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FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOY FAIR DAY

Reserve members had a chance to shine in front of their family, friends and employers Saturday, July 20, during Fair Day.

Fair Day, the first activity of its kind held by the 507th, involved booths, displays and activities throughout the day depicting aspects of Reserve occupations. A special enlistment ceremony was held during the day with 26 people stepping forward to swear in.

Fair Day was coordinated through the efforts of the 507th Enlisted Advisory Council, personnel from the various squadrons and assigned tenant units and Chief Master Sergeant Albert L. Adams, 507th Senior Enlisted Advisor. More than 2,000 guests attended the day-long event.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the turnout we had," Chief Adams said. "We've learned a lot on how we can improve future such events."

Various static displays were set up, including an F-4D aircraft and equipment from the Fire Department, Transportation Office and 72nd Aerial Port Squadron. Exhibits were set up by members of the 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron, the jet engine shop, disaster preparedness, life support, communications, mobility support, munitions, and the weapons systems security flight who demonstrated rappelling techniques and provided children's fingerprint cards. The TAC Clinic ran a first aid station throughout the day and provided free blood pressure checks.

Having the Fair Day was an excellent idea from the employers' standpoint," said John Bolander, production manager at Denver Reese Typographics. "Now, I'll have a better understanding of why my employee can't work on particular weekends and during the two-week annual tour. It's a great eyeopener for civilian employers."

Chief Adams said he hoped the event could become a permanent one held every other year. "There were a lot of people who put in volunteer time and effort to make this event a success and I'd like to express my personal thanks to all of them," he said.



Silhouetted against the early morning sky is MSgt. Eddie Bork, playing to the colors, as the entire Weapons Systems Security Flight Participated in the flag raising ceremony that kicked off the start of Fair Day at the 507th.

(USAF photo)

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COLONEL'S JOURNAL

WE'LL TRAIN SMARTER, NOT HARDER

TRAINING FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE -- GULFPORT -- ANNUAL TOUR -- All synonymous for 507 TFG summer camp/deployment. We plan to GO, to TRAIN, to LEARN, to WORK, and to HAVE FUN. We will train "smarter, not harder."

Lt. Col. Cole has done a lot of hard work planning this deployment, consolidating requirements, making various arrangements for personnel and equipment needs, etc. It takes a tremendous amount of planning and

coordination to pull everything together for a deployment. Col. Cole will also be serving as site Commander at Gulfport.

This UTA is your last chance to finalize your Gulfport plans. The majority of our people will be leaving on the 17th and returning on the 30th of August.

GOOD LUCK! Let's give it our best effort.

IT'S EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY TO SAFEGUARD CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

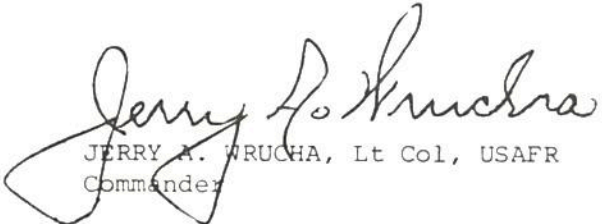
Are you properly securing your saves prior to departure. A recent incident revealed that a safe in the unit had not been properly secured, and when pressure was placed on the safe handle, it opened. The Optional Form 62, which should be annotated daily, as to whether the safe is opened or not was grossly outdated.

With the recent compromises of security that have occurred, the failure to secure a safe may seem minor, but not so!

Every one of us who work with classified material have a responsibility to safeguard it. Whether we have direct access to the material or just find the material insecure, it is our

responsibility sure that we do our part to secure the documents that could mean the difference in our country coming out on top in case of war.

I would like to take this opportunity to admonish all personnel in the 507 TFG to be alert and help to make our Security Manager's Program work. Know your Security Manager and help him to help you safeguard our personnel and resources.



JERRY A. WRUCHA, Lt Col, USAFR
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RESERVIST IGNORES OPTIONS, DIES, SPOUSE GETS "ZIP"

Condensed from article by
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Air Reserve Personnel Center

"I get absolutely nothing?" the widow asked?

That's right," answered the retirement clerk.

"But why?" she asked.

"When we notified your husband he'd be eligible for retired pay at age 60, he never made a choice under the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan. And he didn't change the beneficiary on his life insurance policy when he married you. His first wife will get the insurance money."

"Isn't there anything I can do?" she said.

"No," the clerk said. "He should have answered our notification

letter. He should have selected one of three options."

"What are they?" the woman asked.

"Option A delays his choice until age 60. Since he passed away at 58 without selecting any option, you aren't eligible for the annuity or any other benefits -- no blue ID card, no commissary and no exchange.

"Option B starts your annuity on his 60th birthday, had he lived.

"Option C gives the most coverage. You'd receive an annuity immediately, now, regardless of his age.

"So, I'm really very sorry he ignored our letter."

The clerk didn't know what else to say. The widow was silent for a moment, lowered her head and walked away.

MIX & MATCH PERMITTED ON OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

ROBINS AFB, Ga (AFRES) -- Air Force Reserve male and female personnel who find it difficult to achieve a proper uniform fit at military clothing sales stores can solve the problem by using a mix and match buying policy.

When the trouser, skirt or slack size of the optional Air Force shade 1598 uniform can't be reasonably accommodated by alteration, the item may be exchanged with one from open stock, but only to provide a better fit.

If the customer desires to mix and match, he or she may purchase a uniform coat separately, with the trouser, skirt or slack obtained from open stock.

Open stock items are made from different bolts of fabric and frequently by different manufacturers. Only uniform items made by the same manufacturer and cut from the same bolt are assured of a perfect matching.

Military clothing sales stores personnel will assist customers in selecting the right size and matching shade. The final shade comparison should be made outside in natural light.

Customers who choose to mix and match their uniforms must be aware that the shade matching may not necessarily be exact and if they choose the option of mixing and matching, the uniform may not be returned.

507TH CE RRR EXCELS AT EGLIN

The magic number was 12 as the 507th CES performed its Rapid Runway Repair training requirements, done once every three years.

The 12-member crew, laying 12 tons of metal matting, worth \$1.2 million, spent five days at Eglin AFB, Florida, in May.

The instructors at Eglin agree, "This sounds like an enormous amount of money. But when put into perspective, the aircraft and air crew safety is worth the cost."

Naturally, one person does not lift one ton in one load. The metal matting is composed of large mats, which when properly laid and fastened together, can be placed over a runway crater. An aircraft can

then take-off safely or land, taxiing over the metal "patch".

Teamwork plays an important role in the accomplishment of the mission. Communication and coordination come into play to finish the task within the acceptable time limits.

The 507th Prime BEEF team was supported by the Prime RIBS (Readiness in Base Service) portion of the unit. Both teams spent five days living under field conditions, led by Lt. Col. David Pierson.

The Prime BEEF section, headed by SMSgt. David R. Morris, broke the school record for filling and compacting a crater. One Eglin instructor said "If enthusiasm were dollars, you'd all be rich!"



"Pumping iron" describes civil engineers laying steel mats for rapid runway repair. The 507th CES trained under field conditions for five days in May, at Eglin AFB, Fla., beating the school record for filling and compacting a crater.

(USAF photo)

LEGAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What is the Former Spouses Protection Act?

A: It is a federal regulation that gives former spouses of military members access to some of the privileges of active duty military members and dependents. One of the primary aspects is a proportionate share of retired military pay. To share in the military retirement, a former spouse must have been married for 10 or more years to a member serving. Such a period also provides rights to certain exchange and medical privileges, but are only extended to spouses who have not remarried.

Q: What if I invent a gadget or modify a part or piece of equipment in such a manner that it could be patented?

A: Depending upon the materials used (i.e., government property or private) you may share patent rights and royalties with the government. If the entire invention or modification was accomplished with government materials on government time, it will be listed in the individual's name as the originator but all rights will belong to the government. If the time and materials are partly that of the government and partly that of the individual, the individual may own the full rights and royalties with a right of use belonging to the government. Clearly, each situation is varied and the variations will determine the ownership of the rights. An important fact to remember is that the government will assist in the registration of a patentable idea of modification at no cost to the inventor when government materials or time are involved.

WASTEBUSTER SEEKS TO ELIMINATE WASTE

The Air Force, traditionally haunted by a highly complex supply system that has driven people to trash usable government property, is working a program called Wastebuster.

Supply and maintenance people have been trained to prevent waste, but until recently the supply system's complexity has resulted in some usable property being thrown away.

Now, then simplified turn-in procedures and giving units more control of their supplies, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of usable supplies have been turned in that might have otherwise been tossed out, according to Logistics Officials.

RECRUITING - IT'S WORKING!

At presstime the "Get One" program was working well. The 507th was #2 in 10th Air Force for the most new members, second quarter.

MSgt. Angela Hayes was either #1 or #2, contending for 10th AF Top Recruiter of the Year and TSgt. Lee Pugh was probably #1 in the race for 10th AF Rookie Recruiter of the Year.

"I'm extending, until Sept. 30, my offer of a \$50 savings bond to anyone who gets three new recruits," said Lt. Col. Jerry A. Wrucha, 507th TFG commander.

"Several members already have two to their credit, and are helping us get 100% manned."

REENLISTMENTS

		<u>Years</u>			
CMSGT	Adams, Albert Lee	6	TSGT	Martin, Alan R.	6
SMSGT	Akin, Jimmy J.	4	TSGT	Mollohan, Gregory S.	3
SMSGT	Driscoll, James A.	2	TSGT	Morse, Thomas M.	6
SMSGT	Morris, David R.	2	TSGT	Schuman, Michael J.	2
MSGT	Harwell, John F.	6	TSGT	Williams, Dennis M.	2
MSGT	Nichols, Richard M.	6	SSGT	Bow, Carol Sue	2
MSGT	Pursiful, Donald L.	6	SSGT	Conway, Derrell G.	6
MSGT	Teeter, Arden A.	6	SSGT	Cowns, Carolyn J.	2
MSGT	Willis, Deborah J.	6	SSGT	Davis, David W.	6
MSGT	Worley, Betty J.	6	SSGT	Guyer, Ernest T.	2
TSGT	Amato, Charles Lee	6	SSGT	Holdridge, Jeffery J.	2
TSGT	Armstrong, Billy A.	6	SSGT	Kirkpatrick, Karen L.	2
TSGT	Brown, Laird	3	SSGT	Mason, George G.	2
TSGT	Dodd, Mack A.	2	SSGT	Mitchell, Ronald A.	6
TSGT	Elliottramsey, Vane	6	SSGT	Morrow, Duane L.	6
TSGT	Epps, Sharlotte Ann	6	SSGT	Nixon, Jimmy R.	2
TSGT	Foster, Russell D.	2	SSGT	Pogue, Gary	2
TSGT	Hamilton, Robert A.	3	SSGT	Schultz, Lisa A.	6
TSGT	Hopkins, David L.	2	SSGT	Tadefa, Eloise A.	6
TSGT	Hudson, Donald R.	6	SSGT	Trowell, Aubrey Jr.	6
TSGT	King, Robert A.	6	SGT	Bingham, Raymond G.	2
TSGT	Letts, Melissa Lee	2	SGT	Maceligot, Darlene Lynn	2
			SGT	Riffe, Kelly L.	5 + yrs
			SRA	Sexton, Randy L.	2



Families and friends look on as 27 members of the group reenlist during the Fair Day festivities. The oath of enlistment was administered by the 507th Tactical Fighter Group Commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Wrucha.

ANNA J. BUGGS - HONOR GRADUATE

A1C Anna J. Buggs, 507th CSS, recently returned from the Air Force's Materiel Facilities Specialist Course at Lowry AFB, Colo.- She was named the Honor Graduate among 16 classmates. "My goal was to be the Honor Graduate. It was hard work, but well worth it." She earned the award by maintaining a 96 percent average during the four-week course.

"At the school, other students referred to us as 'box kickers' and 'label lickers'. Actually, we learned more than just how to move Air Force equipment and label it for transport. The school covered basic computer and receiving skills, along with keypunch. I have

an important job and I'm glad to maintain the standard."

Anna and her husband, James, a staff sergeant assigned to the 507th CAMS, live in Edmond, Okla. She is an office clerk at Frontier City and is working toward a degree in geratology (the study of the aging process), minoring in child development. "I realize it sounds strange, going from one end of the age spectrum to the other. But James and I eventually plan to get public service jobs on an Indian reservation in New Mexico. With this degree, I'll be able to help everyone."

In their spare time, the Buggs raise Siberian Huskies.

THE "GOOD NEWS" ABOUT MILITARY MEDICINE

Recently, five television stations in the U.S. aired a three-part series on medical malpractice in the military. It was filled with errors, according to the USAF Surgeon General.

A Reader's Digest article, Feb. 1985, spoke of the "Mess in Military Medicine," and focused on several unfortunate incidents not representative of the wide range of excellent health care services for the military.

But there is much more good news than bad, as shown by the following statistics compiled by the USAF Surgeon General.

Air Force-trained physicians consistently score very high in national certifying exams. For example, 90% of the internal medicine residents pass their specialty board exams the first time as compared to only 58% in the civilian sector.

American medicine is experiencing a malpractice claims crisis. In the civilian sector, malpractice rates have increased over 114% since 1979, while in the Air Force the malpractice rate has decreased 13% for the same period of time.

In FY 84, the Air Force Medical Service recorded nearly 17 million clinic visits; over 282 thousand patients were admitted to Air Force hospitals; over 38 thousand babies were born and over 27 million prescriptions were filled; yet, out of these millions of patients treated, there were 263 malpractice claims filed.

When judged against the standards applied to civilian health care, the Air Force fares very well. No Air Force hospital has ever failed accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

LIGHTNING DESERVES RESPECT

Killer tornadoes are bad enough, but every year lightning kills 55 percent more people than tornadoes and some 40 percent more than hurricanes and flash floods combined.

The most important thing is to avoid becoming a lightning rod. So don't be the golfer who plays in the rain on an open fairway! Don't jog in the rain on the edge of a city or base, making you one of the tallest things around.

A fairly safe place to be during a thunderstorm is inside a car. It insulates against lightning, unless it's a convertible!

Some people think they're safe in their homes, while they call the folks back home about the weather. Wrong!

Telephone lines conduct electricity, and every year about one percent of deaths caused by lightning involve people talking on the telephone.

Mother Nature usually gives fair warning, so pay attention! Feel the charge building up before lightning strikes -- like hair standing on end from static electricity.

Drop to your knees and bend forward. Be as low and as small as possible, but not flat on the ground. Lying flat on the ground puts too much body in contact with an electrical conductor -- the ground.

If a group of people is hit by lightning, give first aid to the "dead" first. Many of these people can be revived if quick action is taken. Even if a person only appears stunned, he still needs to be checked by medical personnel for hidden effects. More than half the people struck by lightning recover fully.

Lightning can be one of nature's most spectacular displays, but we need to respect it!

Based on story
by Capt. Frank McAuley
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UTA SCHEDULE

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;
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07 - 08 JUN; 12 - 13 JUL;
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