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## Lau proven best

When TSgt Gerard Lau returned from FIGHTERCOMP '82, he brought with him a reputation: A reputation for being the best.

Lau was selected, over 35 others, as being the Outstanding Crew Chief for the entire competition. The results of the meet had been withheld from the competitors until the awards presentation held the last night of the event.

"I was totally surprised about getting the award," he said.

Sergeant Lau said that after his name was called and he was walking to the stage to accept his award, crowds gathered around him to express their congratulations.

"There were people I didn't even know coming up to me, patting me on the back and shaking my hand," he said.

For his efforts, Sergeant Lau, a resident of Del City, was awarded a trophy and a special patch to wear on his uniform signifying him as a winner.



TSgt Gerard Lau receiving the trophy for the Outstanding Crew Chief in FIGHTERCOMP 82. Maj Gen John Taylor Jr., Commander of Tenth Air Force presented the awards at the culmination of events.

Lau said the competition was very tough, with crew chiefs being judged on their personal military appearance, the appearance of their aircraft, and how precisely the crew chiefs followed military regulations to conduct their jobs. Discrepancies resulted in points being deducted from their score.

While happy about winning his award, Sergeant Lau did express some disappointment about the overall maintenance team placing second.

"This is the second year in a row that our maintenance team has come in second and this year we only missed winning by .3 points," he said.

He added that he plans on going to the competition again next year to help the 507th win the overall Maintenance Award.

"Next year, we're goint to get it," he said.

## General Bodycombe retireing soon

The Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander of AFRES, Major General Richard Bodycombe, has announced his retirement on November 1, culminating a military career of almost 40 years.

Reflecting on the state of the Air Force Reserve as a part of the total defense force, General Bodycombe termed the component at its finest state of readiness. "All units are fully manned with highly skilled and intensely dedicated citizen volunteer reservists," he stated.

"Each flying squadron has a part in at least one major U.S. war plan, and has been tested satisfactorily by active duty inspectors. A far-reaching five-year plan that brought us an increased degree of modernization in airlift, tanker, rescue, and fighter aircraft is almost complete now. The right units are now on the right bases in the regions of the country best suited for their particular combat mission. In the past two

years, we have compiled the finest flying safety record in the Air Force," the general highlighted.

General Bodycombe said he has passed the age 60 mark when most reservists are expected to retire. "I believe the leadership role of the Air Force Reserve should now be passed to younger people," he said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed the last six years, first as vice commander and then as commander of the Air Force Reserve. I think we have demonstrated in that time how citizens can successfully manage a reserve military force when given the mission, equipment and their own command structure," the general stated. He concluded: "consequently, when I retire on November 1, and resume my career in general aviation, I know I will feel extremely proud of each and everyone of you and your contribution to our corporate success."

No successor to General Bodycombe has been announced.



Major General Richard Bodycombe



## Annual tour

Crowds of Reservists gathered outside on the flightline parking ramp for one final get-together during a Group picnic as this year's annual tour came to a close.

The two-week annual tour began July 31 as more than 50 members of the unit deployed to participate in FIGHTERCOMP '82. The rest of the unit members remained behind, preparing for the second week's Operational Readiness Exercise.

Immediately upon the return of the unit's aircraft, the 507th lunged into the exercise, simulating aircraft and personnel deployment.

The scenario involved the unit's deployment, especially those listed on mobility rosters, to an overseas location. The 507th's mission was to fly simulated attacks against enemy installations, insure the aircraft were functioning in mission readiness capability, and to secure the safety of unit's base location from enemy attack.

The exercise required teamwork from every function involved, including operations, maintenance, the security police and service-related areas.

During the second week, approximately 200 sorties were flown, totalling some 254 hours. Sixty-two of the sorties were flown on Thursday, a record for the unit since its conversion to the F-4D.

"The number of sorties flown by the 507th represent a tribute to the ability of our specialists, munitions loading and ground crews," said Major Tyrone Zerby, 507th CAMS Maintenance Deputy Commander.

Major Zerby explained that the maintenance crews worked 24-hour days in 12-hour shifts throughout the week. He expressed a special note of thanks to the end-of-runway crew for their maximum efforts.



Maj Gen John Taylor Jr. talks with some of the maintenance personnel from CAMS, while on a brief stop over at the 507th during our annual tour. (USAF photo)

"The maintenance teams really pitched-in, worked hard and got things done the way they're supposed to be done. I'm very proud of all of their efforts," he said.

The job of maintaining a secure working environment for both the ground and air crews fell on a very elite group of individuals, the 507th Weapons Systems Security Flight. Their mission throughout the week was to repel any form of ground assault or terrorist activities.

SMSgt John Childers, NCOIC of the WSSF, commented on the results of his team, whom he jokingly refers to as "animals".

"The exercise was fantastic. The men were great. In every instance where an assault was attempted, it was repelled before the aggressor force had a chance to achieve their objective," he said.

The aggressor and terrorist forces were supplied by the 2854th Air Base Group, who made repeated attacks on the flightline and vital areas of the unit, each time failing.

"I don't think I could have asked for a better group of people to work with. With these type of professionals, we're going to be the best security force in the entire Air Force Reserve," he said.

After all was said and done, various squadron commanders and supervisors stated that the annual tour was extremely satisfactory and served its purpose: To meld the unit into a single fighting force working to achieve a single common objective, showing the 507th can fight and win.

## 72nd Relocates offices

By SSgt Russell Arnold

It was a hot sunny day and getting hotter by the minute, when the members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron started the grueling task of moving.

Desks, chairs, file cabinets and everything else that was located in the upstairs offices of the 72nd, located in building 2101, came down the stairs and onto the flat bed and pick-up trucks waiting outside.

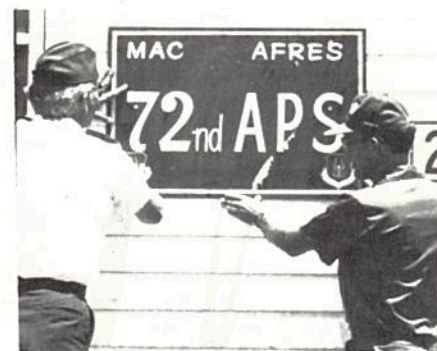
Then came the long, slow drive to the new home of the 72nd located in building 217 (Base Social Actions).

It was a long-awaited move for the 72nd members. The request for the move was submitted to the 507th in 1979, and finally approved by Base Plans this past June. The move places the 72nd closer to the air freight terminal, which is the work area for the squadron.

Maj Wendall Shaffer, the 72nd Squadron Commander said, "I am pleased with the move. The new location is better in several respects. It is closer to the action, we can better utilize our manpower and it was more economical."



MSgt Jack Phillips, MSgt Thomas Dubose and SSgt Frederick Lee are among those who took on the role of stevedores during the move. (USAF photo)



CMSgt Jimmy England and Maj Wendall Shaffer tack up the old sign in the new location. (USAF photo)

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# Annual tour - here, there and every where



TSgt Lee Lytle checks his T.O. for proper procedures prior to starting work during FIGHTERCOMP 82.



Just some of the 507th support personnel who went to Savannah.



TSgt Darrell Cozad follows a comrade through the door as they storm a position where a hostage was being held during a simulated exercise, while local members of a TV news team catch the action.



As 10th AF referees watch, TSgt's Phillip Kerley, John Spaulding and William Morgan install arming wires during the LOADEO portion of FIGHTERCOMP 82.



Lt Col Al Strasser discussing FIGHTERCOMP 82 with SMSgt Marvin Dorward as Capt Robert Pitchford and TSgt Gerard Lau look on.



An unnamed SSgt catches a well deserved 40 winks in the bunker between quick turns.



# More - here, there and every where



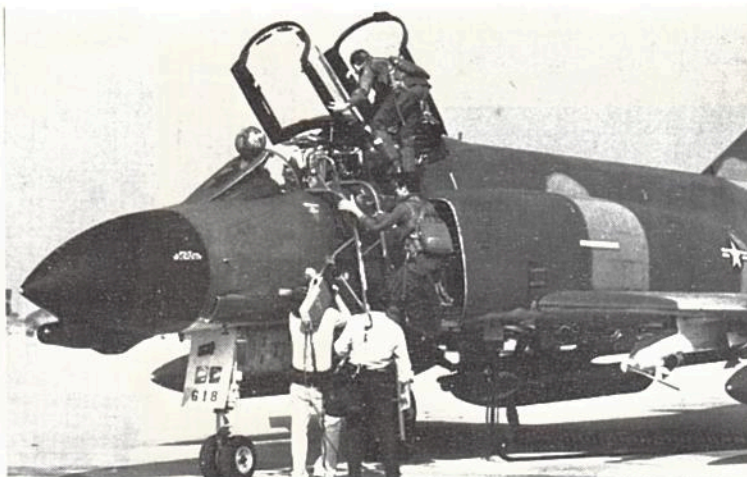
TSgt Charles Pospisil of the sheet metal shop works along side of TSgt Gordon Walters, replacing nut plates. Sgt Walters aircraft #537 was the "High Flyer" for July. The feet protruding from the front seat position will remain nameless.



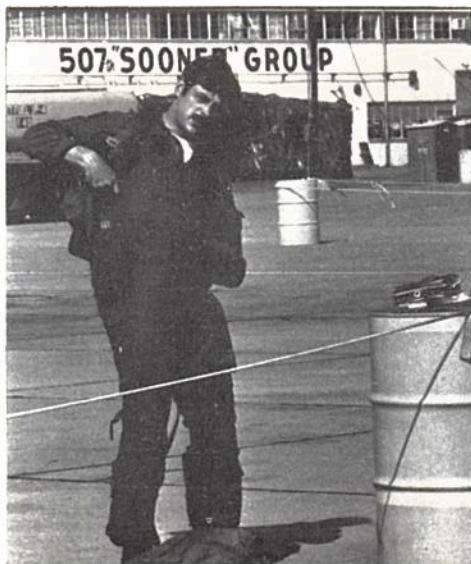
Capt James Hicks watching some cohorts competing in the tennis tournament between members of the 465th TFS. They played the elimination rounds each evening after the last missions were flown. Capt Hicks ended up as the tournament winner.



TSgt Rich Curry performs duties as escort for various members of the print and TV media during the annual tour.



Maj Mike Sies mounts the ladder as Capt Bill Douville climbs into the rear seat in answer to a scramble call. They are followed by a TV camera crew covering the deployment scenario portion of the annual tour.



Capt John Bonner donning his field gear after a flight, prior to going to Operations for his debriefing.



TSgt's Ernest Rudd and Cecil Piercy assist Harold Perry and John Blanton of OC-ALC/DSSBMX in putting the finishing touches on the configuring and palatizing of the 507th WRSK kits.



# 465th is all wet



By TSgt Mike West

Splish, Splash, Gulp, Brrr!

That's the way it was Sunday, June 27, as aircrew members of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron were pushed and dragged through their annual water survival refresher course at the Base Swimming pool.

The training, conducted by the Life Support Section, is designed to simulate the effects of water survival after ejection or ditching in the ocean.



Maj. Walt "Radar" Ahlstedt "walks on water" as he enters the pool for parachute drag. TSgt Chet Iker looks on from the diving board. (USAF photo)

Each crewmember is dropped and pulled through the water to practice the release from a parachute during high wind drag. The crews are then required to find their way from under a parachute canopy in the water in case the parachute covers them in a real situation.

Boarding the life raft comes next and is a particularly demanding task even in calm, shallow water. Once inside the raft, the crews must demonstrate the use of emergency signaling devices such as flares, radio and signaling mirror.

The training is sufficient to remind the crews of the hazards of water survival, but it's still a far cry from the actual situation. The Life Support personnel would like to create a more realistic situation, possibly using one of the local lakes for a training site and using rescue helicopters for pick-up to familiarize the crews with rescue procedures.

But since the lakes are not made for swimmers and no rescue squadron is available, the training is given at the pool.

In the end, the crews came away wet and cold, but not without a warm sense of knowing that if water survival ever becomes a reality, they will know how to survive.



1Lt. Bill Garwood struggles to board a life raft during water training. (USAF photo)



Captain's Larry Miller and Ron Schuh maneuver through the water as TSgt Art Martin looks on. (USAF photo)

## CAMS awards

The Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron presented two major awards during a commanders call for NCOs on 31 July. SSgt Tommy Murray, NCOIC, of the CAMS paint shop was presented the Maintenance Person of the Month Award for July 82. Runners up for this award and winners from the specific areas of assignment were SSgt Dennis Worth, aircraft generation branch, TSgt Junior Whiteside, component repair and TSgt Don Pursifull of the Deputy Commander for Maintenance staff.

SSgt Murray was selected by a panel consisting of one officer and four senior NCOs. This monthly award is presented by the CAMS commander for the most professional performance in the squadron.

The CAMS commander also presented SMSgt Marvin Dorward, NCOIC, "A" Flight, aircraft generation branch, the "SH" Excellent Endeavor Award for the professional management of assigned areas. This award is presented monthly to the section within the CAMS that makes the most significant improvement to the working environment. Major Tyrone W. Zerby stated, "the performance of these recognized individuals enhances the success of the squadron in every aspect required for mission support. These professionals are to be congratulated on these fine accomplishments."

## FIGHTERCOMP 82 results finalized



TSgt Gerald J. Lau was named the Outstanding Crew Chief and the 507th maintenance team placed second as this year's FIGHTERCOMP came to a close August 6 at Savannah, Georgia.

More than 50 members from the 507th Tactical Fighter Group went to the Air National Guard Training Site to compete against other Tenth Air Force Reserve fighter units.

FIGHTERCOMP, the annual U.S. Air Force Reserve gunnery and munitions loading competition, stresses the concepts of air-to-ground bombing and strafing and identifies the best aircrew members, munitions loaders, and maintenance workers in the meet. The competition is sponsored by Tenth Air Force, the commanding headquarters for all Air Force Reserve fighter units.

In all, nearly 1,000 men and women, representing eight 10th Air Force units, participated in the six-day event.

Awards were presented in a special ceremony August 6 by Maj Gen John E. Taylor, commander of Tenth Air Force.

Earlier that day, General Taylor had announced that the Munitions Loading Trophy would be officially named the Bill C. Tillison Award, in memory of the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing Technical Sergeant who died of a heart attack while competing in the LOADEO event.

The competition was fierce in all events and the lead see-sawed back and forth throughout the week. The final outcome was never fully certain until General Taylor handed the winners their trophies. The 507th maintenance members were only .4 points away from claiming victory, well ahead of the rest of the competitors.

The flying competition involved strafing and bombing exercises at Townsend Gunnery Range, approximately 50 miles south of the base. A new event was added this year, Navigation Attack, where the aircraft time on target was judged to the second.

The Munitions Loading Competition, the LOADEO, saw munitions crews racing against the clock to load and arm their aircraft. The normal loading time of 80 minutes was halved for the event.

The maintenance portion of the competition involved evaluating the appearance and performance of the aircraft and the maintenance crews were also judged for their compliance with military dress standards and safety practices.

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## Part 1 of a 3 part series

## Reemployment rights for Reservists

By Major Minnis, Staff Judge Advocate

As Reservists, members of the 507 TFG have certain reemployment rights. These rights are protected by federal law and, in some cases, by state law and/or by provisions in employment contracts.

The federal law on reemployment rights is found in Sections 2021-2026 of Title 38, United States Code. For Reservists who are employed in Oklahoma, the statutes protecting their rights are found in Sections 46-47 of Title 72, Oklahoma Statutes.

Reservists should be aware of when they are covered by laws, what rights are provided, and what responsibilities they have to ensure that these rights are protected. Without this awareness, it may be very difficult to knowledgeable and timely assert your rights.

## WHEN DOES A RESERVIST HAVE REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS?

Under federal law, Reservist's reemployment rights are limited by the total active duty (ADT) served. These limits are:

1. AD for four years from 24 June 1948 to 1 August 1961.
2. AD for four years after 1 August 1961.

The second limitation is the one applicable to most Reservist's. This 4-year total is extended to 5 years if the extra year is at the request and for the convenience of the Federal Government. Thus, a Reservist could get extended coverage voluntarily if AD beyond 4 years were at the request and for the convenience of the government. Involuntary additional AD also extends the limits.

Within these limits, the following reserve duties are covered by federal reemployment rights:

1. AD.

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## Airman commissioning

The 1983 Airman Commissioning Program Board will convene on August 24, 1983.

Interested applicants should determine their eligibility by reviewing AFR 36-15 and AFM 39-1, paragraph 3 of the proposed specialty description, arrange for a position to be obligated to them, and obtain a commissioning package checklist and forms from DPMQ in Personnel, Building 1043.

If higher headquarters suspenses are similar to those for this year, packages must be completed and submitted to DPMQ by June 1, 1983.

Anyone interested in the commissioning program is encouraged to begin soon in order to complete the numerous requirements prior to the cut-off date.

For more information, contact Betty Pottier at extension 7491.

## VA Funded courses

The Veterans Administration can pay for correspondence study retroactive to Oct. 1, 1981.

Processing stopped last October because of proposed cuts to the VA budget. But, passage of Public Law 97-174 in May permits the payments.

Claims for funds for correspondence courses begun between Oct. 1 and May 4 and affected by the moratorium should be filed with the nearest VA regional office.

The address of the Regional VA office in Oklahoma City is: Veterans Administration Regional Office  
200 NW 4th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

## UTA schedule

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983

30-31 OCT; 20-21 NOV; 4-5 DEC;  
15-16 JAN; 12-13 FEB; 12-13 MAR;  
16-17 APR; 14-15 MAY; 25-26 JUN;  
23-24 JUL; 20-21 AUG; 17-18 SEP.

2. Active duty for training (ADT).
  3. Inactive duty for training (IDT) (this duty and IDAT do not count in calculating the 4-year cap on these rights).
  4. Initial active duty for training (IADT) of not less than 3 consecutive months.
- Thus, mandays, weekend drills, summer camps attendance at service schools, and even 45-day recalls for missing training are covered as long as the aggregate of AD does not exceed 4-years.

Involuntary recalls to AD extend the 4-year AD limitation on reemployment coverage. the following are possible AD recalls:

1. By Congress: Upon declaration of war or national emergency for duration of war or national emergency plus six months (10 USC 672);
2. By the President:
  - a. For no more than 24 consecutive months upon his declaration of a national emergency (10 USC 673).
  - b. For no more than 90 days for purpose other than training (10 USC 673b).
3. By authority designated by Secretary of Air Force:
  - a. for no more than 24 months or until a Reservist has served an aggregate total of 24 months of AD (for a Reservist who has not been assigned or participated in a unit, has not fulfilled his statutory reserve obligation, and has not served a total of 24 months AD (10 USC 270)).
  - b. For more than 45 days (for a Reservist who has failed to participate in 45 IDT periods or more than 14 days AD in a year (10 USC 270)).
  - c. ADT for no more than 15 days in any one year (10 USC 672).

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