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## TAC INSPECTION TEAM CONDUCTS MEI

They came, and they liked what they saw. The 507th TFG was indeed a much improved unit since the previous Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI) of Jan 27 to Feb 1, 1984.

So concluded the inspection team from HQ 12th Air Force, Bergstrom AFB in Texas, following their Sep 6-12 formal evaluation of the 507th management, organization and mission capability. The team was impressed with some areas, and noted problems in others.

Col. Henry Rogge, director of inspections at HQ 12 Air Force, and Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha, 507th commander, thanked the entire staff for their hard work in preparing for the inspection. They were highly pleased with the group's accomplishments and training programs.

There was such high interest in the inspection results, the following guests arrived for the final out-brief: Brig. Gen. R. L. Meyer, vice commander of 12th Air Force; Brig. Gen. Edward R. Bracken, vice commander of the OKC Air Logistics Center; Col. J.T. Loftus, chief of staff, 10th Air Force; Col. Gerald M. Blackburn, vice base commander, Tinker AFB; Col. John J. Closner, wing commander, 419th Tactical Fighter Wing; Col. Hurd, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, director of operations; and Col. Don Garrett, Reserve Forces Liaison to 12th Air Force.



Receiving his post orders, called special security instructions, is SrA. Greg Patterson (right), 507th WSSF. By relieving SrA. John Sanders, Airman Patterson becomes the close bound sentry for the shift during the recent MEI. (USAF photo)

## THREE RESERVE ACTS

Enact: put into practice. Recruit, retain and be ready.

React: lead, follow, or get out of the way. Here comes the fighting 507th!

Class Act: This is the real 507th. Congratulations on your MEI results!



## ANNUAL TOUR EXPLAINED

Current plans say the next 507th annual tour will be held in August 1985. One week at Tinker AFB for mobility practice will be followed by a one-week deployment to Volk Field, Wisc. Plans are subject to change, of course.

To effectively manage the annual tour program, the 507th commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha, has issued the following guidelines:

All category "A" reservists will perform a minimum of 14 days annual tour each year as a condition of being a member of the Air Force Reserve and the 507th TFG. Individuals requiring excusal or date substitution will do so as explained in para 2-10b and chapter 5 of AFR 35-41.

Unit commanders will track the number of annual tour days performed, by using AFRES Form 17. Reservists will train in their duty AFSC to the maximum extent possible.

Annual tours will be scheduled so that a member will have his tour orders at least 30 days in advance. Incremental tours, those of fewer than five days at a time, require group commander approval.

Air Reserve Technicians (ARTs) will perform annual tour as explained in AFRESR 40-22.

Annual tours will provide maximum training for each reservist. For example the last day of annual tour is not a travel day. Reservists living outside the commuting area will be given travel days in addition to annual tour days.

## HANDICAPPED PARKING DECALS EXPLAINED

Recently a reservist was ticketed in Midwest City, Okla, for parking in a handicapped zone even though his vehicle carried five wheel chair decals signifying handicapped status.

As the ticketing officer explained, Midwest City does not honor military decals. Other Oklahoma municipalities have the same policy, although the Oklahoma City police department says it would probably recognize a military handicapped decal.

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety says Oklahoma will honor other state decals, but not military decals.

And Tinker AFB does not recognize civilian (city or state) decals. However, individual security police and municipal police officers will, as a matter of courtesy, often not ticket vehicles with proper but "unrecognized" decals.

The safest route is to get both state and military decals. Call 424-4011, ext 2289 (vehicle inspection) for the state decal, and 42151 (base security police) for the military decal.

(Above article written by Maj. Mike Minnis, 507th TFG staff judge advocate)

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## DON'T WRITE OFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

You may not realize it, but you started earning your associate college degree just by graduating from basic training. That's because CCAF awards four semester hours of college credit just for all the physical conditioning you got at basic.



And, if you graduated from a technical school, as do 90 percent of all incoming enlisted people, you earned about 20 more semester hours of credit. Even if you didn't go to technical school, you earned four semester hours of college credit by reaching the 3, 5, 7, or 9 skill level in your job.

CCAF awards six semester hours of credit for management, which you can earn by completing professional military education courses. In fact, most credits needed for a CCAF degree can be earned in job-related courses.

"But," you say, "CCAF credits don't mean anything!" Oh, but you're wrong. CCAF is accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges, and School's Commission on Colleges, and is the only Department of Defense school authorized to grant an associate degree. And those credits are transferable to some four-year schools.

There is no listing of schools accepting CCAF credits, but there are more than 400 U.S. colleges and universities that give credit for non-traditional education, which includes work experience that can be verified through tests, transcripts and portfolios. The base education office has this list.

If you're planning to make the Air Force Reserve a career, the best reason to look at CCAF is the promotion statistics for E-8s and E-9s. The last promotion cycle shows that 2,224 of 2,299 master sergeants had at least an associate degree. And 854 or 891 senior master sergeants had at least an associate degree.

Air Force has recognized the more education you have, the more effective you are in your job.

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILITY

**Typhoid:** Two doses at an interval of four or more weeks. After basic series is complete, a booster is required every three years.

**Tetanus-Diphtheria:** Two doses four to six weeks apart. A third dose is given one year after the second dose. Booster shots at ten years.

**Oral Polio:** Two doses not less than six weeks apart, then a third

dose six to twelve months after the second. No booster is required.

**Smallpox:** One inoculation is required every five years.

**Yellow Fever:** One dose every ten years.

**Cholera:** One dose every six months, only when stationed in or traveling through an infected area.



## WHO'S ENTITLED TO BILLETING?

Who is entitled to billeting during UTA weekends? Do you have to make a reservation? Mr. Ron Leonard, 507th budget officer, answers these questions.

"The billeting office is furnished a master list of group reservists eligible for billeting at government expense," said Mr. Leonard. "Each unit commander submits the names of his reservists who are entitled to billeting for the master list."

To be eligible a reservist must live outside the corporate limits, which is defined locally as outside a 50 mile radius from Tinker AFB.

Eligible reservists on annual tour, UTA or AFTP (additional flying training period) are entitled to billeting at the unit's expense. They will be given either quarters on base, or contract quarters off base.

If a reservist is on manday status, which is active duty for training, and is billeted on base, he must pay for these quarters and file for reimbursement on his travel voucher.

If a reservist is on manday status and is billeted off base in contract quarters, the base pays the bill.

Concerning reservations, reservists whose names are on the master list do not have to make reservations. However a reservist may not specify what type of quarters he gets.

On base quarters cannot be guaranteed. They will be used as long as available, then contract quarters are used.

"One of our biggest problems," said Mr. Leonard, "is when a reservist changes his status from active duty training, to inactive duty training, or vice versa. When you change status you must check out of billeting, then check back in."

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR LIEUTENANT LANE



Being inspected during the MEI is 2nd Lt. Renee Lane, 507th TFG disaster preparedness officer. Lieutenant Lane was complimented on the disaster preparedness annex to the unit Checkered Flag training plan, and for meeting mobility team requirements. (USAF photo)

## LAST CHANCE

This UTA is your final opportunity to name the commander's column, appearing each month in On Final.

Call or write your ideas to the public affairs office, Mr. Whitie Blanshan, ext 43078 by Sunday afternoon.

Examples of names already received are: "Jer - care," "Truckin' with Wrucha," "View from the Top," "Pilot to Crew," and "Zap News."

## HERITAGE HALL SEEKS AIR FORCE ARTIFACTS

The USAF Senior NCO Academy Enlisted Heritage Hall needs your help. The Academy is looking for artifacts, art work, or memorabilia of enlisted Air Force or Army Air Force heritage.

When you are ready to donate items, or if you have questions, call the Academy, Autovon 446-4271 or 3268.

## AIRMAN CRAWFORD BRIEFED ON CHECKERED FLAG COMMITMENT



Receiving her section CHECKERED FLAG briefing, which explains her responsibilities should the unit be called to war, is Alc Maria Crawford, the newest member of the 465th TFS Air Intelligence Section. Major Larry Kelly, air intelligence officer, gave the briefing followed by a welcome aboard orientation. (USAF photo)

## VOTING - WHAT TO DO

Air Force wants every voter in the Air Force family to vote. That's why assistance is offered on registration and obtaining ballots. Here is a list of actions specifically authorized. They are both legal and encouraged.

Register, vote, and assist in non-partisan voter registration drives.

Express personal opinions on candidates and issues as an individual citizen, not as an Air Force spokesman.

Donate money to a political party or organization, or attend political fund raising functions in civilian clothes.

Attend partisan or non-partisan political gatherings as a spectator in civilian clothing.


Join a political party or club.

Campaign for or against referendum questions, municipal ordinances.

Sign nominating petitions.

Don't neglect this most important freedom - voting!

**VOTE WITH A FRIEND.**



**MAKE IT COUNT MORE.**

A lot of people don't vote because they think it doesn't count. But think of all your friends who think the same way you do about the future of our country.

Get your friends to vote with you, and together your votes will count more. This year, vote with a friend.



## PROMOTIONS

### To Senior Master Sergeant

Tom D. Scott 507 CAMS

### To Technical Sergeant

Joyce Devaux 507 TFG

Gayle E. Lopes 507 MSF

### To Staff Sergeant

Emmanuel C. Fajardo 507 CAMS

Phillip Hightower 507 WSSF

Michael J. Tolliver 507 CAMS

### To Senior Airman

David C. Allensworth 507 CAMS

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Michael A. Decker 507 CAMS

Joseph C. Fleming 507 CAMS

Timothy W. Jones 507 CAMS

Gregory M. Kemp 507 CAMS

Larry Williams, Jr. 507 WSSF

### To Airman First Class

Tracy M. Phelon 507 CAMS

### To Airman

Steve A. Jordan 507 CES

## MAINTENANCE AWARDS

### Ground Crew of the Quarter (April - June 1984)

#### First Place: Aircraft 7618

TSgt Felipe Aguilar

TSgt John Meissner

SSgt Jerry Wilgus

#### Second Place: Aircraft 8701

TSgt Donald Hart

SSgt Joe Lafitte

SSgt Marty Lochman

#### Third Place: Aircraft 7762

TSgt Richard Nixon

SSgt Dennis Wirth

Sgt James Hathcock

### Outstanding Achievement

Alc Brian Seaborn: 92% score on  
CDC 42353 exam

SrA Lisa Gamero: 93% score on  
CDC 00010 exam

Sgt Grady Brown: 95% score on  
CDC 46150 exam

### Maintenance Person of the Month

May '84 - Sgt Duane L. Morrow

Jun '84 - TSgt James Crouse

### "SH" Excellent Endeavor Award

May '84 - Equipment Maintenance

Jun '84 - Equipment Maintenance

## MAIL-ORDER RECORD REVIEWS

On July 1st the 507th CBPO started doing every-two-year record reviews by mail. New members, however, still require a face-to-face record review interview during inprocessing.

"We stress the importance of the record review RIP, which is the computer print out," said SSgt Cecelia J. Fink. Each member must review it

carefully and report any errors to us. This is your military record, and must be taken seriously."

The new mailout system saves time, both for the member and the Air Force. Continuing the service, however, depends on the member's rapid response. Call the CBPO, ext 47491, or visit room 204 in building 1043.

## ACTION LINE (IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS)

QUES: I've heard I no longer have to keep receipts for meals and lodging while TDY. Is this true?

ANS: Yes. The Air Force is testing a flat-rate per diem system. Travelers are paid a flat-rate per diem based on the location of the area where TDY is performed, instead of actual expenses. So you won't need receipts for meals and lodging. But you will need receipts for non-per diem expenses such as transportation and miscellaneous expenses of more than \$24. Computation is based on whether a particular day is a travel

day or a stationary day. The test started Feb 1, 1984 and will end Sep 30, 1985.

QUES: Are the new sign-in rosters permanent? Must we use our social security numbers?

ANS: Yes. Computerization has arrived at the 507th pay section. Starting with the October UTA all sign-in rosters will be in numeric sequence, by social security number. The old system was alphabetic, by last name.

## DON'T LEAVE THE OFFICE WITHOUT IT

When you leave home, you lock your doors and windows. When you park your car you do the same.

It's no different in your Air Force Reserve job!

These cautions were expressed by TSgt Eddie Bork, NCOIC, 507th WSSF.

"And in government offices we must be even more security conscious. High value equipment and classified information are highly marketable among thieves and international spies. Remember to lock up when you leave, and fill out AF Form 302 when you've inspected your area."

## MASTER SERGEANT KEN MARSHALL RETIRES

Receiving a plaque and congratulations upon retirement is MSgt Ken Marshall, 507th Communications Flight. Maj. Richard Froess, commander, presented the plaque during a recent commander's call.





## UTA RESCHEDULING RULES EXPLAINED

Once training is scheduled, such as published dates for UTA weekends, it cannot be changed unless strict rules are followed. The rescheduled UTA must be in the same fiscal year, after the last scheduled UTA and before the next scheduled UTA. It must be done by letter and a copy sent to the CBPO for monitoring.

Most important, UTA rescheduling is not for personal reasons or convenience. UTAs may be rescheduled for adverse weather, non-availability of aircraft, lack of mission support (personnel or equipment), and change in mission. Para 4-30 of AFR 35-41 is being re-written to spell this out more clearly, advises HQ 10 Air Force.

If an individual cannot make a UTA for personal reasons he must submit AFRES Form 130 requesting equivalent training. Equivalent training is limited to four UTA periods per fiscal year for pay. Questions may be directed to SSgt Ebner, Ext 47491.

## UTA SCHEDULE

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.

## 507TH PICNIC IS SATURDAY

At noon, Saturday, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group picnic begins on the hill behind group headquarters building. Sponsored by the Airman-NCO Advisory Council, the picnic includes the noon meal followed by sports events.

The event says "thanks" for all the hard work by unit members readying for two MEIs and numerous exercises and deployments during 1984. Senior base officials are also invited.

## NEW TAC COMMANDER

Tactical Air Command, the 507th TFG gaining command in time of war, has a new commander.

He is General Jerome F. O'Malley, replacing General W. L. Creech. Gen. O'Malley comes to TAC from his post as commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces.

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