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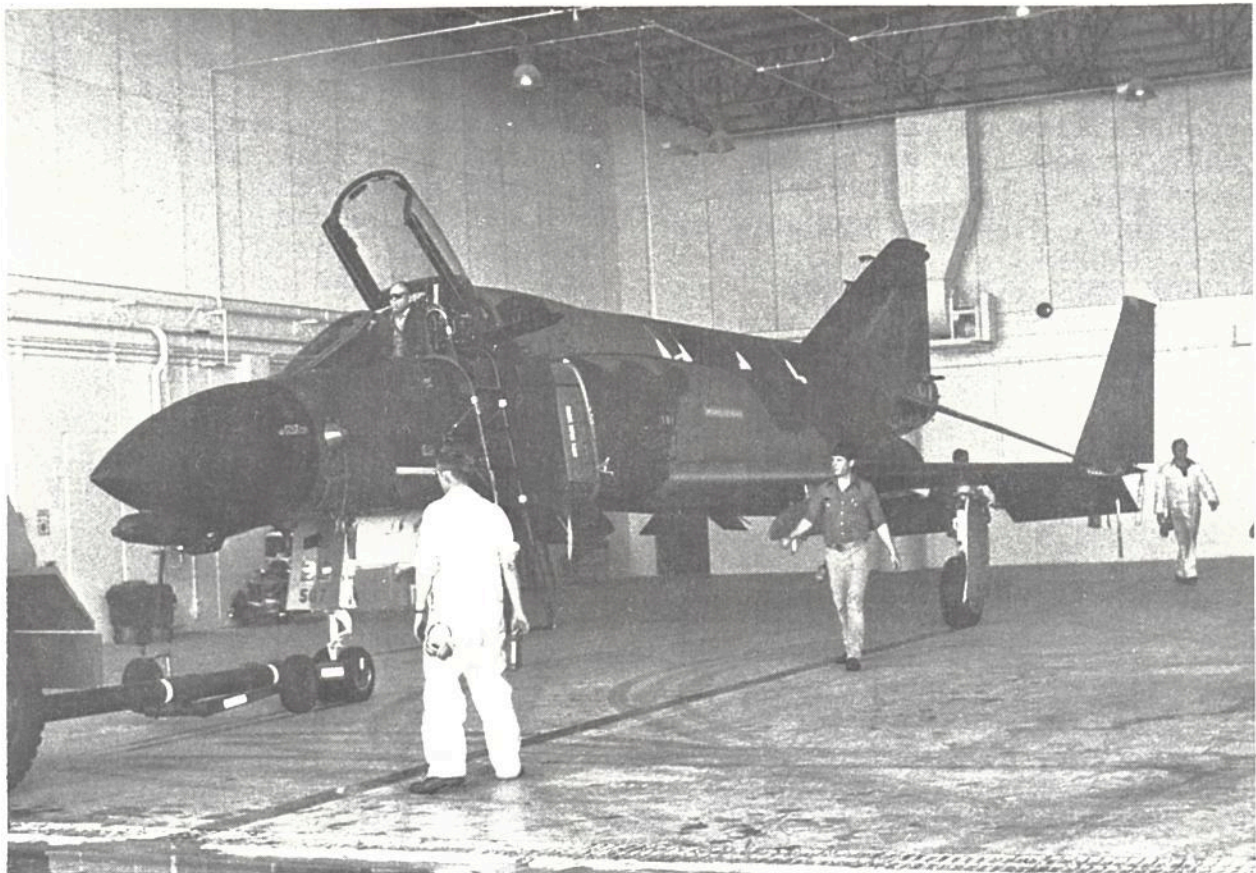
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FUEL SHOP

OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN NEW FACILITY



Aircraft 507 became the first aircraft to be pulled into the new hangar by the fuel shop on March 27th. The fuel shop will be performing extensive maintenance on 507's fuel cells.

The new facility was designed specifically for this type of

work, which will provide a safer working environment for all concerned. The move will also allow better utilization of the phase dock hangar when the retaining wall that previously encircled the fuel shop is removed.

(USAF photo)

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

PART TIME JOB, FULL TIME ATTITUDE

A guest editorial by
Maj. David P. Martin, Commander
26th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron
Kelly AFB, Texas

"The Air Force Reserve is a great part-time job." Yes, it is great, and it is part time, but I resent having the Reserve program lumped with other jobs people take just for part time income.

It takes a special person to be a reservist -- and part-time job falls short of describing our Reserve commitment.

How many part time jobs carry the responsibility of defending the country? How many part time jobs could end up being full time, with no notice, with no chance to change our minds!

How many part time jobs require so much dedication and understanding by family members? How many part time employers

spend millions of dollars in training programs?

How many part time jobs have medical and retirement benefits?

What about the high quality of co-workers? The long-term friendships and the feeling of satisfaction knowing you're a cut above others who could serve their country, but choose not to?

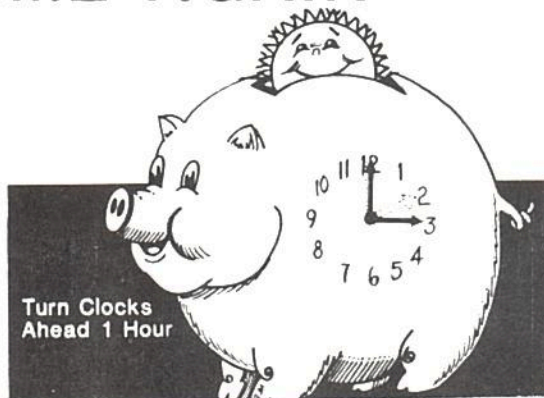
Why do we stay? Why do we re-enlist with the strict discipline, lost weekends and the possibility of war?

We feel patriotism more deeply; we get satisfaction from working at special, challenging, and important jobs that can't be duplicated anywhere.

The time needed to be a reservist may be "part," but the attitude needed is definitely "full." Reservists can walk taller and stand straighter because they're a part of it.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AGAIN

"Spring forward, fall back." That's a convenient way to remember that you set your clock ahead one hour at 2am, April 28th: Daylight-Savings Time begins on that date and continues until 2am, October 27th.



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IT'S NOT ALWAYS A DRUNK

Condensed from an editorial by Dianne Felder, Fort Dix, N.J.

Drunk drivers sure come in handy. Writers of safety articles would be lost without them!

Don't get me wrong. People who drive under the influence deserve every penalty. But writers sometimes create the impression only drunks have accidents.

These thoughts occurred one day as I weaved through the noon-hour traffic. My left hand clutched the sweet and sour sauce and the steering wheel. My right hand held the chicken and the gear shift. Sober? Yes! Safe? No.

That reminded me of other drivers with questionable habits. My friend, the animal lover, buckles up religiously and then lets her poodle jump all over the car.

The teen down the block, whose windshields are covered with decals and hanging decorations, can barely see the street.

My sister wouldn't dream of driving after one martini. But she routinely turns her head toward the back seat to yell at the kids -- without stopping the car.

Ever notice the glamour gal who watches the rearview mirror intently as she drives -- because she's applying lipstick?

Let's not forget young lovers, wrapped around each other like romantic squids, with no room to react to emergencies.

Drivers who glance at the morning paper beside them are dangerous. So are breakfast-time drivers with a steaming cup of coffee balanced on the dash.

Highway fatalities aren't always drunks or their victims. Sober citizens -- like you and me -- are at fault. Not leering luses, but ordinary people who forgot driving is a skill demanding every bit of a motorist's attention.

507TH "MASK" IS REALITY, NOT MOVIE

Checking the fit of a chemical warfare hood during a recent exercise at the 507th TFG, is SSGT Jim Wood. A part of the disaster preparedness section, sergeant Wood made the adjustments with vigor.

After twisting and pulling the head of his student, sergeant Wood learned he was positioning the gear of none other than the 507th commander, Lt Col Jerry Wrucha! (USAF photo)



NEW GI BILL FOR EDUCATION

The new GI Bill is a major milestone in support by Congress for the reserve forces. The new program of college benefits takes effect July 1, and all current members of the selected reserve and those entering the reserve through June 30, 1988, are eligible.

To qualify, a reservist must have a high school diploma or equivalent, but not a college degree. He must take the Armed Forces Qualification Test, complete initial active duty training and have been a member of the selected reserve for at least 180 days, with a record of satisfactory participation.

The reservist must be able to enlist, extend or immediately re-enlist on or after July 1, for a period which, when added to the member's current obligated service, equals or exceeds six years of reserve service from July 1.

Members who use the new GI Bill, may also receive enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses.

Commissioned officers must agree to serve for a period of not less than six years in addition to any other obligated service as of July 1.

For more information contact the CBPO.

CHILDERS GRADUATES FROM SENIOR NCO ACADEMY

After eight weeks of courses on communications skills, national security, leadership and management, transactional analysis, physical fitness, geography and balance of world power, SMSgt. John Childers graduated from the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Gunther AFS, Ala.

"I'm so proud the 507th selected me to go," said Sergeant

Childers, superintendent, 507th Weapons Systems Security Flight.

Only the top 10 percent of the Air Force attends the academy, and each applicant is screened by the major command before approval.

Sergeant Childers stated that the quality and volume of course materials made each seat at the academy worth \$10,000!

KEEP IT PRIVATE

By TSgt Eddie S. Bork

Recently the home telephone number of a reservist was given out to a caller outside the 507th, without that reservist's permission. It caused him serious problems.

Home telephone numbers, home addresses and social security numbers, for example, are privileged information protected by the privacy act. Give them only to people who have an official need to know, or only after obtaining the person's premission.

CORROSION SHOP GOES TO GRAVEYARD

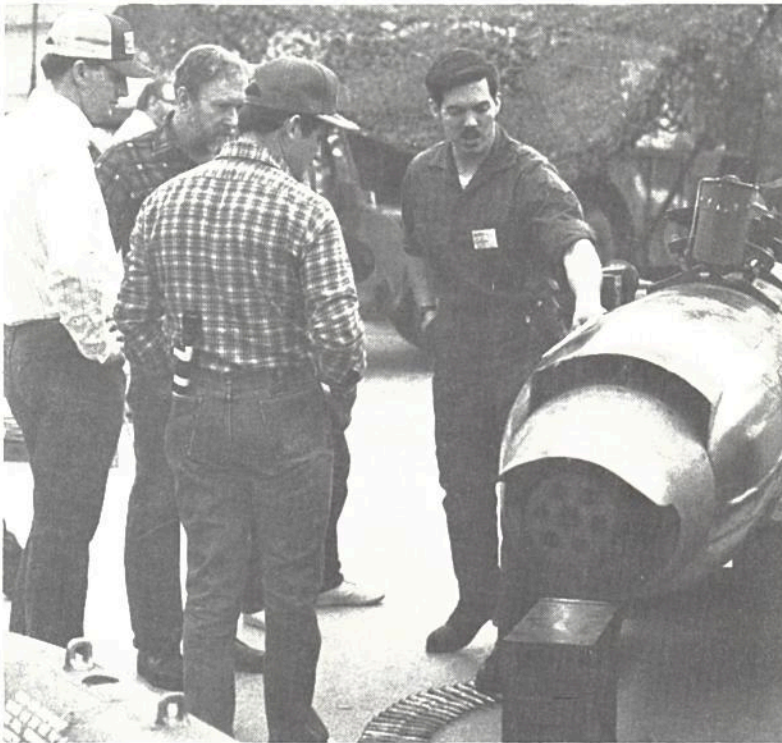
By SSgt Andy B. Lang, III

The corrosion control (paint) shop went to graveyard shift, working 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., on April 14. The change will last indefinitely.

Tommy Murray, Patrick Richardson and Andy Lang have started repainting the F-4 fighters, especially the eight aircraft that will fly fighter competition in June.

Last year's competition produced many compliments for aircraft appearance, and the 507th plans to repeat their top rating.

TAKING OUR GUNS TO TOWN



Explaining how the SUU-23 Gatling gun fires, is Sgt. Ron Kisslinger, an ordnance loader in the 507 CAMS. Sergeant Kisslinger volunteered to help recruit new members for the 507th at a recent gun show at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds. "We strap it on and go to town!" was the message given show visitors.

(USAF photo)



Telling a young military enthusiast about their deployments, are (l to r) Sgt. David Sears, SRA Greg Patterson and TSgt. Eddie Bork. The three

are members of the 507 WSSF, and were explaining what really happens on exercises such as TEAM SPIRIT and SILVER FLAG AFPH. (USAF photo)

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. John M. Cline 507 TFS
SMSgt Doris M. Kitze 507 TFG

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt Enrique (Rick) Navarro 507 TFG

NCO of the Quarter 507 TFG

MSgt Nathaniel Hawthorne 507 CES
(July - Sep 1984)
SSgt Ann Hamm 507 TFG
(Oct - Dec 1984)

Airman of the Quarter 507 TFG

SRA Gail S. Mitchell 507 CES
(July - Sep 1984)

Distinguished Honor Graduate

Amn Bekki Lingenfelter 507 CF
(Electronic Cryptographic
Communications School)

REENLISTMENTS

	<u>Years</u>
SMSgt Tom D. Scott	3
MSgt Thomas H. Clapper IV	6
MSgt Irvin Schmidt	2
TSgt Robert J. Erickson	4
TSgt Delmar C. Marsh	4
TSgt Gard D. Martin	8
TSgt Douglas E. Pierson	2
TSgt Joseph W. Riedl	2
SSgt Ray W. Campbell	3
SSgt Eldon S. Leighty	8
SSgt Vincent A. Molzahn III	2
SSgt Terry Payne	4
SSgt John O. Roberson	2
SSgt Ronnie K. Stinson	2
SSgt Charles W. Terry	6
Sgt Barbara R. Saani	8

PROMOTIONS

To Master Sergeant

Teri J. Hart 507 CF
Larry A. Jobe 403 CLSS
William M. Morgan 507 CAMS
Richard M. Nichols 507 CAMS

To Technical Sergeant

Teddy R. Bailey 507 CF
Richard D. Ebner 507 CSS
Michelle A. Gaenzle 507 CAMS
Willie L. Givens 507 TFG
Melissa L. Letts 507 CSS
Lyle D. Unruh 403 CLSS
Thomas M. Vince 403 CLSS

To Staff Sergeant

Kenneth E. Jack 507 CAMS
George G. Mason 507 CAMS
Sandra M. Rich 507 CSS

To Senior Airman

Herman M. Dade 403 CLSS
Eric R. Rasmussen 72 APS

ATTENTION:

WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS

Cleveland State University is doing research on women who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. If you are a woman who served in any capacity in SE Asia, researchers would like you to fill out a confidential questionnaire concerning your experiences there and how you feel they affect your life today. For more information, contact:
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The Department of Psychology,
Stilwell Hall, Cleveland
State University, 1960 East
24th Street, Cleveland, Ohio,
44115.

ACTION LINE

(IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS)

QUES: I co-signed a loan for a friend, who left the state without paying. Now the bank wants me to pay the entire balance, without trying to collect first from my "former" buddy. Can they do that?

ANS: Yes, the lender can choose who to go after, either of you. The lender does not have to go after the primary borrower first. According to the law, the primary borrower and the co-signer are equally liable.

QUES: Is it permissible to wear combat boots with the blue uniform?

ANS: Yes, if you have the right type boot. AFR 35-10 allows wearing combat boots with the fatigue uniform, the blue service uniform and the functional uniform. However, if the boots have safety toes, they cannot be worn with the blue service uniform.

GOOD, BAD AND UGLY

507TH HAS ALL THREE, SAYS RECENT POLL

In a January UTA survey, 341 members of the 507th shared personal thoughts on how to make their unit better.

Some thought there was unequal treatment in travel, training and promotions. There were complaints about training quality and lack of planning for UTAs. Some felt they were outsiders, and accused ARTs of favoritism, not making sure all the information filtered down on weekends.

Career advisors were chided for not being visible and available. Fewer than 30 percent of the people surveyed knew much about the unit retention program.

Some members admitted they might have joined the 507th for patriotism and job challenge, but those feelings had deteriorated into just money and retirement.

The vast majority, however, listed travel, patriotism, the good people and job challenge in addition to just money.

Most reservists (80 percent) said their job was what they had expected. And 87 percent said they had been briefed on benefits, military conduct, proper wear of the uniform, working procedures and unit requirements. Over 88 percent felt they had a part in the mission.

When asked how to improve the 507th, the most frequent replies were more travel, better training, better planning, more promotions and money, more recognition, rewards and respect, better equipment and facilities, and improved communications.

To summarize, the general feeling was that "reservists enjoy serving their country while preserving their civilian lifestyle," said MSgt Betty Pottier, group career advisor. "The answers gave us new insight into our retention problems, and we'll pay close attention to career irritants that surfaced."

ROGERS AIDS HEART ATTACK VICTIM

SSgt Edward Rogers, a packaging specialist in the 507th Mobility Support Flight, administered CPR last December to a heart attack victim in a Masstrans bus.

Sergeant Rogers, a student driver for Masstrans, learned CPR in the Air Force. Despite the death of the victim 12 days

later in the hospital, Sergeant Rogers remains a firm believer in CPR.

At a February executive board meeting of the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority, the mayor of Oklahoma City presented him a plaque. KTOK radio gave him a giant cookie.

CLINIC GAINS NEW DOCTOR

By TSgt Vanessa Elliot-Ramsey

Welcome to Lt Col (Doctor) Clio A. Harper, Jr., a new doctor in the 507th TAC Clinic.

Currently practicing gynecology and obstetrics in Tulsa, Dr. Harper was born and raised in Arkansas. He graduated from Harvard University, spent time in the U.S. Navy, graduated from Vanderbilt Univ. School of Medicine, and completed intern and residency work at the Univ. of Arkansas School of Medicine.

WHY BE A RECRUITER?

Advantages

- * full active duty pay, allowances
- * 30 days paid annual vacation
- * pro pay and travel
- * commissary and BX privileges
- * learn public speaking and sales techniques

Disadvantages

- * a four-week recruiting school, one of the toughest in USAF
- * long hours, nights and weekends

Undecided? Call SMSgt Donovan, 507th recruiting office, ext 45331.

UTA SCHEDULE

20 - 21 APR; 18 - 19 MAY;
29 - 30 JUN; 20 - 21 JUL;
10 - 11 AUG; 14 - 15 SEP.

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