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It's not all pills and needles



Doctors, nurses and medical technicians from the 507th TAC Clinic received on-the-job training setting up and taking down a Clinical Mobile Field Facility last UTA.

The "MASH"-type tent had been previously set up by active-duty medical personnel outside the Base Hospital as part of their training activities.

After arriving on base Saturday, the reservists stepped in, inventoried all the medical supplies and equipment, then packed up all the equipment and tent, simulating a "bug-out".

Afterwards, the reservists set the facility back up, ready for the active-duty members to move in on Monday. (USAF photos)





A few years ago the New York Times carried a story about an anti-draft demonstration.

There was an unforgettable photo with the story. A young man, healthy, of the privileged class, carried a sign that said, "There is nothing worth dying for." The tragedy of this man, is that he could find nothing of value in his life except saving his own skin. And if a person says there is nothing worth dying for, he also says there is nothing worth living for.

But there are other news stories, other photographs. From the battlefields of Europe, the islands of the Pacific, the frozen mountains of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam. And these photos all speak of commitment, of bravery.

They tell of serving our country with honor.

As I meet and talk to you individually, I can't help but think of you as heroes. You are my heroes because you know that freedom must be defended by arms when attacked by arms. By truth when attacked by lies. By democracy when attacked by communism.

When a man has no freedom he is not a man, only a thing. And we're in the United States Air Force because we believe it's time for freedom to take the offensive!!

I cannot tell you how important it is for us to be a people of hope, for us to be airmen full of hope. Even though, at this point in history, our problems seem to be overwhelming. Even though the troubles that threaten us with nuclear death will not vanish in our lifetime. We still must make our choices, and stand by them.

We in the military have chosen to serve on the front line of freedom, and we may give our lives for that choice. We remember the million plus war dead that precede us. We gather after work and tell stories of our foolish pranks. We kiss our wives or husbands goodbye each morning. Our fallen comrades can't do that!

Let us not betray them, the dead. They were killed once. They must not be killed again through our forgetfulness and our neglect. Let us never forget the tragedy of war and the reality of death. Let us live our lives as examples fit for those missing men who never came home.

Let us remember we're free men today because someone already paid the ultimate price, and if we're to be next, our kids can look to the sky and say, Thanks Mom and Dad, you didn't take freedom for granted.

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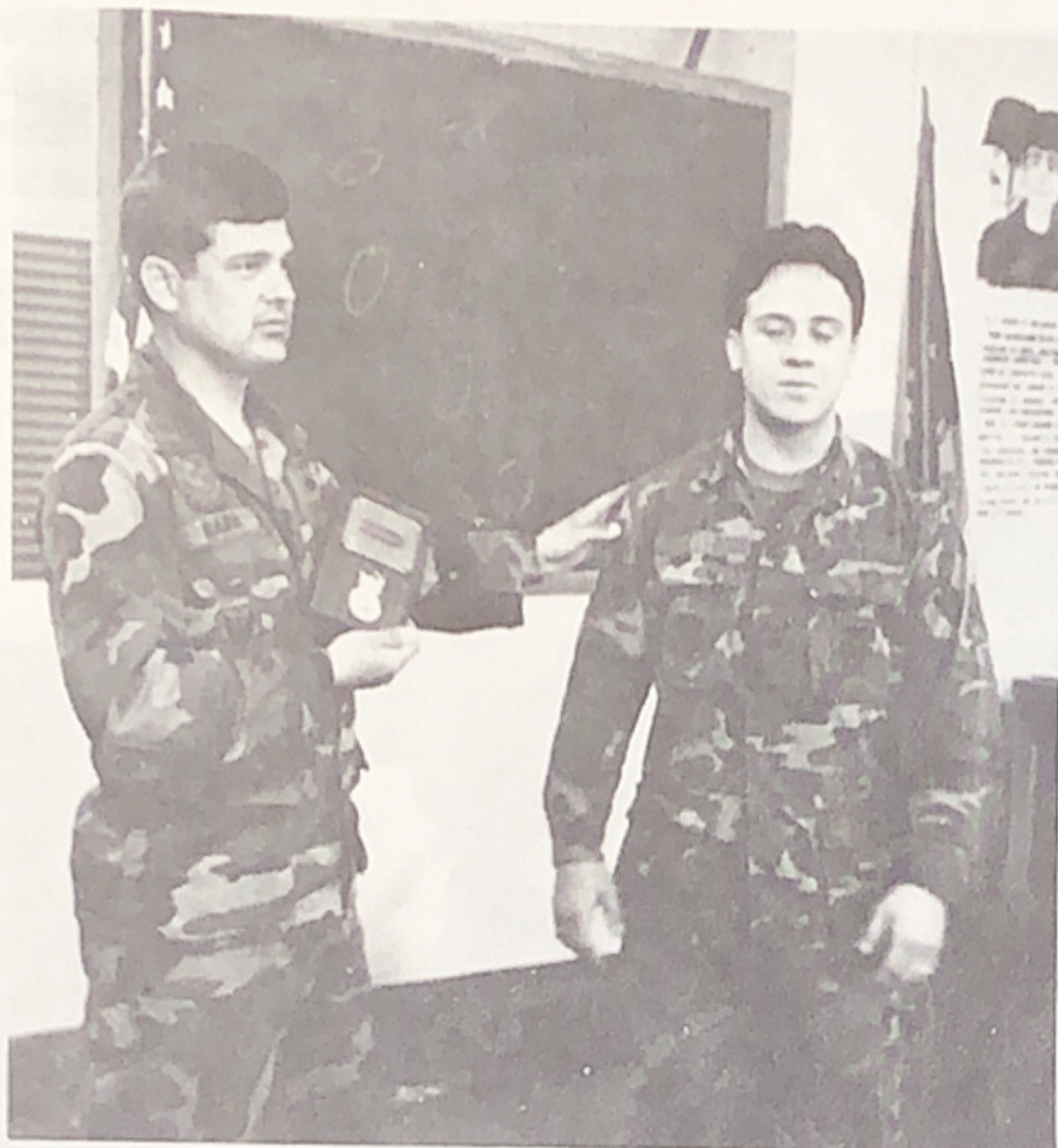
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SSgt Philip Paz receives an award for Defender of the Quarter from Maj Roger Barr. (USAF photos)

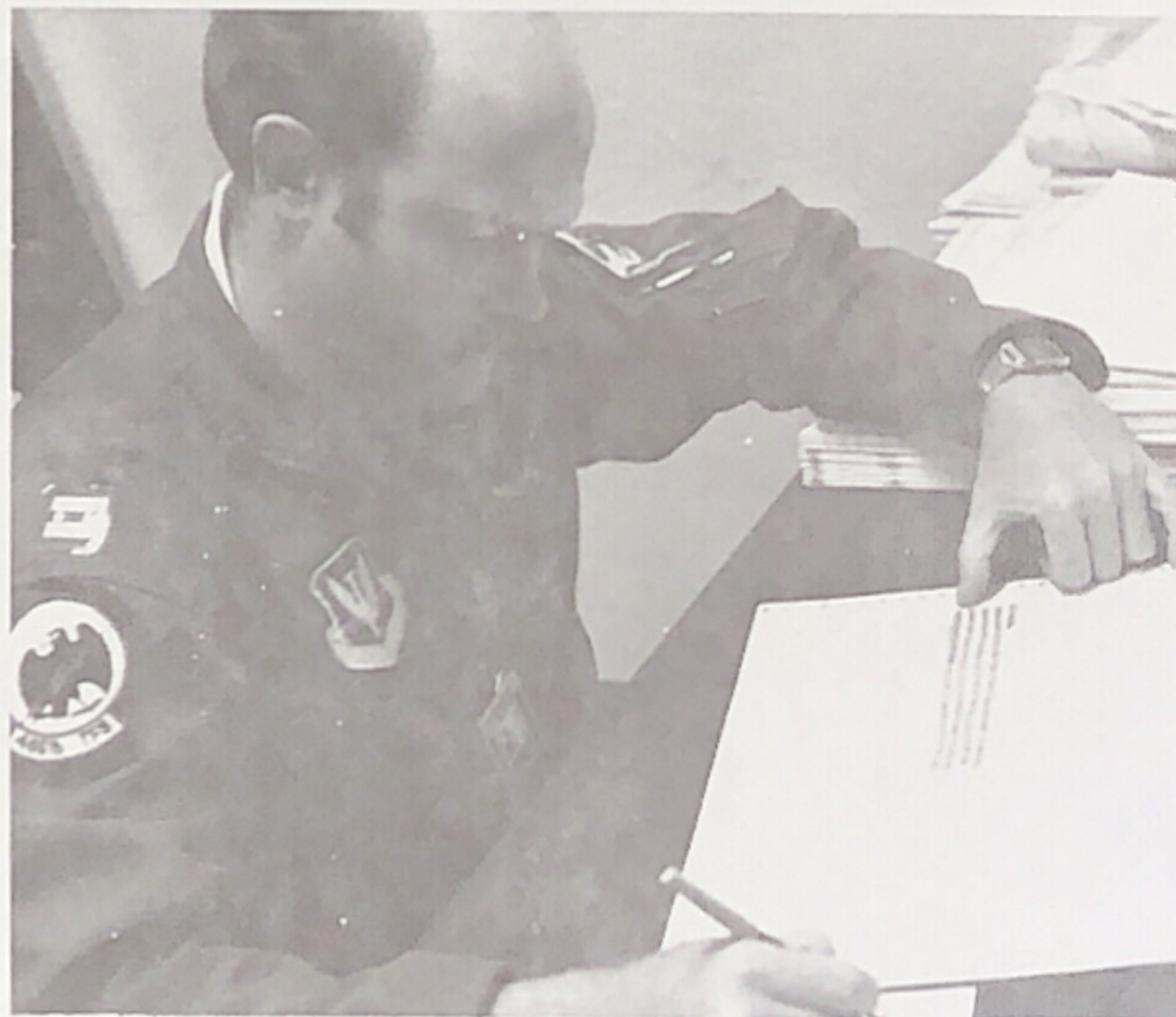


MSgt Rodney Clagg receives the Defender of the Year award from Major Roger Barr, Commander Weapons System Security Flight.



Members of the Weapons System Security Flight clean their weapons after a day at the firing range.

In and around the group

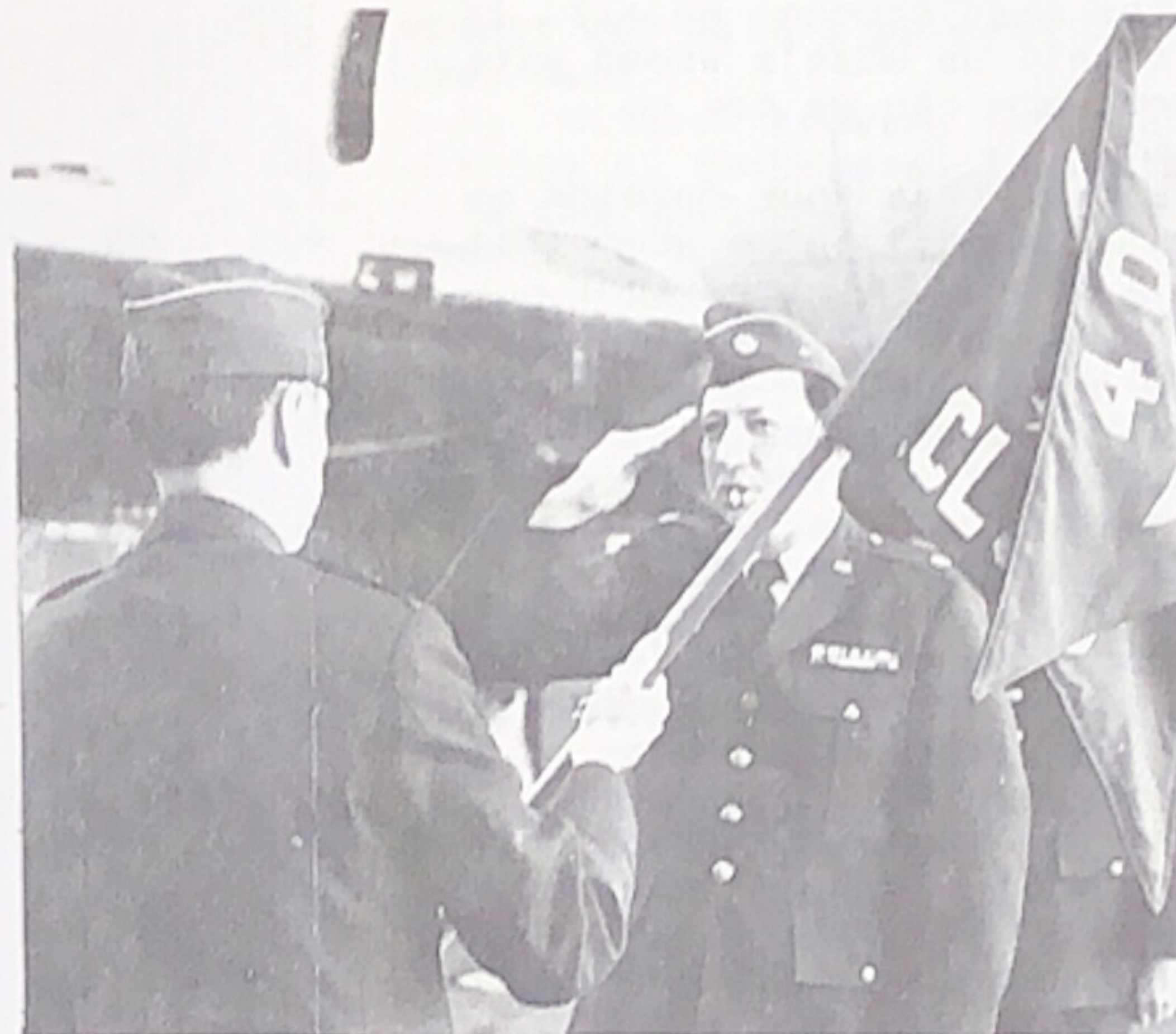


Capt Perv Albright checks the air tasking requirements for the next day's flight at Green Flag exercises held at Nellis AFB. (USAF photo by Capt Dick Jurkowski)

Members at the head table during last month's Reserve Officer Association banquet include (left to right) Maj Gen S.T. Ayers, Mrs. Fehrle, Capt Tom Fehrle (USNR), 2Lt Gail Crook, 1Lt Mark Boyter. (USAF photo)



Maj Toby Tittsworth salutes Brigadier General James Wallightner prior to accepting the guidon and command of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. The Change of Command Ceremony took place last month, in the hanger that houses the 403rd CLSS. (USAF photo)



Capt Frank Garver reviews Intelligence data analyzing targeting information. (USAF photo by Capt Dick Jurkowski)



Major Byron Kimbal inspects the seat pins while 2Lt Gary Puckett fastens his harness straps in preparation for a mission at Nellis AFB.

Sitting on the ramp at Nellis AFB, Nevada, at the foot of sunrise Mountain, 507th F-4s are ready to taxi and do their part in the Green Flag exercise. (USAF photo by Capt Dick Jurkowski)



Council discusses reservists problems



By AB Marilyn Johnson

Why is the Billeting Office separating married couples? This is just one question among many that arose during the NCO-Airman Advisory Council meeting held March 18.

The council was formed more than a year ago. It is designed to serve as an avenue for reservists to voice problems and issues and also help provide for morale and esprit de corps of 507th reservists.

Concerning the billeting issue, reservists stated to the council the Billeting Office offered no guarantee that married couples would be able to stay together.

Another issue concerned the Billeting Office closing at midnight on Fridays. It was pointed out that some people can't get here before that time.

Council members agreed to look into the issue of billeting and see if any agreement could be reached.

Other topics discussed in the meeting were Vehicle Registration, the changing of UTA and Summer Camp dates, Non-smoking personnel being billeted with smokers, the new

Physical Fitness Program and the Airman-NCO of the Quarter program.

According to TSgt James Miller, a member of the Council, "One of the main concerns of the council is to get you, the Reserve member, active in this organization. Your feedback is the most crucial of all. If you don't tell us what's wrong with the system, how can we try to correct it?"

"If you feel that your opinion or ideas don't count, you're wrong! If you feel a subject is important enough, write it down and give it to your Council representative."

Following is a list of Council representatives:

SQ	Rank	Name
CF	TSgt	Teri Hart
CSS	SMSgt	J. Stahlman
MSF	SSgt	John Wood
WSSF	TSgt	James Hedgepeth
465	TSgt	David Hobbs
TFG HQ	CMSgt	John Bowles
CES	SSgt	Gary Bourisaw
CAMS	MSgt	Kenneth Sloan
TFG	Sgt	R. Lipinski
TAC Clinic	TSgt	James Miller
72 APS	Sgt	Lantis Franks

APR guidelines are changed



A revised Airman Performance Report (APR) regulation has been implemented with several changes affecting both active-duty and reserve members.

Primary changes for reserve members include:

*Mandatory comments on each APR rating. Previously, only outstanding or referral APR ratings required an explanation.

*Mandatory comments when a ratee fails to make satisfactory progress on the weight-management or fitness-improvement training programs. Previously, comments concerning weight and fitness programs were optional.

These changes apply to all reserve Airman Performance Reports closing out January 1 or later.

Turn in gifts

(AFRES) Airlines, travel agents, hotels and car rental agencies offer hundreds of gifts to customers, such as portable radios and free plane tickets.

What's the rule of thumb for accepting such gifts when the government pays the fare? The government owns the gifts. Travelers must turn in such gifts at the travel section of their base accounting and finance office.

Rest assured, the gifts are put to good use. The government uses items such as free airline tickets, but gifts that can't be used for any official purpose go to nearby government hospitals.



Per diem questions answered

(AFRNS) Since the start of the flat rate per diem test Feb. 5, questions have arisen about entitlements in various circumstances. Answers to the most commonly asked questions follow.

Q: How will the flat rate system affect me? Will I be paid more or less now?

A: Without knowing the availability of government facilities, it's difficult to answer this question. In the majority of cases though, you can expect to receive at least as much and possibly slightly more per diem than you have in the past. You will generally receive less when on TDY to an overseas location with a high per diem rate when you stay in on-base quarters.

Q: How will the new system apply when I go TDY to a city that has no government facilities?

A: You will be paid 100 percent of the applicable locality rate. For example, on a TDY to Atlanta, your reimbursement would be \$75 per day. If your lodging costs \$40, this would leave you \$35 per day for food and other incidentals.

Q: Before, I've been able to be reimbursed for taxis, tips and some other miscellaneous expenses. Will this change?

A: There will be no change in the rules for reimbursable expenses. Any item that was allowable under the previous system will be allowable under the flat rate system. The only thing changing is the method of computing your per diem.

Q: How will I be reimbursed for round-trip TDY of less than 10 hours?

A: For this type of trip no per diem is payable. However, a traveler may be reimbursed for a maximum of two meals procured while away from home station. The reimbursement will be based on a percentage (10 percent for breakfast and 20 percent each for lunch and dinner) of the locality rate where the meals were purchased. Enlisted

travelers may also be paid for meals purchased from government mess at the rate of \$2 for breakfast and \$4 each for lunch and dinner. Per diem is not allowable for TDY travel for civilians unless the travel period is six hours or more and begins before 6 a.m. or ends after 8 p.m.

Q: I used to receive exactly what I spent when TDY to a high-cost area. Has that changed?

A: Yes, it has changed. For high-cost areas, you will now get the maximum rate for your TDY location without the hassle of keeping tabs of actual expenses.

Q: Will I have to fill out my voucher differently?

A: All information you provided in the past will be required on vouchers computed under flat rate. When staying in contract quarters, you will be required to get a copy of the contract quarters call letter from the billeting officer at your TDY location and submit the letter with your travel voucher. This will substantiate your claim for increased reimbursement.

Q: When I am TDY to several places on the same day, how will the per diem be determined?

A: Generally, the per diem rate for that day will be determined by the location where you procure quarters.

Your security role



Overseas assignment, vacation or TDY -- what are your responsibilities for security information?

As members of the Reserves we have certain obligations to classified material and information security.

You are responsible for safeguarding classified information at home or abroad. Remember, not everyone has a need to know, especially those individuals in foreign countries. Think before you speak and you won't compromise our country or your life.

Laatsch earns 12AF award



Capt. Francis E. Laatsch, an electronic warfare officer with the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron was recently awarded the 12th AF Intelligence Award for Outstanding Intelligence Support.

Captain Laatsch received the award for his support of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group while serving as acting Group Intelligence Officer from August 1, 1982 to October 1, 1983.

In August 1982, the full time Intelligence Technician assigned to the 465th TFS resigned, leaving both the 507th TFG and the 465th TFS without full-time Intelligence Support.

Captain Laatsch took it upon himself to double his work load and perform the Intelligence Officers duties as well as his own Electronic Warfare duties even though the unit was in the midst of changing to new EW/ECM equipment, which had already increased his responsibility as Group Electronic Warfare Officer.

According to Colonel Jervis W. McEntee, 507th Group Commander, "Captain Laatsch performed many extra duty days, as well as volunteered countless hours of his own time to insure that vital Intelligence support was available to the Commander and aircrews."

In January 1983, after nearly half a year of vacancy, the Air Reserve Technicians position in Intelligence was filled. Captain Laatsch continued to volunteer many extra hours to assist the new technician.

Particularly noteworthy is the fact that Captain Laatsch was not performing these extra hours of duty merely because he had spare time to contribute. In fact Captain Laatsch was instructing college classes at O.U. and completing work on his PHD during this time period.

UTA Schedule

14 - 15 APR; 05 - 06 MAY;
09 - 10 JUN; 21 - 22 JUL;
18 - 19 AUG; 22 - 23 SEP.

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