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507TH HITS FIGHTER COMP RUNNING

Oklahoma went to Michigan and brought home the bacon.

The 507th fielded the outstanding F-4 maintenance team, and will represent AFRES in TAC's world-wide competition, GUNSMOKE, in October at Nellis AFB, NV.

Capt. James Leslie and Capt. Kenneth Settle not only won second place in the F-4 dive bombing competition, but they captured third place in the F-4 strafe contest, and helped the 507th win third place in the F-4 gunnery team championship.

"It's been fun," said SMSgt Rodney Osborne, flight chief of "A" flight. "It's good that units get together and compete. A lot of people I know are from other units, and the only time I get to visit them is times like this."

"I enjoy it," said MSgt Gene Steffens, pneudraulics systems supervisor, "the attitude of the people and the way it hypes everybody up to get out here and compete with each other."

The competition was held on Phelps-Collins ANG Base, Michigan, for one week ending June 28. Host was the 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo, which also became overall champion for both the gunnery and maintenance competitions.



The smiles generated, by the trophy, on Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha, 507th Group Commander, and Lt. Col. Ron Dorris, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, show their appreciation for a job well done by the maintenance team at Fighter Comp '85.

REAL HEROES

"Pilots are highly trained people, with wings not easily won.

But without the support of the home team our pilot would march with a gun.

So when you see might jet aircraft streaking their way through the air, remember the grease-stained mechanic,

He's the hero who put them there."

--ANONYMOUS

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

THINK BEFORE SEPARATING

Are you serious about leaving the 507th? Have you had it with exercises and inspections? Do you hate scheduling family fun around UTA weekends? Does your employer gripe about scheduling your summer tour? Allow me to share a few thoughts!

A big fact that keeps hitting me is that in a military career there will be highs and lows. And as the years pass, the highs get higher and the lows more bearable.

So here you are -- faced with a career decision -- and my idea is this: Don't decide to get out thinking strictly of the "lows." -- Remember all aspects of your career and give the Air Force Reserve a fair shot to retain you.

For example, I enjoy many Air Force friends. The Air Force Reserve is a big fraternity and people honestly care about each other. Many times we pull together through exercises and inspections, and we feel good about being part of a winning team. So when making your career decision, don't sell the rest of us short -- we'll be hard to replace!

I also believe the Air Force is dedicated to preserving world peace, so the sacrifices we make are important enough to make me stay in the 507th.

As you notice, I said nothing of pay, retirement, medical benefits and promotions. They can be matched or exceeded in the civilian world. I ask you to consider the intangibles of a military career -- personal friendships and service to country.

You're a valuable part of the 507th, and we don't want to lose you!

507TH PERSONNEL ASSISTS ORPHANAGE

A deep-rooted American characteristic is helping others. When 507th reservists were deployed to Turkey, they learned an Eskishir orphanage needed financial assistance, and welcomed the opportunity to lend a hand. The orphanage has 76 girls from first grade through high school. The project was initiated at Sivrihisar AB by TSgt Lee Lytle and SSgt Jimmy Nixon. Many Americans at the Eskishir AB detachment were involved in working with this orphanage.

Many redeploying personnel donated surplus Turkish lira or American money to the orphanage, as they prepared to leave Sivrihisar. At the final counting, \$326 was raised to help the friends left behind.

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SALUTE TO FREEDOM SHOW WAS BIG SUCCESS

The three-day "Salute to Freedom" display at Crossroads Mall is over, but the recruiting leads keep coming in. "We got many good leads," said SMSgt John Donovan, Senior 507th recruiter, "and the event was well accepted by the community. Lots of folks learned what Reserve Forces do!"

CAMS people showed munitions, a jet engine and the ejection seat. Weapons experts rappelled and did free fingerprints for children. Clinic members did free blood pressure checks, and operations people manned a mock-up trainer with an emergency procedures slide show. A disaster preparedness team, dressed up in chemical warfare suits, passed out literature on natural disasters and let people try on the "monster mask."

"Thanks to everyone for great support," said Sergeant Donovan. "The live broadcast by KLTE radio, and the many new friends we made, should help us keep our number one standing in 10th Air Force recruiting."



Discussing the capabilities of the SUU 23, 20mm gun pod, with some of the visitors to the Salute to Freedom Show at Crossroads Mall is MSgt. Bill Morgan, NCOIC of the Weapons Loading Section.

NEW GI BILL FACTS EMERGE

The Veterans Administration and DOD are still working out final details, and the 507th still has no forms to verify eligibility and process those who apply.

But that will change soon, and the 507 TFG career advisor's office has handouts explaining these facts:

- * 3-year program
- * for reservists with a high school diploma, but no college degree

- * who have 180 days as a reservist, and who have regular satisfactory UTA attendance,

- * who agree to enlist, re-enlist or extend for at least six years.

You will be paid \$70 per month as a $\frac{1}{2}$ time student, up to \$140 per month as a full time student, drawing a maximum of \$5,040. No matching money is required.

CHEMICAL WARFARE - SOVIETS ARE FAR AHEAD

By Major Jeff Thompson

The Soviets consider chemical warfare one of their major strengths, and appear to be using chemical weapons in Afghanistan where local people have no defenses and no means to retaliate.

The Soviets have a lot more, and better, chemical weapons than the U.S. The Soviets have many chemical munitions plants, but the U.S. has no full scale production plant and last produced chemical weapons in 1969.

The U.S. chemical weapon program's goal is to prevent the Soviets from using theirs. But since our chemical warfare defense, and retaliation measures are weak, our theater forces run great risks. In addition, because we have such a limited chemical response to any Russian chemical attack, the nuclear threshold is lowered, making nuclear war more likely as our only chance for victory.

Since 1978, the Air Force chemical

defense program has improved, especially with individual protection. By FY 86, our aircrews and ground support personnel will be fully equipped with first generation protective ensembles. But the newest gear, providing the best protection, is also the hottest to work in, and restricts visibility and manual dexterity.

There are five reasons the U.S. should stockpile retaliatory chemical weapons. First, deter the Soviets from using theirs. Second, deny the enemy easy battlefield victory (chemical agents are weapons of terror). Third, avoid lowering the nuclear threshold. Fourth, protective clothing alone may not deter a Soviet chemical threat. Fifth, having chemical weapons ourselves might produce meaningful negotiations out of a "balance of power."

Remember, the Soviets already have, and are using their chemical weapons, so we can't be accused of provoking new arms buildup.

RESERVISTS ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT LOANS

Air Force Reservists and their dependents now have an easier opportunity to receive student financial loans.

Two programs offered by the Air Force Aid Society are available, the Gen. George S. Brown program and the Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold program. The General Brown program is designed to assist reserve members and their spouses, while the General Arnold program is for the children of reservists. Both programs are designed to help reservists and their dependents with the financial costs of obtaining post-secondary education.

To be eligible for either program, students must be accepted or enrolled in accredited post-secondary educational institutions. If attending classes, they must be in good academic standing and show academic progress.

Applications must be mailed six to eight weeks before a semester or quarter of school begins to avoid registration problems.

Reservists desiring more information on student loans should contact their base education office.

ACTION LINE

(IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS)

Q: As a reservist, can my employer discharge me from my employment if I need to go to another lengthy technical school in order to cross-train?

A: No. Even though a reservist may have served his two weeks of annual tour, he is still entitled to additional active duty for purposes necessary to continue his reserve training. Even though the tech school may be a three-month period, the employer may not discharge the employee/reservist. Although

the reservist may not collect his standard pay from his employer, the absence from that employment by reason of his reserve duty should not lessen his seniority or tenure. The same job or a similar job must be available upon his return. Should a reservist lose his job over such circumstances, recourse may be taken through the National Committee for Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, the Department of Labor or the U.S. Attorney's Office.

DUN LOP DISEASE VICTIMS CRY OUT

Dun Lop disease victims have put off diet and exercise. They can be heard saying "Mah belly don lopped over mah belt!" Yes, Dun Lop disease victims are candidates for the Air Force Reserve "Fat boy" program, better known as "weight management."

And the rules just got tougher!

1985 is the phase in year, and everyone will be weighed by Aug 1. Starting in 1986, everyone will be weighed in Jan., Feb., or Mar. And there is no grace period to slim down. Once you're caught overweight, slam! You're in the program.

First, you get a medical evaluation. Second, diet counselling, then a required 90 day exercise program, with a chart you fill out and present to your supervisor at the start of each UTA. Once on the program, you weigh in every UTA, and men must lose five pounds every 30 days, women three pounds.

Even if you're under your maximum weight, if you don't look good in uniform your commander can make you lose even more weight until you present a sharp military image. He can raise your weight maximum too, if your body fat measurement allows.

Physical fitness testing will accompany the weigh-ins: a 1½ mile run or swimming or cycling. If you were born 1949 or before, a three mile walk can be substituted.

Muscular tests, primarily sit-ups, pull-ups or flexed-arm hang will be done annually and randomly, whatever AFRES desires.

Failing the tests or declining to take them could result in denial of promotion and reenlistment. The AFRES regulation is not out, but advance notice of the new, tough rules should urge reservists to take the easier road -- shaping up on their own.

PROMOTIONS

To Airman

Kristie R. Crail 507 CES

To Airman First Class

Antonella Chambers 72 APS
 Rollie E.I. Fansler 403 CLSS
 Tod R. Hopkins 403 CLSS
 Bekki Lingenfelter 507 ISS
 Vernon L. Tompkins 507 CAMS

To Senior Airman

Donald J. Booker 403 CLSS
 Charles H. McCreary 507 CAMS
 Alexis Morganfield 72 APS
 Christy R. Shannon 507 ISS
 Terry Sherrill 507 CSS

To Sergeant

Gregory K. Hall 72 APS
 Eric R. Vann 507 CES

To Staff Sergeant

Sabrina Bifulco 403 CLSS
 Ronnie R. Cantrell 403 CLSS
 Jon M. Ellington 403 CLSS
 Kelly B. Horne 403 CLSS
 Allen C. Johnson 403 CLSS
 Linda K. Miles TAC CLINIC
 Gail S. Mitchell 507 CES
 Herbert W. Moos 72 APS
 Michael A. Plante 507 CES
 Robert J. Porter 507 CAMS
 Barbara R. Saani 403 CLSS
 Francis M. Shea III 507 CAMS
 Mark D. Ward 507 CAMS

To Tech Sergeant

Diane Anderson 507 CAMS
 Clyde E. Lillie 507 CSS

To Master Sergeant

Eddie S. Bork 507 WSSF

To Senior Master Sergeant

Carl D. Mayabb 507 CES

AWARDS

MSGT Bill T. Helveston (TAC CLINIC)
 10 AF Commanders' Award of Excellence

REENLISTMENTS

	<u>Years</u>
SMGST Melvin W. Dunfee	6
MSGT Everett D. Dowling	2
MSGT Betty Jo Pottier	6
TSGT Thomas R. Dubose	6
TSGT John R. Dunn	2
TSGT Judy L. Herfort	4
TSGT Wilma R. Ness	6
TSGT Teresa A. Ratliff	2
TSGT James D. Soles	2
SSGT Samuel W. Baty	6
SSGT John A. Chisum	2
SSGT Lee A. Clark	6
SSGT Belinda A. Journey	3
SSGT Mark D. Kent	2
SSGT Deborah L. Maznaritz	13 mos.
SGT David H. Golzary	3
SGT Kenneth M. Mars	4

COOK AWARDED CCAF DEGREE

SSgt. David Cook, 507th CSS motor pool, has received a Community College of the Air Force degree in radio communications technology.

The CCAF degree is equivalent to an associate degree. It was based on Sergeant Cook's military training received in satellite communications at Keesler AFB, and the other basic college credits from the University of Oklahoma.

Sergeant Cook expressed his thanks to the members of the Combat Support Group's training section, especially Pat Heard. "This degree brings me one step closer to my bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Oklahoma, and I really appreciate the assistance the Training people provided."

507TH GETS NEW CHAPLAIN



Chaplain Major Lowrie J. Welton is our new Staff Chaplain. He transferred to the 507th in January from the Tinker Base Chapel where he was a Cat "B" reservist for four years.

Chaplain Welton served nine years active duty as a personnel officer and missile officer before leaving the Air Force for the ministry. Currently he is pastor of the Lawton Heights United Methodist Church, Lawton, Okla.

"The Chaplain's role is to be an understanding ear in time of distress and a helpful counselor in time of confusion," said Chaplain Welton. "Drop in my office at Group Headquarters anytime, or pull me aside when you see me passing through work areas."

The Sunday Chapel service is at a new time, 0815 in the Sooner Room. Chaplain Welton leads the singing and the preaching. There's a special need for an organist and other musicians, particularly singers!

CAN YOU SEE A DOCTOR ON ANNUAL TOUR?

To answer questions about medical care for Reservists on annual tour, Tamara Bingham, medical records technician, explained:

*Sick call is by appointment. Call 48366. Go by the 507 TAC CLINIC before your appointment to pick up your records, unless your appointment is earlier than 8 a.m. Then you call 42487, and we'll get your record here for you. After the appointment, you return your own records.

*If you're hurt on the job, and need emergency care, have your supervisor call 42487 and we'll

bring your records to the emergency room.

*If you need a dental exam, call 48200, then stop by our office to pick up your records before the appointment.

*Immunizations are given Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday. Yellow Fever is given only Friday morning between 9 and 10 a.m. Get a computer update slip from our office before getting your shot.

*Eye exams are not authorized on annual tour. Neither is dependent care.



The F-105 on static display at the entrance to Tinker AFB recently was painted by 507 CAMS. The new camouflage coat was applied by SSgt. Patrick Richardson, MSgt. Arden Teeter and TSgt. Paul Sheppard. Not shown are TSgt. Tommy Murray and SSgt. Andy Lang III, who assisted.

UTA SCHEDULE

20 - 21 JUL;

10 - 11 AUG; 14 - 15 SEP.
ANNUAL TOUR 17 - 31 AUG

PROPOSED FY 86

19 - 20 OCT;	16 - 17 NOV;
07 - 08 DEC;	11 - 12 JAN;
08 - 09 FEB;	08 - 09 MAR;
12 - 13 APR;	03 - 04 MAY;
07 - 08 JUN;	12 - 13 JUL;
23 - 24 AUG;	20 - 21 SEP

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