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### **[Okies celebrate half a century at Family Day 2022](#)**

Families enjoy a day at the base for the 507th Air Refueling Wing's 50th Anniversary Family Day celebration April 30, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

### **[2021 Annual Award Winners Announced](#)**

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- The 507th Air Refueling Wing here announced the winners of the 2021 507th ARW Annual Awards at the annual celebration April 30, 2022.

### **[How to buy back military time](#)**

Eligible military service time can be added to a federal employee's retirement date. This action is called a military deposit under the Federal Employee Retirement System, or better known as "buying back" military time.

### **[Okies search for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary time capsule](#)**

Former crew chief, retired Master Sgt. David Phillips assists in the search for a 50th anniversary time capsule on the F-105 Thunderchief parked in the Tinker Air Park March 24, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base.

### **[Spouses take to the skies on a KC-135](#)**

Spouses of 507th Air Refueling Wing members take flight April 29, 2022, on a KC-135 Stratotanker at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

## **Tinker employees teach students about STEM career opportunities at STARBASE Oklahoma**

STARBASE cadets learn about the importance of STEM in future careers May 3, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. STARBASE is a Department of Defense youth program designed to expose the nation's youth to the technological environments and positive civilian and military role models found on Active, Guard, and Reserve military bases and installations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lauren Kelly)

## **Reservists wrangle for rodeo honors**

Port dawgs with the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma compete in their annual rodeo April 2, 2022, to determine who has the best aerial porting skills in the squadron.

## **Students take a KC-135 tour**

Students from Dove Science Academy tour the KC-135 Stratotanker to get a closer look at the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the Reservists that perform the mission April 7, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

## **Port dawgs hold memorial run for fallen airmen**

Reservists in the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron at Tinker hold a Port Dawg Memorial Run May 1, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)

## **507th ARW June Enlisted Promotions**

## **Updated Fiscal Year 2023 UTA schedule available**

# **MESSAGES FROM AIR FORCE LEADERS**

Airmen and Guardians:

Memorial Day provides us a solemn opportunity to remember our fallen brothers and sisters in arms, reflect upon their courageous sacrifice, and show gratitude for the freedom they gave their lives to defend. It also affords us the opportunity to pay homage to those families who lost their loved ones in service to the Nation-and continue to feel the full weight of that sacrifice today.

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance, but it is also a time for us who serve this Nation, both in and out of uniform, to reaffirm our own commitment of selfless service. In doing so, we not only honor the memory of those who served before us, but

also vow to carry on the legacy of excellence in the world's finest military force. In the words of John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

We are inspired every day by you-the Airmen, Guardians, and families who are so willing to serve and defend the freedom we enjoy. We are also moved, especially today, by those who gave their last full measure of devotion in service to our Nation. Thank you for all you do.

One Team, One Fight!

Frank Kendall, SECAF

Gina Ortiz Jones, Under SECAF

John W. Raymond, General, USSF, Chief of Space Operations

Charles Q. Brown, Jr., General, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force

JoAnne S. Bass, CMSAF

Roger A. Towberman, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Rising 6 Meeting to hold kickball tournament June 4

The Rising 6 is a professional organization for Airman in the ranks of E-1 through E-6. Kickball Morale Tournament over the June UTA on June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1600. This event will take place at the Tinker Softball Fields. Pizza and water will be provided at no cost. A flyer is attached to this email to share with your Airman in your squadron. Please use the Signup Genius Link in this email to sign up for this event whether you plan to play or plan to come and support. We are looking forward to this event and are hoping for maximum participation! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAAAC22AAF9C25-507th?fbclid=IwAR1LKUKuQyQ1duCcnlyqU6aDcQs74BsbmYZE4tTFc7alzTMVer9yeufbMOw>

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### Chapel services available on UTA Sundays

**Event:** Chapel Service **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0715-0745, **Location:** Bldg 1094, 72nd MDG, Heritage Hall in the basement

**Event:** Chapel Service **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0730-0800 **Location:** 72nd APS Conference Rm.

**Event:** Catholic Mass **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0730-0800 **Location:** Bldg 1059, 507th Operations Group, Conference Room

**Event:** Bible Study **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0800 – 0830, **Location:** Bldg 1048, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Conference Room

For more information, please contact the 507th Chapel Staff at 405-734-1912.

## Vanwey Dining Facility – Open for business

Mon-Fri		Sat-Sun	
Breakfast	0600 – 0800	Brunch	0600 – 1300
Lunch	1100 – 1300	Dinner	1600 – 1800
Dinner	1630 – 1830		

Due to social distancing requirements and minimal dine-in seating, the Vanwey Dining Facility requests your support in minimizing DFAC congestion by staggering customer meal times. The following schedule shows the suggested time-slots for customers:

10:30am- **507 MXS, 507 SFS, 513 AMXS, 970 AACS**

11:00am- **507 CES, 507 LRS, 513 MXS, 513 OPS**

11:30 am- **465 ARS, 507 OG, 507 OSS, 507 AMXS**

12:00 pm- **507 FSS, 507 ARW, 507 MSG, 507 MXG**

12:30 pm- **507 MDS, 72 APS, 513 ACG**

## Professional Development classes move to UTA Sundays

Motivated to do more and be more? *Want to learn how to grow and develop yourself or your team?* Know of current gaps in training?

Join us for our various training opportunities throughout the year to grow and professionally develop yourself!

2022 Professional Development Training Schedule, 507th Air Refueling Wing Auditorium, Bldg. 1056

Available via teleconference, just call 301-909-7357 and use access #: 247310745

POC: MSgt Megan Denman

Presented by: SMSgt Jacobs

**June 5th @ 1000-1100**

### Counseling and Mentoring

Presented by: SMSgt Scoles

**August 7th @ 1000-1100**

### Effective Communication

Presented by: TSgt Grable

**September 18th @ 1000-1100**

### Nutrition Training

Presented by: Elizabeth Burgess

If you would like to get involved with the 507 ARW Professional Development Council, have any suggestions to improve the program, or have training topic suggestions, please reach out to any of the POC's below:

SMSgt Jeremy Scoles - MSgt Kurt Weisel - SrA Alyssa Perry

## Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Upcoming Events

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a congressionally mandated program that is intended to provide military reservists and their families a forum to gather information on the resources and benefits available to them before and after deploying.

**Atlanta, GA 17-19 June 2022**

**Anaheim, CA 29-31 July 2022**

**Crystal City, VA Aug 26-28, 2022**

For more information, contact the 507th ARW and 513th ACG's yellow ribbon rep, 2nd Lt. Mary Begy at [mary.begy@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.begy@us.af.mil) or at DSN: 884-5632 or cell: 407-517-2971

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