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507th takes Phantomcomp



An effective combat sortie depends on the skill and teamwork displayed by every member of the fighter triad; the maintenance crews, munitions loaders, and aircrews.

Members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group proved this point at Bergstrom AFB, Texas July 28 and 29 at Phantomcomp '84 which found them the best F-4 team in the Air Force Reserve. Fighter pilots and weapons system officers from the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing at Carswell AFB, Texas, walked away with the gunnery championship, but the 507th TFG won the overall team championship trophy by winning both maintenance and munitions loading competition while finishing third in the gunnery event.

This was the first year a championship trophy was presented to a reserve fighter unit based on combined maintenance, munitions, and gunnery scores.

"There were no losers in this competition," said Brig. Gen. James C. Wahleithner, commander of Tenth Air Force, which sponsored the event.

"Each F-4 team in the Air Force Reserve sent its very best people, and they all displayed the skill and professionalism which makes our units great."

Top gun award went to Maj. Daniel Kithcart and Capt. Harry Lucas of the 301st TFW who won one event-low angle bombing- and finished second in two events-low angle low drag bombing and strafe.

Aircrews from the 924th Tactical Fighter Group at Bergstrom finished second in team gunnery competition and won three individual events;

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Lt. Col. Jerry A. Wrucha, commander of the 507th TFG shows here that happiness is a warm smile and a big trophy...or is that a big smile and a warm trophy. (USAF photo)



In watching the events of the XXIII Olympiad, one is constantly reminded that the road to the bronze, silver and gold is paved with purpose, hard work and a dedication to excellence.

Each athlete, regardless of event, started preparation long ago by following an established game plan and vigorous training program.

To excel in our business, we too must train with a well defined game plan. Our strategy must embody those elements which lead to our goal: Combat Readiness Through Realistic Training. The name of our game plan is the Checkered Flag Training Program.

Simply stated, the Checkered Flag Training Program provides peacetime training guidelines and requirements which prepare us for wartime operations in NATO.

Each function within the 507th has established a training plan which will prepare them to cope with the limitations and restrictions imposed by our projected wartime tasking.

All of our training, be it the launching of aircraft, practicing rapid runway repair or securing the flightline, must be done in the same manner that we would in wartime.

Each and every one of us must become involved in this training and be knowledgeable of factors affecting operations at our Checkered Flag Training Base, Cigli AB, Turkey.

Checkered Flag is fast becoming a 'household' word within the 507th. I have made the establishment and conduct of the Checkered Flag Training Program this unit's number one priority.

Give this program your fullest support. Only through total involvement and commitment to the point that we 'eat, sleep and drink' Checkered Flag can we be assured that we have truly attained combat readiness through realistic training.

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Silver Flag Alpha highlighted



Gathering at the rendezvous point are members of the security flight fire team during a mapreading and compass maneuvers course.



Talking with Chaplain (1st Lt) Robert Hunt after Sunday services, are MSgt Rodney Clagg and Sgt Phil Hightower of the security flight. Chaplain Hunt deployed with the security flight and participated in all their exercises, from obstacle course to repelling off rocky cliffs. (USAF photos)



Breaking up with laughter is SSgt Reggie Powell, a cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructor. The training doll did not survive his "sharp blow in the back" training technique.



Crawling through a water obstacle during a survival exercise in Silver Flag Alpha training, is SSgt Robert Renner.

In and around the group

(USAF photos)



Airman Sandra Walker, clerk, is performing one of her many duties: shredding obsolete material for the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron.



Left to right, Maj. Jeff Warner, Maj. Mike Sies and Maj. Chip Taylor discuss their scores during Phantomcomp '84.



Maj. Nick Trail helps Capt. Steve Rogers strap on some of his water survival equipment during their water survival training conducted as an annual requirement.



Some 507th participants and their accompanying cheering section let out shouts of approval after receiving their scores at Phantomcomp '84.

Sgt. Cecil Childers, 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, is performing his last duty as a metal fabricating specialist. He recently reenlisted in the unit, participating in the cross training for bonus program and is now a pavement maintenance specialist.



Staff Sergeants Bob Branchfield, Don Ganton and Greg Johnson walk up to receive their award as Best Load Team during Phantomcomp '84.

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low angle low drag bombing by Lt. Col Dave Gildart and Capt. Charlie Koym; strafe by Maj. David Dellwart and Capt. Ron Johnston; and navigation by Maj. Butch Henkelman and Capt. Steve Owens. The one other individual gunnery event-dive bombing-was won by Captains James Leslie and Joseph Birchman from the 507th TFG.

The 507th TFG munitions loading team, consisting of Staff Sergeants Donald Ganton, Gregory Johnson and Robert Branchfield, scored 2,214 out of a possible 2,250 points to win the munitions loading team trophy.

The best single load score-1,001 points-was recorded by the 301st TFW team consisting of TSgt Arless Loftis and Staff Sergeants Terry Ryan and Robert Armstrong.

The 482nd Tactical Fighter Wing from Homestead AFB, Fla., finished second in both maintenance and munitions loading competition while the 924th Tactical Fighter Group finished third in both events.

According to Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha, 507th TFG commander, this victory was an, "Outstanding job...by outstanding people...This proves the 507th is a real 'SH' Sierra Hotel outfit!!"

Changes allow better pay service



The 507th Military Pay officials have announced a change has been made in the way military pay is handled within the Group.

According to Ronald L. Leonard, 507th Budget Officer, "To allow for more individualized service and to assure that the pay clerks are trained and well-versed in all aspects of pay, the Group's military pay processing input and services have been separated between the three clerks assigned here."

In the future, if the first three digits of your social security number are from 000 through 440, Bob Thiemann will handle your pay transactions and inquiries. He will also be responsible for all Form 40's,

mechanized listings, (sign-in rosters) for the 465th, 507th WSSF, and 507th TFG.

Billy Noble will handle those individuals with social security numbers from 441 through 446 and mechanized listings for the 403rd CLSS, 72nd APS, 507th DE and 507th CF.

Charles Boyd will have the remainder of the social security numbers from 447 through 999 and mechanized listings for the 507th SG, 507th CSS, 507th MSF and 507th CAMS.

All individual pay inquiries should be directed to the pay clerk assigned your social security number. They are located in room 216 of bldg 1043.

Commissioning info available



Those persons interested in the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program must complete Course 7D and have their complete package submitted by the April 85 UTA.

According to SSgt. Dick Ebner,

DPMQ in the personnel office, "There is a lot of information required to complete these commissioning packets, so please check with my office as soon as possible for any assistance you may require and your checklist and instructions."

Tooth fairies corner

By Capt David Harris

(A series of articles concerning the prevention of dental disease.)

This month's article concerns safety and first aid for dental injuries. Accidents are the second major cause of tooth loss in young people. It has been estimated that there are over 25,000 accidents annually in public schools alone which require the assistance of a dentist. In addition many thousands occur away from work and school, mainly in the summertime i.e. - diving board accidents, bicycle accidents, skating accidents, etc. Children should be instructed in the observation of proper safety rules, especially when running,

playing games and using drinking fountains. It is vitally important that everyone, young and old, who enjoys contact sports and physical education activities is instructed in the wear of properly constructed mouth protectors.

If a tooth is injured in any way, a dentist should be consulted. This is particularly important if a child or adult has a tooth loosened or knocked out. If a tooth is knocked out, it should not be cleaned but should be wrapped in a wet cloth or placed in water or milk and taken immediately with the patient to a dentist (within an hour, if possible).

PEP pays off

The Promotion Enhancement Program has paid off for 10 local reservists. The program was designed by AFRES headquarters to promote deserving Reserve personnel in the ranks of staff sergeant through senior master sergeant.

The promotions were all effective July 1.

Promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant were: Howard D. Aliff, CAMS; Judy S. Branchfield, 403rd; Cynthia A. Liebendorfer, CSS; Donald W. Smith,

CAMS; and James P. Wolfe, TFG.

Promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant were: Phillip C. Carlson, CSS; Norman H. Hustead, CSS; Steven W. Poos, CAMS; and Deborah J. Willis, 72nd.

According to Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha, 507th TFG Commander, "The competition for these promotions was extremely keen and only the most highly qualified were selected for promotion. I congratulate members for their selection."

Security! It's up to us

By TSgt Eddie Bork
Information Security Program Manager

Security Awareness! It's up to all of us to be alert to security problems.

We as members of the 507th TFG are the primary individuals concerned with control of our area, be it overseas or stateside. We must maintain a constant awareness of our resources, not only physical but individual as well.

As acts of terrorism increase throughout the world, we too, must be alert to the threat of a lone individual or even a group of terrorists. The American lives lost at the Beirut Embassy showed that we were vulnerable to this type of act; cruel and savage as it may be.

Security is a part of our business and it's up to us to provide the maximum amount necessary to keep our unit, ourselves and our nation safe from these terrorist bands.

Accurate data prevents mistakes

All 507th Tactical Fighter Group members are reminded to make sure their Record of Emergency Data is accurate.

The 507th personnel office asks each person to take the personal responsibility to put up-to-date information on this form, which is known as DD Form 93.

You must also make sure your beneficiaries have not changed, for example by recent marriage, divorce or additional children.

If there's any doubt about the emergency information in your file, stop in the CBPO customer service center, second floor of building 1043.

UTA Schedule

18 - 19 AUG;

SEPTEMBER IS CHANGED TO THE
8TH AND 9TH (MEI)

PROPOSED FY 85

20 - 21 OCT;	17 - 18 NOV;
08 - 09 DEC;	12 - 13 JAN;
09 - 10 FEB;	16 - 17 MAR;
13 - 14 APR;	04 - 05 MAY;
29 - 30 JUN;	20 - 21 JUL;
17 - 18 AUG;	14 - 15 SEP;

12 AF IG conference period

In accordance with AFR 123-2 and AFR 123-11, a 12 AF Inspector General representative will hold a Conference period in Building 1043, Room 116, 9 September, 1500 to 1600 hours.

The conference period is for all military and civilian personnel desiring to present a complaint or inquiry. Also, personnel may use this opportunity to provide information consistent with the Air Force Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention Program. Appointments are not necessary.

Supervisors should ensure personnel who desire to meet with the Inspector General's representative are afforded the opportunity to do so. Matters discussed during the conference period will be held in confidence, except to the extent necessary to obtain official consideration.

Individuals unable to attend the conference period may contact any 12 AF Inspector during the inspection or call extension 45101 during the conference period.

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