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Toni Snyder (Tech Sgt), Wing historian, and husband Brad (Tech Sgt), an Air Force recruiter from Lawton, Okla, help their children, Evelyn and

Daniel, make bird houses at the Home Depot booth during last year's family day.

Photo by Senior Airman Zach Anderson

Family Day 2008

Are you ready to have some fun on Saturday? Family Day hours are noon to 4 p.m.

Lots of activities are planned for Family Day this weekend ... Here are just a few: Spiderman and Castle moonwalks, ring toss and bean bag toss, golf challenge and quarterback toss games, dunk tank, weightlifting competition.

Catch some of these demonstrations: Cohan's

Kickboxing Academy demo, Guitar Hero competition, FATAL goggle demo (simulate drunkenness), and volleyball competition. A schedule of events is available at the Information Booth located at the entrance to the flightline.

Hangar 1082 will have projection screens with college football games. Most of the games for the kids will be in and around Hangar 1030.

New AFRC commander shares 'transformation' thoughts with public affairs Airmen

by Tech. Sgt. Jason Schaap
931st ARG Public Affairs

AURORA, Colo. — A month and a day after taking charge of Air Force Reserve Command, Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. met with Reserve public affairs Airmen July 26 to talk about where the command is and where it is going.

The general was the first speaker at the AFRC Public Affairs Conference 2008 in Aurora, Colo.

"We are certainly in a period of transition," the general said at the beginning of his remarks, setting the tone not just for his time to talk but for the entirety of the conference.

Four days prior, the man leading the transition, Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, presented Senate Armed Forces Committee members his vision for the Air Force if confirmed as the sitting Secretary. If confirmed, his position would still be vulnerable to change when the country's next president takes office in January 2009.

In essence, the man leading the transition is in transition, facing more transition. "He's in a peculiar situation," General Stenner said.

Still, the general emphasized, Acting Secretary Donley and his Air Force leaders are pushing ahead in the wake of a tumultuous time for the Air Force.

"He wants to reestablish our credibility," General Stenner said. "He wants to do that by putting discipline into (Air Force) processes."

Number one on the current Air Force priority list is "fixing the nuclear enterprise." Number two is replacing the Air Force's elderly fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers. The general warned that acquiring new tankers has become a complex issue at the Pentagon with no quickfix.

"The mother of the pilot of the last KC-135 is 9 years old today," he said.

High on General Stenner's personal priority list is force development. "I see it as the umbrella for everything we do," he told the collection of Reserve communicators. "(Your) first audience is the folks working for us."

Manpower is another "huge" issue for the Air Force right now. The trickle-down effect of about 14,000 Airmen displaced by the Defense Department's most recent base alignment and closure will have recruiters working "double hard next year" to meet goals, the general said. Old jobs are gone, but many new jobs are on the way.

"We are in a transformation" he said. "There are a lot of new missions. We are making big changes."

The general concluded his discussion taking questions.



Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. talks to Airmen and civilians attending the Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs Conference 2008 in Aurora, Colo., on July 26. General Stenner is Chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

One of the first questions was related to the many changes associated with the Air Force's addition of Cyber Command.

Lt. Col. Ann Knabe, a traditional Reservist from Pope AFB, N.C., well known in the AFRC public affairs community, asked the general if integrating widely-popular Internet sites like MySpace and YouTube into the recruiting and public affairs tool bags was part of the Air Force's cyber plan.

Chief Master Sergeant Ronnie Nelson from the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Public Affairs is part of a panel currently discussing the issue and helped answer Colonel Knabe's question. "We have to be in social media," Chief Nelson said. "We're looking at it right now. It's coming."

Maj. Robert Cousebaker, from Travis AFB, Calif., also well known in the PA community, expressed to General Stenner how hard it is to train traditional Reservists given the seemingly "infinite" number of training requirements handed down to AFRC units.

The 90-minute, all-inclusive, training plan developed at a recent meeting of top Air Force generals, and advertised to Airmen AFRC-wide, "didn't get done," the general responded. Manpower and Personnel leaders at Headquarters Air Force are looking into it, he added. A solution is on the way.

Workplace gossip can be destructive

by Wanda Heath

Directorate of Personnel Program Management

DENVER — Who doesn't like a good gossip story? It's big business these days with television shows and tabloids dedicated to keeping us well informed of the everyday comings and goings of the rich and famous.

Gossip normally is just idle chatter between people; it generally lacks much thought and fills a void in the day. Most of us have even engaged in it at one time or another.

It's very easy to get drawn into gossip and often times difficult to resist that juicy tidbit. Many people just see it as the passing along of information.

However, workplace gossip can also be destructive and hurtful not only to the individuals involved, but to the organization as a whole. It decreases productivity by distracting people from their work, it builds silent walls between those who work together, and it compromises customer service, not to mention the pain and resentment of those who become the targets.

It is only natural for the people who are the subject of the gossip to be reluctant to work with people they believe betrayed their trust. Gossip whether fiction or nonfiction has no place in the work environment; it can result in the breakdown of the trust among employees, and the demise of teamwork.

The Little Things

by Chaplain, Capt. Kelly Stahl

Many of you have children or grandchildren and know how fun it can be to watch them grow and learn. It is fun to see them discover the world around them. Some of you may encounter your child saying something like, "Thank you, God, for leaves. Thank you, God, for flowers. Thank you, God, for grass." And so on, with trees, clouds, sun, and anything else that may pass before their eyes. As we become adults we overlook these things but children can help remind us that the little things do matter.

Being thankful for small things can mean the difference between healthy living in a crisis situation. But the key is paying attention to the small things. It may seem silly to remember the little things but when the bigger picture is looked at, those little things add up to a lot. Take for instance the recent happenings in the Air Force. Just because small details were overlooked, large mistakes were made. Top leadership was removed because of the over all weight of the little things.

We have already begun seeing our leadership remind us that we must become detailed oriented with little things that pertain to our jobs. We must go by the book, operate off of checklists to make sure nothing is left undone and double check the smallest of procedures. Little details can add up quickly when we have the nation's security to protect.

Above all, our spiritual health is vital to our over all wellness. Your faith can add a great deal of structure, community and hope in times of crisis and strain. Don't forget the minor details of your faith or it may be the straw that breaks the camel's back in your life. The little things do matter.

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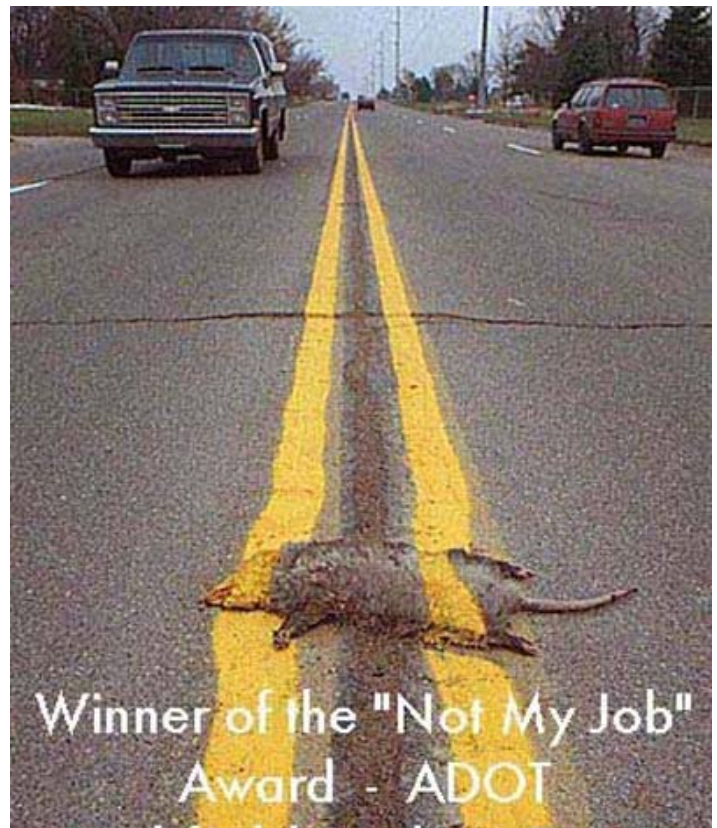
507th ARW Mission: Man, train, equip, and sustain an Expeditionary Reserve Force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.

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Whose job is it?

by Master Sgt. Paula Pate
513th OSF First Sergeant

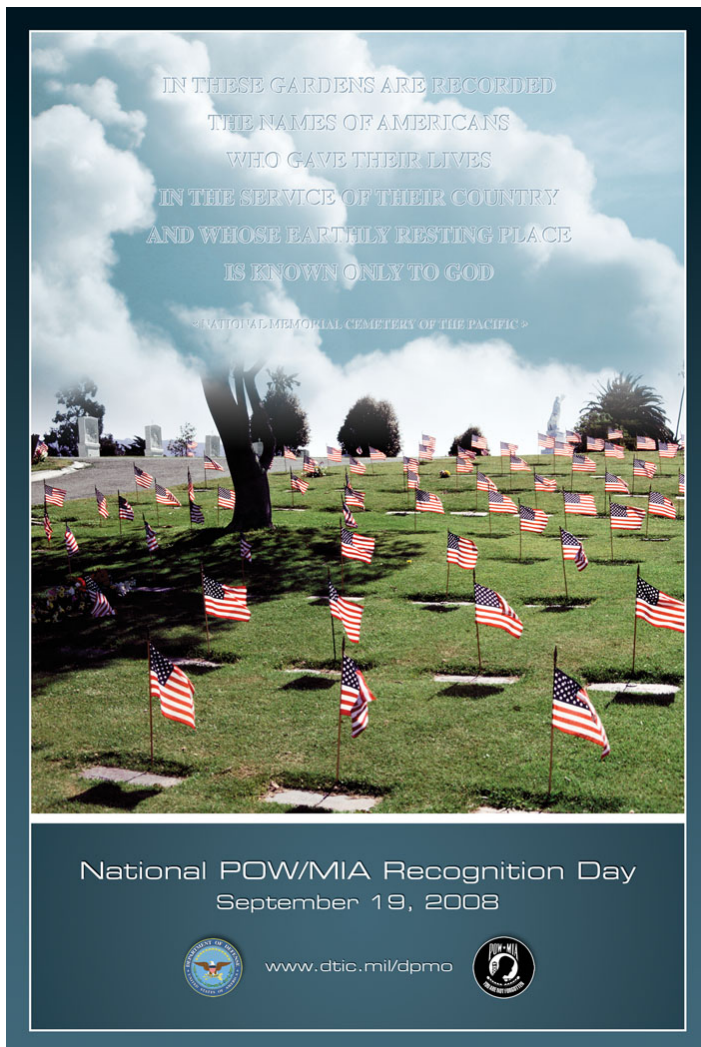
I recently received a photograph via e-mail that epitomizes laziness. It was titled “WINNER OF THE NOT MY JOB AWARD,” and showed a small two-lane road on which someone had just painted new, yellow center-dividing-lines. As the worker painted, he encountered a dead possum lying directly in the center of the road. I can envision at this point that he looked around and, when he felt comfortably sure no one was watching, shrugged his shoulders and continued to push the paint sprayer up and over the possum carcass, painting lines across the dead animal, and then continued down the road. Arguably, it wasn't his responsibility to remove the dead animal from the road, but wouldn't it have been easier to move it than to paint over it? In this instance, the painter should have taken the couple of extra seconds it would take to move the animal to properly complete the job. While I



hope you're never faced with this particular situation, you will inevitably be faced with similar “road blocks” during your military career. Will you do the right thing, or shrug your shoulders and say or think, “That's not my job?”

A couple of months ago, while in my office during a UTA, a technical sergeant from my unit stopped by. He asked if I was going to tell a female staff sergeant down the hall that her bracelet was unauthorized for wear with the uniform. My question to him was, “Why didn't you tell her?” It's true that one of the responsibilities of the first sergeant is to enforce the dress and appearance standards outlined in AFI 36-2903; however, everyone who wears the Air Force uniform bears that same responsibility. One person in the unit can't correct all uniform infractions—it takes all of us, working together, to ensure we all conform to standards. When you see something that needs to be done, please stop and ask yourself, “Whose job is it?” In many cases, it could be yours.

AFI 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, clearly outlines the individual responsibilities of Airmen, NCOs and SNCOs. If you've attended any professional military education courses, you've undoubtedly heard of this instruction—but have you ever actually read it? If the NCO that came to my door that day was familiar with the AFI, he would have known that he, himself, was responsible for correcting the uniform infraction. If this same NCO had been the one painting the lines on the road, would he have run over the possum? After all, it wasn't his job!



Air Force firefighters share new training facility with Iraqi counterparts

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq — Iraqi firefighters can now sharpen their abilities to operate effectively inside burning structures with the aid of a new training facility.

Seven Iraqi firefighters learned search and rescue tactics at the new facility here July 30 alongside firefighters from the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

The facility's construction marks a new phase of cooperative training that began a year ago, said Staff Sgt. Craig Cusenz, a crash and rescue combat firefighter with the 506th ECES. Its unique features allow firefighters to exchange information on tactics, techniques and procedures.

"This gives us a chance to leave our mark and show Iraqi firefighters what we've learned (from our academies)," said Sergeant Cusenz, who is deployed from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. "We also have the opportunity to see what they have studied at their academies."

Iraqi firefighters will learn how to don and use a self-contained breathing apparatus, or SCBA, said Master Sgt. Jimmy Mobley, the 506th ECES' assistant chief of training and a reservist deployed from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

They will now know how to use American-style and European-style SCBA packs.

The training available at the new facility cannot be found at most other facilities, said Sergeant Cusenz, who helped design the building, based upon his experiences as a volunteer firefighter in upstate New York.

"Two topics we cover are search patterns and different escape methods while using the air pack," he explained. "Trainees will be faced with different obstacles in various zones of the building. They may get tangled in electrical wires and have to rely on their teammates to get them out. They also have to low crawl where they may have to take

their packs off."

"Some members may not know how to do these tasks and may not want to face the challenge of the course," Sergeant Cusenz said. "But the Iraqis will have the training to know they don't have to turn around and go back; they can navigate the course successfully."

The experience is difficult, but trainers have to create extreme conditions for the training to be effective, according to Master Sgt. Linda Thompson, deputy fire chief at Fire Department Station 1.

"The course contains a dark, smoke-filled room. The Iraqi firefighters will go in and rescue people who are unconscious or are having difficulty escaping," said Sergeant Thompson, who is deployed from Tinker AFB. "They will have to

use a right- or left-hand search pattern and go through different obstacles like a house or office would present in an actual fire."

Although most buildings in Iraq are made of concrete, firefighters must still practice the basic skills of their career field, Sergeant Cusenz said. The training facility offers new and innovative training.

The long-term goal is to train an independent and capable Iraqi firefighting force, much as coalition forces have accomplished alongside the Iraqi military



Tech. Sgt. Travis Giguere assists an Iraqi firefighter with his mask and helmet during refresher training at Kirkuk Regional Air Base on July 30.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Randi Flaugh

and police forces.

The immediate result, however, is friendship and mutual respect among those who attend the training at the new facility.

"This is great. The Iraqis love it," Sergeant Thompson said. "They like to come here for their refresher course. They do about two months at the Iraqi academy, and then they come here after about two years on the job."

"It gives me peace of mind to know we've expanded our skills," Sergeant Cusenz said. "Now, we need to teach others those same skills for the day when we all work together as one."

Marine Maj. General Robeson presents Major David L. Jones with an Air Force Bronze Star. Major Jones was deployed from 1 June 2007 to 1 June 2008 to Iraq where he served as the Deputy Chief of Campaign Plans, United States Air Force Multinational Force, Iraq. Major Jones has returned stateside and serves as a member of the 513th Air Control Groups 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

The medal was presented for exceptionally meritorious service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. It cited Major Jones for his outstanding dedication to duty during combat operations in Iraq contributed to the overwhelming success of the command's mission. The citation stated for his keeping with the finest traditions of military service which reflect great credit upon him, multinational force Iraq, and the United States Air Force.



Paving the way

Senior Airman Justin Fjeldsted guides the pouring of cement at the passenger terminal here Aug. 18. Airman Fjeldsted and other Airmen with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron here worked three and a half weeks on a project to replace wooden walkways at the PAX terminal with concrete, cleaning up the overall look and making it easier for people to travel on foot to and from the terminal. Airman Fjeldsted, a construction equipment operator with the 506th ECES, is deployed from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and calls Tulsa, Okla., home. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Randi Flaugh)

513th ACG deployment line

Approximately 70 members of the 970th AACs, the 513th AMXS and MXS prepared to deploy during the August UTA. They deployed to South America to assist in efforts to fight the drug trade in that area. Lengths of deployment varied from 30 days up to 120 days. Photo by Senior Airman Zach Anderson



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. **For more information or to schedule testing, 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.

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. 1043, ATN Room in the basement.

Computer-based testing on the UTA is available on Sunday at 0800 and 1300 in Bldg. 1043, ATN Room in the basement.

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 08-09 UTA SCHEDULE

06-07 Sep 08	
04-05 Oct 08	01-02 Nov 08
06-07 Dec 08	10-11 Jan 09
07-08 Feb 09	07-08 Mar 09
04-05 Apr 09	02-03 May 09
06-07 Jun 09	11-12 July 09
01-02 Aug 09	12-13 Sep 09

As of 2 Sept. 2008

Fri, 5 September 2008

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1500 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1066, OG Conf Room
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1056, 970th Conf Rm

Sat, 6 September 2008

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1500 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 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 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1200-1600 Family Day Bldg 1030 and 1082
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 7 September 2008

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 1130-1500 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 0800-1600 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1130 Sfty Council Mtg/Unit Sfty Rep Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng To Be Determined
 1000-1100 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3S0X1 Trng Bldg 1043, Rm 203
1300, by appt. CDC Testing Bldg 11043, ATN
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 3 October 2008

1300 Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400 Pre-UTA First Sgts Mtg Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1500 Pre-UTA CChief & 1st Sgt Mtg Bldg. 1066, OG Conf Room
 1600 Top 3 Executive Board Mtg Bldg 1056, 970th Conf Rm

Sat, 4 October 2008

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-0930 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1500 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 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 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1000-1100 Mobility Rep Meeting To Be Determined
 1200-1600 Family Day Bldg 1030 and 1082
 1300-1545 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1300-1400 Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
 1300-1400 Wg. Career Advisor Trng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Managers Mtg Bldg 1043, CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 5 October 2008

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 1130-1500 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 0730-0800 Protestant Chapel Service 513th ACG Auditorium
 0730-0800 Catholic Mass Bldg. 1066 OG Conf Rm
0750- by appt CDC testing Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1130 Haz Comm Trng/Supr Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 0900-1000 Mandatory 3A0X1 Tng To Be Determined
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3S0X1 Trng Bldg 1043, Rm 203
1300, by appt. CDC Testing Bldg 11043, ATN
 1300-1600 First Duty Station Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT
 1400-1500 IG period w/Capt. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5
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 at 734-7075 or your UTM.

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in **Bldg 1030, 507th MSG Conference Room. 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
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	1315-1430	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Sunday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Sunday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG

UCMJ Briefing:

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

Ethics Briefing:

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

Disaster Preparedness:

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

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

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02 Oct	10 Oct

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New MPF Hours

Closed Thursday

Saturday UTA

Open at 0800 - 1500, except for following closures:

1300-1330 - Employments/Relocations

1400-1430 - Career Enhancements

1500-1530 - Customer Service

1500-1600 - IDs only

Sunday UTA

Open at 1130 - 1600

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If Last Digit of SSAN is:	Then Forward Listing to Unit Commander in:	Recertification due by end of month in:
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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
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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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Air Force Reserve to test force support squadron concept

Starting in October, the Air Force Reserve Command will test a new force support structure by merging mission support squadrons and services squadrons at seven locations throughout the United States.

In the test, which will run for one year, the affected units will merge manpower and personnel functions with services. Combining these services in one organization is designed to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations.

“The Air Force has become a leaner force,” said Col. Joseph Vivori, director of manpower and personnel at Headquarters AFRC.

“As a result, our people have to make the best use of the resources they have,” he said. “By combining manpower, personnel and services under one manager, we will reduce overall costs and give our people more flexibility to respond to their customers.”

The test will involve two kinds of units - stand-alone locations and locations that receive support from host active-duty units. Stand-alone test locations are March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; and Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. Test locations that will receive some support from their hosts are MacDill AFB, Fla.; Hill AFB, Utah; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska;

and McGuire AFB, N.J.

Labor relations bargaining obligations will be satisfied with local unions in advance of the test.

Stand-alone locations will have four flights - force development, community support, civilian personnel, and readiness and plans. Supported locations will have two flights - force development and operations, which contains many of the elements of a readiness and plans flight.

“Force support squadrons are designed to bring people and services together,” said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, who approved the test for the command. “Like the active force, we will have one agency to care for our people and manage the services that support them. It makes good business sense for us to organize the same way we deploy overseas.”

Airmen and their families can expect to continue to have the same world-class support, care and facilities they’ve always had, say command officials. They emphasize that the merger is not about downsizing but consolidating processes and programs to better serve people.

After the one-year test ends, AFRC officials will determine how to implement force support squadrons for the entire command. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

507th Civil Engineer excel in Fire Muster



Tech. Sgt. Travis Giguere served as the 507th CE coach.

Recently on Aug. 3, a number of deployed 507th Civil Engineering members participated in the Fire Muster Competition at Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq. The team, which included the 507th personnel, took second place out of 11 teams. The competition was organized and coached by Civil Engineering Fire Fighters from Tinker and other bases. The firefighters were not allowed to compete. Some Tinker firefighters were instrumental in coordinating this event.

Staff Sgt. Craig Cusenz served as master of ceremonies and preparation for almost all of it. Tech Sgt. Travis Giguere was a coach and helped set up. Others helping with setup were: Senior Airmen Aaron Meyer and Matthew Hau, and Airman First Class Adam Murray.

The events included the Hose and Barrel, the Bucket Brigade, the Obstacle Course Relay, the Bunker Gear Drill and the Hose and Target Competition.

Okies extinguish fire department in double-header sweep

By John Banks
Tinker Public Affairs

The July 29 softball game between rivals Okies and the Fire Department had all the makings of a great match up.

However, the timely hitting and solid defense of the Okies helped them sweep the doubleheader 15-0 and 13-4.

After a scoreless first inning of game one, the Okies' bats came to life in the second, fueled by the timely hitting of Brian Finley, Jeff Milliken, Jim Moore, Rod Garrison and Christian Pufall. Each had RBI singles in the second inning to give their side a 5-0 lead.

The Okies continued their domination, scoring 10 runs in the next two innings.

A three-run triple by Shad Macfarlane was the capper on a 15-0 three inning Okies' victory.

"Our bats were definitely on tonight, but I would say the difference was the



Swing batter
Okies third baseman Brian Finley takes a big cut during the third inning of a July 29 intramural softball game against the Fire Department. The Okies swept the doubleheader 15-0 and 13-4.

(Air Force photo/John Banks)

ability of the defense to keep the talented Fire Department off the scoreboard," said Finley, Okies third baseman and head coach.

In the second game, the Fire Department jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, highlighted by run scoring by Jimmy Don Westervelt and Brian Farris.

The Fire Department's lead was short-lived. The Okies came back with six runs in the top half of the second inning. The surge was spearheaded by Finley and Garrison, each hitting two-run doubles.

The Okies held on to the lead and won game two 13-4.

"The game was well played by both sides and we are very fortunate to walk away with two victories tonight," said Finley.

The victory evens the Okies' record at 7-7 and the loss drops the Fire Department to 7-5 on the season.

507th ARW and 513th ACG sports schedule

September 2008

8th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
9th	TBD	Football openers-Week 1	Tinker Field
15th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
16th	TBD	Football Week 2	Tinker Field
17th	5 p.m.	Okie Thumper Softball War	Champ Field
18th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	The Alley Club
22nd	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
23rd	TBD	Football Week 3	Tinker Field
23rd	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym
27th	8 p.m.	Proposed All Netter	38th EIG
29th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
30th	TBD	Football Week 4	Tinker Field
30th	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym

October 2008

1st	5 p.m.	Okie Thumper War	Champ Field
4th	all day	Sand Volleyball tourney	TAFB
6th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
7th	TBD	Football Week 5	Tinker Field
7th	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym
14th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
		(holiday makeup)	
14th	TBD	Football Week 6	Tinker Field
14th	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym
15th	5 p.m.	Okie Thumper War	Champ Field
20th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	38th EIG
21st	TBD	Football Week 7	Tinker Field
21st	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym
25th	8 p.m.	Halloween Party	Del City VFW
27th	5 p.m.	Sand Volleyball Finale	38th EIG
28th	TBD	Football Week 8	Tinker Field
28th	6 p.m.	Indoor Volleyball	Gerrity Gym



Finis Flight
Col. Clayton Childs, 507th ARW vice commander, reacts to the cold water and other liquids as he completes his last flight with the 507th ARW on Sept. 3. Colonel Childs will become the new Reserve Advisor to the Air Mobility Command Inspector General.
 Photo by Capt. Robert Atkins.



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DoD extends TRICARE waiver for Guard, Reservists

DoD on Aug. 12 made permanent its authority to waive the annual TRICARE deductibles for eligible dependents of reservists and National Guard members who are called to active duty for more than 30 days.

In a final rule published in the Federal Register, DoD made permanent a temporary waiver authority established in the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act. The waiver applies only to participants in TRICARE Standard or Extra, but not TRICARE Prime. The TRICARE Standard/Extra annual deductible for active-duty family members is \$150 per individual and \$300 per family. DoD noted that the waiver was partly in consideration that many reservists may have already paid annual deductibles under their civilian health plan prior to being called up.

The rule also allows TRICARE to pay up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge for services supplied by health care providers that are not part of the TRICARE network. This change allows reservists to continue to see their civilian providers with whom they have established a pre-call-up relationship, the notice said. "These provisions help ensure timely access to health care and maintain clinically appropriate continuity of health care to family members of reservists and Guardsmen activated in support of a federal/contingency operation," the notice said. To see more, go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-18597.htm>.

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