



## **ON-FINAL NEWS BULLETIN – February 4, 2023 (Vol 43, No. 2)**

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### **First term officers visit the wing**

Nearly 20 officers with the Tinker First Term Officer Course visited the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, to tour the wing and get a better idea of what the Reserve component accomplishes at Tinker Jan. 18, 2023.

### **Department of the Air Force releases policy on Military Parental Leave Program**

The Department of the Air Force announced the expansion of the Military Parental Leave Program for Airmen and Guardians via guidance memorandum, which mirrors the Department of Defense's Directive-type Memorandum 23-001 – "Expansion of the Military Parental Leave Program."

### **Deadline Feb 16: Scholarships for Military Children program accepting applications**

Applications have opened in the Scholarships for Military Children program for the 2023-2024 academic year.

### **Department of the Air Force recognizes National Mentoring Month**

The Department of the Air Force will promote and cultivate a mentoring culture to show Airmen and Guardians how mentoring can help maximize their full potential in January 2023 following President Biden's proclamation on Dec. 30, 2022. The theme this year is: "Love your mentoring journey."

## **On-Final year-end Anthology Vol. 4 released**

The On-Final Anthology is a yearly official bulletin for the Airmen of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, an Air Force Reserve Command unit at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

## **507 ARW February Enlisted Promotions**

# **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE**

DAF COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate Rescission

Jan. 23, 2023

In accordance with the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Sec. 525 and the Secretary of Defense's 10 January 2023 memorandum, "Rescission of August 24, 2021 and November 30, 2021 Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Requirements for Members of the Armed Forces," I hereby rescind my 3 September 2021 memorandum, "Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination of Department of the Air Force Military Members." The "Supplemental Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Policy" I issued on 7 December 2021 expired, by its own terms on 7 December 2022.

No individuals currently serving in the Department of the Air Force shall be separated solely on the basis of their refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccination if they sought an accommodation on religious, administrative, or medical grounds. The Department of the Air Force will update the records of such individuals to remove any adverse actions solely associated with denials of such requests, including letters of reprimand. The Department of the Air Force will cease any ongoing reviews of current Service member religious, administrative or medical accommodation requests solely for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine or appeals of denials of such requests. Former Department of the Air Force Service members may petition the Air Force Discharge Review Board and Board for Correction of Military Records to individually request a correction to their personnel records, including records regarding the characterization of their discharge. Additional guidance on implementation of the memorandum will be forthcoming, as needed.

I am immensely proud of the work the Department of the Air Force has done to combat COVID-19. The Regular Air Force and Space Force are 99% vaccinated, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are vaccinated at 94.3% and 95.9%, respectively. As a result of this outstanding response by our members, including incredible work by our healthcare professionals, we maintained our worldwide commitments and provided effective support to the nation. A heartfelt thank you to all Airmen and Guardians for your sustained effort--it made a difference.

One Team, One Fight!

Frank Kendall  
Secretary of the Air Force

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **All-Star Family Day / Annual Awards Presentation to be held May 6**

The 507th MSG is hosting this year's wing family day May 6. Contact SMSgt Richele Cousins for more info on Family Day and Angi Dail for info on Annual Awards.

### **Tuskegee Airmen's Brunch and Static Display to be held Feb. 9**

Please join us in celebrating Black History Month with the Tuskegee Airmen's Brunch and Static Display for the Black Heritage Flight on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023. The Tuskegee Airmen's Brunch and Leadership Panel Discussion will be held 0800-1030 at the Tinker Event Center, breakfast food provided by the 72ABW Chapel. The Static Display for the Black Heritage Flight will take place 1130-1330 at Dock 2. (Flyer attached).

### **Resilience Opportunities during UTA**

**Feb** - Plans in work for Coping w/ Deployment & Emergency Red Cross procedures  
Saturday, Feb. 4th, Time TBA

## **MyEval is Down**

HAF has paused myEval for the moment. If you are due/overdue for an EPR anytime before Nov 30, please get a draft PDF to Andrea Williams ASAP via email. She will create a VPC coordination and route it for signatures, and she encourages you to get your eval done this way before they decide to bring myEval back on-line! [andrea.williams.3@us.af.mil](mailto:andrea.williams.3@us.af.mil)

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

## **Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program**

Contact Tech. Sgt. Nicaela Garcia for more information about upcoming events at [nicaela.garcia@us.af.mil](mailto:nicaela.garcia@us.af.mil)

**If you would like to submit information or photos to the On-final, email us at [507arw.pa2@us.af.mil](mailto:507arw.pa2@us.af.mil)**