

# KANZA SPIRIT

## 931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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## More 'L' Support

### New tech gives flyers 'continuity'

(Right) Tech Sgt. Dana Wagner takes apart the head gear of an 18th Air Refueling Squadron flyer. Sgt. Wagner is the squadron's first Life Support technician, a position previously filled by active-duty airmen from the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, the 931st's host unit.



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*931st ARG Public Affairs*

The 18th Air Refueling Squadron received a very welcome addition to its family during the January Unit Training Assembly.

Tech. Sgt. Dana Wagner joined the 931st as the 18th's first aircrew life support technician, putting her in charge of the squadron's equipment and training needs.

Prior to her arrival, the group's host unit, the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, assigned personnel to oversee the 18th's life support requirements. Sgt. Wagner's arrival removes that burden on the 22nd and brings a refreshing change to the 931st's flyers.

"I'll provide continuity," Sgt. Wagner said, referring

to the previous rotation of active-duty personnel. "If the flyers have a problem, there won't be someone new here to talk to."

Senior Master Sgt. John Wallman, 18th ARS boom operator and training noncommissioned officer in charge, shares Sgt. Wagner's sentiments.

"It will be nice having the same point of contact and someone who knows our issues as reservists," Sgt. Wallman said. "And now we won't have to bring in the active duty for UTA weekends on their days off."

Sgt. Wagner's presence won't totally remove the 22nd's presence. The junior-airman position previously assigned to the 18th will remain to help her, which Senior Airman Jillian Sapp said gives her and her fellow techni-

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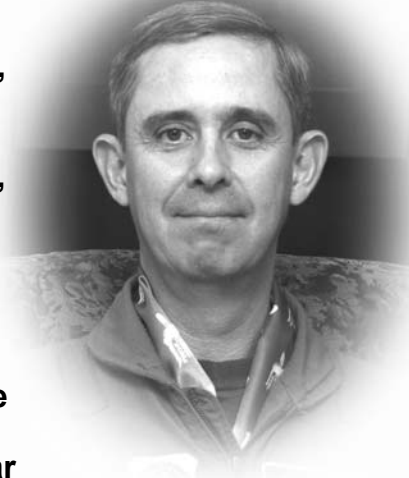
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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

- **Quality: Discipline, Training, Excellence**
- **Teamwork: Service, Loyalty, Dependability**
- **Integrity: Absolutely and Always**
- **People: Accountability, Care**
- **Safety: Always...Even at War**



How can we the men and women of the 931st be better, safer, more productive airmen this year? How can we apply our Air Force Core Values every day? Well, just think QTIPS. Apply the above acronym QTIPS to all you do and you will be well on the way. Look closely and you will notice that our core values are imbedded within QTIPS (Integrity first, Service before self, and excellence in all we do). Look even closer and you will see that QTIPS begins with QUALITY and ends with SAFETY.

Take some time as we begin the new year to reflect on how you can be a better leader, follower, and all-around good airman. Remember the following words from our Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan:

*"Our Core Values, Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do, set the common standard for conduct across the Air Force. These values inspire the trust which provides the unbreakable bond that unifies the force. We must practice them ourselves and expect no less from those with whom we serve."*

Karl J. Hurdle, Colonel  
931st ARG Commander

**May UTA Rescheduled**

Group members should note that the May Unit Training Assembly has been rescheduled. The new dates are **May 1-2**.

**UTASCHEDULE**

**Next UTA: February 7-8**

March 13-14

April 17-18

May 1-2



# Parent unit Command Chief now 931st chief

## *507th ARW chief addresses his new Kanza warriors to the north*

### **Chief Master Sgt. Bob Kellington**

*507th ARW Command Chief Master Sgt.*

It was my honor to attend the retirement ceremony of Chief Master Sgt. Bill Mead, the 931st's command chief master sergeant, in January. And it is my honor, as the command chief of the 931st's parent unit, the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker AFB, Okla., to take the reins from Chief Mead. Unfortunately, because I am stationed at Tinker, I won't be able to visit with the members of the 931st nearly as much as I would like to.

So I urge you to utilize the service of your respective first sergeants as much as possible. I have great faith in their abilities and am fully confident they know how to help 931st members in need.

In the coming years we will travel many trails together. The 507th ARW's relationship to the the 931st is much like that of the group's adopted tribe, the Kaw



Nation, or Kanza. Just like the Kanza conduct much of their business through their headquarters in Kaw City, Okla., the 931st will conduct much of its business through the 507th in Oklahoma.

We will have a seamless integration of some functions. Together, we will continue to provide capabilities that would be difficult, if not impossible, for active duty to provide as war fighters. We are the Air Force of the 21st century. Our spirit, much

like the spirit of the "Wind People," is committed to protect our country and way of life. You are a special people.

Most civilians do not understand what we do and our active duty counterparts do not know how we are able to balance family, civilian jobs and Reserve commitment.

Again, it takes a special kind of person to want to do this. To you it may seem easy - you are dedicated citizen airman and true professionals.

I look forward to serving with you and working for you.

## **Command Chief, First Sgt. applicants welcome at 507th**

The 507th Air Refueling Wing, the parent unit of the 931st at Tinker AFB, is accepting applications for command chief master sergeant and Operation Support Flight first sergeant.

The position of **Command Chief Master Sergeant** was established to provide a commander with a direct conduit to the enlisted health, welfare, morale and on utilization of enlisted members in their organizations.

The Command Chief Master Sergeant serves at the discretion of the commander. He or she must be an effective communicator, maintains liaison with local the community and base, represent the commander at selected functions, evaluates the quality of noncommissioned officer leadership and ensures the commanders policies are known and understood by the enlisted force. The command chief must have

exceptional knowledge of airman career fields, as well as history, mission and organization of the Air Force. In addition, he or she must be financially stable, display behavior and appearance above reproach and maintain high standards both socially and militarily.

Personnel interested in applying must be a chief master sergeant or a senior master sergeant eligible for immediate promotion to chief and have a minimum of two years retainability. Personnel must submit a resume, RIP, and be interviewed.

Applications for the **OSS First Sergeant** are also now being accepted.

An applicant review board will meet from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday during the April Unit Training Assembly to make a decision.

Some of the requirements for the position include:

- a letter of recommendation from your current supervisor endorsed by your commander
- a resume citing education (military and civilian), community involvement, self-improvement, leadership and managerial skill
- rank of master sergeant or eligibility for promotion to master sgt
- an AFSC at the 7-skill level.
- high school graduation or GED equivalent.
- completion of the NCO academy
- a minimum aptitude score of 45 ADMIN or 58 GENERAL.
- ability to speak distinctly.
- financial stability

**For additional information,** call Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert Kellington at (405) 734-5286 or Master Sgt. Robert Enriquez at (405) 734-7493.

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cians from the 22nd Operations Support Squadron a break from monotony.

“The actual work is pretty much the same,” Airman Sapp said. “But coming over here gives us a nice change of pace.”

Sgt. Wagner is more than appreciative for the help. She has more flyers to take care of than any other KC-135 squadron in the Air Force. And unlike her active-duty predecessors, she has to do it all as a traditional reservist.

“It’s kind of daunting when I

think about it,” Sgt. Wagner said with a confident smile. She’s well aware of the task before her and has the experience needed to accomplish it. She started her life support career more than 13 years ago on active duty. Her last eight years have been with the Air National Guard.

“It’s a lot different here,” the Centralia, Ill.-native said, referring to the atmosphere where she works now compared to her last guard unit in Illinois. “It’s sort of like going back to active duty.”

The “atmosphere” she refers to is the first floor of the active-duty maintenance building, where her new

office and work area is located. It’s more than just a small reminder of her active-duty days. It’s as close as she’ll get without reenlisting.

Before she skipped across the McConnell AFB flightline eight years ago to support the Air National Guard’s B-1B wing, then-Senior Airman Wagner was part of the same 22nd life support shop she is now a tenant of. She is new to the Reserve, but she is no stranger to the base that was her home for more than nine years.

“I’m glad to be back in Wichita and I like this unit,” she said. “I’m excited about a fresh, new start here.”

**(Right) Sgt. Wagner inspects a flyer’s mask. As the new one-woman, life support shop for the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, she is responsible for the life support training and equipment of the biggest KC-135 squadron in the Air Force.**



**(Above) Sgt. Wagner supervises the work of Senior Airman Jillian Sapp, an active-duty life support technician from the 22nd Operations Support Squadron assigned to help at the 18th Air Refueling Squadron Life Support shop. (Left) Sgt. Wagner returns a flyer’s helmet to its locker. She has 95 flyers to care for, more than any other KC-135 squadron in the Air Force.**





**(Left) Tech Sgt. Dana Wagner is the 18th Air Refueling Squadron's first Life Support technician. She joined the 931st during the last Unit Training Assembly, giving the 18th a permanent life support contact. Her arrival removes the burden on the group's host unit, the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, to rotate its active-duty technicians for support of the group's flyers.**

## SPIRIT SHORTS

### **Beware credit card scam**

Government credit card holders are being warned about a scam involving unknown callers falsely identifying themselves as Bank of America employees working with the GTC program. They claim to be checking suspicious card activity and ask for account numbers, social security numbers and other personal information. Cardholders should report any such attempts to their Agency Program Coordinator and the Bank of America at the 800 number on the back of their cards.

### **AFRC recruiting recruiters**

Air Force Reserve Command is looking for exceptional airmen to become Reserve recruiters.

Recruiters serve a full-time Active Guard and Reserve tour for four years at one of more than 190 locations in the United States and overseas. In some cases, applicants

can perform recruiting duty at their present location. Applicants must hold the rank of airman first class through master sergeant and meet qualifications spelled out in Air Force Manual 36-2108, Air Force Instruction 36-2115 and AFRC's recruiting policy. Interested airmen should contact their local Reserve recruiter for more information.

### **Traditionals need online training to avoid lockout**

Traditional reservists who do not complete the "Network User Licensing" course by the end of the February Unit Training Assembly will be locked out from their Air Force email account and using government computers. The course is available at <http://usaf.smartforce.com>. For more instruction on the course, email Master Sgt. Alma Fewlass at [Alma.Fewlass@mcconnell.af.mil](mailto:Alma.Fewlass@mcconnell.af.mil), or call (316) 759-3793.

### **Commissary closed Mondays**

The McConnell AFB commissary is no longer open on Mondays. Call (316) 759-5627 to hear its open hours or for more information.

### **Welcome newcomers**

**Lt. Col. Roger Gallet**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Maj. Vito Carabetta**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Maj. Kenneth Guevara**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Tech. Sgt. Dana Wagner**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Staff Sgt. Timothy Barnes**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Senior Airman Keith Mullen**

*Civil Engineer Squadron*

## SPIRIT SPOTLIGHT

**This month's selectee is a Wichita, Kan., native who has been in the Air Force for a year and a half.**

**Job title:** Aerospace Propulsion Technician

**Civilian job:** Aerospace Propulsion Technician

**Favorite way to relax:** Watching a movie in my own bed

**What annoys me:** Say bad things behind my back and not to my face

**Most influential person in my life:** My father, he's already retired twice and he still works hard

**What I'm listening to now:** Outkast

**What I'm reading now:** Jet magazines

**If I won \$1 million, I would:** Pay bills and go on vacation



**Airman 1st Class  
Marvell Summerow**  
*931st Maintenance Squadron*



## Open for Business

A new Air Force Reserve recruiting center was scheduled to open across from McConnell AFB the first week of February. The new center, located at 112 S. Rock Rd. in the B-I Market Center, will be overseen by recruiter Master Sgt. David McCormick, who can be reached at (316) 759-3766 or emailed at [david.mccormick@mcconnell.af.mil](mailto:david.mccormick@mcconnell.af.mil). The center isn't currently scheduled to open full time, so potential visitors are urged to call for appointments ahead of time. For more information about joining the Air Force Reserve visit:

[www.afrc.af.mil](http://www.afrc.af.mil)



## Distinguished Graduate

Senior Airman Kevin Hoheisel, 931st Maintenance Squadron, was selected as the distinguished graduate of his Airman Leadership School class. He maintained an average of 90 percent in all activities and set himself apart from his peers.



## PROMOTIONS

*Congratulations to the following promotees:*

**Master Sgt. Michelle Carloss**, 931st CES

**Master Sgt. Robert Lorenz**, 931st MSF

**Tech Sgt. Michael Kissire**, 18th ARS

**Tech Sgt. John Reichenbach**, 931st AMF

**Staff Sgt. Marcus Thurman**, 931st ARG

**Staff Sgt. Shannan Dean**, 931st OSF

**Staff Sgt. James Purcey**, 931st AMXS

**Senior Airman Alejandra Navarro**, 931st CES

**Airman 1st Class Christie Kirkendoll**, 931st AMF

**Airman Crystal Willis**, 931st AMF

# WICHITA WEEKEND

## Sesame Street Live

Feb. 6 – Watch Big Bird and his friends in the show that has entertained more than 46 million families. Show begins at the Kansas Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets.

## Texas Hold'em

Saturday nights through March 27 – A 12-week tournament held in Emerald City on McConnell AFB. Registration begins 6 p.m., games begin 7 p.m. First and second place weekly finishers earn a seat in the final, March 27 tournament. Free for Club McConnell members, \$3 for non-members. Call (316) 759-6002 for more information.

## 6th Annual Blues Ball

Feb. 7 – See Wichita's finest blues musicians perform at this benefit for the Wichita Blues Society at The Cotillion. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$10 at all Select-a-Set Outlets (\$15 at the door).

Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets. Admission at the door will be \$15.

## Home Show

Feb. 5-8 – The Wichita Area Builders Association presents their annual Home Show at the Century II Convention Center. Open 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday

and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$2 for ages 6-12 and children under 6 are free.

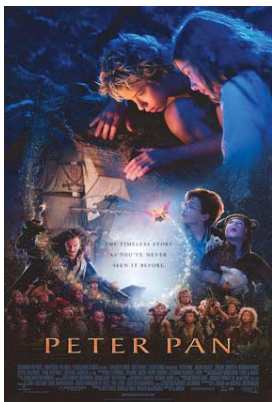
Call WABA at (316) 265-4226 for more information.

## Tops in Blue

Feb. 8 – The Air Force's famous traveling entertainment group is scheduled to stop at the Century II Convention Center as part of the their 50th Anniversary Tour titled "Soaring with Eagles." Showtime is 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m.

The event is **free to the public**. Call (316) 759-4230 for more information.

# At The Movies

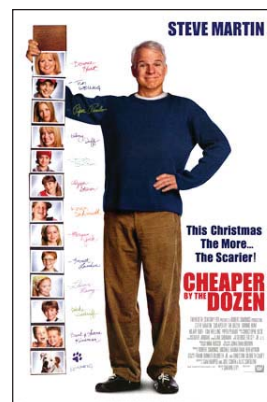


## PETER PAN

FRIDAY, FEB. 6 7pm

1 hr. 45 min. A strange flying boy named Peter Pan invites three London siblings to soar with him to Neverland. There they live among the Lost Boys without adult supervision and face down the nasty Captain Hook.

**MPAA Rating:** PG for adventure action sequences and peril



## CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

SATURDAY, FEB. 7 7pm

1 hr. 38 min. When a football coach is offered the top job at Northwestern University, he sets out for Chicago with his wife and their 12 children. Her career takes off too and they must balance their jobs and the parenting chaos.

**MPAA Rating:** PG for language and thematic elements

Movies are shown at the **McConnell Air Force Base Theater** and are subject to change. Admission is **\$2.25** for adults, **\$1.50** for children 12 and under.

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