logo will be much easier to integrate into television and print advertising products.

"By incorporating the Air Force logo, it allows us to piggyback off

of what the Air Force does in terms of advertising," Mr. Martell said. "I think it's a good design, and we were able to get consensus from the Reserve's senior leaders that this is a good design."

"When people see the new logo they are going to get the idea that the Air Force Reserve is new and

improved without us coming right out and saying 'new and improved.'"

A major difference between the new logo and the ones the command has used in the past is the new logo doesn't feature a slogan. AFRC has used "Above and Beyond" as a slogan since 1998. Before that, the command used "A Great Way to Serve" for 20 years.

Colonel Herbel said not having a slogan tied to the logo gives the command more freedom in how it uses the logo.

"We might use a slogan along with the logo in some of our products," he said. "It will depend on the particular audience we are trying to reach. Without a slogan, we feel we are drawing attention to the word 'Reserve,' and that is one of the main objectives we were trying to achieve."

The command will feature the new logo in all of its new advertising products but will continue using promotional items with the old logo until they are all gone, Colonel Herbel said. (AFRC News Service from Citizen Airman magazine)

Uprose

By Tech. Sgt. Ty Yoshida

The following question was asked of members of the 507th ARW and 513th ACG:

“Why would you make a good contestant for the TV show ‘Fear Factor?’”



Technical Sgt. Ken Stiers, 507th MOC

“Fear Factor is one of my favorite shows. I have seen many episodes and I think that I can do very well. Completing most tasks takes common sense. I have seen shows where who I thought would win in the beginning fails in the first round. Honestly, I think that much of it is luck. I think I have a lot of luck, so that is why I think I would do well.”



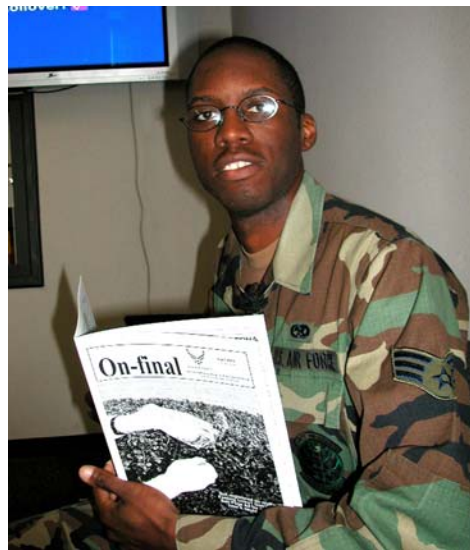
**Staff Sgt. Wardell Herron
507th Services Flight**

“The money sounds good and I believe the stunts are real. The eating things looks nasty but also safe. Easy payday.”



**Senior Airman Eric Walke
507th MSF**

“I think to be a good contestant you must have a strong stomach and be brave or crazy, and I have all of those qualities.”



**Senior Airman Jason Rodney
513th AMXS**

“I’ve watched many episodes, and I can be a good contestant. Growing up in New York and surviving basic, I am prepared. Truth is you never know what you can do until you do it.”



**Senior Airman Carol Holland
507th Services Flight**

“I think I would because I enjoy a challenge. I went through Army basic training so it wouldn’t be that tough. Oh yeah, and the money would really help out.”



Tech. Sgt. Carla Lang, the Wing's newest recruiter, came on board in March. Lang spent eight years on active duty, took a two-year stint as an Air Reserve Technician with the National Guard, then decided active duty was what she wanted. "Recruiting is a good job; it gives me the ability to help people. That part I enjoy," said Lang.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



Master Sgt. Takesha Williams, the HRDC workshop facilitator, was presented with a coin recently by Senior Master Sgt. Karen Perkins, a workshop presenter and first sergeant for the 507th Maintenance Operations Flight. Williams signed up members, sent workshop reminder e-mails, arranged for room, meals, set up and cleaned up the room and printed certificates. Williams says credit goes to several other HRDC members and she shares the coin with the team.

Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

JAG triathlon team

The Oklahoma City SuperSprint Triathlon will be held at the Oklahoma City Community College, 7777 S. May, on June 11, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The 507th ARW/JA office has put together a triathlon team, and challenges other airmen to participate.

Lt. Col. Mike Farr will swim 500 meters; Tech. Sgt. Julie Cranston will bike 12.2 miles; and Staff Sgt. Ivan Esau will run 3.1 miles. Maj. Michael Chionopoulos will compete as an individual in the whole triathlon.

"This is a great way to build some office cohesion and I hope that there will be some friendly competition among the JAG teams," says Major Chionopoulos.

Friends and family are encouraged to volunteer. Each volunteer will receive a T-shirt, goody bag, and free snacks in appreciation of their efforts.

For details, call (405) 682-1611 Ext. 7662, send an e-mail to sscott@okccc.edu or visit www.okccc.edu/RCS/triathlon.html.



Members of the 507th Legal Office are, from left, Maj. Michael Chionopoulos, Lt. Col. Mike Farr, Staff Sgt. Ivan Esau and Tech. Sgt. Julie Cranston.

Parting Shot

Senior Master Sgt. Dave Hernandez looks at the American flag he received during his retirement ceremony on May 14. Hernandez spent four years on active duty and was an ART for 18 years. He retired after 26 years and had three different career fields: information management, supply technician and personnel specialist. Hernandez currently works for the 72nd Medical Group as a Manpower Analyst/Civilian Liaison and works directly for the active duty handling all military/civilian personnel issues.



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ABM positions available

The 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron is seeking qualified college graduates for Air Force Reserve rated officer Air Battle Manager positions, for duty onboard the E-3 AWACS. ABMs, or Air Weapons Controllers as they were formerly called, are responsible for the control of aircraft on various missions, involving airspace and data-link management. Applicants must be under 30 years of age, able to pass a Class 3 flight physical, and able to obtain a Secret clearance. Contact Maj. Dave Robertson at 734-8671 for more information.

Here's to the Heroes

Anheuser-Busch is honored to salute the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. Until Dec. 31, 2005, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter Anheuser-Busch's Sea Worlds, Busch-Gardens or Sesame Place parks for FREE!!! Go to www.herosalute.com.

Bracelet not authorized

The Lance Armstrong bracelet cannot be worn in uniform. The YELLOW bracelet supporting a Cancer Foundation is a noble cause, however the bracelet does not meet the conservative criteria outlined in AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. This guidance was received from AFPC/DPFOC.

Reservists assist with telethon

Sixteen reservists helped support this year's Oklahoma Educational Television Authority's annual fundraising telethon recently.

According to unit project coordinator MSgt. Clifton Howard from the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, the reserve phone team worked roughly five hours to raise \$12,000 during their shift.

"It went pretty well," Sergeant Howard said. "Our volunteers got there early and received training on how to use the computers and take pledges while on the air. We had a real good time." Howard said the volunteers were also served a meal from OETA for their hard work.

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