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403 CLSS CAPTURES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The 403 CLSS annual Christmas party for the special education students at West Side Elementary School Midwest City, Okla, was again a huge success, according to school principal Mr. Dean Hinton.

Stressing community service, the 403rd annual visit includes a bag of gifts for each student, and this year also a video tape recorder for the school. Students showed their appreciation by singing Christmas carols.

Hugging Santa Claus, played by Capt. Tom Solinski of the 403 CLSS, is a special education student at West Side Elementary, Midwest City, Okla. Santa talked with each student and received a big hug in return. (USAF photo)



507TH WINS FLIGHT SAFETY AWARD

The coveted Flight Safety Award, presented annually by Tactical Air Command, now belongs to the 507th TFG. The group earned the honor for flying from Aug 22, 1983 to Aug 21, 1984 without a command controlled class-A mishap.

"I'm proud of this award," said Lt Col. Herbert Acheson, Chief of Safety at the 507th. "It's a tribute to the vast F-4 experience of our aircrews, and to the superior skills of our maintenance people

who kept the aging Phantoms in such good condition."

Complimentary correspondence from Maj Gen. James G. Jones, chief of staff at Headquarters TAC, spoke of a "superb achievement." Brig Gen. James C. Wahleitner, 10th Air Force commander, spoke of the 507th "professionalism, exceptional skill and devotion to duty." And Col. John J. Closner, 419 TFW commander, called the 507th an organization of "innovative doers."

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

First UTA of the new year 1985! I hope you all had a happy holiday season and are ready to gear up again to meet our normal workload. After our MEI inspection let-down and holiday break, some of us will really have to shift into gear to get going again!

Also, deployments will be important this year (as usual), with our Patrick trip approaching fast (like NOW!). I encourage cooperation between all units to work these

deployments as smoothly as possible. If small problems can be worked out at the working level and we can foresee the big ones and catch them before they actually become problems, we will all benefit and achieve the most from these deployments/exercises.

Again, thank you for your continuing support -- the 507th was a great unit in 1984; my expectations are for more of the same or better for 1985!

NEW HANGER OPENS SOON

by SSgt Andy B. Lang, III

The 507th TFG will soon accept its new hangar from the contractor, Anderson & House. According to Mr. Mike Piland, their quality control manager, the hangar is now 90 percent complete, and will be turned over to the Air Force either Jan 30 or Feb 28.

Three shops will move into the new facility: fuel shop, corrosion control and flightline (A, B, & C flights). "It will be outstanding," said Richard Nichols, fuel shop supervisor. "We'll have better working conditions and better allocation of space."

Tommy Murray, corrosion control supervisor, agreed. "The difference will be like day and night. It will be a lot easier to complete our mission."

Hangar construction began in July 1982, but work by the first

contractor was halted by the government due to construction deficiencies. After four months inactivity the present contractor took over and worked closely with the Corps of Engineers to correct the problems.

ANNUAL TOUR DATES FINAL

The primary 507th TFG annual tour dates, August 17-31, 1985, should remain firm.

However the location, Gulfport, Miss, may not. The 507th has been promised every effort will be made to assure the deployment, but everyone should at least note the possibility of a home station tour at Tinker AFB, because toward the end of the fiscal year, funding for deployments and airlift can become scarce.

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TAC CLINIC STAFF GETS CHEMICAL WARFARE TRAINING

During the December UTA the 507th TAC Clinic simulated mass casualties from a downed helicopter in a chemical warfare environment.

A triage evaluation team was sel-

ected to list all injuries by category, decide the type and extent of chemical contamination, group patients by their chances for survival, then start immediate procedures to transport the wounded.



Preparing to load victims of a simulated chemical war on a stretcher are members of the 507th TAC Clinic.

The "victims" have been checked both for type of injury, and extent of chemical contamination. (USAF photo)

AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

All enlisted members, not just sergeants, are eligible for the Air Force Sergeants Asso. Membership is \$15 per year, and includes Air Force Sergeants Magazine, low cost group insurance, discounts on car rentals and hotels, and credit cards.

Local meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Tinker AFB NCO club.

For more information call the local membership chairman at 672-1577.

507TH SHINES IN EMPLOYER SUPPORT

From Jan -Jun 1984, 507th TFG people nominated 13 employers for going beyond merely complying with federal law in excusing military employees for military training. This figure was over 16% of the AFRES total.

From July until November an additional 43 nominations for outstanding employer support have been mailed to Washington D.C. See the public affairs office, ext 43078, to fill out a short form if your employer has excelled in supporting your reserve career.

RETURN TO THE DRAFT, OR EXPAND THE RESERVE FORCES?

There was a baby boom following World War II. Then the birth rate started falling, and that means the pool of young men and women reaching 18 years of age keeps shrinking.

This reality has become so severe that the active forces are faced with the following statistic: under the Pentagon's current 5-year recruiting plan, by 1989 the military will need to recruit 1 out of 2.7 of all 18 and 19 year old males eligible for military service.

To solve this demographic crunch, according to the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), we face three choices: one, return to the unpopular draft; two, reduce our military forces and endanger national

security; or three, expand and improve the Reserve forces.

Choice number three, says the AFSA, is the more likely, because maintaining a Reserve unit costs between 32 and 39 percent less than a comparable active unit. Congress recognizes the value of these forces and in fact 52,000 new Reserve positions are planned for 1985, and more and more money is available to Reserve units for weapons systems and construction.

So as long as the Reserves prove attractive to people not interested in full time, extended military service, says the AFSA, the need for a peacetime draft diminishes.

PAY DATES

If your paper-work is completed properly and received by the ARPAS Payroll Office by:

Then your check or direct deposit will be dated: (unless it rejects)

8 Jan 1985	15 Jan 1985
16 Jan 1985	25 Jan 1985
21 Jan 1985	31 Jan 1985
30 Jan 1985	8 Feb 1985
6 Feb 1985	15 Feb 1985
12 Feb 1985	22 Feb 1985
19 Feb 1985	28 Feb 1985
27 Feb 1985	8 Mar 1985

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Each member of the 507th TFG will receive a questionnaire during the January UTA, either at sign-in or at sign-out. The questionnaire concerns retention attitudes, and asks each 507th member to identify career irritants.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY!! Help the 507th solve problems affecting morale and retention. Place the form in the mail box on the west side door of bldg 1043, or bring it to the CBPO career advisor, room 210 in bldg 1043.

You don't need to use your name, unless you wish a personal response.

MOBILITY OR MOBILIZATION?

Mobilization is the recall to active duty. You could receive a practice recall over the phone, at home or at work. An actual recall would flow from the President through USAF headquarters to TAC. TAC headquarters would send a deployment

alert message through channels to the 507th.

Mobility is the deployment of people and equipment, anywhere in the world. You practice mobility when you go through the processing line, prepare to board an aircraft or ready equipment for airlift.

TWO STRIPES AND \$2,000

Brian Owens, a 1984 graduate of Midwest City H.S. and currently a freshman at Rose State College, will soon be \$2,000 richer.

Brian enlisted under the "stripes for critical skills" program. Since he volunteered to learn the munitions career field, he will receive, upon graduation from technical school, two stripes for Airman First Class and a \$2,000.00 bonus.

Anyone knowing students or parents interested in the bonus and extra rank, should call the 507th recruiting office, ext 45331 or 42935.



TERRORIST ACTS INCREASE

By TSgt. Eddie Bork

Why all the fuss about base security? Terrorism! And it's not a joking matter. From 1980 to 1983 terrorism around the world increased 25 percent, and in 1983 the figure was double that of the 1970's.

Eighty percent of all terrorist acts are directly attributed to foreign governments, Iran and Libya in particular.

While speaking in Tucson, Ariz, recently, Brig. Gen. P. Neal Scheidel admitted that "one person's terrorist is another's hero." General Scheidel is the Air Force chief of Security Police.

"Because a terrorist can hit and run, the ability to protect every military asset is impossible. But we should not become paranoid about terrorism, just be increasingly aware of the problem."

The general also pointed out that "U.S. intelligence capability against terrorists is extremely weak, and our country must develop timely and reliable intelligence on terrorist groups."

Terrorism can be a threat even here at Tinker AFB, so challenge any person you don't recognize. Be stingy with classified material and don't discuss or write down anything that could damage our security.

TAC CLINIC HAS NEW PHYSICIAN

The 507th TAC Clinic recently gained a new physician, Capt. (Dr.) Ron Stevens. He will be the emergency flight physician.

Born in Tahlequah, Okla, Dr. Stevens was raised in New Mexico. He returned to Oklahoma to graduate from Northeastern State Univ, then graduated from dental school at the Univ. of Missouri.

He also graduated from the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and interned at Hillcrest Hospital here. Dr. Stevens is now working at Hillcrest in the emergency section, and with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

AWARDS

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt Joseph S. Armstrong
TSgt Gayle E. Lopes
SSgt Anthony Leazzo

PROMOTIONS

To Lieutenant Colonel

Bill D. Parent Eff: 84-12-26

To Captain

Mark J. Boyter Eff: 84-10-31
Marsha J. Irwin Eff: 84-10-31

To First Lieutenant

Gary V. Puckett Eff: 84-12-03

To Staff Sergeant

Wilton B. Earnest	72	APS
Robert V. Hopkins	403	CLSS
Stephen W. Kelly	507	CES
Donald R. Knight	507	CES
William K. Oakes	403	CLSS
Linda M. Radgosky	403	CLSS
James P. Sawyer	507	CAMS
Paul W. Simon	507	TFG
Delbert Sunderland	507	CAMS
James W. Thompson	72	APS

To Senior Airman

Roy L. Beaver	507	CAMS
Brian N. Binion	507	CAMS
Darryl M. Blanton	507	CAMS
Dwight H. Buechler	507	CAMS
Dean K. Carlson	507	CAMS
Tamara K. Cox	507	CSS
C.B. Foster	72	APS
Vivian R. Gardner	403	CLSS
Harold L. Gray	507	CAMS
Harold L. Grubb	507	CAMS
Loring C. Harkey	507	CAMS
Brian A. Meredith	507	CAMS
Velvette Mitchell	507	TAC CL
Teresa M. Moak	507	CAMS
Roy Resto	507	CAMS
Robert R. Rogers	507	CAMS
Ronold F. Wallace	507	CAMS
Sharon S. Wildman	72	APS

REENLISTMENTS

MSgt Charles P. Blochowiak	2
TSgt Judy S. Branchfield	2
SMSgt Robert Brewer	8
TSgt Freda L. Briley	2
SSgt Jack A. Cantrell	6
TSgt John R. Cardoni	3
SSgt Catherine M. Cumpston	2
TSgt Carvel D. Davis	2
SSgt Dreama D. Delpinto	2
SSgt Larry R. Dillon	3
TSgt Joseph F. Gannon	6
Sgt Harry E. Ginzi	2
TSgt Duboise Gooden	6
SSgt Carl R. Hill	8
Sgt Allen C. Johnson	2
TSgt Nathaniel McGuire	2
TSgt James J. Miller	2
Sgt David R. Sears	2
TSgt Elmer E. Sheely	2
SSgt Michael J. Tolliver	2
SSgt Raymond L. Walker	2
TSgt Carl E. Wells	6
Sgt Ronny D. Williams	3
SSgt Jeffrey A. Wriker	2

MSGT MOORE WINS CAR TROPHY

by TSgt Alan King, 403 CLSS
MSgt Phillip Moore, NCOIC of maintenance, 403 CLSS, entered the Coors Car Show in Nov 1984 at the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City. He placed second (runner up) in the super stock class with his 1968 blue and silver Camero, and took home a trophy.

Sergeant Moore had won first place the two previous years, 1982 and 1983, and races his car throughout the region. In Oct 1983 he also placed fourth in the national Hot Rod Association show, division four.

Involved with racing since he was 16 years old, Sergeant Moore does it "just for fun." He is single, lives in Moore, Okla, and as a civilian is an engine technician on Tinker AFB, Okla.

ACTION LINE

(IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS)

QUES: When I joined the 507th I expected every UTA to be filled with action. I thought every day would be tightly scheduled, full of interesting, challenging assignments. I was told I was training for war! This is not the case. What can I do?

ANS: If you're not receiving the training you expected, for any reason, or you're not on a high learning curve, talk to your supervisor. If you don't get satisfaction there, go to the next level. If that doesn't work, see your commander. Don't stop pushing until you feel you're being trained to go to war, and survive! We must integrate into the

active duty forces so well, they can't tell our qualifications from theirs. That's what the reserve program is all about.

QUES: For years I've tucked my flight cap under my belt when I'm not wearing it. Now my supervisor says I'm "out of uniform." Is this true?

ANS: Yes. This practice, although widespread, is not proper. According to a directive from the Air Force Manpower & Personnel Center there is no place to "stow" the hat.

GOOD NEWS KEEPS ON COMING

* In fiscal year 1984 the Air Force Reserve exceeded all retention goals for the first time. First term airman reenlistments were 88 percent (exceeding a 70 percent goal); career airman reenlistments were 88 percent (exceeding an 80 percent goal); and overall retention 63 percent (exceeding a 60 percent goal).

* The Air Force Reserve now has its first C-5A Galaxy aircraft, turned over to the 433rd TAW at Kelly AFB, Tex, on Dec 1.

* During 1985 all KC-135s in AFRES will be fitted with different engines. They are modified JT3D-33 engines off 707/720 jet liners purchased from civilian airlines.

The engines have 25 percent more thrust, require 12-14 percent less fuel, reduce noise 60 percent and emissions and pollutants 90 percent, and have both reverse thrust and cartridge start (without ground support equipment).

SERGEANT COOK HONORED



SSgt David Wayne Cook, a mechanic with the 507th Transportation Squadron, recently became a life member of the Golden Key Honor Society, a national organization that recognizes academic excellence.

Sergeant Cook, a junior at the University of Oklahoma, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.4. "I was surprised when I received the award," he said.

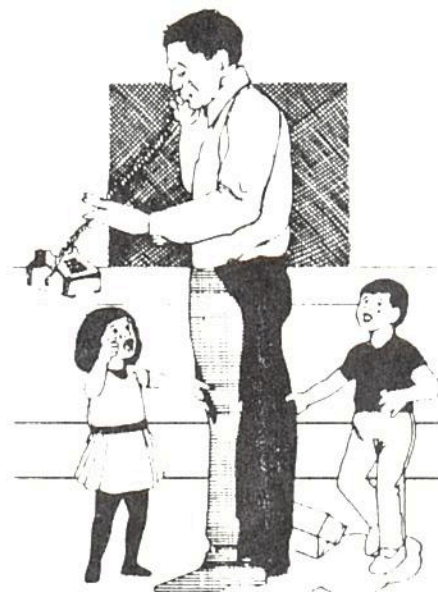
He is studying computer science and is also six hours away from an associate degree in radio technology through the Community College of the Air Force. (USAF photo)

SINGLE PARENT RESERVISTS SUBJECT TO QUARTERLY AUDIT

Single parents and military couples must ensure that a non-military person in the local area can care for their children on short notice. Out-of-state relatives don't count because they may not have time to pick up the children.

"In the 507th," said TSgt Sharlotte Epps, CBPO records clerk, single parents and military couples are queried by quarterly audit, when they certify AF Form 357 is correct. They also receive an annual briefing each October.

Questions should be directed to the unit first sergeant, who conducts the audit.



ACTION PHOTOS NEEDED

Members of TDY teams are encouraged to bring back good quality photos of 507th people and equipment in action.

The 507 TFG public affairs office has a constant need for either color or black and white photos, so call in advance to the TDY, and speak to Mr. Whitie Blanshan, ext: 43078.

RECRUITERS NEEDED

The USAF Reserve needs recruiters for immediate openings all across the U.S. If you have knowledge and experience in the Reserve, and are willing to accept a two-year active duty tour, ask the 507th recruiting office for details.

Recruiting school is four weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex.

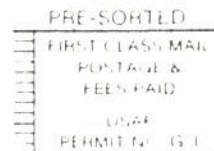
UTA SCHEDULE

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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