

## 507th Tactical Fighter Group



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During orientation flight

## Spouses watch husbands in action



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**Marcia Livengood**, wife of Maj. John M. Livengood, enjoys the view from the window of a KC-135 Stratotanker. Marcia was one of several operations and maintenance spouses who participated in the spouses orientation flight held last month.

November's Friday the 13th wasn't unlucky at all as 15 aircrew wives boarded a KC-135 for an unusual opportunity to see their husbands at work.

The spouses orientation flight, a first for the unit also included a second flight on November 14 for approximately 30 wives of maintenance members. The orientation program is authorized in Air Force regulations and allows for a better understanding of the Air Force mission.

After a briefing at operations and being "treated" to a box lunch, the group departed for their aircraft.

The KC-135 Stratotanker waiting on the flightline had just arrived from the 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, Calif.

Dressed baggily in their husband's or other donated flight suits, the wives boarded the tanker and the mission began.

The group flew to the Rivers mission operating area, a restricted airspace area approximately 60 miles north of Oklahoma City.

While cruising at approximately 450 miles per hour, the wives got an opportunity to watch their husbands in the F-4D Phantom aircraft through the side window of the tanker or from the boom operator's area during refueling.

For most of the wives present, this was their first experience flying on a military aircraft.

Plans are underway for another flight in 1988 for those who couldn't attend this year.

## Renovation causes offices to move

Things are still on the move in the 507th area. The top floor offices in building 1043 have been moving back to the building and the main floor offices are moving out to the temporary trailers.

The moves are part of renovation work being done throughout the building.

The offices returning to the top floor

are personnel, resource management (RMX) and pay and budget. 2nd Lt. Jim Wood, RMX, and Stu Markel, budget, say that their offices might continue working out of both areas until after the holidays. "There are still some equipment shortages," said the lieutenant.

First floors offices that are moving are recruiting, social actions, legal and

administration.

The command section will stay in place except for a short period while carpeting is being installed.

According to TSgt. Pam Brandt, one of the project officers for the move, the second floor offices will try to be in place for the December unit training assembly.

## Reserve Fair Day is 'Super Huge' success

Putting the rigors of the Unit Management Effectiveness Inspection be-

hind them, members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group spent one day of the November Unit Training Assembly with their families showing them their jobs and the unit's equipment.

According to TSgt. Brenda Young, enlisted advisory council chairman, Reserve Fair Day was a huge success. "Everything went extremely well and the families enjoyed the day. I heard many comments about how much fun the folks were having and how much they learned from the displays."

The egress section had the ejection seat available for people to experience the feel of an aircraft's seat. Weapons System Security Flight had the "Convincer" available that gave riders the feeling of a car accident with and without the use of seatbelts.

The 507th TFG members and their guests consumed 2,100 hamburgers,

1,600 hot dogs and countless gallons of soft drinks. The cooks, members of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, started the grill at 9:30 a.m. and was ready to start serving at 11.

"We had to go out and buy more food since we were running out and the line was still wrapped around the tables waiting to be served," added Sergeant Young.

According to the organizers, a big hit of the day was the Youths Game Area. The art tables constantly had children around it making all the crafts that could be made.

The entertainment, supplied by SSgt. Andy Lang and his country-western group, provided the music. Other activities included displays and demonstrations of different unit activities.

A display that attracted the most attention was the F-4D. People stood in line for an hour to get the opportunity to

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**SSgt. Winfred Graham**, 507th Mobility Support Flight, provides some vocal entertainment during last month's Reserve Fair Day. The Fair Day brought a successful turnout.

## UTA DATES

Jan	9 - 10
January Blood Drive 9-12:30	
Feb	20 - 21
March	19 - 20
April	9 - 10



# Colonel's Journal: Rumors won't stop us



By Lt. Col. Larry Turner

Heard the rumors about the F-16s? Boy, I have and if you want to become part of the problem, add your rumor to the fire.

Right now, there are rumors enough about our impending conversion to the F-16 as there are people enough to have opinions. Please rest assured that those in positions to affect the eventual outcome of any conversion changes are working very hard wrestling with problems wrought by recent budgetary constraints.

Whatever solution is forthcoming will be well thought out and everyone's best effort.

Our charter is to continue to prepare for an on-time conversion and remember that the rumor mill can be a destructive force. When things get fired up, I'll be the first to know.

Meanwhile, the beat goes on:

- The fighter squadron will host

"Okiefest II" this Saturday. Many visitors will be here participating in this one-day flying exercise. Put your best foot forward and make our fellow reservists feel welcome at the best Air Reserve Forces unit that currently exists.

• Speaking of positive impressions, several Ops folks and Maintainers recently displayed our mission to civic leaders and community partners touring the 507th. Lots of smiles and positive comments were the results. Thanks to Lt. Col. Dick Eustace, Lt. Col. Jerry Sharp, 1st Lt. Gerald Kirchner, and TSgt. Bill Nelson from the flying organization; Maj. Jim Walker, CMSgt. Michael Riley, MSgt. Bill Morgan and MSgt. John Shelton from CAMS; TSgt. Ed Dimmock from WSSF and 2nd Lt. Rich Curry and TSgt. Cathi Benedict from PA for making it all happen.

• Congratulations to Maj. Warren Muller from the Group Safety Office. He will assume command of the 403rd CLSS this Saturday as Lt. Col. Tobie Titsworth moves to a position of high responsibility in the ALC Mobilization Augmentee program.

Tobie, thanks for the help and good hunting in your new job.

• Tinker AFB now has a brand new NCO Leadership School that we must support with some bright and shining stars of our own. This program is vital to the Total Force and the 507th will send our best. Be ready if you are called upon.

• 72nd APS, TAC Clinic and WSSF: Have a good mobility exercise this weekend.

Lilia, myself and all the Turner kids send their best to you this holiday season — God Bless and be careful.

## Don't be a statistic

# Will you become the next holiday victim?

By 2nd Lt Richard Curry  
507th Public Affairs Office

Let's imagine you're sitting at home watching the news on television. The reporter looks up from his copy and says, "The Oklahoma transportation officials estimate that 14 people will be killed on state highways during the holiday season."

Those are cold, hard facts. When you wake up to go to work Jan. 4, 14 Oklahomans will be dead.

Think about it.

Maybe you're saying, "It's the same thing every year. Some poor devil's going to end up getting himself drunk and will either kill himself or someone else...it's a fact of life."

Stop. Did you just notice something? Why is it always someone else who gets killed?

Maybe the problem with this is that each year the figures are too vague. What if somehow the research could be carried just a bit farther, let's say, and all the statistics concerning Oklahoma drivers with DWI convictions could be used. And what if they carried this research a bit farther still and discovered all the other drivers, who, for some reason or another, might prove to be a probable victim during the holidays.

And what if, during December, you were to receive this letter in the mail...

"Dear Mr. Black,

We are sorry to report that our computers show you to be in the high risk category as one of the 14 possible candidates to become an Oklahoman fatality or be directly responsible for causing a possible fatality during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

You will quite probably not survive the upcoming holiday season.

The selection process was based on the latest information on file concerning past DUIs, traffic accidents and speeding violations. As stated, your name appeared on our list. We offer condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely.....

Wouldn't it be great if such letters existed?

Think about it.

These letters would give everyone a chance to prepare for the inevitable. Wives could go about planning all the funeral arrangements in advance and save the bereavement for later.

Friends and neighbors could all say their 'farewells' (and plan in advance to stay off the roads and out of Charlie's way).

Nieces and nephews could be told to "Get to know Uncle Charlie, 'cause he won't be around much longer." And let's face it, everyone has those few last things they would have liked to have said, if only they "knew".

Letters could also be sent to those holiday party hosts who think their only responsibility to drunk guests is making sure they find their keys and have both hands on the steering wheel when they leave.

Of course we know this could never happen. No one could ever predict who is about to take the big step.

But what if one year, it did happen and, as a result, nobody died? Would it have been worth it to know your name was on that list?

Think about it...

## Have a secure holiday

The holiday season brings with it times of joy and fellowship. Unfortunately, it also may bring out the criminal element in some.

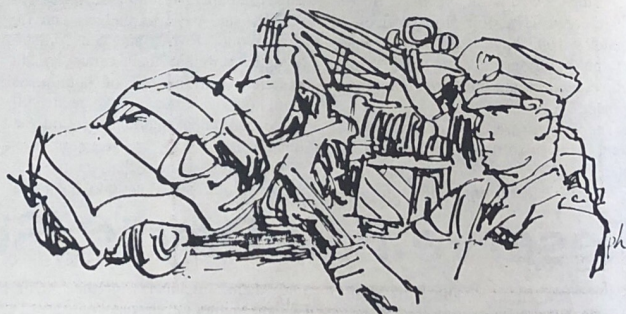
To help ensure the holiday spirit, TSgt. Ed Dimmock, 507th Security Police, offers the following tips:

Don't leave anything of value in open sight in your car, even if the car is locked. Be sure to hide it in the trunk. Before going shopping, write down all your credit card numbers and then store

them in a separate location. This practice will save a lot of time should you have to report them as stolen.

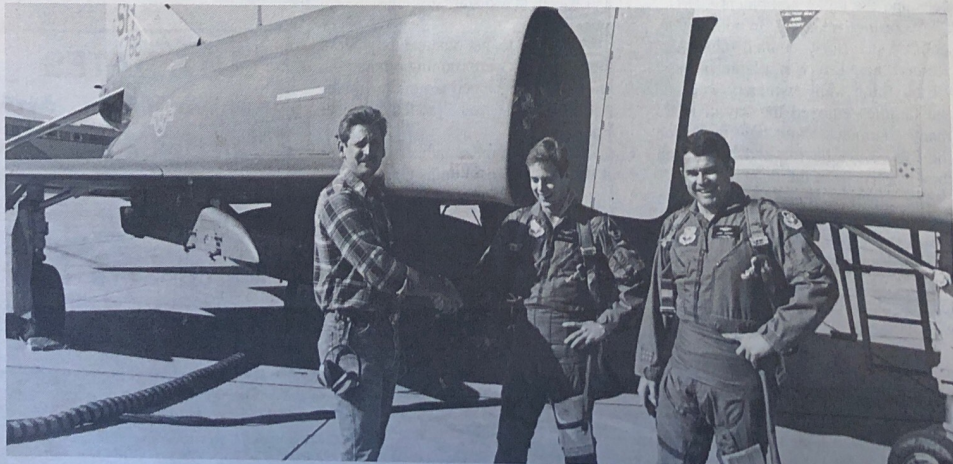
When you do use a credit card to make a purchase, be sure to take any carbons with you. Thieves have been known to obtain credit card numbers from "discarded" carbons.

When you are gone, leave a light on inside and outside the house to discourage intruders.



## Aircraft #762 tops 5,000 hrs

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Crew Chief TSgt. Benny Reeves congratulates 1st Lt. Gerald P. Kirchner and Lt. Col. Larry Turner after completion of their flight aboard aircraft 762. Their Nov. 10 flight brought the F-4D Phantom over the 5,000 hour flying mark.





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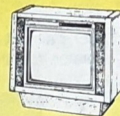
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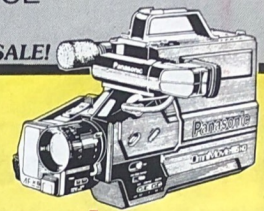
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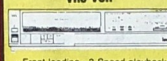


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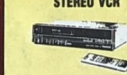
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# Spouses Watch



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**Karen Taylor**, right, watches while her husband, Maj. William Taylor's aircraft is refueled by SSgt. Teresa A. Derize. Sergeant Derize is a boom operator from the 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, Calif.



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**Patricia Long**, left, wife of Capt. Lynn Long, Bobbie Settle, wife of Capt. Kenneth Settle and Bonnie Patterson, wife of 1st Lt. Randy Patterson are "treated" to a box lunch prior to their November spouses flight.

## Promotions listed

The following people were promoted to the rank indicated Nov. 1:

To captain: Mike Miller, CSS

To senior master sergeant: Nathaniel Hawthorne, civil engineering; James Mitchell, CAMS, Phil Waltz, recruiting

To master sergeant: Gerald Beene, CE; Alfred Jackson, CAMS; Dean Lipska, CE; Ruben Martinez, CAMS; Ronald Moths, CE; Dale Redus, CAMS; Leon Walker, 403rd CLSS

To technical sergeant: Spencer Bradley, CE; David Carlson, 403rd CLSS; Cecil Childers, CE; Dennis Clapp, CE; Clifford Demers, CE; Kelly Horne, 403rd CLSS; Farris Moisant, CAMS; Alvin Plexico, 403rd CLSS; Joseph Torrence, CE; Andrew Verner, CE; Charles York, CE

To staff sergeant: Wade Boyer, CE; Kristi Crail, CE; Marva Crawford,

465th TFS; Debra Frisch, CSS; Gregory Hendrix, 403rd CLSS; Jerry Jackson, 403rd CLSS; Steve McDaniel, 465th TFS; Scott Mincey, 403rd CLSS; George Newton, CAMS; Charles Rice, CAMS; Walter Simco, CSS; Ricky Skelton, 465th TFS; Laura St. Johns, Comm Sq

To senior airman: Laura Cundiff, CAMS; Anthony Opichka, 403rd CLSS

To airman first class: Terry Matthews, CAMS; Jeffery Minnis, CAMS; Jenna Petty, 72nd APS; Angela Stribling, 72nd APS; Joseph Townsend, 403rd CLSS

Four lieutenant colonels have been selected for promotion to colonel. The four are James L. Turner, TFG; Clifford A. Cole, CSS, Donald Pierson, CE, and Clio Harper, TAC Clinic.

## SSgt. Tara Cole picked as best

SSgt Tara D. Cole, an F-4D avionics communications specialist, has been awarded the "Maintenance Person of the Quarter" award for the third quarter.

According to her supervisor, SMSgt Harvey Rooks, she works flawlessly on the flightline.

Sergeant Cole also holds the addi-

tional duties of training monitor, alternate tech order monitor plus alternate TMDE and supply monitor.

A driving force in every project she does, the sergeant's knowledge in aircraft communications systems has been invaluable to the maintenance squadron, Sergeant Rooks said.

## Reserve Fair Day

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view the aircraft "up close" and get their photo taken while sitting in the aircraft. Unfortunately, the F-16 Falcon aerial demonstration was cancelled because of weather conditions.

Other activities included signing Christmas cards the unit sent to naval reserve units in the Persian Gulf who won't have the chance to spend the holidays with their families.

Sergeant Young also said that Reserve Fair Day netted money for

Operation Christmas Spirit sponsored by Tinker's Family Support Center. The money is given to those military families who would otherwise have a bleak holiday.

All in all, Reserve Fair Day gave everybody something to smile about. The families were together, we took the opportunity to pass on holiday greetings to other members of the reserve forces and we took the time to earn some money for those in the military who might have a dreary holiday.



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**TSgt. Jimmie Guthrie**, of the 507th Communications Squadron, dunks the ball during at the Reserve Fair Day tournament.



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**Matt Fleming**, son of SSgt. Joseph Fleming, CAMS, takes a shot at the bean toss. Several areas were set up special for children during Reserve Fair Day.

## Reserve news from around the world

### AFRES honors medical award winners

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AFRNS) — The 419th Tactical Hospital at Hill AFB, Utah was among the Air Force Reserve medical unit award winners for 1986.

The unit received recognition in the outstanding hospital, clinic or medical

element category during the 94th annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 11.

Col. John W. Ellis Jr., command surgeon, Headquarters USAF/REM, presided over the awards ceremony and luncheon. He commended the individual and unit award recipients for their medical contributions which play a

vital role in national defense.

### Special operations unit activated at Davis-Monthan

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — Members of the Air Force Reserve unit that participated in the rescue efforts at the MGM Grand Hotel fire in Las Vegas have taken up a new residence at

Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The newly formed AFRES unit, the 71st Special Operations Squadron, was officially activated in ceremonies Nov. 7.

Many of the unit's members were assigned to the deactivated 302nd SOS at Luke AFB, Ariz. During its 28 years at Luke, from 1959 to 1987, the 302nd was actively involved in support of local search and rescue operations.