



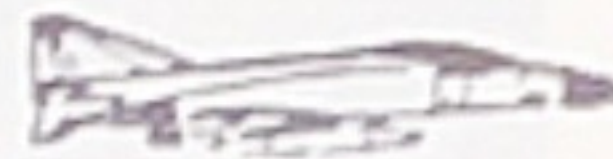
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TAC Clinic/WSSF combine training



Members of the 507th TAC Clinic staged a helicopter casualty loading and unloading exercise during the April UTA.

According to Lt Col Ollie W. DeHart of the Clinic, "This exercise is an essential part of our training program."

Using a UH-1H "Huey" helicopter from the 95th Division TNG HHC, Aviation Section from Norman, OK, the medics trained themselves on the techniques that would allow them to load and unload patients as safely and quickly as possible.

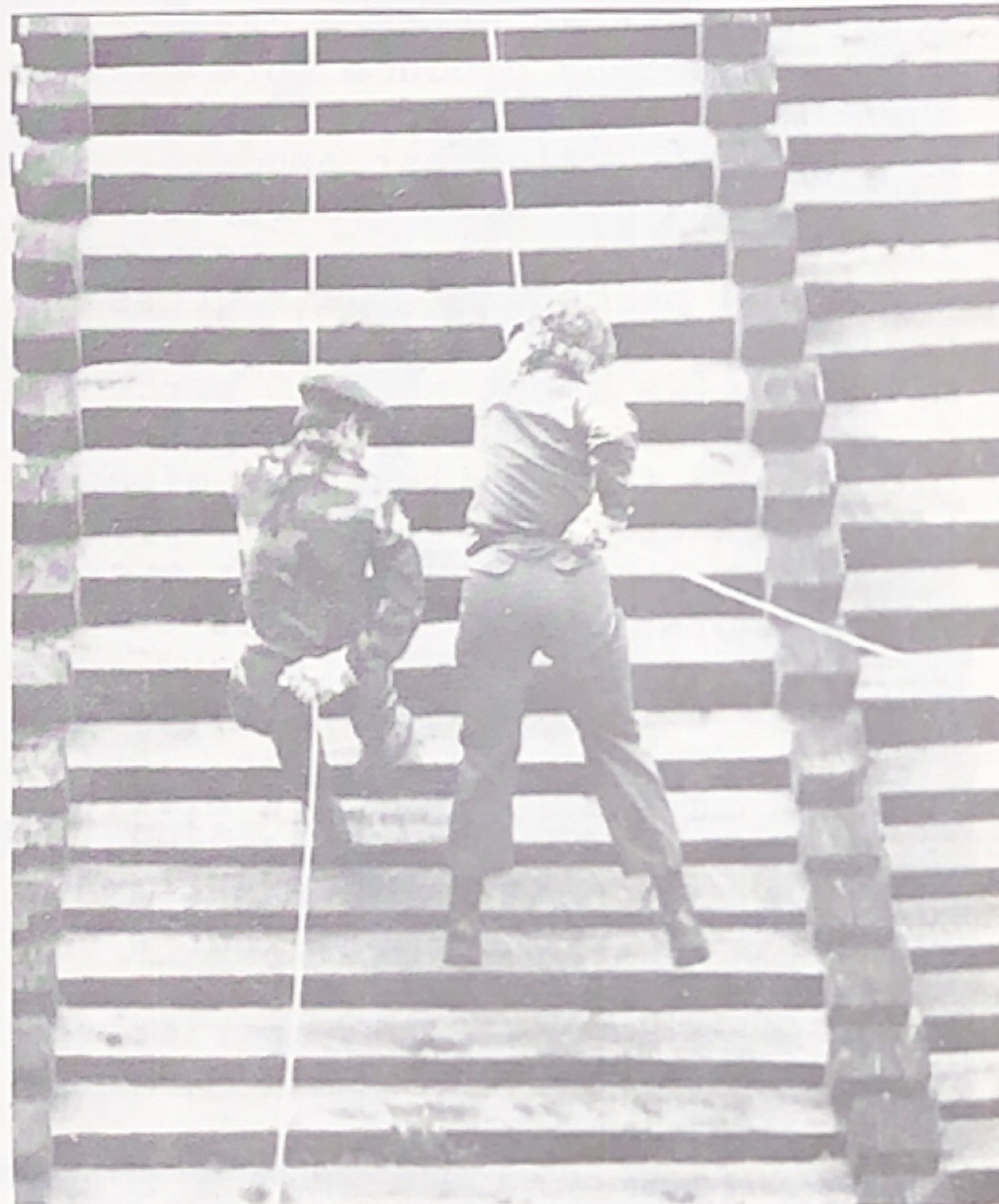


The UH-1H is designed to hold three litters at a time in a special rack. The pilots, Captains Jimmy Coffman and Richard Martin and SSgt Robert Cantrell briefed the medics on the helicopter and it's capabilities concerning medical evacuation of troops. (USAF photos)

After the exercise, the medics received an orientation flight.

In addition to patient evacuation training, the medics reported to the firing practice range that afternoon for repelling exercises hosted by the 507th Weapon Systems Security Flight.

There the medics and some of the new members of the WSSF learned both conventional and "Australian" style of repelling down a wall.



According to one medic, "There may come a time when a patient can't get to us--we'll have to get to him. With this training, I know, I can do that."

COMMANDERS VIEW



History warns us we can't ignore any nation--next door or around the world.

From the outset, we must be totally ready to defend against a country that rises up to make war from the first moment it shows hostile intent. If we don't, if we are weak, if we have sacrificed critical spending on national defense, that country could become an overwhelming force, over-running and swallowing neighbors, mass producing arms and forging alliance that make any possible confrontation far more costly and deadly.

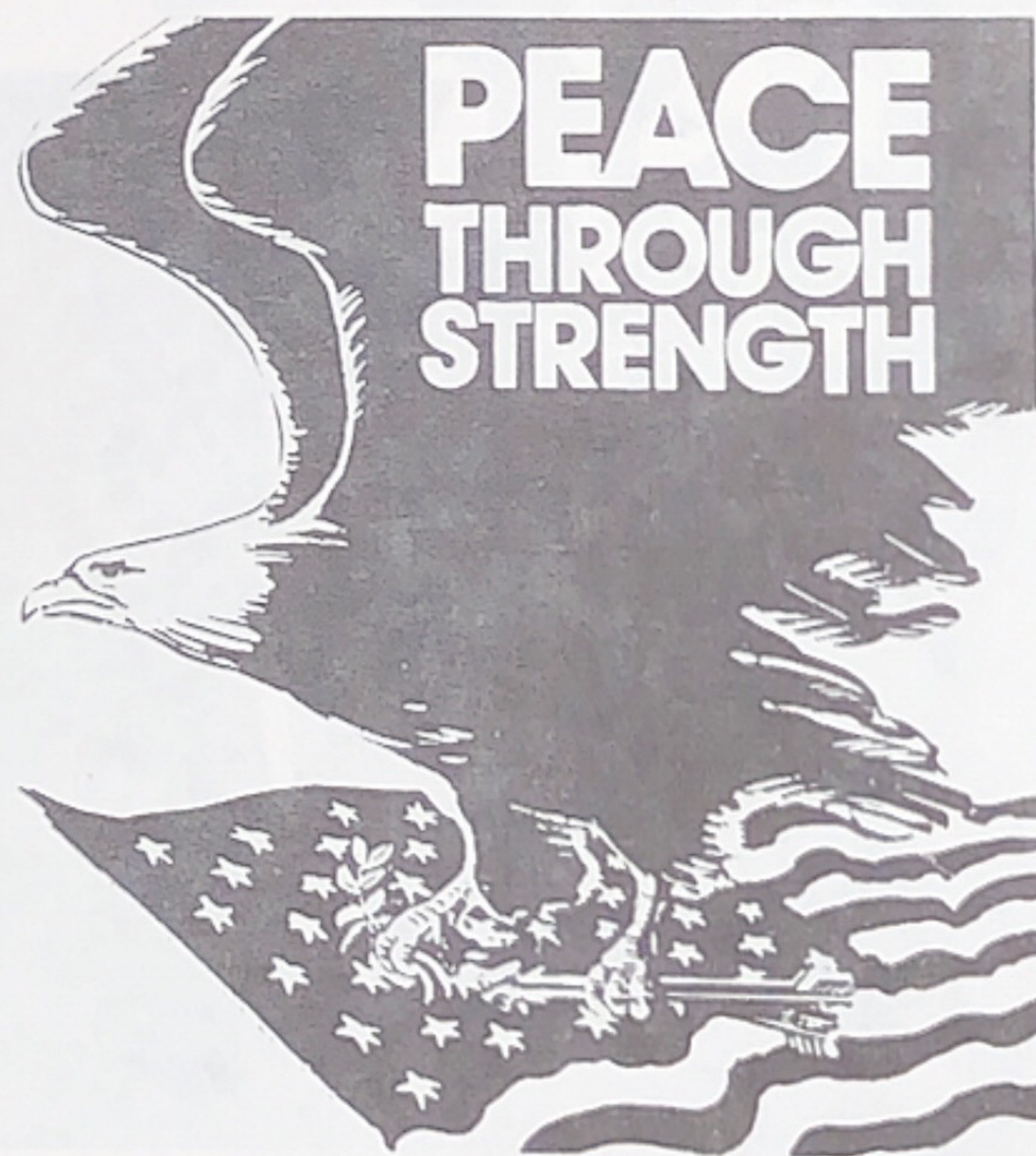
At least one such potential enemy exists--the Soviet Union. Their military takes top priority in the economy. Instead of more cars or microwaves they produce more weapons than any other country. The Kremlin is the world's largest exporter of major weaponry to the third world. In 1980 the Soviets spent between 12 and 14 percent of their gross national product to build up their military; we spent about 5 percent.

If you look at Soviet weapons production in detail, their offensive potential is awesome. They produce a first line fighter every seven hours, about six times our current rate. The Soviets have more than 7,300 fighter aircraft; we have about half that number. The Soviets have more than 4.8 million people in uniform. We have 2 million. The Soviets have 50,000 tanks and 20,000 artillery pieces; that's three times our strength. The Soviets enjoy a 4 to 1 superiority in attack submarines.

Simply stated, Russia has military forces far above their defense needs. Why? We dare not let our guard down to find out. Their ICBM's and submarine launched missiles are targeted mainly against the U.S. Europe, and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans no longer separate us from the Russian bear.

All this means that our job, as reservists, is to help insure the Russian military doesn't go unchecked, so they don't have the overwhelming military edge to have their way in the world. Afghanistan is an example of their true colors there are stories of torture and murder being used in the Afghan villages to subdue resistance to the Russian invasion.

So, as Americans, we must stand tall against such atrocities. As Air Force reservists we must train hard to show our resolve, our capability to stop the Russian bear before he advances any farther.



Parachute Shop highlighted

Everytime a pilot takes off he takes a gamble: that some unknown and unforeseen problem doesn't place his life on the line.

But if the unthinkable does happen the technicians of the 507th Parachute Shop are doing their best to help him come home alive.

The shop is manned by four full-time Air Reserve Technicians, TSgt Joe Brown, NCOIC, SSgt Ernest Ford, SSgt Michael Peace and Sgt Wayne Collier.

"One of the most critical jobs we do here concerns the care and maintenance of the personnel chute," Sergeant Ford said. "We know that Someone's life is depending on us each time we inspect or pack a parachute. It's a big responsibility."

According to Sergeant Collier, a part of their job involves making modifications on equipment received from the Air Force so it will fit our aircraft design.

To do this, the technicians are skilled tailors performing all sewing and adjusting, and repairs themselves.

It may take several hours to pack a personnel chute, but for the pilot who has ever had to depend on their skill, it's time well spent.



TSgt Brown making repairs on a deployment bag.

SSgt Ford compressing the pilot chute spring, the final step in packing a drag chute.



Sgt collier seperating the shroud lines and folding the canopy prior to packing a drag chute. (USAF photos)



In and around the group



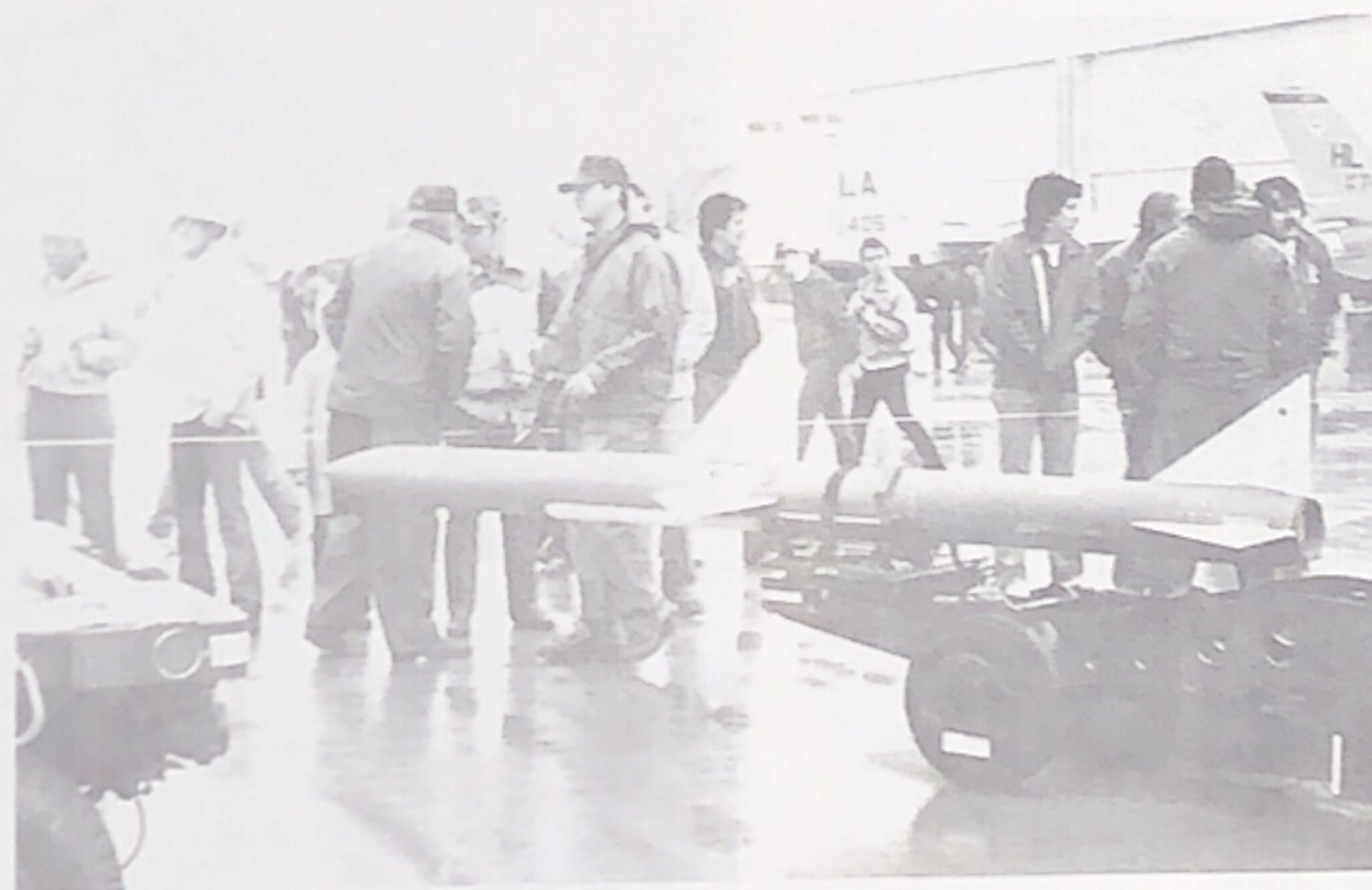
TSgt Darrell Cosad tying a Swiss Seat (Rappelling Harness) for SSgt Sandra Watkins, X-Ray Helper, 507th TAC Clinic, during a recent joint WSSF, Clinic training exercise.



Sra John Sanders displays his new T-shirt during recent rappelling exercises. The T-shirts were presented to all members of WSSF by their commander.



Mother Nature recently dampened the spirits of those attending Tinker's Open House. Even with the bad weather the two F-4Ds and ordnance from the 507th TFG received much attention. The flight crew members and maintenance personnel who braved the rain, cold, and multitude of questions are to be commended for their efforts. (USAF photos)

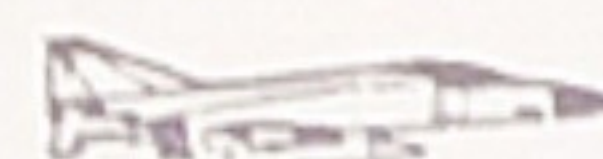


Our Air Force Reserve Recruiters took advantage of the recent Open House to greet and hand-out reserve literature. TSgt George Kriley is assisted by TSgt Ron Burris's son Ron Jr.



SSgt Dianna Trice had promised Capt Dick Jurkowski a kiss on his last day in the unit. The chocolate kiss was not what he had in mind.

Advisory Council gets answers



Base Exchange, Dining Hall, and Billeting policies were among the major topics discussed during April's NCO-Airman Advisory Council meeting.

According to TSgt Jim Miller, co-chairman for the council, base representatives attended the meeting providing answers to many of their questions.

Concerning the Base Dining Hall, Sergeant Miller said the facility will start running two lanes for breakfast and (as needed), lunch during UTA weekends.

The BX manager attended the meeting and outlined current BX policies for the council.

He said it is the base commander's policy to show ID and have the member's leave and earning statement (L.E.S.) signed and dated when entering the Exchange, even if in uniform. If a member does not buy anything, the checkout desk will scratch out the information.

Currently, the L.E.S. is good up to one full year. The manager said the Exchange wants reservists

business and that the BX is open seven days a week, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

He recommended that you have your L.E.S. and ID ready to present as you enter.

Reservists are also eligible to order items through the BX from their catalog, which is available free at the store. You may even call the Exchange from home to have them place an order. The BX will call you (including long distance calls) to let you know when your order is in.

The exchange, while offering no credit, does have a lay-away plan ranging from 90 to 180 days.

The exchange system also has a remote facility available to reservists located at the Naval Ammunition Depot at McAlester, OK where items like TV's, ranges, refrigerators, washers and dryers can be purchased.

The Council also selected TSgt Joanne S. Heald, 507th COMM Flight, as the NCO of the Quarter, first quarter 1984.

Life saving training pays off



Air Reserve Technician Bill Nelson considers himself lucky.

Last month, while eating a piece of hard candy, he accidentally swallowed the whole piece, lodging it in his throat.

That's when his boss, Art Martin stepped in. Slapping Nelson on the back proved ineffective so Martin moved behind him, wrapped his arms around the trunk of his body and performed the Heinleisch Maneuver.

To their surprise, it worked. Now Nelson credits that procedure for saving his life.

Now, these two members of the Life Support Section are firm believers in the life saving techniques taught to all reservists.



TSgt Art Martin recreating the Heinleisch Maneuver on SSgt Bill Nelson. (USAF photo)

AFA membership drive

The Air Force Association, a National, nonprofit organization that fights for better benefits for Air Force people and supports a strong national defense posture, is conducting its annual membership drive at Tinker AFB.

According to the Unit Membership Drive Chairman, MSgt Paul Wilson, AFA's effectiveness in support of Air Force needs is directly related to the size of its national membership, and all reserve personnel are urged to join AFA.

"Membership in the Association is open to all Air Force people", MSgt Wilson said, "and AFA is the only organization that represents the entire Air Force family." The Association has long been regarded as the Air Force's professional society and through its active Enlisted and Junior Officer Advisory Councils, "AFA hears the needs of Air Force people, takes positions on those needs, and fights for them," MSgt Wilson said.

The Air Force Association is also in a unique position to help the Air Force since it has over 310 chapter organizations located in all 50 states and at many overseas locations. These chapters provide a civilian-military forum for building support for Air Force needs that exists through no other organization. In this area, AFA members are encouraged to join the Tinker chapter, and membership dues, \$15 for one year and \$42 for three years, includes affiliation with the local chapter.

AFA members enjoy many varied benefits including a subscription to the highly regarded Air Force Magazine, eligibility for several low-cost group insurance programs, an automobile lease and purchasing program, car rental discounts, participation in AFA sponsored travel programs, and numerous opportunities to work with all elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and effect changes.

The drive will continue through the July UTA. For more information, contact MSgt Paul Wilson at ext 47075.

A1C Russ wins essay contest



Airman First Class Shirley Russ, an administrative technician for the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, recently won first place in a local essay contest.

The contest, recognizing Black Heritage Week, was sponsored by radio station KAEZ last February.

"My essay covered the efforts of black pilots in the 99th Fighter Squadron during WWII," she said.

In her essay she reported that prior to WWII there were no blacks in the Air Corps, mainly because of a racist attitude within American society that overflowed into the military.

The station awarded her a plaque and treated her to dinner at a local restaurant in recognition of her effort.

"I was really happy I won. I've never written anything like this before," Airman Russ said, adding, "This inspired me to do more writing."

Ira C. Eaker essay competition

The Air University Review, the professional journal of the Air Force, has announced the fourth annual Ira C. Eaker Essay Competition. The contest is named for the retired lieutenant general who has been at the center of airpower development for more than half a century.

The competition, which is open to all active-duty Air Force members as well as members of the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, U.S. Air Force Academy, Air Force ROTC and Civil Air Patrol, offers first, second and third place medallions along with \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 U.S. Saving Bonds.

Essays should address professionalism, leadership, integrity, ethics and values, strategy and tactics, doctrine, esprit de corps, or any combination of these topics.

For more information write: Air University Review, Building 1211, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112, or call autovon 875-2773. Entry deadline is June 1, 1984.

UTA Schedule

05 - 06 MAY; 02 - 03 JUN;
21 - 22 JUL; 18 - 19 AUG;
22 - 23 SEP

ANNUAL TOUR WILL BE DIVIDED
BETWEEN 12-26 MAY AND 16-30
JUNE AT HOME STATION.

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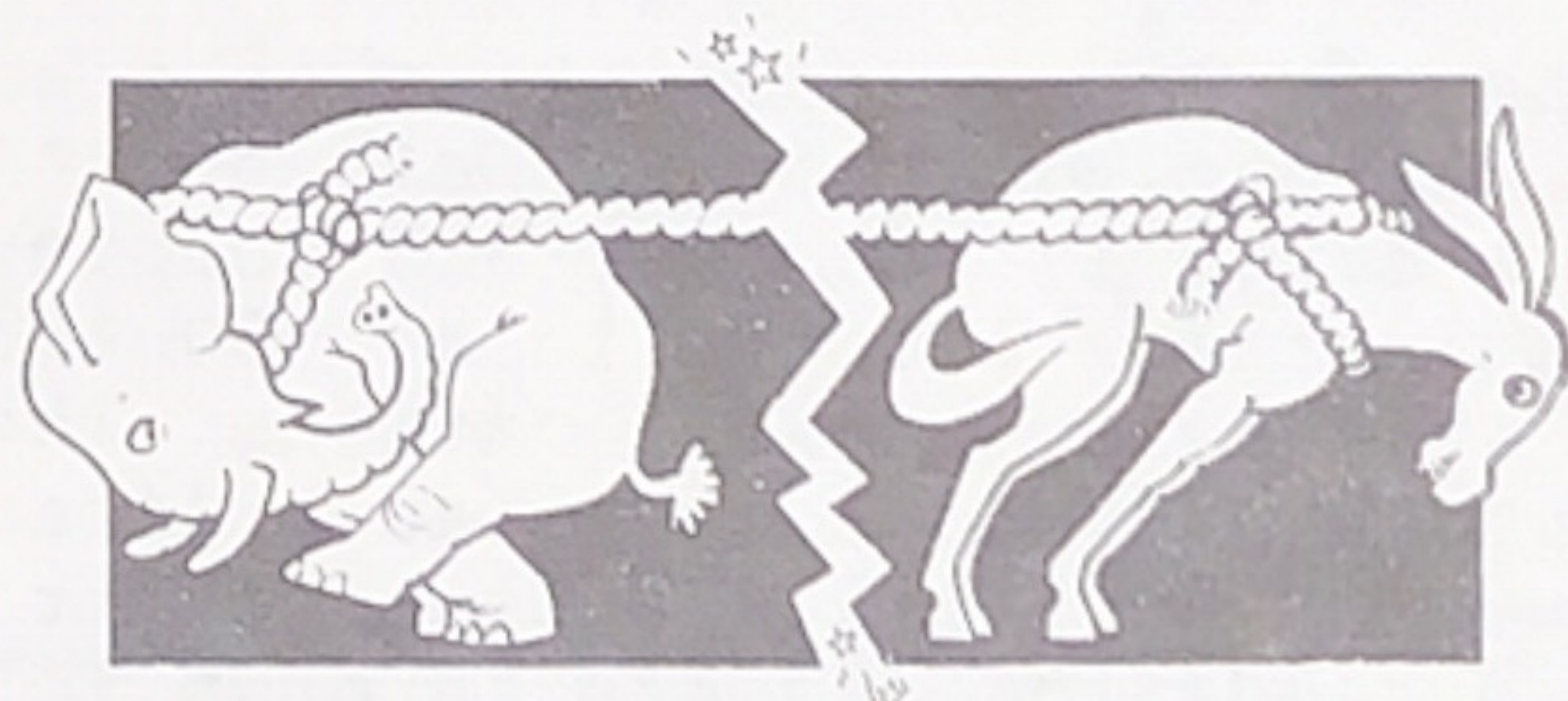


No voluntary retraining if over weight

Over weight Air Force members are no longer eligible to apply for voluntary retraining regardless of the progress they are making in the weight program, according to a recent change to Air Force Regulation 39-4, Airman Retraining Program. For further information, contact the personnel office.

Stay clear of politics

As the 1984 political campaigns pick up steam, remember that the Air Force cannot become involved in any aspect of campaigning. As a matter of long-standing policy, we cannot engage in any activities that may be interpreted as associating the Air Force with any particular political cause, party or candidate.



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