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NCO Council Generates Achievements

Those sporty new hair-pieces (aka "wigs" or "rugs") many reservists are now wearing didn't get the approval of AFR by accident.

"We feel that this acceptance of wigs was brought about in part by the emphasis put on hair regulations by the NCO/Airman Advisory Councils throughout the country," said Sgt Russell Wiley, acting Co-chairman of the 507th Council.

Wiley points to several other changes brought about by the council as part of its function as a "rumor control center" and communication vehicle between the Commander and the grass roots working level. Some of these accomplishments seem small in themselves, but added together make life for the Reservists smoother and easier, such as making purchases in the BX without a hassle; scheduling UTAs to avoid deer season; and arranging summer camp when possible to avoid school conflicts.

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The Oklahoma City Blazers Hockey Team visited Det 507th last month. Major Roger P. Scheer shows the team members the F-105 Thunderchief.

Wigs OK, Under Conditions

Wigs or hairpieces may be worn while on duty or in uniform only under the following conditions.

For cosmetic reasons to cover natural baldness or physical disfiguration.

By members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve engaged in inactive duty training or periods of active duty tra-

ining for 30 days or less.

If under these conditions a wig or hairpiece is worn, it will be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty and conform to the Air Force grooming standards set forth in this paragraph and table 1-1.

COMMANDERS CALL: by Maj. R.P. Scheer

April 15 was a big day for computers.

Those at the USAF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., were waiting to be "Plugged in" officially with a worldwide network of AF personnel offices. The 15th was formal opening day for AF's "advanced personnel data system" (APDS).

The system links 140 active-duty Consolidated Base Personnel Offices (CBPO) and almost as many Reserve "people shops" electronically with the Personnel Center.

For the first time, CBPO's can send a continuous flow of personnel information directly to HQ USAF, and vice versa.

The mechanics of the sophisticated computerized setup probably won't mean much to most of you. What it does, should. Some 600,000 active-duty people and more than 500,000 Reservists and Guardsmen will have their records fed through it. The aim is to keep closer track of people and improve service to them. The "data base" for the information will be at the Personnel Center, but various headquarters will have access to it, including AFRES, the Air Reserve Personnel Center, and the Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon.

Besides handling the day-



to-day "Bookkeeping" on personnel records, the system will be able to provide masses of information for planning, budgeting, training career programs and mobilization. It is another step forward in the Total Force Policy.

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"The Advisory Council is a forum available to anyone," said Maj Scheer, 507 Commander. He urged each reservist to get to know his unit representative to the council and to let him know of suggestions, questions and complaints arising from Reserve activities.

Discussions at last month's council meeting included:

- The hazardous parking conditions across the street from Det Headquarters. It was pointed out that cars should be parked on the lot at the top of the hill, and not on the grass off the road except in unusual circumstances. When necessary to park on this grass, cars should be parked parallel to the road and not perpendicular to the road in order to avoid erosion and unsightly ruts. Tickets

may be issued to offenders.

- The 59th Street gate will be opened for a shorter period of time each UTA. Consult the bulletin for the new hours.

- Procedures were proposed to enable reservists to obtain plastic name tags as required by AF regulations.

- The Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS), in use in the active force, will become effective in

the AF Reserve by July, 1975.



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AWARDS GIVEN

Ssgt Edgar Davis and Ssgt James Breeding of the Organizational Maintenance Squadron were awarded by OMS.

Davis was named "Crew Chief of the Month" and Breeding was named the "Knuckle Buster of the Month".

An OMS spokesman said the crew chief award is to honor the man who maintains his plane the best, the "one which has the least down time". Actually, the award will be for the outstanding performance of his aircraft.

The knuckle buster award will be based on job safety, skill and performance, the spokesman said.



Committee Group Named

The following people have been named to the NCO-Airman Advisory Committee.

SMSgt James N Hawley, Det Hq; TSgt Almore Scott, Social Actions; Sgt Patrick S McEwen, 10th Maint; SSgt Maurice E Nero, 10th Maint; TSgt Curtis V Truel, 10th Maint, Sgt Russel D Wiley, 507 CE; Sgt Wesley L Wietilman, 507 Mos Sq; A1C Alan D Akin, 507 WSS Flt; Sgt Stephen D Smith, 507th WSS Flt.

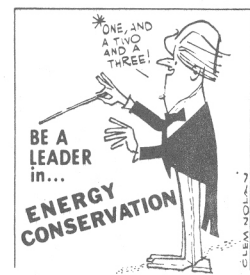
Also, TSgt Handyside Colin, 10th Maint; Sgt M D Bell, 465th TFSq; Sgt Robert L Weaver, 507 Comm Flt; SSgt Kenneth R Settle, 507 Mos Flt; TSgt Everett C Elrod, 507 CE; Sgt Arthur W Laux, 507 Cos (IO); Sgt John E Lones, 507 Cos; SSgt James J Miller, 507 TAC Clinic; Sgt Charles P Blochowiack, 10th Sup Sq; A1C Gamble E Norman, 507 CAM Sq and TSgt J T Matthews, 507 CAM Sq.

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Veterans Ask

Q—What cutoff date has been set for veterans' benefits for the Vietnam War?

A—No such date has been set. The Vietnam Era is still continuing for purposes of eligibility for veterans' benefits.



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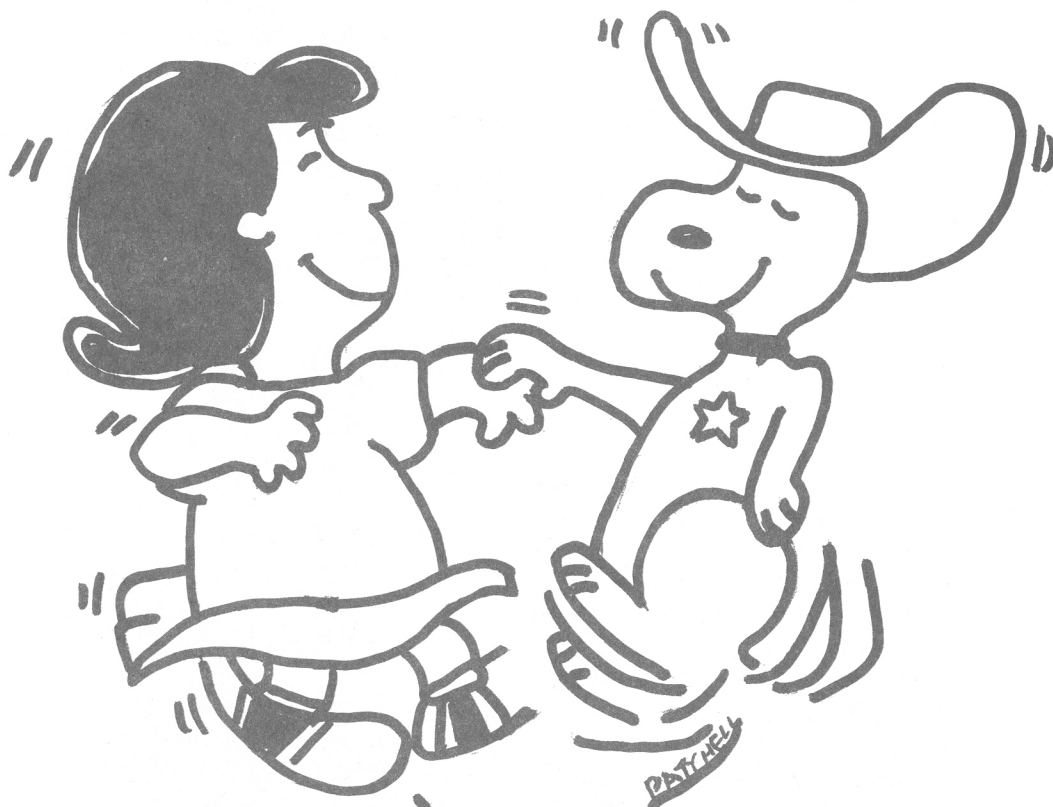
Jeffery W. Currens
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TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

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DETACHMENT COMMANDER AWARDS UNIT PERSONNEL: In a recent All-Hands meeting, Maj Roger Scheer presented suggestion cash awards to SSgt Michael Aston, Hyd Shop and TSgt R D Tomlin, Machine Shop. Outstanding Performance Award recipients were Barbara Ann Vessels, Commander's Secretary and TSgt Michael Miller, Administrative Services. SSgt Alan R Campbell was also presented a 10-yr service pin and certificate.



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