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ORI outcome

The 12th Air Force Tactical Air Command Inspector General Team visited the 507th Tactical Fighter Group during the January UTA.

Arriving on Thursday before the weekend, the 25-member team began preparing to give the Group the most extensive and important inspection a flying unit can undergo.

The Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) went into full force early Saturday morning with a simulated recall of unit personnel.



TSgt Bill Morgan operates the jammer as TSgt Russell Foster and SSgt Don Smith connect the bombs during the regeneration portion of the ORI. The skill, sacrifices and initiative shown by all of the munitions loading teams was a major factor in the good showing turned in by the 507th. (USAF photo)

Procedures were then put into effect in which pre-selected unit members on mobility status were processed and prepared as if they were to be sent as an initial deployment force.

The scenario called for the F-4D Phantoms to be generated. The generation is used to test the Group's capabilities to execute its Emergency War Order (EWO) configurations. This required the installation of center line fuel tanks and travel pods. Once generated the Phantoms departed Tinker on flights of such duration, that it would necessitate hooking-up with a tanker for fuel, as would be required several times in an actual ocean crossing.

After more than two hours aloft the F-4's returned to the 507th ramp area, which had been reconfigured to resemble a typical overseas base. At this time aircraft requiring no maintenance were parked on the alert pad where the center line tanks and travel pods were removed from the pylons. Guns, bombs and missiles were installed as required depending on the type of mission the aircraft was being regenerated for. Those needing maintenance were parked in simulated revetments and repaired as rapidly as possible. Then the munitions maintenance personnel took over and loaded their ordnance. This phase called for preparing the aircraft within time frames that would be critical during an actual emergency. see page 2

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The exercise focused primarily on the aircraft as they were readied to assume alert. Those most involved were the aircraft maintenance and munitions maintenance personnel as they fixed, fueled and readied the aircraft and the flight crews who reported in complete flight gear to preflight and accept the Phantoms for the sorties they had been assigned.

However, maintenance and flying crews were not alone in this exercise. There were the Weapons Systems Security Flight (WSSF) members who guarded the aircraft and access routes to the unit, as well as the support of all areas of administrative personnel.

During the out briefing it was brought out that the unit did poorly in a few areas, but generally the 507th did a great job, as pointed out in the comments by Maj Gen Taylor, 10th AF Commander "Its just gratifying to me to see that you

wanted to prove that you were Tops and the results of the inspection prove that you're Tops. Please keep that team work, you're all a team and you've proven that this unit can match any F-4 unit going".

The remarks by others followed the same theme such as those made by Brig Gen Meyer 12th AF Vice Commander, "The bottom line is your mission and you've shown that you can do it and do it well. Congratulations, that was a super effort. You don't do that unless there's a lot of people involved".

The comments spoken by the 507th Commander, Col McEntee seemed to have the most meaning for unit members. "Needless to say I'm extremely proud of the results. It shows that it was a team effort. There's a lot of people in the unit that deserve recognition, but I'd prefer to keep it as a team and all of us can bask in the glory of the weekend. Thank you very much".

Where have they gone?

Active-duty, National Guard, and Reserve members and their families as well as retirees and their families may use the worldwide locator service operated by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Officials ask military people to state their service connection so they will not be billed. There is a \$2.85 fee for the general public, except for certain military-related requests. Requesters should provide all known information about

individuals they are trying to reach.

To locate a person, the locator service needs the full name, service number, and grade. If the service number is not known, dates and places of birth, organizations, and dates of assignments can help locate the person. Once the member is located, the address will be mailed back to the requester. Requests should be made to Headquarters Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center/MPC003, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150.

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WSEP results good

While preparations for the ORI took over most of the activities and conversations in the unit since the first of December we didn't want to forget the Weapons System Evaluation Program (WSEP) that took place from 26 November thru 12 December.

The performance turned in by the aircrews and maintenance personnel should have been an indication of how the 507th would fare in the ORI.

Lt Gen Nelson, Commander 12th AF, said "the professionalism and technical expertise exhibited by 465th and 507th personnel reflected favorable toward making the WSEP Deployment a great success".

Correspondence from 10th AF was full of laudatory comments, such as, "recognized superior aircraft performance, superior maintenance performance and an extremely successful deployment plus the skillful and professional performance of unit personnel".

Major Ty Zerby, 507th CAMS Deputy Commander for Maintenance, said "the munitions personnel, specialists support (shops) and flight line support all worked together as a team to hone the aircraft and their systems to a fine edge before going to WSEP. They maintained that edge while at Eglin. Its Great! All of them working together as a team is what did it"

Clinic adds SPARK to life

The 507th Tactical Clinic has added a SPARK to their operations. SPARK stands for Systematic Pulmonary/ cardiac Anaphylaxis Resuscitation Kit. It arrived during the December UTA and is ready for use.

As explained by SSgt. Celeste Keefe, Medical Technician, the kit is used by the Clinic in emergency situations. It helps counter allergic reaction to shots, and assists heart attack victims.

According to MSgt. Bob Weist, another medic at the Clinic, "This kit contains the basic essentials to help keep a victim alive until he can reach a hospital."

Commonly used drugs and equipment are located in a precise, easy-to-grab manner.

"This is important," explained Sergeant Keefe, "because in case of a severe allergic reaction or heart attack, seconds can make the difference between life and death."



Capt Penny Seibert and MSgt Bob Weist check out the SPARK kit, with its protective, orderly and functional design. SPARK is replacing a cumbersome tool box which only held a portion of the needed items. (USAF photo)

In and around the group



TSgt Richard Nichols and TSgt Neal Bradley defuel the center line tank so they can replace a leaking seal and generate the aircraft in the allotted time.



TSgt Joe Baker, a munitions loading crew chief, signs off the forms indicating the correct ordnance is loaded and ready for to go.



Capt (Major selectee) Roger Barr congratulates Danny David and George Layman after administering the Oath of Enlistment. David is a student at OSU and Layman is a High School Senior, neither has prior service, but they will be starting out \$1500.00 richer and as Airmen First Class, putting them at least 12 months ahead of their contemporaries. It looks like qualifying and being selected for a critical skill pays off.



SRA John Wood helps unload box lunches for those personnel working on the flightline during the ORI. Even though the ORI visibly involved maintenance and aircrews, unit members who were not directly involved, contributed greatly to the overall success by helping out where ever they were needed.

TSgt Ron Stewart removes an "O" ring from a fitting while preparing a hydraulic valve for installation, enabling aircraft 625 to take-off within the time frame required for the depolyment phase of the ORI.



Capt Jim Leslie and Capt Bob White complete their preflight inspection during the regeneration phase of the ORI. TSgt Ken Coffee and TSgt Rich Baker are waiting to get their signature on the aircraft forms, saying that they accept it for flight.

465th gets a face lift

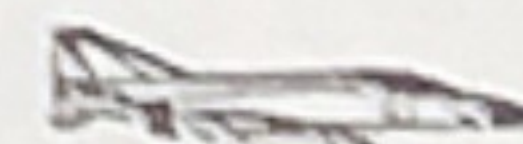


Capt Bob Berning attaches the 465th numerical designation along side of the squadron emblem on the Ops building.



Lt Col Jerry Wrucha and Capt Ken Settle look past the "WET PAINT" signs to admire the new imbibing platform and elbow rest, which greatly improves the appearance of the aircrew lounge. There are many recent and visible signs of renovation throughout Operations. (USAF photos)

CAMS awards top performers



Major Ty Zerby, 507th CAMS Deputy Commander for Maintenance, presented TSgt David Lightfoot, SSgt Dennis Wirth, and SSgt Wingfield Grimes each with a plaque for being selected as the F-4D Ground Crew of the Quarter.

The presentation was made at the CAMS building by Major Ty Zerby, 507th CAMS Maintenance Officer.

The team finished first in a close race with the crew of aircraft 66-7753.

Aircraft 66-7753, under crew chief TSgt Garvin Bradley, finished in first place for the Quarterly Flying Hour Accumulation Program

and was recognized as the "High Flyer".

Major Zerby also presented three awards at a December ceremony. SMSgt Robert Brewer, NCOIC of Aircraft Generation Branch, was presented the Senior NCO of the Quarter Award. MSgt Robert Riley, NCOIC of the Jet Engine Shop, received the Maintenance Person of the Month Award for December and MSgt James Carmen, NCOIC of the AGE Section, was presented the "SH" Excellent Endeavor Award.

The AGE Section won the award five times in 1982 and retired the trophy for the year.

It's your estate

By Major Michael Minnis
Staff Judge Advocate

Who needs a Will?--Anyone who has assets (cash, real property, personal property) and wants to control who gets them at his or her death.

Anyone who dies without a Will is said to "die intestate". The state then controls who gets the deceased's property.

Most states have "succession" laws which specify those to receive the estate of a person without a Will. It may be you will die (and have all your property) in a state whose succession laws distribute your property just as you would have "willed" had you lived. However, due to many variables between now and your death (including that a state may change its laws), relying on state succession laws is risky.

If a person dies intestate and all his property is in Oklahoma, his estate will probably be divided as follows:

1. If surviving spouse and no children, 1/2 to surviving spouse and 1/2 to surviving parents;
2. If surviving spouse and one child, 1/2 to surviving spouse and 1/2 to child;

3. If surviving spouse and more than one surviving child, 1/3 to spouse and remainder equally divided among children;

4. If no surviving spouse, equally among the surviving children;

5. If no surviving spouse or children, equally among surviving parents;

6. If no surviving spouse, children or parents, equally among surviving brothers and sisters;

7. If no spouse, children, parents, brothers or sisters survive, then to "next of kin";

8. If no spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, or kindred, then all to the State.

For example, if you die and your collateral heirs (brothers and sisters) are entitled to inherit, but one of your two brothers predeceased you, your deceased brother's children would equally divide the inheritance that their father would have received.

If any of these options is considered undesirable, one should execute a "Will" so that he or she will die "testate".

Who needs a Will? You probably do and the time for making one is not in the mobility line, but now. Call 7638 for an appointment.

Commissioning program changes

Due to a recent change in policy, applications for deserving airman commissions may be accepted only from individuals 32 years of age or younger. Completed applications should be submitted to DPMQ for quality review no later than the April UTA.

The AFOQT will be administered February 13 to unit members by appointment only. Call MSgt Betty Pottier, NCOIC Quality Force at extension 7491.

Physical examinations may be scheduled with the 507th TAC Clinic for the March UTA.

Reservists die in plane crash

Major Jim Langley, 403rd CLSS Logistic Support Officer, and Robert Lee Choate, a member of the 465 TFS died January 9 when their single-engine civilian airplane crashed into the sandy bed of the Cimarron River.

Langley, 41, was the district attorney for Payne and Logan counties. Choate, 31, had been an assistant district attorney in Langley's Cushing office since August.

Langley graduated from Muskogee High School and earned a bachelor degree from Stanford University. He returned to the state to attend law school at the University of Oklahoma.

After admittance to the bar in 1968, Langley was chief public defender in Tulsa County, later serving as an assistant district attorney there. He moved to Stillwater in the early 1970s and worked as an assistant district attorney in the ninth district.

In 1978, Langley won the district attorney's race. He was divorced and had no children.

Choate was a member of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He was a 1982 graduate of the law school at Oklahoma University, and was admitted to the bar last summer.

He was a part-time assistant district attorney from August to December for Payne and Logan counties. He became a full-time staff member Jan. 1. He was not married.

The Oklahoma University law school and the District Attorney's Council (a professional committee comprised of all DA's in Oklahoma) have joined forces in establishing a memorial fund to be used in the remodeling of the OU Moot Court Room. When the renovation is complete it will be renamed the Langley-Choate Court Room.

Any one wishing to contribute to the fund, which is tax deductible, can make their check payable to: OU Foundation Fund, Langley-Choate Memorial. Send it to: OU College of Law, ATTN: Sue Velez, 300 Timberdell, Norman, Ok 73019.

If you desire any further information contact Maj James Mitchell at 734-3269.

UTA Schedule

12 - 13 FEB; 12 - 13 MAR;
16 - 17 APR; 14 - 15 MAY;
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20 - 21 AUG;

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