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U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey

U.S. Air Force crew chiefs assigned to the 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare a KC-135 Stratotanker for an air refueling mission during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, July 9, 2010. RIMPAC 2010 is the 22nd in a series of significant international combined/joint military exercises scheduled biennially by U.S. Pacific Fleet and takes place in the Hawaiian operating area.

Wing reservists participate in Navy fleet exercise

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

Four 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft and more than 180 Air Force reservists joined forces with the U.S. Navy during July to support a U.S. Pacific Fleet exercise.

The exercise, called RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific), is a series of multinational maritime exercises scheduled to take place in the Hawaiian operating area.

The main deployment headed for Hickam AFB, Ha-

waii departed Monday, July 5. Additional reservists departed on July 17 to allow additional reservists to swap places and allow additional members to experience the joint operation. Most of the 507th ARW reservists and aircraft should return home by August 1.

Held biennially by U.S. Pacific Fleet, the 2010 RIMPAC exercise is the 22nd time it has been held and the 5th time supported by Oklahoma Air Force reservists.

Fourteen nations, 34 ships, five submarines, over 100

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

Our inspections are just around the corner! The first UTA in July gave us the opportunity to fix those last-minute write-ups that may be sitting open. It also gave us all a chance to clean up our work spaces -- first impressions go a long way when it comes to impressing inspectors.

Like always, we need to pay special attention to safety. Numerous small safety violations can cost us dearly during an inspection. Just like always, make sure your seat belt is buckled and your passenger's seat belts are buckled prior to your moving the vehicle.

July marks the month we begin the new fitness testing program. Each Reserve member will test twice every year. Your tests will be monitored and scored by the ABW HAWC.

Unlike past tests, you will have to score a passing grade in all four areas, unless exempted in one or more areas. Individuals that score an excellent will only have to test once a year. The test definitely affects your career; those receiving a poor score will be ineligible for promotion and multiple failures will result in a discharge. I ask each and every one of you to be a wingman and help your buddies who might be having problems. Teamwork goes a long way in helping to improve fitness.

We are approaching the halfway point of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. So far (KNOCK ON WOOD) the wing is doing very well. I need each and every wing member to continue to be smart and evaluate all of your activities with ORM. Safety in all we do is critical, and keeping safety in our thoughts will get each of us through this period. Hopefully after all of these inspections, we can enjoy the rest of the summer with some much needed downtime.

Commentary: the '1.0 rule'

By Brig. Gen. Darryl Burke
82nd Training Wing

Alexander the Great is one of the best-known figures in history. His conquests shaped the modern world, and his military genius is legendary.

Cleitus, on the other hand, is not so well known — but Alexander would not have become “the Great” without him.

It is 334 B.C., and the 22-year-old Macedonian king and his small force of cavalry are surrounded by Persian forces at the Battle of the Granicus River. The Persian noble Spithridates smashes his battle-axe into Alexander's helmet, momentarily stunning the young king.

As Spithridates readies a killing blow, the world as we know it hangs in the balance. If Alexander dies, Greek civilization never spreads across the known world to influence the Roman Empire; the seeds of the European Enlightenment are never sown; and our country, with its Greek-rooted ideals of freedom and democracy, is never born.

But before Spithridates can swing his axe, he is speared to death by the soldier, Cleitus, and Alexander survives his brush with death.

The story of Cleitus illustrates something I call “The 1.0 rule.”

The 1.0 rule says that every member of the organization has a full measure of value: 1.0. There are no “1.1 Airmen” and no “.99 Airmen”—no one is a little more important or a little less important. We're all 1.0 Airmen.

We have different roles and responsibilities, but we are each equally valuable in our sphere. As king, Alexander's role was to lead his force to victory. As a soldier, Cleitus' role was to defend his king. Alexander lived up to his full measure of value only because Cleitus first lived up to his.

None of us — regardless of rank, position, duty title or rating — can succeed without every other member of the team. No matter how smart or how talented, no one person can get the mission done alone.

The 1.0 rule applies to groups, too. However special or elite we may think we are, the fact remains that no clique, special interest group or informal “insider” network can accomplish the training mission on its own.

Commanders depend on chiefs, first

sergeants and civilian leaders, who depend on instructors, first-line supervisors and military training leaders. They, in turn, depend on security forces, personnelists, civil engineers and medics. Our interdependence holds true in any direction, up the chain or down — we rely on each other.

And we all depend on the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines we train, because without their willingness to learn and determination to succeed, we all fail.

The 1.0 rule is a reminder that none of us is worth more than any other. Colonel or Airman, officer or enlisted, T-rated instructor or first-day student, we each carry a full measure of value and we are each vital to the mission. There is no place for elitism, favoritism or snobbery in our Air Force.

The young Macedonian king led his forces to victory at the Granicus River and went on to conquer much of the world. But if not for the value of a simple soldier named Cleitus, Alexander would never have become “the Great,” and the world as we know it would not exist.

Lip-smacking facts about kissing

By Chaplain (Maj.) Dwight Magnus
507th Air Refueling Wing

Genesis 29:11: Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud.

Song of Solomon 1:2: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth — for your love is more delightful than wine.

On the occasion of my 20th wedding anniversary, I present these facts about kissing:

1. Kissing helps you live longer by making your heart beat faster and pushing more oxygen to your cells.

2. Almost all women close their eyes

during a passionate kiss, but less than half of all men do.

3. A gentle kiss will burn off 10 calories, while a more passionate kiss burns 35.

4. More germs are spread by a handshake than by kissing.

5. Kissing increases the mouth's production of saliva, and saliva helps clean the mouth, thus kissing prevents tooth decay.

6. The average person spends 336 hours, or 20,160 minutes, kissing!

I am indeed extolling the virtues of

kissing (these facts are from the people at the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative), I would also challenge you to improve your romance, especially if you are married. Don't take your partner for granted.

Take time to ask your spouse, "What is romance to you? What does it look like?" Guys, don't say "ditto" to your wives' answers like the guy in the beer commercial.

I hope my daughter doesn't see this...

Chaplain Magnus is a chaplain for the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

2010 Family Day set for Sept. 11

The 2010 507th Air Refueling Wing and 137th Air Control Group Family Day is scheduled for September 11 at the main hangar, building 1030.

This year's Family Day events include drawings for door prizes, information booths, music, and many activities for adults and children.

The Family Day festivities are open to all members of the 507th ARW and the 137th ARW and their families, and ticket purchases help defray the cost of the event.

Prices include admission, lunch for each family member, and entry into drawing for one of many door prizes donated by local merchants. Ticket prices are listed to the right.

To purchase tickets, contact your orderly room to get the name of your ticket sales representative.

Now through July 31:

E-1 to E-3 \$3 or \$6/family

E-4 to E-6 \$5 or \$8/family

E-7 to E-9 \$7 or \$11/family

O-1 to O-3 \$9 or \$13/family

O-4 to O-6 \$11 or \$16/family

GS-1 to GS-8 \$7 or \$11/family

GS-9 to GS-15 \$9 or \$13/family

August 1 through September 6:

E-1 to E-3 \$4 or \$7/family

E-4 to E-6 \$6 or \$9/family

E-7 to E-9 \$8 or \$12/family

O-1 to O-3 \$10 or \$14/family

O-4 to O-6 \$12 or \$17/family

GS-1 to GS-8 \$8 or \$12/family

GS-9 to GS-15 \$10 or \$14/family

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

Know to whom and what to be loyal

**Commentary by Maj. Brent VanderPol
513th Operations Support Flight**

Core values are comprised of many different things, but in almost all cases they require the component of loyalty. We must ask loyalty to whom or what? Are we loyal to only our commander or our own troops? It is confusing to think of loyalty in such a narrow way, particularly when the individual involved falls short of the mark. I think we need to think in terms of loyalty to our core values. Loyalty to the core values will necessarily lead to the loyalty of individuals. Let me explain.

Loyalty is the sword that cuts both ways. It should be given when earned

and certainly not when it is unearned. Office politics should have no bearing on loyalty. We shouldn't stick up only for the "good dudes" or superior performers. These are handy pieces of information to have when dealing with a violation of core values, but there is certainly more than meets the eye. Core values demand accountability in dealing with all things good or bad. Popularity plays no part in making the tough decisions in the enforcement of core values. Be loyal to the core values and to those who share your commitment to them.

The core values give us a bedrock foundation upon which to build. They provide reasonable expectations, a clear

plan for the future and an unchanging standard for all to meet. They are unaffected by personal preference, political whim and they remove all doubt. They are immune to the frailty of the human condition. We may fail to meet them, but they will not fail us. When in doubt, reflect upon the core values and rest assured in knowing that your decision will be wise. Your loyalty to the core values will inspire the loyalty of others to the core values and to you.

Major VanderPol is the director of operations for the 513th Operations Support Flight.

507 ARW vice commander awarded Bronze Star

Col. Michael F. Mahon received the Bronze Star medal at the 507th Air Refueling Wing commander's call at the base theater here July 11, 2010.

Mahon was awarded the medal for meritorious achievement while serving as the vice commander for the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, stationed at the transit center at Manas International Airport in the Kyrgyz Republic, from Sept. 15, 2009 to Jan. 17, 2010.

Mahon led more than 22 KC-135 and C-17 combat aircrews and another 1,100 support personnel in the fight against the Taliban and other insurgents in Afghanistan.

Mahon ensured the execution of 1,274 combat air refueling missions, providing 5,931 receiver aircraft with over 74 million pounds of fuel.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs

Col. Jeffery Glass, 507th Air Refueling Wing commander, presents a Bronze Star medal to his vice commander, Col. Michael Mahon, in a ceremony on July 11, 2010.

Mahon also interfaced with the United States embassy to solve high-visibility transit center issues requiring his expertise and worked numerous distinguished visitor visits, to include the chief of staff of the Air Force and the commander of Air Mobility Command.

Colonel Mahon also coordinated for more than \$1 million in humanitarian projects and spearheaded a 400 percent increase in volunteerism, thus building partnership capacity with the Kyrgyz people and secure a strategic U. S. presence in the Kyrgyz Republic.

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.).
- Have retainability: officers - two years; enlisted - ETS after course completion.
- Have an enrollment form with 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; thus, 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. The next class is scheduled for **18-29 October, 2010**. See your unit training manager for more information.

FAMILY CARE

If you need to have a 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 four 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 get a image 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, officer and enlisted, who wishes to update their Education Records that we need **official** transcripts to send or accomplish any updates. This means that they **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 1200-1500 on Saturday of the main UTA.

Airman, NCO, SNCO of the Quarter:

Nomination packages are submitted quarterly to Command Chief Tina Long. Packages are due by 1400, on Saturday of the UTA after the end of the quarter (Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan).

FY 10-11 UTA SCHEDULE

*24-25 Jul 10	11-12 Sep 10
02-03 Oct 10	06-07 Nov 10
04-05 Dec 10	08-09 Jan 11
05-06 Feb 11	05-06 Mar 11
02-03 Apr 11	14-15 May 11
05-06 Jun 11	09-10 Jul 11
06-07 Aug 11	10-11 Sep 11

As of May 26, 2010,

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

Fri, 23 Jul 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

Sat, 24 Jul 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
 0900-0930 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 Tng Bldg 1066, OG Conf Room
 1400-1500 Training Mgr Meeting Wing CC Conf Room
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 25 Jul 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 Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 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 Tng for Supervisors Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
 1015-1115 Mandatory 3S0X1 Trng Bldg 1043, Rm 203
1300. by appt. CDC Testing
 1300-1600 First Duty Station **Bldg 11043, ATN**
1300 SORTS/Post UTA Mtg CAT Bldg 1030, MSG Conf Rm
 1400-1500 IG period w/Maj. Vardaro Bldg 1043, Room 5
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Fri, 10 Sep 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, 11 Sep 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
 1000-1600 Family Day 2010 Bldg 1030 (Main Hangar)
 TBA Adverse Actions Mtg Wg Commander's office
Unit Designated Sign Out Unit Designated

Sun, 12 Sep 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 Bldg 1043, ATN Room
 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 Tng for Supervisors Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
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 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
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OCCUPATIONAL SURVEYS

These surveys provide information essential for developing personnel programs, classifying occupations, and developing training programs. The Wing Survey Control Monitor (SCM) works with the Unit Training Manager (UTM) to ensure surveys are completed. AFI 36-2623, paragraph 2.7 makes completion of these surveys mandatory for all Air Force Reserve members. It is extremely important these surveys are completed by the suspense date. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Kim Silkwood at 734-7075 or your UTM.

Newcomers' Ancillary Training

Due to the Unit Compliance Inspection, Newcomers' Ancillary Training will not be held during the July 24-25 UTA. However, it will resume in September 2010. Check the September 2010 issue of the *On-final* for an updated schedule.

Post-9/11, Chapter 33, Montgomery GI Bill Benefits Information

Please refer to the Veterans Affairs website (www.va.gov) for eligibility information or contact the Wing Education and Training office at 734.7075.

If you wish to transfer your post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to your eligible dependents, you must do so while you are a participating military member. Contact our office for transfer of benefit procedures.

UCMJ Briefing:

Article 137 of the UCMJ requires "articles (of the code) shall be explained again ... at the time when the member 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:
12 Jul	19 Jul
15 Jul	23 Jul
19 Jul	28 Jul
21 Jul	30 Jul
27 Jul	04 Aug
29 Jul	06 Aug
03 Aug	11 Aug
05 Aug	13 Aug
10 Aug	18 Aug
12 Aug	20 Aug
17 Aug	25 Aug
19 Aug	27 Aug
23 Aug	01 Sep
26 Aug	03 Sep
31 Aug	08 Sep
02 Sep	10 Sep
07 Sep	15 Sep
09 Sep	17 Sep
14 Sep	22 Sep
16 Sep	24 Sep
20 Sep	29 Sep

Military Pay (405) 734-5016

NEW MPF HOURS

Open Mon - Fri: 0730 - 1200

Saturday of UTA: 0800 - 1600

Newcomers have priority until 1200.

DEERS/CAC/DEP IDs/F(SGLI) will be processed at Bldg. 460 for newcomers until 1200. Other services will be filtered in between newcomers.

****NOTE: Your wait could be long during newcomer processing.****

Sunday of UTA: 1200 - 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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'605' gets an 'opportunity for autonomy'

Outgoing 72nd APS superintendent reflects on more than 30 years of service

By Tech. Sgt. Zach Jacobs
507th ARW Public Affairs

Few people who, after a career spanning more than three decades, involving teaching and uniformed service, would be opposed to call themselves retired.

But *retirement* isn't a word that Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel McGuire said he would apply to his upcoming mandatory end of uniformed service on July 19, 2010.

McGuire, a native of Baton Rouge, La., said he always had a fascination with airplanes and the military as a child. And participating in sports, he said, instilled in him a desire to be a part of a team and wear a uniform.

McGuire made his way to the Sooner State by way of a basketball scholarship to Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, where he earned his teaching degree in 1974. Shortly thereafter, he began teaching in the Mid-Del School District, a career in public education that would continue for 31 years.

But for his first few years of teaching, he was paired with another, veteran teacher – a member of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron named Bill Carr – who told him about a way to fulfill that uniform-and-aircraft dream and still teach.

"He knew how much of a longing I had to be on a team, so he talked to me about getting in the military," said McGuire. "It sounded like a good idea."

And from there, it didn't take long for McGuire to come to realize his dream. He enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in May 1977, completing his technical training at Lackland Air Force Base and then returning to Tinker to serve as a cargo processor at the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, the same unit as Bill Carr.

As time went on, McGuire became an aircraft loader, the NCOIC in charge of ramp services and then that of cargo



"I love Tinker, love this area... Tinker Air Force Base is my base." - Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel McGuire

processing. He then became the squadron historian, career advisor and then the squadron's first sergeant, a position he held for nearly 15 years until June 2005.

That year, he retired from public education, having served as principal for a high school and two middle schools, and became an Air Reserve Technician in the 72nd.

He became the squadron's superintendent in April 2008, the same month he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant.

Looking back, McGuire noted a few facts about his career. First, save for basic training, technical training and the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, McGuire spent his entire career stationed at the 72nd.

And he wouldn't have had it any other way.

"I'm not a person that's been really

big on change," said McGuire. "I love Tinker, love this area."

"Tinker Air Force Base is *my* base."

Also, his office, which is festooned with sports memorabilia, various military mementos, his two college degrees, and pictures of his family, is the same office he has worked in for 17 years.

Finally, he said takes pride in that, in 33 years, he has never missed or rescheduled a single UTA, chalking that fact up to good health, proper scheduling, and dedication.

So why, after raising three children with his wife of 39 years and filling the roles of teacher, principal, squadron superintendent and Chief Master Sergeant, does Nathaniel McGuire say he's not retiring?

His answer is quite simple: he won't see himself as retired, but having more of, as he put it, an "opportunity for autonomy."

McGuire said he looks forward to many of the typical things that retirees enjoy, like spending more time with family, fishing, and watching sports. But he said he'll have chances now to volunteer at the Veterans' Center in Norman and for the VA, as well as possibly work with the base Honor Guard.

Come July 19, though he might not occupy that same office, and his uniform might be worn less often, he'll still be a husband, father and grandfather.

And, to the many who've learned from or worked with him, he'll still be a teacher, principal, and a Chief.

But one other title he said he's most proud of is that of being a "605." Before the Air Force made Air Force Specialty Codes alphanumeric, air transportation specialists were given that designator.

And with a tremendous sense of pride, Nathaniel McGuire said he'll be "a 605 until I die!"

RIMPAC training draws participants from near, far

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aircraft and 20,000 personnel will participate in the exercise in the Hawaiian operating area in, and around, the islands of Hawaii. In addition to U.S. military forces, military units from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States will participate. The countries of Brazil, India, New Zealand, and Uruguay will send observers.

RIMPAC helps improve leadership at all levels, increase personnel proficiency, and hone leadership's ability to adapt to rapid changes. For the naval forces involved the exercise offers the opportunity for forces to hone their skills – from disaster response to anti-piracy operations — in a complex and challenging, multinational environment designed to improve cooperation and command and control operations.

The exercise is split into four distinct phases — Inport, Schedule of Events, Force Integration Training (FIT), and Tactical. During the Inport phase, participants will continue to build on the relationships developed during the planning conferences. Throughout this phase, participants will finalize the plans developed over the last 12 months, compete in sporting events, and attend nation-themed social events.

During the Schedule of Events phase, maritime participants will work in smaller, multinational groups to rehearse and conduct gunnery, missile, anti-submarine, and air defense exercises, as well as maritime interdiction and vessel boardings, explosive ordnance disposal training, diving and salvage training, mine clearance activities, and support an amphibious landing. The land component will operate as a multinational force and conduct amphibious landings and assaults and fire support coordination exercises, and the Marine Corps



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey

A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker crew assigned to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron receive an aircraft maintenance status report prior to a refueling mission during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, July 9, 2010. Multilateral exercises such as RIMPAC enhance cooperation between partnering nations and provide a unique opportunity to practice the ability to plan, communicate, and execute operations.

warfighting lab will test enhanced company operations. The air component will fly a variety of sorties involving attack aircraft, bombers, tankers, electronic warfare, and airlift.

The Force Integration Training (FIT) phase provides a forum for integrated training with air, land and maritime forces to rehearse for the tactical phase. This phase also provides an opportunity for staff ashore to exercise operational level planning.

Finally, during the Tactical phase, participants will transition into the execution of a warlike scenario consisting of unscheduled events where participants will have the opportunity to operate as they would during actual real world contingency or combat operations.

For the 507th Air Force reservists involved, RIMPAC offers a unique opportunity to directly integrate into a joint environment complete with refueling operations involving naval aircraft not

normally encountered.

According to Lt. Col. Gerald Malloy, now currently advanced deployed to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, "This will be the fifth time our wing has been requested by name to support this exercise," he said. The mission objective for the reservists is to establish operations and conduct air-refueling as tasked by the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC). "We will receive our daily Air Tasking Orders from the Pacific Fleet. During previous exercises we found our aircraft heavily engaged and flying 3-4 missions daily refueling a variety of aircraft," Lieutenant Colonel Malloy said. The lieutenant colonel said most missions should range from 2-4 hours in duration.

During RIMPAC 2008, 507th aircraft flew 64 sorties for 257 hours and offloaded more than 2.2 million pounds of fuel during the month-long exercise and wing officials say 2010 looks to surpass the previous totals.

AF fitness program revision rewards excellent Airmen

By Beth Gosselin
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Based upon service-wide feedback, Airmen who earn an “excellent” on the new fitness test will now only have to test once a year according to a new revision to the Air Force Fitness Program.

“We believe this will recognize fitness excellence and serve as an incentive for more Airmen to improve their fitness,” said Col. Joan Garbutt, the chief of military force policy division.

The revision, which takes effect the same day the new program kicks-off on July 1, allows those Airmen who test in all four components of the test and receive an overall score of 90 or better to test only once a year. The four components of the new fitness test include a 1.5-mile timed run, abdominal circumference, push-ups and sit-ups. Prior to this revision, all Airmen were required to test twice a year.

Approximately one of every five fitness scores documented in 2009 was “excellent” for those Airmen who tested in all four categories, said Capt. Sean Brazel, the chief of officer promotions, evaluations and fitness policy.

“Factoring in these numbers, we forecast a reduction in the fitness testing workload when this new policy takes effect,” the captain added.

Airmen must test under the new standards to qualify for this change. Therefore, only Airmen who test after June 30 will be able to earn the opportunity to do their fitness test once a year. Airmen who score an “excellent” but were medically exempt from testing in one or more of the four components will still need to test twice a year. In other words, Airmen must successfully complete all four components of the fitness test to qualify for the once a year testing.

“We believe this is another step in the right direction towards cultivating a fitter Air Force,” Colonel Garbutt said.

Improved physical fitness uniform coming to store near you

By Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

After much planning, anticipation and constructive feedback, the Army Air Force Exchange Service and the Air Force Uniform Office officials have partnered to bring an improved physical training uniform to select military clothing sales stores in July.

The IPTU, which consists of a running jacket, pants, trunks and a T-shirt, is an optional uniform authorized for wear.

Even though the IPTU is made to be identical to the current PTU, components of the running suits are not to be mixed, according to a policy letter issued Oct 28, 2009, by Headquarters Air Force Manpower and Personnel officials.

“The new IPTU was made to look like the original PTU,” said Master Sgt. James Lynn, an AFUO subject matter expert. “However, wear policy has been established and published that prohibits wearing the new jacket with the pants from the current version or the current jacket with the new running pants.”

Material differences between the two running suits make it difficult to mix, Sergeant Lynn said.

The IPTU running suit consists of a different material with enough of a color shade difference to be identifiable from the current suit. However, the current PTU and IPTU shorts and shirts may be mixed and also worn with the IPTU running suit.



By utilizing the latest advances in textile technology, the IPTU offers significant improvements in both comfort and functionality over the current PTU, said Capt. Nick Ferry, an IPTU program manager. Improvements include the elimination of the “swish-swish” in-motion noise, better reflectivity, lighter weight and state-of-the-art moisture wicking material with a quick-drying, anti-microbial liner.

“Much time and effort from a lot of folks has gone into the research, development and testing of the IPTU,” Captain Ferry said. “The end result is a greatly improved uniform that will eliminate many concerns and frustrations our Airmen have had.”

IPTU availability is based on several factors, such as duty location. Deployed locations will take priority shipments followed by Pacific and European theaters.

Worldwide rollout of the IPTU trunks and running suit will be available through AAFES in July. The IPTU T-shirt release date is still to be determined.

According to AAFES, the IPTU will be in short supply starting out. But once all military clothing stores have received shipment, the IPTU will be available via Internet purchase worldwide around October.

For locations receiving Air Force clothing from Army stores, availability will be limited.

However, they will be available through special order at the servicing military clothing store.

507 MSG, 137 MXG 'gear up' for gear replacement

By Tech. Sgt. Zach
Jacobs

507th ARW Public Affairs

Fourteen members of the 507th Maintenance Group and the 137th Maintenance Group took part in a runway airplane accident exercise here on June 23, 2010.

The exercise was a simulation of a collapsed nose landing gear of a KC-135 aircraft on the base runway near the reserve flightline hangar for the Crashed, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery, or CDDAR, program.

"This exercise was a team effort with the host unit and our units," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Stull, the 507th Accessories Flight chief.

During the first part of this unique training, a worker used a construction crane to lift a 15-foot-long KC-135 steel spreader bar above the nose of the plane. Airmen on the ground held the spreader bar steady with ropes attached to the ends, while two workers in a "cherry-picker" crane attached a steel buckle connected to a 30-foot-long, 12-inch-wide sling to each end of the spreader bar.

Stull said the procedure is used to lift the aircraft off the ground, while repair crews put it on jacks, change out the nose landing gear and any other damages to the belly of the plane.

The exercise was followed by hands-on equipment training. Stull said team members were trained on the secondary method for repairing the aircraft – using lifting bags to raise it off the ground.

The Airmen set an inflatable bag on a makeshift platform of railroad ties and plywood sheets. They then attached an industrial-grade air pump to the bag to inflate the bag to simulate slowly lifting the wing of the aircraft to place aircraft jacks in order to make necessary repairs.

Stull said overall, the exercise was a great success.

"This was the most successful, best organized exercise conducted between the 507th and base agencies," said Stull.



Photo by Chris Dobbs

Workers use ropes to stabilize a spreader bar hoisted above a KC-135 aircraft by a crane on June 26, 2010. A sling is attached to the spreader bar to lift the aircraft off the ground for workers to place aircraft jacks. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Photo by Chris Dobbs

Workers unfold a lifting bag atop a platform under the wing of a KC-135 aircraft as part of annual training June 26, 2010. The workers learned how to use the bag to gently raise aircraft up to place aircraft jacks in order to perform repairs on the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo)



One for the trophy case

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Buettner (second from left) holds the trophy he received for being named the 2010 Air Force Reserve Security Forces Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. Chief Master Sgt. Suzanne Clemens (left), AFRC Security Forces manager; Col. Jeffery Glass (third from left), 507th Air Refueling Wing commander; and Col. Max Mendoza (right), AFRC's top cop, presented Buettner his award in June 2010. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

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Change in DANTES re-testing policy

Effective Nov. 20, 2010, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) will only fund a Service member's initial examination fee for each subject College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DSST (previously known as the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) and Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) exams.

Due to the change, all Service members taking CLEP, DSST or EE exams on or after May 20 will be informed they will not be allowed to retest with DANTES funding on that specific exam if they do not obtain their desired passing score. However, re-testing will continue to be available on a personally funded basis. Individuals who took tests prior to May 20 must retest prior to Dec. 11, 2010.

July 2010 Promotions

Name	Promoted to	Unit
Mitchell, Ronald	CMSgt	507th AMXS
Courtney, James	SMSgt	507th SFS
Fowler, Travis	MSgt	507th MXS
Wallis, David	MSgt	507th AMXS
Stark, Heath O.	TSgt	507th MDS
Fillmore, Dustin J.	TSgt	513th AMXS
Charles, Nicholas	TSgt	507th AMXS
Terrapin, Kay	TSgt	507th LRS
Eavey, Renee	SSgt	970th AACs
Graham, Sean	SSgt	513th OSF
Norris, Sarah	SSgt	507th LRS
Williams, Lataura	SSgt	507th MXG
Schatte, Eric	SrA	507th AMXS
Valencia, Christin	SrA	507th AMXS
Pinney, Jonathan	SrA	507th CES
Ryan, Alex	SrA	72nd APS
Higgins, Kelly	SrA	970th AACs
Stewart, Sarah	A1C	72nd APS
Webb, Brittany	Amn	513th OSF

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