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507 WSSF IS FIRST AFRES UNIT TO RAPPEL IN CHEMICAL WARFARE GEAR

It's not unusual for most people in a Weapons System Security Flight to qualify expert on the M-16 rifle. But do it in complete chemical warfare gear? The 507th WSSF did, and is now the first unit of its kind in AFRES.

"Normal task qualification requires all weapons system security flight members be proficient with their weapons while wearing a gas mask," said Maj. Roger Barr, 507 WSSF commander. "Our contention is that if the enemy is going to use gas, probably he'll use different agents at the same time. So why not train for all contingencies?"

The major went on to say that a majority of his people fired in the expert category, showing their enthusiasm and proficiency.

After firing, many members, still in complete chemical warfare gear, practiced rappelling off a training wall higher than a six story building both in the conventional manner and in the Australian (head first) way. They experienced first hand, how to rappel in bulky, movement restricting suits and visibility limiting mask and hood. Problems encountered were debriefed and corrected on the spot.

Following the show and tell session, all ranks participated as instructor/instructee, and everyone contributed ideas and insight.

One unusual problem occurred while firing the M-16 in the chemical warfare gear. "We discovered that weapons had to be cantered, with the bottom of the weapon pointing approximately 45 degrees to the outside," said Maj. Barr. "Corrections were also made for windage. For example, if a shot pattern was 12 inches low and to the left, we aimed 12 inches high and to the right."



On the firing line, 507 WSSF members in full chemical warfare gear take their Air Force Qualification Course. Related photos on page 3.

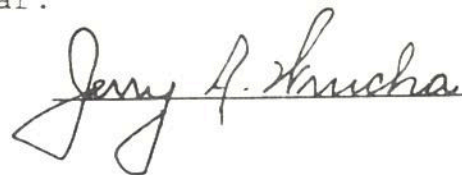
COLONEL'S JOURNAL

Christmas, to many of us, is a joyous time for friends and family reunions and celebration. The 507th TFG has committed itself to building a high degree of combat readiness to assure that we, as Americans, have the opportunity to continue that tradition.

The effort certainly has not been an easy one. 1984 saw us endure one Operational Readiness Inspection, two Management Effectiveness Inspections and an apparent endless stream of staff assistance visits. It has required dedication of the highest quality, sacrifice and hardships at times, especially for spouses and children.

As commander of the 507th, I have come to love and respect not only the active members who are so dedicated to our mission, but also those who are so often unnamed and unheard -- our loving spouses, children and family members.

You have given me and my family a great Christmas to celebrate by showing your dedication to our mission. To each of you, Margi and I want to thank you on behalf of those whom you protect, and to wish you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY FEATURES TOPS IN BLUE

The Air Force's entertainment group, Tops in Blue, will perform during halftime at Super Bowl XIX on Sunday, Jan 20, 1985, at Stanford University Stadium, California.

Tops in Blue was selected by the National Football League to present the halftime show. The Air Force did not bid for the contract nor compete with any civilian group for the event, and all expenses related to the production are being paid by the National Football League.

A musical extravaganza entitled "The World of Children's Dreams" will take the audience through five familiar fantasies, covering the field with giant moving toys, colorful costumes and floats. It is expected to draw a viewing audience of 110 million people.

The 12-minute show will be performed not only by the 52-member Tops in Blue cast, but also by more than 700 Air Force volunteers from the Sacramento, California area.

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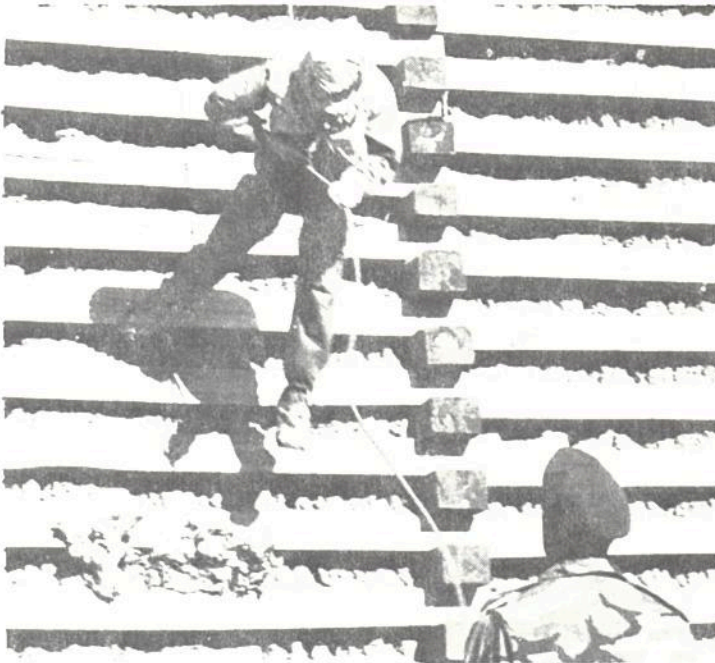
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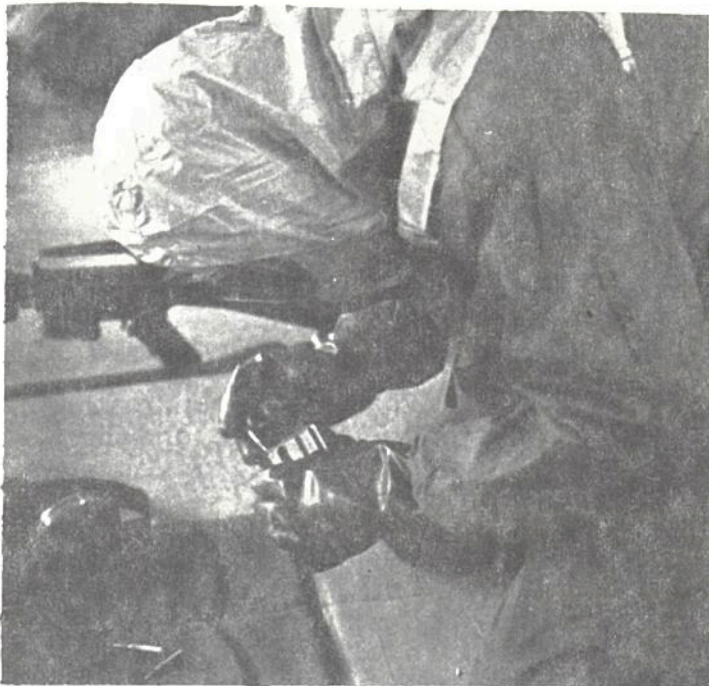
507 WSSF IN CHEMICAL WARFARE GEAR



The "cliff walker" defies gravity as he plunges down the training wall. It's possible to fire a weapon while rappelling down "Australian style" (head first), but only after lots of practice. (USAF photos)



Lacing up his "over boots" is SSgt. C.W. Terry, a fire team leader in the 507 WSSF. Sergeant Terry is suiting up prior to chemical warfare training.



Loading his M-16 rifle, a 507th WSSF member finds out the limitations of a chemical warfare suit. Inserting ammo in rubber gloves is a tricky process requiring extra time.

CONTEST WINNER IS MAJ DORRIS

The 507th TFG contest to name Lt Col. Wrucha's commander's column is over, and the winner is Maj. (Lt Col. selectee) Ron Dorris, 507th CAMS commander.

Thirty-five different names were submitted by 14 people in the group.

The winning name, selected by the NCO Advisory Council, was "The Colonel's Journal." Judges could not match entrees with names of submitters until after their final selection. So rank, position and personality were not factors.

TEN YEARS AND \$1,800 LATER

TSgt. Richard Curry, NCOIC, 507th Public Affairs. His personal story.

It was 10 years ago. I was on active duty working for a base news paper. To this day I don't know why I decided to start smoking.

Was it the pressure of deadlines, the knowledge my mistakes were visible to everybody?

It doesn't matter. I had just bought my first pack of cigarettes and at age 22 began a decade during which I would spend approximately \$1,800 and smoke more than 73,000 cigarettes.

I've heard all the reasons to stop smoking, and also all the reasons to keep smoking. I even invented some of them. And I enjoyed smoking. So now that I've quit, I refuse to become the person I hate, the ANTI-SMOKER, who uses every dirty trick to intimidate smokers.

I began to stop enjoying smoking after repeated bouts with canker sores, fever blisters and purple lips, caused by inhaling carbon monoxide and "Bogart-ing" my cig. There were moments of dizziness while puffing my first of the day. There was

my ashtray breath and the smell of smoke which clung to every article of clothing in my house. I also had to face the ultimate humiliation of being out of cigarettes and rummaging through the ashtray to find a smokable butt.

I decided to quit after listening to a radio talk show about a nicotine based gum. The principle behind nicotine gum is weaning smokers away from their addiction a little at a time, while breaking one habit of the chain -- actually holding a lighted cigarette.

The smoker still gets nicotine (which, by the way, is a poison), but in much smaller doses. It still satisfies his or her cravings.

I thought about it and waited until a UTA weekend, since the gum is available only by prescription. I talked to a physician at the TAC clinic, and filled his prescription at a local pharmacy.

On August 24 I stopped smoking and let me tell you, the gum works! And the clinic will help others who want to stop smoking. It's worth a shot. I know it was for me.

PILOTS MAY SOON WEAR SOFT CONTACT LENSES

Pilots may someday be able to fly without spectacles, thanks to research going on at the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, Texas.

Currently, pilots and navigators are not allowed to wear contact lenses unless they have a medical waiver. But Capt. (Dr.) William Flynn, a research optometrist at Brooks is testing certain types of soft contact lenses that could change this.

Volunteers aboard C-130 flights wear the lenses on cross-country flights lasting more than four hours,

and every half-hour the person's vision is checked to determine how sharp it is.

Volunteers have also undergone testing in a high-altitude chamber and centrifuge, plus undergone rapid decompression tests.

Since test results look promising navigators will soon be used in a broader 12-month study, and a ruling on the lenses is expected in mid-1986.

According to Captain Flynn about 20 percent of Air Force pilots and 50 percent of the navigators must now wear glasses.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS — TIME OFF FOR TRAINING

A Rand Corporation study, conducted for the Pentagon, confirmed what Reservists have known all along: hassles with bosses cause reenlistment offers to be turned down.

Many bosses fully support the military training needs of their employees. More than 380,000 employers have pledged that support. Many employers, both public and private, pay Reservists their full salaries during annual training. Many others make up the difference between the employee's regular civilian pay and two-week military money.

But other employers are no help at all. In fact some don't understand the law and a few actively seek ways to avoid it. The Rand study reported that almost 31 percent of a sample population of former Reservists cited employment conflicts as the reason they quit. Only a slightly higher percent cited family and leisure time demands as their reason for getting out -- but Department of Defense analysts believe pressures from family and lure of time off frequently relate to employment conflicts as well.

Employer conflicts take many forms. A common one is getting word of a firm's support down to the level where it really counts - to the first line supervisor. Too often the chief executive supports the Reserve, but lower level bosses never hear of it.

Reservists may find themselves overlooked at promotion time for no apparent reason, while some find their bosses require them to use paid vacation time to go on annual training.

Reservists often cause problems themselves. Members who need time off from work to go training must give their bosses as much advance notice as possible -- a requirement too often ignored. Some members have been known to exploit the law as well, signing up for repeated tours of active duty not essential to their skill development or unit mission.

Here is a summary of the law -- what employers and Reservists must do for each other.

Employers must

- * Release Reservists from work to attend military training.

- * Not fire, demote or deny promotion or benefits to Reservists because of military duties.

- * Grant Reservists their earned vacation time in addition to any military leave they require.

- * Give Reservists their jobs back, when they return from training, or equivalent jobs.

- * Realize there is no limit to the number of times a Reservist can perform military training.

- * Realize that when a Reservist performs voluntary duty, he has the same employment rights as when he performs involuntary duty.

- * Not discriminate between services. Reservists in the Army or Air National Guard, and Army, Marine, Naval, Air Force or Coast Guard, enjoy the same protection.

Reservists must

- * Ask for time off. They cannot simply fail to show up for work and use the excuse they had military duties.

- * Report back to work the next scheduled work day after completion of military duty.

- * Tell their employer about any military training, as far in advance as possible.

- * Be ready to show paperwork. The boss may require a copy of your orders.

- * Realize they can be denied special pay or special work schedules because they were on military duty. Though the Department of Defense urges employers to help Reservists make up regular work time, overtime or pay lost while on military duty, the law does not require them to do so.

AWARDS

The following people from the 507 CAMS received the Air Force Achievement Medal for outstanding performance during PHANTOMCOMP '84.

Maj Ron R. Dorris (1st o.l.c.)
 CMSgt Robert Brewer (1st o.l.c.)
 CMSgt Marvin W. Dorward (1st o.l.c.)
 MSgt Thomas E. Boyle
 MSgt Steven W. Poos
 TSgt Charles L. Amato
 TSgt Kenneth D. Coffee Jr.
 TSgt Larry D. Duncan
 TSgt Donald R. Hart
 TSgt Gerard J. Lau
 TSgt David A. Lightfoot
 TSgt Jerry L. McGinnis
 TSgt Richard W. Nixon
 TSgt Hubert E. Rogers, Jr.
 TSgt Ralph L. Russell
 TSgt Gary R. Seale
 TSgt Gordon A. Walters
 SSgt Ernest J. Baker
 SSgt Frank H. Dubon
 SSgt Donald L. Ganton
 SSgt Gregory D. Johnson
 SSgt Ronald W. Kisslinger
 SSgt James R. Wickizer
 SSgt Robert C. Branchfield
 Alc Donna R. Hembree

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt Arthur F. Martin 465 TFS
 (1st o.l.c.)

Maintenance Person of the Month October 1984

TSgt John E. White 507 CAMS

REENLISTMENTS

	<u>Years</u>	<u>Unit</u>
SSgt Harry F. Abbott	6	507 TEG
SMSgt Lloyd O. Domer	8	507 CAMS
MSgt Roger F. Newton	6	403 CES
TSgt Jerry D. Philpot	2	507 CES
TSgt Renny M. Shoemaker	6	507 CF
SSgt Gordon R. Slagle	6	507 CF
TSgt Kenneth S. Walker	2	507 CAMS

PROMOTIONS

To Airman

Stacey E. Lasiter 403 CLSS

Senior Airman

Carl H. Clicquot 507 CAMS
 Laura L. Hunter 507 CAMS
 Timmy G. McClaine 403 CLSS
 Steven M. Wright 403 CLSS

Staff Sergeant

Alexis F. Parsons TAC CLINIC

Master Sergeant

Terry D. Pruett 507 CAMS
 James B. Snell 507 CES

MAJOR PROMOTION BOARD MARCH 1985

The major promotion board is scheduled to convene at HQ ARPC on March 11, 1985. Criteria for the mandatory board are:

--PSD of 30 September 1979 or earlier

--TYSD of 30 September 1972 or earlier

--One year of active reserve status before the board convenes

Criteria for the unit vacancy board:

--PSD of 28 February 1981 or earlier

--One year of active reserve status before the board convenes

Members eligible for mandatory board consideration should receive a pre-selection brief about Dec 15. Carefully review all decorations, OERs, duty history, PME and aeronautical data.

Annotated corrections and copies of source documents should be returned to HQ ARPC/DPMPP by the suspense date on the letter of notification. Source documents must accompany the brief for any corrections. Pre-selection briefs are not sent to members being considered by the unit vacancy board.

ACTION LINE

(IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS)

QUES: Once I retire, can I be recalled?

The answer is "yes." Air Force has no plans to involuntarily recall retirees except in time of war or national emergency, but such a recall is authorized by Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 688 and 672 (a).

Public Law 98-94 provides that reservists who retired upon completion of at least 20 years active duty now can be recalled to active duty on the same basis as regular active duty retirees.

Prior to this legislation all retired reservists were considered together under Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 672(a), which stated they could not be called to active duty unless the service Secretary (Army, Navy or Air Force) determined there were not enough qualified reservists in an active status, or in the inactive National Guard.

Under current policy, active duty retirees are considered as virtually the same priority mobilization resource as the Individual Ready Reserve. And because Air Force is expected to recall only specific skills needed, the retired force is divided into priority recall categories:

- I under age 60, retired for less than five years, not disabled.
- II under age 60, retired for more than five years, not disabled.
- III all other retirees, including disabled.

Generally, retired members would be recalled to fill skill requirements close to home, releasing active duty members for theater deployment forces. But once on active duty, members would find that the "needs of the service" prevail.

QUES: Can I wear my baseball cap with fatigues when I go TDY or deploy?

ANS: No. Short-sleeve fatigue shirts and colored organizational baseball caps are allowed at the discretion of the local commander. Lt Col Wrucha, 507th commander, has approved both options for wear at the 507th.

However at a TDY location it is not generally known what the local policy is. So people going TDY should always plan to use long-sleeve shirts and olive drab caps as part of their fatigue uniform.

Most important, the required uniform for mobility processing, which simulates deployment to a TDY location, is the long-sleeve fatigue shirt with olive drab cap.



RESERVE DRILL PAY TO INCREASE 4% JAN. 1

PAY GRADE	UNDER 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-8	135.65	139.71	143.03	143.03	143.03	153.69	153.69	160.95	160.95	167.65	174.93	181.64	188.92	188.92
O-7	112.72	120.38	120.38	120.38	125.77	125.77	133.07	133.07	139.71	153.69	164.25	164.25	164.25	164.25
O-6	83.54	91.79	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	97.80	101.12	117.11	123.10	125.77	133.07	144.32
O-5	66.82	78.47	83.88	83.88	83.88	83.88	86.43	91.07	97.17	104.44	110.44	113.78	117.75	117.75
O-4	56.32	68.58	73.16	73.16	74.51	77.81	83.11	87.79	91.79	95.82	98.47	98.47	98.47	98.47
O-3	52.34	58.51	62.55	69.21	72.52	75.14	79.19	83.11	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16	85.16
O-2	45.64	49.84	59.87	61.89	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19	63.19
O-1	39.62	41.25	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84	49.84
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS ENLISTED OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.21	72.52	75.14	79.19	83.11	86.43	86.43	86.43	86.43	86.43	86.43
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.89	63.19	65.19	68.58	71.20	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16	73.16
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.84	53.24	55.20	57.20	59.19	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89	61.89
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.02	63.43	64.86	66.35	67.83	69.15	72.79	79.86
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.02	53.50	54.90	56.34	57.82	59.16	60.61	64.17	71.33
E-7	36.32	39.20	40.66	42.08	43.52	44.90	46.34	47.78	49.94	51.36	52.80	53.49	57.08	64.17
E-6	31.24	34.06	35.48	36.99	38.36	39.76	41.22	43.34	44.70	46.14	46.84	46.84	46.84	46.84
E-5	27.42	29.85	31.29	32.66	34.80	36.21	37.66	39.04	39.76	39.76	39.76	39.76	39.76	39.76
E-4	25.58	27.01	28.59	30.82	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03	32.03
E-3	24.10	25.41	26.44	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49	27.49
E-2	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18	23.18
E-1	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68	20.68
E-1 with less than 4 months — 19.88														

Shown by grade and years of service are the new Reserve drill monthly pay rates for single four-hour drills, reflecting a four percent increase for all grades. Pay for E-1s

with less than four months' service, however, will be capped at \$19.88 per four-hour drill. Reservists who drill a full two-day weekend would get four times amount shown.

UTA SCHEDULE

08 - 09 DEC; 12 - 13 JAN;
09 - 10 FEB; 16 - 17 MAR;
20 - 21 APR; 18 - 19 MAY;
29 - 30 JUN; 20 - 21 JUL;
10 - 11 AUG; 14 - 15 SEP.

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