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Simulated combat exercise tests 507th

By TSgt Rich Curry

Members from active Air Force and Air National Guard units combined forces during the May UTA to test the skills of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group.

The exercise was designed to test the 507th's ability to survive under simulated combat conditions.

Weekend action saw "aggressor" ground forces from the 2854 Air Base Group at Tinker and the 137th Weapons System Security Flight (WSSF) from Oklahoma City Air National Guard test their mettle against the 507th.

In addition, F-4s from Carlswell AFB and A-7s from the Tulsa-based Air National Guard flew simulated air strike attacks on the unit.

According to SMSgt John Childers from the 507th WSSF, "I thought the weekend exercise provided some very realistic training for our people."

Sergeant Childers said that one major portion of the exercise was to help improve the coordination of security efforts between the various sections in the 507th.

A primary emphasis stressed during the exercise was that security is everybody's business, whether that person is a maintenance, civil engineering or aircrew member or an office worker, Sergeant Childers said.

"If someone sees something out of order, they should sound off. If you don't know who someone is, he should be challenged," the sergeant advised.

"Survivability is the number one objective of everybody in the unit. It's a joint effort. We all have to make sure we are able to do our jobs," he said.

The exercise also tested the capabilities of the 507th maintenance members to conduct their jobs under simulated combat conditions.

According to Major Ty Zerby, Maintenance Officer of the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, "We responded in a good, sound fashion in regard to aircraft generation, launch and recovery."

"I feel that the enthusiasm, pride and capability demonstrated by the maintenance people assigned here is top calibre and prepares this unit to support any tasking that may be levied upon us," Major Zerby said.

The major said that during the weekend more than 70 sorties were generated and that the maintenance members accomplished a great deal of work within a short period of time. Many of the maintenance members worked in 12-hour shifts to

get the job done.

Captain John Dunphy, Maintenance Control Officer, credited the success of the turn-over rate to the abilities of maintenance crews to keep the aircraft in a constant high standard of readiness.

"Overall, I think this squadron is laden with good, capable people. I feel we will rise to the challenge of the occasion of the ORI (at Gulfport) and bring home some tired but satisfied people," he said.



WASH, WAX AND BLOW-DRY THE TAIL-Members of the 507th Decontamination Team hose down an F-4D, simulating decontaminating procedures during last UTAs exercises. (USAF photo)

Quarters funds depleted

Unit members from outside the commuting area who are planning to use mandays, school tours, special tours or officer annual tours at Tinker AFB should plan on bringing enough cash with them to defray motel costs.

According to a recent message, the high TDY traffic and commitment of funds, means off-base quarters here will be non-existent for the remainder of FY82.

What this means is that members fitting this category who do not have confirmed reservations in on-base quarters, may find no room

for them when they arrive. At that point, members will be issued non-availability certificates and then pay for their motel rooms off-base out of their own pockets. (Members with non-availability certificates will be reimbursed their money on their travel vouchers) Motel rates vary locally from \$30 to \$45.

According to Ron Leonard, 507th Budget Officer, the unit still has funds to house members attending UTA, AFTP or enlisted annual tours either on-base or in contract quarters until June 30, when more funding is expected.

Prescriptions needed

If you wear glasses or contact lenses and have a mobility requirement, the odds are you have received a letter from the 507th TAC Clinic this month.

According to TSgt Rex Howard, Medical Administration Specialist with the Clinic, the purpose of the letter is to ensure mobility team members have proper optical inserts for wear in their gas masks.

Conventional eyeglasses cannot be worn with the masks because it creates an improper seal.

The letter requests members to

provide a copy of their last eye examination, or, if they are unable to do so, to indicate this so the Clinic may schedule an examination date for them.

"Only those people who have a mobility requirement and who wear any form of corrective lenses (including contact lenses) need to reply. Members should already know if they have a mobility requirement," Sergeant Howard said.

A reply to the letter must be returned to the Clinic no later than the next UTA.

Is your boss a PRO ?

(AFRNS)- Reservists now have an opportunity to recognize civilian employers who have provided exemplary support to the Reserve program.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve has announced plans to honor a highly select group of civilian employers--no more than 60 each year as recipients of the "PRO PATRIA" award.

The award, named for the Latin expression meaning "for the Nation" symbolizes the patriotism of the recipient in supporting a strong National defense.

First presentation of the PRO PATRIA award will be made at appropriate ceremonies in June. There will be no losers in the competition, though, since every nominated

employer will receive an Employer Support Certificate of Appreciation and each will be considered for other awards by both the National and appropriate state employer support committees.

All members of the Reserve Forces are eligible to nominate their employers for the PRO PATRIA award.

Employers qualify when they practice personnel policies that support employee participation in the Guard and Reserve. Since federal law requires an employer to grant excused absences to Guard and Reserve members for military training simple compliance with the law is not sufficient for nomination. The employer must demonstrate additional, voluntary measures that make it easier for employees to stay in the Guard or Reserve.

Nomination will be by letter which must explain why the employer deserves consideration for the PRO PATRIA award. Reservists may nominate their bosses directly to:

My Boss is a PRO
NCESGR Awards Officer
1735 N. Lynn St.,
Suite 206
Arlington, VA 22209

Members MUST include in their letter the identification, address and name of the commander of their Reserve unit. Nominations may be submitted at any time. However, consideration for awards to be presented during the National Committee's 10th anniversary celebration must be received no later than May 15.

Reflections of a career

By Colonel Ron Williams

The day was the sixth of September, 1956. The occasion was a young man taking the oath of allegiance to join the United States Air Force. As the sun set that day the USAF had a new man in its ranks. Shortly thereafter, young Airman Martin V. Case reported to Lackland AFB to begin a career that would see this young high school graduate progress from Airman Basic to Lieutenant Colonel and from pilot to Command Pilot.

"Marty" or "Valentine" as he was known by his close friends recently retired from the service.

During his service career, Colonel Case flew several fighter

aircraft including the T-34, T-28, T-33, F100C/D/F, F-105 D/F, F-101, and the F-4D. He flew 44 combat missions over North Vietnam, encompassing 106 hours in the F-105.

For this action, he was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and 4 Air Medals. His last military flight was on Saturday of the April UTA. When he landed, his log book indicated over 3,200 hours of fighter time and included over 1,800 hours in the F-105D.

Colonel Case was always the commander's first choice for gunnery meets to win or a tough standardization evaluation check ride to fly. When asked to do a

job, his answer was never 'Why?' but 'When and where?'

He is well known to all his good friends on the flight line and is extremely well-liked. During his 10 years in the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron, he served in every command position in the squadron and several in the Group.

He rarely missed a UTA and always volunteered for additional TDY which took him to almost every TAC base in the United States and Italy.

Marty was always the one with the smiling face and the willing "can-do" attitude. He will be missed by all those who knew and admired him.

Smoke detectors

(AFNS)-Putting a smoke detector in the wrong place can make the detector useless, caution Consumer Product Safety Commission officials.

They suggest placing the detector on or near the ceiling in places where smoke is likely to pass as it rises. The top of the stairs is a good location.

The units shouldn't be placed near air conditioners or heat registers that could blow fresh air past the unit and keep it from being exposed to smoke. The detectors can provide basic protection as long as one is near each sleeping area, the officials said.

They noted that it's also advisable to put a detector on the basement ceiling near the stairs.

For added protection, consider putting a protector in each bedroom, especially for those who insist on smoking in bed or who sleep with the door closed. While closed bedroom doors offer protection against fire and smoke outside the room they make it more difficult to hear alarms in the hall.

Only working detectors will save lives. Keep them working by replacing batteries annually, even if the warning for weak batteries hasn't sounded.

Consider others in your actions

By Chaplain Robert Helmich

Inconsideration toward others is the besetting sin of our times. Since childhood, the golden rule, given so simply by our Lord has slipped easily off our tongues but has found little root in the rocky soil of our hearts.

Several years ago, the great Japanese Christian Kagawa was to be the speaker in one of our metropolitan cities of the west.

A group of ministers met him at his motel to escort him to the auditorium. En route, they stopped to tidy up in the restroom.

They combed their hair, washed their faces, and in their haste tossed the paper towels in the direction of the waste basket not

noticing that most fell on the floor.

When they reached the auditorium, they missed their guest and returned to the washroom.

There they found him picking up the towels that had fallen on the floor. In his great concern for the thousands to whom he was to speak, he had not forgotten the unknown janitor.

Again the words of our Lord: "Whoever is greatest among you must be your servant."

God forbid that we should be characterized by the desire for prominence for reasons of personal advantage and not as a means to greater service.

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Coleman recognized – repeatedly

By Whitie Blanshan

AB Lorenzo Coleman of the 507th Fire Control Section recently returned to the unit from technical training school bringing with him the unique distinction of being "Honor Graduate."

While at the Fire Protection Specialist Course at Chanute AFB, Ill., Airman Coleman finished with a 99 percent grade average.

A resident of Tulsa, Airman Coleman said that the only test answer he got wrong was a case of trying to hurry too fast and placing a mark in the wrong block on the answer sheet.

"What really hurts is that I knew the right answer," he said.

Airman Coleman said that the course officials stated only one out of every 2,000 trainees ever receive a 100 percent score.

In all, Airman Coleman said he thought the tech school was "an excellent school."

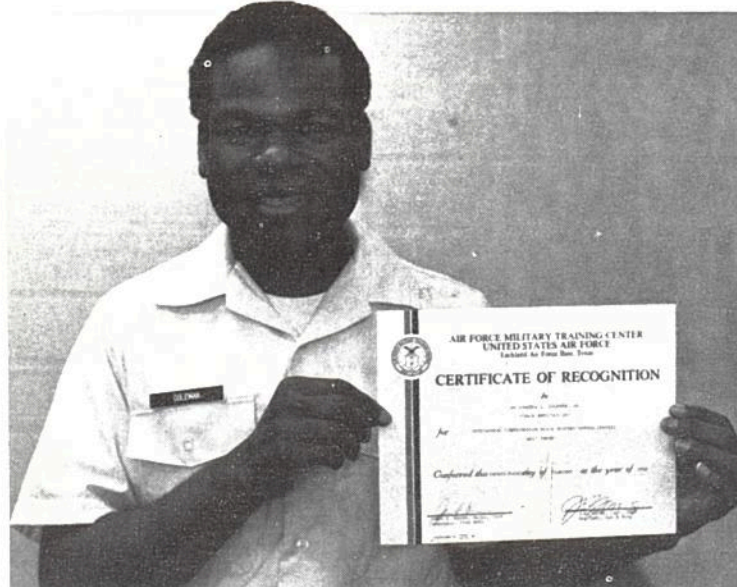
"The course was very well organized and everything was done in a relaxed manner to emphasize safety. The instructors tried to instill a relaxed atmosphere to eliminate costly and dangerous mistakes while getting the job done," he said.

For many, being named 'honor grad' might be honor enough, but Airman Coleman, who entered tech school after basic training, also received recognition for his leadership

abilities. He received an outstanding rating while dorm chief and the flight under his guidance was selected as honor flight. During Black Heritage Week, Airman Coleman was selected from 40 other contestants as the winner of a certificate of recognition for a speech he presented called "Time".

A graduate of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Airman

Coleman received a degree in Speech Communications. He said that with the current job market situation and the scarcity of jobs in his field, he decided to join the Reserve to obtain experience in a job skill and to show his patriotism. He said his favorite hobby is long-distance running and that he has participated in several running events in Tulsa.



AB Coleman beams proudly as he shows one of the many awards received since joining the Reserve.

In and around the group



TOP NOTCH—Frances Pepper, secretary for the 507th CAMS, shows her Significant Achievement Award received at a Federal Women's Program Luncheon. Pepper placed out of a field of 600 candidates.



TELLING IT LIKE IT IS—TSgt Larry Goodale and TSgt Jackie Sullivan of the 507th CAMS answered questions and spread the word about the 507th and the Air Force Reserve to people attending the recent Armed Forces Day festivities at Tinker AFB. Pictured behind them, a 507th F-4D is shown on static display. (USAF photo)

The National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that 60 percent of all highway deaths could have been avoided with the use of seat belts.



USAF four-wheel vehicle fatalities in 1981 were 105 personnel. Only 7 (6.6%) had on seat belts.

Scouts visit 507th

Approximately 30 Boy Scouts and leaders visited the 507th Tactical Fighter Group during May.

The occasion was a weekend camp-out for the scouts to aid them in the completion of their Aviation Merit Badge requirements.

While here the scouts had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. They toured the unit facilities, ate at the Base Dining Hall, were shown an aviation history movie and had their choice of either viewing a movie at the Base Theater or going to the Base Bowling Lanes. In addition to touring the unit, the scouts were also given an orientation of the AWACS facilities.

CHOW TIME-Major Paul Smith hands out in-flight lunches while other Boy Scouts fix their tents during a recent scout encampment at the 507th TFG. (USAF photo)



SURE-PAY is problem solver

(AFNS)-The Air Force Accounting and Finance Center has instituted a weekly pay cycle for the Air Force Reserve Forces-an improvement over the old system of paying twice monthly.

AFAFC officials noted that increasing the pay cycle reduces the normal pay lag by approximately two weeks.

For example, a Reservist performing active duty for training on the 10th and 11th of a month and reports the duty to AFAFC by the 15th of that month will be paid by the 23rd.

AFAFC officials encourage Air Force Reservists to enroll in the SURE-PAY program. They cite the following advantages:

*SURE-PAY doesn't rely on the mail to get your money to you on pay day. Your pay is deposited electronically to your account.

*You don't have to be home to cash your check in order for your family to use it. If you are at home you don't have to wait in line somewhere to cash your check.

*If you have SURE-PAY and you move, you don't have to worry about asking the postman to forward your check or check the old residence to see if your check has come in.

*Most important, you are saving the American taxpayer (yourself) money since there are no checks to process and no postal cost.

*Your leave and earnings statement will be sent separately to your mailing address.



HIGH FLYER-TSgt Gordon Walters, crew chief of aircraft 7537 was the High Flyer for April. His aircraft flew the most total hours during the month for the 507th. Shown here, Sergeant Walters talks with the flight crew just prior to a mission. (USAF photo)

Fatigues required

All members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group are required to report for Unit Training Activities (UTAs) in the fatigue uniform from now on and during this summer's annual deployment at Gulfport, Mississippi, according to a directive issued by Col. Jervis W. McEntee, 507th Group Commander.

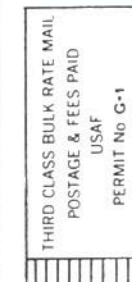
The mandatory fatigue wear order was issued in preparation for this year's deployment where only fatigues will be worn.

Unit members must ensure that their uniforms meet AFR 35-10 standards and be outfitted with subdued insignia, nametags and TAC patch. Subdued 507th unit patches are on order but as of yet have not arrived.

Members should also take note that the blue and white Air Force Reserve baseball cap issued to members who have enlisted or re-enlisted is not authorized to be worn with the uniform.

UTA schedule

Jun 5-6; Jun 26-27; Jul 17-18;
Annual Tour Jul 31-Aug 14; No
Aug UTA; Sept 18-19.



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