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507th ARW
Commander's Column
By Col. Jeffery R. Glass

Attitude great, more work to do

Let me thank each and everyone for the hard work preparing for and accomplishing our recent ORE to Alpena. Even though the weather conditions were horrible, the attitude of the 507th wing members was incredible. The overall ORE showed great improvement over where we were six months ago. **BUT WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!**

The mobility folders were unacceptable with too many errors and missing items. There is no acceptable answer on not having all mobility folders perfect. We as a wing will do a complete audit of all mobility folders this UTA with all being 100 percent complete by the end of the UTA. We will also practice our pallet buildup until we get it perfect. Medical is another area of concern. Too many individuals have overdue physicals and dental exams. We need to get this fixed.

It doesn't matter how well our deployed forces fight the war, if we cannot get our people out of town, on-time and with all their equipment we're not going to pass our inspection. Every single element building to

our forces deployment, employment and redeployment is examined and graded. Don't think for a moment that just because you are not "tasked" to deploy that this ACTUALLY means you CAN'T be deployed on the ORI. If we need you, you're going. Be prepared. Don't think that if you're not deploying, your mobility folder won't be examined by an inspector or that you won't be graded on your customs and courtesies or personal ATSO knowledge. This is a Wing ORI and every single one of us is a player.

As a word of caution, be aware that the IG and real world events don't correspond posted duty hours. Work those extra hours now to prepare yourselves. Remember that we could receive our "notification" late UTA Sunday afternoon and suddenly find ourselves working into early Monday morning. If we're on military status, we all work until the job's done.

We only have four more days of UTAs before the ORI to get ready. During May's UTA we will again practice our Initial Response with the entire deploying population. I expect it to go much better than it did during our ORE. I know we still have work to do but I know we can get through this next couple of months and show just how great the 507th is to the rest of the Air Force.

Just keep up the great attitude that everyone showed during the ORE and we will be just fine. Now let's get back to work!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If God inserted a 'check heart' light ...

By wing chaplain office

Have you ever had the "check engine" light come on? You know the light I'm talking about. That annoying little red or orange light that comes on when your vehicle's on-board computer senses something is wrong with the engine. It could be just a minor thing or it might be a major problem. Well, it happened to me. The light was on to let me know that something was wrong and I needed to check it out.

It started me to thinking that it's too bad God didn't build into each of us a bright little "check heart" light.

That way, when our on-board spirit started to sense that something was spiritually wrong with our heart, the warning light would come on and let us know that something was amiss.

Some of the possible reasons for our "check heart" light coming on might be when we do things we know are wrong; when we treat people badly; when we go more than a day without thinking about God and speaking to him; or when we allow other concerns in life to crowd out any concerns we have for the Lord.

It seems to me that if God had built into us a "check heart" light he'd prob-

ably have put it where others could see it too, just like the auto makers do by putting it on the dashboard so the passengers can see it. I think God would do it that way so that if we either weren't paying attention or just chose to ignore it, others could let us know that our warning light was on.

Of course, we need to be realistic about all of this. Being the creative and innovative beings we are, God probably figured, "Why bother? They'd just figure out a way to disconnect the warning light anyway."

Just like some do now.

Holocaust: Special observance in April

Staff Sgt. Tametra L. Davis
507th MEO Specialist

When you think of the month of April, what comes to mind? Painted eggs and furry rabbits? Or is it green grass and sunny skies? For many people, April is a time of remembrance. **The days of April 13 through April 19, are designated as the “Days of Remembrance” of victims of the Holocaust.**

The Days of Remembrance commemoration was established to combat the forgetfulness that time brings. Our nation commemorates the days annually so that each year anyone who does not know will learn, and so that people who have learned will never forget. It is im-

portant to remember this event and apply its lessons to our lives today. The victims of the Holocaust deserve this respect and remembrance. There may come a day when our armed forces will once again have to combat an enemy attempting to repeat the Holocaust. Hopefully that day will never come. Nevertheless, it is pertinent that each member of the military be educated and sensitive to the memorials dedicated to the 11 million who lost their lives. Former President Jimmy Carter says it best:

We must learn not only about the vulnerability of life, but of the value of human life. We must remember the terrible price paid for bigotry and hatred and also

the terrible price paid for indifference and for silence...

To truly commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, we must harness the outrage of our memories to banish all human oppression from the world. We must recognize that when any fellow human being is stripped of humanity, when any person is turned into an object of repression, tortured or defiled or victimized by terrorism or prejudice or racism, then all human beings are victims, too. The world's failure to recognize the moral truth 40 years ago permitted the Holocaust to proceed. Our generation—the generation of survivors—should never permit the lesson to be forgotten.

Volunteers needed for OKC Memorial Marathon

The Tinker Reserve has volunteered to work the OKC Memorial Marathon again this year, which will be held Sunday, April 29. The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is a race that is not about running -- it is about life.

Volunteering for the OKC Memorial Marathon is a rewarding and special experience. “Being part of the event in a way that enables the participants to complete their goals is in every way as honoring to the memory of the fallen as running the marathon,” said Master Sgt. Takesha Williams, Reserve team captain for the second year. “As with last year, for those who volunteered, it will be a great time had by all.”

For those interested in working the event, please sign up via the marathon website at www.okcmarathon.com. When you're in the website, click on the Volunteer Info button. Then click on the online registration button. After you fill out the basic registration information, when it asks if you are with an organization, select “507 ARW - Course Marshalls.”

Please register by April 20th so Sergeant Williams will know how many volunteers will be helping this year.

For additional information, contact Sergeant Williams at 734-5363 during the week and on the UTA weekend, call 734-3269.

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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.

Rayford honored in Teacher of the Year Contest

By Senior Airman Zach Anderson
507th ARW Public Affairs

“Outstanding!”

For students at Oklahoma City’s Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School, the word is the highest form of praise. It’s earned when a student has solved a particularly difficult math problem or shown significant progress and improvement within the classroom. Then, and only then, can a student expect to hear Capt. Roslynn Rayford

First-Runner Up in the Teacher of the Year Competition. In earning the honor, Rayford was selected from over 2,500 teachers within the school system.

“It is a great honor to be named the Oklahoma City Public Schools Teacher of the Year First-Runner Up,” said Rayford. “Many of my colleagues are doing the ‘good work of education’ and I deeply appreciate their recognition of my work.”

Along with her civilian work as a teacher, Rayford has served 17 years in



Capt. Roslynn Rayford



Roslynn Rayford, center, poses with, from left, Paula Armstrong, Language Arts Teacher; Karen Waddell, Principal’s secretary; Principal Lynn Kellert; and Linda Meier, Science Teacher.

issue the coveted compliment.

“The students love her,” said Lynn Kellert, principal at Belle Isle. “They will do anything to hear her say it.”

Perhaps it’s only fitting that after eight years of motivating her students to be outstanding, Rayford has been recognized as being “outstanding” herself. Last month Rayford, who teaches math at Belle Isle, was recognized by the Oklahoma City Public School System as

the Air Force, 11 as a reservist. She is currently the Chief of Military Equal Opportunity for the 507th Air Refueling Wing. Rayford said her experiences in the military have definitely contributed to her success in the classroom.

“The work ethic from the military is what I have brought to the teaching profession. That and leadership. Without the leadership skills I’ve developed in the military, I wouldn’t be the teacher leader

I am,” said Rayford.

“Her communication skills are excellent,” said Kellert. “Her ability to relate and lead is incredible. She’s definitely a leader among the staff.”

Among other accomplishments, Rayford was honored for establishing interactive math programs at Belle Isle that allow students to apply both algebra and geometry skills to real-world situations. According to Kellert, these programs are producing a wide-reaching positive effect on the students at Belle Isle.

“The math scores on the state tests this year were the highest they’ve ever been,” she said.

Rayford said that while the recognition is appreciated, accolades are not her ultimate goal as an educator.

“I hope to have a tremendous impact on children’s lives. I hope they take away a notion of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all they do. I try to model that behavior and facilitate their learning in both mathematics and leadership,” said Rayford.

If the opinions of her colleagues are any indicator, Rayford is already making that sort of impact.

“She’s one of the reasons we have such high-performing students,” said Kellert. “There aren’t enough like her. She’s outstanding.”

Reservists participate in base-wide cleanup

By Senior Airman Zach Anderson
507th ARW Public Affairs

Reservists from the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group did their part to keep Tinker safe and beautiful by participating in a base-wide cleanup project on March 9. The cleanup, a result of the vision and leadership of installation commander, Col. Mark A. Correll, was an effort to make sure the base as a whole is continuing its obligation to be a good citizen of the local community while promoting safety and helping the environment.

“Safety is one of the most important reasons for efforts like this,” said Capt. Mark Vardaro, inspector general of the 507th ARW. “Oklahoma winds can blow debris onto the flight lines, taxiways and runways causing potential for damage to aircraft.”

In all, 95 volunteers from the 507th and 513th took part in the effort. A few even decided to participate while wearing full MOPP gear as a way of conducting readiness training.

“I decided to kill two birds with one stone. I was going to be wearing my MOPP gear during the day so I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to do some readiness train-



Capt. Jason Aeschliman, 507th MPF, and Lt. Col. Michael Jones, 507th Wing Chaplain, do their part, in MOPP 4 chem gear, to clean up the base.

ing in the outdoor environment,” said Lt. Col. Michael Jones, wing chaplain for the 507th ARW.

During the cleanup, volunteers managed to net 67 bags of trash containing everything from hundreds of cigarette butts to sheets of plywood and a crushed parking cone.

“I am extremely pleased with the turnout from the reserve campus,” said Lt. Col. Charles Planer, acting Wing Commander for the 507th ARW. “I must admit, I was a little shocked with the amount of items found blowing around. These could very easily have become safety issues for motorists, flight crews, and even joggers.”

While the main focus was on keeping the base safe and clean, volunteers managed to take something away from the project as well.

“It was a good experience,” said Staff Sgt. Leia VanLue, 507th ARW MEO Specialist. “I just enjoyed getting out and doing my part to clean up the base along with the camaraderie of working together with my fellow reservists.”



Several 507th ARW and 513th ACG members show off bags of loot they were able to find last month during the basewide cleanup efforts.

US Air Force photos by Senior Airman Zach Anderson

ESGR flights give bosses important view

By Lt. Col. Steve Seaman
970th AACs/ADO

With over 91,000 reservists and Guardsmen on active duty as of Jan. 31, 2007 and approximately 550,000 of us mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, the support of our civilian employers is more important than ever.

Our duty to the Air Force Reserve is not only an obligation for us and our families but also for our employers. ESGR Employer Support Flights give many of our local civilian employers an opportunity to see firsthand the important job we do.

With 45 percent of the Total Force coming from the Reserve Component it is important for our civilian employers to have the opportunities to see how today's reservist operate at a tempo that at times is higher than our active-duty counterparts.

ESGR also conducts an award program designed to recognize employers for employment policies and practices that are supportive of their employees' participation in the Reserve and Guard. All employer recognition

and awards originate from nominations by individual Reserve members.

Additionally, ESGR provides a variety of resources for employers and service members to further understanding and compliance to the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act and employer outreach, through a network of DoD volunteers available throughout the country.

Nevertheless the primary means of ESGR is assistance in preventing, resolving, or reducing employer and employee problems and misunderstandings that result from Reserve and National Guard membership. This is done through a nationwide Ombudsman Program, which provides information, informal mediation, and referral service to resolve employer conflicts.

However, most employment conflicts can be avoided by being candid with your employer about your obligations as a member of one of the Reserve components. Don't take your employer's support for granted.

Keep your boss informed about what you do in the military and when you do

it. Let your boss know the vital mission that is supported by your participation in the Reserve. Let your boss know how your military experience and training will make you a more capable civilian employee.

Talk to your boss. No matter what your military assignment or specialty, tell your employer about it. Many people hold down military jobs that relate directly to their civilian careers. If yours is one of them, your boss would be pleased to know that you are learning and practicing military skills that can pay off on the job.

Even if what you do in the military is different from your civilian job, sharing the details can make an impression on your boss. You are using your spare time to participate in a second career that is of great importance to your community and the nation. That is a strong indication to people at work, that you are the type of person who seeks out and can handle serious responsibility.

Remember that employee-employer relationships are reciprocal and it is important to recognize the sacrifice your boss and co-workers make when they support you.

Air Force Assistance Fund campaign underway

This year's Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs through May 4 and provides Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations.

Project officer for the 507th ARW and 513th ACG is Master Sgt. Melanie Cherry.

Now in its 34th year, 100-percent of designated AF AF contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families.

Contributions can be made by cash, check or money order or use payroll deduction for:

* The **Air Force Aid Society**, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Information is available online at www.afas.org.

The **Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund**

supports the Air Force Village in Shalimar, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base. The fund provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More details are available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

The **Air Force Villages Indigent Widows' Fund** supports the Air Force Village in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

The **General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation**, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.afvw.com/lemay.html.

Contributions to the AF AF are tax deductible. For more information, visit the Air Force Assistance Fund (<http://afassistancefund.org/>) or call Sergeant Cherry at 734-7493.

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.**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PAY (FLPP)

Reservists may apply for FLPP by submitting a written request for FLPP testing to his/her commander. FLPP I requires you to be on a tour of duty that requires the language. FLPP II will pay based on active duty days or IDT periods performed. Spanish and Tagalog speakers are not entitled to FLPP II. If you are proficient at a foreign language and are interested in this program please contact Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Epps or Master Sgt. Sharon Lochman in the MPF Education Office at 734-7075 for instructions on how to apply for FLPP.

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. Charlotte Epps or Ms. Kim Silkwood 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 9-20, 2007.**

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 507.msf.dpmt@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. 1030 (Hangar) Room 214.

Computer-based testing on the UTA is available on Sunday at 0800 and 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 the training office or call 734-7075 prior to scheduled testing time. All testing is also available on 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: 0800 - 1200 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)

FY 2007 UTA SCHEDULE

14-15 Apr 07
05-06 May 07 16-17 June 07
14-15 Jul 07 04-05 Aug 07
08-09 Sept 07

As of 30 March 2007

Fri, 13 Apr 2007

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 1030, MSG ConfRm 204

Sat, 14 Apr 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1530 MPF/Customer Service Section Open
 0900-0930 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
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 15 Apr 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-noon MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 0800-1030 HazCom Training Bldg 1030, Room 104
0800-1500 MPF/customer service section open
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300. by appt. CDC Testing
 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 Wing Commander's Call Base Theater
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 04 May 2007

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 1030, MSG ConfRm 204

Sat, 05 May 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1530 MPF/Customer Service Section Open
 0900-0930 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
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 06 May 2007

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-noon MPF Closed for In-House Tng Bldg 1043, Rm 203, 213
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1043, Wing Trng Room
 0800-1030 Unit Safety Rep Training Bldg 1030, Room 104
0800-1500 MPF/customer service section open
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300. by appt. CDC Testing
 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
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

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	Wing Lodging Program	SVF
Saturday	1315-1345	Information Assurance	CF
Saturday	1345-1445	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1500-1530	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.

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
17 Apr	25 Apr
19 Apr	27 Apr
23 Apr	01 May
26 Apr	04 May
01 May	09 May
03 May	11 May
08 May	15 May
10 May	18 May
15 May	23 May
17 May	25 May
21 May	30 May

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

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

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Wing survives ORE, Michigan's



Simulated sniper (Master Sgt. Robert A. Dunn, 507th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant) waits behind a snow bank for a convoy to roll through the 'kill zone' so he can ambush them.

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

Neither bitter cold nor deep snow drifts stopped wing warriors during last month's Operational Readiness Exercise to Alpena Air National Guard Base, Mich.

Reservists began deploying March 5 as wing KC-135R and one C-5 aircraft ferried more than 400 members to the front-line along with 41 short tons of equipment.

During the next few hours members worked to establish operational activities, hardened their buildings against possible enemy attack and planned for an intensive challenge of their abilities to survive and operate.

Even with arrival delays stemming from C-5 maintenance problems, all members arrived by Wednesday morning and the "war" began. Planning realistic scenarios to challenge ORE participants fell to the wing Exercise Evaluation Team, or EET. During the actual war phase of the ORE, members saw challenges ranging from aggressor ground assaults, convoy attacks, missile and chemical attacks to the base and other challenges designed to test their skills to survive and keep the aircraft flying. Normal activities were regularly interrupted by alarms that sent Airmen running for bunkers and quickly strapping on their gas masks.

A team of 4th Air Force evaluators watched and noted the wing's performance. That

coldest weather ever

team was led by former 507th member and now an IMA with STRATCOM, Col. William Erickson. His report summarized wing efforts, stating that, “Despite conditions that limited or precluded area events, personnel worked well together and were continuously striving to raise the performance level of their functionals. If wing personnel continue to show a positive attitude and work to improve on identified weaker areas they should have no problem demonstrating their readiness to support global operations.”

“I am satisfied with our progress



during the ORE,” said Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th ARW commander. “We still have more improvements to make in the way we communicate vital information with each other and in some of our approaches to engaging in wing activities.

“We can’t afford to rest. Everyone is vital to our achieving success and no skill or individual is unimportant to our team. We all need to stay focused on honing our abilities, physical and mental. If we keep going the way we are, we can prove to the Air Force that the 507th is ready and able to face any challenge,” he said.



Tech. Sgt. Derek Wilson, 507th Com Flight, gives the war a ‘thumbs up’ while he waits for the next attack.



The 465th Air Refueling Squadron operations desk was a busy area to be around during the ORE.

U.S. Air Force photos by Lt. Col. Richard Curry and Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch

Billeting: A privilege, not a right

**By Senior Airman Zach Anderson
507th ARW Public Affairs**

Each UTA weekend members of the 507th make the trek to Tinker Air Force Base to participate in monthly training. For some the trip itself is a challenge consisting of hundreds of miles. For those reservists the 507th Services Flight has established methods of providing billeting in order to make the weekend journey as convenient as possible.

“Essentially, it provides personnel who live greater than 55 miles away from base a place to stay over the weekend. It helps boost our morale, helps us retain troops and it provides convenience and safety,” said Master Sgt. Shelly Hanson, NCOIC of lodging.

“No-shows are one of our biggest problems”

According to Hanson, over 300 reservists utilize on or off-base billeting during a typical UTA weekend. By simply calling Services Flight’s automated reservation line at 1-800-398-9259 members can make their own reservations. If on-base facilities are full members are allowed to stay in local area hotels. Because the cost of the billeting is paid by the wing each troop taking advantage of the program saves \$146 each weekend. It’s a convenient money and time saving program; however, recent problems have begun to arise due to members failing to use the system properly.

“No-shows are one of our biggest problems,” said Hanson. “When we have a reservation made and a person fails to show up and doesn’t cancel, it’s a waste of money and it keeps someone else from using the room.”

A failure to cancel a room costs the

wing \$73 each night, she said. That’s a cost that can quickly add up, said Hanson.

“All they need to do is make a call and let us know,” said Staff Sgt. Tessa Marsh, a service technician with the 507 SVF. “When they don’t call, the unit still has to pay for the room. So if five or 10 people don’t show up we are just simply wasting money.”

Hanson said another frequent problem is members waiting until the last minute to make a reservation.

“Many of them are trying to wait until on-base billeting is full so that they can stay in a hotel instead,” she said. “It’s usually because they want to go out and party during the UTA weekend. But they need to realize that while they are here, they must put the mission before themselves. They are only here for two days a month. Just put the partying on hold for a couple of nights.”

Hanson said that to maximize the efficiency of the system reservists should make their reservations no later than 10 days prior to the scheduled UTA.

According to Marsh, the bottom line is if the system continues to be abused it can be taken away, forcing reservists to pay for their own weekend lodging.

“The wing pays for the billeting to help out the members,” she said. “Other services don’t provide this to their members. Our reservists need to realize that it is a privilege and not a right. If it continues to be abused it can easily be taken away.”

“Members just need to communicate with us,” said Hanson. “Just let us know what they need and let us know if they aren’t going to show. Ultimately, communication is the key.”

March promotions		
Promoted to:	Name:	Unit
Sr. Master Sgt.	McCarty, Jason	970th AACs
Master Sgt.	Drennen, Daniel	507th MXS
Master Sgt.	Novosel, Leann	507th LRS
Master Sgt.	Bische, William	507th MDS
Tech. Sgt.	Badillo, Luis	970th AACs
Tech. Sgt.	Douglas, Marc	507th SFS
Tech. Sgt.	Hansel, Russell	507th AMXS
Staff Sgt.	Malzer, Jennifer	970th AACs
Staff Sgt.	Sharp, Sandra	970th AACs
Senior Airman	Hilburn, Jaramei	507th SFS
Senior Airman	Honeycutt, Melissa	507th MDS
Senior Airman	Powell, Kevin	507th MOF
Senior Airman	Simon, Roger Dale	507th LRS
Senior Airman	Warren, Stephen	507th LRS
Senior Airman	Welliver, Michael	72nd APS
Airman	Boggs, Britni	507th AMXS
Airman	Fox, Justin	507th AMXS
Airman	Hinojosa, Tiffany	507th SVS
Airman	Murray, Adam	507th CES
Airman	Romero, Ross	507th CES

Visibile vs. Invisible

Shirts are leaders, role models and mentors to our Airmen 24/7

By Master Sgt. Marie Annette Pollard
507th Medical Squadron

Shirt, Top, First Sergeant, all are familiar titles that your First Sergeant respond to when called upon. We are on duty 24/7 despite the opportunities we undertake on any given weekend. The First Sergeants "...are the heart and soul" of the armed forces. Our primary focus is to ensure that the health, welfare and morale of the unit are in excellent condition.

The First Sergeant must be familiar with Air Force Instruction to appropriately provide guidance relating to counseling, promotions, dress and appearance, family care to name a few. Equally as important, the First Sergeant works closely with the Commander to mentor and lead their unit. A First Sergeant provides encouragement and praise, ensures cohesiveness within the unit and is firm, yet commands respect for the authority of the position he/she holds.

Here is a short information questionnaire.

1. Do you know who your First Sergeant is?

2. If you had a question about AFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance, who would you ask?

3. Who would be the first person you would go to with a problem within your squadron?

4. Complete a short list of what you think the job is of the First Sergeant.

5. Do you think that your First Sergeant is visible enough?

If you answered no to any of these questions, then please talk with the First Sergeant in your squadron.

Visibility of the First Sergeants is critical! First Sergeants must strive to be visible and accessible in every way. We must continue to lead by example, be good role models and mentors and develop our Airmen for the future.



The IG says

Policy on management of IG complaints

1. Complaints that are within the purview of the IG Complaint System should be addressed at the lowest appropriate level.
2. This ensures the higher level IGs remain unbiased and are available to review any rebuttals or appeals of the lower level investigation or action.
3. IGs should resolve complaints at the lowest possible level but may elevate complaints when appropriate such as when self-investigation or the perception of self-investigation is an issue.

For questions or concerns, contact Capt. Mark Vardaro at:

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SAF/IGQ FWA Hotline: (800) 538-8429

DoD FWA Hotline: (800) 424-9098

Free summer academies for 8-12 graders

34 free summer academies will be held this summer at different Oklahoma colleges and universities. These math, science and technology academies are for Oklahoma residents who will be entering the 8th - 12th grades in the fall 2007. Highlights and subject areas from some of the academies include: breaking a secret code, using DNA to solve a crime, making new friends, exploring a college campus, aerospace, architecture, plant biology, biotechnology, engineering, robots, health science, forensics, veterinary medicine, and more!

To obtain general information as well as contact information about each academy, the students may visit our web site: www.okhighered.org. Other information may be found at: <http://www.okhighered.org/student-center/jrhigh-highscl/summer-academies.shtml>.

If unable to access the Internet, students, parents, or teachers may call 800-858-1840 for information to be mailed. Encourage your students to apply early because these academies fill up fast.

Wing command post receives AFRC honors

The 507th ARW Command Post has been named the AFRC Large Command Post of the Year for 2006.

Controllers include: Master Sgt. James Rock; superintendent; Senior Master Sgt. Richard Hammonds, Master Sgts. Michael Taliaferro and Christopher Bohannon, Tech. Sgts. Barbara Belyeu and Paul LaFleur, Staff Sgts. Geneva Black, Sara Gaddis and Sarah Suppes, Senior Airmen Jessica McCowan and Kimberly Goshorn.

The command post was recognized by the Tinker AFB COMSEC manager for maintaining a flawless COMSEC program. They received outstanding ratings on the last 13 semi-annual COMSEC inspections. The staff contributes to the operational excellence and mission effectiveness of the 507th —

supports the Homeland Defense effort by maintaining control of the Wing's alert force tasked to Operation Noble Eagle.

For self-improvement, the controllers pro-actively pursue additional training courses to sharpen and hone their skills as a command post controller. Three controllers enrolled in and completed 7-level upgrade training. Twelve of 15 controllers hold a college degree or are currently pursuing bachelor degrees, one Juris Doctorate, two masters degrees, seven bachelors degrees, and five pursuing bachelors degrees.

The controllers individually are involved in various base and community activities such as PTA, YMCA, Meals-on-Wheels, church activities, little league activities and the Wing's annual Operation Holiday Spirit program to help area

homeless and Reserve families in need.

The controllers deployed to various Operational Readiness Exercises and were recognized for their knowledge, skill and preparedness by the host evaluation teams. Four controllers were assigned to the 552nd Air Control Wing Command Post to manage their self-inspection program, inspect all major areas, and provide procedural guidance in resolving all issues. They received letters of commendation from the 552nd ACW commander for the UCI support. They were recognized by the AFRC IG as the only unit to set up Single Channel Anti-Jam Man Portable Terminal (SCAMP) successfully under the allocated time.

They will now compete for the Air Force title, to be selected this month.



Command post controllers, pictured on front row: Senior Airman Jessica McCowan, Staff Sgts. Sarah Suppes and Geneva Black, and Tech. Sgt. Barbara Belyeu. Back row: Tech. Sgt. Paul LaFleur,

Master Sgts. Christopher Bohannon, Richard Hammonds, James Rock and Mike Taliaferro. Not pictured: Senior Airman Kimberly Goshorn and Staff. Sgt. Sara Gaddis

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch

Uppclose

The following question was asked of unit members during the March UTA:
“What did you learn from the ORE?”



**Airman 1st Class Gary Arnold
507th CES**

“Organization and consistency are what make our Air Force so great.”



**Senior Airman Kelly Shoemaker
507th LRS**

“One positive attitude can change an entire office.”



**Senior Airman Jason Lewis
507th LRS**

“We’ve got some more training to do to be ready for the ORI, but overall it was a good experience.”



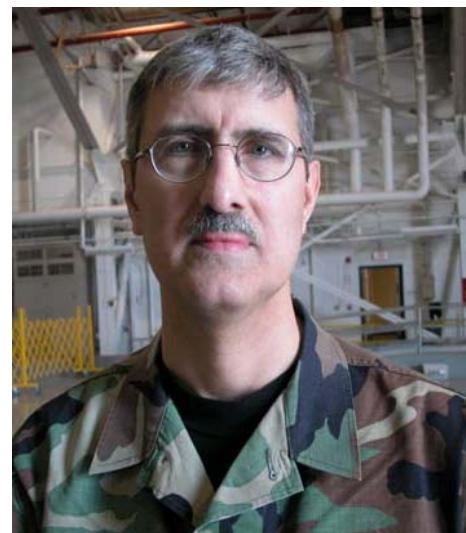
**Tech. Sgt. Brandy Frasco
507th LRS**

“Organization and consistency are the keys to success.”



**Staff Sgt. Nicole Anderson
507th LRS**

“Many things. Mostly about how well organized the Air Force can be.”



**Senior Master Sgt. Joel Fast
507th MXS**

“The amount of work required to make a successful exercise is tremendous. Coordination between units is extremely critical. Seeing the conditions under which the troops worked, especially the security forces, makes me extremely proud.”

Parting Shot



Specialists Jennifer Cepeda and Kevin Fitzsimmons, Sergeant Dale Coyle, and Specialist Stanford Neal enjoy reading the Valentines sent to them from elementary students in Oklahoma. For the past four years Melanie Starr, now a kindergarten teacher at Southgate-Rippetoe Elementary School, Moore, Okla., has encouraged her students to make homemade Valentines for Vets each February. This year she had more of a personal reason to encourage the students, as her brother, who is in the Air Force, was deployed to South America

along with several soldiers from Ft. Bliss. As a military brat herself, Melanie felt the need to send a little encouragement to those who couldn't be with their families and the students wanted to show their support as well. The students distributed more than 250 homemade Valentines to the Veterans Home in Norman, Okla. as well as sent several to the deployed troops. The 507th Public Affairs office coordinated the collection from other local Oklahoma City schools to contribute to the effort. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard Koch

On-final R-News

Base decal update

Effective March 15, Tinker AFB no longer checks for vehicle decals or their current year dates or the condition of the decals. The focus will be on customer identification and the AF Form 75s for visitors to the base. Personnel will still be required to carry current insurance and registration in the vehicle while on base and may be subjected to random inspections. For more details, contact the 72nd Security Forces Squadron at 736-5535.

New ID reminder

New regulations from the AF Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) program require two (2) forms of ID when getting new CAC cards. One form must be a photo ID. For more information, contact the 507th MPF at 734-7492.

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