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Aircrews get C/W relief



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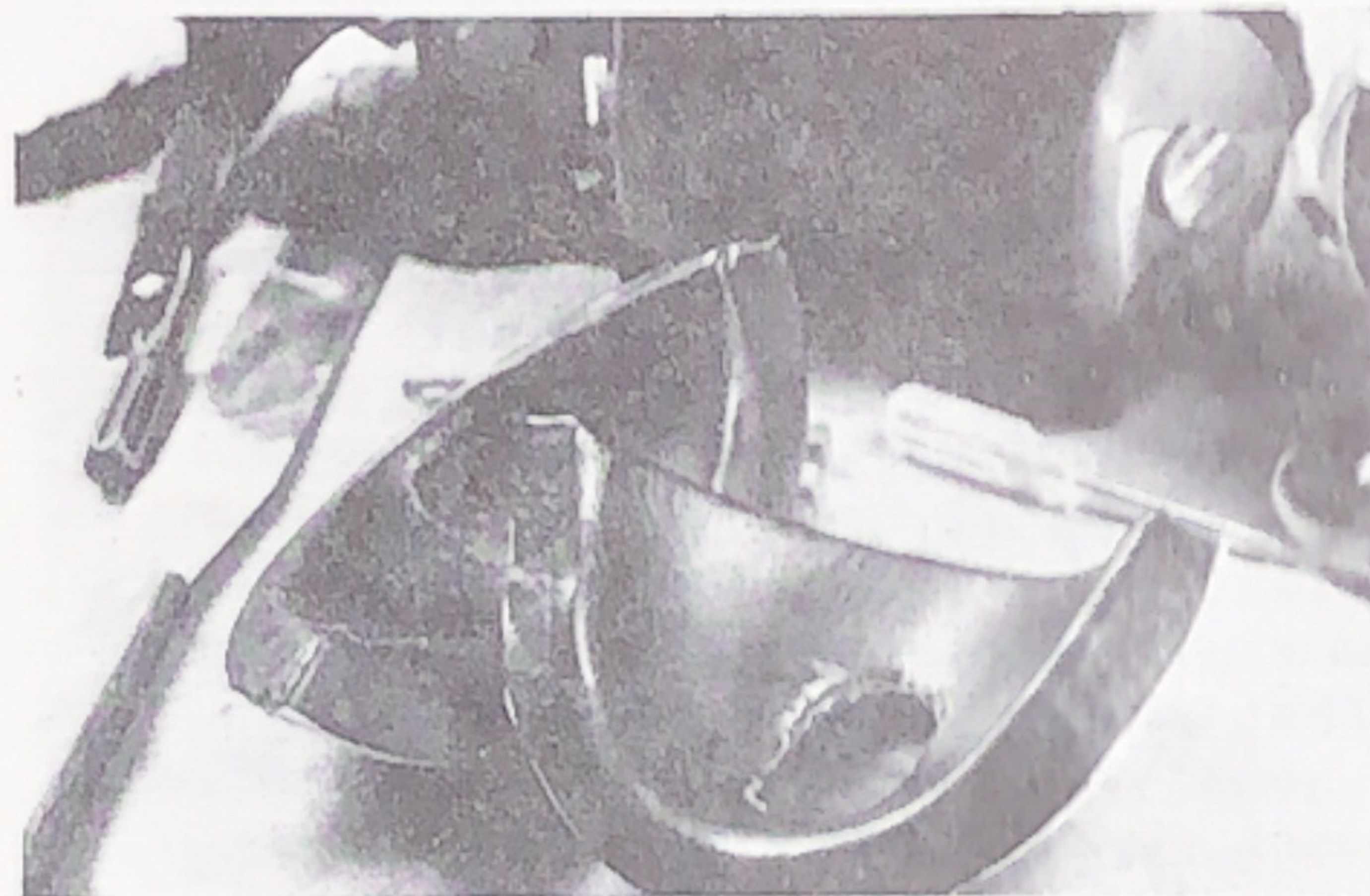
A recently developed modification has enhanced the comfort and performance level of aircrews flying with the chemical warfare ensemble.

The modification was developed in the field by TSgt Jack Blackwell from the 68th TFS, Moody AFB, Georgia. His basic idea eventually became an official technical improvement, earning him a \$5600.00 reward and high praise from aircrews around the world.



TSgt Blackwell molds the leather insert to the modified portion of the helmet liners as TSgt Donna Pierson removes the necessary portions of the liner to accept the modification.

The improvement led to abolishment of the HGU-39/P "helicopter" helmet. These helmets decreased visibility and were heavy, noisy and hot. The new mod allows the C/W aircrew mask to interface with the new HGU-55/P lightweight helmet through adjustment to the helmet's custom fit liner.

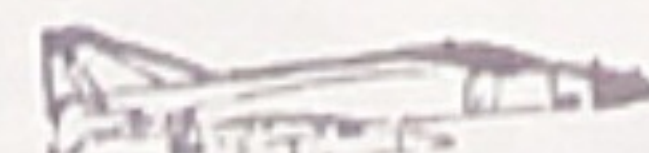


This front and back liner sections are ready to be reinstalled in the proper helmet with the C/W modification completed.

TSgt Blackwell recently visited the 465 TFS Life Support Section for a "show and tell" session to upgrade the flight helmets here. The trip was not all business; Jack is a "homegrown Okie" from Wagoner, Oklahoma, he visited his parents there for a few days. He is an Air Force veteran of 14 years.

TSgt Blackwell has been commended for his efforts throughout TAC and the Air Force. His ingenuity brings Life Support equipment one step closer to adaptability in all environments.

An atmosphere of dignity and respect —



I've made my New Year's resolutions, and there's one in particular I want to share with you. It stems from my belief that a man or woman performs best, when given the chance to work in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. It concerns my strong faith in each of you, that you'll give me an honest day's work if that work is meaningful, if you respect your supervisor, and if you're promoted and paid according to your performance.

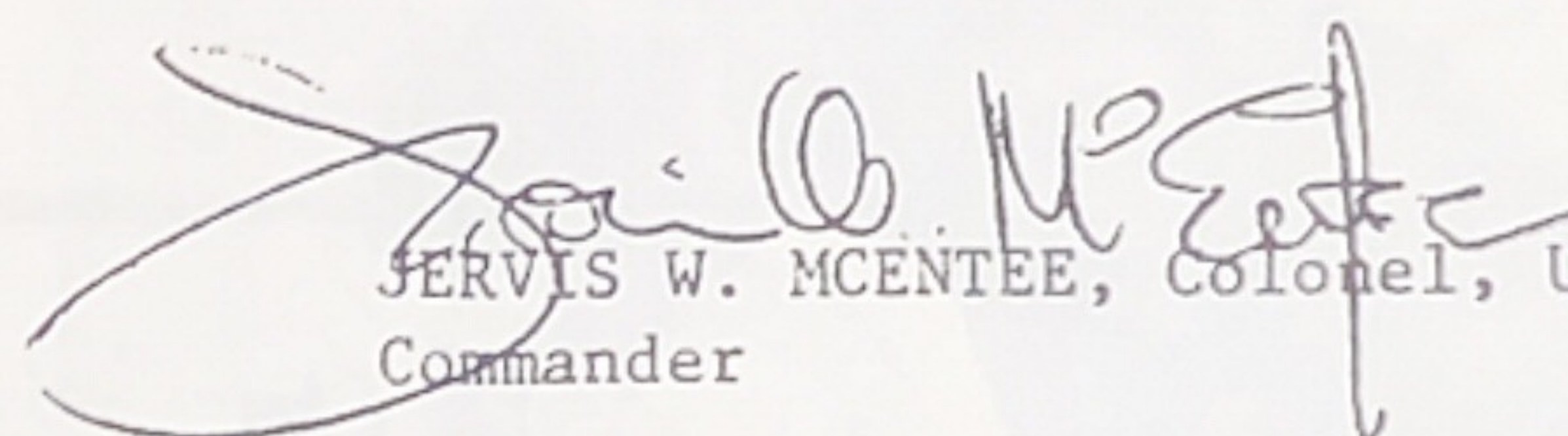
My 1984 promise to you is exactly this: I'll redouble our efforts to explain where our command is heading, what we're trying to do, and how we're making out. I want you to clearly understand our objectives, so I can be the first to say "Well done!"

Here are a few examples. One, I think I am fair and honest. I think I am direct and to the point. And I know I'm very concerned about all my people. Furthermore, I've always insisted that everyone working for me is very concerned. That's why we keep remembering those who do put in an honest day's work, by giving them the best possible effectiveness reports, outstanding performance ratings, cash awards and decorations.

Number two, I've always insisted on a permissive approach in the things that affect the lives of our people, whereas at the same time I've insisted on high standards and your observing those high standards. This has applied totally across the board, especially in the areas of personal conduct and grooming; condition of your work areas; physical fitness and military courtesies.

For example if you met someone entitled to a salute, I expected you to salute smartly and with pride, and I expected it to be returned in a similar manner. If you were in the 507th area and walked past a piece of trash without picking it up..you'd not gotten the message! Finally, I expected an equal application of the rules to both civilian and military members.

As I look forward to 1984 as your commander I recall with pride the great progress we made last year. But let's consider this month as time ZERO, and keep improving our unit from this point forward in all categories. Remember my promise to keep you informed, and reward you for meeting and exceeding standards. Remember that high morale depends on providing all workers an atmosphere of dignity and respect. These goals are too important and too exciting to miss! Let's get 1984 into high gear!


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Commander

PREVENT BROKEN HEARTS



USE YOUR SEAT BELT

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Rap-Up



Rap-Up is the 507th Tactical Fighter Group Commander's two-way communication program. Persons with questions or problems may call the Public Affairs Office, ext 43078 or place their question in distribution addressed to 507TFG/PA.

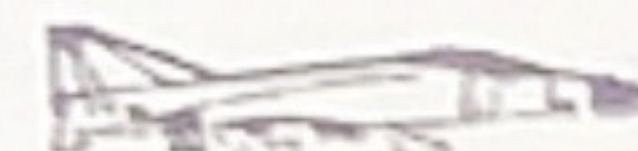
Q.-I just got off active duty and joined the 507th. I like the unit but I do have a question about pay. When should I receive my UTA paycheck? What happens if my check is stolen?

A.-We went to Mr. Billy Noble, of the Reserve pay unit, for the answer. In response to the first question, payment for a UTA is usually received within 3-4 weeks after the UTA. If an issued check is not received, the payee must

advise the Reserve Payroll Office of this fact. If the check is lost or stolen, a "Stop Payment and Reissue" should be requested immediately. If an issue check is not received at all, request Stop Payment and Reissue after a reasonable waiting time. The pay section can advise the member as to address of AFAFC, check number, etc. Stop Payment and Reissue procedures normally take 5-6 months.

To avoid this, you can have your check mailed directly to your bank or credit union via SURE PAY and still receive your leave and earning statement at home. Military Pay would be more than happy to help anyone set this program up for themselves.

Meeting dress standards



Unit members not meeting military dress standards may end up finding themselves in red ink.

Current 507th Commander's Policy stresses the importance of meeting AFR 35-10 dress code for wear of the uniform.

Members not meeting AFR 35-10 requirements will not be allowed to sign in for UTAs. (Not signing in means a member is red-lined for that UTA period.)

Any officer not meeting the standards will cause his commander to be red-lined.

"This is a tough policy, but it will be enforced. We must constantly strive to improve our appearance both within the group and to outsiders seeing us around base," said Colonel Jervis McEntee, 507th Tactical Fighter Group Commander.

"Our appearance, both as individuals and as a group will be extremely important during our

up-coming Management Effectiveness Inspection. Our first impression to these evaluators will be important to all of us."

As a reminder to the members of the unit, the following tips are provided. If you have any questions ask your supervisor or first sergeant.

*Is your uniform clean, neat, correct in design and specification?

*Are your uniform items kept zipped, snapped and buttoned?

*Are your ribbons clean and not frayed?

*Are your shoes shined and in good condition?

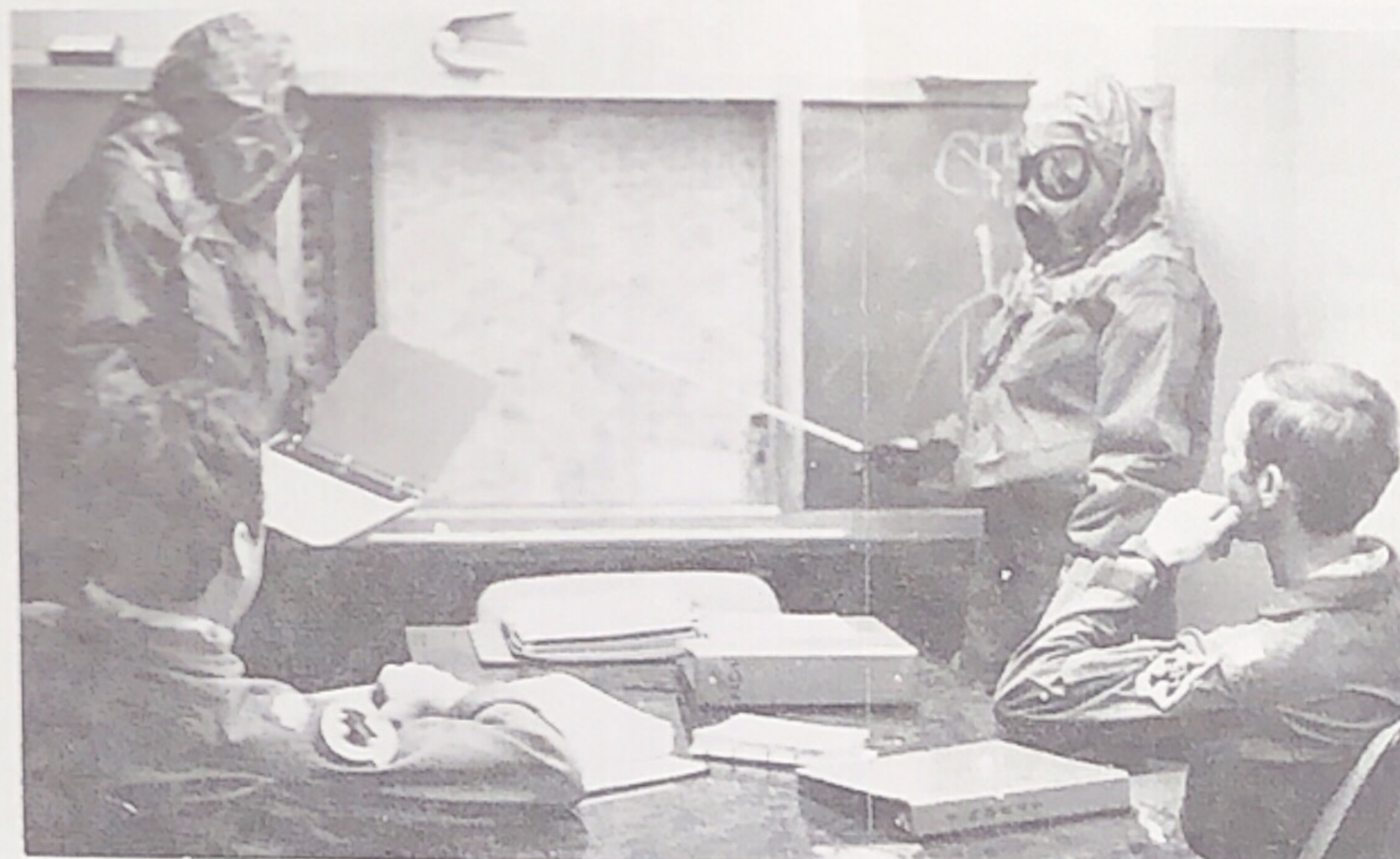
*If female, is your skirt not higher than the top of your kneecap nor lower than the bottom of your kneecap?

*Do you conform to the personal grooming standards such as neat haircut, trimmed mustache, conservative cosmetics, etc?

In and around the group



Air Reserve Technician (MSgt) John Shelton of the Life Support Section uses a member of a recent tour to demonstrate the EGRESS system used in the F-4 Phantom. (USAFR photo)



Adding realism to the flight briefing, Major Jeff Warner and Captain Jim Lewis receive the intelligence portion of their briefing from 2nd Lt Gail Crook and SSgt Karen Kirkpatrick as part of the Intelligence Section's Chemical Warfare Training. (USAFR photo)



Group Security Manager TSgt Ed Bork and Intelligence Officer Captain Dick Jurkowski accomplish a semiannual safe inspection. (USAFR photo)



Members of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron assisted Santa Claus recently at the West Side Elementary School in Midwest City in distributing Christmas packets the CLSS put together. (USAFR photo)



Members of the 507th Weapons Systems Security Flight participate in stretching and exercise activities during a recent UTA. Due to inclement weather, the activities were held indoors. (USAFR photo)



Captain Ellis G. Sheker, 4155 USAR School, recently conducted a KGB briefing for members of the 507th WSSF. (USAFR photo)

Get bucks for retraining



A new program began last October which allows reserve members assigned to an Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) not listed as a bonus AFSC to retrain into a bonus AFSC.

According to the message released from AFRES Headquarters, there are some guidelines for the program.

Members may reenlist up to 24 months prior to their Estimated Time of Separation (ETS) provided:

1. Individual must have not more than nine years total service time on date of reenlistment.

2. The qualification for a bonus is contingent on successful completion of 3-level training and award of the AFSC.

3. After receiving new AFSC, the individual may be required to voluntarily extend up to 24 months to complete their 3-level. (If an individual fails to complete 3-level, they will be reassigned back to their previous position.)

4. Previous or current reenlistment bonus recipients are not eligible.

The following AFSCs are involved in the program:

321X2P	427X5	551X0
391X0	431X1	552X1
392X0	431X3	555X0
423X2	461X0	902X0
423X3	462X0	902X2
426X2	545X1	926X0
427X1		

Clarification of Weight vs Reenlistment



Air Force Reserve Headquarters has released additional information on reenlistment of overweight Reserve members.

According to a message sent to all Reserve units, "At the time of reenlistment, enlisted members that do not meet weight standards without medical waiver are not authorized immediate reenlistment.

"Commanders can authorize extension of enlistment based on the number of pounds currently overweight up to 23 months (limited to the period required to attain weight standards). Presently six pounds every 60 days is required, therefore, if a member is 15 pounds overweight then an extension of five months (three pounds per month) may be authorized.

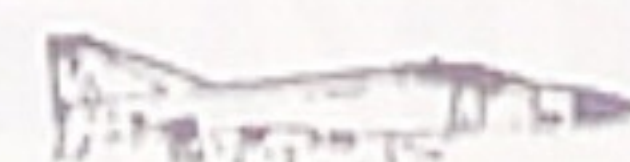
"If extended and member attains the weight standard prior to completion of the extension, the commander can authorize immediate reenlistment.

"If extended and the member does not meet weight standards upon completion of the extension, the member will be discharged (this includes Air Reserve Technicians)."



AFRES members placed in a remedial fitness or weight control program may take part in pay and point gaining activities ONLY if there is proof that satisfactory progress is being made.

My baby stopped breathing!



While driving to the 465th TFS one evening, 1st Lt Mark Boyter was forced off Reserve Road by an approaching car. The car left its lane and then went off the road.

Turning around, the lieutenant pursued the car which had stopped by the bridge.

"As I approached the car, a woman opened the door and handed me her baby which she said had stopped breathing," he said.

Quickly checking the infant's breathing passages, which were unobstructed, the lieutenant noticed the baby was comatose and breathing very faintly.

Lieutenant Boyter then got in the woman's car to drive the hysterical woman, her baby and two little girls to the hospital.

"After starting the car, I knew what the problem was: carbon monoxide. The car had the smell of exhaust."

Lieutenant Boyter had everyone roll down their windows and had the mother stick the baby's head out the window into the cold airstream as he drove.

"The baby came around immediately and started crying at the top of her lungs. The mother started to quiet the baby and pulled it's head back in the car.

"I forced her to keep the babies head in the wind and to keep the baby crying. As long as the baby was able to cry I knew that she was breathing and purging her lungs with fresh air," he said.

The family had been waiting to pick up the father at work and had been parked with the engine on and the windows up. The baby suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning first because it was sleeping on the seat in the area of the strongest concentration.

The baby's body was smaller so it loaded up with the toxic fumes faster. The mother was nearly incapacitated when she ran off the road and may have crashed before getting to the hospital.

After arriving at the hospital, the baby was treated and observed. Both the mother and girls complained of headaches and nausea.

Ironically, the mother and girls mentioned that they were going to get a new car the next day and that night was going to be the last time they were going to ride in that one.

Lieutenant Boyter said he recognized the danger as it was at the forefront of his mind due to the untimely death of Air Force cadet Dianne Williams, daughter of Col. Ron Williams, a long-time member of the unit. She had died from similar causes. His past training as a military and civilian pilot in carbon monoxide and the physiological aspects of the poisoning assisted him in recognizing the symptoms.

Silent death



The following excerpts are from an article in TAC ATTACK, by Bill Parsons, 410 BMW, K.I. Sawyer AFB.

Carbon monoxide is extremely toxic and is produced whenever there is incomplete combustion of fuel. Any fuel-burning motor or appliance gives off carbon monoxide but usually in such small amounts that we're not affected. In some instances exposure can be great enough to be dangerous.

Here's some do's and don'ts to minimize your chances of carbon monoxide poisoning:

Don't sit in a car with the windows up, vents closed, and the motor running. Even in the most severe cold weather fresh air must be allowed in the car.

Don't drive your car with a faulty exhaust system.

Don't drive your hatch-back auto with the hatch open - the exhaust will be drawn into the car as you drive.

Don't run your auto in a garage with the garage doors closed.

NCO/Airman of the Quarter program —

Squadron commanders and supervisors are looking over their personnel to determine the best for nomination as either NCO or Airman of the Quarter.

The NCO/Airman of the Quarter, a program long absent from the 507th TFG, was recently reinstated by members of the NCO/Airman Advisory Council.

Council members recently wrote 507th Regulation 900-1 which contains the rules governing recipient selection.

Council members will interview nominees prior to selection during the March UTA.

Selected winners will be awarded an F-4 orientation flight, a certificate, an engraved mug and a special parking space in the individual's squadron area for one quarter.

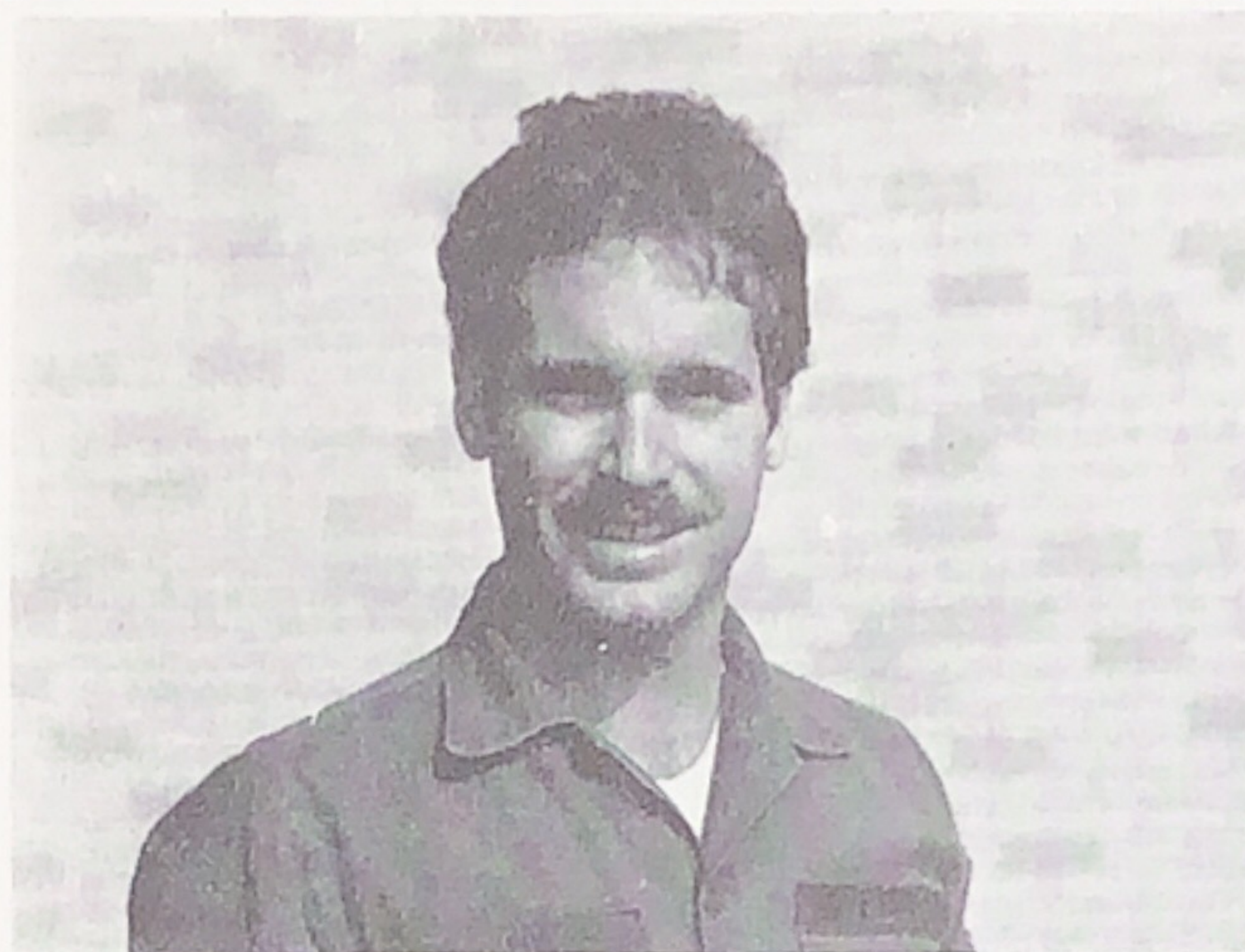
UTA Schedule

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28 - 29 JAN;

17 - 18 MAR; 14 - 15 APR;
05 - 06 MAY; 09 - 10 JUN;
21 - 22 JUL; 18 - 19 AUG;
22 - 23 SEP.

Beaty on Deans list



Air Force cadet Keith Beaty, former member of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group, has made the Dean's list during his first semester at the Air Force Academy.

While assigned to the 507th, the cadet worked in the Group's Intelligence Section.

Before entering the Academy, he attended the Academy Prep School, a one year program that prepares applicants for the four-year Academy.

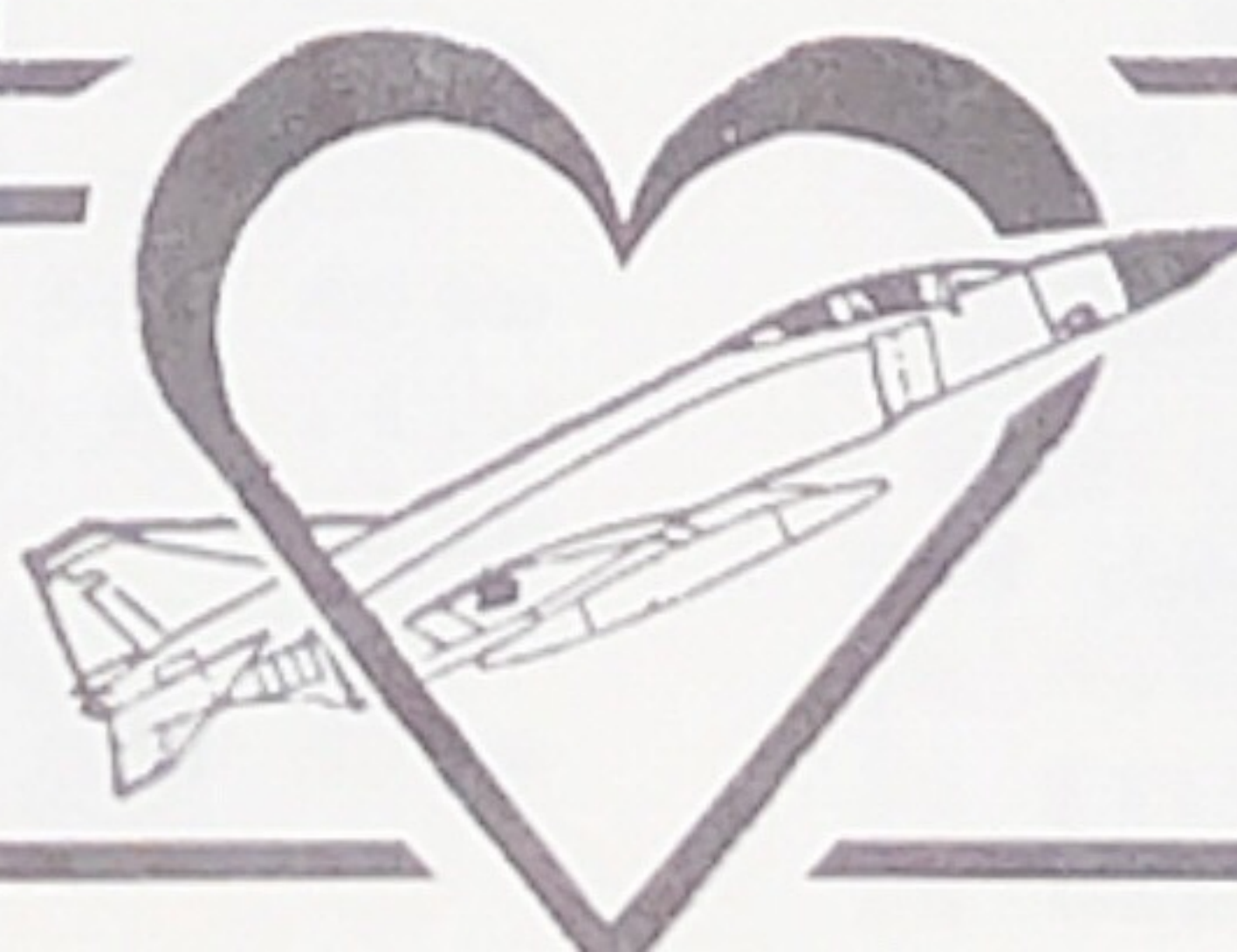
Cadet Beaty is studying for an Aerospace Engineering Degree.

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