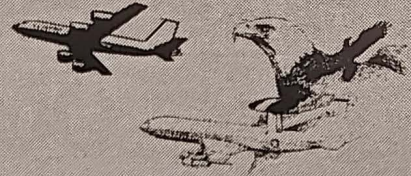


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The 507th Wing tested its war skills last month during an Operational Readiness Inspection. When the smoke had settled, the Air Mobility Command inspectors issued their report. The unit won the war.

*Unit ready to take place in national defense*

## 507th wins during ORI

*By Capt. Rich Curry  
507th Wing Public Affairs*

Last month, members of the 507th Wing underwent a grueling examination of its warfighting skills and won.

The unit's Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), Crisis Reach 97-01, pitted evaluators from Air Mobility Command against 507th reservists during a week-long scenario designed to simulate nothing less than total war.

In the end, the evaluators stated the 507th passed the test: The 507th is ready to step up to the plate and take its place in fulfilling national defense objectives.

The ORI caps nearly one and a half years of preparation, refining processes, and reacquainting members with war skills last practiced during the unit's 1991 ORI. The exercise challenged unit members in four major areas: initial response, employment, ability to survive and operate and mission support.

The ORI tasked the 507th to deploy seven KC-135R tankers, supported by two C-5 aircraft from the 433rd Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, to deploy aircrews, maintenance, and support personnel to a forward operating location (FOL) at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Miss. During the ORI, the wing transported 190 tons of cargo, 438 passengers, and offloaded 303,000 pounds of fuel to 49 receiver aircraft.

At the FOL, both 507th and 433rd personnel formed the 97-01B Air Refueling Wing (Provisional). They responded to exercises that stressed unit command and control, security procedures, and base actions prior to, during, and after attack. These exercises included restricted area penetrations and major accident responses, as well as simulated conventional and chemical attacks.

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**"Readiness Is Our Number One Priority"**

# Our future is bright

By Col. Martin M. Mazick  
507th Wing Commander

Congratulations! We are pronounced **mission ready** by Air Mobility Command. I want to cover a couple of items this month. The first is to acknowledge your hard work and efforts that went into the preparations for and execution of our ORI. It was a team effort.

My thanks go out particularly to Lt. Col. Rich Jones for all his hard work to get us ready, 1st Lt. Ralph Hawkins and the "stay-at-home" teams really added to our ability to execute our deployment and return in a most expeditious manner. Our team in the Command Post have made great strides in the past 18 months which allowed them to turn in a very strong performance.

The IG recognized three performances in particular for their outstanding nature: MSgt. Vinnie Molzahn (CES), TSgt. "Scotty" Wilson (ARS) and TSgt. Mikula Gay (SVS). Well Done!

Everyone worked very hard during the ORI. Although we were graded Satisfactory overall, we were graded **Excellent** in the thing we practiced the most and do the best, EMPLOYMENT.

The jets flew and offloaded the gas required. We all made that happen. The aircrews did a great job in carrying out the mission,

## ORI: We won!!



but would not have been up there had it not been for the folks that insured they had a place to sleep, the folks that fed them, the Security Police who protected the aircraft, and the maintainers who configured and prepared the jets for takeoff.

Our team made that happen! Don't make the mistake of equating your individual all-out efforts to the grade. We were scored as a team, and as a team we are ready to go to war.

War is supposed to be hard, confusing and requires much effort. The IG scenario was the most difficult one given to date. They required us to work hard and you were up to the task. We have things to work on that only become visible in the fog of war. We need to continue down our readiness path and continue to improve. I am proud of our efforts. **WE WON!!!!**

**Second, you have proven you have what it takes to meet the Air Force Core Values.**

**Integrity First** - Your willingness to do what is right even when someone is not looking. You exhibited courage, honesty, responsibility, openness and self-respect all during the ORI week. Your best came forward.

**Service Before Self** - You showed that your professional duties took precedence over your personal desires just by participating in the ORI. We had a number of folks who overcame the personal tragedies going on in their lives to be here. The time you gave up throughout the year is testimony to your placing service before self. I don't wish to take anything away from them, but I believe you subscribe to a higher calling than those serving on active duty because you do this voluntarily.

**Excellence In All We Do** - The efforts of our three top performers are just the tip of the iceberg in our efforts to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement and innovation. The IG is limited to acknowledging only three top performers, but I know the 507th possesses many, many more.

**Finally, the year ahead will present more challenges for us.** We will stay at eight PAA, KC-135R's; we will continue to man for the tankers and AWACS. We will break ground this year on the new AWACS Headquarters/Squadron Operations Building and our new Fuel Cell Hanger. We will continue to grow here at Tinker. We have staying power!

Our future is bright, but just like in war, it will take a team effort. And we have proven we are up to it.

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# 507th CLSS gets Clouse Trophy Award

By TSgt. Mitchell B. Chandran  
507th Wing Public Affairs

The 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) was selected last month to receive Fourth Air Force's CMSgt. James K. Clouse Memorial Trophy for demonstrated aircraft maintenance excellence during 1996.

This annual award recognizes the 507th CLSS for excellence in every measurable category while meeting mission requirements. The trophy will officially be presented to the squadron, to display for one year, during April's Unit Training Assembly (UTA).

According to the nomination package, the 507th CLSS demonstrated a high caliber and dedication in areas to include mission performance, innovations, special projects, awards participation, training programs, manning/retention and safety.

In mission performance, the 507th CLSS was recognized for its maintenance teams while deployed to Hickam AFB for KC-135 support, Barksdale AFB for B-52 support, Ellsworth AFB for B-1 support and Nellis AFB for F-16 support. Performing in partnership with active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units, the 507th CLSS assisted Oklahoma City Air Logistic Center's Aircraft and Propulsion Directories by supporting depot maintenance of KC-135, B-52 and B-1 aircraft and multiple engine systems.

Working with its active duty sister squadron, at Tinker AFB, the 654th CLSS, the 507th CLSS assisted with various special projects. One of their "Total Force" projects included an Air Force-wide reconfiguration of Aircraft Battle Damage and Repair (ABDR) trailers.

"While the 654th CLSS spent a lot of time away on temporary duty, our reservists provided continuity for the [ABDR] trailer reconfiguration project," said Capt. Bryan Runion, maintenance officer for the 507th CLSS. "We sent SSgt. Jimmy Easton, B-1 structural repair technician for the 507th CLSS, to Hill AFB to help design a prototype ABDR trailer with representatives from 11 other CLSS units. This prototype was adopted by the Air Force and now more than 100 trailers are being built according to this prototype's specifications." A core group of CLSS members, to include SMSgt. Stan Walker, MSgt. Alan King, TSgt. Leroy Trzebiatowski, SSgt. Mark Wilson, SSgt. Gary Murray, SSgt. Michael Songer and AIC Diane Wilson from the supply and maintenance section, have been with the ABDR trailer reconfiguration program since its inception in April 1996.

Other projects squadron members were involved in included assisting Fourth Air Force by providing maintenance, supply and transportation teams for more than a month to work with the 931st Air Refueling Wing (ARW), McConnell AFB, Kans., to support the 22nd ARW while they were deployed, giving supply support and inventorying the 22nd's mobility assets. 507th CLSS members also worked with the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March AFB, Calif., by helping perform their acceptance inspections as they converted from KC-135E to KC-135R aircraft.

The 507th CLSS was cited for innovations including the squadron's relocation of its new Administration Section to Building 1030 and Support Facility to Building 260 where all mobility assets are kept. Runion said a lot of furniture used in building 1030 was acquired and considered excess from the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center which was estimated to save the unit about \$50,000 in new purchases. Ten excess computer systems were also acquired from the depot, saving an additional \$20,000.

A 507th CLSS proposal to rededicate its F-4 engine teams to the F-16 mission was adopted by Air Force Material Command (AFMC) and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC).

With final approval from AFMC, the squadron now has a total of 15, two-man engine teams. Nine teams are now dedicated to the F-16 engine mission. The remaining teams consist of two teams for the KC-135, one for the F-111, one for the C-141, one for the B-52 and one for the B-1 engine repair missions.

Engine repair is not the only function of the 507th CLSS. The squadron has four aircraft teams consisting of 15 people each. These teams perform flightline maintenance and ABDR for KC-135, B-52 and B-1 aircraft.

Although the squadron is noted for aircraft maintenance, the mission could not be completed without the support of supply, transportation and administration personnel. Supply personnel are responsible for ordering and receiving aircraft, engine and support items to repair aircraft, components and equipment. Locating and requisitioning parts requires highly specialized knowledge. Sometimes a world-wide search is needed to get a certain part to place an aircraft back into service again.

The squadron's transportation section has the mission of Combat Packaging and Freightling. When deployed, transportation specialists receive, package (build special crates) and ship aircraft parts and equipment such as a wing section, an aircraft fuselage or an aircraft radio. During a deployment, the transportation specialists support the commander of their particular theater of assignment.

This is the second time the Clouse Trophy has been awarded to the 507th. It was previously presented to the 507th Logistics Group in 1995.

### Enlisted Advisory Council members are

## Your representative voice

The 507th Wing Enlisted Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss issues and problems affecting 507th reservists.

Appointed by their commanders, they represent enlisted issues to the 507th Wing commander.

If you encounter problems affecting your reserve career, contact your squadron representative.

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# 507th wins during ORI

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According to Col. Mark Pillar, 507th Vice Wing Commander, "This was the toughest ORI scenario I have ever seen. (During the employment day) ...we packed, processed and moved nearly 500 people, 107 tons of cargo and flew 15 sorties in less than 18 hours. That took a herculean effort on everyone's part!"

Pillar said when the deployed reservists arrived at the FOL, even the weather was pitted against them. "When the folks got there, they were met by a severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings. They quickly headed for shelter, but the cargo couldn't be unloaded until the storms passed. By the time the storms let up, there was a tanker and two C-5's to unload. Of course, the assigned K-loader broke, so another one had to be brought in."

The rain did little to dampen the unit's spirits, Pillar said. "Everyone's attitude was great and morale ran high. Everyone went 'above and beyond' to make sure our jets got the refueling accomplished."

"When the IG said he would test our abilities for 72 hours, he really, really meant it. Our heroes, both male and female, did a great job while being tasked heavily. I have really enjoyed working with everyone on this tremendous undertaking. I know that we all made a lot of sacrifices. Thank you for all your efforts. Working with you makes me proud to be called an OKIE."

During the IG team's outbrief, three unit members were publicly recognized and presented with IG coins for their outstanding teamwork during the ORI. Recognized were: TSgt. Mikula Gay, 507th Services Flight; MSgt. Vincent Molzahn, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron and TSgt. Scott Wilson, 465th Air Refueling Squadron. The three coins represented the maximum allowable that any IG team may present during an inspection.

In addition, IG team certificates of recognition were also presented to four separate unit teams: the Supply Team, Aircrew Life Support Team, Rapid Runway Repair Team and the Cargo Deployment Quick Response Team.

Members on the teams were:



Unit members showed their ability to work and operate in their chemical ensemble gear. During the employment phase of the inspection, the inspectors kept members engaged in "the heat of war".



Maintaining a communications network proved to be a challenge during the inspection.

**Supply Team:** Capt. Melissa B. James, SMSgt. Arthur Martin, MSgts. Cecil Piercy, Jr., and Walter Simco, Jr., TSgt. Paul Victorian, SSgts. Tammy Bailey and Jonathan Odum.

**Aircrew Life Support Team:** MSgt. Ricky Skelton, TSgts. James Smith and William Nelson, SSgts. Leslie Dewitt, Jeffrey Ginther, Tracy House, Richard Hinckley and Bryan Wilson.

**Rapid Runway Repair (RRR) Crater Repair Team:** MSgts. Thomas Irwin, John Ries and Robin Lawson, TSgts. Daniel Luttrell, Joey Normandin, Gary Brown, Michael Boon and Jonathan Lawson, SSgts. Samuel Neal and Troy Siler and SrA Jonathan Mills.

**Cargo Deployment Quick Response Team:** SMSgt. Deborah Shepherd-Moore, MSgts. Floyd Gordon, Jr., and Freeman Pittmann, TSgts. Jimmy Thompson, Steven Wright and Neville Comas, SSgts. Brian Finley, Gary Berry, Larry Easley, Tracy Hill and Christopher Neatherly.

According to 507th Commander, Col. Martin M. Mazick, "My congratulations to all of us in the 507th Wing. We won! Our gaining major command (AMC) has pronounced us mission ready in accordance with active duty standards. We did well! Each of us needs to be proud of what we accomplished. We can go to war with the best of them."

"When I look back over the last 18 months, I am proud of what we accomplished. We went from "Zero" to "Mission Ready" while we stood up the AWACS mission, deployed to Germany and Mainz to support real world taskings, exercised our tanker generation for U.S. Strategic Command, completed a Unit Self Assessment Validation by Headquarters Air Force Reserve and completed our ORI. Well done 507th!"

Additional comments from the commander on the 507th's ORI can be read on page 2.

# High-tech weapons training on-line

By TSgt. Stan Paregien  
507th Wing Public Affairs

A four-man patrol makes its way through the jungle. Suddenly, shots ring out and the team reacts. Each person is carrying a loaded M-16. Each person is also standing inside a building at Tinker. This is an exercise.

The days of firing live ammunition on a range and cleaning dirty weapons afterward may be coming to an end as enhanced technology propels the military forward to a new century. Electronic pistols and rifles combined with a computer simulation program give troops an entirely new experience qualifying to shoot weapons. It is an improved exercise.

The system is a collective organization of the latest technology combined with the needs of day-to-day weapons qualification requirements.

The purpose of the equipment is to qualify personnel on both the M-16 rifle and the M-9 pistol. This high-tech simulator reduces the need to shoot live ammunition (and pay for it), and eliminates the requirement to clean the weapon when military personnel are finished firing. These benefits attracted the attention of Col. Gary Mixon, commander of the 507th Support Group.

"When I first got here, small arms qualification had some problems. Someone gave me information on this electronic system. I called the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, checked around, and found that this actually worked. We thought a joint facility between us and the base would be good. We said we would provide the equipment if Tinker could provide a facility. The base built a building and I knew there were some machines out there in boxes. I contacted AFRES and requested them, and because we as a base were ready, we got them."

"What intrigued me was that this was not just a gadget. It is safer than using live ammo. It is clean and environmentally friendly. It provides instant feedback and it is not intimidating to the user," Mixon added.

The Security Police Squadron and Combat Arms Training Maintenance Section (CATM) has the Air Force Qualifications Courses "targeted" for increased use. The Combat Arms Training System (CATS) has been operational several years according to MSgt. Danny Cross, a civilian training instructor for the 72nd Security Police and CATM Superintendent.



507th Wing Commander, Col. Martin M. Mazick tries his hand at the new CATS training system. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

"This course is interactive. There is a situation where you are walking a beat with your partner who talks to you and looks back at you as the program continues. You are asked questions after shooting to help you walk yourself through the reasoning process to determine if that was the best way to react to the challenge. It helps to train Security Police on when to shoot and when not to shoot."

"Each relay is shorter than the turnaround time we had before on the live range. There are no physical targets to set up and no brass shells to pick up, which reduces the shooting time from an hour down to 45 minutes," Cross said.

## Realistic training provided

Replaceable CO<sub>2</sub> canisters provide the action to give the guns a "kick" just like the real thing. Occasionally the weapons will malfunction just like they do in everyday training. If a gun is loaded incorrectly, it will malfunction too. The system simulates a weapons characteristics while engaging targets projected on the screen just like you are firing the real thing. Correct muzzle velocity, round projection, bullet weight and effects of wind and elevation are used to compute the trajectory. Expected results are displayed on the screen in real-time and replay modes.

With the CATS, a darkened room, and four "shooters", an operator can qualify between 40 and 50 individuals each day. The computerized program instantly monitors good shots along with the bad ones, and allows the instructor to correct shooters as needed.

The program gives the instructor the capability to change the setting and provide multiple target scenarios so troops

gain experience in a wide variety of challenging situations. Students in the class may come up against simulated enemy forces in a jungle, a desert, or an urban environment in a matter of seconds. When a shot is fired and a lethal hit occurs, the subject will fall and not return fire. A miss may result in the subject firing, fleeing the scene, or the instructor may direct the system to present a no-shoot situation. The direct video format (DVF) option will accept locally-produced taped scenarios for use in interactive training.

Realism is important to ensure trainees get the feel for an actual weapon and its characteristics. "With this high-tech system, it sounds like an M-16 and it feels like an M-16," said Mixon.

Capt. Mary Roehl, commander of the 507th Security Police Squadron, is impressed by the realism. "There are programs where you are walking down the street and a group of people are walking toward you. One pulls out a gun and you have to react. A program is also being developed that will allow several troops to act as a team," she said.

A complete system with the machine, weapons, and computer program to run it costs just over \$93,000.

The system will accommodate as many as five weapons simultaneously and provides use of different weapon types at the same time.

"Once again, we're witnessing a success story that is a result of teaming between the many units on base. Purchasing the system was a joint effort between the 507th Wing, Air Force Reserve, and the base. Using the system will also be a joint activity. Active Duty and Reserve personnel as well as Air National Guard will also use the facility," said Gerald Yanker, Oklahoma City Air Logistic Center Executive Director.



Above is an architect conception of the new Composite Operations Training Facility. (Artwork courtesy of The Benham Group)

## New building construction to begin

By Capt. Rich Curry  
507th Wing Public Affairs

A groundbreaking ceremony was held March 27 east of Building 1066 to kick off the construction of a new Composite Operations Training Facility for 513th Air Control Group and 507th Wing.

The facility, which is designed to be constructed in three phases, will house the 513th ACG, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron and 513th Operations Support Flight, and eventually, the 507th's 465th Air Refueling Squadron.

The first phase, projected to cost \$3.5 million, involves construction of a one-story building, with abatement, which will be connected via tunnel to the 507th Command Post in Building 1066. Phase I construction is estimated to be complete by March 25, 1998.

The project will provide roughly 22,066 square feet of space. Internally, the building will consist of offices, conference rooms, a 150-seat auditorium, mission planning areas for training aircrews in their wartime tasks, and to administrative offices. The basement will house the 970th AAC's offices, including the Squadron Commander, First Sergeant, Orderly Room, Scheduling, Training, Operations and "A", "B", "C" and "D" Flights.

Also located in the basement are a conference room, men and women latrines/showers/lockers, a mechanical room, intelligence, and a LAN/computer room.

The ground floor will house the auditorium, four briefing/classrooms, 513th ACG Command Section, 513th OSF Support Flight commander, combined OSF functions, plans and exercises. Also located on the ground floor will be the safety, flight planning/briefing, aircrew lounge, operations counter, life support offices and latrines.

The architectural design of the project compliments the existing low-rise buildings on the 507th Wing campus. The use of beige brick and sloped standing seam metal roofing will help to tie the buildings together with an identity to achieve a cohesive, campus-like environment.

According to the project description, Phase I may also involve adding additional parking lot space farther east, if money is available.

Phase III for the project will be constructed when the AWACS manning expands from six to nine aircrews. Phase II construction will house the Air Refueling Squadron Operations. Phase II funding is contained in the Fiscal Year 2004 Military Construction Project budget.

## Air Force activates Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Reserve was redesignated the Air Force Reserve Command during the 1997 Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference and Military Exposition Feb. 17 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force Chief of Staff, presided over the ceremony, which made AFRC the ninth major command of the Air Force. Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh is the commander.

According to McIntosh, there will be little change in how the Reserve works within the Air Force, since it has functioned much like a major command for many years. "When we deploy for an exercise or for one of the many recent contingencies, it's hard to tell which people or units are reservists and which are active duty," McIntosh said. "That is why we wear our gaining command patches. The seamless daily operation enjoyed today serves us well."

Previously, the Reserve was a field operating agency. AFRC headquarters is at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The standup of the Air Force Reserve as an Air Force major command came as a result of Title XII - Reserve Forces Revitalization - in Public Law 104-201, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997. Title XII revises the basic statutory authorities governing the organization and administration of the reserve components of the Armed Forces. The revision came about to recognize the realities of reserve component partnership in the Total Force and to better prepare the American citizen-soldier, sailor, airman, and Marine in time of peace for duties in war.

The need for this revision was first identified by U.S. Representative Greg Laughlin (D-Texas) and 33 co-sponsors by introduction of H.R. 1646 on May 16, 1995. This was a direct result of lessons learned during mobilization for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, which showed that enhancements in day-to-day Reserve support were required to most effectively use the reserve components. (AFRC News Service)

## April Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 11 Apr		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

### Sat, 12 Apr

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1100	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Rm
1000-1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1100	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG period w/Col Pillar	Bldg 1043, Rm B6, Basement
1400-1500	Training Improvement Council Mtg	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1500-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1

### Sun, 13 Apr

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
0815-1115	HAZCOM Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1030, CLSS ConfRm
0930-1330	Ed&Tng Open by Apxt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, ConfRm
1300	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300-1400	507th Silver Anniversary Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

## HOT TOPICS.....

- ✓ **They're Heeere!** **WHO???**  
The Oklahoma City Aviation Education Alliance.. Your opportunity is Now!  
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(See pg A-3 for details)
- ✓ EO2000 has been moved from 1200 to 1230 on Sundays of UTA
- ✓ Now that we've WON the war, Let's put our experiences into the "Continuous Improvements" of our training programs!!
- ✓ Taking the Course Exam on a Mandatory CDC? Bring your Training Record to testing room with all VRE score sheets signed by you and your supervisor, or you will not be permitted to test!
- ✓ Get your seat! Next NCO LDP course starts 07 July. Check page A3 to find out how to sign up. Time is running out....

# Training Planner

## Long Range Schedule

Apr	UTA Blood drive
12	UTA Blood drive
18-10	WICP-A Trng/UTA CF/CSM
19-03May	AT-CLSS B1 & Eng1/Crew1
28-02May	NCOLDP 97A Phase II
May	
1-4	4 AF/CC Conf
02	NCOLDP 97A Graduation
02	SPS-Camp Gruber MXXX Trng
2-4	SAV Med Sq
3-4	Off-Station UTA Eng2
17-18	Off UTA B1/Eng1/Crew1
26	MEMORIAL DAY ☐
31-4 Jun	AT-Supply/Trans (Elmendorf)
June	
7-8	465 ARS Combat Surv Trng
7-8	Off Station UTA B-1 ABDR, Eng1 Crew 1 (McConnell)
7	UTA Blood drive
7-21	AT-B-52 Team (Minot)
7-21	AT-Supply/Trans, Eng 2 Crews 3,4,5 (Aviano)
7-21	AT-72 APS (Dover)
21-27	AT-CF/CSM
28-29	Off UTA-135A & B Teams
July	
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY ☆
7-11	NCOLDP 97B Phase I
12-13	465 ARS Water Survival
12-26	AT-KC 135 A & B Teams (Mildenhall)
13	513 ACG Anniversary/Picnic
19-01Aug	AT-72 APS (Travis AFB)
26-27	Off Station UTA Eng 2 Crews 2,3,4,5 (Ft. Smith)
28-01Aug	NCOLDP 97B Phase II
Aug	
01	NCOLDP Graduation
01-TBD	465 ARS Denmark Deployment
02-03	Off Station UTA B-1 ABDR, Eng1 Crew 1 (McConnell)
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As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
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0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0815-1115	HAZCOM Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0900-1000	3 A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1030, CLSS Conf Rm
0930-1330	Ed&Tng Open by Appt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300-1400	507th Silver Anniversary Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As Designated by Unit

## Ancillary Training Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend within 90 days of their first UTA.** If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

Phase I	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
<b>Phase II</b>			
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Sunday	0900-1030	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1030-1130	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP
Sunday	1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

## UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

## Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

## Disaster Preparedness

Units may schedule Chemical Warfare training, by-name, throughout the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT one UTA prior to requested class date. Ensure all personnel bring their "go-bag," including gas mask and chemical warfare ensemble to all classes. It is imperative that classes start on time. Anyone arriving late will be reported as a no-show.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Bring gas mask eyeglass inserts if you have them. In addition, please be aware that contact lenses can not be worn during this training.

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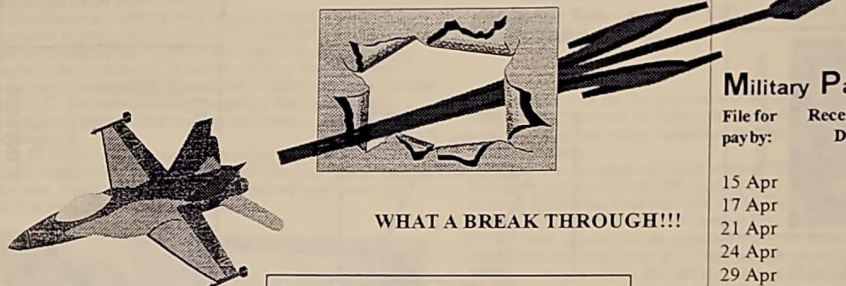
--OSU: Ed.D. in/applied Educational studies-Aviation Education Emphasis; M.S in Natural and Applied Sciences, Aviation and Space Sciences option; BS in Aviation Sciences w/ options in Technical Services Mgmt or Aviation Mgmt;

--Langston University: BS in Airway Sciences, AirwayElectronicSystems Major

--Rose State College: Associate in Applied Science w/options in Aviation Mgmt or Professional Pilot

--Oklahoma City Community College: Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Mgmt emphasis.

If you missed the Spring II Term, want more information on Aviation degrees, course schedules, or just wish to talk with a counsellor, call (405) 739-2574, or visit the Alliance of in Bldg 201 SE. (This is the Active Duty Education Center and is available to ALL Reservists)



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## NCO Academy In-Residence

Class	Dates
97-5	22 July 97-28 Aug 97
97-6	15 Sep 97-23 Oct 97

## FY 97 NCO LDP Class Dates

Class 97B	Dates
phase I:	M-F 7-11 Jul 97
phase II:	M-F 28 Jul-1 Aug 97

Please contact your Unit Training Manager to initiate your application.

This publication is brought to you by your friendly Education and Training staff. If you need assistance or have suggestions for how we can improve our service to you, please call us at (405) 734-7075, or stop by our office in Bldg 1043, Room 206.

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## BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 4 or 9 you have until 30 April 1997 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.

## Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
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21 Apr	01 May
24 Apr	02 May
29 Apr	07 May
01 May	09 May
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# 507 CLSS, 654 CLSS, and OC-ALC engineers participate in joint exercise

By Capt Bryan L. Runion  
507 CLSS, Senior ART



SSgt. Jimmy Easton and SSgt. Cliff Wall, repair a simulated shrapnel hole.

During the weekend of November 16-17, more than 120 members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS), the 654th CLSS, from Tinker AFB, and the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center (OC-ALC) participated in a joint exercise to prepare for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. The combined exercise was a first for both the active and reserve CLSS units and promises to be the wave of the future. According to Lt. Col. Barry Roberts, 507th CLSS commander, "The exercise could not have come at a better time. Both the 654th CLSS and 507th CLSS are gearing up for a Headquarters Air Force Material Command (AFMC) Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in November 1997."

The November 1996 exercise involved chemical warfare scenarios at two locations. 654th CLSS and 507th CLSS Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) and Engine Repair teams deployed to the new ABDR training facility, located on base. Also participating in the exercise were ABDR engineers from the OC-ALC. The exercise brought together, for the first time, war-fighting partners that could be deployed as part of a contingency.

CLSS Supply and Transportation teams deployed to the 507th CLSS Support Facility in Building 260. They also participated in chemical warfare scenarios while performing warehouse and combat packaging/freighting operations.



A CLSS engine team discuss repairs needed to this engine during their November, 1996, Operational Readiness Exercise. The CLSS is preparing for its Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for November of this year.

The nerve center for the exercise was a command post set up in Hangar 1030. This was an information gathering point for maintenance repair status, casualties, and unexploded ordnance (UXO) reporting.

The exercise required extensive support from many agencies. Damage to the KC-135 ABDR training aircraft was inflicted by an Army EOD team from Fort Sill, Okla. This created realistic damage to the aircraft. The 3rd Combat Communications Group ("Third Herd"), provided an aggressor team for scenarios at the ABDR pad. Another touch of realism was provided through the ABDR teams use of MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System) Gear. The MILES system involves participants weapon's being equipped with laser beam transmitters while also wearing personal receivers that record "hits" when shot. If "shot," the personal gear emits a tone. Ground burst simulators and a smoke generator were also used to provide additional effects.

507th Wing agencies also supported the exercise. The Disaster Preparedness Office provided exercise evaluators and ran a Contamination Control Area (CCA). The scenario required all personnel to process through the CCA in Alarm Black, MOPP level 4. The 507th Maintenance Squadron provided a multitude of non-powered and powered aerospace ground equipment (AGE) to support the ABDR teams. An elaborate communications package was also provided by the 507th Communications Flight. Base radios were set-up at the Command Post, Support Facility, and ABDR pad. The three communications nets along with an ample supply of hand-held radios allowed flawless communications, a key for any exercise. The 72nd Air Base Wing also supported the exercise, providing box meals and buses. This took care of the feeding and transportation needs of the more than 120 personnel involved.

According to CMSgt. Terry Hiron, 654 CLSS Chief of Maintenance, "The exercise was a resounding success! Both the 654 CLSS and 507 CLSS picked up many lessons learned that will help both units prepare for their upcoming November 97 ORI."

According to Roberts, "Our goal is nothing short of an 'Excellent'."

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# Senior enlisted advisor named to DACOWITS

By Courtney E. Hurtt  
Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Air Force has appointed CMSgt. Carol Smits, Air Force Reserve senior enlisted advisor, as a new military representative to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), effective May 1.

"I am elated and humbled to have the opportunity to work with this committee," said Smits. "I have been waiting for this opportunity since I was a young airman and first heard about DACOWITS."

The committee, established in 1951 by then Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall, is composed of civilian women and men appointed by the Secretary of Defense. Members provide recommendations relevant to women serving in America's armed forces and address quality of life issues affecting women's military readiness.

Military representatives, such as Smits, are appointed by the various services to aid and advise the committee, but not serve as members. Smits will join five other Air Force military representatives. One other Reserve military representative is Col. Betty Mullis, commander of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., the Air Force's first woman to command a flying wing.

"I look forward to learning a lot from DACOWITS and at the same time, I am ready to assist them with making decisions that affect the women of the Air Force," Smits said.

The committee is divided into three subcommittees which cover topics including quality of life, forces development and utilization, and equality management. Smits has already assisted

the committee on quality of life issues when she submitted information on the need for day care centers for the dependents of military parents during unit training assemblies. "From the work I have done with DACOWITS up to this point, I really feel it has the best interest of military members in mind," she said.

All DACOWITS members are required to periodically visit nearby military installations, facilities and organizations. The visits keep members informed on current military activities and policies. It allows them time to speak with women and men in the fleet and field. Military representatives assist DACOWITS members by serving as experts in current military programs and policies, providing information and recommendations, and when necessary, researching topics of interest.

While serving as a representative, Smits hopes to address issues that affect all of the services. Such issues include better medical care for women, educating military members on sexual harassment issues, and making new assignments available to qualified women.

"Being a military representative to the committee is not about me, it is about ensuring the Reserve and the Guard are well represented and give insight to the committee," said Smits. (AFRC News Service)



CMSgt. Carol Smits

# Miller wins AF Security Police award

TSgt. William C. Miller, of the 507th Security Police Squadron, has been selected as the Air Force's 1996 Outstanding Reserve Component Security Police Noncommissioned officer/airman, Security Specialty.

In a March 17, message from Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command, Miller was congratulated on his Air Force-level achievement as well as for his dedicated professionalism.

Miller was nominated for the award based on his contributions to the 507th Security Police Squadron's 1996 training program. During the past year, Miller planned and coordinated an annual tour to Camp Gruber, Okla., reserving training areas and developing schedules of events for ground combat training.

As the squadron's self-inspection program monitor, Miller completely revamped the squadron's self-inspection program. Also working as his unit's education and training manager, he was directly responsible for the supervision of



TSgt. William Miller

training for 51 personnel in three specialties.

He completely reorganized the training section to meet policy directives, improving its efficiency, and worked

directly with the Superintendent, NCOIC and Squad Leaders to establish training schedules.

Miller led a fireteam last year to Patriot Express, a multi-service desert warfare exercise. While there, he successfully protected the prisoner of war camp from Marine aggressors, defeating their penetration attempts every time.

Miller volunteered to backfill active duty for 179 days here at Tinker while they were deployed. As Flight Sergeant in charge of up to 20 people, he responded to emergencies, was responsible for protection of the alert area, the E-3 parking area, and the air freight terminal ramp area.

His community service included representing the 507th and the Air Force Reserve while manning the Recruiting booth at the Oklahoma State Fair. Miller substitute teaches in the Oklahoma City Public Schools and is working toward his Master of Secondary Education degree at the University of Central Oklahoma.

# Reflections on a military career

By TSgt. Larry Wilson  
72nd Aerial Port Squadron  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. It began in high school in 1956. I didn't like sports or phys ed and California had the California Cadet Corps. I could enroll in cadet corps and not have to be involved in sports or phys ed, and I would get a jump on military training. For me, the best of both worlds and besides, I had always had strong feelings of patriotism.

In my senior year of high school, I joined the Naval Reserve. One summer camp with the Navy taught me that I couldn't see myself sailing the seven seas. Besides, my buddies thought we should join the Army on the buddy plan and go to Germany. We wanted armor, Europe. We joined, and the Army was happy to send us to Germany. The Army was good to me but I didn't like sleeping in the snow or eating most of my meals outdoors. Men like to sleep inside too, you know!

I was out of the Army before Vietnam so I didn't have to serve there. I joined the Army Reserve in Oklahoma City. I served a year or two with them, spending a summer camp in glorious Ft. Polk, La., again, sleeping outdoors and eating out of steel mess kits while fighting mosquitoes and flies for my food. That ended when I was released from duty because of my civilian job.

At that point in my life, I had something like six years in reserve and active duty time. I stayed out of the military until 1979 when I decided I really missed the camaraderie and didn't want to throw away six years that would count toward retirement. (After all, \$400 to \$500 a month at age sixty will make a car payment.) I got interested in the reserve again and started looking around. One day, I read an ad in the newspaper that said "Spend a weekend a month in sunny California."

I called the 800 number and was surprised to have an AFRES recruiter answer the phone.

"How are you going to get me from Tulsa to Travis AFB one weekend a month?" The answer was, not to worry, they would

send us a C-141 on Friday night before the UTA, we would get on and fly to Travis.

I like flying and I like big airplanes. **WHAT A DEAL!!** I knew most Air Force guys and gals slept inside, ate their meals on chinaware and lived a civilized life. **"WHERE DO I SIGN?" I ASKED.**

Thus began my career with AFRES. Training opportunities, good camaraderie and world wide travel are hallmarks of my experience with the Air Force Reserve. I have gained experience in total quality management, learned the transportation business inside out and traveled to the most exotic places in the world. I have learned things that I use in my civilian job every day. And I got paid to do and experience all of this. A darned good paycheck too! Has it been all fun and games? No, but life is like that. Would I do it again? You bet your life I would!

In 1981, the Air Force Reserve discontinued the "Fly Away" program and recommended that I find another unit. I joined the 507th immediately so I wouldn't miss any UTA's.

As I close out my military career this month, I leave with warm feelings for the officers and enlisted people from every branch of service I served in, and especially, the folks at the 72 Aerial Port Squadron. To my first sergeant, MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, thanks for believing in me and urging me to be a public affairs rep for the 72nd. Thanks to Chief Alspaugh for sending me to great places for annual tours. Thank you all in the 72nd for your support. I also extend my thanks to the folks in the 507th Public Affairs Office for making sure my stories were published far and wide.

A very special thanks to my soulmate and wife Marilyn, who has supported me in my service to my country. Family support is absolutely essential if you want to have a good career.

If you are in the Air Force Reserve and like your job, stay in. If you have over six years of service, then consider the retirement benefit. Twenty years is not very long and when I look back, 41 years has slipped by in the blink of an eye.

# Baker awarded Joint Service Commendation Medal

By TSgt. Larry Wilson  
72nd Aerial Port Squadron  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

TSgt. John Baker, Jr. found that hard work and attention to business results in feeling good about one's life and also results in getting high recognition for a good job.

Baker accepted an assignment to San Vito dei Normanni Air Station, Italy, from June 7 to October 5, 1996, where he was the NCOIC of the Air Cargo Section, Logistics Directorate, Joint Special Operations Task Force Two, Special Operations Command Implementation Force.

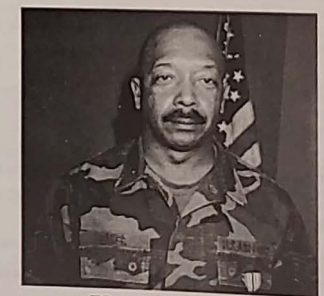
While working as the NCOIC, Baker distinguished himself through expert leadership and seasoned experience as an aircraft load-planner. He was proficient in developing load plans for five different

types of aircraft which resulted in the construction of six major contingency load plans to forward deploy special operations forces in response to Iraqi aggression.

During his tour, he processed over 275 personnel and over 61.8 short tons of cargo from 3 C-5B and one C-141B aircraft with zero logistical delays and each aircraft meeting scheduled departure windows. He also was responsible for processing over 2,000 passengers and servicing aircraft carrying over 1,554,541 pounds of cargo with zero mishaps to assigned vehicles or transient aircraft.

Baker said "the loads that were the most fun were the ones with the Navy Seals on-board. They would never tell you exactly what was on the aircraft load." The job was never boring, according to Baker, because of the number of planes he had to process.

"We had active duty units from Europe and the US, coming in every two weeks," Baker said. In addition, "the French, British and Italians had forces working there."



TSgt. John Baker, Jr.





# Reserve News

## "Citizen Airman" video visits 507th

Last month, a video crew from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) visited the 507th Wing gathering stories for next December's Citizen Airman news video.

Features on the 513th Air Control Group and the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron are scheduled to be highlighted in the next production.

Citizen Airman news video is produced by AFRC Public Affairs twice a year.

## 507th Year in Review video produced

The 507th Public Affairs Office has completed this year's "Year In Review" video highlighting 1996 unit activities.

The 13-minute video is the third yearly production about 507th reservists in action. This year's video features footage of last year's major activities, operations statistics as well highlighting top unit performers. An original music soundscore for the video

## Refer a friend for a career future!

There are still positions available within the 507th. Help out unit recruiters by providing them a name or contact one of the following recruiters:

### Tinker & Vance AFBs, OK.

MSgt. Al Garza  
405-734-5331

### Midwest City, OK.

MSgt. Linda Smith  
TSgt Jackie Stanley  
TSgt Eric Glick  
405-733-9403

### Sheppard AFB, Texas (Mon-Thurs)

MSgt Bob Wright 817-676-3382

### Altus AFB, (Fridays) 405-481-5123

MSgt Bob Wright

### Lawton, OK. 405-357-2784

MSgt. Larry Giles

### McConnell AFB, Kans..

MSgt. Terry Gosh, 316-652-4350  
MSgt. Lester Shaw, ISR, 316-652-3766

was created and performed by TSgt. Mitch Chandran, 507th Public Affairs specialist.

The video production is part of the overall Public Relations marketing and awareness program for the 507th and Air Force Reserve activities. The video is used for such events as unit newcomer briefings, civic leader and community relations programs, as well as in employer support and unit congressional outreach efforts. In addition, the video is used as part of the 507th Speaker's Bureau.

## Unit hosts blood drive

The 507th will once again host a blood drive during the April drill weekend. Two bloodmobiles from the Oklahoma Blood Institute will be involved in the drive. The first bloodmobile will be set up to receive standard blood donations from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The second will be set up for apheresis, or red blood cell platelets (RBC-P) donations from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Institute will only be able to handle six platelet donors, however, so members should sign up in advance through Mr. Dave Mugg, Blood Drive coordinator, ext. 45101.

## Pamphlet outlines discrimination, harassment

Did you know there is a pamphlet outlining Air Force policy on discrimination and sexual harassment? Air Force Pamphlet 36-2705 provides insight and guidance for a healthy and productive work environment. The pamphlet also includes information on roles and responsibility, problem solving, reprisal and working relationships. Contact the unit customer account representative or publication distribution office for copies of the pamphlet. For more information, contact the Social Actions Office.

## 25th Anniversary group to meet Sunday

The 507th 25th Anniversary working group is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. Sunday in the T-net room in Building 1043.

## 507th Wing on line

The 507th Wing is now on the internet.

The unit's web page was created by SSgt. Mark Vardaro, working in conjunction with 507th Public Affairs. Members may reach the site at: [www.afres.af.mil/units/507WG/default.htm](http://www.afres.af.mil/units/507WG/default.htm).

## Budget proposed

Under the president's fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense budget, the Air Force Reserve will see its annual spending climb from \$2.3 billion in FY 1997 to more than \$2.4 billion annually going into the 21st century.

Announced Feb. 5, the proposed Reserve budget for FY 1998 calls for \$2.45 billion. It includes some \$815 million for the reserve personnel account, which supports an end strength level of 73,431 and an average strength of 73,203.

## New personnel category

Air Force Reserve Command is adding a new category of reservists to meet new mission requirements. The first members of the Unit Support Active Guard Reserve program, commonly known as AGRs, come on board in October. AGR status is similar to the statutory tour program, which brings reservists back into active-duty status.

The largest career field slated for AGR conversion is security police with more than 200 positions. The 507th is not one of the selected locations for this program.



Senior leaders from active-duty, reserve, civil service as well as civilian construction company officials gathered at the 507th for the March 27 groundbreaking ceremony of the new Composite Training facility. The new reserve facility is scheduled to begin construction soon. Story on page 6.