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Prime Beef helps Laughlin AFB



Forty-nine members of the 507th Civil Engineering Prime Beef Team returned in June from a deployment at Laughlin AFB, Texas.

During their two-week stay, the team performed a number of jobs to help sharpen the many construction and maintenance skills they will need in responding to an emergency situation.

Projects completed included construction of a concrete pad for storing hazardous material, remodeling a computer room at civil engineering and repairing a section of Laughlin Street on the base. They also completed 90 percent of the work on a new 40 by 80 foot metal building, even though they were hampered by missing parts.

In addition to these major projects, 507th members worked with their Laughlin counterparts performing routine civil engineering jobs.

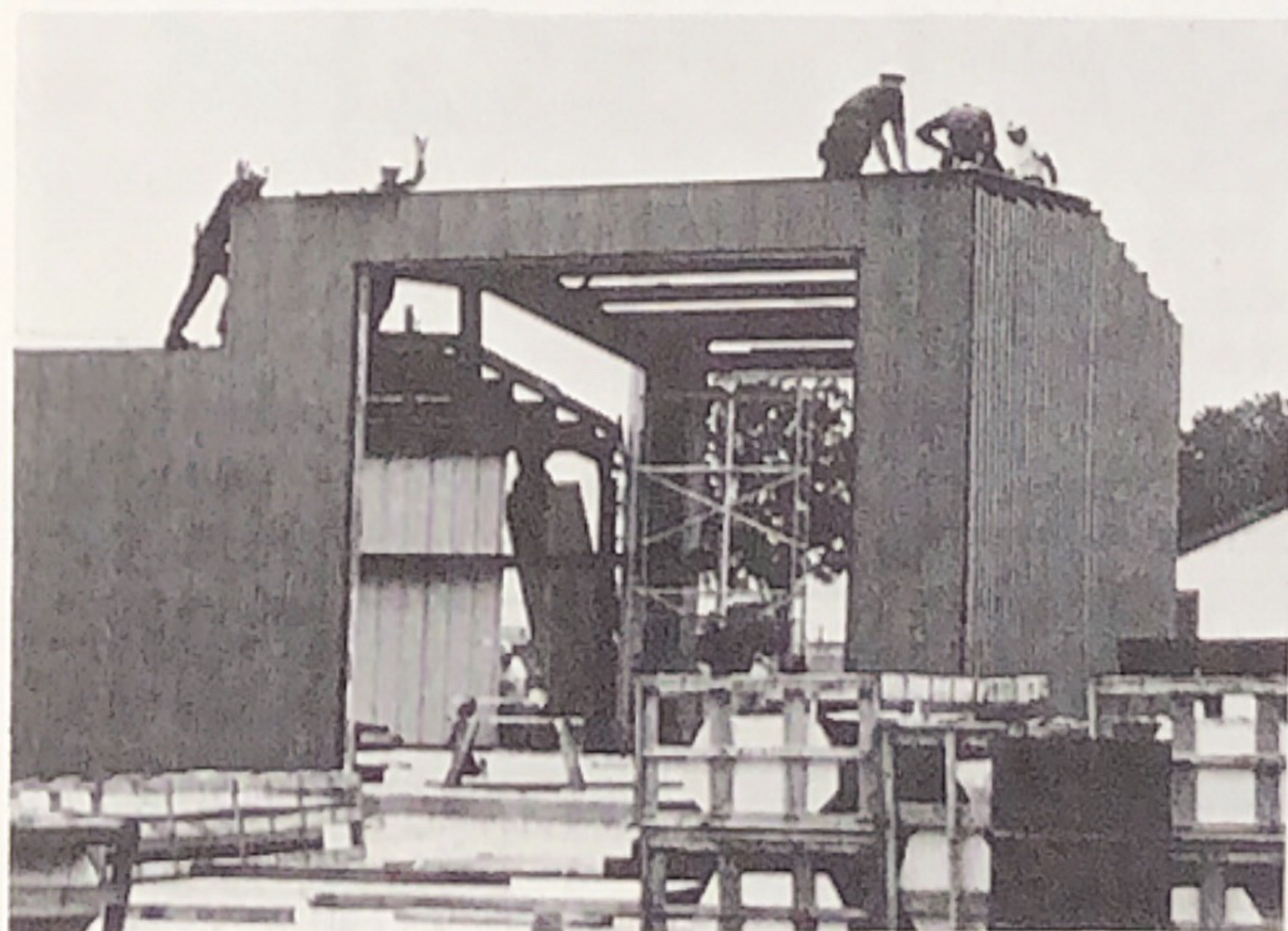


The Prime Beef team took on a major construction job at Laughlin AFB by repairing a road on base. (USAF Photos)

According to 1st Lt Gaston Knight, Chief of Readiness and Logistics at Laughlin, "The 507th Prime Beef team performed a great service to the base. Not only did they take on a number of our major projects, but they freed our people to work on other jobs."

For the members of the 507th team, flexibility was the key to a successful deployment. With poor weather at Laughlin, it was necessary to shift workers and time schedules to get maximum utilization and still complete the projects.

"The 507th is one of the best Prime Beef teams I've worked with," Lieutenant Knight said. "They've done a great deal of work in a short time. They're a top notch group."



Members of the 507th Prime Beef team construct a building at Laughlin AFB, TX during their annual tour.

Standard of Conduct reviewed



By Maj Michael Minnis
Staff Judge Advocate

In accordance with OC-ALC TAFB Sup 1 to AFR 30-30, all military personnel are to be appraised semiannually, of the Standard of Conduct requirements.

It is the responsibility of each military member to be familiar with and adhere to the contents of AFR 30-30. This regulation requires, among other things, that:

*Air Force members are not allowed to use their Air Force positions to induce, coerce, or to influence a person (including subordinates) in anyway to provide any benefits, financial or otherwise, to themselves or others.

Air Force personnel may be subject to criminal penalties if they solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value in return for performing or refraining from performing an official act.

*Air Force personnel have a positive duty to protect and conserve Government property, including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted to them.

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 175, 85th Congress, 2d Session, excerpts of the following Code of Ethics should be adhered to by all Government employees.

Any person in Government service should:

*Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country.

*Uphold the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States.

*Give a full day's labor for a full day's pay.

*Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone.

*Expose corruption whenever discovered.

The following laws are applicable to all Department of Defense personnel:

1. Aiding, abetting, counseling, commanding, inducing or procuring another to commit a crime under any criminal statute. (18 U.S.C. 201)

2. The prohibition against (1) disclosure of classified information (18 U.S.C. 798 and 40 U.S.C. 783); and (2) the disclosure of confidential information (18 U.S.C. 1905).

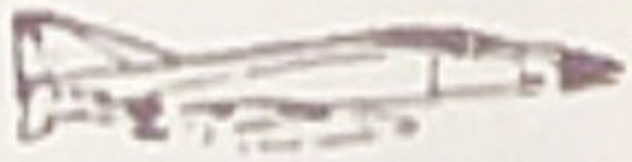
3. The provision relating to the habitual use of intoxicants to excess (5 U.S.C. 7352).

4. The prohibition against fraud or false statements in a Government matter (18 U.S.C. 1001).

5. The prohibition against counterfeiting and forging transportation requests (18 U.S.C. 508).

Air Force personnel, who have cause to believe that other DoD personnel have violated a statute or Standard of Conduct imposed by AFR 30-30, should bring the matter to the attention of the person involved. If such persons are supervisors, or the communication is not expected to remedy or does not appear to have remedied the problem, the matter must be discussed with the proper Standards of Conduct Counselor or Deputy Counselor.

The end of an era



The 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron encountered the end of an era last month as its members said farewell to Lt. Col Jerry "Beak" Wrucha.

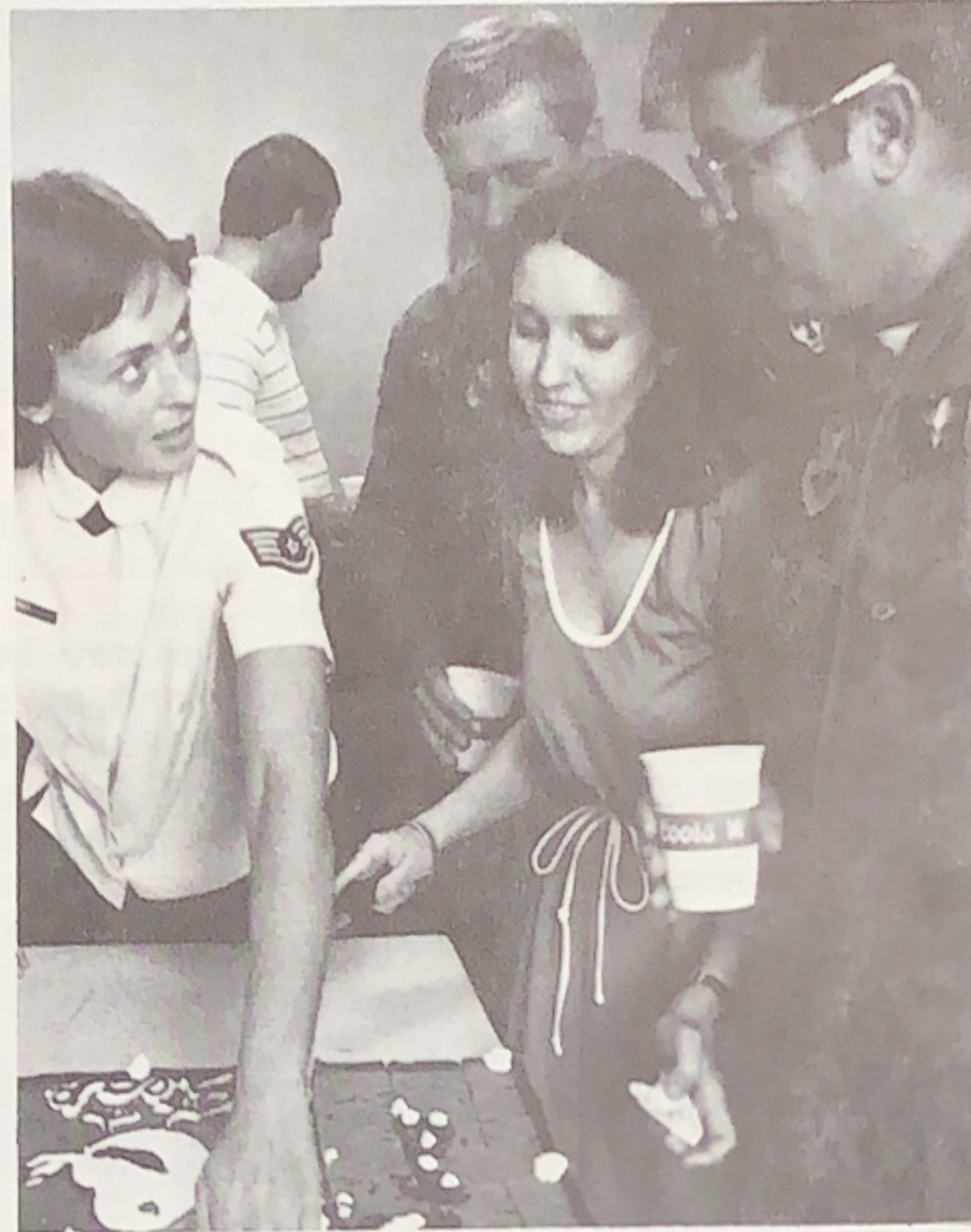
Colonel Wrucha, came to the 465th TFS as an original member of B Flight when the squadron first started in April of 1972. His leaving marks the departure of the last of the original B Flight team.



Lt Col Jerry "Beak" Wrucha tries unsuccessfully to evade one of the many buckets of water crew chiefs had waiting for him at the end of his last flight. (USAF Photo)

Rising through the ranks, the colonel has held the position of safety officer, Stan Eval, Director of Operations and then Squadron Commander.

Colonel Wrucha departed to become the new Director of Operations, 456th TFS, 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, Carlswell AFB, Texas.



A giant cookie is being sliced by SSgt Cindy Gray as Susan Lakin and Lt Col Jim Parker crowd around while Lt Col Jerry "Beak" Wrucha supervises over their shoulders in the background. (USAF Photo)

After his last flight, Colonel Wrucha received the traditional "soaking down" from the crew chiefs and was then treated to a farewell party at Operations.

"A few years ago there was a saying among the B Flight team: 'There's not many of us left.' Now I guess there's none of us left. It's the end of an era," Colonel Wrucha said.

In and around the group



Heading for Falcon Range, PM Magazine cameramen video tape the departure of Karen Carney and Dave Hood, PM hosts. The News Media Orientation Flight lasted more than an hour. (USAF Photo)



Karen Carney and Dave Hood, Hosts of Oklahoma's PM Magazine appear before the camera to tell of their experiences during a News Media Orientation flight. The segment was aired on local television last month. (USAF Photo)

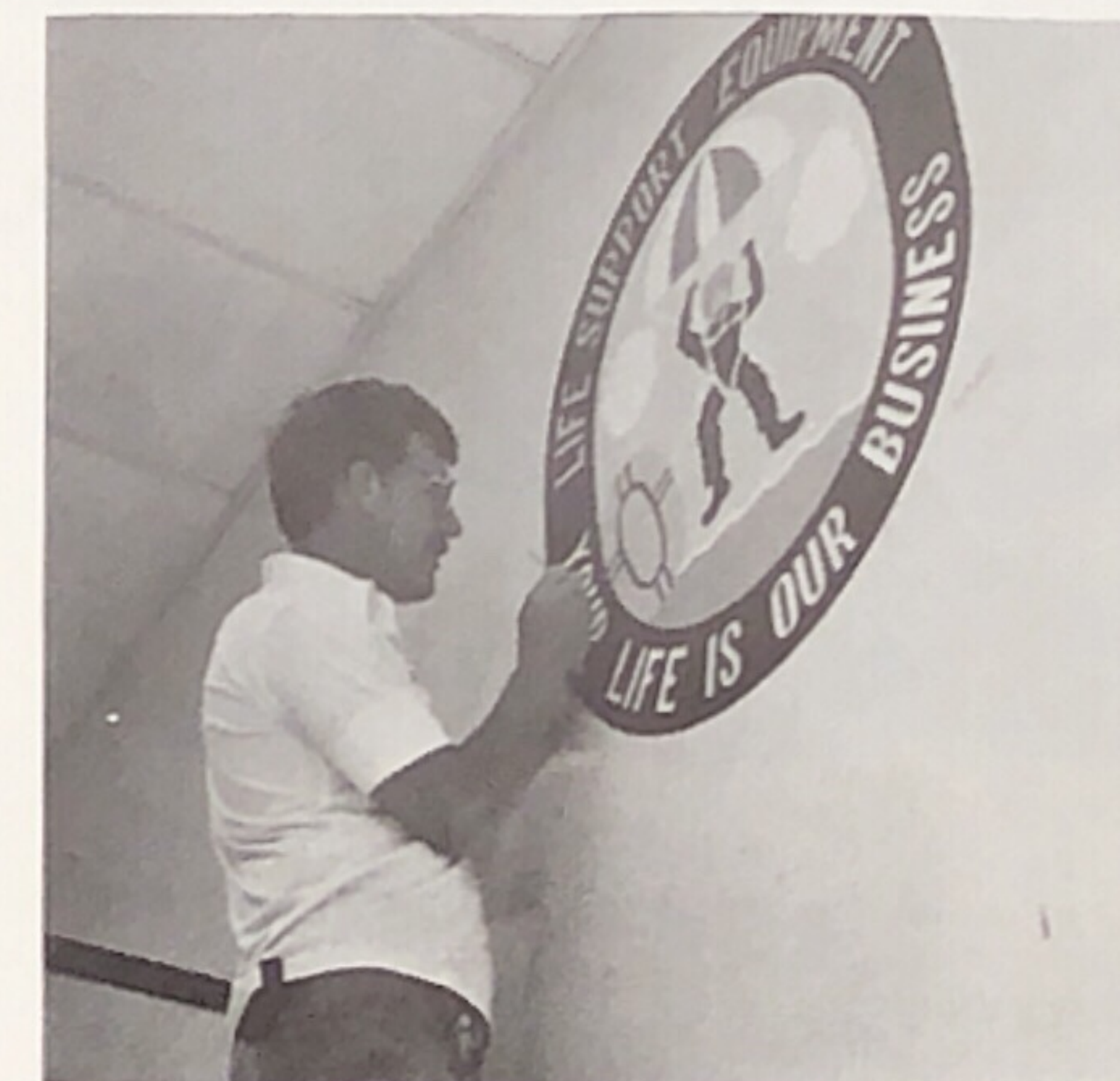
507th CAMS members now have a new break area. The room was finished during off-duty time and at no expense to the government by MSgt Mike Keener, TSgt Richard Nichols, MSgt Ray Hahn, TSgt Mike Mitchel, SMSgt Frank Boone, TSgt Ken Staten, TSgt. Denise Willis, TSgt Jeff VanDorp and Maj John Russell plus many others. (USAF Photo)



Major John Kretzschmar and his wife Mary enjoy a picnic meal during the on-station annual tour held last month. (USAF Photo)



TSgt Ron Brown of the 507th CBPO Training Section (above) draws an illustration design on the wall of the Life Support Section while TSgt Ken Staten, (below) provides finishing touches. Both men, on off-duty time, completed two illustrations, one of the Life Support Equipment Branch emblem and the other depicting an aircrew departing an aircraft that departed its flight envelope. (USAF Photo)



Reporting on duty injuries



Reserve members injured while performing active or inactive tours of duty may end up suffering in more than one way.

According to personnel officials, delays in reporting injuries have caused members loss of pay, delays in separation cases, and in some cases, indebtedness to the government for overpayments made while injured.

To avoid unnecessary hardships associated with a line of duty injury, personnel officials state members should become familiar with line of duty (LOD) determination requirements. They are required when a member is unable to perform military duties for more than 24 hours or when there is likelihood of a permanent disability or claim against the United States.

When injured or ill, report immediately to an AF Clinic. If first treated by a civilian physician, report to the nearest AF medical facility as soon as possible. When treatment is received at other than home station, either the individual concerned or the person in charge must have an AF Form 348 prepared and return it to the home station CBPO/DPMQ. For individuals not released by the physician upon termination of training tour, an AF Form 1971, medical certificate is also needed.

When you return, notify your unit CBPO/DPMQ which forms are in-route or need to be prepared. Completion of these forms is mandatory if benefits are to be paid.

Pregnant - keep us informed



By TSgt T.J. Bingham
507th TAC Clinic

If you are a female member of the unit and pregnant, there are some responsibilities you must meet as a reservist.

First, you must notify your unit about your condition. This is a very important communication. Once the unit is notified of a change in medical status, you cannot be authorized to pull any active duty training or UTAs after 34 weeks of pregnancy. If pregnant, the unit cannot schedule you for annual tours outside of Tinker AFB, OK.

AFR 35-41, Vol 2, Paragraph 1-3 states that all duties should be fulfilled at home base so that any complications of pregnancy can be treated and followed by the member's private physician.

Second, your medical unit, the 507th TAC Clinic should be notified so that a physical profile serial report can be accomplished. The report states your pregnancy, certain duty restrictions depending upon your duty AFSC, and status of world wide duty qualifications. A temporary "4" profile is granted for your pregnancy. This disqualifies you for world wide duty until six months after delivery.

Your cooperation is important to assure accurate, up-to-date communication with your unit and the clinic and help avoid problems which might arise during your pregnancy.

CLSS returns from England

By Major Lee Casey
Commander 403rd CLSS

The 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron, Tinker's elite corps of citizen-airmen who specialize in aircraft battle damage repair techniques and combat logistics operations, recently demonstrated their wartime readiness capability by deploying to RAF Fairford, U.K. for a two-week tour of active duty. An advance party of four departed Tinker on Wednesday, May 11, to finalize bed-down arrangements at RAF Fairford. On Saturday, May 14, Forty-nine members of the squadron mobilized at Building 240. With Major Tobie Tittsworth, 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Officer, as troop commander, they departed early the next morning aboard a C-141B. Enroute stops were made at Robins AFB, Georgia and Bitburg AB, Germany.

Arriving at RAF Fairford on Monday, May 16, members of the 403rd were welcomed by both the 11th Strategic Group (SAC) and the 7020th Air Base Group (USAFE). Aircraft Maintenance personnel were soon fully intergrated into the 11th Strategic Group's KC-135 flightline operations, field maintenance shops, and DMC Staff functions. Likewise, supply and packaging personnel augmented the 7020th Air Base Group's active-duty workforce in their particular areas. Since most 403rd personnel are highly-qualified specialists in their particular AFSC's, they quickly assumed a full partnership with active duty personnel in the various workcenters. For example, one nine member team, led by MSgt Lolie Morrison, assembled ten B-4 stands, ten rowling trailers, and three tow bars in support of the NATO Preposition Procurement Package giving their active-duty hosts a tremendous head start in the program.

All 403rd members desiring to do so were invited to fly aboard a KC-135 to experience a refueling mission first-hand.

Sightseeing tours of London, Warwick Castle, Stratford-on-Avon, and the cotswald countryside were enjoyed by

members of the 403rd during the middle weekend of this tour.

As Commander of the 403rd CLSS, I'm very proud of the capabilities and professionalism demonstrated by our squadron while at RAF Fairford. We worked hard gained a good deal of practical experience in areas unavailable to us at Tinker and departed RAF Fairford with letters of appreciation for our assistance and standing invitations from both active duty organizations to return at any time.

The 403rd's peacetime mission is to provide the best possible training and experience for assigned members of the Air Force Reserve in three areas which have been identified as being vitally critical to U.S. defense readiness and the combat capability of operational Air Force units. These areas are aircraft battle damage repair techniques, combat packaging, and combat supply operations.



Aircraft sheetmetal workers, SSgt Shirley Lowry, SSgt Richard Folger and TSgt Roger Ramsay, measure and mark a piece of stock for a job they were assigned during their deployment. (USAF Photo)

Promotion policy changes



(AFRNS)--Two changes to the Air Force Reserve enlisted promotion system took effect recently and two more are planned for later this year, according to Col. Joe Deely, head of AFRES personnel.

During the past two years, officials have been studying the promotion system. As a result of that study, promotion to technical sergeant without regard to unit vacancy ended Jan. 1.

The other recent change affects professional military education for promotion to senior and chief master sergeants. The 9-skill level examination is no longer available, and noncommissioned officers who did not satisfactorily complete that exam by March 31 must complete the Senior NCO Associate Correspondence Course. NCOs who satisfactorily completed the exam and are otherwise qualified are still eligible for promotion.

Starting Oct. 1, satisfactory participation for promotion will change from a fiscal year basis to a cumulative preceding 12 months basis.

According to MSgt Betty Pottier, NCOIC, Quality Force, unexcused absences were previously accountable on a fiscal year basis. They were dropped off the computer file on September 30 of each year.

Beginning October 1, however, an unexcused absence will remain on record for one full year. (For example, if a member had unexcused absences during the July 1983 and August 1983 UTAs, they will remain on record until July 1984 and August 1984 respectively.)

Sergeant Pottier said that commanders are requested to insure reassignment to the Air Reserve Personnel Center any member receiving nine or more unexcused absences during the 365 day period.

Five or more absences in a years' time will render a member ineligible for promotion during that year.

Creditable or "good" years for Reserve retirement will be added as an additional requirement for Reserve unit promotions to technical through chief master sergeant. AFRES plans to institute this requirement for the November promotion cycle.

UTA Schedule

20 - 21 AUG; 17 - 18 SEP.
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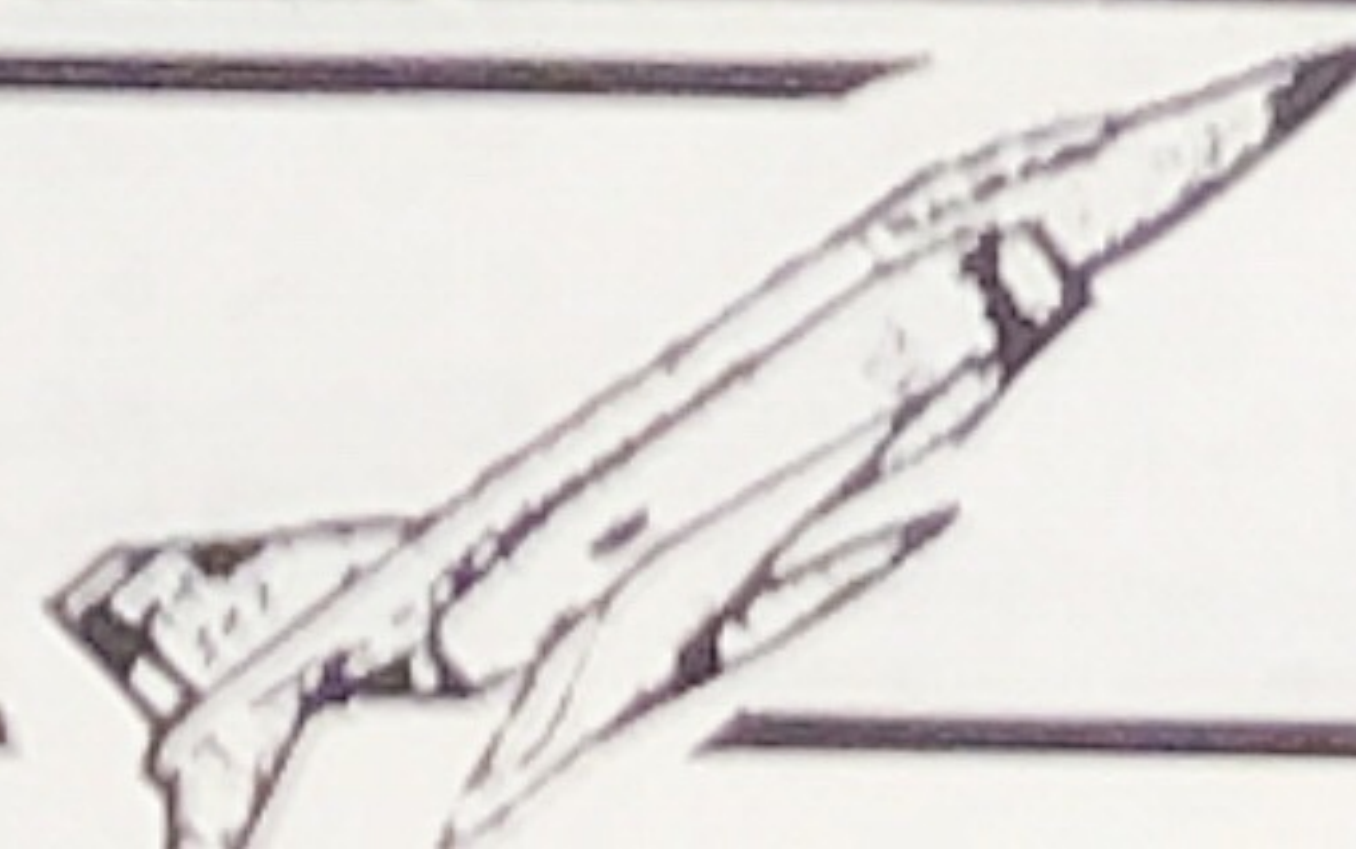
22 - 23 OCT; 19 - 20 NOV;
10 - 11 DEC; 14 - 15 JAN;
11 - 12 FEB; 17 - 18 MAR;
14 - 15 APR; 05 - 06 MAY;
02 - 03 JUN; 21 - 22 JUL;
18 - 19 AUG; 22 - 23 SEP.

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