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Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Operations Building were held Sept. 8th. Participants included Col. Devin Wooden, 137th OG commander; Col. Gregory Ferguson, 137th ARW commander, Maj. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Oklahoma Adjutant General; Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th ARW commander, and Col. Gregory Gilmour, 507th OG commander. See story on Page 4.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



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

## Wing is doing great

Fiscal year 2008 has seen one of the best safety records in the history of the 507th and this was directly attributed to the hard work and attention to detail of all the wing members. We must continue to focus on safety and ORM in all we do. All Airmen have this personal responsibility and accountability to follow regulations and TO's. Each and every one of you has the ability to call a "TIME OUT" if you feel that something is just not right. We need to continue to be the best wingmen we can possibly be. We worked hard to improve our readiness and have proved to the world how good this wing is. By the end of the year

we will have almost 600 wing members deployed in support of AEF tasking; almost 50 percent of the wing.

The wing now goes into the second year of our association with the 137th ARW; many of you have been uprooted and moved to new locations. We finally broke ground on the new squadron operations building and with its completion should be able to move most of the displaced personnel back to permanent quarters. The progress on the association is a model for the rest of the Air Force to follow and I see great things happening in the future of this association.

We have just completed getting most of our AEF volunteers back in the last few weeks and Kim and I thank each and every one of you for your and your family's sacrifices. You are all true heroes. But like a neverending cycle, most of our operations squadron and maintenance squadrons will be either deployed or getting ready to deploy in the next month. Our thought and prayers are with all of you who might be going or are already in harms way.

### Billy Hughes Banquet scheduled next month

The Billy Hughes award packages are due by the close of business on Sunday, Oct. 5. Each unit can submit up to three packages (one per category) but will submit at least one. The award packages are to be turned in to the Command Chief's office. The winning packages will be submitted to 4th Air Force for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year award.

The Billy Hughes Memorial Award for Exemplary Enlisted Service is presented annually to the enlisted members of the Tinker Air Force Base Reserve whose duty performance and everyday conduct have best exemplified the United States Air Force core values of "Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do."

The award was instituted in 1998 by the men and women of the 507th Air Refueling Wing to commemorate the life of Tech. Sgt. Billy Lee Hughes. Sergeant Hughes was a supervisory aircraft maintenance technician for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. He was serving as an Air Reserve Technician in the 507th TFG at the time of his death on July 12, 1992.



### New Wing Vice Commander

**Michael Mahon, center, is the new 507th Air Refueling Wing vice commander. Helping pin on his new rank of Colonel are Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th ARW commander and Mahon's wife Diane. The effective date for both was Sept. 16. Mahon left the Navy in 1997, after serving 10 years, and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1998, as a member of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron. He has served as a flight commander, the 507th Operations Support Flight commander and his most recent position was as commander of the 465th ARS. He is a fully qualified, mission-ready KC-135R instructor pilot with more than 4,500 hours of military flight time.**

Photo by Tech Sgt. Melba Koch

# Coffee Beans

by Chaplain, Capt. Kelly Stahl

Most everyone that knows me, knows I like coffee. It is a fun culture that I enjoying being a part of. But I recently heard a story about a person that was struggling with crisis in their life and coffee beans played an important role. A young man went back to stay with his parents feeling overwhelmed and ready to just give up and toss in the towel because of some circumstances in his life. When he explained his willingness to except defeat and shared his desire to give up, the young man's mother invited him into the kitchen. There his mother pulled out three small cooking pots, filled them with water and placed them on the stove. Soon the water began boiling and the mother placed carrots in one, eggs in another and coffee beans in last pot. After a time of boiling, she took them off the burner placed each item in a bowl and set them in front of her weary child.

The mother asked him to observe each cooked item. The carrots, which were once stiff and hard, were now soft and tender. The eggs that had been liquid on the inside were now solid throughout. The child noticed that the coffee beans hadn't really changed but the water was a deep brown, with a rich and pleasing aroma.



The confused child looked at the mother and wondered besides making him hungry where she was going with this until the mother began speaking. She said that when the crisis in life happens, and crisis will happen, we have three choices to make. We can be like the carrots that wilt and become soft, no longer strong as they once were. We can be like the eggs that go in with a heart that is soft but come out with one that is hardened, or we can be like the coffee beans that don't change themselves but change their surroundings adding richness and fullness to their situation.

How do you measure up to the carrots, eggs and coffee? How have the tough circumstances in life affected you? Have you given up? We need to do our best to give of ourselves and add fullness and flavor to the life we have, after all, we only have one chance at it. Hebrews 9:27 says man is destined to die once. If you find yourself giving up, don't. Seek assistance. Look to your friends, family, coworkers and faith for answers, hope and encouragement. Whatever it is that you are going thru or will be going thru in the future, because crisis will come, you can make it thru. With a little help, you can flavor your surroundings and be a pleasing aroma to those around you! Be a bean; a coffee bean, that is.

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**507th ARW Mission:** Man, train, equip, and sustain an Expeditionary Reserve Force in support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.  
**513th ACG Mission:** Citizen-airmen extending America's Global Power operating the world's best airborne battle management, warning and control platform.

## Joint squadron operations facility a reality with groundbreaking

by Lt. Col. Richard Curry

A major step in Total Force Integration took place at Tinker Air Force Base yesterday during a ground breaking ceremony for a new joint squadron operations facility.

When complete in December of 2009, the 25,000 square foot joint-use facility will cost more than \$8 million will house joint operational offices for air refueling wings from both the Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard.

A result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process directed the former 137th Airlift Wing to convert to a KC-135R Stratotanker operations and begin associate unit partnering with the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

Under this associate operations, the 507th Air Refueling Wing is the host wing with all 12 aircraft assigned owned by the Air Force Reserve Command. The Oklahoma ANG is jointly helping to maintain and conduct refueling operations. As joint operations began last January the 507th ARW becomes the first AFRC wing to have an ANG wing associated with it.

The 507th's 465th Air Refueling Squadron had already been projected to receive funding for a new squadron operations facility for years. When the decision was reached to establish joint operations, authorization was received to begin the work to establish new con-

struction to house the Air National Guard operations. Air Force officials here struck out to receive authorization for a larger, combined facility versus two separate buildings. The joint use facility includes briefing rooms, training and testing areas, locker and shower area, and a joint life support section and joint auditorium.

"By combining funding sources and combining mutual joint use aspects such as the joint use auditorium we are able

to get a facility that will better satisfy the operational needs for both squadrons," said Mr. Joe Wade, 507th ARW Facility Program Manager, 507th CES.

"We are all happy this day has finally come," said 507th Air Refueling Wing commander Col. Jeffery R. Glass during the groundbreaking event. "With this groundbreaking today we are taking one more step toward an exciting new level of joint operations."



Members of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron inspect the plans for their new building at the groundbreaking ceremony. The new building will serve as an operations facility for the 465th ARS and the Air National Guard.



The crews were back at work on the site after the groundbreaking ceremony.

Photos by Tech Sgt. Melba Koch

# Wing flawlessly supports international naval exercise

Personnel from the 507th Air Refueling Wing deployed to Hickam AFB, HI from Jun 29 to August 4 supporting the Rim of the Pacific 2008 (RIMPAC 08) Exercise.

This was the fourth time wing members have participated as the sole Air Force refueling assets in this major exercise.

RIMPAC, hosted by Commander, U.S. Pacific fleet, demonstrates the U.S. Navy's commitment to working with our global partners in protecting the maritime freedom as a basis for global prosperity and to ensure stability throughout the Pacific.

RIMPAC has been conducted since 1971. This year's exercise involved 10 nations, 35 ships, six submarines, over 150 aircraft and 20,000 Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coastguardsmen. Participants include Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom and the United States.

The exercise consists of three major phases. Phase I, the Harbor Phase, from June 29 through July 8 consists of operational planning meetings and safety briefings. This phase is designed to make final preparations for the at-sea phases of the exercises, as well as foster teamwork and international goodwill.

Phase II, the Operational Phase, driven by a schedule of events, started July 8 and continued through July 20. This portion included live fire exercises, missile exercises, anti-surface warfare, undersea warfare and naval maneuvers. This phase exercised the U.S. military's ability to conduct robust command and

control operations with multinational players and enhances combined warfighting capabilities.

At the completion of the Operational Phase, participating units repositioned to prepare for the final phase of RIMPAC.

Phase III, the Tactical Phase of the exercise, is scenario-driven and took place July 24 through July 28. This phase concluded with the ships' return to Pearl Harbor. The intense training during this phase allows participating nations to strengthen their sea control capabilities and improve their ability to communicate and operate in simulated hostile scenarios.

The wing's deployment consisted of two rotations with four KC-135Rs, 6 aircrews, 12 staff members, 63 maintenance personnel and a Detachment Commander (DETCO) for a total of 80 plus deployed troops. The mission objective was to establish and operations and conduct air-refueling as tasked by the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC).

Detachment Commanders were Lt. Col. Thomas Hudnall for the first half and Lt. Col. Andrew Worth for the second. Captain Carol Stanley and Major Daniel Moore were maintenance OICs respectively.

According to Colonel Hudnall, "The staff performed admirably establishing operations in minimally equipped buildings. Extensive ADVON preparation and coordination resulted in our achieving operational capability within 24 hours of arrival."

Hudnall said wing flying operations

consisted of refueling US and allied aircraft in various areas according to operational requirements. "Our aircraft flew 64 sorties for 257 hours and offloaded over 2.2 million pounds of fuel," he said.

While most of the daily sorties averaged 4.4 hours many did last more than seven hours. More than 90 percent of the missions flown involved use of the



**Capt. Jenette Jensen, co-pilot and instructor pilot with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, participated in RIMPAC.**

drogue boom.

"Aircrews and maintenance personnel displayed their flexibility and positive attitude by adjusting to numerous mission changes. As a result of this, sortie reliability of our 50-year-old aircraft was an unprecedented 100 percent!" Hudnall said.

"This deployment resulted in excellent training in a multinational, diverse environment for operations, maintenance and support personnel and I think it greatly furthered our readiness for operational employment," he said.





Making memories and a memory box.



A near-miss pie in the face.



The band sounded great.

The food lines were long but the food was tasty.



*Photos by Clifton Howard, Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch and Senior Airman Zach Anderson*

**FAMILY DAY**



**Crimson was a popular color of the day.**



**Judging by the reaction, this chili was SPICY!**



**Games for the grownups.**



**Face painting takes patience and talent.**

# Self Control + Trust = Success

by Lt. Col. Dale C Andrews  
513th Air Control Group  
Chief of Maintenance

The low-hanging clouds promised another day of misery. Warily I tossed my ruck and weapon aboard an abused Huey whose rotors churned at the morning mist. Climbing in I glanced about and already saw eyes closed, heads hanging, and minds numb to the surroundings. Thankfully not everyone was oblivious. Nearby slicks contained individuals with their "heads in the game." From a distance I could spot them by their actions. In most cases it was a confident troop checking others, their equipment, the operation order and map to ensure our survival. Scanning across the landing zone I made eye contact and instinctively knew who I could trust if circumstances turned deadly.

Can others trust you? Or are you oblivious to daily events as you float down the river of life? Are you aware of your surroundings, positioning yourself to take advantage of future opportunities, engag-

ing the environment, delaying gratification, assisting others or exercising the moral fortitude to do what is right? In a nutshell, can you control your life and be trusted?

Historically those in control of their lives influence the outcome of their circumstances. Haphazard individuals run the risk of failure. Ten days after bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, Lt. Gen. Walter Short and Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, the Army and Navy commanders in Hawaii, were relieved of their commands and reduced in rank. Their sin: the Japanese had caught them by surprise and killed soldiers and sailors, sunk ships, and destroyed airplanes. In retrospect General Short and Admiral Kimmel failed to control specific aspects of their lives which could have mitigated the terrible consequences that December morning. Regrettably these two men lost the trust and confidence of their superiors.

What circumstances are you dealing with today? I doubt you are preparing to repulse a hostile attack on the Ha-

waiian Islands. Nevertheless you may be dealing with circumstances just as grave. As a commander I've listened to unit members as they've dealt with crippling financial circumstances. In each case they lost control of their lives. Other factors became more important than maintaining control. Factors such as class status, self image and addictions all tore at the fabric of control. Once frayed and with no thought of repair, financial control disintegrated. The resulting financial circumstances crippled unit members and their families. Security clearances along with promotion opportunities and a military career dried up. The element of trust vanished like the morning mist.

Finances are but one area we can lose control. What about others? Each of us needs to be on guard for distractions in our lives. Unless you live with a Drill Instructor each of us must have self discipline, the self discipline to take control of your life. Because in the military, self control and trust are what makes us different from those outside the wire.

## September Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Promoted to</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Promoted to</u>
Ricky Buettner	507th SFS	Staff Sgt	Rachel Haggard	507th CES	Senior Airman
Dewey Belcher	970th AACCS	Tech Sgt	Joy O'Boyle	507th MSF	Tech Sgt
Andrew Melone	970th AACCS	Master Sgt	Adam Lynch	507th SFS	Staff Sgt
Jeffery Wilson	970th AACCS	Staff Sgt	Matthew Stark	513th AMXS	Staff Sgt
Sue Hathaway	507th MXS	Tech Sgt	Cory Tayloe	513th AMXS	Tech Sgt
Mark Warfield	507th MXS	Master Sgt	Brian Dixon	72nd APS	Senior Airman
Andrea Alder	513th ACG	Master Sgt	Christopher Ferrell	72nd APS	Senior Airman
Donald Clevenger	507th LRS	Tech Sgt	Ashley Gordon	72nd APS	Senior Airman
Ade Martin	507th LRS	Master Sgt	Marco Guest	72nd APS	Senior Airman
Lee West	507th LRS	Master Sgt	Matthew Watkins	72nd APS	Senior Airman
Ernest Miller	507th MSG	Master Sgt	Jon Green	1st ASF	Tech Sgt
Shane Hellinger	507th MSF	Staff Sgt	James Moore	507th MOF	Master Sgt





## 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. Next class is scheduled for Feb. 2-13, 2009. See unit training manager for information.

## 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

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 26 Sept. 2008

## OCTOBER TRAINING PLANNER

**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  
 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**  
 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**  
 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  
 1530 - Wing Commander's Call Base Theater  
**Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated**

**Fri, 31 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, 1 November 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  
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 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, 2 November 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**  
 0800-1100 Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm  
 0830-0930 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm  
 0900-1130 Supr Safety Trng 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**  
 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**.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>OPR</u>
Saturday	1315-1430	Drug and Alcohol, Suicide/ Workplace Violence Prevention	SG
Saturday	1430-1500	Local Conditions/ORM	SE
Saturday	1500-1530	OPSEC Training	OG
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

### 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

<b>File for pay by:</b>	<b>Receive Direct Deposit by:</b>
02 Oct	10 Oct
07 Oct	15 Oct
09 Oct	17 Oct
14 Oct	22 Oct
16 Oct	24 Oct
20 Oct	29 Oct
22 Oct	31 Oct
28 Oct	05 Nov
30 Oct	07 Nov
04 Nov	12 Nov

**Military Pay (405) 734-5016**

**\*\*New MPF Hours\*\***  
**Closed Thursday afternoon**  
**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:
1	November	January
2	December	February
3	January	March
4	February	April
5	March	May
6	April	June
7	May	July
8	June	August
9	July	September
0	August	October

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

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## Core Values

# Integrity, Service before Self and Excellence

by **Master Sgt. Virgil Hogue**  
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Another year has come and gone and as I thought about all of the things I accomplished in the past year. I couldn't help but question myself. Did I lead with Integrity? Did I put the mission and my personnel before myself, and did I do everything with excellence?

As a senior NCO I should strive to be the leader of leaders and not just a leader of followers. If you look around in your unit you can spot the good leaders, they are going somewhere and they are able to persuade others to go with them; from the examples they have set and the passion they have about the role they play within the unit. Good leaders understand that people don't really care about how much you know until they know how much you care. If you think your people aren't paying attention you may need a reality check.

Jules Ormont, an author of famous quotes, said "A great leader never sets himself above his followers except in carrying responsibilities." Good leaders who remain connected with their people stoop, that's the only way to reach down and pull others up.

I once asked an old Chief what I needed to do to be a good leader. His reply: Setting an example in the best pos-

sible way you can with all of the tools and resources available to you, and ask yourself these questions. Am I cheating my followers out of something (mentoring by example, networking with other senior NCOs in other areas)? And are they watching and learning from me or someone else? If so, you have failed as a leader.

The most important thing we can do for our people is to make sure we give them every opportunity to progress in the ranks and make sound leadership decisions. Being an active member of the Top 3 is a great example for everyone to set and follow. Why? It promotes esprit de corps, camaraderie and networking. It provides a unified voice from the enlisted force to top leadership. Most importantly it's about others and if you don't have the passion or time for others you may find it's lonely at the top.

In my civilian job it's the same for me, I'm in the people business and I make sure I'm pulling my people to the top. I make sure that they know everything I know and, most importantly, they know I care. So get involved in your Tinker Reserve Top Three and set one more great example. Refresh yourself with AFI 36-2618; then have your troops read it. It will give them a better understanding on just what their role is as part of the enlisted structure. I wish each of you the success and recognition you have worked for.

## October is National Fire Safety Month

by **S MSgt. Gary A. Bristol**  
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The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire which occurred October 8, 1871. According to legend, it was started in a two story barn owned by Patrick O'Leary. His wife ran a milk business out of the barn and carelessly left a kerosene lantern in the barn after the last milking. A cow kicked the lantern over igniting the hay. Of course no proof to this story has ever been offered, other than the testimony of a neighborhood liar, but the legend took hold. Regardless of how the fire started, Chi-

cago became the City of Flames.

There are many things that people can do to improve the fire safety of their homes and the safety of your family.

Here is a small list:

- \* Have at least one operating smoke detector.
- \* Have an escape plan with at least two exits.
- \* Assign someone to help either the elderly or small children.
- \* Assign someone to call 911
- \* Choose a meeting place once outside the home.
- \* Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- \* Have a working fire extinguisher.

\* Keep small children away from cooking area.

\* As-sure portable heaters and space heaters are at least 3 feet away from anything that will burn.

\* Never run extension cords under rugs.

\* Unplug any electrical appliance that has a strange smell.

\* Have your chimney cleaned regularly.



## Reservist selected for State Health Care Task Force

Maj. Mark Rogers a senior hospital administrator with the 507th Medical Squadron was recently selected to serve as an advisor to a newly formed Oklahoma State House Health Care Reform Task Force.

Rogers, in his civilian capacity serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Pushmataha Hospital in Antlers, Okla.

A June survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put Oklahoma last in the nation in number of insured residents aged 65 and under. The report found that nearly one in three Oklahomans under 65 years old are without health insurance. The task force members will be charged with studying efforts in other states and gathering testimony from national experts in the health care field as part of their work.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to participate in this Task Force," Rogers said. As part of the committee he said he is part of a cross segment of

healthcare providers from across the state working to bring common sense solutions to the state problem.

State officials have reported Oklahoma consistently ranks in the bottom 10 states in health factors, including prevalence of smoking, number of primary care physicians, preventable hospitalizations, cardiovascular deaths and obesity and diabetes rates. But, those trends are not irreversible, task force leaders emphasized.

"My hospital has had to write off nearly \$50 million within the past 10-year period because of patients without medical insurance and due to under compensated care (care not fully reimbursed for hospital's costs). Almost thirty-three percent of those coming into our hospital are indigent with no medical insurance," Rogers said. "I get to bring the rural perspective to this committee

and hope to help stop the hemorrhaging in our area and the state."



CEO with air ambulance

## Yellow Ribbon program focused on helping reservists, families

by Lt. Col. Rich Curry  
507th ARW Public Affairs

Wing members returning from long deployments are finding the welcome mat waiting for them.

A congressional directive passed in the last Defense Appropriation Act mandated additional deployment support and reintegration programs are provided for Reserve Component members and their families.

The new program, called the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program seeks to minimize the stresses of military service and specifically stresses encountered as the result of deployment and family separation. AFRC headquarters officials have directed that all AFRC wings enact this program by September 30th.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed to provide support and outreach services to Reserve component service members, their families and communi-

ties throughout the deployment cycle. This program places particular emphasis on preparing service members and their families for the stresses associated with separation and deployment, educating members and families about resources available to assist them, and connecting members to service providers before and during deployments. The focus shifts to reconnecting service members with families and communities for successful reintegration following deployment.

In addition to wing pre-deployment activities, the wing program will conduct reintegration activities after demobilization or the end of a deployment for all members who are mobilized or deployed for 90 days or more. Members will receive appropriate pay and allowances for attending these deployment support and reintegration activities. The wing will make every effort to encourage family

members to attend these events.

The wing kicked its Yellow Ribbon Program during July's redeployment of the 507th ARW Security Force Squadron personnel during their return from Kirkuk, Iraq. Since their return, other wing members for a variety of squadrons have been met upon their return.

"We've met every redeployer, so far, and by the end of the month (September) we will have 60 returnees home safely," said Major (Lt. Col. select) Bonnie Tremblett, 507th ARW Performance Planner. She said returning members are immediately entered into the reintegration program.

According to David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, providing such support to families — both near and far from military facilities — is "crucial to our long-term military success."

Col. James McDonnell, left, prepares to present the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flag to Maj. Eric Eggers during his assumption of command ceremony last month. Prior to this position, Major Eggers was a maintenance operations officer in the 507th AMS. He also was a maintenance officer in the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and a military chief in the C-130 engine logistics for the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

Major Eggers' first assignment was as a sortie generation flight commander for the 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron here at Tinker.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



Senior Master Sgt. John Meissner retired in August with 37 years military duty. He joined the military in 1972 and the unit in March 14, 1980. The last three years he served in the Logistics Readiness Squadron as plans and resources non-commissioned officer in charge.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch



Maj. Brian Eddy, left, 507th MXS commander, presents a retirement flag to Master Sgt. James Dykens, during his retirement ceremony in July. Dykens was the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Structural Repair Section during alternate UTAs since July 2006. He volunteered for the July 2006 RIMPAC exercise and was instrumental during an AEF deployment to Andersen AFB, Guam in January 2007. Dykens retired with 27 years service and works as a civilian aircraft structural maintenance mechanic at Altus AFB.

Photo by Senior Airman Zach Anderson

## PRESIDENT BUSH VISITS TINKER



Tinker leaders salute President Bush as he heads out to Oklahoma City for a meeting.



President Bush shakes the hand of Maj. Paul Ihrig, 465th ARS.



Pictured with the President are Major Ihrig, center, Tech. Sgt. Misty Blount, 513th OSF, and far right, Maj. Jack Spencer, 507th JA, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate.



These 507th members were part of the crowd that welcomed the President to Tinker. From left, Tech. Sgt. Melissa Melichar, Master Sgt. Tracy North, and Capt. Robert Atkins.



Air Force One sits at Tinker's Base Ops.

*Photos by Margo Wright and Tech. Sgt. Melba Koch*



President Bush salutes Tinker as he prepares to depart.

## ESGR Patriot Award presented

Doug Bryson, manager of the Thomas & Betts Corporation in Jonesboro, Arkansas, is presented the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Patriot Award from Master Sgt Roger Eggers, HVAC technician in the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Since Eggers moved from Oklahoma City to Arkansas in 2006 and began work at Thomas & Betts Corp., his employer made special provisions in his work schedule which allowed him time off on the Friday of UTA weekends to travel to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and attend drill. Thomas & Betts Corp. also provides pay differential for deployed Guard and Reserve members to lessen economic hardship for their military employees.

Eggers conveyed thanks to Mr. Bryson on behalf of the Air Force Reserve for his company's outstanding support.



# On-final R-News

## 2008 AF Climate Survey launches Oct. 1

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Have you ever wished you could tell your leaders what you think? That power is at your fingertips with the launching of the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey Oct. 1-8. During this time, individual e-mail invitations will be sent out Air Force-wide that will include a survey link and easy-to-follow instructions.

“This is an opportunity for Airmen across the Air Force to have a voice,” said Col. Daniel Badger Jr., commander of the Air Force Manpower Agency, whose organization is responsible for administering the survey. “By voluntarily completing this survey, you can help our leaders identify what is going well and what needs improving.”

The 2008 Air Force Climate Survey, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, is designed to assess the opinions and perceptions of the Air Force's active-duty members, Reserve, Guard and civilian personnel (appropriated and nonappropriated) on a wide range of topics. These topics include job characteristics, trust (both in senior leadership and in immediate supervisor), support for deployment, resources, recognition, general satisfaction, and unit performance and unit characteristics.

Once the data is gathered, the results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, and then released to the Air Force's unit leaders sometime in early 2009. Technical upgrades to the Air Force Survey System for 2008 will allow commanders to access their reports earlier than in previous years, enabling them to start making improvements immediately.

“Through the survey, people can voice their concerns on issues that directly affect them and their units' mission, with a view on improving the Air Force mission worldwide.” Colonel Badger said. “Look for your personal invitation coming to your inbox Oct. 1-8.”

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