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RESERVE TAKES GUNSMOKE '85

Air Force Reserve fighter units swept all top three events in Tactical Air Command's worldwide Gunsmoke competition Oct. 6-19 at Nellis AFB, Nev.

The biennial competition pitted the 17 best Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Tactical Fighter units against one another in gunnery and bombing, maintenance, and munitions loading events to determine the "best of the best" among the tactical air forces.

The 419th Tactical Fighter Wing, an F-16 unit from Hill AFB, Utah, won top team honors with the best team bombing and gunnery scores in the two-week competition. Best overall in Maintenance was the 442nd TFW, an A-10 unit from Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, while another AFRES A-10 unit, the 434th TFW from Grissom AFB, Ind., finished tops in Loado.

"This competition proved that the Total Force policy works," said Brig Gen Roger P. Scheer, 10th Air Force Commander, after a banquet for all competitors held Oct 18. "The performance of our Reserve units was tremendous. Our team members proved they possess the skills and motivation to earn the title 'combat ready'.

Tenth AF manages all AFRES fighter and air refueling units in the United States.



Giving a little touch-up cleaning to one of our F-4s is Sgt Cathy Lowman and MSgt Clark Heinbach, getting it ready for the next day's inspection, which was a regular part of the Gunsmoke '85 competition. (USAFR photo)

AFRES Vice Commander Maj. Gen James E. McAdoo said "We are tremendously proud of our people at Gunsmoke 1985. In addition to our top finishers, I congratulate all participants. In my book, you're all winners for representing the Air Force Reserve so superbly."

The 419th TFW, the only unit in AFRES that flies the F-16, posted a score of 9,431.5 out of a possible 10,000 points to top the defending Gunsmoke champion by two points.

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ISS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES INSPECTION

During the October UTA, the 507 Information Systems Squadron experienced a higher headquarters Management Effectiveness Inspection. When the dust settled on Sunday afternoon, the verdict was a good, solid "WE PASSED." Much hard work was expended by the guys and gals in the ISS. Special credit goes to Capt Eddie Aponte, ISS Commander, for setting the

priorities which brought that rating.

My special thanks to all those folks in the 507th who pitched in and helped these folks in obtaining their good rating.

What follows is a letter from Captain Aponte to me -- it says it all about what teamwork can do.

1. By now, you know the results of our recent Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI). We survived!! Though two major problems were identified, I feel that our overall rating was a good, solid "WE PASSED." There is a great sense of accomplishment and unity when we compare ourselves with the way we were only seven months ago. We performed as a team and I was proud to have been given the opportunity to lead that team. Nevertheless, we couldn't have done so well, without a "little help from our friends."

2. In the four years that I have been associated with this unit, I have never seen any one group of people care so much for the success of another. The physical and moral support given us by the other members of the 507 TFG is beyond doubt, the major contributing factor to our success. It is clearly an example of the unity that exists under your command. Everyone in the 507 TFG should feel proud of the 507 ISS's success, for it really is the 507 TFG's success.

3. I am very grateful to you and your subordinate organizations for all the help we received in preparation for our MEI. Please pass my appreciation to all of them. Come next June, we will reciprocate by doing our share in the ORI. It is indeed a commendable gesture for all to come to the aid of any one group, even if we say so ourselves.

Eddie R. Aponte
EDDIE R. APONTE, Capt, USAFR
Commander, 507 ISS

Let's apply this same teamwork towards successful completion of our ORI in 1986.

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Commander

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DOD TO CONTINUE SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS

The last natural case of smallpox in the world occurred in 1977, and there hasn't been a case in the United States since 1953. But the U.S. Armed Forces continue to vaccinate new recruits against the disease. Why?

Air Force Lt. Col. John R. Herbold, DVM, PhD, a senior policy analyst with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, answers: "To deter the potential use of smallpox virus as a biological warfare agent against our troops."

The question of whether to continue vaccinating troops against a disease that has been "eradicated" has been considered by the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board for the last 10 years. The board has stated that public health considerations would dictate that routine smallpox vaccinations be discontinued, but added "its continued use in military forces should be a command decision based on intelligence information and strategic needs," says Herbold. Following careful deliberation, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs decided in March that the military would continue to immunize all military personnel against smallpox.

Last year the services temporarily suspended smallpox immunization. "This," says Herbold, "caused some misunderstandings. The reason the vaccinations were interrupted was because of a shortage of Vaccinia immune globulin, biologic product used to treat people who suffer complications from vaccination." One the shortage was overcome, the vaccinations were resumed.

"However," says Herbold, "an equal concern with the vaccinations is the protection of the public health. Since pediatricians stopped immunizing children against smallpox in the '70s, more and more

civilians have not been immunized." The vaccine is a live virus and can exist at the vaccination site for more than 10 days. Accidental contact with the vaccinia virus could cause complications.

Since recruits are generally isolated from the general population during basic training, this is usually not a major concern. "However," says Herbold, "if someone had to go home on emergency leave, they would need to be aware of the precautions too prevent secondary spread." Herbold points out that the potential for secondary spread comes only through "close contact with a susceptible individual."

Although the potential for individual vaccine complications can be minimized by screening an already select and healthy population, such as military recruits, prior to immunization, Herbold emphasized that "each service medical department has been directed to document and evaluate complications associated with immunization, so that an ongoing risk-benefit assessment can be accomplished."

PAY DATES

The following information is provided to keep you the reservist abreast of pay dates for November 1985. The document date is when the 507 TFG Military Pay Section must receive the necessary pay documentation to meet the scheduled pay date. Remember the documentation must be complete, i.e., certifications, itineraries, orders, etc. If they are not complete or there is a conflict, the scheduled pay date will not be met.

<u>Document Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Pay Date</u>
4 Nov 85	15 Nov 85
14 Nov 85	22 Nov 85
20 Nov 85	29 Nov 85
27 Nov 85	6 Dec 85

PEACE: DEFINITION NOT ALWAYS THE SAME

by Maj. Jeff Thompson

Mir is the Russian word for "peace". At least, that's what their dictionary says. But does the Russian definition compare to ours? That peace is a tranquil era with no armed conflict? No!

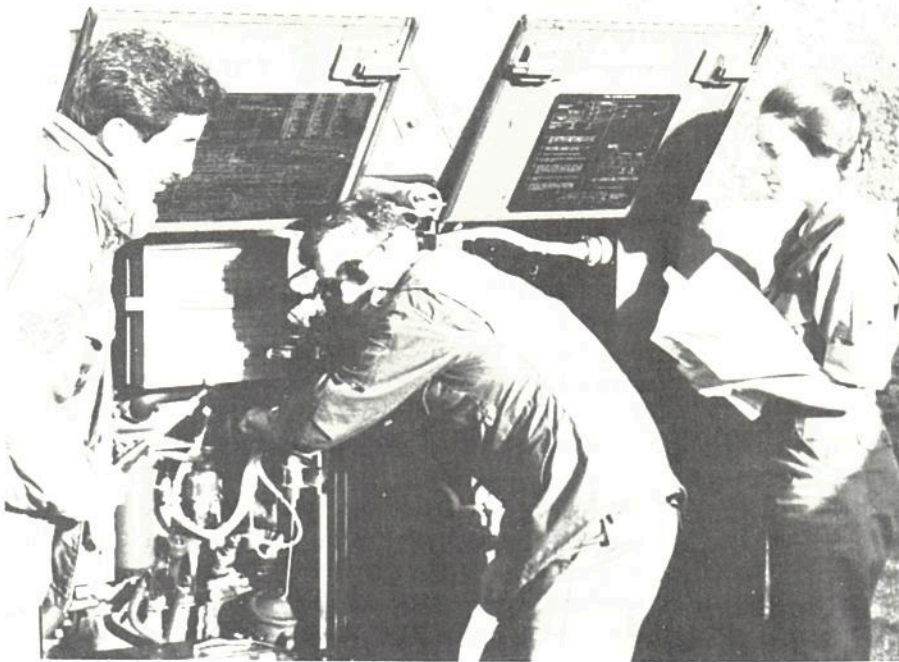
As the Soviets use the word "mir" in party writing, peace is where socialism has triumphed. In fact, there can be no peace without socialism. At times, according to Lenin, peace requires wars to defend the fatherland. Peace is a continuing struggle, not a state of equilibrium. Peace assures there is

a natural, irreconcilable conflict between socialist and nonsocialist countries.

Russia's radical definition of peace, then, so different from our own, partially explains why both Russia and the U.S. want "mir", but can't agree on achieving it. We must therefore be constantly on the alert when well-intentioned people go soft on Soviet propaganda which cries, on the surface, for the same peace we want. In reality, we long for the harmony and love that peace brings; they want our destruction as a free people.

Maj. Tobi Titworth, 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron, joins Maj. Gen. S.T. Ayers and his wife, Eva Jean, during the 403rd CLSS Dining Out October 19. The guest speaker for the Dining Out, General Ayers, is the mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff for logistics and engineering, Headquarters, Air Force. (USAFR photo)





SSgt Charles Pope, 433rd ISS, Kelly AFB, Texas, SSgt. Gordon Slagle and A1C Bekki Lingenfelter, 507th ISS, perform daily inspection and maintenance on a back-up power unit during Volant Partner. Fifteen members of the 507th ISS deployed with other units to support three C-130 units, including the 137th TAW Air National Guard unit from Oklahoma City, at RAF Station Benon, U.K. during a Checkered Flag exercise. Members of the 507th ISS were in England September 23 through October 3 for the exercise. (USAFR Photo)

SSgt Ray Hughes, 507th WSSF, chows down on a meal-ready-to-eat (MRE) during the security flight's annual tour at the training range at Nellis AFB, Nev. The flight participated in Silver Alpha at Nellis in September. Sergeant Hughes is wearing the multiple integrated laser engagement system (MILES) gear used for training security police. (USAFR photo)



AIDS VIRUS SCREENING POLICY SET

Testing of active duty and reserve personnel for the presence of Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type-III (HTLV-III) will be accomplished as soon as guidance is received from higher headquarters.

The Air Force policy on identification of military personnel infected with HTLV-III, is intended to reflect current knowledge regarding this disease. The presence of this antibody means the individual has possibly been exposed to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Testing will be performed by priority and, in general, will be:

- Individuals serving in or subject to deployment on short notice to areas of the world with a high risk of endemic disease or with minimal existing medical capability, and

- Individuals serving in units subject to deployment overseas.

Individuals who are antibody positive but show no evidence of progressive clinical illness or immunological deficiency shall be retained in the service.

In order to protect the health and safety of infected individuals and of other military persons, assignments of such individuals may be limited with respect to the nature and location of duties performed in accordance with operational requirements.

All antibody positive individuals shall receive a comprehensive clinical and immunological evaluation annually. Each individual shall be counseled on the risks of disease transmission, methods of prevention, and informed that they are ineligible to donate blood.

Individuals who are infected with HTLV-III and demonstrate progressive clinical illness shall be referred for medical evaluation for a determination of fitness of continued service.

Individuals who are infected with HTLV-III and are found not to have complied with preventive medicine counseling for individual patients may be separated for the convenience of the government.

Results obtained from laboratory tests for HTLV-III and information concerning personal drug use or consensual sexual activity disclosed by a service member as part of an epidemiological assessment under this memorandum may not be used against the service member in actions under the uniformed code of military justice, in a line of duty determination, or on the issue of characterization in separation proceedings.

Such information may not be used as the basis for separation of the service member except for (A) separation based on physical disability, or (B) separation for the convenience of the government after a hearing before a board of officers and approval by the secretary or an assistant secretary of the service concerned.

The limitations do not apply to the introduction of evidence for credibility or rebuttal purposes in any proceeding in which the evidence of drug use or relevant sexual activity has been first introduced by the service member, or disciplinary or other action based on independently derived evidence.

RENOVATION CAUSES MEALTIME CHANGE

The base dining hall will be closed for renovation for approximately one year. Members of the 507th TFG will be allowed to use the main base cafeteria, building 3001. The cafeteria will be open during UTAs and will continue to stay open for the 507th's use until completion of the dining hall renovation.

Each 507th member will be given a color-coded meal card that must be presented along with the Reserve ID card when getting meals from the cafeteria. The meal register must also be signed when getting a meal.

The card entitles Reserve members to obtain a meal valued up to, but not exceeding, \$3.00. The monetary balance of meals purchased above the limit must be paid by the Reservist.

The noon meal will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Persons having a white or pink meal card will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Times for the red meal card will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those with yellow cards will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the brown ones will be valid from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Due to aircraft flying schedule, the only exception will be for CAMS personnel who will be allowed to eat anytime during the two-hour lunch period.

The evening meal will be served on Saturdays only. Brown and red meal cards will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30, white and pink meal cards from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and yellow meal cards from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The morning meal is from 5:45 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., and all cards will be accepted during this time frame.

Keep these times in mind when planning your schedule. Plenty of parking is available in the cafeteria area.

Members who work during off UTAs are authorized to use the Flight Line Snack Bar, located at Building 240. While that facility is also being remodeled, it is tentatively scheduled to reopen in mid November. Base officials realize and apologize for any inconvenience caused by the new schedule. However, Reserve members need to be aware that, according to AFR 147-6, meals during UTA weekends are not an entitlement but authorized. In other words, if messing facilities are available, you are authorized to use them but you are not entitled to compensation if facilities are not available or not used.

Clarence Price, General Manager of the Base Restaurant Facility has provided us with menus for the next UTA.

Saturday, November 16, 1985

<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>DINNER</u>
Fried Chicken	Baked Ham
Whipped Potatoes	Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans	Green Beans
Carrots	Spiced Apples
Tossed Salad	Tossed Salad
Coconut Cream Pie	Apple Dumpling
Milk 2 cartons or 1-10oz drink	
Coffee unlimited	

Sunday, November 17, 1985

<u>LUNCH</u>
Meat Loaf w/Swiss Sauce
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Strawberry Short Cake
Milk 2 cartons or 1-10oz drink
Coffee unlimited

DON'T BE STUBBORN, BUCKLE UP

How would it feel to be involved in a car crash at just 10 miles per hour?

Take a 200-pound bag of cement. Haul it up to the second floor and toss it out the window. Imagine your buddy is standing on the ground and catches the bag as it falls. That's how dangerous a low-speed collision can be.

It is estimated that 85% of Americans refuse to buckle up, though military people on the average have a much better average.

A fatal automobile accident occurs every 20 minutes in the United States, claiming 43,800 lives in 1984 alone. Federal safety authorities claim seat belts could prevent half of those deaths. Safety statistics show that each of us can expect to be in an auto accident once every 10 years. For one out of 20 of us, it will be a serious crash. For one out of 60, it will be fatal. Why do so many of us refuse to wear seat belts.

UTA SCHEDULE

16 - 17 NOV;

07 - 08 DEC; 11 - 12 JAN;
08 - 09 FEB; 08 - 09 MAR;
12 - 13 APR; 03 - 04 MAY;
07 - 08 JUN; 12 - 13 JUL;
23 - 24 AUG; 20 - 21 SEP;

ANNUAL TOUR

19 JUNE - 3 JULY

GUNSMOKE '85

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The lead in the maintenance competition changed hands only once during Gunsmoke, from the 507th maintenance team, which posted 996 out of a possible 1,000 points to lead the first day of competition. By the end of the second day, the 442nd TFW had taken the lead and maintained it enroute to the win.

Competitors included the best fighter units from Tactical Air Command, United States Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Command, Alaskan Air Command, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Addressing the 507th's Gunsmoke team at the event's completion, Lt Col Jerry A Wrucha, 507th TFG Commander, said "I want you to know that I am proud of you. This competition brought together the best of the best in Tactical Air Command. Just by being here, you have proved you're winners."

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