

## **TINKER AFB CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

### **1940**

16 Oct - Twelve Oklahoma City civic leaders meet to establish the Industries Foundation, a trust through which the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce can buy land and facilities for an aircraft factory.

10 Dec – The Industries Foundation raises \$137,000 of \$300,000 intended for land purchase.

17 Dec - R.A. Singletary of the Chamber's Washington office learns that the Army Air Corps plans an air depot in the Midwest and that the Corps is considering Oklahoma City a potential site.

23 Dec - The Industries Foundation decides to seek an air depot rather than an aircraft factory for Oklahoma City.

### **1941**

11 Jan - The Air Corps announces a plan to build a training base near Yukon, Okla.

13 Feb - The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce submits data to the War Department on two air depot sites: one north of Norman on State Highway 74 and one on SE 29th Street.

8 Mar - Air Corps site selection board arrives in Oklahoma City. Industries Foundation and Oklahoma City officials meet the board's specific requirements and obtain assurance that a depot shall be built on SE 29th Street.

8 Apr - Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, announces Oklahoma City will be the site of a new air materiel depot, which will cost \$14 million, cover 1,500 acres, and employ 3,500 people.

22 Apr - United States Corps of Engineers personnel arrive in Oklahoma City for preliminary site planning.

29 Apr - Oklahoma City voters pass a \$982,000 bond issue to purchase land for the military installation.

21 May - The depot is designated "Midwest Air Depot, Oklahoma City."

12 Jun - The Industries Foundation obtains title to all land needed for the depot.

8 Jul - The Army awards a \$14,270,000 contract for depot construction to Charles Dunning & Co., Guy H. James, and Patterson Steel Co.

10 Jul - The Oklahoma City, Ada & Atoka Railroad begins building a spur line to the depot site.

11 Jul - The Army awards a contract for architectural engineering to E.G. Turnbull of Cleveland, Ohio.

18 Jul - Construction of Midwest Air Depot begins.

30 Jul - Formal groundbreaking ceremonies are conducted.

25 Aug - State and federal government officials agree to pave four miles of Midwest Boulevard and reconstruct SE 29th as a four-lane thoroughfare.

1 Sep - Resident engineers begin working in Building T-417.

3 Sep - The Army announces the purchase of over 300 additional acres of land for the depot.

10 Dec - The Office of Production Management announces plans to manufacture 1,000 bombers and a comparative number of other aircraft per month. Oklahoma City tops the list of five possible plant sites.

11 Dec - The United States Senate approves nearly \$7 million more for construction of the Midwest Air Depot, raising the total to \$21,036,215.

## **1942**

9 Jan - Two Douglas Aircraft officials inspect three possible sites for a cargo plane assembly plant, one of which sits adjacent to the Midwest Air Depot.

15 Jan - Lt. Col. William Turnbull arrives in Oklahoma City and assumes command of the Midwest Air Depot.

17 Jan - Three military officers join Douglas Aircraft representatives on inspections of proposed plant sites.

19 Jan - A massive, one-week recruiting campaign to sign up employees for the depot begins.

23 Jan - The Army Air Forces awards the Douglas assembly plant to Oklahoma City. The plant, adjacent to the Midwest City Air Depot, will employ 24,000 people, cost \$20,000,000, and will build C-47 cargo planes.

26 Jan - The Midwest Air Depot opens offices in the Commerce Exchange Building in Oklahoma City. The activating cadre sees 9,000 job seekers in the first 15 days.

1 Mar - The depot receives a new name: Oklahoma City Air Depot. The base is officially activated.

7 Mar - In order to stock air materiel, Oklahoma City Air Depot leases several warehouses in Oklahoma City and surrounding towns.

11 Mar - The Supply Division is activated.

1 Apr - The first troops arrive at "tent city," Will Rogers Field.

4 Apr - Maintenance Division and staff offices move from the Commerce Exchange Building to the Bass Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

14 Apr - Oklahoma City and county voters approve \$685,000 in bonds for water lines and \$1,225,000 for access roads to the depot.

15 Jun - The San Antonio Air Depot trains over 2,600 newly hired civilian workers.

20 Jul - The Supply Division moves to Supply Depot Buildings 1 and 2 at the depot site. Construction proceeds on 420 buildings.

3 Aug - A medical detachment staffs the new 145-bed station hospital.

15 Aug - The Corps of Engineers gives beneficial occupancy to maintenance and headquarters activities. The Maintenance Division moves in the same day. By the end of the month, all staff offices follow. The airfield and runways become operational around this time.

21 Aug - The Chamber of Commerce suggests the War Department name the depot installation Tinker Field in memory of Oklahoma native, Maj. Gen Clarence L. Tinker, whose aircraft was lost in the Pacific theater in June.

28 Aug - The first assigned project, the installation of tow target releases on 40 BT-13 aircraft, begins.

31 Aug - The initial sub depot and air depot detachments arrive. Tinker has responsibility for a number of sub depots. These sub depots perform third echelon repair work, and sends the aircraft to the “parent” depot, such as Tinker, when more detailed work is required. The sub depots are under administrative control of the bases on which they are located, but operationally, they are controlled by the Air Service Command depot.

5 Sep - Maintenance personnel complete the first engine and fuselage repair on an unscheduled Navy S03C-1, due to an engine fire.

26 Sep - The first cafeteria opens at Oklahoma City Air Depot.

4 Oct - Air freight service starts.

14 Oct - The installation is officially known as Tinker Field.

14 Nov - Col. Turnbull takes Oklahoma civic leaders on their first inspection of Tinker Field.

27 Dec - The depot completes its first airplane overhaul, which installs low-target releases on 40 BT-13 aircraft. The BT-13 Vultee “Valiant” was a basic flight training aircraft during WWII.

## **1943**

13 Jan - Civilian employees at the depot number 9,000.

22 Jan - Oklahoma City Air Depot changes to Oklahoma City Air Depot Control Area Command.

15 Feb - Col. Reginald Heber becomes commander of the 497th Base Headquarters.

26 Mar - Upon its completion, the Douglas aircraft plant begins production of cargo planes.

9 Apr - Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman assumes command of Oklahoma City Air Depot Control Area Command.

17 May - Oklahoma City Air Depot Control Area Command becomes the Oklahoma City Air Service Command.

15 Jul - Major B-24D modification on 65 “Liberators” begins.

19 Jul - A detachment of the Women's Army Corps arrives on base.

25 Jul - During the first Tinker Open House, 80,000 people take a tour of the facilities.

1 Sep - The overhaul of the R3350 engine begins.

25 Sep - Col. LeRoy Hudson replaces Col. Reginald Heber as base commander.

15 Oct - The depot reaches a World War II high of 14,925 employees.

13 Dec - The first B-29 is overhauled. Maintenance installs extra fuel tanks on 104 aircraft for “flying the hump” from India to Burma to China.

25 Dec - The depot becomes a B-29 overhaul center.

## **1944**

26 Jan - Lt. Col. Hugh C. Campfield replaces Col. LeRoy Hudson as base commander.

25 Mar - Col. Thomas R. Lynch becomes Oklahoma City Air Service Command commander.

28 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Service Command becomes the control depot for B-29 spares.

10 Apr - The Tinker Post Exchange in Building T-530 is enlarged and has its formal opening.

1 Sep - Col. Leslie G. Mulzer replaces Col. Thomas R. Lynch as Oklahoma City Air Service Command commander.

31 Oct - Col. Leslie E. Martin becomes base commander.

14 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Service Command becomes Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command.

17 Nov - Col. Leslie G. Mulzer assumes duties of base commander and Col. Leslie E. Martin becomes the base executive officer.

10 Dec - "Family Day" open house attracts 57,000 people.

## **1945**

Jan - Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command is designated to carry out the B-29 Eagle Project, to modify the B-29 for high flying precision bombing over heavy overcast skies.

28 Mar - A committee is appointed to assume responsibilities for transfer of the Douglas plant to Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command.

12 Apr - A tornado strikes west of Tinker. The base hospital helps 65 injured victims. Twenty three people require hospitalization.

12 May - Work on the B-29 Eagle Project is completed.

24 May - Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command is declared the world's largest air depot.

Jun - The "Stoner-Mudge" C-54 wing tank repair project begins.

16 Jun - The depot seeks 2,000 more workers in maintenance and supply to handle the heavy workload for the first assault on the Japanese empire.

15 Jul - Maj. Gen. Fred S. Borum assumes command.

1 Aug - Army Air Forces Day Open House draws 50,000 people to the installation.

17 Aug - The Douglas aircraft plant ceases production. From March 1943 to August 1945, it produces 5,354 C-47 cargo planes and spare parts for 500 more; and assembles 400 C-54 cargo planes and 900 A-26 attack bombers.

1 Sep - A 40-hour workweek begins for Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command employees.

18 Sep - Lt. Gen. James Doolittle visits Tinker Field.

20 Sep - Storage of B-29s at Tinker Field begins.

9 Oct - Tinker Field becomes a discharge center for World War II veterans.

1 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command assumes command and jurisdiction of Building 3001, the former Douglas plant.

18 Nov - On Tinker Dedication Day, the Tinker Field name becomes official, as Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker addresses nearly 150,000 people.

## **1946**

28 Jan - A fire in Building 230 kills 10 maintenance personnel.

Feb - B-29s, including the "Enola Gay," are prepared for atomic bomb tests on Bikini atoll.

May - Maintenance begins to move into Building 3001.

May - Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Adm. Chester Nimitz, and Secretary of War, Robert Patterson, visit Tinker Field.

2 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command becomes the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

Jul - The first aircraft modification project in Building 3001, renovation of 630 AT-6 aircraft, begins.

15 Jul - The 177th Army AFB Unit, which later becomes the 2592nd Air Force Reserve Center, is established to train a Bombardment wing.

29 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives its first jet engine, a J33-11 used for experimental work.

Sep - Tinker becomes a P-80 aircraft repair base.

30 Sep - Maintenance completes 85 percent of move to Building 3001 (4,092 maintenance employees).

4 Dec - Tinker completes the AT-6 aircraft modification program.

31 Dec - Personnel cuts in 1946 reduce Tinker employment to 14,212.

## **1947**

21 Feb - Workers complete the first P-47, Thunderbolt, aircraft overhaul. The P-47 was the largest single-engine fighter in use by the United States Army Air Force in World War II. It was used extensively in all theaters of the war as a bomber escort and ground attack aircraft.

25 Feb - The command authorizes the transfer of jet engine overhaul workload from San Bernardino, Calif., to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

Mar - Training begins in jet engine overhaul and maintenance.

24 Mar – Service test of the three-deputy plan begins. The Three- Deputy plan reduces Area activity from five to three major divisions designated as Administration, Maintenance and Supply. Each division is in charge of a deputy officer who operates under the direct command of Gen Borum.

31 Mar - Jet engine overhaul begins.

9-10 Apr - To aid victims of a destructive tornado in Woodward, Okla., Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area sends 148 doctors, nurses, and Red Cross workers and 5,000 pounds of medical supplies and blankets. Seven C-54s transport aid and return 90 victims, 74 of who are critically injured, to Oklahoma City for treatment.

17 Apr - Tinker sends temporary housing units to Woodward on 24 trucks. Eight other Tinker trucks take field kitchen equipment from Camp Gruber.

22 Apr - The Tinker Management Club is formed.

19 May - Maintenance receives its first J35 engine for overhaul.

27 May - Maintenance delivers the first J33 engine to the Supply Division.

10 Jun - The Tinker Field Employees Credit Union is established.

8 Aug - Tinker becomes the repair center for B-36 bombers.

3 Oct - Overhaul begins on the "Sacred Cow," President Truman's airplane. It is a Douglas VC-54C.

10 Oct - Construction of military housing begins.

10 Nov - Two fatalities occur when a B-29 crashes on base.

14 Nov - Tinker completes the 400th Stoner-Mudge wing tank modification.

## **1948**

13 Jan - Tinker Field becomes Tinker AFB.

20 Mar - A devastating tornado strikes the base in the late evening. It results in eight people injured and \$10,000,000 in damage to aircraft and buildings. Fifty airplanes are destroyed and 50 others damaged.

25 Mar - The second tornado to strike within a week hits the base and damages 84 planes, 35 beyond repair. Projected damages reach \$6,000,000 with one personal injury.

7 May - The P-84 Thunderjets maintenance is assigned to Tinker.

1 Jun - The 21st Mobile Weather Squadron is assigned to Tinker.

1 Jun - The three-deputy plan ends when the two-directorate plan becomes effective.

1 Jul - The base establishes the Office of Comptroller General.

1 Aug - U.S. Air Force Inspector General (11th District Office of Special Investigations) is assigned.

1 Sep - The 3075th Aircraft Ferry Squadron (Air Materiel Command) arrives on base.

17 Sep - Jet bomber overhaul begins upon the arrival of the first B-45 bomber.

12 Oct-21 Dec - Gen. Fred S. Borum and a cadre go to Burtonwood, England to direct Berlin Airlift maintenance support. The cadre consists of Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area (OCAMA) personnel who help to establish maintenance and overhaul procedures for aircraft used in the Berlin Aircraft. The team flies on a C-54 for temporary duty in England. In addition to Gen. Borum, commander of OCAMA, the team includes Col. O. W. Howland, Lt. Col. Len B. Deitrickson, Lt. P.H. Kenny, Jr., Walter V. Gullette, Ralph L. Perry, Robert E. Ard, Jack J. Stockton, A.V. Montgomery, and Robert J. Wolfe.

## **1949**

Jan - The "Lucky Lady II" B-50 is modified at Tinker AFB for the first ever non-stop flight around the world, later accomplished from Feb. 26 to Mar. 2 the same year.

10 Mar - The 1800th Airways and Air Communications Service Wing arrives as a tenant unit on the base.

21 Mar - Tinker becomes a supply base for B-36 aircraft.

24 Mar - Supply begins stocking B-36 parts. Maintenance personnel receive training in the skills required to repair and maintain B-36s.

27 May - The first B-36 repair begins.

1 Jul - The "Enola Gay" B-29 departs from Tinker on its final flight to Chicago where it is scheduled for placement in an aviation museum.

20 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the world-wide repair depot for B-36 aircraft.

16 Nov - The 308th Reconnaissance Group (Weather) becomes a large tenant unit at Tinker with more than 425 personnel.

## **1950**

Jan - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area acquires new B-29 and B-36 aircraft workloads and increases J47 and R3350 engine workloads.

1 May - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area takes over operation of the air freight terminal from the Military Air Transport Service.

Oct - In support of the Korean War effort, the Department of the Army designates Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area to process household goods and dependent travel and to issue meal tickets and transportation requests for the 45th Infantry Division.

27 Oct - The world's largest cargo plane, the XC-99, makes a stop at Tinker AFB.

## **1951**

23 Feb - Tinker becomes the processing center for all reserve officers in a ten-state area assigned to the Air Materiel Command.

19 Mar - The 33rd Air Division becomes a new tenant unit. It is stationed at the Oklahoma City Air Force Station adjacent to and southeast of Tinker AFB.

Mar - Work begins on construction of Depot 3 (Building 416), the first permanent building scheduled in a new expansion program.

Jul - A severe water shortage demands rehabilitation of old water wells and stringent water conservation measures. The water table near Tinker and Midwest City dropped 20 feet in the past year.

Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area participates in the Air Force Atomic Energy program to modify B-36, B-50, and B-29 aircraft to carry atomic bombs.

## **1952**

Feb - Construction starts on a four-cell jet engine test building.

5 May - The Directorate of Procurement is established.

20 May - The 6th Weather Squadron, which includes the Severe Weather Warning Center, is activated (the squadron is a continuation of the 2021st Mobile Weather Squadron).

30 Jun - The first B-47 aircraft arrives for modification. Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area converts the B-47 into a fast reconnaissance plane. From July to December, workers modify eight aircraft.

8 Sep - The 1739th Ferrying Squadron moves to Amarillo AFB, Texas.

15 Oct - The 100th Army Airways Communication System Mobile Communication Squadron is re-designated the 3rd Army Airways Communication System Squadron, Mobile Military Air Transport Command (MATTS).

5 Dec - Renovation of Building T-417, the oldest on base, begins.

16 Dec - Tests begin to determine the adequacy of mechanized electrical accounting methods to transmit information on B-52 aircraft to and from the contractor and depots.

31 Dec - The last R3350 engine overhaul begins. Tinker overhauls 38,635 such engines.

## **1953**

1 Jan - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area's production line becomes a 100 percent jet engine production line.

1 Mar - The establishment of the Logistics Support Office improves support capability for prime aircraft.

1 Mar - The Finance Office begins using a punched card paycheck system.

20 May - Prime maintenance changes take place at Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area. Tinker loses Pratt & Whitney jet engines to San Antonio Air Materiel Area and Wright jet engines to Middletown Air Materiel Area. Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains other new jet engine responsibilities.

May - A contract is issued to E. H. Conrad Company of San Antonio to build four more jet test cells.

19 Jun - A new aircraft overhaul procedure - Inspect and Repair as Necessary - is inaugurated as the aircraft repair line converts to B-47/C-97 and XC-97 aircraft.

3 Jul - Construction begins on a 400,000 square foot warehouse, Building 3705, southeast of Building 3001.

Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the prime depot for J71, J73, and T56 engines.



1 Aug - With the establishment of the 2854th Air Base Wing, the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander no longer serves as base commander. Col. Hardin W. Masters becomes base commander.

1 Oct - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area assumes the duties of the Mid-Central Air Procurement District. The procurement districts include decentralized management and procurement responsibilities.

## **1954**

25 Jan - New jet test cells in Building 3703 become operational.

1 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the worldwide support depot for J33, J35, J47, J73, and T56 engines.

30 Apr - Maj. Gen. Fred S. Borum, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander since July 15, 1945, retires.

1 May - Maj. Gen. William O. Senter becomes Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

1 May - Col. William J. Davitt replaces Col. Masters as base commander.

17 Jun - The Air Force accepts the first production model of the B-52.

3 Sep - The base issues a contract for the 4,500-foot extension to the north/south runway in anticipation of B-52 management and modification.

9 Sep - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area sends representatives to an Air Materiel Command phasing group meeting for the KC-135A in anticipation of its delivery in 1956.

31 Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area stockpiles B-52 spares to support the first Strategic Air Command B-52 wing. The holding account reaches 81 percent completion.

## **1955**

27 Feb - 506th Tactical Fighter Wing becomes a major tenant unit, with 1,000 officers and enlisted men and 75 F-84F airplanes.

10 Apr - Staggered shifts, by area, go into effect for 13,000 Tinker employees.

28 Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the system manager for the C/KC-97 aircraft.

12 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area is named the specialized depot for J75 engines.

12 Jul - Tinker receives its first modern bearing plant and aircraft bearing conditioning shops.

1 Aug - The base installs its first IBM 702 electronic data processing machine.

Sep - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the specialized Air Materiel Area for J79 engine maintenance.

30 Sep - Maintenance publishes the first KC-135 weapon system status report.

4 Nov - The newly extended north/south runway is dedicated.

10 Nov - The first B-52 lands at Tinker AFB on the reconstructed north/south runway.

22 Nov - The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce donates 638 acres of land west of the base to the Air Force.

20 Dec - Lt. Col. Robert E. Durkee succeeds Col. William J. Davitt as base commander.

## **1956**

10 Jan - The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce raises \$2,121,000 to purchase 4,270 acres of land south and west of the base.

30 Jan - Col. J.E. Nitsche becomes base commander, succeeding Lt. Col. Robert E. Durkee.

Apr - The application for 300 base housing units receives Federal Housing Authority approval. This bolsters the campaign for construction of housing in the newly acquired land west of Area A.

20 Apr - Area D, southeast of Tinker AFB, is officially named the Oklahoma City Air Force Station. Although a separate entity, Tinker AFB supports it.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the B-52 and KC-135 support site. The Director of Supplies and Services becomes responsible for all supply management functions in support of the B-52 and KC-135.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area assumes responsibility for worldwide inventory accounting of all U.S. Air Force aircraft engines.

16 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area acquires an experimental 305A Random Access Memory Accounting Control machine.

25 Jul - Oklahoma City sells \$685,000 in bonds voted in 1942 for a water line to Tinker. The sale had been postponed because of wartime worker and steel shortages.

1 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives designation as the lead depot for the Bomarc IM-99 missile, which is in the experimental stage.

6-7 Nov - Tinker supports Strategic Air Command during the Suez Crisis. Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area mobile maintenance teams go to Forbes, Lincoln, Ardmore and Palm Beach AFBs and give other support to Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, and Air Defense Command.

30 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area assumes the management of the B-47 weapon system.

30 Nov - The base receives preliminary drawings of the Tinker diagonal highway.

Dec - Congress approves construction of 268 family housing units on Tinker AFB.

## **1957**

12 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the specialized activity for the overhaul and modification of the J75 engine.

21 Jul - Area E construction begins with roads, streets, bridges, and utility lines scheduled to be complete in 330 days.

22 Jul - The Guided Air Missile/GAM-77 is assigned to Tinker.

15 Aug - Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity succeeds Gen. William O. Senter as Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

1 Oct - The Guided Air Missile/GAM-63 missile is assigned to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

17 Dec - Air Materiel Command establishes Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area as a bomber-tanker command.

17 Dec - The Program Division publishes the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area Fixed Communications-Electronics Facilities Program, the first official Oklahoma City program to be produced and maintained entirely by electronic machine processing.

## **1958**

10 Jan - The base calls for bids on construction of a new 75-bed hospital.

28 Feb - Tinker awards a contract for the new hospital, the first major construction project in the new Area E.

25 Apr - Col. J.C. Selman replaces Col. J.E. Nitsch as base commander.

25 Apr - B-47 modification for low-level flying begins.

27 Apr - An F-89 aircraft crashes and kills the pilot during a landing attempt. The aircraft canopy hits and damages a house on Red Bud Drive in Midwest City.

May - Project Milk Bottle to strengthen B-47 wings begins. By Sept. 30, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area completes over 350 bombers and by Dec. 31, the project is 98 percent complete.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains responsibility for the Communications-Electronics Program for Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area and Sacramento Air Materiel Area sites.

Aug - Dyna-Soar, a manned spaceship, becomes a Tinker responsibility.

15 Sep - Tinker Diagonal ground breaking is held near the twin water towers of Area A.

31 Oct - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives executive responsibility for the B-52F from the Aeronautical Systems Center as 75 more B-52s enter the inventory.

1 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area accepts management of the VC-137 special mission aircraft.

1 Nov - Air Materiel Command transfers responsibility for procurement of field team maintenance inspection of navigational aids and IBM disc control units to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

## **1959**

Jan-Jun - Installation of Random Access Memory Accounting Control components for use with the large IBM 705s takes place. This brings a successful application of large data processing equipment to the management of aircraft engine resources.

1 Jan - The establishment of the Directorate of Logistics Support Management, which is responsible for worldwide logistics management of assigned weapon systems, supports systems and some commodities.

19 Feb - Personnel occupy the first of the Capehart housing units at 5022 Twining.

Mar - 1707th Air Transport Wing starts moving to the base from West Palm Beach, Fla.

May - A new air freight terminal is completed.

Oct - Depot completes maintenance, modifications and Inspect and Repair as Necessary, on the first KC-135.

Dec - The depot completes its first modification and repair of a B-52 and its last maintenance on a KC-97.

15 Dec - Ground communications is consolidated with Detachment 1, Continental Army Airways Communication System Region, and forms The Oklahoma City Ground Electronics Engineering and Installation Region. It is part of the Air Materiel Command.

## **1960**

1 Jan - The Directorate of Logistics Support Management becomes the Directorate of Materiel Management.

23 Jan - Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, takes part in the dedication of the new Tinker U.S. Air Force Hospital.

14 Feb - Maintenance personnel begin modifying B-52 bombers to transport and launch Ground Attack Missile/GAM-77 "Hound Dog" missiles.

9 May - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives its first B-52G.

1 Jul - Col. Francis W. Holt succeeds Col. J.C. Selman as base commander.

8 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area completes the first phase of Project "Looking Glass" to modify five KC-135s as airborne command posts.

24 Aug - Maj. Gen. Lewis L. Mundell succeeds Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity as Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

22 Sep - The new Tinker air freight terminal begins operation.

5 Dec - The base dedicates the new Tinker chapel.

5 Dec - Col. W. S. Collinson succeeds Col. Francis W. Holt as base commander.

## **1961**

1 Apr - The Air Force Materiel Command becomes the Air Force Logistics Command.

1 Apr - Traffic starts to use the first segment of the Tinker Diagonal Highway from Interstate 35 to SE 29th Street.

Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the logistics manager for Ground Attack Missile/GAM-72 and -77 missiles.

1 Jun - The 3rd Army Airways Communications System Squadron (Mobile) is re-designated as the 3rd Mobile Communications Squadron and reassigned to the Air Force Communications Service.

26 Jun - Col. Edwin B. Miller replaces Col. W. S. Collinson as base commander.

27 Jul - Operation of the Lake Tenkiller recreation area begins for Tinker employees.

1 Aug - The 1984th Army Airways Communications System Squadron is re-designated as the 1984th Communication Squadron.

Aug - The 32nd Air Division replaces the 33rd Air Division at the Oklahoma City Air Force Station.

20 Aug - The Ground Attack Missile/GAM-77 “Hound Dog” missile modification and maintenance program begins.

25 Aug - An F-100 jet fighter crashes in the Glenwood Addition, 300 block of Ferguson Street, Midwest City. The crash kills two children and destroys several homes.

Oct - The 305th Troop Carrier Squadron (Reserve), reports for active duty as a result of the Berlin crisis.

22 Nov - A C-131 crashes onto the Tinker Diagonal Highway under construction. Three people suffer serious injury and the C-131 is destroyed.

Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Command receives 592 additional civilian positions to handle heavier workloads generated by the Berlin and Cuban crises.

## **1962**

28 Mar - Tinker becomes the specialized repair site for C-135 aircraft.

18 May - The Tinker Diagonal Highway is dedicated.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the executive manager for the Ground Attack Missile/GAM-72 “Quail” missile.

12 Sep - A B-57 crashes in a field northeast of Reno and Douglas Boulevard after departure from Tinker AFB and kills two aircrew members.

22 Oct - In response to the Cuban missile crisis, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area accelerates B-52 and KC-135, engine maintenance and modification schedules.

6 Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the Atlas F missile overhaul program.

12 Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the system support manager for the 481L post attack system.

## **1963**

4 Jan - President John F. Kennedy visits Tinker to attend U.S. Sen. Robert S. Kerr’s funeral in Oklahoma City.

9 Jan - The official opening of the multi-million-dollar automatic electronic switching center takes place. The center serves as part of the U.S. Air Force data communications network.

18 Jan - A T-33 jet trainer crashes south of Tinker near Elm Creek Reservoir (Draper Lake) killing both crew members.

1 Feb - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains engineering responsibility for the B-52H.

30 Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the management and engineering responsibility for Ground Attack Missile/GAM- 77/77A.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the single overhaul site for J57 engines.

29 Aug - Air Force Logistics Command assigns the atomic strike recording system to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area for system support management.

## **1964**

20 Jan - Maj. Gen. Melvin F. McNickle replaces Gen. Lewis L. Mundell as Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

14 Feb - Rome Air Materiel Area, N.Y., transfers a series of communications systems to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

17 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives inventory management responsibility and specialized repair for the TF30 engine from San Antonio, Texas.

10 Jul - Col. Edwin P. Schmid succeeds Col. Edwin B. Miller as the new Tinker base commander.

16 Oct - The 2854th Air Base Wing becomes the 2854th Air Base Group.

19 Oct - The Air Force delivers the first C-141 in its inventory to Tinker AFB and the 1707th Air Transport Wing.

19 Oct - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area and city officials dedicate the Air Force memorial in downtown Oklahoma City.

29 Oct - The Zero Defects program officially begins.

## **1965**

1 Jan - The Department of Defense announces 95 actions to consolidate, reduce, or discontinue Department of Defense activities. The phase out of three Air Materiel Areas results in Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gaining additional management and repair responsibilities.

Mar - In step with President Johnson's Beautify America Program, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area establishes a wildlife area and plants 12,000 seedling trees and shrubs.

1 Apr - Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey visits Tinker and his high school classmate, Gen. Melvin F. McNickle.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area logistics responsibility expands to 15 states.

6 Aug - The 2854th Air Base Group receives the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of the Federal Aviation Agency's sonic boom program conducted in Oklahoma City during 1964.

10 Aug - Col. R. A. Stevenson becomes Tinker base commander.

1 Sep - Col. Rollo C. Lawrence becomes Tinker base commander.

24 Sep - Maintenance personnel begin camouflaging F-4 fighter planes for service in Southeast Asia.

15 Nov - Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden of Great Britain visit Tinker AFB.

## **1966**

8 Jan - The 1707th Air Transport Wing becomes the 443rd Military Airlift Wing.

14 Feb - Secretary of State Dean Rusk visits Tinker.

18 Mar - The Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) establishes the Maintenance Technology Office at Tinker to improve and modernize maintenance processes throughout the AFLC.

1 Apr - Employees occupy a 121,000 square foot addition to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area Headquarters, Building 3001.

1 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area acquires the Middletown, Pa., Air Materiel Area for redistribution and marketing responsibilities for items previously transferred to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

15 Jul - Secretary of the Air Force, Harold Brown, visits Tinker.

8 Aug - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains responsibility for most of the North American Air Defense Command Cheyenne Mountain Complex Communication/Electronic System.

26 Sep - Tinker becomes the specialized repair activity for additional communications, electronics and meteorological equipment.

8 Nov - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives A-7D logistics management responsibility.

20 Dec - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the item management and engineering agency for the Air-to-Ground Missile/AGM-69 Short Range Attack Missile/SRAM.

## **1967**

17 Jan - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the system program manager for the worldwide airborne command post system. The Worldwide Airborne Command Post System Program Office is established.

17 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the item manager and specialized repair activity for the TF41 engine.

2 Jun - Tinker becomes the specialized repair activity for AN/APR-25 and AN-APR-26 radar homing and warning equipment.

7 Jun - More ground-communications-electronics-meteorological equipment comes to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area, the specialized repair facility.

25 Aug - A major change to the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area's Maintenance workload takes place: KC-135s are put on contract; more complex KC-135 aircraft and B-52s are modified at the depot; plans are made to overhaul more J57 engines in Building 3001. As a result, the old aircraft maintenance line in Building 3001 disappears.

5 Sep - The U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity purchases the Tenkiller Recreation Area.

15 Nov - Col. W. F. Seith succeeds Col. Rollo C. Lawrence as base commander.

1 Dec - The 2953rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron is established at the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

## **1968**

1 Jan - Tinker AFB employment reaches the highest point in its history. There are 24,778 civilians and 4,404 military members assigned to Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area and tenant units.

15 Jan - Tinker begins operating as an aerial port of entry for Southeast Asia terminals.

1 Feb - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the EC-135 workload.

11 Mar - A blizzard closes Tinker to air traffic and snarls commuter traffic. A convoy of Tinker shuttle buses rescues over 500 people stranded in cars stalled east and south of the base.

15 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area becomes the system support manager for the tactical satellite communications program.

3 Apr - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains 37 new item management assignments and specialized repair responsibilities. Tinker is also the program manager for the initial defense communications satellite system wideband transmission service (Project Compass Link).

9 Jun - The new base theater, Building 5711, opens.

5 Jul - Maj. Gen. George M. Johnson, Jr. succeeds Gen. Melvin F. McNickle as Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

8 Jul - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains management of the weather reconnaissance aircraft sensor program.

6 Aug - The Pacer Fin project, to strengthen the vertical fin of the entire -135 fleet, begins.

12 Aug - Air Force Logistics Command names Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area as the provisional system manager for the B-1 bomber.

13 Sep - Col. Loy R. Norris replaces Col. W. F. Seith as base commander.

16 Sep - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area obtains engineering responsibility for the RC-135C aircraft from Air Force Systems Command.

25 Sep - By secret ballot, many Tinker personnel join Local 916 of the American Federation of Government Employees for Collective Bargaining.

27 Sep - Project Pacer Fin ends: Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area completes 761 C/KC-135 aircraft.

1 Oct - The Office of Inspector General is established.

4 Oct - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area gains responsibility for the automatic digital network program.

18 Nov - Tinker acquires 79.207 acres of land at the southwest corner of Area A, the new housing area, from the Chamber of Commerce.

6 Dec - The Gerrity Gymnasium, Building 6004, is dedicated.

18 Dec - An F-4C Phantom jet sweeps over a portion of Midwest City dragging a webbing and cable system which knocks out power lines, snaps tree tops, and damages houses and cars for two blocks.



## **1969**

7 Mar - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area is named the provisional system manager for the AGM-86A missile.

17 Mar - Tinker AFB begins using Oklahoma City water for the first time. The city installed the water main in 1957 with bonds approved by Oklahoma City voters in 1942.

30 Apr - The 443rd Military Airlift Wing, formerly the 1707th Air Transport Wing, completes its programmed move to Altus AFB.

30 Apr - The Commerce Exchange Building, site of the Oklahoma City Air Depot's first offices, is razed to make room for the Myriad Convention Center.

9 May - Vice President and Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew visit Tinker AFB.

19 May - The Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander reestablishes the Office of History.

30 Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area begins managing items for the J57, J75, and TF30 engines.

30 Jun - The Plans and Management Office becomes the Directorate of Plans and Programs.

7 Oct - A Kansas Air National Guard F-100 aircraft crashes in the Glenwood Addition, 700 block of Bowman Drive, Midwest City. The crash kills the co-pilot, destroys three houses, and damages two others.

14 Nov - The new Base Exchange, Building 478, opens.

7 Dec - Vice President Spiro Agnew pays a brief visit during a refueling stop.

## **1970**

1 Jan - The Directorate of Supply and Transportation becomes the Directorate of Distribution in compliance with Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command instructions.

15 Jan - A new 48-room Visiting Officers Quarters, Building 5606, opens at a cost of \$461,000.

21 Jan - The new 16,449 square foot Non-Commissioned Officers Club, Building 6001, opens. The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Donald Harlow, attends the opening of the \$464,000 facility.

24 Jan - The new Officers Club, Building 5603, opens. The 16,830 square foot facility costs \$460,000 to construct.

11 Mar - The first F-4 fighter arrives at Tinker for repair.

3 Apr - U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater visits Tinker AFB.

1 May - Installation of the Southern Communications Area is activated on the Oklahoma City Air Station.

10 May - A ribbon cutting ceremony takes place that opens 15 new military family housing buildings containing 50 units. These are the first of 162 new housing units.

17 May - U.S. Sen. John C. Stennis, Chairman of Senate Armed Services Committee, visits the base.

29 May - A deluge of 5.2 inches of rain causes major flooding in many areas of the base.

12 Jun - Air Force Logistics Command assigns the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area the program management responsibility for special mission aircraft belonging to the 89th Military Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.

1 Jul - Air Force Logistics Command announces that the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area will become the second specialized repair site for F-4D Phantom aircraft.

30 Aug - Over 55,000 attend an open house at Tinker AFB.

30 Aug - Chaplains conduct the last services held in Chapel No. 2, Temporary Building 429, in use since 1942. The new chapel complex, Building 5701, in Area E replaces the old one.

3 Dec – Secretary of the Air Force, Robert C. Seamans, Jr., visits Tinker.

## **1971**

10 Jan - The base conducts Project Bull Shipper. A Flying Tiger DC-8 flies a herd of 312 feeder calves from Tinker to California.

1 May - The size of the base increases to 4,251 acres after the addition of eight acres leased from Midwest City.

1 Jun - Col. George W. Bennett replaces Col. Loy R. Norris as the base commander at Tinker.

Aug - The Tinker Elementary School opens with 565 students enrolled.

29 Sep - The Air Force dedicates a B-47 at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

18 Oct - Project Bull Shipper II: Tinker airlifts a load of feeder calves to Korea. U.S. Sen. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma and former Arkansas Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller observe the departure.

19 Nov - Army Chief of Staff, Gen. William Westmoreland, visits Tinker.

30 Nov – U.S. Senators Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Carl Curtis of Nebraska make a visit to Tinker.

## **1972**

10 Jan - The first A-7D arrives for modification.

1 Feb - Maj. Gen. Richard D. Reinbold becomes the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander, replacing Maj. Gen. George M. Johnson, Jr., who is transferred to Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command.

9 Feb - 24 May 1972 - Project Bullet Shot provides increased logistics support for B-52s and KC-135s for Southeast Asia.

14 Feb - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander establishes the Social Actions Office.

10 Apr - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area assumes the program management responsibility for Peace Fortune II. This involves the upgrading the Republic of Korea Air Force's wide band telecommunication system.

12 May - Secretary of the Air Force, Robert C. Seamans, Jr., arrives at Tinker to assist in the dedication of the new data automation complex.

16 May - Col. Charles B. Hodges, Jr. replaces Col. George W. Bennett as Tinker's base commander.

1 Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the assignment for the B-1 inter-continental strategic bomber.

1 Jun - Maj. Gen. W.Y. Smith, former military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, becomes the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. Richard D. Reinbold.

23 Jun - Prince Sultan of Saudi Arabia visits Tinker.

27 Jun - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the system management responsibility for the AGM-86A subsonic cruise armed decoy missile.

1 Jul - The Safety Office becomes a separate staff agency reporting directly to the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area commander.

18 Aug - The F101 engine, used on the B-1 bomber, is assigned to the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area.

Dec - The Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area Vietnam blood drive ends. From 1966 through 1972, Tinker personnel donate 17,064 units of blood.

### **1973**

16 Apr - The Defense Supply Agency takes over the defense property disposal activities from Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area's Directorate of Distribution.

23 Apr - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives the system management responsibility for the advanced airborne command post system contained on the Boeing 747.

28 Apr - Secretary of Defense, Elliott Richardson, makes a facilities' inspection of the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area and Tinker AFB.

30 Apr - Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area receives part of the workload for the F-15 aircraft components.

1 May - The Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area KC-135 Division becomes the system manager for the E-4A (Boeing 747) advanced airborne command post aircraft.

8 May - A \$10,800,000 bond election enables Oklahoma County to buy and clear 836 homes, 32 empty tracts of land, and one school north of the Tinker runway. The area is considered a hazard to flying operations.

9 Jul - Air Force Systems Command and Chief of Staff of the Air Force messages direct termination of engineering development for the AGM-86A subsonic cruise armed decoy.

29 Jul - Tinker and the Air Force donate a B-52 Stratofortress to the State Fair of Oklahoma for permanent display at the fairgrounds. The Tinker Management Club helps offset the cost of the project through the sale of memorial medallions.

20 Sep - I-240 South from Interstate-35 to Interstate-40 is dedicated as the Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity Expressway.

1 Oct - Brig. Gen. James G. Randolph becomes the Air Materiel Area commander. Previously, Gen. Randolph was vice-commander to Maj. Gen. W.Y. Smith, who was reassigned to Headquarters, United States Air Force.

1 Oct - The transfer of ground communication/electronics meteorological system and item management responsibility from Oklahoma City to the Sacramento ALC is complete.

## **1974**

11 Feb - A Women in the Air Force squadron is formed at Tinker AFB.

15 Mar - Col. C. N. Keller becomes the new base commander. Col. Hodges retires.

18 Mar - Air Force and community officials dedicate a \$11,254,320 jet engine test cell complex, Building 3234.

1 Apr - Oklahoma City ceases to be an Air Materiel Area and officially becomes an Air Logistics Center.

2 May - A T-38 trainer crashes in Midwest City, 1.5 miles from the Tinker north-south runway. The accident kills two pilots and destroys one house.

18 May - Tinker AFB opens its gates to the public in observance of Armed Forces Day. Thousands of visitors take advantage of the opportunity to see 15 of the Air Force's major aircraft on display.

5 Jun - Col. Chester N. Keller, base commander, hosts 14 visiting Soviet agricultural experts. The high-level group visits agricultural areas throughout the U.S., including farms and ranches in northwest Oklahoma.

26 Jun - The new Air Force Chief of Staff (designee), Gen. David C. Jones, arrives at Tinker to be briefed on the mission and responsibilities of the Air Force Logistics Command.

31 Aug - The Secretary of the Air Force awards the management responsibilities on the E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System airframe to Oklahoma City. The ALC also becomes the main operating base for the new system.

1 Oct - The Sacramento ALC transfers the Airborne Warning and Control System to OC-ALC.

21 Oct - President Gerald Ford, on board Air Force One, lands at Tinker. Maj. Gen. James G. Randolph, OC-ALC commander, greets him. The President departs the next day.

## **1975**

12 Feb - The E-3A airframe is assigned to Oklahoma City. The Air Logistics Center will perform depot level repair on Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft and be the technology repair center for the system.

21 Feb - The first TF33-100A jet engine, power plant of the E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft, rolls out of the Directorate of Maintenance production line.

20 Mar - The Air Logistics Center completes the first phase of Project Have Horn. This program converts and overhauls 96 in-service J79-15/17 engines in lieu of new procurement for an additional 48 F-4E aircraft.

3 Apr - Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, and Maj. Gen. James G. Randolph, Air Logistics Center commander, visit while base personnel refuel the Secretary's C-140 aircraft.

23 Apr - The Directorate of Maintenance launches a new program called "HI PRO" to recognize outstanding employees on a regular basis.

29 Apr - Tinker AFB serves as a center to coordinate the humanitarian airlift of goods for the evacuation of Vietnamese refugees.

1 May - Col. James M. Hall, Jr. replaces Col. Chester N. Keller as the base commander at Tinker.

5 May - Four flights of C-141 aircraft depart Oklahoma City's aerial port of embarkation loaded with 49 tons of meat products for distribution to Vietnamese refugees in Guam.

9 May - Secretary of the Air Force, John L. McLucas, pays a brief visit to Tinker and tours Directorate of Maintenance facilities.

4 Jun - An A-10 aircraft, the second of its kind, lands at Tinker for refueling en route to Edwards AFB, Calif., for development testing.

20 Jun - The U.S. Government trades 10 acres of excess commercial land at Air Depot Boulevard and SE 15th Street in Midwest City for 188 acres adjoining Tinker AFB between SE 44th and 59th Streets.

1 Jul - OC-ALC System Manager assumes logistics program responsibility for A-7D aircraft.

1 Jul - OC-ALC assumes engineering responsibility on the TF30-P100 engine.

1 Aug - Col. R. Marshall Engelbeck replaces Col. James Hall, Jr. as Tinker's base commander.

12 Sep - Secretary of Defense, James R. Schlesinger, and Secretary of the Air Force, John L. McLucas, visit Tinker.

13 Sep - OC-ALC commander welcomes Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to Tinker AFB.

19 Sep - President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford arrive at Tinker en route to appearances at Oklahoma City functions. Base personnel and their families greet the President.

19 Sep - Oklahoma City loses maintenance responsibility on the J79-17 engine and associated exchangeable workload to the San Antonio Air Logistics Center (ALC).

1 Oct - The Air Force transfers total management and engineering function on the J79-15/17 engine from the Air Force System Command to OC-ALC.

## **1976**

25 Mar - Maj. Gen. Carl G. Schneider replaces Maj. Gen. James G. Randolph as OC-ALC commander.

1 Jun - Project Pacer Fan, a massive program to enhance the fan sections of TF30-P3/7/9s, begins at OC-ALC.

25 Jun - OC-ALC officials take part in dedication ceremonies for the Tinker Bicentennial Plaza, located between Tinker AFB and Midwest City, at SE 29th Street and Mid-America Boulevard.

1 Jul - The Air Force activates the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing at Tinker AFB.

26 Jul - A C-5A aircraft delivers the E-3A aircraft flight simulator for the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing to Tinker AFB.

22 Oct - Oklahoma City receives the E-3A weapon system engineering and system management responsibility from the Air Force Systems Command.

17 Nov - A severe fire rages in Building 3001's second floor administrative center. Damages exceed \$4.2 million.

21 Nov - OC-ALC personnel welcome more than 2,000 people, along with 262 aircraft to Tinker AFB for a General Aviation Fly-In. Visitors view numerous displays designed to develop a closer relationship between civilian and military aviators and promote safety awareness.

## **1977**

17 Jan - The Department of Defense authorizes full-scale development of the Air-Launched Cruise Missile, an OC-ALC responsibility since October 1974.

28 Feb - The Air Force assigns interim support responsibilities on the BGM-109 ground launched cruise missile to OC-ALC.

23 Mar - The first Airborne Warning and Control System E-3A aircraft arrives at Tinker AFB.

10 May - Lt. Col. Harry P. Snoreck succeeds Col. R. Marshall Engelbeck as the Tinker base commander.

30 Jun - President Jimmy Carter announces discontinuation of the B-1 production program. Thus, OC-ALC loses the system management responsibility on the B-1 airframe and the item management responsibility on the aircraft's F101 engines.

1 Jul - Tinker's Aerial Port of Embarkation starts direct channel airlift service to Europe.

25 Jul - Col. John E. Emmons becomes the base commander at Tinker replacing Col. Harry P. Snoreck.

1 Dec - Maj. Gen. Cecil E. Fox assumes command of OC-ALC. He replaces Maj. Gen. Carl G. Schenider who is reassigned as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command.

## **1978**

1 Jan - Air Force Logistics Command takes over the program management responsibility on the TF41-A1 engine from the Air Force System Command.

31 Jan - A \$7.2 million automated storage and retrieval system begins operation in the Directorate of Maintenance area of Building 3001.

1 Mar - A new \$5.5 million jet engine parts cleaning facility in Building 3001 becomes operational.

1 Jun - Tinker AFB activates Detachment 1, 60th Military Airlift Wing.

1 Aug - The Security Police Division at Tinker AFB becomes the 2854th Air Base Group Security Police Squadron.

7 Sep - The 2854th Air Base Group receives the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service during the period Jan. 1, 1976 through Dec. 31, 1977.

13 Oct - Gen. Lew Allen, Jr., Air Force Chief of Staff, visits Tinker and tours Building 3001.

1 Dec - OC-ALC Directorate of Procurement and Production becomes the Directorate of Contracting and Manufacturing.

4 Dec - Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command and Headquarters, Air Force Systems Command, signs the Joint Program Management Agreement for the B-52 offensive avionics systems/cruise missile integration (OAS/CM) modification project.

## **1979**

1 Mar - The base Civil Engineering Division becomes the 2854th Civil Engineering Squadron.

13 May - Over 100,000 visitors attend Tinker AFB's open house.

30 May - OC-ALC becomes the system manager for the ground launched cruise missile.

11 Aug – Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command approves the request that OC-ALC be assigned the acquisition responsibility for logistics support of the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) E-3 aircraft.

1 Nov - The Center receives the source of repair and management responsibilities on the F107 engine.

2 Nov - Vice President Walter Mondale arrives at Tinker AFB aboard “Air Force Two” for a speaking engagement in Oklahoma City.

9 Nov - The Office of the Chief Counselor, Equal Opportunity, becomes the Discrimination Complaints Office.

21 Dec - OC-ALC assumes the supply and maintenance responsibility for the E-4B Airborne Command Post aircraft.

## **1980**

1 Jan - The Small Business and Contractor Relations Office becomes the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

1 Mar - Maj. Gen. Jay T. Edwards replaces Maj. Gen. Cecil E. Fox as OC-ALC commander.

4 Mar - Vice President Walter Mondale arrives at Tinker AFB and is welcomed by Gov. George Nigh and Maj. Gen. Jay T. Edwards.

28 Mar - OC-ALC receives the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness award for 1979.

19 Apr - Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Hans Mark, begins a two-day visit to Tinker AFB and OC-ALC.

2 Jun - OC-ALC establishes the European Engine Overhaul Mini-System Program Office.

9 Jun - The CFM56 engine item management responsibility is assigned to the Center.

9 Jul - The 2854th Air Base Group, Tinker AFB, receives the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1979. The 2854th Civil Engineering Squadron, 2854th Security Police Squadron, and the 2854th Headquarters Squadron Section share the award.

9 Jul - The Air Force presents the U.S. Air Force Hospital, Tinker AFB, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1979.

16 Jul - The reassignment of Col. John E. Emmons brings Col. George J. Vehrs to Tinker AFB as commander of the 2854th Air Base Group.

21 Nov - President-elect and Mrs. Ronald Reagan make the first of three visits to Tinker AFB prior to Inauguration Day. As their presidential plane is refueled, they visit with Gen. and Mrs. Jay T. Edwards.

13 Dec - President-elect and Mrs. Ronald Reagan again transit to Tinker AFB.

## **1981**

6 Jan - OC-ALC receives the system management responsibility for the B-52 comparison trainer aircraft.

6 Jan – Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command names OC-ALC the provisional system manager for the B-1B bomber.

8 Jan - President-elect and Mrs. Ronald Reagan briefly visit Tinker AFB while their 89th Military Airlift Wing aircraft is refueled.

20 Jan - Gen. Bryce Poe II, Air Force Logistics Command commander, presents Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards to the 2854th Air Base Group and the U.S. Air Force Hospital, Tinker AFB.

23 Feb - Sir David McNee, Commissioner of Great Britain's famed Scotland Yard, makes a tour of Tinker AFB and an E-3A aircraft.

20 Mar -The U.S. Air Force Hospital, Tinker AFB, opens its new outpatient wing.

1 Apr - The 2854th Air Base Group Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Section transfers base taxi duties to a contractor, Talley Industries.

5 Apr - Gov. George Nigh, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and thousands of spectators celebrate the 40th anniversary of Tinker AFB's establishment at an open house.

27 Apr - The space shuttle “Columbia” lands at Tinker AFB for an overnight stopover following its first orbital mission and touchdown in the California desert. Over 200,000 sightseers greet the shuttle, which rides securely on the back of a Boeing 747.

1 May - The Air Force's new KC-10A tanker/cargo aircraft makes its maiden visit to Tinker AFB.

27 May - OC-ALC receives the system management responsibility for the BGM-109H medium range air-to-surface missile and the item management for the missile's J402 engine.

1 Jun - The Air Force Communications Command's Engineering Installation Center activates at the Oklahoma City Air Force Station. At the same time, the 2002nd Southern Communications Area inactivates. Col David B. Bartholomew serves as the first commander of the new Engineering Installation Center.

1 Jun - Secretary of Energy, James B. Edwards, lands at Tinker AFB. He dedicates the world's largest land-based oil rig, which was built in neighboring Del City.

20 Jul - Col. Jerry D. Holmes replaces Gen. Neil L. Eddins as commander of the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing.

21 Jul - The first B-52G arrives at Tinker for the Offensive Avionics System/Cruise Missile Integration modification.



28 Jul - Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command names Oklahoma City the provisional source of repair for the B-1B bomber.

12 Aug - Maj. Gen. Jay T. Edwards announces OC-ALC is to receive the J79 jet engine workload from the San Antonio ALC.

10 Nov - The Tinker AFB Data Services Center opens in Building 3001.

18 Dec - OC-ALC awards the largest contract in the depot's history. The \$650 million Boeing contract is for Offensive Avionics System modification and enhancement of B-52 bombers.

## **1982**

27 Jan - Tinker AFB Hospital celebrates the birth of the first baby to be born at Tinker AFB in 10 years. She is named Sonya Yvonne Patterson.

9 Feb - Tinker AFB establishes the U.S. Magistrate Court to prosecute on-base offenses committed by both military and civilian personnel.

15-16 Mar - President Ronald Reagan arrives and departs Tinker AFB. He is in Oklahoma for a fundraising dinner.

17 Mar - OC-ALC receives the system management responsibility for the KC-10 aircraft. Concurrently, the Center becomes the item manager for the KC-10's engine, the CF6.

30 Mar - Col. Kenneth D. Waits becomes the 2854th Air Base Group commander replacing Col. George J. Vehrs.

1 Apr - Program management responsibility for the A-7K transfers from the Aeronautical Systems Division to OC-ALC.

12 Apr - Tinker AFB breaks ground for a 200-unit, \$7,530,000 military family housing addition. The B-1B Systems Management Division is established in OC-ALC's Directorate of Materiel Management.

15 May - Tinker AFB holds a public open house to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Air Force's beneficial occupancy and activation of the base.

1 Jun - Vice President George Bush headlines the base community dining out held at the Officer's Club.

30 Jul - Maj. Gen. James E. Light Jr. replaces Maj. Gen. Jay T. Edwards as commander of OC-ALC.

## **1983**

10 Jan - OC-ALC activates the Competition Advocate Office.

10 Feb - OC-ALC becomes the system manager for the AGM-84 Harpoon missile.

16 Feb - Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command confirms that OC-ALC is the system manager for the advanced cruise missile and system manager and source of repair for the F112 engine.

25 Feb - The Air Force selects Tinker AFB employee, Ms. Alice A. Vasquez, as the recipient of the 1982 Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity, Indian Employment category.

14 Mar - Tinker AFB overhauls its final J75-17 engine.

6 May - First Lady Nancy Reagan makes a 30-minute refueling stopover at Tinker AFB. She is to rendezvous with the president in Arizona for a trip to California.

25 Jul - The Canadian Forces Logistics Liaison Unit Detachment at Tinker AFB disbands after 16 years.

9 Aug - Air Force Chief of Staff's C-135C "Speckled Trout" aircraft completes programmed depot maintenance at OC-ALC.

23 Aug - Maj. Gen. Richard A. Burpee replaces Gen. James E. Light as commander of OC-ALC.

1 Oct - The Air Force Systems Command transfers its E-4A/B program management responsibility to OC-ALC.

## **1984**

12-15 Mar - OC-ALC hosts the first Worldwide Pricing Conference conducted by the U.S. Air Force. The three-day conference draws more than 300 delegates from throughout the world.

7 Apr - More than 45,000 people attend an Open House held at Tinker AFB.

24 Apr - Tinker AFB officially dedicates the B-52D Stratofortress "Early Riser" as a Tinker AFB monument. The aircraft stands near Gate 1 adjacent to Interstate Highway 40.

12 Jul - U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) tours Tinker AFB.

7 Aug - Col. Ray D. Reaves replaces Col. Kenneth D. Waits as base commander (2854 Air Base Group).

25 Aug - At a ceremony honoring Oklahoma's servicemen missing in action in Southeast Asia, U.S. Senators David Boren and Don Nickles, and U.S. Congressman Dave McCurdy, present members of the servicemen's families with commemorative medals.

12 Nov - A major 40-hour fire begins on the north end of Building 3001 when a spark from a welders cutting torch ignites roofing material.

## **1985**

14 Jan - Secretary of the Air Force, Verne Orr, presents awards to OC-ALC employees and visits the fire reconstruction area in Building 3001. The Secretary presents Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards to the 2953rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, the Tinker AFB Hospital and to the 2854th Air Base Group for outstanding achievement from Nov. 12 through Dec. 14, 1984. He also presents the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award to the Headquarters, OC-ALC for outstanding achievement during the same period.

21 Feb - Retired, Gen. and Mrs. Curtis LeMay visit OC-ALC while their plane is refueled.

1 Apr - The 28th Air Division is reactivated and the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Division (AWACD) is re-designated the 552nd Air Warning and Control Wing.

17 May - Midwest City, Okla., hosts the Armed Force Day Tribute/Parade. Oklahoma Congressman Dave McCurdy speaks at the Officer's Club.

18 May - Congressman Les Aspin (D-Wis.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, is speaker at the Officer's Club Breakfast and Gen Earl T. O'Loughlin, commander, Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command, serves as Grand Marshal of the Armed Services Day parade.

27 Jun - After making Tinker AFB home for 33 years, the 6th Weather Squadron, moves to Hulburt Field, Fla.

7 Oct - Col. Gerald M. Blackburn replaces Col. Ray D. Reaves as base commander (2854 Air Base Group). OC-ALC Directorate of Environmental Management is established. Col. Ray D. Reaves is named director.

28 Oct - The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce donates a 70 passenger, double-deck tour bus to Tinker AFB.

20 Dec - Maj. Gen. William P. Bowden assumes command of OC-ALC from Lt. Gen. Richard A. Burpee.

## **1986**

13 Jan - Civilian Personnel accepts more than 5,000 applications, while establishing a new helper register for OC-ALC.

18 Feb - Col. Phillip Hubbard becomes base commander succeeding Col. Blackburn.

25 Apr - EC-121 Warning Star aircraft (Connie), part of the 28th Air Division and 41st Electronic Squadron's Project Warrior, is dedicated. The aircraft is placed on Prime Beef Road near the Base Exchange.

5 May - The first KC-135R model arrives at Tinker AFB.

17 May - Tinker AFB holds an Open House in conjunction with the Armed Services Day celebration.

1 Jul - Oklahoma Congressman Mickey Edwards announces that the U.S. Navy agrees to locate a new squadron of communications aircraft at Tinker AFB. He says the decision could mean as many as 1,400 new military and civilian jobs for the Oklahoma City area.

2 Jul - The Royal Saudi Air Force accepts the first of five E-3A aircraft supported by OC-ALC.

31 Aug - Tinker AFB honors the Air Force's original KC-135 Stratotanker on the official anniversary of its first flight 30 years ago.

12 Sep - The base displays two historic bomber aircraft, a World War II B-29 Superfortress and a B-47 Stratojet, near Gate 1.

23 Oct - President Ronald Reagan arrives at Tinker for an over-night stop, part of a two-week, nationwide trip.

15 Dec - Oklahoma Congressmen Mickey Edwards and Dave McCurdy, along with state and local dignitaries, take part in the groundbreaking ceremonies of the new \$33.6 million Integrated Blade Repair Facility, Building 3221.

## **1987**

29 Jan - The -135 section of the Aircraft Division of OC-ALC moves back to the south end of Building 3001, 26 months after fire swept the roof of the building. Gen. Earl T. O'Loughlin, Air Force Logistics Command, commander, presides over the ribbon cutting ceremony.

27 May - Tinker AFB receives a Mission Capability Inspection from the Air Force Logistics Command.

22-23 Jun - Gerald E. "Tim" Tinker and his wife, Ruby, visit the base. He is the son of Clarence L. Tinker for whom Tinker AFB was named.

13 Sep - A crowd estimated by Tinker AFB officials to be 170,000 attends an Open House featuring aircraft displays and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbird team.

26 Sep - Tinker AFB delivers the last of 13 E-3 and KE-3 aircraft to the Saudi Arabian government as part of the PEACE SENTINEL program.

1 Nov - Oklahoma Congressman Mike Synar (D-Muskogee) releases a report calling Tinker AFB's Environmental Program a model for Air Force installations.

2 Dec - The Tinker AFB Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School holds its first graduation ceremony.

## **1988**

12 Feb - Col. Gary F. Forrest heads the new Office of Assistant to the Commander for Quality Products (QP).

22 Feb - Secretary of the Air Force, Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., announces that OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, will be the system manager and primary depot facility for the B-2 bomber.

15 Mar - The last A-7D, #71-0353, departs OC-ALC as the A-7D workload transfers to Sacramento ALC.

23 Mar - A ribbon cutting ceremony officially welcomes the B-1B aircraft to Tinker AFB.

28 Mar - A violent thunderstorm with golf ball size hail and winds nearing 45 miles an hour strikes Tinker AFB causing damage totaling over \$5.6 million.

22 Apr - The Air Force Logistics Command announces plans for a second programmed depot maintenance line for C-135 aircraft at OC-ALC, causing approximately half of the B-52 workload to transfer to the San Antonio ALC.

9 Jul - Soviet Marshall Sergey Akhromeyev and Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, land at Tinker AFB to begin a tour of central Oklahoma.

1 Aug - Organic depot activation of the F107 engine occurs on schedule. The first production engine is successfully tested.

29 Sep - At a change of command for the 2854th Air Base Group, Col. Phillip Hubbard turns over command of the air base group to Col. Anthony E. Mras.

1 Oct - OC-ALC begins programmed depot maintenance on the B-1B at Tinker AFB.

7 Oct - The C-47 Skytrain, displayed near Gate 20 since 1983, is relocated near Gate 1 to be part of the Tinker AFB Heritage Air Park.

## **1989**

7 Jan - Tinker AFB's 507th Tactical Fighter Group conversion ceremony takes place. The F-16 replaces the F-4.

1 May - The Justice Department approves a \$4.2 million settlement of the Building 3001 fire claim. The settlement becomes the largest pro-Air Force tort (negligence) settlement in history.

1 Jul - Tinker AFB personnel participate in the Olympic Festival 1989 Torch Run by carrying the lighted torch across the base.

8 Sep - U.S. Sen. David Boren headlines the 1989 OC-ALC Dining Out. More than 500 people attend the event in Building 2136.

29 Sep - Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers assumes command of OC-ALC from Maj. Gen. William P. Bowden.

1 Nov - OC-ALC maintenance workers produce the 8,000th TF-30 engine. Support for the engine began in 1967.

## **1990**

1 Jul - Tinker AFB converts to a single pay cycle resulting in all civilian employees being paid on the same day.

15 Aug - Tinker AFB signs a decision of record with the Environmental Protection Agency marking the first cleanup program accepted at all levels within the Air Force.

4-5 Sep - Secretary of the Air Force, Donald B. Rice, and his wife, Dr. Susan B. Rice, visit Tinker AFB.

17 Sep - Brig. Gen. Marcelite J. Harris becomes OC-ALC vice commander, making her the first woman to command at Tinker AFB. She is the first black female general in the Air Force.

3 Oct -A change of command ceremony brings Col. John R. Clark to head the 2854th Air Base Group. He replaces Col. Anthony E. Mras.

16 Oct - Tinker AFB Chapel sponsors a yellow ribbon ceremony to show support for the troops deployed to Operation Desert Shield.

29 Oct - President George Bush arrives at Tinker AFB for a speaking engagement in Oklahoma City.

Nov - The 72nd Aerial Port Squadron (Air Force Reserves/Air Force Logistics Command) is mobilized to support the Air Terminal during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

## **1991**

4 May - Oklahoma Gov. David Walters declares "Operation Desert Storm Day." This is a parade in the Midwest City/Del City area that honors Desert Storm troops and all other veterans of foreign wars. Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers serves as Grand Marshal.

17 Jul - Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Gary R. Pfingston, speaks at OC-ALC Air Force Association luncheon.

22 Jul - Tinker AFB receives the fiscal year 1990 Thomas D. White Environmental Excellence Award for the best environmental program in the Air Force.

23 Jul - A ceremony marks the depot activation for the F112 engine, which powers the AGM-129A Advanced Cruise Missile.

24 Sep - To avoid stormy weather, the space shuttle Discovery, attached atop a Boeing 747, makes an unscheduled overnight stop at Tinker AFB.

24 Sep - OC-ALC holds a retirement ceremony for the TF41 engine. Tinker AFB has performed depot maintenance on the engine for the past 21 years.

7 Nov - A ceremony commemorates Tinker AFB's 50th Anniversary with the unveiling of a state historical marker on base near "N" Avenue and 2nd Street.

13 Dec - Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers announces that nearly half of the base's 450 vehicles will be converted to compressed natural gas to reduce air pollution.

## **1992**

20 Feb - The last J79 engine to be repaired at Tinker AFB passes its acceptance test.

5 Mar - President George Bush arrives at Tinker AFB before attending a speaking engagement at Oklahoma Christian University. He departs Tinker AFB the following day.

20 Apr - Tinker AFB receives the Gen Thomas D. White Environmental Restoration Award for 1991. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen Merrill A. McPeak, presents the award.

16 May - Approximately 65,000 visitors attend Tinker AFB's 50th Anniversary Open House. On display is the F-117A Stealth Fighter.

27 May - The 28th Air Division inactivates and transitions into the new 552nd Air Control Wing. The 3rd Combat Communications Group also realigns into the wing.

29 May - Vice President Dan Quayle gives the keynote address at the commissioning of the United States Navy's Strategic Communications Wing One, Take Charge and Move Out, (TACAMO) at Tinker AFB.

1 Jul - Wright Patterson AFB and the Air Logistics Centers hold simultaneous ceremonies to deactivate the Air Force Logistics Command and activate Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC).

3 Aug - Transfer of 1,080 employees from the Distribution Directorate to Defense Logistics Agency takes place at a ceremony in Building 506, the new Defense Logistics Agency headquarters building. Col Alfred D. Ransel becomes the new commander.

1 Sep - OC-ALC, Directorate of Aircraft, B-1B System Program Office, Directorate of Commodities, Directorate of Propulsion, Directorate of Distribution, Directorate of Contracting and Directorate of Technology and Industrial Support win the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for Jan. 1, 1991 through Mar. 31, 1992.

25 Sep - The 552 Air Control Wing Operations Center and OC-ALC Command Post create a single command post upon their move to Building 280.

1 Oct - The 2854th Air Base Group is replaced by the 654th Support Group.

## **1993**

1 Jan - Tinker AFB closes its AFB Aerial Port of Embarkation.

11 Jan - The base chapel holds a commemorative service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, lawyer, educator, Oklahoma University Regent, and civil rights legend, is the speaker for the service.

1 Feb - The Directorate of Distribution (DS) officially ends after a five-decade presence at Tinker AFB.

11 Feb - Baylor University Athletic Director, Grant Teaff, speaks at the on base National Prayer Breakfast.

31 Mar - By the end of the month, approximately 1,200 Tinker AFB employees accept the government's retirement and separation incentives.

27 May - OC-ALC Corporate Board, which consists of the Air Logistics Center commander, the executive director, and the director/deputy director of major directorates, holds its first meeting.

5 Jun - Oklahoma Gov. David Walters and a congressional delegation of Representatives Ernest Istook, Dave McCurdy, Bill Brewster and Glenn English, and U.S. Sen. David Boren tour the base and meet with members of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC).

5 Jun - More than 5,000 people circle the perimeter of Tinker AFB to visibly display their support of the base to the visiting BRAC members.

25 Jun - Following their visit to OC-ALC, BRAC unanimously agrees that the installations selected at this time will not include Tinker AFB.

29 Jun - OC-ALC dedicates a Wildlife Sanctuary as part of Tinker AFB's greenway. The greenway becomes the first in the Department of Defense.

1 Aug - Mr. Gerald Yanker becomes the first OC-ALC executive director to the commander when the vice-commander position changes to become a civilian position.

25 Aug – The Air Organizational Excellence Award is approved for OC-ALC due to outstanding contributions to the modernization of production management and weapons maintenance systems from Jul. 1, 1992 through Jun. 30, 1993.

30 Sep - The TF41 engine program ceases with the end of the commitment to maintain the Greek TF41-400 engine.

1 Nov - Tinker AFB opens a new 69,284 square-foot, \$9.2 million B-2 Avionics repair facility. It is the only one of its type in the Air Force.

3 Dec - The Charles B. Hall Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman Association receives its charter at Tinker AFB.

13 Dec - A ribbon cutting ceremony marks the official opening of the B- 2 Weapon System Support Center, Building 1083.

## **1994**

1 Apr - The 507th Fighter Group becomes the 507th Air Refueling Group and trades in its F-16s for KC-135s.

18 Apr - Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers, OC-ALC commander, cuts the ribbon to open the new Child Development Center East in Building 3904.

20 Apr - OC-ALC receives the Secretary of Defense's Environmental Quality Award for pollution prevention and recycling for 1993. Environmental Management Director, Allen K. Lawrence, accepts the award in ceremonies held at the Pentagon.

22 Apr - Tinker AFB holds its first Earth Day celebration in which more than 200 people participate.

22 Apr - OC-ALC executive director, Gerald L. Yanker, accepts the Air Force Pollution Prevention Award for 1993 from Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Merrill A. McPeak, in ceremonies held at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

17 Jun - AFMC's Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Dale W. Thompson presides over ceremonies as Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Eickmann assumes duties as Tinker AFB's 21st installation commander, replacing Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers.

1 Jul - Col. Randy W. Mills assumes command of the 654th Air Base Group from Col. John R. Clark. Col. Clark served as base commander for the longest period in Tinker AFB history.

15 Jul - Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, tours OC-ALC, Navy STRATCOMWING ONE, and other base facilities during her visit to Tinker AFB.

6 Aug - U.S. Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) tours OC-ALC.

30 Aug - Gen. Ronald W. Yates, commander, AFMC, presents OC-ALC the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for the period 1 July 1993 - 30 June 1994. A silver oak leaf on the ribbon above the entrance to Building 3001 indicates the Center has earned the award for the sixth time.

8 Sep - The Oklahoma City Defense Megacenters moves into its new 96,000 square-foot facility in Building 3900.

16 Sep - U.S. Senate Republican Leader, Bob Dole, receives a briefing during a stopover at Tinker AFB.

30 Sep - Under the two-level Maintenance concept, OC-ALC becomes the largest jet intermediate maintenance center in the world.

1 Oct - The 654th Air Base Group receives the 72nd Air Base Wing designation. Organizations that realigned under the wing include the 72nd Logistics Directorate, 72nd Medical Group, 72nd Civil Engineer Group, 72nd Support Group, and 72nd Operations Support Squadron.

14 Oct - Tinker AFB opens AFMC's first "Super Playground." The "Re-Creation Station" is a 12,000 square-foot playground area that was constructed from recycled material.

18 Nov - The 72nd Civil Engineer Group Prime BEEF Team deploys to Morocco to support U.S. Air Force Exercise "African Eagle." The 61-member team constructs and maintains a 500-person tent city.

9 Dec - Tinker AFB enters into a technology transfer agreement with the eight-county South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA). The joint venture is identified as a cooperative research and development agreement between a military organization and a consortium of local government entities.

## **1995**

17 Jan - The Oklahoma City Software Development Activity, formerly known as the Materiel Systems Center, becomes the Materiel Systems Group.

14 Jan - Deputy Secretary of Defense, John M. Deutch, tours Tinker AFB to see support facilities for the B-2 and E-3 aircraft.

7 Feb - The Pentagon announces OC-ALC will continue to be the primary location for repairs on the B-2 bombers' engines, avionics and computer software.



13 Mar - Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating speaks at the National Prayer Breakfast held in Tinker's Officers Club. A record 430 people attend.

6 Apr - The Consolidated Fuels Facility, Building 3902, Tinker's first industrial addition east of Douglas Boulevard, holds its ribbon cutting. The new 93,695 square-foot, \$13.6 million facility is designed to test and calibrate fuel system components. Production activities will begin on Jul. 5, 1995.

19 Apr - Within hours of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Tinker AFB workers rush to the scene aiding in the response. Among those killed in the explosion are Tinker assignees Airman 1st Class Lakesha Levy of the 72nd Medical Group and Airman 1st Class Cartney McRaven of the 32nd Combat Communications Squadron.

23 Apr - President and Mrs. Bill Clinton arrive at Tinker AFB to attend the nationally televised memorial service for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

8 May - Tinker commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with Mr. Gerald L. Yanker, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center executive director, and Retired, U.S. Air Force, Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Spiers, former Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center commander, unveiling the new, official emblem of OC-ALC. Special guests include Oklahoma Medal of Honor recipients Ernest Childers, Jack C. Montgomery, and John R. Crews; Tuskegee Airman Edmund L. Wilkinson; Native American Code Talkers Charles Chibitty, Roderick Red Elk, and Forrest Kassanavoid; and "Rosie the Riveter" representative Norma Johnson.

13 May - Gerald E. "Tim" Tinker, the son of Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, and other members of his family serve as the grand marshals for Midwest City's Armed Forces Day parade. The six Tinkers stay in Billeting's Distinguished Visitor suites and receive a special base tour.

30 May - Vice President and Mrs. Albert Gore arrive at Tinker AFB. The vice president speaks and presents awards at the state meeting of federal employees held at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

20 Jun - The court acquits Capt. Jim Wang, 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing, of charges relating to the April 1994 downing of two Army helicopters in which 26 people lost their lives over northern Iraq, after an 18-day court-martial trial at Tinker AFB.

22 Jun - Following an exhaustive evaluation, the BRAC recommends to the president that Tinker AFB be one of three air logistics center installations kept open and operating.

27 Jun - The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson ("Fergie," wife of Great Britain's Prince Edward), arrives at Tinker AFB for a day-long visit with victims and heroes of the Oklahoma City bombing incident. Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Eickmann, Gov. and Mrs. Frank Keating, and Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin greet her planeside.

15 Aug - The first of 103 Air Force planes lands at Tinker AFB to escape the force of Hurricane Felix as it threatened Langley AFB, Va., and Pope AFB, N. C. The majority of aircraft are F-15s, but they are augmented by C-130s, KC-10s, F-18s, C-130s, C-135s, and one Boeing 707. It is possibly the largest number of aircraft on the airfield's interior runway since hundreds of World War II aircraft were stored on the base through the late 1940s.

29 Sep - Workers pull the last Air Force J57-59W engine in use from a KC-135Q in Boeing Wichita. In the 40-year life span of the propulsion plant Tinker workers performed depot maintenance on 30,000 of these engines.

4 Oct - Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Eickmann, OC-ALC commander, hosts a roll-out ceremony to celebrate completion of the Block 30/35 trail installation and aircraft delivery. It ends the largest and most complex modification to the E-3 fleet to date.

18 Oct - A 10-man team from the 72nd Security Police Squadron begins a 33-day temporary duty assignment at Wright- Patterson AFB, Ohio, in support of the international Balkan Proximity Talks. These talks result in the Dayton Peace Accord.

21 Oct - Adm. Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations, speaks at Tinker AFB's Navy Ball, which honors the men and women of STRATCOMMWING ONE.

19 Dec - The first of 33 members of Tinker AFB's 3rd Combat Communications Group departs for temporary duty in Operation Joint Endeavor, the United Nations' peacekeeping force in Bosnia. The group establishes air traffic control at the air base in Tuzla.

## **1996**

15 Mar - Tinker AFB's 507th Air Refueling Wing becomes the 507th Wing.

15 Mar - The Air Force Reserve expands its associate program to include Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft when it activates the 513th Air Control Group at Tinker AFB. It becomes the first Reserve unit to perform the E-3 AWACS mission.

5 Apr - President and Mrs. Bill Clinton arrive at Tinker AFB aboard Air Force One to attend Oklahoma City bombing remembrance ceremonies and to speak on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma.

19 Apr - OC-ALC dedicates a granite memorial for the victims of the Murrah Building bombing, near the intersection of Air Depot and Second Street. Among the special guests of Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Eickmann, Installation commander, is the family of victim Airman First Class Lakesha R. Levy.

17 May - Eleven days after their arrival, the Headquarters, AFMC Quality Air Force Assessment Team gives Tinker AFB an 82 percent rating. This marks the highest rating given in Command history.

20 May - Maj. Gen. (Select) Charles H. Perez takes command of OC-ALC from Lt. Gen. Kenneth E. Eickmann; just one hour after Gen Eickmann receives his third star.

25 Jun - A terrorist bomb explodes at a military complex near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Airman 1st Class Shawn Mohammad of Tinker's 72nd Security Police Squadron receives the Purple Heart for injuries received in the blast.

1 Aug - Capt. Vern Lochausen relieves Capt. Kermit Ayers as commander of STRATCOMMWING ONE and commander of Task Force 124.

6 Sep - Brig. Gen. Robert T. Newell III replaces Brig. Gen. Silas R. Johnson, Jr. as commander of Tinker AFB's large associate unit, the 552nd Air Control Wing.

14 Sep - Gen. Richard Hawley, Air Combat Command commander; Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez, OC-ALC commander; U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.); and Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin (R-Okla.) help dedicate the Air Force's 11th B-2 bomber the "Spirit of Oklahoma," during a special naming ceremony at Tinker AFB.

22 Sep - The 552nd Air Control Wing dedicates a granite monument in honor of the crewmembers of YUKLA 27, one year after the E-3 crashed following takeoff from Elmendorf AFB, Ala.

## **1997**

19 Feb – Col. Robert L. Bartlow, the longest serving civil engineer in Tinker AFB history, relinquishes command of the 72nd Civil Engineering Group to Col. Michael A. Cuddihee.

21 Apr - The Tinker Management Association celebrates its 50th anniversary.

9 May - Nine Tinker entry gates are renamed for past aviation leaders and significant aircraft from Tinker AFB's history. The new names are Tinker Gate (1), Eaker Gate (2), Turnbull Gate (3), Hruskocy Gate (7), Gott Gate (34), Vance Gate (40), Lancer Gate (20), Liberator Gate (21), and Marauder Gate (29).

30 May - The 72nd Air Base Wing receives its first Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in a ceremony held in front of Base Operations Building 240. The wing earns the award for exceptional meritorious service from Jan. 1, 1995 through Dec. 31, 1996.

1 Aug - The Air Force Reserve Command's 507th Wing at Tinker AFB is re-designated an air-refueling unit, as it again becomes the 507th Air Refueling Wing.

17 Sep - A ceremony in front of Building 3001 recognizes OC-ALC as winner of the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for its performance from Jul. 1, 1994 through Jun. 30, 1996.

1 Oct - OC-ALC officially organizes and establishes three new directorates. They are Comptroller, Plans & Programs, and Logistics Management.

1 Oct - The Labor and Delivery Unit at Tinker AFB Hospital closes in favor of community network providers. The last infant, Lauren Simmonds, delivered Sept. 25, 1997, is moved to another area in the hospital until her discharge.

1 Oct - The last TF30-109 engine exits Tinker's maintenance shops. Since 1971, Tinker workers have provided routine maintenance for 9,330 variants of the TF30 series that powered the F-111 aircraft.

17 Oct - Tinker AFB's two naval personnel barracks are named McCool Hall and Evans Hall after the two Oklahoma natives who received the Congressional Medal of Honor, while serving in the U.S. Navy. Capt. Richard McCool and the son of Commander Ernest Evans attend the dedication ceremony.

11 Nov - The space shuttle "Atlantis," riding atop a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) 747, spends three days at Tinker AFB when rainstorms at Kelly AFB, Texas, divert its planned flight from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (AFS), Fla., to Palmdale, Calif. for maintenance.

24 Nov - Col. Donald J. Wetekam, director of Aircraft, becomes the first vice commander of OC-ALC since the position was abolished in June 1993.

## **1998**

23 Mar - OC-ALC receives the first shipment of equipment to support the migration of the F100 core engine workload from the San Antonio ALC.

25 Mar - The 50th Anniversary of the first successful tornado forecast, made by two Tinker weathermen (Maj. E.J. Fawbush and Capt. Robert C. Miller), is marked with three days of activities and dedication of a historical monument in Tinker's Heritage Airpark.

30 Mar - Tinker AFB hosts and honors nearly 100 former "Rosie the Riveters" during a special celebration in recognition of women who had worked at Tinker Field and the Douglas Plant.

21 May - The Navy air wing at Tinker AFB dedicates its Hercules Park and static display in honor of the unit's first aircraft type used, the EC-130 Hercules.

7 Aug - Tinker AFB's 552nd Air Control Wing receives a new commander as Brig. Gen. Maurice McFann, Jr. replaces Brig. Gen. James Morehouse.

24 Aug - Tinker AFB reopens its north-south runway after a five month, \$2 million resurfacing project.

21 Sep - For the eighth time, OC-ALC receives the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

## **1999**

12 Feb - Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez announces the Tinker and Lockheed Martin team won the Kelly AFB engine workload competition, which will ensure the continued growth and importance of OC-ALC for years to come.

29 Mar - The B-47, C-47 and F-105 static aircraft displays move to the north side of the Heritage Air Park.

7 Apr - A KC-135R sustains major fuselage damage during pressurization testing at Tinker AFB.

23 Apr - Maj. Gen. Michael E. Zettler takes command of OC-ALC at Tinker AFB upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez.

3 May - A tornado of historic proportions causes death and destruction as it wipes out parts of nearby Moore, Del City, and Midwest City. The extreme northwest corner of Tinker AFB is also hit.

8 May - President Bill Clinton lands at Tinker AFB to survey the destruction of the massive tornado.

22 Jul - Fire breaks out in the battery room of the Uninterruptible Power Supply section in the north end of Building 3001. It's quickly brought under control.

1 Sep - Maj. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, OC-ALC commander, accepts the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9002 registration certificate from the National Quality Assurance USA on behalf of the Propulsion Business Area.

10 Sep - Maj. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, OC-ALC commander, U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R- Okla.) and U.S. Rep. Ernest Istook (R-Okla.) help dedicate the new \$15 million aircraft paint facility, Building 3225.

12 Sep - The Nuclear Ordnance Commodity Management workload becomes the first major materiel management work to transfer to Tinker AFB from Kelly AFB under the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Committee's decision.

17 Sep - Retired, U.S. Air Force, Brig. Gen. Robinson “Robbie” Risner is the guest speaker at Tinker's Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action Day Breakfast. He reflects on his seven years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

14 Oct - A uniquely painted Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) E-3, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, visits Tinker AFB.

1 Nov - The Occupational Health Clinic begins providing service in its new facility, Building 3334. Special areas include Occupational Medicine, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Public Health, Audiology, Occupational Nurse Educators, and Occupational Vision Services.

3 Dec - Tinker AFB hosts the first OC-ALC F100 Engine Production Review.

## **2000**

4 Feb - The 38th Engineering Installation Wing inactivates as its last commander, Col. Michael A. Coursey, retires. The 38th Engineering Installation Group, with Col. Sue Ann A. Olsavicky as commander, remains.

18 Feb - An AFMC Inspector General team completes a six-day “Back to the Basics” inspection of OC-ALC. It is the first-ever Maintenance Standard Evaluation Program team evaluation, and the first Maintenance Compliance Inspection in recent years.

2 Mar - Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, tours Tinker AFB and visits several work areas.

11 Apr - Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II replaces Maj. Gen. Michael E. Zettler as commander of OC-ALC.

19 Apr - President Bill Clinton visits Tinker AFB and Oklahoma City to attend the dedication of the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

31 May - The 72nd Civil Engineer Group inactivates.

30 Jun - Gerald L. Yanker, OC-ALC executive director, retires from Tinker AFB.

9 Jul - Robert J. Conner becomes the new executive director of OC-ALC.

22 Aug - Robert J. Conner, OC-ALC executive director, leads a host of dignitaries in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Air Accessories Technology Repair Center, Building 200.

1 Sep - OC-ALC Propulsion Management Directorate marks the official transition of their new Fighter Propulsion Division to Tinker AFB from Kelly AFB, Texas.

1 Sep - The 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron (72 AMS) is re-designated the 72nd Aero Medical-Dental Squadron (72 ADS) while still assigned to the 72nd Medical Group, at Tinker AFB.

29 Sep - Janet Mitchell retires after 39+ years at Tinker AFB. She served as secretary to seven OC-ALC commanders and nine Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center vice commanders.

## **2001**

9 Feb - Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Jim Finch, begins a two-day visit to Tinker AFB.

19 Feb - President and Mrs. George W. Bush arrive at Tinker AFB aboard Air Force One to attend the dedication of the Oklahoma City Memorial. It is the first AFB, other than Andrews, the President visited since taking office.

8 Mar - U.S. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and U.S. Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.) tour Tinker AFB with Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, OC-ALC commander.

22 Jun - Capt. Gerald W. Geletzke replaces Capt. John P. Keilty as commander of Tinker AFB's Strategic Communications Wing One, U.S. Navy.

9 Jul - Col. Dennis M. Kaan gains command of the 72nd Air Base Wing from Col. Robert L. Gambrell, Jr.

20 Jul - U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Secretary of the Air Force, James G. Roche, AFMC commander, Gen Lester Lyles, and Headquarters, U.S. Air Force representative, Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler visit Tinker AFB for the orientation briefing of the new Secretary.

3 Aug - Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., National President of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, visits Tinker AFB.

13 Aug - Representing OC-ALC, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II joins Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and members of the State Board of Regents for Higher Education in signing a Memorandum of Understanding to improve the Tinker workforce through the Education and Training Partnership established with local colleges, universities, and technical institutions.

4 Sep - Tinker AFB's north-south runway reopens with the take-off of a KC-135 for the installation's 507th Refueling Wing. It was closed during the previous six months for resurfacing.

11 Sep - Tinker AFB and the entire nation go on high alert after hijacked airlines crash into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and western Pennsylvania.

1 Oct - Tinker AFB's 10th Flight Test Squadron transfers from AFMC to the Air Force Reserve Command.

15 Oct - President George W. Bush honors Robert J. Conner, OC-ALC executive director, with the Meritorious Executive Award presented in Washington, D.C.

8 Nov - Oklahoma Labor Commissioner Brenda Reneau Wynn and several hundred people gather in the Officers' Club to honor the "Rosie the Riveter" women from World War II.

7 Dec - Vice President Dick Cheney lands at Tinker AFB to attend an event honoring Oklahoma's Fourth District Congressman J. C. Watts.

## **2002**

3 Feb - Col. Dean J. Despinoy replaces Col. Timothy Wrighton as commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, a major associate unit at Tinker AFB.

12 Feb - Tinker AFB and OC-ALC host the first Purchasing and Supply Chain Management seminar to learn from successful industry executives.

15 Feb - Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, OC-ALC commander, deactivates the Center's Central Acquisition Support Team and replaces it with the Acquisitions Center of Excellence (ACE) with Col. Garry Varney as the first ACE chief.

21 Feb - Tinker AFB hosts the eighth, semi-annual, Defense Logistics Agency Air Force Engine Summit to build long-term, systemic solutions to current issues.

22 Feb - U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Okla.) shares his thoughts and Christian faith at the annual National Prayer Breakfast held at the Tinker's Officers' Club.

22 Feb - Air Force Secretary, Dr. James G. Roche, visits Tinker AFB to thank members of the 552nd Air Control Wing for helping secure the homeland defense by flying 14,000 Operation NOBLE EAGLE sorties since Sept. 11, 2001.

28 Feb - Tinker AFB and area civic leaders meet near the corner of Air Depot and Arnold Street to dedicate a brick monument to the 60 years of cooperation between the installation and local citizens.

12 Mar - A \$50 million bond election to fund the removal of private homes adjacent to the northeast corner of Tinker AFB is passed by Oklahoma County voters.

13 Mar - Headquarters, AFMC evaluators complete a Limited Operational Readiness Inspection of OC-ALC.

3 May - Maj. Gregory J. Broadt takes command of the 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Charles J. Westgate III.

10 May - Robert J. Conner, OC-ALC executive director, receives the Presidential Rank Award during a Washington, D.C. ceremony.

15 May - North Atlantic Treaty Organization Airborne Warning and Control System aircrews depart Tinker AFB after a seven-month visit to support U.S. homeland defense during Operation NOBLE EAGLE.

21 May - The annual AFMC Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program inspection gives Tinker's maintenance employees a 93 percent compliance rating.

3 Jun - Col. Richard Bushelman becomes OC-ALC Inspector General.

4 Jun - Thousands of Tinker AFB employees from every organization come together to participate in the first base-wide Foreign Object Damage (FOD) walk to clear every runway and ramp of objects that might damage aircraft and their engines.

10 Jun - Army Gen. Tommy Franks, combatant commander, United States Central Command, and commander of forces in Afghanistan, visits Tinker AFB to thank everyone for their efforts to support the men and women of the U.S. military.

10 Jun - Col. Polly A. Peyer becomes the vice commander of OC-ALC.

18 Jun - Local AFB officials and area civic leaders participate in a dedication ceremony renaming Tinker's Heritage Airpark in honor of Maj. Charles B. Hall, a former civilian employee of OC-ALC and the first Tuskegee Airman to shoot down an enemy aircraft in World War II.

19 Jun - Tinker AFB returns to Force Protection Alpha after being on higher alert since Sept. 11, 2001.

28 Jul - The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) transfers Tinker AFB's civilian payroll office from DFAS-Denver to DFAS Pensacola.

1 Aug - New directorates form in the OC-ALC. They are Maintenance, Product Support, Engineering, and the Acquisition Center for Excellence.

27 Aug - President George W. Bush lands at Tinker AFB to participate in an Oklahoma City political function.

29 Aug - Command of the 552nd Air Control Wing changes hands as Brig. Gen. Gilmary M. Hostage III replaces Brig. Gen. Ben T. Robinson, who retires.

11 Sep - Base and civic leaders begin the day with a brief memorial service at the Maj. Charles B. Hall Memorial Airpark to remember those who died during the terrorists' attack on America the year before.

13 Sep - The Modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System begins operating at Tinker AFB.

30 Sep - U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) leads a group of dignitaries in an opening ceremony of the new on-base Pratt & Whitney facility.

30 Sep - Maj. Nikolas Chapapas takes command of the 72nd Security Forces Squadron from acting commander Maj. Joe Hogan.

30 Sep - Tinker's Airfield Operations Flight records 47,150 traffic contacts in FY02, compared to 30,860 in FY01.

1 Oct - OC-ALC Organizational Health Center is officially established as a command staff office with Maj. Danny Ervin as the first director.

1 Oct - Headquarters, AFMC Special Order GA-14 re-designates Headquarters, 72nd Support Group as Headquarters, 72nd Mission Support Group as part of the new combat wing organizational structure.

15 Oct - Vice President Dick Cheney arrives at Tinker AFB with U.S. Sen. James Inhofe aboard "Air Force Two." He makes brief remarks to a small group of the Tinker workforce before going to nearby Rose State College.

18 Oct - Former directors and members of the discontinued OC-ALC Directorate of Airborne Accessories conducts a symbolic ceremony retiring the (LI) directorate emblem.

24 Oct - Tinker AFB's new Exchange Store in Building 685 officially opens.

9 Nov - Tinker AFB's 3rd ("Herd") Combat Communications Group begins a three-day celebration of its 50th anniversary.

13 Nov - Tinker Inter-Tribal Council celebrates its 25th Anniversary as base employees recognize American Indian Heritage Month.

16 Jan - Col. Dennis M. Kaan, 72nd Air Base Wing commander, introduces the new Team Tinker logo.

1 Feb - More than 120 members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard are assigned to the 72nd Security Forces Squadron to provide relief to Tinker Airmen who have been working 12-hour shifts since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



4 Feb - Tinker AFB's Strategic Communications Wing One, flew its last Navy E-6A from the installation as transition to E-6Bs nears completion.

10 Feb - Headquarters, U.S. Air Force announces the winner of the Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 2002 (large depot category); it's OC-ALC.

27 Mar - Ribbon cutting ceremony opens Building 5946 as the Gateway Dormitory for 144 single junior enlisted personnel assigned to the 552d Air Control Wing.

4 Apr - OC-ALC Ground Safety Office receives an outstanding achievement award from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for the best Ground Safety program in the Air Force.

8 Apr - The Global Award for Supply Chain Excellence is awarded to OC-ALC Supply Chain Transformation Team during the Supply-Chain World-North American Conference & Exposition held in Atlanta, Ga.

10 Apr - Gov Brad Henry (D-OK) makes his first official visit to Tinker AFB.

2 May - The 72nd Dental Squadron (DS) activates at Tinker AFB and is assigned to the 72nd Medical Group.

8 May - A major tornado scrapes the southeast corner of Tinker AFB with winds up to 260 miles per hour. A guard house at Marauder Gate at Douglas Boulevard and SE 59th Street encounter the worst damage.

9 May - Gen. Lester L. Lyles, AFMC commander, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, OC-ALC commander, and State Rep. Kevin Calvey (R-Del City) speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Airborne Accessories facility, Building 200.

30 May - Col. John F. Thompson replaces the retiring Col. Patrick F. Doumit as OC-ALC director of Propulsion.

6 Jun - Navy Capt. Joe Sereno replaces Capt. Gerald W. Geletzke as commander of STRATCOMMWING ONE.

9 Jun - Col. Andrew R. Monteiro, Jr. replaces Col. Gary S. Forthman as commander of the 72nd Medical Group.

12 Jun - Col. Michael Moschella, director of the Maintenance Directorate's Aircraft Division, receives the first AFMC Outstanding Depot Maintenance Manager Award.

12 Jun - Col. James F. McGinley retires as director of the B-52 System Program Office and is replaced by Col. Dwyer L. Dennis.

25 Jun - Col. Roy A. Cleland replaces Col. Dennis M. Kaan as commander of the 72nd Air Base Wing, at Tinker AFB.

27 Jun - Detachment 7, Air Force Weather Agency, ends its nine-year assignment to Tinker AFB and moves to Offutt AFB, Neb.

30 Jun - U.S. Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and key staff members receive the Tinker Today briefing and tour.

1 Jul - Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II and others speak at the rededication of the Air Force Monument first placed in downtown Oklahoma City in October 1964. Among the attendees are Leonard McMurry, the sculptor, and Wayne Baughman, the model for the monument and current wrestling coach at the Air Force Academy.

4 Jul - Tinker AFB opens its gates to the public for its seventh annual Star Spangled Salute.

18 Jul - OC-ALC Battle Staff, which had been in continuous operation since Sept. 11, 2001, deactivates. During the extended period, members complete more than 1,200 taskings and 499 situation reports.

21 Jul - Col. Kathleen D. Close arrives at Tinker AFB to assume her duties as OC-ALC vice commander.

20 Aug - The Air Force Sergeants' Association names Tech. Sgt. Paul Sharbutt, OC-ALC Directorate of Logistics Management, Airborne Accessories Division, as the "Best Sergeant in the World" at their national convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

24 Aug - A transient Navy S-3 Viking aircraft slides off the Tinker runway during takeoff.

25 Aug - A 144-person, \$7 million Dormitory 5947 officially opens for 72nd Mission Support Group airmen.

16 Sep - The threat of Hurricane Isabel on the east coast sends 75 F-15s to Tinker AFB for safety.

16 Sep - OC-ALC's F100 Engine Supply Chain Process Improvement Team earns the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Team Excellence Award at the Air Force Association National Convention in Washington, DC.

26 Sep - Tinker AFB firefighter, Robert Neil Young, is honored for winning AFMC, U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense Firefighter Heroism Award for 2002.

29-30 Sep - Gen. Gregory S. Martin tours OC-ALC for the first time as AFMC commander.

30 Sep - The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program completes the year with 238 of 845 new ideas approved for a documented savings of \$16,287,538 and cash awards of \$359,946.

6 Oct - Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, OC-ALC commander, joins Langston University President, Ernest L. Holloway, and Vice Chancellor for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Sid Hudson, in a ceremony to launch the inaugural graduate-level Supervisors Training Program.

9 Oct - Vice President Dick Cheney arrives at Tinker AFB aboard "Air Force Two" to attend a speaking engagement in Oklahoma City.

10 Oct - Hollister Hall, a new dormitory for airmen of the 552d Air Control Group, is dedicated in memory of World War II aviator Tech. Sgt. John J. (Jack) Hollister.

10 Oct - Col. Ann Smith assumes command of Tinker AFB's Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City from Col. Augustus Mays, Jr., who retires.

17 Oct - Secretary of the Air Force, James G. Roche, and Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. Jumper, have breakfast with Tinker AFB's senior enlisted members in the Vanwey Dining Hall.

27 Oct - The Tinker AFB Library doubles its size and moves into Building 3702 after five years remotely located in two trailers.

27 Oct - Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, OC-ALC commander, unveils a new banner in Building 3001 lauding Tinker workers for being the first in the command to achieve the International Organization for Standardization 9001:2000 registration for quality management systems.

17 Nov - The first, week-long class of Team Tinker Lieutenant's Professional Development Program (LPDP) begins.

1 Dec - Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski returns to Tinker AFB to take command of OC-ALC from Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II.

## **2004**

2 Feb - AFMC's Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) and Logistics Standardization and Evaluation score for OC-ALC and Tinker AFB is 98.4.

1 Mar - Air Installation Command responsibilities pass back from the Air Logistics commander to the Air Base Wing commander at Tinker AFB and at most AFMC bases.

2 Mar - Col. Joseph F. Mudd replaces Brig. Gen. Gilmary M. Hostage as commander of Tinker AFB's largest associate unit, the 552nd Air Control Wing.

18 Mar - Dr. Wayne Jones, chief of OC-ALC flight systems/mechanical engineering, receives the Gold Torch Lifetime Achievement in Government award at the annual meeting of the National Society of Black Engineers in Dallas, Texas.

27 Mar - Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Gerald R. Murray, helps honor outstanding airmen at the annual Tinker Awards Banquet.

5 Apr - The Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program reports a 40 percent improvement over the previous assessment.

21 Apr - The Air Force Board, led by Maj. Gen. Kevin Chilton, completes its tour of Tinker AFB and review of past and present budget requirements.

21 Apr - Col. Don W. Sparks assumes command of the 72nd Mission Support Group from Col. Michael K. Gamble.

22 Apr - Col. Auston Smith, 72nd Air Base Wing vice commander, helps unveil a new historical marker at the German Family Cemetery on base. More than 80 descendants of the pioneer families attend.

12 May - The Recycling Solid Waste/Recycling Team at Tinker AFB receives one of the 2004 White House Closing the Circle awards in Washington, D.C.

27 May - Col. Frank M. Bruno returns to Tinker AFB as director of OC-ALC's Maintenance Directorate. He replaces Col. Ronald Blickley.

15 Jun - Lt. Col. Peter J. Jones replaces Lt. Col. Phillip J. Neely as commander of the 10th Flight Test Squadron, at Tinker AFB.

23 Jun - Navy Capt. Margaret Klein replaces Capt. August J. Sereno as commander, Strategic Communications Wing One, at Tinker AFB.

1 Jul - Col. John N. Buckalew replaces Col. Barney G. Hulsey as commander, 38th Engineering Installation Group, at Tinker AFB.

1 Jul - The 72nd Contracting Squadron activates at Tinker AFB and is assigned to the 72nd Mission Support Group.

4 Jul - Tinker AFB opens its gates to the public for its annual "Star Spangled Salute" which included exhibits, entertainments, aerial demonstrations, and a fireworks display. Attendance is estimated at 30,000 people.

13 Jul - Lt. Col. David E. Jones replaces Lt. Col. John Scorsone as commander, 72nd Operations Support Squadron.

28 Jul - Col. Mark A. Correll becomes the vice commander of the 72nd Air Base Wing.

13 Aug - Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., sends 41 F-15s to Tinker to avoid Hurricane Charley's march across the south.

22 Aug - Mr. Garry B. Richey becomes OC-ALC's executive director, replacing Mr. Robert J. Conner who becomes the executive director of AFMC.

13 Sep - The first of 63 F-15 Eagles begin arriving at Tinker AFB to escape Hurricane Ivan that is threatening their home installation of Tyndall AFB near Panama City, Fla.

14 Sep - Col. Joan Cunningham assumes command of the 72nd Air Base Wing.

15 Sep - OC-ALC transitions to its provisional reorganization with aircraft sustainment, combat sustainment and maintenance wings.

30 Sep - A civilian contract firm, USProtect, replaces military members as guards at all Tinker AFB entry gates. They employ 93 people.

30 Sep - Tinker AFB's Airfield Operations Flight ends the fiscal year by providing service for 43,365 aircraft operations (compared to 35,885 in FY03), while Transient Alert supports 2,575 visiting aircraft and 163 distinguished visitors.

9 Nov - After a 22-month special installation protection assignment at Tinker AFB, the 100 members of the 1120th Maintenance Company of the Oklahoma Army National Guard are relieved of their duties.

17 Nov - The B-2 Total System Support Partnership program at Tinker AFB receives the Department of Defense's David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award during special ceremonies held at Fort Belvoir, Va.

24 Nov - Mark D. Johnson returns to OC-ALC as the director of the Combat Sustainment Wing (Provisional).

9 Dec - Tinker AFB emergency crews' quick response and ability take credit for the safe gear-up landing of a T-38C from Vance AFB, Okla.

## **2005**

January - Jean Jodlowski, 72nd Mission Support Group Civilian Personnel Office, receives the 2004 Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award in the Selective Placement Category.

4 Jan - A 17-member Junior Force Council meet for the first time at Tinker AFB.

18 Jan - The Aramark Company takes over the operation of all base restaurant services at Tinker AFB.

18 Feb - In a special ceremony, the 76th Maintenance Wing, 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, and the 448th Combat Sustainment Wing reactivates.

29 Mar - U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrives at Tinker AFB to meet with Air Force cadets at a Reserve Officers Training Corps' Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings national convention held in Oklahoma City.

4 Apr - The Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems portion of the Mission Systems Flight in the 72nd Communications Squadron moves to the 72nd Operations Support Squadron as its new Maintenance Flight.

April - OC-ALC's 76th Maintenance Wing wins the Air Force's 2004 Maintenance Effectiveness Award, Large Depot Category.

19 Apr - Vice President Dick Cheney arrives at Tinker AFB to attend the 10th Anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

21 Apr - Col. Tracy Amos replaces Col. Carl Williamson as commander of the 3rd Combat Communications Group.

22 Apr - Tinker AFB wins the 2004 Air Force Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award (Industrial) and the Pollution Prevention Award for Individual and Team Excellence.

14 May - Gen. Gregory Martin, AFMC commander, speaks at the Tinker/Community Dining Out held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

27 May - Brig. Gen. Kathleen E. Close, OC-ALC vice commander, has her first star pinned on by Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski, OC-ALC commander, and her husband, Col. Michael Close, U.S. Air Force Ret.

2 Jun - Col. Dean C. Jackson assumes command of the 72nd Mission Support Group from Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Miller.

17 Jun - Col. James Nally assumes command of the 327th Bomber and Cruise Missile Sustainment Group from Col. Dwyer Dennis.

22 Jun - Col. Brian Tri, former director of OC-ALC's Directorate of Plans and Programs, returns from a remote assignment in Korea to assume command of the 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group.

6 Jul - Col. Derrick M. Richardson assumes command of the 448th Eagle Propulsion Sustainment Group from Col. Lansen P. Conley.

26 Jul - Col. Henry Gaudreau moves from his position as chief of the Propulsion Contracting Division to commander of the 448th Hawk Propulsion Sustainment Group, replacing Col. Judith Kautz.

27 Jul - AFMC accomplishes an Operational Readiness Inspection of OC-ALC and Tinker AFB.

27 Jul - Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski, OC-ALC commander, helps dedicate the B-1 static display at Tinker AFB's Maj. Charles B. Hall Airpark.

1 Aug - Brig. Gen. Larry O. Spencer returns to Tinker AFB to become the first vice director of OC-ALC. He replaces Brig. Gen. Kathleen D. Close.

2 Aug - Robert J. Conner returns to Tinker AFB to become the first civilian director of OC-ALC. He replaces Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski.

17 Aug - Col. Roger S. Goetz replaces Col. Andrew R. Monteiro Jr., as the 72nd Medical Group commander.

30 Aug - U.S. Senators James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and John Thune (R-S.D.) tour Tinker AFB and OC-ALC.

16 Sep - Col. Joan M. Cunningham, Tinker AFB Installation commander, unveils a new POW/MIA Memorial in the Maj. Charles B. Hall Memorial Airpark.

30 Sep - Brig. Gen. Frank Bruno, 76th Maintenance Wing commander, pins on his first star.

14 Oct - The National Quality Assurance officially recognizes OC-ALC as the first and only Air Force Logistics Center to achieve the AS9100 registration.

28 Oct - Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, names Tinker AFB the winner of the AFMC Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award for 2006.

1 Nov - Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, makes his first visit to Tinker since assuming his new command.

1 Nov - Robert J. Conner, OC-ALC director, receives the Presidential Distinguished Rank award.

8 Nov - Tinker AFB's new \$16 million commissary opens near the southeast corner of Air Depot and Interstate 40.

9 Nov - Brig. Gen. Jim Kowalski assumes command of the 552d Air Control Wing from Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Mudd, Jr.

9 Nov - The U.S. Congress agreed to the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations which placed additional missions, workload and personnel at Tinker AFB.

9 Nov - Unit personnel and family members help dedicate the 72nd Contracting Squadron conference room, in Building 3, in memory of former employee Steven C. Hammond.

1 Dec - OC-ALC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office wins the first-ever Air Force General Counsel's ADR Award, for large organizations.

12 Dec - Command of the U.S. Navy's Strategic Communications Wing One, a Tinker AFB associate unit, changes hands when Capt. Dan Seesholtz replaces Capt. Peggy Klein.

## **2006**

9 Jan - The first C-130 arrives at Tinker AFB to begin OC-ALC's new C-130 paint workload that could be worth \$75 million over the next five years.

12 Jan - The 5th Manpower Requirements Squadron activates at Tinker AFB with Maj. Aaron Watson as commander.

2 Feb - Col. Tracy Amos retires from the Air Force and Tinker AFB's 3rd Combat Communications Group. His replacement, Col. James H. Appleyard Jr., arrives on Apr. 21.

14 Apr - The 747th Aircraft Sustainment Group activates at Tinker AFB with Col. Douglas Anderson as commander.

11 May - John J. Over replaces Mark D. Johnson as the director of the 448th Combat Sustainment Wing.

30 May - Movie and television personality Gary Sinise and his "Lt Dan Band" performs a United Services Organization Show at Tinker AFB.

12 Jun - Col. Philip Frederick replaces Col. Henry Gaudreau as commander, 748th Combat Sustainment Group.

7 Jul - Col. Michael J. Niezgodka replaces Col. John Buckalew as commander of the 38th Engineering Installation Group, a Tinker AFB associate unit.

8 Jul - Col. Jeffrey R. Glass replaces Brig. Gen. Dean J. Despinoy as commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, a Tinker AFB associate unit.

12 Jul - Brig. Gen. Judith Fedder assumes command of the 76th Maintenance Wing with the departure of Brig. Gen. Frank Bruno.

17 Jul - Tinker AFB goes into "Heat Condition 5" (the highest risk of heat casualties) when the temperature reaches 109 degrees.

25 Jul - OC-ALC has an AFMC UCI.

28 Jul - Col. Mark Correll replaces Col. Joan Cunningham as commander of the 72nd Air Base Wing.

14 Aug - OC-ALC's 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing receives the 2005 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

21 Aug - Festivities begin at Tinker AFB to recognize the 50th anniversary of the KC-135 aircraft.

15 Sep - Retired, U.S. Air Force, Col. James Kula and local base officials dedicate a new POW/MIA Memorial in Tinker AFB's Maj. Charles B. Hall Airpark.

10 Oct - The 76th Commodities Maintenance Group at Tinker AFB wins one of the 2006 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Awards for their Far Field Range Radome Test Modernization Program.

8 Nov - Tinker AFB officials and Airmen from the 72nd Security Forces Squadron gather to dedicate the Tech. Sgt. Jason Norton Military Working Dog Facility.

20 Nov - Maj. Edward Veitch assumes command of the 72nd Mission Support Squadron from Maj. Angela Tady.

28 Nov - Government and business officials dedicate the first hangar in the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Technology Center adjacent to Tinker AFB.

30 Nov - Michael Wilson, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., visits Tinker AFB and the Canadian Component assigned to the 552d Air Control Wing.

15 Dec - Tinker AFB's 3/4 mile long Building 3001 is evacuated for two hours after a bomb threat is received.

22 Dec - Col. Paul C. Waugh becomes the commander of the 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, after serving as the acting commander since mid-August.

## **2007**

12 Feb - The Oklahoma Geological Survey confirms that an earthquake measuring 2.5 on the Richter scale shook parts of Midwest City, Del City, and Tinker AFB.

12 Mar - Tinker AFB's Health and Wellness Center is named the Air Force's best in the large base category.

12 Mar - Paula J. Cochnauer, OC-ALC Equal Employment Opportunity officer, receives the 2007 Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award for Complaint System Resolution.

6 Apr - Col. Casey W. Hughson gains command of the 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group from Col. Lee K. Levy.

18 Apr - The 2006 Defense Packaging Excellence Award is presented to the Packaging Management Section of the 948th Combat Sustainment Group, 448th Combat Sustainment Wing.

30 Apr - Col. Jeffrey R. Sick takes command of the 76th Commodities Maintenance Group from Col. Daniel M. Lombardi, who retires from the Air Force.

18 May - Col. Lori J. Robinson replaces Brig. Gen. James M. Kowalski as commander, 552d Air Control Wing.

22 May - Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne, visits Tinker AFB workers and facilities before speaking to more than 1,000 businessmen and Airmen who attend the sixth annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo in Oklahoma City.

30 May - Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno gains command of OC-ALC with the retirement of Robert J. Conner.

1 Jun - OC-ALC wins the 2006 Secretary of the Air Force Small Business Special (Activity) Achievement Award.

1 Jun - For the third time, Tinker AFB receives the Air Force's Thomas D. White Environmental Award for Pollution Prevention.

2 Jun - Longtime Tinker AFB employee and director of the Defense Information Systems Agency Defense Enterprise Computing Center in Oklahoma City, Rudy Vines, retires after 35 years. Rodney Walker replaces him.

12 Jun - Air Force officials announce that the Tinker Control Tower, 72nd Operations Support Squadron, wins the D. Ray Hardin Air Traffic Control Facility of the Year award.

14 Jun - Col. James G. Fulton assumes command of the 727th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

18 Jun - Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno, OC-ALC commander, leads the signing of the Voluntary Protection Program agreement with local unions and the Xerox Corporation.



18 Jun - Lt. Col. Lisette D. Childers becomes the new commander of the 72nd Security Forces Squadron after the departure of Lt. Col. Brian “Max” Dubroff in February, and the interim command of Lt. Col. Joe R. Hogan, an individual mobilization augmentee.

26 Jun - Charles “Randy” Young retires as OC-ALC Director of Financial Management. He is replaced by Wayde Loflin.

29 Jun - Representatives from Tinker AFB’s key associate unit, the 552d Air Control Wing, unveil an Oklahoma Centennial logo on one of their E-3 “Sentry” aircraft in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the airborne control wing system at Tinker AFB and the 100th anniversary of statehood.

1 Jul - Col. Mona Lisa D. Tucker begins her duties as the 72nd Air Base Wing vice commander.

1 Jul - Lt. Col. Evan M. Miller assumes his duties as director of OC-ALC Directorate of Plans and Programs.

6 Jul - The 3rd Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB’s “Third Herd,” celebrates its 50th anniversary.

6 Jul - Lt. Col. Elmo Robison gains command of the 72nd Medical Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Lorn Heyne.

9 Jul - Col. James E. Eilers receives the command responsibilities of the 72nd Mission Support Group with the retirement of Col. Dean Jackson.

13 Jul - The U.S. Navy’s Strategic Communications Wing One, at Tinker AFB, gains a new leader when Capt. Brian Costello replaces retiring Capt. Dan Seesholtz.

20 Jul - Lt. Col. Jill R. Scheckel assumes command of the 72nd Medical Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Robin Squellati, who begins serving as the 72nd Medical Group deputy commander.

24 Jul - Col. Sid P. Banks becomes the vice director of the 448th Combat Sustainment Wing upon the departure of Col. Michael B. Leahy Jr.

24 Jul - Col. Keith R. Weyenberg replaces Col. Douglas W. Anderson as commander of the 747th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

27 Jul - John Over III relinquishes leadership of the 448th Combat Sustainment Wing to Marc Scott Reynolds.

3 Aug - Maj. Richard S. Ward accepts command of the 72nd Contracting Squadron upon the retirement of Lt. Col. Robert A. Bruce.

14 Aug - Lt. Col. Kelly J. Larson becomes the commander of the Defense Distribution Depot, Oklahoma City.

28 Aug - Laurence L. Brett, director, 948th Combat Sustainment Group, retires. Dejuana Howie is his replacement.

10 Sep - OC-ALC Safety Office reassigns to the 72nd Air Base Wing.

14 Oct - Members of the Tinker Honor Guard, the Tinker Airman Leadership School and numerous civilian volunteers mark the 100th year of statehood by marching in Oklahoma’s Centennial parade in downtown Oklahoma City.

1 Oct - Oklahoma state legislators pay tribute to Tinker AFB by officially designating a stretch of nearby Interstate 40 the "Freedom Freeway."

1 Nov - OC-ALC's 448th Combat Sustainment Wing receives the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its exceptionally meritorious performance from Mar. 1, 2005 through Feb. 28, 2007.

2 Nov - The Maj. Charles B. Hall statue is installed in Tinker AFB's Heritage Airpark that is renamed in the Tuskegee Airman's honor in 2002.

14 Nov - Maj. Karyn Ayers, 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, receives the Air Force Combat Action Medal for her work in Abu Ghraib, Iraq.

19 Nov - Members of OC-ALC's 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron receive Air Force Achievement Medals for their role in recovering a B-1 crippled by an engine fire during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

10 Dec - A major ice storm hits Tinker AFB and much of central Oklahoma as the installation suffers severe tree damage, sagging power lines, and leaning utility poles.

## **2008**

7 Jan - OC-ALC Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the Military Equal Opportunity Office combine into one organization under the leadership of Paula Cochnauer.

16 Jan - OC-ALC's 76th Maintenance Wing receives the first Federal Aviation Administration repair facility certification for a Department of Defense facility.

31 Jan - The 776th Maintenance Support Squadron deactivates and its resources placed within the operations of the Defense Logistics Agency Oklahoma City.

28 Feb - Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education, visits Tinker Elementary School and the local area.

1 Apr - OC-ALC's 448th Combat Sustainment Wing re-designates as the 448th Supply Chain Management Wing and transfers to the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center. Also re-designated and transferred are the Wing's 448th, 848th and 948th Combat Sustainment Groups.

21 Apr - A key Tinker AFB associate unit, the 3rd Combat Communications Group, receives a new commander when Col. Thomas Byrge Jr. replaces Col. James Appleyard Jr., who retires.

15 May - The newly built access road and Hruskocy Gate is opened and dedicated by base and local officials.

23 Jun - The 7th annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit begins at the downtown Cox Convention Center with Lt. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski, AFMC vice commander, delivering the keynote address.

1 Jul - The Balfour Beatty Communities (GMH) contractor gains control of Tinker AFB's military family housing.

2 Jul - The 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron deactivates at Tinker AFB.

8 Jul - The 72nd Mission Support Squadron deactivates and the 72nd Force Support Squadron activates at Tinker.

18 Jul - Col. Allen J. Jamerson replaces Col. Mark A. Correll as commander of the 72nd Air Base Wing and installation commander.

5 Aug - Col. Robert Marks gains command of the 72nd Medical Group and responsibility for the operation of the Tinker AFB medical clinic.

20 Aug - U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rogers (R-Wash.) and Gen. Arthur Lichte, commander of the Air Force Mobility Command, visit Tinker AFB and the KC-135 maintenance area within Building 3001.

27 Aug - Brig. Gen. Lori J. Robinson relinquishes command of the 552d Air Control Wing at Tinker AFB to Col. Patricia D. Hoffman.

12 Sep - President George W. Bush, aboard Air Force One, lands at Tinker AFB to attend a few civic functions in the local area before departing the same day.

24 Sep - The Air Force signs a long-term lease agreement with Oklahoma County to enable OC-ALC to establish the Tinker Aerospace Complex in the former General Motors Assembly Plant.

23 Oct - U.S. Sen., James Inhofe (R-Okla.); Oklahoma State Treasurer, Scott Meacham; Oklahoma County Commissioner, Ray Vaughn; the Hon. Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, AFMC vice commander; and Maj. Gen. Loren Reno, OC-ALC commander, participate in the formal ceremony transferring ownership of the former General Motors production facility to the Air Force as the Tinker Aerospace Complex (TAC).

23 Oct - Air Force Secretary, Michael B. Donley, presents the 565th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with the Bronze Medallion Shingo Prize. OC-ALC B-1 Production Flight is the only Air Force unit to receive the notable award which recognizes world class lean manufacturing.

14 Nov - Maj. Gen. Loren Reno, OC-ALC commander, leads observance of the first “Nuclear Immersion Day” at Tinker AFB to emphasize the importance of nuclear-oriented missions.

18 Nov - Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Sue Payton, speaks to attendees of the fourth annual Tinker and the Primes National Business event in Midwest City.

25 Nov - OC-ALC earns the Air Force’s Organizational Unit Award for the period Apr. 1, 2006 through Mar. 31, 2008 and the 76th Maintenance Wing wins the Air Force’s Outstanding Unit Award for the period Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2007.

01 Dec - Tinker AFB is selected as AFMC’s nominee for the 2009 Commander-in-Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

## **2009**

6 Jan - Brig. Gen. Bruce Litchfield gains command of the 76th Maintenance Wing from Brig. Gen. Judith Fedder.

7 Jan - Maj. Gen. P. David Gillett returns to Tinker AFB to take command of OC-ALC.

27 Feb - Capt. Dwight D. Shepherd becomes the 11th commander of the Navy’s Strategic Communications Wing One, at Tinker AFB.

13 Mar - The 72nd Logistics Readiness Squadron activates and is assigned to the 72nd Mission Support Group, 72nd Air Base Wing at Tinker AFB. Roy A. Piatt becomes the civilian leader of the squadron.

9 Apr - Tinker AFB firefighters join forces with area fire departments to battle a major grass fire that destroys or damages more than 100 homes northeast of the base.

17 Apr - Retired, U.S. Air Force, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez, former commander of OC-ALC (May 1996 through Apr. 1999), dies in Florida at age 63.

19 Apr - Retired, U.S. Air Force, Lt. Gen. William Oscar Senter, former commander of the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area (May 1954 through Aug. 1957), dies in Florida at age 98.

1 May - The B-1B 86-0133 Recovery Team wins the Federal Executive Board Outstanding Team Award for their work to safely return an aircraft from an emergency hard landing in Afghanistan.

21 May - Col. Douglas C. Cato replaces Col. Casey Hughson as commander of the 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group.

1 Jun - Members of the KC-135 Flight Control Back Shop win the Air Force 2008 Productivity Excellence Award by saving the Air Force \$3.5 million with their repair innovations.

8 Jun - Maj. Ryan J. Mahoney assumes command of the 72nd Comptroller Squadron.

12 Jun - Lt. Col. Timothy Dykens assumes command of the 72nd Medical Support Squadron.

17 Jun - Col. Robert Torick Jr. takes command of the 827th Aircraft Sustainment Group from Col. James Nally.

25 Jun - Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, speaks at the 36th annual Tinker Dining Out, hosted by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

30 Jun - Lt. Col. Kevin McCal accepts command of the 72nd Medical Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Jill Scheckel.

03 Jul - Ms. Laura Culberson replaces Ms. Patti Ripple as OC-ALC chief of staff.

07 Jul - Col. James P. Ice replaces Col. Craig Packard as commander of the 72nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

9 Jul - Col. James A. Loe assumes command of the 72nd Dental Squadron, as he replaces Col. Jeffery Baker.

13 Jul - The 76th Maintenance Wing's TF33 Shop becomes the first operational unit in the new Tinker Aerospace Complex (Building 9001).

15 Jul - A ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Col. Allen Jamerson, 72nd Air Base Wing commander, opens the new junior enlisted housing area in Twining Field.

23 Jul - Col. Herbert A. Wisselman replaces Col. James E. Eilers, as commander, 72nd Mission Support Group, upon his retirement.

23 Jul - The 72nd Air Base Wing Civil Engineer Directorate wins the 2009 Air Force Sustainable Design Honor award for its Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.

29 Jul - With Maj. Gen. P. David Gillett officiating, Col. Paul C. Waugh relinquishes command of the 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing to Col. Mark T. Beierle.

29 Jul - OC-ALC vice commander's position is re-instituted with the elevation of Col. Paul C. Waugh.

30 Jul - Lt. Col. Troy A. Roberts becomes the commander of the 72nd Security Forces Squadron with the retirement of Lt. Col. Lisette D. Childers.

17 Aug - National and local military and government leaders take part in the Tinker Aerospace Complex (TAC) Open House.

21 Aug - Tinker AFB's associate unit, the 38th Engineering Installation Group, receives another re-designation in its long history as it becomes the 38th Cyberspace Engineering Group. Col. Christopher D. Cotts is commander.

10 Sep - The 72nd Communications Squadron deactivates.

11 Sep - Base dignitaries gather in Tinker Building 3 for the Technical Order Warehouse Closure Ceremony.

1 Oct - Department of the Air Force Police Officers take over gate guard duties from private contractors.

1 Oct - Administrative support for the 552d Air Control Wing transfers from the 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La., to the 12th Air Force at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

1 Oct - Defense Logistics Agency organizations at Tinker AFB along with the American Federation of Government Employees local union Chapter 916 and the International Association of Fire Fighters local union Chapter 211, sign a letter of commitment to the Voluntary Protection Program.

5 Oct - In a major reorganization, the 3rd Combat Communications Group begins reporting to the newly formed 689th Combat Communications Wing under Air Force Space Command.

2-6 Oct - Tinker AFB undergoes a multi-command Operational Readiness Inspection.

16-18 Nov - The fifth annual Tinker and the Primes National Business Event is held at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City, Okla. Representatives from 1,500 nationwide organizations, including small businesses and original equipment manufacturers, attend to learn more about doing business with Tinker AFB.

14 Dec - A ribbon cutting ceremony for Tinker's Commercial Travel Office is held in Building 469. The office relocates from Building 1.

## **2010**

12 Mar – AFMC's Logistics Compliance Assessment Team completes a 12-day inspection.

1 Apr - The 72nd Air Base Wing Safety Office receives the Air Force Chief of Staff Outstanding Achievement for Ground Safety Award for 2009.

10 Apr - The Tinker AFB Military/Civilian of Year Awards Banquet is held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, Okla.

14 May - The 2010 Tinker and Community Dining Out, sponsored by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, is held in Building 9001. The former AFMC commander and Retired, U.S. Air Force, Gen. Gregory "Speedy" Martin gives the keynote speech.

19 Jun - Tinker AFB opens its gates to the public for two days as the Star-Spangled Salute welcomes the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, vintage and current aircraft, entertainers, and thousands of local citizens.

30 Jun - OC-ALC's 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing and its subordinate groups and squadrons inactivate. A symbolic ceremony transpires 17 days later. OC-ALC Aerospace Sustainment Directorate (GK) is created to assume the mission.

1 Aug - Tinker AFB's tradition of playing Reveille at 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. changes to 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

17 Sep - Tinker AFB's Exchange re-opens as the Air Force's new prototype of improved layout and enhanced service.

4 Oct - Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, AFMC commander, headlines a Tinker AFB celebration ceremony recognizing OC-ALC's production of 55 KC-135s in FY10. It marks the highest number of -135s in nearly two decades.

6 Oct - Vice Admiral Alan Thompson, director of the Defense Logistics Agency, visits the Tinker AFB DLA operations and key OC-ALC customers and stakeholders.

30 Oct - Master Sgt. James P. Mogren, Security Forces Craftsman, 72nd Security Forces, Tinker AFB, Okla., is named one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year in the U.S. Air Force.

08 Nov - "Tinker and the Primes National Business Event" begins at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City, Okla. Keynote speakers include John Caporal, acting director of the Office of Small Business Programs in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, AFMC vice commander; and Maj. Gen. Gary McCoy, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center.

22 Nov - The Combined Federal Campaign victory party is held in the Tinker Club after the Tinker Team contributes a record \$2.16 million.

## **2011**

21 Jan - The 72nd Medical Group receives a week-long Health Services Inspection.

2 Feb - A 10-inch snow, significant icing and winds exceeding 50 mph, causes the installation commander to close the base except for essential employees.

7 Mar - Tinker Gate (#1) reopens for traffic after a \$6.7 million construction project that includes the new visitors center, gate houses, serpentine lanes and pop-up barriers. Closed for 10 months, the entry point is considered the most heavily used on base.

15 Apr - Following a brief ceremony led by OC-ALC Commander, Maj. Gen. P. David Gillett, demolition of Tinker AFB's historic "Sawtooth Building" (Building 2101) begins.

25 Apr - OC-ALC's 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group completes repairs on the first F117 Pratt & Whitney engine.

13 May - Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, arrives at Tinker AFB en-route to the University of Oklahoma, where he delivers the commencement address to the spring graduates.

19 May - The Tinker Leadership Development Association, which served the installation as the Tinker Management Association for most of its 64 years, holds its last meeting.

21 Jul - An AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missile is dedicated as a permanent display in the Maj. Charles B. Hall Air Park on Tinker AFB.

29 Jul - An intense week of safety and logistics compliance inspections occurs at OC-ALC.

9 Aug - The Department of Defense announces OC-ALC KC-135 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team wins the 2011 Robert T. Mason Depot Excellence Award.

11 Sep - On the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks on the U.S., members of Team Tinker take turns standing vigilant at the Wright Flyer Monument, on base, to honor the lives that were lost on that historic day.

2 Nov – Headquarters, AFMC announces a major restructuring effort that will reduce overhead by cutting the number of centers from 12 to five.

16 Nov - OC-ALC's KC-135 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team receives the Robert T. Mason Award after being named the best depot-level maintenance program in the Department of Defense.

## **2012**

8 Mar - Tinker AFB's Child Development Center is named best in the Air Force.

21 Mar - President Barack Obama arrives at Tinker AFB aboard Air Force One to spend the night in Oklahoma City.

30 Mar - Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Donley, speaks to a capacity crowd at the Tinker Club during the 39th Annual Community Dining Out.

1 Apr - The new Master Labor Agreement with Air Force Government Employees Local 916 goes into effect.

10 Apr - The last AGM-129A cruise missile is destroyed at Hill AFB, Utah, thus ending the System Program Office responsibility OC-ALC has held since 1994.

09 May - The B-1 System Program Office at Tinker AFB receives the Air Staff-level, Dr. James G. Roche Sustainment Excellence Award in a Pentagon ceremony.

15 May - With a historic effort, Team Tinker completes the overhaul of a KC-135 66 days early.

22 Jun - A full day of events and tours introduces 80 members of the Mayors Council of Oklahoma to Tinker AFB.

28 Jun - The last Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Commander's Staff Meeting meets in the Anaconda Conference Room of Building 3001.

29 Jun - The new multi-bay hangar, Building 2283, opens with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

09 Jul - Hundreds of former key officials join current base and civic leaders in the Tinker Club for a Legacy Dinner to celebrate the heritage of OC-ALC and Tinker AFB.

10 Jul - Headquarters, AFMC activates the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC) at Tinker AFB. On this same date, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center becomes the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex and the 72nd Air Base Wing, the 448th Supply Chain Management Wing and 635th Supply Chain Operations Wing realign to AFSC. On this date, Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield becomes the first AFSC commander.

16 Jul - The new 171,000 square-foot Tinker AFB Clinic, Building 1094, is dedicated. It is open for business two weeks later.

22 Aug - The three-day AFSC senior leaders' conference begins at Tinker AFB in an effort to foster an environment for success among the eight wings and AFSC staff.

30 Aug - Kevin O'Connor, OC-ALC vice director, and Douglas Cleary, Pratt & Whitney, sign an implementation agreement for the F135 engine workload.

14 Sep - The first F135 engine arrives at Tinker AFB for maintenance training and qualifications.

16 Sep - Retired, U.S. Air Force, Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier, is the guest speaker at the 2012 Tinker Air Force Ball, which is held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Okla.

25 Sep - The Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate and 76th Maintenance Wing receives the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for exceptionally meritorious service from Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2011.

December - OC-ALC receives the first Pratt & Whitney F119 engine to undergo organic periodic depot maintenance at Tinker AFB.

## **2013**

January - AFSC begins the "Road to a Billion" to save the command a billion dollars through more efficient and effective operations, using new operating concept and management models. By the end of FY13, the program saves more than \$700 million.

14 Feb - The Strategic Suppliers Summit held at Tinker AFB focuses on "how to become better at collaborative [supply chain] planning."

21 Feb - Planning begins to manage missions and operations as sequestration and civilian furloughs loom on the horizon.

1 Mar - Sequestration goes into effect across the Air Force and DoD.

19 Apr - The 552 ACW receives its 23rd Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

20 May - A massive tornado struck the area just south of Tinker AFB, with the loss of 23 lives and thousands of homes destroyed or severely damaged. Tinker AFB personnel assist in rescue, recovery, and cleanup in the town of Moore, Okla.

28 May - President Barack Obama arrives at Tinker AFB to see the devastation from the tornadoes days earlier. The DoD later exempts those employees affected by the tornadoes from the furlough.

14 Jun - The Strategic Communications Wing One receives coveted Omaha Trophy for 2012 for excellence in Strategic Aircraft Operations.

8 Jul - The Civilian Furlough begins. Each DoD civilian employee takes one day of unpaid leave each week on average. The furlough continues through 6 August, when Secretary of Defense, Charles Hagel, reduces the impact from 11 to six furlough days for DoD civilian employees.

23 Aug - The 552 ACW fields the first-ever all female AWACS flight crew in Air Force history.

26-29 Aug - AFSC sponsors the first Senior Leadership Course for the various AFSC organizations. The course is designed to teach the new management and leadership tools developed by the AFSC staff at Tinker.

27 Aug - The 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group and the 76th Software Maintenance Group begin the first Pratt & Whitney F135 testing and repairs at Tinker AFB. The work concludes in early November.



20 Sep - The migration of all desktop computer and electronic mailboxes to the Air Force Network concludes at Tinker AFB.

1 Oct - AFMC declares it achieves Full Operational Capability of the five-Center Construct initiated in 2012, which brought about the establishment of AFSC.

1-5 Oct - The DoD furloughs all non-mission essential civilians as the Federal Government works out details for federal spending to operate all Federal Agencies. On Oct. 5, Secretary Hagel recalls all federal employees back to work.

12 Nov - OC-ALC receives the authorization to service the Rolls-Royce AE 3007H engine essential to the operation of the RQ-4 Global Hawk.

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