



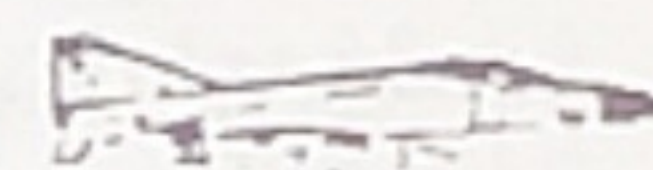
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CAMS Reservist of the Year selected



Maj Ty Zerby, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, presented TSgt Tom Boyle a plaque and a citation lauding his exceptional performance and attitude. TSgt Boyle was selected by a panel of senior NCOs in CAMS. (USAF photo)

TSgt Tom Boyle has been selected as the Reservist of the Year, 1983 for the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS).

TSgt Boyle is the reserve crew chief on aircraft 608, in A-flight. He started his military career in 1975, right out of high school, with the 507th. He received all of his training from 3, 5 to 7 level on OJT, without attending a tech school.

The knowledge and skills attained as a reservist qualified him for an Air Reserve Technician (ART) position. TSgt Boyle worked as an ART for 3 years, starting in phase dock, then on to the environmental shop and finally ending up on the flight line.

In 1982, armed with more experience, he had the opportunity to expand his career both knowledge wise and monetarily, by excepting a position with the E-4 (national Emergency Airborne Command Post) airframe system, where he works in Tech Services.

Tinker AFB open house 7 April



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be featured at the Open House, flying new F-16s and performing aerial maneuvers for the first time over Tinker.

The U.S. Army, parachute demonstration team, the Golden Knights, will also be featured in the day's festivities.

Among the items on display will be aircraft and equipment from the

507 TFG, along with aircraft and equipment from the various U.S. branches of service. It is expected to be the largest display of this type ever assembled for public viewing in Oklahoma.

Access to the display area will be from gates on Douglas Blvd. The gates open at 11 am and aerial demonstration kicks off at 2 pm. Don't forget to bring your camera.



The worldwide mission of the Air Force Reserve places you squarely in the path of nations, groups and individuals hostile to the United States. Are you prepared to deal with the unpleasant likelihood of harassment, capture, even torture.

I'm concerned about potential threats against all reservists, not just to aircrews downed over hostile territory. Even in peacetime, individual reservists can be illegally detained while traveling overseas. You can be seized by terrorists while attending highly publicized events such as the olympics, or kidnapped while driving to work. A determined attack, without warning, has little defense!

For example, let's suppose you're detained by a terrorist group. Remain calm. Be courteous, particularly during the capture and initial confinement phase, because this is when most casualties occur. Try talking to your captors on non-military topics, to show you're a "person," not an object of their ideological hatred. This will forestall random violence toward you as a symbol of the United States, and the dialogue will strengthen your will to resist.

Finally, evaluate your captor's intentions and decide if your chances for survival are bettered or worsened, if you try to escape. Don't try it unless the prospect of escape is high, the probability of violence is low, and the effect on remaining prisoners is carefully considered. An unsuccessful escape may also complicate negotiations for your release!

Regardless of who's holding you captive and how harshly you're treated, the experiences of captured Americans reveal that to survive with honor demands great courage. To take mental and physical abuse requires an understanding and strong belief in democracy, that you love your country and trust in the justice of our cause, that you stay faithful and loyal to your fellow prisoners, and hold firmly to your religious and moral beliefs.

So the original question, "If captured by terrorists, can you handle it?" Here are three reasons to say, "yes!" One, our obligations as U.S. citizens and members of the Armed Forces contain values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights we've sworn to uphold. While being held prisoner we must remember our countrymen and families depend on us.

Two, just as you have a responsibility to your country, the U.S. government has an equal responsibility to keep faith with you, stand by you. If you become a prisoner of war, the government will care for your dependents and use every practical means to contact you and gain your release.

Three, we have the code, the code of the U.S. Fighting Force, which dates back to the days of the American Revolution. The code is an ethical guide on the points: to evade capture, resist while a prisoner, and escape. It says we guard our country, our way of life, and we're prepared to die in defense. It says we'll give no information harmful to our comrades, or make written statements disloyal to our country. It says we will trust in God and the United States of America.

Your life as a prisoner can be hard, but yes, you can take it! Stand firm and unite against the enemy, inspire one another, and return to your families with honor.

New Chief of CBPO



First Lieutenant Patrick T. McAleer became the new Chief of CBPO effective December 30.

The lieutenant replaces Major Lawrence Sprinz who transferred to Grissom AFB, Indiana.

Lieutenant McAleer was born January 20, 1949, in Baltimore, MD. In 1981 he graduated from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Delaware with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. He also holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Technology/Data Processing from the Delaware Technical and Community College, Dover, Delaware.

The lieutenant began his career as an enlisted man. He joined the USAP, Sept. 12, 1967 and was released from extended active duty September 11, 1971. Shortly after his separation, he joined the reserve unit at Dover AFB, Delaware as an Air Reserve Technician.

Ten years later he was commissioned and transferred to the 932 Aeromedical Airlift Group as their new Chief of CBPO. A year and a half later he was promoted to a Directorate position as a civilian with HQ AFCC as the Chief of Reserve Affairs, and held reserve assignments as a Cost/Management Analysis and Air Transportation Officer.

In November of 1983, he was assigned as Transportation Officer of the 71st APS at Langley AFB, Virginia.

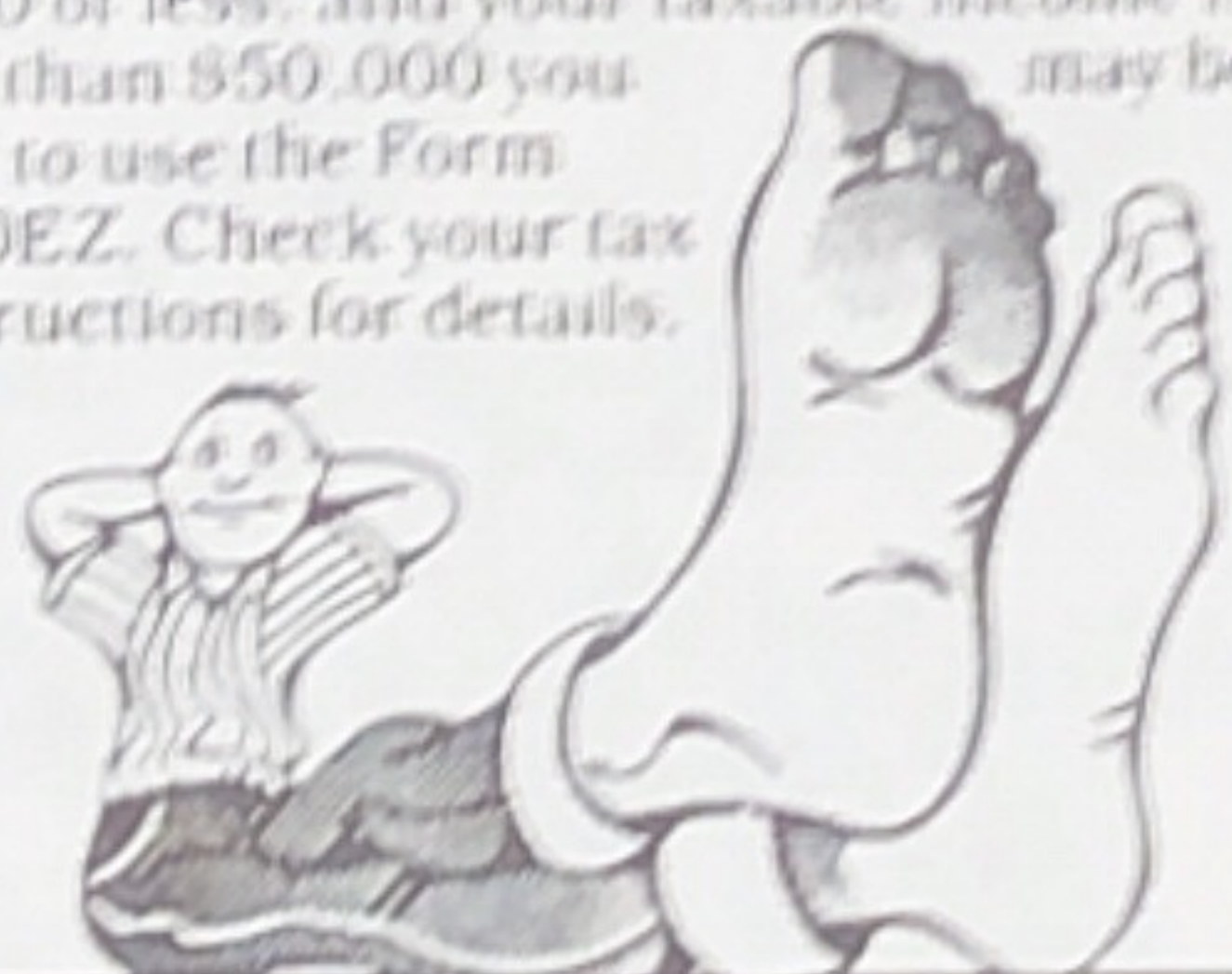
During the 14 years that Lieutenant McAleer was an enlisted man, he held every grade from airman basic through Chief Master Sergeant. He was also a First Sergeant at the age of 23.

McAleer is decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Reserve Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device.

A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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FORM 1040A

The Form 1040A has a new look this year! Now you can use it even if you have an IRA or claim the Child and Disabled Dependent Care Credit. Check the instructions in your tax package for details.



In and around the group



CAMS, Sierra Hotel - Excellent Endeavor Award went to A, B and C Flights, for January. Accepting the award for all members of the flights are MSgt Rodney Osborne, SMSgt Rufus Leckie and TSgt Hubert Rogers.

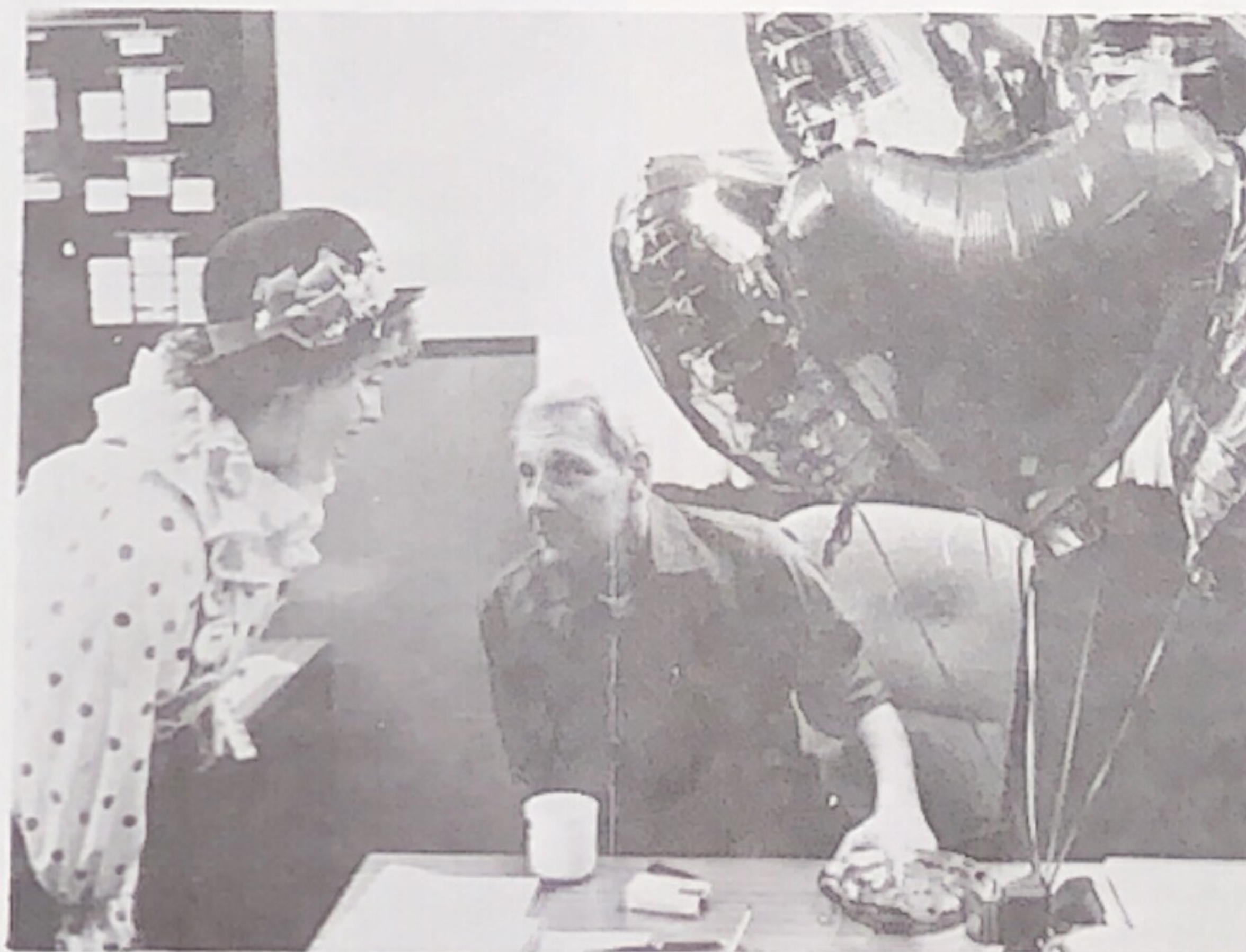


Maj Gen Richard Burpee, OC-ALC Commander, accompanies Maj Mark Jensen, 465 TFS Commander, during the pre-flight portion of his orientation flight with the unit.



SMSgt Jerry Elders, Quality Assurance Supervisor, received a surprise on Valentine's Day, a giant balloon anchored with a coffee cup rimmed in hearts and filled with candy kisses plus a song sung by the deliverer. "Oh-no" was the only response uttered by SMSgt Elders.

Maj Ty Zerby, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, was also surprised when he received a "Bouquet" of balloons for Valentine's Day. He kept asking the delivery person if she was sure that they wouldn't blow up. (USAF photos)



TSgt James Evans, Weapons Release Section, repairs a TER (triple ejector rack) which is just another part of what must be done daily to keep the group mission ready.



TSgt Clarence Hall, Munitions Storage Branch, checks the timing on a FMU (fuse mechanical unit) before installing it in a SUU-30 bomb (inert) during a UTA training session.

Your dependent care, your responsibility —

The primary focus of AFR 35-59, "Dependent Care Responsibilities," is to insure that all Air Force Reserve members are available to respond to long, short, or no-notice duty requirements.

TSgt Lee Pugh, NCOIC Customer Assistance (CBPO), stated the essential element of this program is to assure all military members are aware of their responsibilities regarding their dependents. Suitable arrangements must be made for all nonmilitary dependent family members. These arrangements have to be established in advance and working when the need arises.

Dependent care responsibilities have been evaluated closely within the unit during the past year. Here are the most frequently identified problems:

In some instances procedures were not established to insure that all incoming personnel were briefed on dependent care respon-

sibilities as outlined in AFR 35-59.

Internal suspense procedures were not established to insure that AF Form 357, "Dependent Care Certification," were completed by incoming personnel (single member sponsors, military couples with dependents, and members with civilian spouses having unique situations) within 60 days of arrival.

Unit monitors were not familiar with the contents of AFR 35-59 and/or unit file copies were out of date.

Air Force Form 357s were not properly completed and QCed.

Personnel readiness is everyone's responsibility. The provisions of AFR 35-59 are designed to give adequate assurance that our forces can respond where and when required. Compliance is the Key!

TSgt Pugh asks that anyone with questions pertaining to Dependant Care, stop by the Customer Assistance Counter in CBPO.

Security Program needs everyones help —

During a recent inspection some weaknesses surfaced in our Security Managers program.

Some units weren't completing there semi-annual inspections properly as required of all shops. There were some documentation discrepancies of sensitive items and proper paperwork (AF Form 2583) had not been submitted for clearance on some personnel.

These problems are easily corrected if all security managers and individ-

uals will work together. With just a little effort our security program will be the best in 10th Air Force.

The information in the Security Managers Handbook is not just for the security managers, it's suggested reading for everyone in the unit, to help increase their awareness of security requirements.

Anyone having questions regarding the Security Managers Program should contact TSgt Bork at ext 47849.

Work phone numbers change —

Due to the recent telephone system conversion at Tinker Air Force Base, several reservists work/duty phone numbers on file in the Customer Assistance Office (CBPO) and the data base are incorrect.

All reservists employed by Civil Service on Tinker are asked to call or visit the CBPO at the earliest possible or practical time to update their numbers. On base dial 47491; off base dial 734-7491.

Assistance for Agent Orange Veterans

The Oklahoma Legislature passed the Agent Orange Act in 1982 to assist veterans who may have suffered ill effects from exposure to herbicides while serving in the Armed Forces. The act requires the Oklahoma State Department of Health to lead the state's effort in organizing scientific and epidemiological information to determine if there is a link between health problems among veterans and herbicide exposure.

Agent Orange is one of several phenoxy herbicides (synthetic plant growth regulators) used during the Vietnam conflict.

Concern over the agent's use emerged when it was learned that during its manufacture, Agent Orange was contaminated with small quantities of tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD), which has caused cancer, miscarriages, and birth defects in laboratory animals. Numerous studies are now in progress to determine if human exposure to these chemical agents will produce similar responses to those found in laboratory animals.

The Veterans Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City offers a medical examination for veterans who have health problems they believe are due to exposure to Agent Orange.

Any veteran who served in Vietnam may apply for an Agent Orange screening examination. Information gathered in the examination is documented in the veteran's permanent health record and entered into the computerized Agent Orange registry maintained by the Veterans Administration. The registry will provide follow-up to veterans should significant information develop that Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam have caused health problems for veterans or their children.

Veterans may schedule an examination by calling the Veterans Administration Hospital at (405) 272-9876, extension 243.

Dr Jerry Nida, head of the state Health Department's Agent Orange Outreach Committee, encourages all Vietnam veterans in Oklahoma to complete a Health History and Registration Form. Forms are available through the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans' organizations, county health departments, and the Preventive Medical Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. When completed, the forms should be returned to the state health department, where data will be compiled as a first step in identifying a group of veterans interested in participating in an epidemiological study of Agent Orange-related exposures.

Those veterans completing the registration form will receive by return mail an optional form which they may request their physician or hospital to complete and forward to the state health department. The form will register medical conditions which may be related to exposure to Agent Orange and similar herbicidal agents. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will evaluate this information and make it available for public distribution. Identity of veterans reported will not be disclosed unless the veteran consents to the disclosure.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health will also cooperate with the other medical and administrative facilities in developing a referral program for veterans filing claims for medical and financial aid.

To receive a copy of the Health History and Registration Form contact: Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs
2311 North Central
P.O. Box 53067
Oklahoma City, OK 73152
(405) 521-3684.

New flat rate TDY per diem

The Air Force has begun testing a new flat rate temporary duty per diem. The Congress authorized the test, which will end 30 September 1985, in a new defense appropriation act. Air Force travelers on temporary duty should find the new system more understandable and allow more accurate predictions on their total travel payments.

Under the flat-rate concept, travelers will be paid the rate for the area where the temporary duty is performed, rather than the actual expenses incurred. With the new system, no statement of actual expense must be filed with the voucher. However, receipts are still required for non-per diem expenses, such as transportation and miscellaneous expenses when they exceed \$25.00.

When a member is assigned to contract quarters, the billeting office will give the member two (2) copies of the authorization form for contract quarters. The member then

gives both copies to the clerk at contract quarters. One copy will be given back to the member, upon check out, to be submitted with their travel voucher. This certifies occupancy of contract quarters and per diem will be computed at the area rate rather than actual expenses. Per diem rate, when billeted on base, is computed from a base rate of \$25.00 a day. Remember, when using contract quarters you must check out to get your copy of the authorization form. That is required to be filed with your travel voucher.

Statements of non-availability are still required for off-base rates, and the law still requires payments to enlisted members to be reduced by the amount of separate rations.

This test only applies to temporary duty travel performed after February 1984. It does not apply to travel between permanent duty locations.

UTA Schedule

17 - 18 MAR; 14 - 15 APR;
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