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COMMAND TO CHANGE IN JANUARY

Lt. Col. Jerry A. Wrucha, 507th Tactical Fighter Group commander, has been selected to take command of the 944th TFG at Luke AFB, Ariz., in January, a new unit of F-16s.

The new 507th TFG commander will be Lt. Col. James L. (Larry) Turner, currently assigned to the 482nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Homestead AFB, Fla.

Colonel Turner, one of the original OKies, was the first reservist to fly an F-105 sortie out of Tinker. He joined the unit when Tinker's reserve unit transitioned from C-124s to F-105s.

"Col. Ron Williams, then a captain, and I flipped a coin to see who would be the first to fly the F-105. I won." Colonel Williams was the former commander of the 465th TFS. The crew chief for that

first sortie was Hubert Rogers who is still with the 507th.

Colonel Turner has a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas and a master's degree from Louisiana State University.

The colonel was on active duty from 1965 to 1970. He joined the 507th in 1972. He left the unit in 1974 and went to the Texas Air National Guard unit in San Antonio.

He returned to the 507th as an Air Reserve Technician instructor from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 to 1984, he was at Bergstrom AFB, Texas with the 704th TFS before his assignment to Homestead AFB, as the deputy commander of operations.

The colonel and his wife have five children. "Coming back to the 507th will be a homecoming for us. We are thrilled to be coming back."

STOCKING STUFFERS NEEDED

The 507th TFG Christmas project will be the support of the Annual Salvation Army's Christmas Stocking program. Christmas stockings are available throughout the group in the different offices.

Members of the unit are being asked to bring small items such as toys, games and books to the December UTA. Candy should **NOT** be included in your contribution.

People participating will be given a stocking to stuff which will be turned over to the Chaplain's office. The stockings will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children in the local area.

For more information, contact your duty section, unit orderly room or the 507th chaplains in building 1043 during the December UTA. The participation of the 507th will benefit hundreds of children in the area.

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GROUP

Leaving the 507th Tactical Fighter Group and Tinker AFB is not easy. Having spent 12 and a half years here, Margi and I have established deep roots.

We have made many new and dear friends to whom it is hard to say good-bye. However, our time to leave is upon us. Command of the Group will be turned over in January to a very able leader, Lt. Col. James L. (Larry) Turner, currently with the 482nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Homestead AFB, Fla.

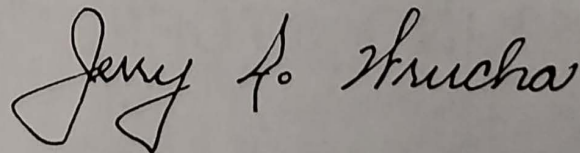
Serving as your commander for the last one and a half years has been the biggest honor and privilege of my military career. The thought of having such a job was a dream which I never expected to come true, but it did, and I am glad it was at the 507th.

This group has had a marvelous record and you -- the people in the Group and those who support it -- deserve all the credit. Your support and responsiveness were always more than I ever asked; your effort was equal to every challenge. I asked that we build a team (a real class act) and that's exactly what you helped me do. It has paid handsome dividends in terms of morale, spirit, growth, productiveness, and success.

Although departing is difficult, we leave on a high note. It has been a great and rewarding experience! My only request is that you give Lt. Col. Turner the same support and dedication you gave me. If you will, the 507th will continue in its proud and glorious tradition.

Before we go, I again want to say thanks for your support and for making our tour here so enjoyable. We loved every minute of it.

Good luck.



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507TH PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY-BASE EXERCISE

November 19 was a busy day for the base and some 507th TFG people. The base had a mass casualty exercise at the Glenwood Addition (an site across 29th Street).

The exercise kicked off at 12:30 p.m. with a simulated crash of a Boeing 707 with more than 150 people aboard. Six Oklahoma City area hospitals responded to the crash site along with firefighters from the surrounding area.

The 507th TFG people responded with the reserve unit's firefighters and hospital personnel, who augmented the base's response force.

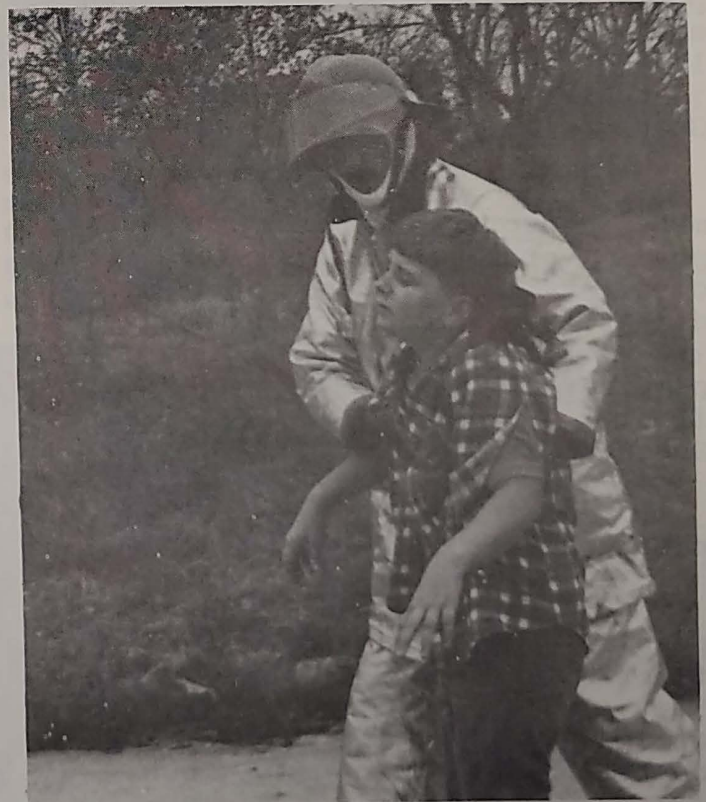


SSgt. Thomas A. Taber, SSgt. Melodie Garneau (left) and Sgt. Diane Bergman (in rear) perform triage on one of the accident victims at the November 19 mass casualty exercise in the Glenwood Addition. (USAFR photo)

Casualty players (members of the Civil Air Patrol) in the exercise were in full makeup (mouflage) to simulate injuries. Hospital personnel and firefighters had to evacuate the injured to an area away from the accident site.

After evacuating the injured to a safer area, triage was performed by medical personnel. After triage was completed, the injured were taken to area hospitals.

Other hospitals involved in the exercise along with the base were: St. Anthony's, South Community, Midwest City, Baptist Medical Center and Deaconess.



SSgt. Jim Measel a firefighter from the 507th CES, escorts one of injured casualties from the accident scene. Approximately 13 firefighters from the 507th were involved in the exercise. (USAFR photo)

507TH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TEAMS ASSIST BASE MOBILITY EXERCISE

"The 507th TFG is the expert on Tinker AFB when it comes to disaster preparedness mobility," said SSgt. Lisa Campbell, 2854th Air Base Group disaster preparedness office

Since getting tasked with a mobility commitment October 1, the 2854th ABG had been gearing up for its first mobility exercise. The exercise was November 14-17.

More than 200 Tinker troops got their first taste of chemical warfare training when they experienced, first hand, the contaminated control area (CCA) processing.

"We watch the films and study the processing actions in classroom situations. But, going through the line was more realistic than having just the classroom training," said Sergeant Campbell.

The open air processing of the mobilized personnel from the 2854th posed problems for the base disaster preparedness office. "We didn't have the equipment needed or the training required to teach the people what they would need to know if they were mobilized," continued Sergeant Campbell.

Enter SSgt. James Wood, 507th TFG disaster preparedness NCOIC.

"The base disaster preparedness people never had actual hands-on training. They didn't have a CCA. They weren't trained in that facet of the disaster preparedness operation," said Sergeant Wood.

Seeing an opportunity to increase the training of the 507th disaster preparedness specialized team along with helping the 2854th solve their training problems, Sergeant Wood offered the base the 507th's assistance for the exercise.

"We have a CCA and we're more than happy to help the base with their training because it also helped us increase our training for the 507th."

The 2854th personnel went through the mobility processing line, then were put on buses and taken to the Glenwood Addition, a training site across from the base between Midwest Boulevard and Douglas Avenue. This area served as the deployment base for the exercise.

"The people were in full chemical warfare gear, down to the boots. They had to go through the processing line as though they were in a chemical environment," said Sergeant Campbell.

Although planners have the 2854th personnel going to bases that have a self-contained unit for processing contaminated personnel into a 'clean' area, Sergeant Wood thought training for an open-air processing line would be a better idea.

"You never know what you have until you get there and why take chances? Sending those people through a CCA is the best possible training they could receive," said the 507th NCO.

The people at base level know the 507th's capability in mobilization. This is what the 507th trains for.

"We needed the 507th's help and they gave it," added Sergeant Campbell. "Without their expertise, we would still be sitting around the classroom looking at films hoping we would know what to do when the time came. Now, we have hands-on training that is so vital for the 2854th's mission. We can get our people decontaminated and back into the workforce where we need them."

Sergeant Wood said, "The DSMT (deployment shelter management team) people are the ones who really made the exercise a success. Their expertise in setting up, maintaining and instructing of the operation of the CCA was extraordinary."

Team members were: MSgt. Douglas C. Stewart, team chief; TSgt. Charles R. Pospisil, TSgt. Dennis E. Smith, TSgt. John R. Cardoni, SSgt. Vincent A. Molzahn, SSgt. Duane L. Morrow SSgt. Stephen W. Woody, and TSgt. Wesley Belew.

According to Sergeant Wood another vital link in the success of the exercise was the disaster preparedness mobility team (DPMT). The team's job is to establish a chemically clean environment which determines if a CCA can be established or should be reestablished.

DPMT members were: SMSgt. Jerry Elders, team chief; MSgt. Rick A. Wiley, MSgt. Don L. Pursifull, MSgt. Bob Erickson and TSgt. Laird G. Brown.



While others on the DSMT finish staking down and sandbagging the camouflage netting, TSgt. Dennis Smith and TSgt. Charles Pospisil adjust the fan braces that elevate the netting to keep it clear of personnel and equipment. (USAFR photo)



Discussing the calendar of events with SSgt. Wood and SSgt. Campbell is TSgt. Williams, a CAT Team member of Base Civil Engineers. (USAFR photo)

SOMETHING TO TREASURE

They were expensive pieces of glass. Highly polished and expertly cut, the set had cost \$246 at the crystal factory where she had watched them engrave her initials on the bases. The crystal had been well packed, but she added several pounds of newspaper to the boxes before setting them in the back seat of the station wagon.

"Do you think they will ride okay without getting broken?" her eight year old daughter asked. "They should," she answered, "unless we have to make a fast stop--or hit something." After a few seconds' thought, she lengthened the seat belts, fastened them over the boxes, and snugged them down.

"You can't be too careful with valuable things!" she explained. Then she slipped behind the steering wheel and began the 20-mile drive to their home.

The girl turned sideways and looked at her mother with excited eyes. "We should give a party, Mom, so we can use the dishes!" The idea struck a responsive chord, and she began to think of reasons she could give her husband. He certainly wouldn't want to have a party just to show off new crystal he hadn't been eager to buy.

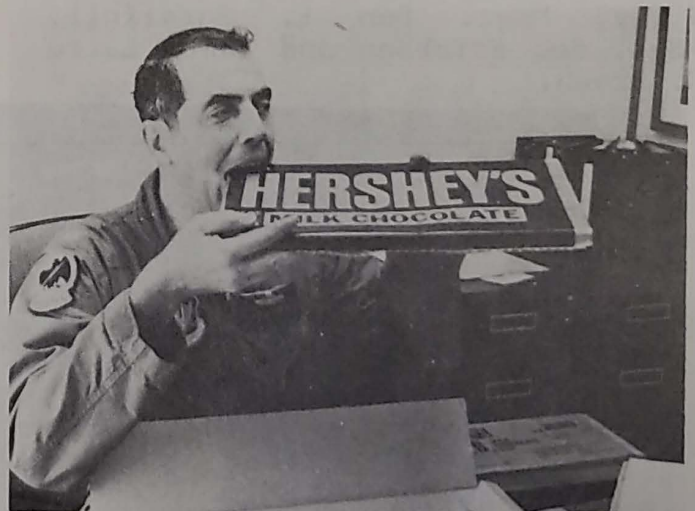
Suddenly she forgot the party and the crystal. A yellow sports car had swung out of the line of opposing traffic, crossed into her lane, and was roaring toward her. It was obvious that it could never swing back in time.

With survival instinct, she twisted the steering wheel to the right and jammed her foot on the brake. The car shuddered and bounced violently across a shallow ditch, crashed into the embankment, and plowed over the top. She still

held onto the steering wheel as she saw the line of trees looming through the dust. Then the car hit the trees, and her sight was gone.

They carried her to the hospital, where they patched her mutilated face and formed the cast that held her ribs in place. They carried the girl to a mortuary, where they camouflaged the cuts, and straightened her broken back before allowing the father a farewell look.

They policed up the shattered windows and the ripped-off door, then painted over the gash in the tree. And before they hauled the car away, they released the seat belts from across the boxes and removed the polished glass. Not one piece was broken. Knowing its value, she had wisely tied it down.



This is the time of the year when most people have a tendency to overindulge in the food department. So, if you attend a holiday party that features an all-you-can-eat buffet, keep in mind that we do have weight standards to maintain. Enjoy yourself but don't overindulge on food or drink. This public service announcement is being brought to the 507th TFG by the safety office. (USAFR photo)

AWARDS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Lt. Col. Ronald R. Dorris	507th CAMS
Lt. Col. Rex K. Travis	507th TFG
Maj. Larry P. Kelly	465th TFS
Maj. Stephen W. Topper	507th TFG
Capt. Michael R. Boss	465th TFS
Capt. Larry D. Miller	507th TFG
Capt. Ronald E. Miller	465th TFS
CMSgt. Robert Brewer	507th CAMS
CMSgt. Bruce Carlisle	507th CAMS
CMSgt. Glenn R. Hudson	403rd CLSS
SMSgt. Jarel L. Florence	507th CAMS
SMSgt. Rodney D. Osborne	507th CAMS
MSgt. Thomas E. Boyle	507th CAMS
MSgt. Alan R. Campbell	507th CAMS
MSgt. Gerard J. Lau	507th CAMS
MSgt. Henry W. Luce	507th CAMS
MSgt. Richard M. Nichols	507th CAMS
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TSgt. Doyle R. Garrison	507th CAMS
TSgt. Michael A. Gless	507th CAMS
TSgt. Anthony R. Gonzales	465th TFS
TSgt. Donald R. Hart	507th CAMS
TSgt. Donald R. Hudson	507th CAMS
TSgt. Billy L. Hughes	507th CAMS
TSgt. Stanley R. Jackson	507th CAMS
TSgt. David A. Lightfoot	507th CAMS
TSgt. John P. Morgan Jr.	507th CAMS
TSgt. Richard W. Nixon	507th CAMS
TSgt. Donna Pierson	465th TFS
TSgt. Benny W. Reeves	507th CAMS
TSgt. Gary K. Sorrells	507th CAMS
TSgt. Junior B. Whiteside	507th CAMS

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SSgt. Mark W. Patterson	507th CAMS
SSgt. Patrick L. Richardson	507th CAMS

SSgt. Richard E. Williams	507th CAMS
SSgt. John G. Wood	507th MSF

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. John A. Kretzschmar	507th TFG
Maj. Sanford A. Kutner	507th TFG
CMSgt. Glenn R. Hudson	403rd CLSS
MSgt. Ethel M. Jacobsen	507th MSF
MSgt. Bernard J. Powers	507th CES
MSgt. Rex A. Warlick	507th CSS
TSgt. Teri J. Hart	507th ISS
TSgt. Leopold Rugh	507th CSS
TSgt. William R. Sullivan	507th CAMS
SSgt. Debra M. Orth	507th ISS

Meritorius Service Medal

Maj. William W. Taylor Jr.	465th TFS
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IG Professional Performer Awards

TSgt. Renny M. Shoemaker,	507th ISS
SSgt. Robert Greenlee,	507th ISS

PAY DATES

The following is being provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for December. The document date is when the 507th TFG military pay section must have the necessary pay documentation to meet the scheduled pay date.

The documentation must be complete, i.e., certifications, itineraries, orders, etc. If the paperwork is not complete or there is a conflict, the scheduled pay date will not be met.

Document Date	Scheduled Pay Date
27 Nov 85	6 Dec 85
3 Dec 85	14 Dec 85
10 Dec 85	20 Dec 85
17 Dec 85	31 Dec 85

SOS SEMINAR CLASSES OFFERED

Officers who have not completed Squadron Officer School are eligible to participate in SOS Seminar Classes offered by the base education office.

There are three seminars scheduled to start next year. The first class begins in January, the second in April and the third in September. According to Capt. Doris A. Jackson, base education office, the materials for the seminar classes will be the same as the correspondence course. "If officers are already taking SOS by correspondence, they may begin the course

again or convert to the seminar program at any time."

The seminars meet on a weekly basis for the convenience of the students. For officers in the reserves who are not in the local area, special seminars, times and meeting dates can be arranged. "However, a group study seminar advisor must be selected to run the monthly program," added Captain Jackson.

For more information and to sign up for the seminar, call the education office at 739-2238/7408.

BASE RESTAURANT FACILITY UTA MENU

Saturday, December 7, 1985

Sunday, December 8, 1985

LUNCH

Chicken Fry Steak
w/ Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Breaded Tomatoes
Tossed Salad
Cherry Pie
Milk 2 cartons or 1-10oz drink
Coffee unlimited

DINNER

Turkey Ala King
w/Rice
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Green Lima Beans
Tossed Salad
Dutch Apple Pie

LUNCH

Roast Beef Au Jus
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Pudding
Milk 2 cartons or
1-10 oz drink
Coffee unlimited

UTA SCHEDULE

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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