



# On-final

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## 507TH GETS HIGH MARKS IN PHANTOMCOMP ,84

A letter from Col. Jay Closner, 419th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, Hill AFB, Utah, praised the 507th as "awesome, effective and professional."

Referring to the way the 507th maintenance crews landed and set up at Bergstrom AFB, Tx, two hours before the first aircraft arrived, an anonymous commander from the competition said, "The 507th is here to win."

When the entire ground and air crew was assembled, the same commander, still to remain anonymous, was really impressed.

"This is going to be a long, hard fight this year. They're back to the way they were in the good old days... winners!"

Colonel Closner concluded by noting the across the board improvements in professionalism and pride. "I am particularly proud because of the way you folks handle the 'hard times'... no whimpering and crying about an unfair life. My congratulations and admiration go to all 507th personnel."

## CAREER ADVISORS EXTEND CAREERS

Lt Mike Miller administers the oath of enlistment to TSgt Rick Navarro, CBPO Career Advisor and TSgt John Swindle, Civil Engineer's Career Advisor, as they take their own advice and extend their careers in the Air Force Reserve by reenlisting. (USAF photo)





## GUESTS IN OUR HOUSE

## A WARM WELCOME

To all members of the Tactical Air Command inspection team, a warm welcome to the 507th. We've worked hard since your last visit, and are eager to show you our progress. Our number one priority has been Checkered Flag training because our goal is combat readiness through realistic training.

## SMILE AT THE UNEXPECTED

To all members of the 507th, you may experience the unexpected this weekend. Our inspectors could challenge us with unexpended ordnance drills, chemical warfare training, command post exercises, bomb threats and flight line infiltrations. Be alert to these no-notice events! Drop whatever you are doing to participate, because that's what war is about --- survival!

## GO FOR IT!

It's been seven months since our last inspection, and if you've done what's needed, you could now perhaps earn the coveted IG rating of "outstanding." There are no secrets known only to inspectors. Their rules and standards are not unreasonable. I expect each of you to reach out in your own mind for the highest rating you deserve, then tell your inspector how hard you've worked. If you've earned it, he'll award it.

## STEP FORWARD WITH PROBLEMS

Our's is not a perfect world. If you have complaints, or information on fraud, waste and abuse of government property, or a serious question the IG needs to address using their powerful resources, come to the conference period on September 9th, room 116 in building 1043.

You may come any time between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. An appointment is not needed. Your supervisor should permit you to come. Your statements are held in confidence. If this time is not convenient, be sure to talk to any inspector or call 45101 to request a specific appointment.

## MAKE A NEW FRIEND

When the inspectors are on the ramp, it's too late for more fixing. So do one more thing for me. Remember the "G" in IG stands for genius. The IG is your partner and is here to help you. Treat him like a guest in your home. Give him a thorough briefing, a totally honest look at both problems and accomplishments. Plan a full, busy schedule with no idle time. Show him your normal activities, your "traffic pattern." Don't create an unreal atmosphere of calm, but include him, as a matter of courtesy, in your daily routine. Meet his needs as if he were your friend, because he is.

## FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

All of us can be better airmen. So when 12th Air Force leaves us with very specific guidance let's take it seriously and implement it permanently.

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# USE OF BASE EXCHANGE

Attending a complete two day Unit Training Assembly (UTA) period entitles a reservist to four days of shopping privileges in the base exchange (BX). In addition, when the reservist is on active duty (annual tour, school tour, man days) he is authorized BX privileges for each of those days in addition to his UTA earned shopping days.

When you walk into the BX you must have your red ID card, plus either of the following: an earnings statement (ES) less than one year old or your set of orders. Your orders are good only for those days you work, but your ES is good for one full year provided it still has entitlements left on it.

## SPACE "A" TRAVEL REG CHANGES

Two recent changes affect reservists. One, the DD Form 1853, which must be signed by the member's commander prior to flight, is now valid for only 30 days. Therefore a reservist who does not attend UTAs regularly, will not be permitted the space "A" privilege.

Second, it is now easier to fly to the vacation spot of your choice, anywhere in the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Base passenger terminals are required to keep a space "A" register; reservists may sign up for up to five destinations at once; and their names will remain on the register for up to 45 days, as long as the reservist revalidates his intent to travel, every 15 days.

The reservist must still show up in person, present his red ID card and have a current DD Form 1853.

What are entitlements? The BX clerk at the ID desk will mark your ES with the date and her initials. Each ES is valid for shopping until four sets of dates and initials are entered. But you have as many "window shopping" days as you like at the BX, so if you don't buy anything, stop by the ID desk on your way out and have that day's date and initials voided.

If you just entered the Reserves and have no ID card or ES, get a letter signed by your squadron commander stating you are new and have worked a UTA. Your dependents can also use the BX. Your spouse and your children age 16 or over each needs a reserve dependent ID card plus your ES. Children under 16 must be accompanied by you or your spouse.

## AIRLINE TICKETS JUST LIKE CASH

Reservists traveling on official business should treat their airline tickets like cash because it will take cash -- the reservist's cash -- to replace them if lost.

Last year 1,100 military travelers lost airline tickets. The cost of the replacement ticket is deducted from the traveler's pay, then the traveler files a claim which could take five months to a year, and several airlines never refund for lost tickets.

Reservists are also reminded that when traveling on official business they may not keep promotional items valued at over \$5.00. Frequent flyer discounts and prizes belong to the U.S. Government, and must be returned to the base Accounting and Finance Office.



## TWO FIRST SERGEANTS GRADUATE

MSgt Tom Clapper, 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, and MSgt David Hardwicke, 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, recently graduated from the two week First Sergeant Academy at Keesler AFB, Miss.

They learned the same material condensed from the one month long course for active duty first sergeants, because most reservists cannot spend four weeks away from civilian jobs.

"Because of our diamond we're looked at constantly," said TSgt Clapper. "Our integrity, our uniforms and our knowledge of regulations are always in the spotlight."

The school emphasized knowing everyone in the unit who is in the service business... supply, administration, chaplain, medics and more. Because if the unit is activated, the first sergeant must know who does what, without hesitation.

"The first sergeant is the first person to see if you have a problem, the last to see if you are the problem." This philosophy explains the "people oriented" goals a first sergeant must have, as he is both a firm disciplinarian and a compassionate friend.

## LATEST PAY INCREASE IS \$2 A MONTH

Effective July 1st each reservist received a quick "pay increase" because he paid only \$2.08 per month for Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, down from \$4.06. The premium dropped because SGLI investment income increased, and members are living longer. The Veterans Administration supervises the program, but Prudential Insurance Company of America is the primary insurer. More than 99 percent of service members have SGLI protection.

## CAMS CHECKERED FLAG TRAINING



Utilizing all available space, the CAMS break room, recently found Maj John Russell conducting the CAMS Checkered Flag briefing for newcomers. Maj Russell said "it's old hat for those of us giving it, but new and different for the new members receiving it. Most of them are not aware of the fact that, wheather they're in a mobility position or not, every one in the unit is eligible to be deployed. So they all get Checkered Flag training, after all thats what we're here for, realistic training". (USAF photo)

## F-4 STENCIL MARKINGS AND DECALS REDUCED

Stencil markings and decals have proliferated since WW II, but from now on only those required by law can be used. Still permitted are national star and aircraft serial numbers, emergency access and exit markings, and pilot and crew chief names.

The change will reduce the number of hours an aircraft stays in maintenance for painting, and will minimize compromises in aircraft camouflage paint. Savings Air Force wide from more than 100,000 man hours should total \$2.5 million annually.

Added to savings on paint, stencils and decals, are cuts in technical order costs. For example F-4 tech orders were cut by 50 pages saving \$200 per illustrated page.



## YOUR OPINION NEEDED

The commander's column, written each month by Lt Col Jerry Wrucha, needs a name! For example, the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, Col Jay Closner, writes "CLEAR VIS".

Call or write your ideas to the public affairs office, Mr. Whitie Blanshan. Contest dates are the September and October UTAs. The 507th Airman-NCO Advisory Council will select the winner at their November meeting.

## RESERVISTS NOW PAID FOR INJURIES ENROUTE TO UTA

Reservists now qualify for medical and dental care for injuries received or aggravated while traveling to and from inactive duty training, such as UTA periods.

They can also receive subsistence allowance if hospitalized. No care is authorized, however, if the injury resulted from the member's own gross negligence or misconduct. SMSgt Doris Kitze, 507th director of personnel, has more information.

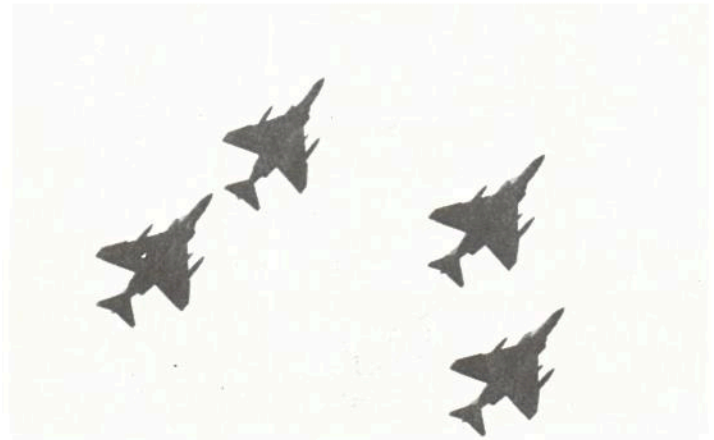
## SERGEANT DUNLAP IS HONOR GRADUATE

After seven weeks at Lackland AFB, Tx, Sgt John Dunlap became one of two honor graduates among 58 students at Security Police Specialist School. He passed four exams with a better than 93% grade average to win his certificate of achievement and a letter from the school commandant.

"We studied search and apprehend procedures, plus the latest legal aspects of security police work," said Sergeant Dunlap. "We also practiced how to enter a window silently, which was tough since the window was in a tin building. But I made it without a sound, and was complimented by the instructor."

Sergeant Dunlap was in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970 and had combat photography experience.

## PHANTOMS PAY TRIBUTE



Combining a mission at the range with the opportunity to pay tribute to fellow military members recently found a flight of 507th F-4D Phantoms with the number 3 ship pulling up and away to create the Missing Man formation. The fly-by was part of ceremonies held at Tinker AFB, honoring Oklahoma's MIAs. (USAF photo)

## UNIT VACANCY PROMOTIONS

### -- FOLLOW THE RULES

Board dates for officers vying for unit vacancy promotions are well into 1985, but suspense dates for recommendations to reach HQ AFRES are fast approaching. For majors the date is Dec 3, 1984; for lieutenant colonels Mar 1, 1985 and for captains May 15, 1985.

"We must make sure an officer's recommendation agrees with his records," said Lt Col Jerry Wrucha, 507th Tactical Fighter Group commander. "I know of cases where a professional military education course was mentioned in the application, but never entered in the officer's records. I've seen an official photograph out of date or poor quality, and an officer's entire education section was deleted from his records by the computer."

Commanders are precluded by AFR 36-11 from advising officers they are being recommended, but they are encouraged to advise officers who are eligible to carefully check their records.



## AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal: MSgt Walter E. Sharp, 403 CLSS.

Air Force Commendation Medal:  
Maj Lawrence J. Sprenz, 507 CSS;  
MSgt Rodney L. Clagg, 507 WSSF;  
SMSgt Rufus A. Leckie, 507 CAMS;  
MSgt Daniel Penner, 507 CAMS;  
TSgt Leon C. Tidwell, 507 CES.

Air Force Achievement Medal:  
1Lt Patrick T. McAleer, 507 CSS;  
CMSgt Albert L. Adams, 507 TFG;  
TSgt Richard A. Curry, 507 TFG;  
SSgt Cynthia M. Lucci, 507 CSS;  
TSgt Arthur F. Martin, 465 TFS;  
SSgt Karen L. Kirkpatrick, 465 TFS

## PROMOTIONS

To SSgt: Cecil J. Childers, 507 CES; Lynda D. Coley, 507 CES; Stephen D. Higdon, 403 CLSS; Linda J. Green, 507 MOBSF; Kathleen E. Lowman, 507 CAMS; Larry W. McClure, 507 CAMS; Freeman D. Pittman, 403 CLSS; Sam L. White, Sr., 507 CAMS; Duane L. Morrow, 507 CAMS; Robert L. Reynolds, 507 TAC CL; Lisa A. Schultz, 507 CSS; Roger T.J. Vandusen, 72 APS.

To SrA: Mary H. Cowdrey, 465 TFS; Gina G. Feary, 403 CLSS; Donna R. Hembree, 507 CAMS; Timothy E. Hoover, 507 CAMS; Sharon C. Howard, 72 APS; Charlene Jacobs, 465 TFS; Gregory S. Knight, 507 CES; Robert L. Legg, 507 CAMS; Darryl L. Matthews, 507 CAMS; Terry W. Shook, 507 CAMS.

To ALC: Donna J. Harrell, 403 CLSS.

## RESERVIST ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK UP

If you have an idea to improve the Air Reserve Forces, the ARPC/AFRES Policy and Advisory Council meets in November and welcomes your suggestions. Submit ARPC Form 2, available in the personnel office, or write a personal letter. Every member submitting a suggestion will receive a reply.

## VA WAIVERS FOR DUAL COMP

The Veterans Administration has assumed the responsibility of getting waivers from reservists who are entitled to VA benefits. Mr. Ron Leonard of the Air Reserve Pay and Allowance System Office said "It is no longer necessary for this office to request waivers (AF Form 1962) for VA compensation. A recent change to the regulations has placed the responsibility for waivers with the Veterans Administration so when they send the form and instructions for the reservist to complete, they should just fill it out with the information they ask for and return it as soon as possible."

## WSSF ASSISTS 2854TH



507th WSSF members, SSgt Bob Herring and ALC Donnell Smith clearing their weapons prior to departing to South Eastern Oklahoma to assist Tinker's 2854 Security Police in guarding an accident site. When Tinker asked for help, members of the WSSF responded on very short notice which relieved the 2854 SPs of the added duties placed on them by the accident. (USAF photo)



## ACTION LINE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Q: I've heard people have finished all their volume reviews, and then had to wait a long time to get their end of course test. Why is ECI so slow in getting these tests to us?

A: For years students taking ECI courses simply mailed in their volume reviews. When the last volume was complete the computer automatically sent the unit training office the end of course test. "No longer," says Pat Heard in the 507th training office. "When the student completes the last volume he must also complete the survey answer sheet, labeled 99-01, and mail it to ECI too. It is this survey answer sheet that triggers the exam to be sent. No survey sheet, no end of course test." The student's name and social security number will be removed

from data before it is tabulated, and the survey will not affect the student's score.

Q: I have questions about the Community College of the Air Force, but I don't have time to come to Tinker AFB during the week to use the autovon lines. What can be done to help reservists on the weekends?

A: A hotline is now open to Community College of the Air Force. Enlisted reservists who want a college degree can call the first three Saturdays of the month, Autovon 875-5800 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Central Standard Time. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and accepts military training for course credit.

## CADETS TOUR 507TH

Maj John Russell and a group of ROTC Cadets (3rd Lieutenants) as they tour the 507th. The cadets were briefed on the ejection seats, given a thorough tour and explanation of the F-4D, weapons facility, life support and operations. Maj Russell also discussed the advantages of the reserve when they finish their Air Force Commitment.





## 507TH PICNIC SET FOR OCTOBER UTA

At noon, Saturday, October 20th the Tactical Fighter Group picnic begins behind buildings 1043 and 1048, on the hill by the group headquarters area. The picnic is for unit members only, not guests or family, and will feature games and food for the remainder of the day.

The annual picnic in part will say "thanks" for the many hours of overtime by unit members readying for Phantomcomp '84, the exercises and deployments of the past year, and the extra effort required to prepare for two inspections in the past nine months...

## DINING HALL OPEN EARLY FOR SEPTEMBER UTA

The dining hall has agreed to open at 0600 hours, 30 minutes earlier than normal to assist us as much as possible in our efforts to make sure that all reservists have ample time to eat, prior to reporting to work--for the September UTA.

## UTA Schedule

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.

## ART OFFICERS MUST REGISTER

All Air Reserve Technician (ART) officers must register in the AFRES career management program, or they will not be considered for promotion or developmental reassignment, even at their present location. Complete AF Form 2675, "Civilian Career Enhancement Program."

## OFFICERS FACE SCHOOL AND ACTIVE DUTY CHOICES

Reserve officers may now apply for the following schools in residence for FY 1985. See the personnel office for details.

- \*Industrial College of the Armed Forces
- \*Naval War College
- \*Air War College
- \*Air Command and Staff College
- \*Armed Forces Staff College

In addition, Air Force has allocated 150 positions this year to be filled by highly qualified reserve officers who volunteer for recall to extended active duty. Apply immediately because the recall board meets in October. Ask the personnel office for AFR 45-26, Table 4.

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