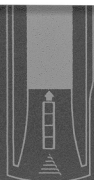




Det. 507 301st TFW Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
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GEN LEWIS VISITS 507th ATTENDS DINING OUT

The Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Maj General Homer I Lewis was on hand Saturday February 8, to pay tribute to Tinker AFB's largest reserve unit.

Speaking at the annual Dining-Out held in Midwest City, General Lewis praised the accomplishments of the 800-man unit organized in 1972 to lead the Air Force Reserves back into the tactical fighter mission.

The general called the progress the 507th has made in becoming a combat ready F-105 unit in less than three years "Magnificently successful. We knew we had to get the best guys in the world, and we got them. I want to commend you for the work you did in order to put together a top-notch fighter outfit."

Approximately 150 members of the unit and their guests attended the annual function. They included Lt Gen Larry M Killpack, vice commander Twelfth Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, Tex., Maj Gen and Mrs James B. Randolph, commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center; Brig Gen and Mrs Charles E Shannon, vice commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

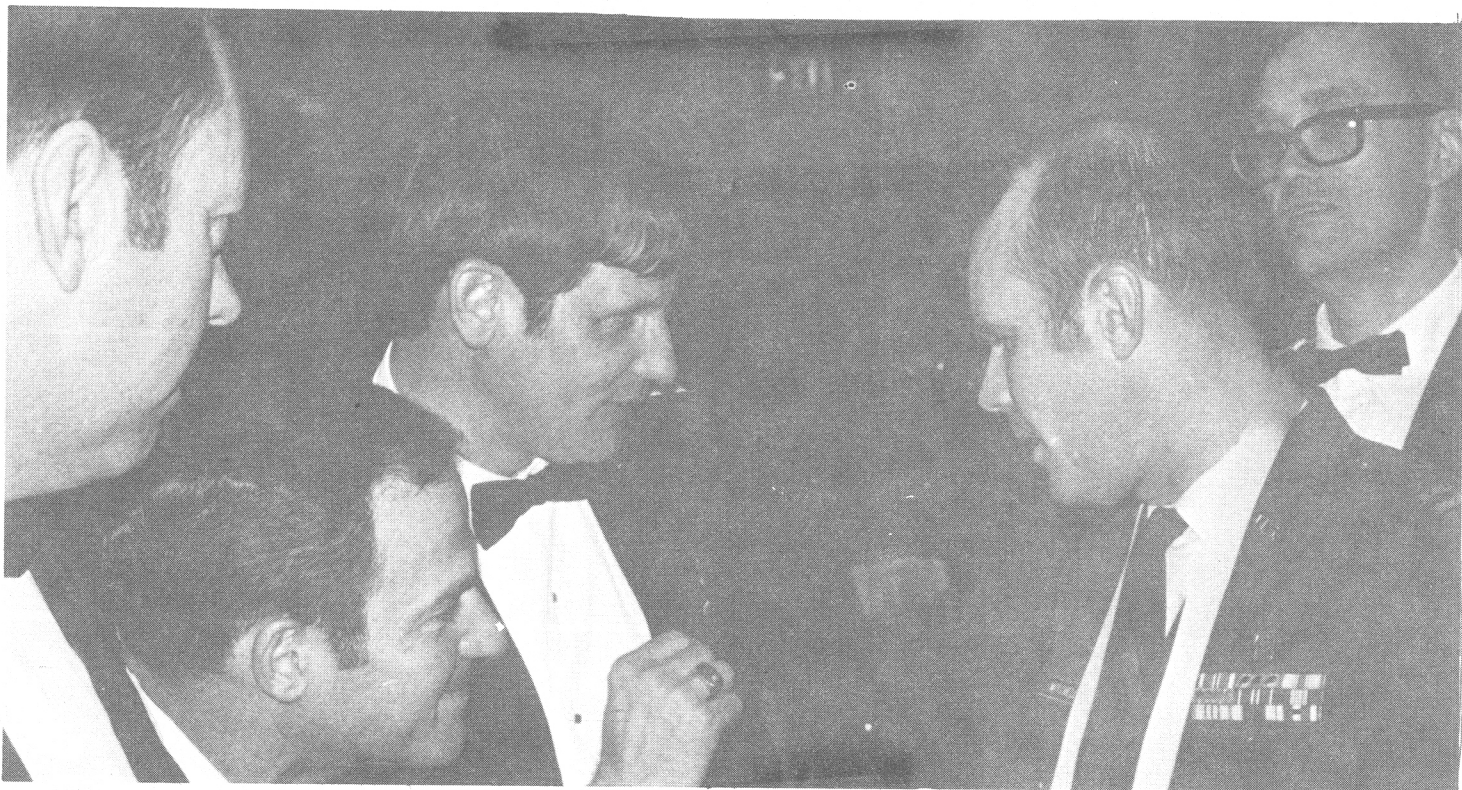
Also included were Col John E Taylor, commander, 301 TFWg, Carswell AFB, Tex., and Col Don Utt, assistant director of

Operations, Central Air Force Reserve Region, Ellington AFB, Tex.

Lt Col Roger P Scheer, commander of the Detachment presented the Top Gun Award to Capt Charles M Sublett, for the second consecutive year. Capt Sublett is a senior law student at the University of Oklahoma. Capt "Mad Dog" Mitchell, also a law student at the University of Oklahoma who is assigned to the Intelligence Office, was humorously presented with a muzzle.

In tracing the history of fighter aviation in the AF Reserve, General Lewis recalled that from the mid-1950s until the organization of the 507th in 1972, the role of the AF Reserve was limited to airlift. With the attempt to regain the fighter mission, he said, "it was crucial that the first unit equipped with fighters to be a clear success."

"And that is why I am so happy to be here tonight", said the general in closing. "Because, when you give a man responsibility, and the dignity that comes with responsibility, you know he is going to do the right thing because you honored him with that dignity. And, he won't let you down."



Capt. Mike "Mad Dog" Mitchell draws a crowd of admirers inspecting his muzzle.



TOP GUN award for the second consecutive year was awarded to Captain Charles Sublet, receiving congratulations here from Maj. Gen. Homer I. Lewis. The official title of the award now carries the name of Captain Lynn P. Scott, 465th TFS pilot who died when his F-105 crashed last year on a range mission in South Carolina.

DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULED

Detachment 507 will deploy twelve F-105 aircraft and about 120 personnel to Fallon Naval Air Station, Nevada, 3 May through 9 May 1975.

The purpose of the deployment is to provide the opportunity to conduct realistic tactical training for detachment pilots and munitions load crews.

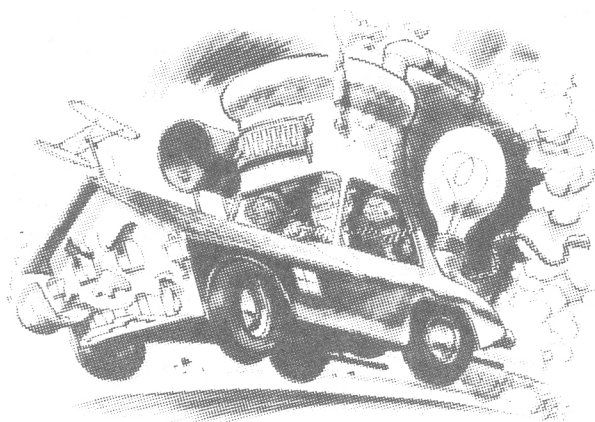
This training will include flying unfamiliar low-level navigation routes in desert environments, carrying and dropping 500 lb conventional bombs, utilizing the latest in combat tactics and information.

The tactical ranges in Nevada have targets such as surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites, runways, convoys and gun emplacements.

The Detachment is attempting to coordinate strike force missions with other fighter units stationed in the vicinity such as Wild Weasel aircraft from Nellis AFB, Nev.

"Combat Ready" units must keep in training to remain prepared for any emergency.

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CURRENT POLICY INSIGHT

For a new appreciation of our Country: The Bicentennial. The nation will commemorate its bicentennial from March 1, 1975 to December 31, 1976.

The Bicentennial commemoration has three basic themes --Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76--through which all Americans may celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Nation. Bicentennial programs and events are being developed to respond to these three areas:

- . Heritage '76--a nationwide summons to recall our heritage, to place it in its historical perspective, and to focus on the origins, values and unfolding panorama of our Nation's history.

- . Festival USA--a nationwide opportunity to share with fellow Americans and the people of the world the traditions, the culture, the hospitality, and the character of the United States and its people.

- . Horizons '76--a nationwide challenge to every American, acting individually or with us to select and act upon goals to help make America the "more perfect union" and to improve the quality of life for the Third Century.

Thousands of American communities will be participating in the observance and the Air Force will participate through community relations, community services and other programs.

Air Force individuals, too, are being encouraged to participate.

Air Force Bicentennial Information Plan 74-1 has been distributed to major commands, and information officers at every level are being provided guidance and information materials to support the commemoration.

COVER PHOTO: Major General Homer I Lewis, speaks at Det 507 Dining-Out 8 February at Holiday Inn Midwest City.

In Brief ...

Social Actions NCO dies....

Military funeral services for TSgt Almore Scott, 43, Detachment Social Actions Office, were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on March 8, 1975, with burial at Trice Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City. TSgt Scott died of an apparent heart attack while working at the FAA Center, March 5, 1975.

TSgt Scott, of 711 Culbertson Drive, was born in Rosebud, Texas. He came to Oklahoma City in 1943 and was a graduate of Douglass High School. Scott left the Air Force in 1948 and later joined the AF Reserves. He was employed at Tinker AFB for twelve years and then worked at the FAA Center as a Management Specialist until his death.

He is survived by his widow, Ramona, and two sons, Gerald W and Berry N.

Change in pregnancy policy.....

CBPO advises that pregnant reserve WAFs are no longer automatically discharged but must apply to their unit commander for discharge. However, there is still no change in her entitlement to a medical excuse during confinement.

"Action Line" created.....

The NCO Airman Advisory Council has established an ACTION LINE in the unit paper. The Commander together with the Council will review all questions and questions and answers will be published each month. Questions do not have to be signed but should be legible and should not border on the ridiculous. Inputs should be given to your representative on the Council or mailed to the Commander's or Information Office.

MSgt STRAUGHN DEDICATED TO YOUTH

An abiding interest in youth and the willingness to give freely of his time working toward their goals led Moore resident Wyman Straughan to serve on the board of the Moore-Norman Area Vocational-Technical School.

Elected for an 18-month term when the board was formed in June 1972, Straughan

did not draw an opponent for re-election to a five-year term in January 1974.

Straughan was reared in Cleveland County near Lexington and has been a member of the Air Force Reserve for 16 years. MSgt Straughan is assigned as First Sergeant of the 507th Combat Support Squadron "The Military is a form of vocational training," Straughan said recently, "and my speciality was as an aircraft mechanic."

A Postal Service employee in Moore for the past 10 years, MSgt Straughan and his wife, Vicki, have been active in PTA work in Moore for 11 years and also this past 11 years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Norman.

"If you would take the activities of youth out of our lives, we would have a real void," MSgt Straughan said, and it was this deep interest which led him to devote time to the formation of the Moore-Norman Area Vocational-Technical School.

"I felt that the development of a vocational-technical school needed careful analysis and I wanted to be a part of putting it together."

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HEED: PLUMBING SAFETY TIP

Recent accidents in the home indicate unsafe 'help-your-self-plumbing' efforts says TAC Safety Office.

Pressurized cans of Drain Power have exploded when removed from the sink splashing residue into the face and eyes.

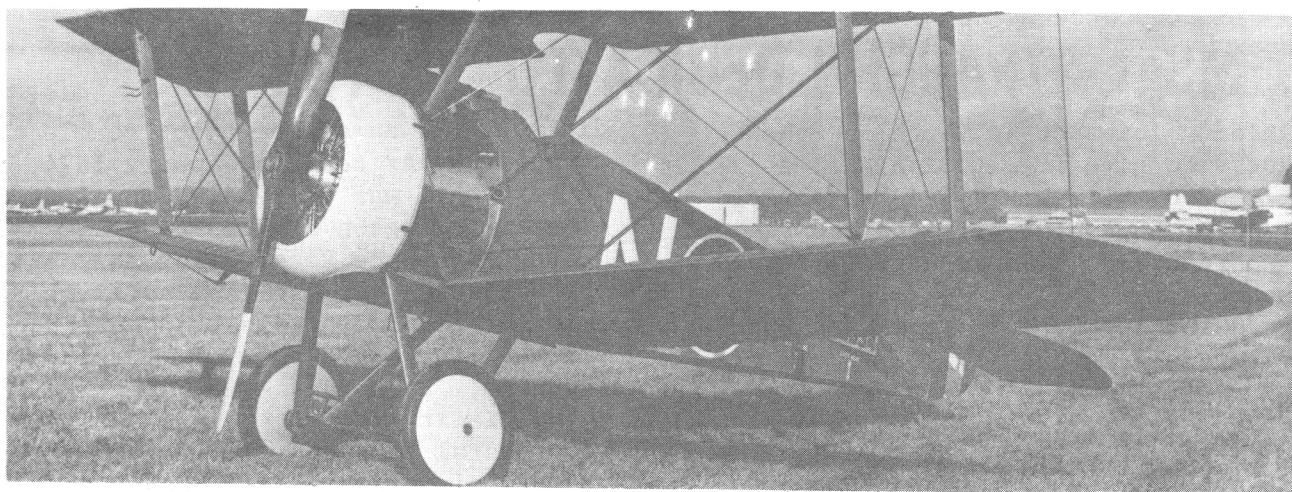
The result could be injury to the person using this brand.

The label on the can clearly states that it should not be used in clogged drains where lye or acid have been previously used and may still be present.

The person using Drain Power may not be aware that another family member or previous occupant had used an acid or lye cleaner.

If you continue to use Drain Power, be certain lye or acid residue are not present in the drains. Should an accident like this occur, a shower and change of clothing immediately may prevent personal injury.

Drain Power is sold at the BX and most grocery stores.



WORLD WAR 1 SOPWITH CAMEL UNVEILED TO PUBLIC

DAYTON, Ohio (AFNS) - Ten years ago, the Air Force Museum director walked into the restoration area and startled the craftsmen by saying, "Gentlemen, your next major project is to build from scratch a World War I Sopwith Camel."

Successfully meeting that challenge, they saw their product unveiled in public ceremonies at the Air Force Museum December 14, 1974.

The reason the museum chose to construct the Camel was twofold. It was needed as an important historic addition to the collection since many Americans flew Camels in World War I, and secondly, only a few originals were known to exist.

Two were in museums in England, another in a Canadian museum, a fourth in Belgium and two privately owned in the U.S. To indicate their value, one privately owned Camel was sold in auction in California in the late 60s for nearly \$45,000. The price put it entirely out of reason for acquisition by the Air Force Museum since no government funds may be used to purchase airplanes for exhibit. Thus, it soon became obvious that the only way to obtain one was to construct it from drawings.

The first major task was to locate drawings on the camel. In talks with experimental aircraft association groups, the men learned of someone building a Camel in the Detroit area. Later, they made contact with Arnold G Beatty and Joel M DeFiore of Manistee, Mich., who readily agreed to give their original plans to the museum as they finished the individual parts of the Camel they were constructing.

The drawings, which are dated 1917 and 1918, are marked "Secret and Confidential" and were produced by the Sopwith Aviation

Company, Ltd., in England.

As a first step, the museum decided that the Camel project would be a "fill-in" job, something that could be worked on during bad weather or at times when other restoration work was slow.

The most difficult problems in the entire project were encountered in making the front and rear engine mounts and the engine cowling. Fortunately, the museum's extensive collection of aviation historical items yielded an original French Clerget rotary engine and two original Vickers machineguns donated by patrons.

Donors solved several important areas. The gunsight was donated by George Vaughn of New York City, the second ranking ace of the U.S. Air Service to survive World War I. Ray Watkins of Bellfountaine, Ohio visited the museum and saw the Sopwith under construction. He was so impressed that he decided to donate a set of original Sopwith wheels and tires to the project. The Vickers machineguns were donated years ago by Mr Joel Catron of Dayton and Dr William Fippin of South Charleston, Ohio.

The engine was installed and 85-octane aircraft fuel added. With some minor adjustments and with a restoration division expert in the cockpit and another spinning the prop, the engine sputtered into life after being stored quietly in a museum warehouse for close to half a century.

When asked if it will fly, the aircraft restorers simply say, "just give us the chance," although officials say, "there are no plans to actually fly the plane. It simply represents too great a risk of loss after so much hard work."



Maj General Homer I Lewis, AF Reserve Commander, receives a Johnny Horizon litterbag from Ass't Secretary of the Interior John Kyl.

AFA WORTHWHILE

The Air Force Association began its annual membership drive here at Tinker AFB in March.

AFA is a national nonprofit organization with no personal, political or commercial interests. It publishes AIR FORCE Magazine, the largest aerospace magazine in the free world, and currently has more than 128,000 members, including both active duty personnel and civilians. Local support for Tinker AFB is provided by the General Thomas P Gerrity Chapter of the Air Force Association.

AFA affiliation is open to all U.S. citizens. Dues are \$10 per year or \$24 for a three-year period.

In its recent Policy Statement on People AFA strongly affirms support of "people programs" for the Air Force professional, be he in uniform or in a civilian capacity, at every level and of every rank. Pointing out that "the surest way to make the volunteer force (concept) work is by enhancing

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RESERVISTS PITCH IN CLEAN UP USA

WASH DC (AFRNS) - More than 150,000 Air Force Reservists throughout the United States have accepted the challenge to help clean up America in preparation for the nation's 200th birthday.

In ceremonies in Washington, Maj Gen Homer I Lewis, Air Force Reserve commander was presented with a Johnny Horizon litterbag and pledged nationwide Reserve support to "help prevent litter, minimize pollution, clean up the air, water and land and use natural resources wisely."

The litterbag, one of the many items made available by the Department of the Interior's Johnny Horizon Program developed to improve the U.S. for the 1976 bicentennial celebration, was presented to General Lewis by Assistant Secretary of Interior John Kyl.

Kyl said Air Force Reserve participation in the Johnny Horizon '76 Program represents a major, nationwide effort which will have far reaching effects on improving the environment.

The 231 Air Force Reserve units scattered throughout the U.S. will concentrate their efforts in their home communities.

Reservists will participate in projects ranging from painting buildings and cleaning up land to teaching inner-city youth about the environment and ecology.

"Reservists generally live in the area where they are assigned," General Lewis said, "and by working independently or as a unit they will make major contributions to their own community and in turn for the nation."

In the past, Air Force Reserve units have used their equipment and skills to improve local and national landmarks in the United States.

For example, a Reserve civil engineering flight from Homestead AFB, Fla., spent two weeks in Everglades National Park clearing and improving selected areas for park visitors.

The same unit also made significant improvements to historic Ft Jefferson on the Dry Tortugas Islands off the coast of Florida. The installation is the largest

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the values of the professional military career", the statement criticized those who would "chip away, deride, distort and legislate against benefits provided to servicemen". It concludes by saying that the men and women of all armed services have "never needed help more urgently, (and) they will get it from the Air Force Association to the full extent of our abilities, our resources, and our energies".

Representatives for each agency and unit at Tinker AFB have been identified and are currently contacting all military and civilian personnel assigned to that unit. Applications for membership are available from each unit's first sergeant or may be obtained from Major James K Webster, Ext 3268, Project Officer.

CLEAN UP CONTINUED

of the 19th century American coastal forts.

On a periodic basis, other Reserve units throughout the United States have participated in local cleanup campaigns, educational and health programs and information programs designed to improve individual communities.

Members of the Air Force Reserve Band will also participate in the Reserve's year long program to prepare for the nation's birthday.

The band commissioned Richard Maltby, a well known composer, to write a special arrangement for the musical unit titled "Air Force Reserve Salute to the Bicentennial."

Maltby's score will be played at each of the band's concerts during the year. The music will remind concert-goers to join with the Reservists in the nationwide cleanup effort.

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James Kapella

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

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Alan Campbell
James Campbell
Gerald Lau
Clark Paxton
Roger Harmon
Emmitt Price
Roy Reed
Brian Jones
Rosemary Mortimer

TO STAFF SERGEANT

John Cardoni

PROMOTIONS

Carl Jackson
Wanda Jones
James Sullivan
James Woods
Jerry Thompson
Gary Brum
Darrell VanHoozer
David Hardwicke
Robert George
Gerald Story
John Garbarino
Margaret Milner
Thomas Dubose
Daniel Ramirez
Ruthia Jackson
Robert Albert
Mary Barclay
Curtis Moore

TO SERGEANT

Glen Douthit
Harold Hunter
Gary Boyles

Thomas Choate
Kevin Knight
Jay Killough
Robert Merritt
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Earnest Long
Michael Jones
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