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Williams, Williams win 4th AF First Shirt and Airman of the Year awards

Master Sgt. Takesha Williams, 507th OSF first sergeant, and Senior Airman Bradley Williams, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman, will represent 4th Air Force at the AFRC level in the 2010 Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year Award competition.

Takesha Williams is a dynamic first sergeant, places people first and is a Wing leader and pacesetter. She was selected as the 2009 First Sergeant of the Year also. She is a fitness warrior and created a unit fitness run program that bolstered esprit de corps and unit proficiency.

She served as Wing family day director, lead organizer for the annual fundraising dinner; coordinated team of volunteers for the OKC Memorial marathon; organized books collection for local veterans and served as coordinator for a telethon that raised over \$1.2 M in donations.

Senior Airman Bradley Williams earned 72nd APS "Port Dawg" and 507th Airman of the Year winner for 2009.

He is a mobility warrior; coined by the AMC commander for superior performance during the AMC Mobility Rodeo '09 competition. He was also a skilled porter for the 72nd ABW ORE and deemed an "Excellent Performer."

Bradley Williams has completed 60 hours toward a BS in Aviation Business Management and completed a challenging 80 hour Hazardous Materials Inspector class, graduating with a 100 percent average.

He served as vice president of the Tinker Reserve Enlisted Advisory Council; devoted 12 hours a month to lead an "Adopt a Street" program team; volunteers for Meals onWheels and spearheaded transportation efforts for the Wing Family Day.



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

Prepare for upcoming events, weather season

Our operations, maintenance and LRS deployers have all returned. I would like to thank everyone for the hard work it takes to get these individuals back home. This is truly a team effort. When a jet returns, we have most wing functions here to help with the redeployment. We have LRS operating buses and loaders, the MPF is updating records, medical checking medical status, the chaplain providing support and we have operators and maintainers that did not deploy helping. I would especially like to thank the 137th for providing help in both the deployment and redeployment. For all that deployed THANK YOU from my wife

and me for your sacrifices and a job WELL DONE!

We need continue emphasis on the up-coming inspections. Each member of this wing is a vital piece to the completion of the inspections. Do not sit back and hope someone else steps up to do the work needed. So far we have come a long way, but we still have a lot of work to do.

March also brings the start of our severe weather season. We had a successful tornado exercise last month, but everyone needs to also work on your procedures at home. Most deaths occur during the nighttime when people are sleeping. How will you be notified and what are your actions? You need to also practice at home to be prepared, when you are awakened from a deep sleep by sirens or your weather radio. Be safe and stay alert!



AFRC Commander sends redeployment policy

Greetings,


Reservists must balance their commitments to the Air Force, family, and employer. Referred to as the Reserve Triad, this balance is important to you and the success of your career. Preserving the viability of the Triad is a top priority for our mission.

Predictability is vital to planning and balancing your commitments. Recently, policy was signed by the Commander, United States Air Forces Central Command emphasizing the importance of predictability by placing priority on the return schedule for our deployed Reservists. I continue to advocate for policies and procedures that allow you to plan your future. Please review the policy letter at <http://www.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100122-005.pdf>.

I want to assure each and every one of you the importance I place on providing predictability to your lives. Your service to our nation, while balancing your commitment to the Air Force, your family and employer is essential to our mission success.

Until next time,

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CHARLES E. STENNER, JR., Lt Gen, USAF
Commander



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16 October 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR USAFCENT

FROM: USAFCENT/CC

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Air Reserve Component (ARC) Personnel

1. ARC members serving in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) are on restricted length Title X military personnel appropriation (MPA) orders. The tour lengths, combined with travel days and entitlements are closely calculated by the Command Man-Day Allocation System (CMAS). Normally approximately 24-48 hours of flexibility is built into an ARC member's orders. Any delays beyond this "flexibility" force an MPA extension and unnecessary cost. (Ref: AFI 10-401 Paragraphs 9.17.2 and 9.17.3).
2. To minimize the need for extensions of orders and to ensure reliable deployment and redeployment dates for our ARC personnel, the following procedures will be used when determining priority for departing personnel from our forward bases:
 - a. Upon completion of tour length and unit line number (ULN) required overlap defined by the time-phased force and development data (TPFFD), which equals members Tour End Date, ARC members are released from duty; given priority status and must be scheduled for first available airlift IAW CENTCOM's standing force rotation business rules. ARC members may volunteer to continue duty until their scheduled transportation is available.
 - b. Regardless of the Ready to Load Date (RLD) for active duty members, the ARC personnel who have reached their Tour End Date must be moved first. Installation Deployment Officers/NCOs will ensure ARC members are scheduled to depart from the deployed location within a reasonable timeframe (approximately 48 hours from their Tour End Date). Military channel and contingency airlift are the primary means of transportation. If necessary, units will delay departure of active air component personnel to ensure ARC personnel return within the required timeframe. Commercial airlift from the aerial port of embarkation (APOE) is authorized if transportation delays are projected to be in excess of 10 days or more from their Tour End Date. (Ref: AFH 10-416, Chap 4, Para 4.3)
3. USAFCENT/A4X AEF Movement Team is the OPR for these procedures and will resolve discrepancies in coordination with USAFCENT CG/CR. The procedures described above constitute policy when establishing priorities for airlift and determining alternate means of transportation.


 GILMARY M. HOSTAGE III
 Lieutenant General, USAF
 Commander

A new perspective on life and death

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mike Jones
507th ARW Wing Chaplain

In continuing my thoughts on Life and Death, as a hospice chaplain I have witnessed some absolutely wonderful scenes of family unity and love. I've seen times when



parents, children, siblings and spouses (even ex-spouses) all pulled together for the good of the dying family member. That unity brought peace and closure, not only for the patient, but also for the family as well.

Unfortunately I've also witnessed some horrific scenes when family members fought about everything from how to care for the patient to controlling who would and who would not get to visit. Little or no concern was given to the fact that all of this was played out in front of the patient who may be unable to verbalize his or her own wishes or desires. What a tragedy.

Family relationships can be a source of deep peace or excruciating pain. I've

always known how important family was in life, but now I realize just how important family can be in the dying process and in death. So start now to build strong family relationships. If they are good, work to make them even better. If there is someone in your family that you really struggle with, then make an effort (or renew your efforts) to come to some kind of peace with them. It may be more important than you realize.

(Part 2 in a series on Life and Death)



Lt. Col. Lee Archer died Jan. 27, 2010, at the age of 90. He was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and flew some 169 combat missions during World War II. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christine Jones)

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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.

The lifelong effects of a DUI

by Staff Sgt. Mark Faulkner
(354th OSS, Eielson AFB AK)

On the night of June 4, 2009, I was pulled over and charged with driving under the influence. I spent the night in jail and my life will forever be changed.

As a member of the United States Air Force, judgment and courage are paramount in determining our effectiveness. Unlike various other occupations throughout the world, we are held to a standard that transfers both on and off duty – our careers, lives, and specialties are a “24 hours a day, 365 days a year” responsibility. Being a member of the military is more than a job. It is a lifestyle.

In addition to my civilian punishment the military punishment that I face will be detrimental to my career. As a military member, I have served honorably and deployed to some of the most remote locations in the world. The night I spent in jail was more lonely and desolate than any deployment I have participated in. I was incarcerated with criminals that had no respect for themselves or the law. It was a frightening experience.

As days pass and I am forced to reflect on the event, I am filled with anger and disappointment. In the six years I have served in the Air Force, I have received numerous accolades; my peers and leaders have come to expect excellence from me. When I made the choice to drink and drive, I compromised all the hard work that has taken place. The most difficult part of this fiasco is facing my co-workers and commanders who had so much confidence and faith in me.

The DUI epidemic must stop. We have all attended commander calls that emphasize the “wingman” and “safety net” concept. If for some reason this message is not getting through, then perhaps the following list of my court mandated punishments will.

In accordance with Alaska law, my punishment consists of:

- 24 hours of community service
- 90 days revocation of license
- Minimum of 72 hours of jail time
- \$1,500 fine

- SR-22 insurance - \$2000 per year mandatory for a minimum of five years
- Interlock device installed on my vehicle - \$125 for installation and \$100 a month maintenance fee for one year
- Revocation of drinking privileges for two years – cannot be within 1000 feet of alcoholic beverages
- \$900 court fees

- License reinstatement fees of \$350

- A permanent mark on my driving record, resulting in excessive insurance rates for the rest of my life

Additionally, my military punishment includes a revocation of driving privileges on base for one year and requirement to change the DUI sign at the front of the base indefinitely. In conjunction with civilian punishment, the multitude of military punishments I will face, both tangible and intangible, are catastrophic. I will be at Eielson 6 more months, and it

is my goal to change the DUI sign at the front gate for the remainder of the time I am assigned here.

Confucius once said “To see what is right, and not do it, is want of courage or principle”. This quote is a testament to integrity and courage. The Air Force core values are not just words – but ideals and values with which you must conduct yourself on and off duty. True courage is not thinking about the consequences of detrimental behavior, but acting upon those thoughts and making the responsible decision. I ask that you listen and learn from my experience.

The cost of a taxi cab ride home from North Pole, AK is \$15. The overall cost of fines and court fees for a first-time DUI offense exceeds \$20,000. You could travel halfway around the Earth in a taxi for \$20,000.

In 2008, there were a total of 11,773 DUI fatalities throughout the United States. Can you imagine your closest friend or family member being one of these casualties? It is a difficult thing to imagine, but it happens every day. I urge you to consider these consequences and statistics before you begin drinking. Create a plan for yourself and force yourself to the plan into action.

Have respect for yourself, your service, and your country. Make the right decision and retain your honor, respect, and all the hard work you have put into your career.



**Don't Drink
And Drive...**

Accept kindness during life-altering events

**Commentary by Maj. Sharon Walker
81st Medical Group**

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFNS) — I've always felt that people matter and I have tried to help them all I could. Most of my life experiences have included taking care of others.

I'm an Air Force officer, a nurse, wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend and the list goes on. Many times as a supervisor, and in my deployment position as chief nurse at the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group, I often was engaged with people who required American Red Cross services. I never imagined being a recipient of these services and having others have to take care of me.

While deployed overseas, I received a knock on my dorm room door at about 3 a.m. It was the 379th EMED first sergeant informing me that the Red Cross needed me to call immediately regarding my husband's health condition in the states.

I already had spoken with family and colleagues at Keesler Medical Center, so I'd known of my husband's hospitalization, but the last status report I received wasn't as gloomy as what I was about to hear. My husband's condition warranted him being moved to the intensive care unit, sedated and placed on a life-saving ventilator.

The Red Cross representatives were very efficient in ensuring I would be ready to leave for the states in a timely manner. Even though my tour would have been up in less than two weeks, I really wasn't ready to leave at that very moment. My orders were expedited. I departed for home and was at my husband's bedside in the ICU within 60 hours. I felt so cared for and that I mattered.

I always will be grateful for the Red Cross efforts and those who were supportive in expediting my trip back to Keesler. I'm back at work and on track with my career. My husband recovered miracu-

lously (I'm not kidding) and his health is good.

Just when things in my life were somewhat falling in line, my husband and I received a call Sept. 7, 2009, informing us of the death of our 22-year-old son, who had moved from Mississippi to Texas the preceding November.

Once again, people showed my family how much we mattered. We received calls and prayers from many 81st Medical Group and Team Keesler people. The memorial service held at the chapel at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was greatly supported by the ministry there, which my family and I were a part of during other military rotations.

I'll always remember the encouragement and hope as my family and I went through this tragic ordeal. We are blessed

to know a savior and counselor who is available 24/7.

There are also Keesler chapel grief counselors, military and family consultant programs and Military One Source references, among others, that can support members through times of grief, loss and stress. In my 18 and a half years of active duty I never would have expected to endure these events.

So, next time you're at one of those deployment or newcomers briefings, pay attention to what is being said. It is a lot of information, but that is why you take the printed material and listen to what is being presented.

Through it all, words cannot express my gratitude for the personal display of care and compassion shown when life-changing events happened to me.



First Lady Michelle Obama speaks at the Joint Armed Forces Officers' Wives Club 32nd annual luncheon Jan. 26, 2010, at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. Since the organization's beginning in 1977, the officers' spouses' clubs from the five military services in the Washington area form a coordinating committee to arrange the annual event. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Tim Chacon)

I look forward to the challenge ...

by Maj Stephen A. Simko
513th MXS/CC

Change—I think I am in the majority, when I state that most people approach change with a bit of nervous apprehension. In my case this has been true for every active duty permanent change of station, every deployment, my transition into the Reserve and now more than ever as I join the 513th ACG team. I don't remember when becoming a maintenance squadron commander became a goal of mine, but it was sometime very early in my career. When the opportunity arose to command the 513th MXS, I knew I would have to push that nervous apprehension aside and make that goal of mine a reality. I now felt like that dog that has chased a car his whole life, and finally caught one...what do I do now?

As I entered the squadron on the morning of Feb. 6th for the Change of Command ceremony, my mind was going a mile-a-minute trying to replay all the lessons I learned over the past 19 years. Prior to showing up at Tinker, I had several conversations with Col. John Trnka and Lt. Col. Dale Andrews to discuss the challenges in the group, the ops tempo, upcoming events and overall expectations. High on the priority list during those conversations were the upcoming inspections and exercises we will face this

year. Immediately, I could not help but think that those are daunting challenges for a commander who has been in the seat for a year or so...and I'll be facing them in my first six months!

I spent the remainder of the February UTA along with a few days of Annual Tour in-processing and getting acclimated to both the 513th ACG and the 507th ARW. It was very refreshing to consistently meet troops that not only took pride in their jobs, but enjoyed what they were doing! No matter where I was, from touring the various maintenance back shops, to a weekly FOD Walk with the 552 MXG, or to a standard in-processing appointment at MPF...everyone was focused on the mission. The relationships between the Reserve units and the Active Duty units is absolutely transparent, the best I have seen in 15 years of working with melded units. As I did the requisite squadron commander tour of the 513th MXS, my nervous apprehension slowly disappeared. I quickly realized that the troops are prepared for any challenges AFRC can throw at them. Upon wrapping up my first six days in the 513th MXS, I took a few moments to look back and ponder my first impressions...having seen the dedication, professionalism and pride first-hand, I can now say, "I am ready for this challenge!"

Lodging Do's and Don'ts

Do make your IDT (UTA, RUTA's, AFTP) reservations through the ALRS (Automated Lodging Reservation System). This is the number used for the system 800-398-9259, then you will press option 6. However, if it kicks you back to the main menu, it is because the line is busy. Continue to press the # 6, until the line becomes open. You can also use the following numbers 405-734-0371, 405-734-0372, 405-734-0373 as well.

Don't use the ALRS system for ADT (AT, MPA, Man days, etc.) reservations. Due to a SAV finding, 507th Services Lodging will no longer provide NON-Availability Statements (NON-A'S). Indian Hills (Base Lodging) will handle all reservations when you are on active duty orders (AT,

MPA, Man days, etc), so do contact Indian Hills (405-734-5562) directly to secure lodging. Do ensure that you know what status you are in when making your reservation.

If you fail to make the proper reservation for active duty orders (AT, MPA, Man days, etc) through Indian Hills and require a NON-A, you will be directed back to request your NON-A through base lodging. 507th Services will no longer be responsible for providing you with a Non-A.

Do – secure your reservation in full as ADT when you are in dual-status (meaning that you either start or end in ADT and then going into IDT or vice versa), then you should call 507 Services to adjust your reservations ac-

cordingly, but please remember that when you are on dual statuses that reservations are treated as separate reservations, so the possibility of moving hotels or rooms is highly probable.

For more information, call: DSN 884-5847 or 884-9241; commercial numbers: 405-734-5847 or 405-734-9241; or Fax: 405-734-9686.

The following information is required for each member authorized lodging:

First name
Last name
Rank
Gender
Unit
SSAN
and a Contact number

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.

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 for authorized languages will pay based on active duty days or IDT periods performed. 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 100 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 June 14-25, 2010. 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.

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 09-10 UTA SCHEDULE

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|---------------|--------------|
| 10-11 Apr 10 | 01-02 May 10 |
| 05-06 Jun 10 | 10-11 Jul 10 |
| *24-25 Jul 10 | 11-12 Sep 10 |

As of Feb. 22, 2010

August UTA has been moved to *24-25 Jul to accommodate UCI inspection.

Fri, 5 Mar 2010

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 1043, ATN Room

Sat, 6 Mar 2010

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 0730-1230 Newcomers In-Processing Bldg 1043, Room 203
0800-1600 MPF-See Page A3 for specific times
 1000-1030 6 Month Contact w/Col Glass Bldg 1043, CC 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 Mgr Meeting Wing CC Conf Room

Unit Designated Sign Out**Sun, 7 Mar 2010**

Unit Designated Sign In Unit Designated
 1200-1600 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
 0900-1000 Enlisted Advisory Council Bldg 1043, CC Conf Rm
 0900-1130 HazCom Trng for Supervisors Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3SOX1 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/Maj. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5

Unit Designated Sign Out**Fri, 09 Apr 2010**

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
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Unit Designated Sign Out

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 | 1330-1400 | Drug and Alcohol | SG |
| Saturday | 1400-1430 | Local Conditions/ORM | SE |
| Saturday | 1445-1515 | OPSEC Training | OG |
| Sunday | 0800-0815 | Base Populace | CEX |
| Sunday | 0815-0830 | IG Briefing | IG |
| Sunday | 0830-0930 | UCMJ/Ethics | JA |
| Sunday | 0945-1015 | Counter Intel/Awareness | SF |
| Sunday | 1015-1045 | Human Relations | EO |
| Sunday | 1300-1600 | First Duty Station (dates TBD) | EO |

UCMJ Briefing:

Article 137 of the UCMJ requires "articles (of the code) shall be explained again ... at the time when the membr reenlists." In an effort to ensure compliance with this requirement of the UCMJ, members who are selected for reenlistment must obtain their Article 137 briefing prior to their reenlistment. This briefing is presently being given at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA at Bldg. 1030, MSG conference room. Members who need the training must bring their reenlistment checklist so it can be annotated.

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 the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0830 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, MSG Conference Room.

Emergency Management:

Unit Training Managers must schedule Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and incendiary Explosive devices (CBRNE) Survival Skills, by name, through ACES PR. All personnel must bring protective mask (inspected and sized) with C2 canister, protective glove inserts, overboots, mask spectacle inserts, canteen (1 quart) with M1 canteen cap, web belt, helmet, Airman's Manual AFMAN 10-100, CBRNE Awareness CBT certification. Wear of contacts is prohibited in all classes. Anyone arriving late, without all required equipment, or wearing contacts, will be released back to their unit and reported as a no-show. Classes will always be on Sunday at 0800 and noon. Students should make every effort to show up 15 minutes prior to the start of class. Walk-ins are not welcome. Any questions can be directed to your CBRNE Unit Scheduler.

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

Military Pay

| File for pay by: | Receive Direct Deposit by: |
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Military Pay (405) 734-5016

****New MPF Hours****
Open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday UTA

Open 0800 - 1600

Newcomers have priority until noon DEERS/CAC/DEP IDs/F(SGLI) will be processed at Bldg. 460 for newcomers until noon. Other services will be filtered in between newcomers. NOTE: Your wait could be long during newcomer processing.

Sunday UTA

Open noon - 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 |
| 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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Final combat boot test results are in

by Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) — The results from the test of a prototype Airman Battle Uniform stain-resistant boot for wear in industrial environments have been released. These results are based on testing that concluded in October 2009.

The wear test choice is a full-grain leather boot, that incorporates a rubber toe and heel cap that resists staining and increases durability.

In 2008, the Air Force Uniform Office here began investigating various options for increasing the stain-resistant properties of the current issue suede ABU combat boots. The first test of a stain-resistant boot was unsuccessful in meeting the needs of Airmen. As a result, AFUO officials conducted a follow-on test with different materials.

“The latest test boots have smooth leather, like the old black boots,” said Richard Keefer, AFUO chief. “The intent was to try a boot that is easy to clean, will not stain and hides scuffs and wear from industrial use.”

In late August 2009, AFUO testers outfitted Airmen at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., for a large-scale boot wear test of various options to increase boot stain resistance. Four different boot manufacturers provided sage green, full-grain leather boots for the wear test. These configurations were:

· “Style A” - A hot weather, safety-toe boot construction with full-grain, smooth sage green leather.

· “Style B” - A temperate weather boot constructed with full-grain, smooth sage green leather. This test boot was the only non-safety toe boot included in the wear test. This boot was only tested on Airmen in non-flight line, non-industrial work environments that did not require a safety toe.

· “Style C” - A hot weather, safety-toe

boot constructed with full-grain, smooth sage green leather. The heel and toe areas of the boot had rubber reinforcements that are also sage green in color.

· “Style D” - A temperate weather, safety-toe construction with full-grain, smooth sage green leather.

According to 1st Lt. Ashley Hawkes, an AFUO project officer, 200 Airmen participated in this wear test, selected primarily by Air Force Specialty Code. Participants included members working primarily in the maintenance, medical and civil engineering career fields.

To accomplish the outfitting of wear-test boots, a team of military, DoD civilians and contractors traveled to Luke AFB to distribute the boots for the wear test. Airmen here also participated in the wear test.

During the outfitting, Airmen attended a briefing on how to choose a properly fitting boot.

Participants wore the boots for a 45-day wear test. They provided feedback via two wear/comment logs, a final survey and focus group attendance. Test officials collected and analyzed participants’ test feedback.

Feedback from participants varied depending upon which boot configuration they wore. The most common concern that maintenance Airman had for each prototype boot was poor traction.

After weeks of testing, the overall choice was a boot configuration that included a rubber heel and toe cap, with the only issues being the boot’s weight, breathability and traction. User feedback and lab testing prompted AFUO officials to recommend adoption of the sage green, full-grain leather boot with rubber heel and toe reinforcements. The requirement will be for this maintenance specialty boot to be designed with a lighter weight, improved

breathability and a better sole.

“It’s vital for Airmen to have equipment that, first and foremost, enables them to stay mission focused,” said Maj. Darien Hammett, 648th Aeronautical Systems Squadron commander. “These boots will provide functionality while also maintaining a professional appearance. It’s a great example of senior leadership responding to feedback from the field.”

As an interim solution until a stain-resistant boot is produced, Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, issued a policy allowing commanders to authorize wear of black boots in specific industrial work areas. Once a stain-resistant boot is approved for production, the black boot wear policy will be phased



Air Force officials announced the results of the recent ABU combat boot wear test. The boot of choice, which includes a rubber-coated toe and heel, is pictured on the right. Research began to develop a stain-resistant boot to overcome issues with the current suede sage green boot, pictured on the left. (U.S. Air Force photo/Brad Jessmer)

out and replaced by the new sage green stain-resistant boot for industrial use only.

More information will be available on the approval and production of a new stain-resistant boot by early summer 2010.

Reserve AWACers lead the way to improve E-3 operations

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

Since their unit's activation in 1996, Air Force reservists from the 513th Air Control Group and 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron have continued to prove themselves instrumental to Air Force flying operations.

In addition to being twice recalled to active service, the group has flown one 8-hour sortie a month supporting future software testing for the E-3 and networking software for a multitude of other aircraft weapons systems.

According to Lt. Col. Curtis Andersen, 970th AACCS, "Since the fall of 2006, we have been flying these dedicated sorties monthly. That's roughly 6 percent of our sorties, and 15 percent of our total annual flying hours."

That flight time has proven invaluable to helping improve the Air Force E-3's operational software and ability to interface with others.

"Prior to our Group's involvement, the software testing received as little as two flights before its actual release. The active duty OPSTEMPO only permitted limited attempts at interoperability testing prior to release," Lt. Col. Andersen said. "Now the testing process averages 10 flights prior to release, with a stronger focus on interoperability. While this is not a typical role for an Associate unit, our experience levels and continuity allow us to accomplish these tests while simultaneously conducting our training requirements."

The reservists were not only able to maintain the testing pace during recent aerospace expeditionary force deployment commitments, they excelled by also producing difference training slides, aircrew aids, and recommended CONOPS (concept of operations) for the new software.

"We've presented difference training to the active duty 552 Air Control Wing crews and their Individual Qualification Training contractor instructors for the last three years," Andersen said.

The reservists have travelled to Kadena AB, Japan and

Alaska to provide consistent difference training for the 961st and 962nd (PACAF assigned units). Prior to their involvement, these PACAF units only received slides.

The reservists have also presented the new software capabilities at the ACC Weapons and Tactics Conference (WEPTAC) for the last four years, educating the experts in the C2 community on the newest AWACS features.

Some of the reservist's big successes include, in 2007, identifying a fatal error in a \$23.1M contractor-supplied software which allowed a fix prior to fielding. That error was not found in the software during the vendor's acceptance testing. The 970th AACCS personnel have also submitted software changes

ranked in the top 10 improvements over each of the last 6 years.

"Our familiarity with the software has allowed us to correct and certify the Mission Training Center (MTC) emulation of AWACS software, allowing all ACC

and PACAF E-3s to train to the new features and CONOPS," the lieutenant colonel said.

The reservists have used these test flights to support other US and Allied weapons systems' requests for testing with AWACS. As a result, they were the first AWACS unit to work Link 16 (datalink) with the F-22A, and the newest software versions in the EA-6B, EA-18G, F-18E/F, F-16CM and F-16C+, F-15E, ROBE tankers, JSTARS and the RAAF 737 AEW&C, which has a role very similar to the US AWACS. They were also the first AWACS unit to work with the MV-22 Osprey.

"This process has yielded tremendous results in documenting AWACS capabilities and interoperability" said Andersen. "It's incredibly rewarding to be a part of improving your weapon system."

"The work of our reservists has helped hone the E-3 wartime interfacing capabilities to razor sharpness and continue to provide agile combat support to the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Stephen L. Seaman, 513th Air Control Group deputy commander.



Air Force officials launch FitFamily

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force officials are launching a new family fitness program that encourages an active lifestyle for kids and adults, and serves as an outlet to promote health and wellness in Air Force families.

FitFamily, a companion to the highly successful youth fitness program, Fit Factor, begins Jan. 30, and will encourage families to “get up, get out and get fit—together.”

“The FitFamily program is more than just logging points, monitoring progress and earning incentives. It’s about families spending quality time together and setting goals with each other,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy, the Air Force’s top enlisted Airman. “Developing and caring for Airmen and their families is a top priority. We must continue taking time to care for and honor our commitment to our families.”

Air Force FitFamily focuses on the ABCs of family Health and Fitness to include participating in Activities, Building Healthy Habits and Counting your Progress.

“FitFamily is an important component of the overall Air Force fitness and health initiative and a visible part of the Year of the Air Force Family,” said Condredge Fisher, program manager at the Air Force Services Agency. “The child and youth programs, and the adult fitness centers will work closely together to promote the program. They will partner together and schedule activities throughout the year and incorporate FitFamily activities into already existing Year of the Air Force Family events.”

FitFamily is a goal incentive program that is open to all active duty, Reserve and Guard members, Department of Defense and civilian families, retired military members, honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability, and former or surviving military spouses and their family members.

To enroll in the FitFamily program, families need to log on to <http://www.USAFFitFamily.com> and click on “Register My Family.” The system will send a password to each family member’s



FitFamily is an Air Force program that encourages families to “get up, get out and get fit together.”

(U.S. Air Force graphic)

e-mail. Additionally, the interactive FitFamily Web site also provides resources, ideas and goal setting tools to help Air Force families be active, make healthy nutrition choices and have fun in an effort to promote overall wellness.

For more information about FitFamily activities contact your local Youth Center or adult Fitness Center.

February 2010 Promotions

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Promoted to</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Promoted to</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Robert Cyrus | Senior Airman | 35th CBCS | Colleen Skaggs | Tech Sgt. | 507th MXS |
| Michelle Patterson | Staff Sgt. | 35th CBCS | Lisa Jones | Tech Sgt. | 507th MOF |
| Lily Rollins | Staff Sgt. | 507th AMXS | Zachary Jacobs | Tech Sgt. | 507th ARW |
| Holly Clawson | Senior Airman | 507th AMXS | Crystal Bowen | Senior Airman | 507th SFS |
| Aubrey Thompson | Tech Sgt. | 507th AMXS | Timothy Brunson | Tech Sgt. | 507th SFS |
| John Way | Staff Sgt | 507th AMXS | Kristin Pergerson | Senior Airman | 507th SFS |
| Jason Kadow | Senior Master Sgt. | 507th AMXS | Logan Nagy | Senior Airman | 513th ACG |
| Wayne Falls | Master Sgt. | 507th AMXS | Christopher McVicar | Staff Sgt. | 513th MXS |
| Denise Davis | Senior Airman | 507th CES | John Homan | Senior Airman | 72nd APS |
| Jeremy Lopez | Staff Sgt. | 507th CES | Beverly Cooper | Staff Sgt. | 72nd APS |
| William Mosshammer | Senior Master Sgt. | 507th CES | John Brown | Tech Sgt. | 72nd APS |
| Daniel Gardner | Staff Sgt | 507th LRS | Ryan Cloran | Staff Sgt. | 72nd APS |
| William Setzer | Senior Airman | 507th LRS | George Gould | Senior Master Sgt. | 72nd APS |
| Case Cleveland | Senior Airman | 507th MXS | Patricia Graham | Master Sgt. | 72nd APS |
| Paul Sapack | Staff Sgt. | 507th MXS | Sheri Key | Master Sgt. | 72nd APS |

EO program seeks energetic enlisted personnel

The Equal Opportunity program is a Wing Commander's program designed to provide an avenue for Airmen to address unlawful discrimination and/or sexual harassment. Additionally, EO teaches human relations education to all personnel newly assigned to the 507th/513th and non-prior service members new to the 507th/513th. We also conduct unit climate assessments as a tool for commanders to evaluate morale within their respective organization.

The 507th/513th EO office is currently recruiting for enlisted personnel holding the rank of SSgt or TSgt who would like to broaden their military career. Successful candidates will possess strong interpersonal communication skills and demonstrate an ability to speak distinctly. They also must possess prior qualification in any AFSC at the 5-skill level or higher. Hired personnel must complete Level-I training via computer based training and a 5-week Level-II course located at Patrick AFB to successfully enter into 3-level upgrade training to become a fully qualified Equal Opportunity Specialist.

If you are interested in becoming an applicant a package is required including the following items:

- Both a civilian and military resume

- Copies of all EPRS and any information within their Personnel Information File (inc. evidence of current qualification as a 5-level in any AFSC)

- Any current record of disciplinary action or financial irresponsibility (or a signed statement from your Commander stating that he/she is not aware of any disciplinary action or financial irresponsibility within the past 12-months)

- Letter from military supervisor, First Sergeant, and/or Commander assessing dress and personal appearance, moral standards, military bearing, and conduct

- Transcripts from high school and/or college

- Memorandum using AFH 33-337 (Tongue and Quill) template stating reasons for wanting to retrain into the career field. NOTE: This memorandum will also be used to assess written communication skills

If this sounds like an opportunity you might be interested in pursuing please contact Maj. Layne Wroblewski at 405-213-8889 to begin the applicant process. He will schedule an interview once he has received your completed application package as indicated above.

Injured Airman celebrates re-enlistment

by Sean Bowlin

502ND ABW Public Affairs

Almost five years and 120 surgeries after his vehicle passed over an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan that exploded, burning more than 80 percent of his body, Tech Sgt. Israel Del Toro raised his right hand Feb. 8 and re-enlisted in the Air Force.

Maj. Gen Anthony Przybyslawski, the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, administered the oath of enlistment to Del Toro.

General Przybyslawski told an audience of family members, dignitaries, visitors, friends and many first-term Airmen that the sergeant, who spent three months in a coma after his injuries and was given a less-than-20-percent chance of survival, fought for more than four months to stay in the Air Force. The general said that Del Toro's experience and his desire to serve is something the Air Force needs.

"He's bringing back his skills to the Air Force as a tactical air (control) party controller. He's going to be an instructor," General Przybyslawski said. "He has credibility and the ability to teach from

experience. That's why we need him; that's why we want him.."

Doctors told Del Toro he'd never walk again but he is now running 10K races and lifting weights

The general said Del Toro may look different with burnt skin, "but he's not different in here," tapping his heart. "He's got the spirit, the heart and desire to re-enlist. Being in the Air Force is not all about him. It's about what he's going to contribute. So," he said with a smile, "get ready for four more years."

After General Przybyslawski administered the oath to Del Toro, the sergeant thanked all the friends, fellow Airmen, family members and the Air Force for supporting him in his quest to get healthier and re-enlist.

"I did it for the guys who'll be following me," he said, explaining that he'll be teaching TACP controllers how to do their jobs and survive on the battlefield. "I appreciate that I get the chance to stay in the Air Force for four more years. I'm not in limbo anymore."

Del Toro said that previously he had

received the results of a medical board which offered him two options. Option one was to retire with a 100 percent disability and teach and recruit TACP students as an Air Force civilian. Option two was to stay in uniform for four more years and perform the same job.



Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, administers the oath of enlistment Feb. 8 to Tech Sgt. Israel Del Toro. (U.S. Air Force photo/Steve Thurow)

"I'm here and I'm doing it," he said. "And, if one guy here gets hurt badly doing what I've done, the Air Force will stand behind him."

Former member earns Navy commission

December 23, 2009, just hours before Christmas, I was sworn in as Ensign of the United States Navy Reserve through their Direct Commissioning Officer program. This was one of the greatest accomplishments and happiest days of my life. But also a bittersweet moment because I knew at the same time I was leaving my Air Force family and the familiarity I've enjoyed from being an Airman for almost as long as I can remember (since I was born I think) but excited beyond words to have finally achieve my life-long goal of being a commissioned officer in the United States military.

It's been an honor to serve in the Air Force for almost two decades. I've traveled to so many places and met the most sincere and humble people while accomplishing the greatest mission in the world; I've completed my education completely paid for through the Service. My Air Force Career was basically everything my recruiter promised but much, much more than I could have ever imagined. And if someone would have told me I would have made it this long in the service when I joined at 19, I probably would have laughed and reminded them I was only on the four-year enlistment plan.

Many years and experience later I'm now moving on to the next phase of my military career with the greatest feeling of accomplishment and pride that a job could have ever provide. This pride was evident recently when driving through the front gates of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base for the first time as an officer. The guards at the gate didn't know my new rank, because I haven't in processed there and been issued an ID card yet, but the feeling emanating from inside may have said it all.

I've had a long, satisfying Air Force career, first active duty for three years, followed by fifteen years of Reserve time. My first accomplishment since joining was earning Airman below-the-zone, achieving rank six months earlier than most Airmen. I have since continued with the perseverance to set and accomplish all of my goals. I have been in public affairs since 2001 and a graduate of the Defense Information School's basic and intermediate courses, completed two Community College of the Air Force degrees, Noncommissioned

Officer academy and most recently a Leadership Development Course through Central Texas College, supported by the USAFR.

The primary reason for the time lapse in applying for an officer position in the military is the time it took me to complete my college degree from working full-time during college while simultaneously serving in the Air Force Reserve. Because of these commitments, I was only available to go to school part-time and it took several years to complete my Bachelor's degree as a result.

But I certainly could not have accomplished this goal without the help and support of my friends, family and mentors. When I first completed my degree in Business and Management at the University of Redland in California in 2003, I was stationed at March Air Reserve Base, CA. Major Donald Traud recommended me for a commission and after applying and meeting the board I was selected 9 Feb 04 for an officer position with the 452nd Air Mobility Wing. Unfortunately, I had to turn it down because my son and his dad were moving to Texas and I had to follow to maintain adequate family support to even be able to partici-

pate in the Reserve.

When I arrived to Texas, I reported to the 301st Fighter Wing NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tx, in 2004, as a Staff Sergeant and realized I would need to prove myself over again. This is especially difficult in a smaller wing, but I stayed focused and continue with my goals. Fortunately, I had another supportive PAO, Major Karl Lewis. When he first came to our shop he sat me down and asked me what my career goals were. I told him I wanted to be an officer and from that day forward he supported me. He was so confident in my abilities both himself and Col. (now Brigadier General at HQ AFRC) Pottinger submitted me for a commission even though I was past the Air Force age limit of 35. Because of my age, the Air Force Reserve denied the request, but the fact that I was submitted was enough to fuel me with the confidence to continue my quest.



Maj. Karl Lewis, 301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs Officer, poses with Ensign Kristin Mack after swearing her into the Navy. Kristin's son Landon had the honor of holding the Bible for the swearing in ceremony.

Former member earns navy commission

Through my life's twists and turns I accepted a sales manager position with Office Depot and moved to Oklahoma. This job was not only a huge civilian career progression for me, but also gave me the opportunity to work for the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. When I arrived at the public affairs office in Sept 08, Lt Col Richard Curry, the Public Affairs Officer, asked me what my goals were. I told him I wanted to be an officer. He said he would support me in whatever I chose, but with the age factor I may want to look at being a first sergeant.

I realized my age in relation to a commission was definitely a factor at this point in my life and decided to try two other avenues before throwing in the towel completely. I contacted both the Army and Navy Reserve. The Army was anxious and called me in for an interview, but I felt it just wasn't the place for me.

The Navy, on the other hand, took a while to get back with me, but I finally received a call from Lieutenant Commander Sharon Chan, from Navy Officer Recruiting Station Oklahoma City. I provided her my resume and experience and she explained becoming an officer in the Navy Reserve was extremely difficult but she would put my package in for me if I could have it ready in three weeks. Wow three weeks to get what seemed about 200 pages prepared, including five character references, a full length photo and interviews with three Naval officers in Texas. This wasn't easy, but I knew the stakes were high and I could do it. I was literally working day and night throughout the three weeks to knock this pro-

cess out. I could never have done it without the support and encouragement of Lt. Col. Curry though. He was there every single step of the way- through signatures, recommendation letters, faxes, emails, EPRS, full-length photos, you name it. The process was so detailed and intense I would never have completed it without his help. But I did and I believe I was candidate number thirty-two in the stack of Navy Reserve Public Affairs Commissioning board applicants. Just hopping, resting and anxiously awaiting to hear the selection results.

My recruiter kindly announced my selection several weeks later, I was one of the ten selected from the board. It seemed like forever to hear the confirmation, but since then with all of the follow up paperwork, job change, and move and having to revisit the MEPS process with a bunch of recent high school graduates in Dallas makes the rest seem history.

This accomplishment proves that if you set your mind to a goal in life and live every day with the goal in mind, work hard at every moment possible your goals will become reality. I owe a lot to Lt Col Curry, Colonel Glass, and Colonel Mahon for their continued unwavering support to help fuel me on to my next mission, even if it meant losing a great Airman. I also owe the rest of the wonderful folks at the 507th ARW and other Air Force Reserve Wings who supported me just as though I was family.

I believe one of the greatest perceptions in life is acknowledging where you've been in order to appreciate where you are going in life. I definitely have the luxury of both and will continue to press on with this synergy from Air to Sea Power!

March 2010 Promotions

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Promoted to</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Aaron Smith | Master Sgt. | 35th CBCS |
| Nichole Ketchum | Senior Airman | 35th CBCS |
| Shane Hellinger | Tech. Sgt. | 507th CES |
| Clayton Hazell | Tech. Sgt. | 507th LRS |
| John Melton | Senior Airman | 507th LRS |
| Ronald DeBusk II | Staff Sgt. | 507th SFS |
| Curtis Hulme | Staff Sgt. | 507th SFS |
| Sorcha Wilkinson | Tech. Sgt. | 507th SFS |
| Brent Standlee | Senior Airman | 507th AMXS |
| Gregory Green | Staff Sgt. | 507th MXS |
| Jacob King | Senior Airman | 507th MXS |
| Orlando Mack | Airman | 507th MXS |
| Robert Mills | Senior Airman | 507th MXS |
| Kirman Montaocean | Senior Airman | 507th MXS |
| Anthony Welden | Senior Airman | 507th MXS |
| Alphonzo Glover | Tech. Sgt. | 513th MXS |
| Casey McIntyre | Senior Airman | 513th MXS |
| Randy Schell | Tech. Sgt. | 970th AACCS |

Updates/changes for unit members on orders

Any orders for 31 days or longer - you MUST out-process via the 507th MPF, Building 1043, Room 203C. This will keep you from having issues with Pay, DEERS, Tri-Care and other programs. (bring 3 copies of your orders)

All Amendments and consecutive (no breaks) orders must be brought to the MPF (Relocations, Customer Service, Pay) for updating. (bring 3 copies of your orders)

If you are on orders for 90 days or longer -- you are eligible for a DD214. Please make an appointment with Tech. Sgt. Melanie Berkley, 507th MSF, 734-7492.

Local Scouts earn Plumbing Merit Badge

On Feb. 13, 2010, 10 boys from Troop 300 out of the Mustang/Yukon area received hands-on plumbing skill training from local area adult leaders. David Liszeski, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 300 and owner-operator of Liszeski Plumbing, coordinated the event. His goal was that all boys followed the safety requirements as outlined in the Boy Scouts of America Plumbing Merit Badge Pamphlet and have fun while doing it. The youth learned how to safely solder copper pipe, cut and thread black iron pipe, do simple faucet repairs, draw a house schematic

for water, drain and vents, clean out a sink drain, learned how to identify and properly use common plumbing tools, and how to follow health and safety guidelines when working on plumbing systems. The class took approximately five hours to teach and Locke Plumbing Supply donated materials for the course. Even the parents of a few of the boys learned a thing or two and this gave the instructors an opportunity to give back to the community. Chuck Dettlaff is the Scoutmaster of Troop 300 which meets every Monday at 7 p.m. Chuck can be reached at 330-3033.

New name for Iraq war: Operation New Dawn

Say goodbye to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Effective Sept. 1, the war in Iraq will acquire a new official moniker: Operation New Dawn.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced the move last month in a memo to Gen. David Petraeus, chief of U.S. Central Command.

In the brief, one-paragraph memo, a copy of which also went to Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chief, Gates said the name change is designed to coincide with 'the change of mission for U.S. forces in Iraq.'

On-final R-News

Tax tips for military personnel

With the start to the new year behind us, it is time to once again plan ahead for tax season. With the exception of those serving in combat zones or stationed outside the U.S., most military personnel and their families must file taxes by the traditional April 15th deadline.

As usual, there are a number of unique credits and deductions available to service members. The pamphlet found on line will focus on the deductions available to military families for 2009. All information in this piece is based on information supplied by the IRS in the Armed Forces Tax Guide. For further clarification or for additional deductions, as well as information on available tax credits, you should refer to this document: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf>.

Topics discussed include gross income, combat zone exclusion, retirement contributions, sale of a home, moving expense, travel expenses, transportation expenses, uniform expenses, professional dues and educational expenses.

Free, online tutoring for military families

The Defense Department has launched a free, online tutoring service for service members and their families. The site: <http://www.tutor.com/military>, offers round-the-clock professional tutors who can assist with homework, studying, test preparation, resume writing and more.

National Guard and Reserve personnel on active duty in a deployed status, Defense Department civilians in a deployed status and their dependents are eligible to participate, officials said. Along with test preparation, the site is open to students of any age, from kindergarteners to high school seniors, for one-on-one help in math, science, social studies and English.

507th ARW recruiters

<http://get1now.us>

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(In-Service Recruiter)

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Tinker AFB, OK

(Senior Recruiter)

Senior Master Sgt.
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Altus, OK

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Midwest City, OK

Tech Sgt. Adam Thomas

(405) 733-7639

Master Sgt. Marcel Jacques

(405) 733-9403



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