



On-Final

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AF Attacks Fraud, Waste and Abuse

By TSgt. Rich Curry
The U.S. Air Force has designed and implemented a major campaign during the past few months to crack-down on and eliminate fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) of government equipment, supplies and funds.

The program, which has been receiving attention from the highest levels of command on down, has seen the establishment of a FWA Hotline in Washington, D.C., down to the creation of base and unit FWA Monitors, including the 507th Tactical Fighter Group.

In a statement released February 25, Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr said, "I want to assure you of my commitment to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse in the Air Force."

According to the definition of the word, fraud is a misrepresentation of fact, known to be false when presented, resulting in a detriment to another, a dishonest advantage, or a conscious wrongdoing that affects the government's interests such as an intentional fictitious or dishonest course of conduct for the purpose of inducing the

government to part with money and or property.

Waste is an inefficiency in a peacetime environment of any practice which can be shown to be extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of government resources. In this context it excludes premeditated dishonest acts or practices (fraud).

Abuse is the conscious use, wrongly or improperly of government funds, property or personnel for gain such as an intentional misuse of rank, position or authority.

"Nothing is going to close the window of acceptance in the United States for defense spending quicker than examples that we spend money foolishly," Secretary Orr said. "We must ensure that our money is spent wisely."

To this end, an Air Force FWA Hotline was established last July in Washington, D.C. by the Inspector General's Office under the direction of Air Force Inspector General Lt. Gen. Edward N. Leaf.

To report a possible FWA item, members may call Auto-von 227-1061 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Reports will be taken by IG staff members for inves-

tigation and follow-up.

Locally, Lt. Col. Herbert Acheson has been assigned as FWA Monitor for the 507th TFG.

According to Colonel Acheson, "We're looking for reports of obvious misuse of government property or funds."

Colonel Acheson said that possible FWA reports the program is looking for involve something the unit, Reserve or Air Force could do which would improve its procedures and use less funds.

"We want to make sure the Air Force gets what it pays for," he said.

The colonel said FWA callers may remain anonymous. The FWA phone number here is 5102 or an FWA item may be mailed through distribution to Colonel Acheson, TFG/SE.

Before reporting a possible FWA item, however, the colonel stressed the importance of knowing as many details surrounding the situation as possible.

In some cases, an FWA report will turn up findings that standard operating procedures were followed and money will have been wasted from conducting an investigation.

On the other hand, Colonel Acheson said one instance showed that, even though an individual was following operating procedures, a less expensive procedure could be adopted.

"I guess the bottom line is that it's better to go ahead and report it than to let waste go through," he said.

"Any way we can save money means we have just that much more money for facilities and improved equipment for the unit," he said.



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On-Final Is On Again

After an eight-month absence, On-Final, the unit newspaper for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group, is once again in production.

The paper became inactive last July after the 507th civilian Public Affairs Officer position was vacated.

This vacancy left no one in the office to coordinate publishing the On-Final during the month. That position has since been filled and On-Final re-activated.

The goal of On-Final is to keep the more than 1,200 men and women of the 507th TFG informed about developments in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve, Tactical Air Command and in the unit.

To this end, the members of the Public Affairs Office request your support. If you are aware of stories that need to be published or know of a possible feature story, contact Public Affairs at extension 3078.

SGLI-You're Covered

The maximum coverage under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance was raised from \$20,000 to \$35,000 last December.

The monthly cost for the coverage is now \$5.25, but the rate is still 15 cents per thousand of coverage.

Category A Reservists were automatically enrolled at the higher insurance level.



WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?—Major Jerry A. Wrucha checks over his F-4 during pre-flight before flying a training mission with chemical warfare gear. A new requirement has established a need for all 507th pilots to fly one mission wearing the chemical warfare gear with annual simulator flights thereafter.

Poison Prevention Is Everyone's Job

(AFNS)--National Poison Prevention Week, proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan as the week beginning March 21, re-emphasizes that parents are responsible

for preventing children's accidental poisoning.

"The well-being, even the lives, of our children depend on parental care and alertness," President Reagan's

proclamation reads.

"Medicine and other household products must be stored out of reach and preferably out of sight. Unfortunately, the warning, 'Keep out of reach of children,' has become so commonplace that it is often carelessly ignored."

A child's natural curiosity means parents must strictly supervise and train their children which can help eliminate accidental poisoning cases.

Work continues to prevent accidental poisoning. Manufacturers are improving child-resistant packaging. Local community programs stress the use of safety packaging for potentially toxic substances and emphasize proper storage, handling and disposal. Streamlined poison-control center operations mean better

first-aid education, improved treatment procedures, and more participation in poison-prevention programs.

"Through increased public awareness and cooperation, we can build upon the progress of the past two decades and actually eliminate the serious injuries to our children which result from the abuse of harmful products," President Reagan's proclamation concludes.



It's That Time Again

By Maj. Michael Minnis
Staff Judge Advocate

It is that time again. Time to start thinking of filing a tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. Returns are due on or before April 15th.

In the past, those who owed taxes got, in effect, a low-interest loan from the IRS by filing for an extension. No more.

Beginning this tax year, the interest on unpaid taxes will be dependent on the prime rate charged by banks.

So, whether IRS owes you money or you owe it, it behooves you to file your return as soon as possible.

If you itemize deductions, the following items deserve your attention:

UNIFORMS

Reservists can deduct the cost of purchasing and maintaining (cleaning, repairing, altering, etc.) clothing, rank insignia, decorations, and

other similar items to the extent that the cost exceeds any clothing or similar allowance received.

DUES

Professional membership dues such as ROA, the Air Force Association or the Enlisted Association are deductible. However, club memberships ("O", "NCO", or "EM") are not deductible.

TRANSPORTATION

Deductible transportation expenses can be taken whether a taxpayer itemizes his deductions or uses

the standard deduction with Form 2106.

Commuting expenses are not deductible, unless: (a) the commute is from another job, or (b) the commute is outside the area of primary employment. Transportation in your own vehicle that is necessary to perform Reserve duties is deductible. Deductible mileage can be arbitrarily determined at 20 cents a mile or determined by the actual expense. Any qualifying transportation expenses must be reduced by the amount of any allowances received for these expenses.

New AF Sweater Issued

The new pullover sweater being worn at some northern-tier bases in the United States should be available at all bases in the near future, Air Force officials say.

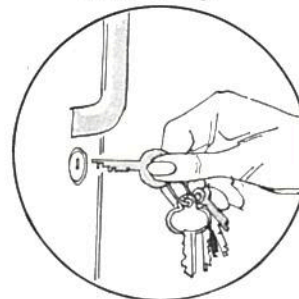
The sweater is authorized for wear indoors and outdoors. It is worn with a tie or tab, with the shirt collar tucked in and without name tag or ribbons. It's worn with service uniform combinations 2, 2A and 3.

Rank insignia is worn on shoulder epaulets for all grades. E-1s through

E-6s wear metal grade insignia, centered horizontally with the bottom of the insignia one inch from the shoulder seam. Officers and senior NCOs should wear the metal rank insignia until the new cloth shoulder boards are available through military clothing sales stores.

Officers who wear the sweater with combination three-the dark blue, long-sleeve shirt- must remove their collar rank insignia and wear the shoulder insignia on the sweater instead.

Pick It Up



Lock It Up

Tax Tips

When filing your tax return you can help yourself to a faster refund and save time and effort by:

- Attaching your W-2s from all your employers.
- Attaching all supporting documents and schedules.
- Using the pre-addressed label and coded envelope (and if you pay a preparer have him or her use your label and envelope).



WARM FEELINGS--The Air Force wool, pullover sweater should be available in military clothing sales stores in early 1982, say officials of the Air Force Uniform Board in Washington.

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Good Knight! Hobby Suits Technician Fine

By TSgt Jeanette Cochran

Most people at one time or another dream of getting away from it all.

For TSgt Kerry Tolan, Air Reserve Technician with the 507th CAMS COMM Shop, the fantasy has become a reality.

To him, getting away from it all means going back to the 14th century.

Sergeant Tolan, alias Robin D'Estiville of the Barony of Namron, is a member of the Society of Creative Anachronism. (Anachronism means an error in chronology in which a person, or event is assigned an incorrect date or period.)

The society is a nationwide organization. Within its structure, the United States is divided into several kingdoms. Based in Norman, the Barony of Namron is leige to the Kingdom of Ansteorra which covers Texas and Oklahoma. Several shires exist throughout each state.

The SCA attempts to recreate the romance of the Age of Chivalry which existed in medieval Europe. In role playing the characters and customs of that period, the men and women of the group enjoy a respite from the pressures of 20th Century America. Many arts connected with the Middle Ages are practiced, providing a living lesson in history.

There are currently more than 100 members in the Norman Barony.

Sergeant Tolan said he first learned of the Society in a game store in Norman.

His interest aroused, he attended a local event and enjoyed the detailed recrea-

tion of medieval appearance and customs.

"The first meeting I attended, I was shocked by the detail. I guess I was expecting to see people running around with trash can lids or something like that," he said.

Tolan said the group mainly stresses chivalry and creates an atmosphere for its members to role-play and enjoy.

"One step into the campsite and it's like stepping back into time. There's a lot of role-play going on. You play a role because it not only helps to enhance the realism but also the escapism," he said.

The character Sergeant Tolan portrays is based, in part, upon his actual ancestry through his British-born mother. The character of Robin D'Estiville was a 14th century noble of French parentage who left France for England.

"They do not use real family heritage in the sense that the members use family names," Tolan explained. Rather, he said, the members of the group try to keep with historic themes.

Of course, as one might expect, another aspect of the society is tournament events. It is here that knights may face off against each other in practice, to defend one's honor or even perhaps as a challenge to become the new king, who reigns only by power of the sword.

Now that his armor is complete, Sergeant Tolan is training in the art of medieval combat. His armor is made partly of metal and

leather, completed with a full visored helm (made from an old Army helmet) and a shield. The suit was self-made and took four months to complete.

Unlike the mortal combat of ages past, however, strict guidelines are followed. Instead of the sound of cold steel ringing in the air, members fashion their implements from padded rataan.

Even so, the use of armor is a must to protect oneself from hard blows. Dents visible in Tolan's helm attest to the effectiveness of the self-fashioned weapons.

"Combat is a definite discipline. When someone gets hit they have to use their own judgement that the blow would have caused an injury," Tolan said.



GADZOOKS-Air Reserve Technician TSgt Kerry Tolan shows off a suit of armor he constructed for himself. Sergeant Tolan is a member of the Society of Creative Anachronism, a nation-wide organization which attempts to realistically recreate life in the middle ages.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT. MSgt Karrick Davis and Ann Robert Clancy are just two of the "gremlins" of the 507th CE that work nights to accomplish the changes seen in the HQ Building. To the fellows involved in the work it is called "Project Training". But to those who see the progress it is called "MAGIC".

CE Deploys To Florida During Prime BEEF Training

By TSgt Tom Clapper

Fifty-five members of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron recently completed two weeks annual training in Florida.

The Prime BEEF (Base Engineering Emergency Forces) team arrived at Tyndall AFB after completing rapid runway repairs and Prime RIBS (Readiness in Base Service) training at Eglin AFB.

While stationed at Tyndall, the 507th Civil Engineers erected new backstops and fences

for the baseball fields and renovation projects to base buildings.

Some technicians from the Civil Engineering Squadron also assumed responsibility for various civil engineering work orders of a priority nature for safety-related requirements around the base.

According to Maj. Jack R. Miller, 507th CE Commander, "This was an opportunity for the base to benefit by obtaining improvements and also an opportunity for our squadron to benefit by receiving additional training."

Time to Shape Up
for Summer

Chief Clark's Job A Way Of Life

By TSgt Rich Curry

What the Navy lost, the Air Force gained. And now, more than 30 years later, the Air Force is still gaining experience and talent from Chief Master Sergeant Jim Clark.

Last January, Chief Clark, NCOIC of the Aircraft Generation Section, 507th Tactical Fighter Group, achieved 30 years of service to his country and the U.S. Air Force.

But if it wasn't for a Navy recruiter's reluctance and an Air Force recruiter's eagerness, things may have turned out quite differently.

"All my life as a kid in Arkansas, I'd be out in the fields working. There was a P-38 school out at Pine Bluff and when those P-38's would fly overhead, I always wanted to be in the Air Force as a pilot.

"I got out of high school in 1950 when the Korean War was going on," Chief Clark said.

It was at that time the chief was encouraged to go talk to a Navy recruiter.

"I had an old Sunday School teacher that was in the Navy and he said, 'You get in the air-borne division of the Navy.' He said, 'That's the place to be in. They got a nice place to sleep, plenty of food to eat and you don't have to worry about crawling through the mud and all that.'

"Of course I didn't know split beans from coffee about any military organization," Chief Clark said.

Then, when the local Army division was called to active duty, the chief's friends in the division asked him to join. He declined.

One day, when he came home, there was his draft notice sticking out of the mailbox.

"So I turned around and went downtown to the Navy. I threw that draft notice on the recruiters desk and he said, 'I don't want to have nothing to do with you. You've already got your draft notice.' So I walked right out the door and down the hall. The next door was the Air Force recruiter. He said, 'Give me that draft notice.' and I enlisted. That was the best move I ever made in my life when I walked out of that Navy office," he said.

In addition to 30 years of Air Force experience, Chief Clark has also reached

another landmark. This year he is also celebrating his 24th anniversary as a 'pioneer' of the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program.

Chief Clark was working full-time in civil service as an aircraft mechanic in Muskogee, Okla., when he became a charter ART member.

The ART program, which is the backbone of the reserve structure, has the dual responsibility of a military job and a civil service job.

An ART's main function is to train reservists and keep the unit going full-time. However, to hold their civilian status, they must maintain an active participation in all aspects of the reserve.

Chief Clark joined the reserves in Muskogee after he left active duty.

"Getting out of the Air Force was a decision I had to make to be closer to my elderly parents," he recalled.

After leaving active duty, he went to work at the Tulsa, Okla., Douglas plant and commuted back and forth to Muskogee for one year. When the now closed Davis Field in Muskogee opened up in 1956, he went to work there as a civilian aircraft mechanic.

"My reserve unit was also there, the 713th Fighter Bomber Squadron, with the flying tigers on the tails of the T-28s and C-45s," he said.

Then, in 1958, Chief Clark was sworn into the newly established ART program. He was flown to the General Billy Mitchell Field in New York and was sworn in by Maj. Gen. William Hall, Continental Air Command commander. Later, CONAC was renamed Air Force Reserve.

In his new ART job, Chief Clark stayed at Davis Field working on C-119s from 1958 to 1965. When Davis Field was closed, several of the members were transferred to the 937th Military Airlift Group at Tinker. Chief Clark came with them.

Throughout his career, the chief has maintained his childhood enthusiasm and passion for the aircraft he works on.

"During my active Air Force days, I saved a screw out of a B-25 carburetor air filter and kept it for years as a reminder of the first aircraft I ever worked on," he said.

In 1972, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group was activated at Tinker AFB. The 507th was one of the first units in 20 years to be assigned a fighter mission. Chief Clark stayed and the romance continued.

"I've always liked fighters. These airplanes now are much heavier than that B-25 and it was a bomber. These jet fighters are big aircraft and I've gotten used to

them, but I guess I still have a romance for those old prop jobs too," he said.

Chief Clark and his wife Zelma, live in southern Oklahoma county near Draper Lake. But even after he has placed his uniform aside at the end of the day, that certain romance continues.

"When I see our guys flying overhead, I tell all my neighbors--that's my outfit."



A WAY OF LIFE-Chief Master Sergeant Jim Clark recently went over the 30 years-of-service mark and at the same time has achieved more than 24 years of service as an Air Reserve Technician.

BX Privileges For Dependents

Dependents of Reserve members are now authorized to use their sponsor's base exchange privileges. They may use their sponsor's entitlements of one day of exchange shopping for each four-hour period of inactive duty training.

A dependent must present the sponsor's leave and earnings statement or a letter of authorization issued by the Reserve organization and a driver's license or other credentials that verify the dependent relationship.

Reservists or dependents who special order merchandise, use lay-away or leave items for repair will be permitted to complete the transaction on another day without having that day charged against the days they are entitled to shop.

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