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CHEM GEAR IS HERE TO STAY

To the uninformed, the 507th TFG area may have looked like it was under attack during the December UTA. More than half of the group's members were dressed in chemical warfare gear, but the base was not being attacked nor was it under a chemical threat.

"We are getting ready for our Operational Readiness Inspection," said Lt. Col. Jerry A. Wrucha, 507th TFG commander.

The mission of the 507th TFG is to supplement active duty forces in times of war or national emergency. To meet that requirement, the 507th trains reservists for world-wide deployment.

"Part of that commitment involves training under chemical threat situations," Colonel Wrucha added. "That is what we were accomplishing during December. We continually train for that mission."

The unit will be tested on how well we accomplish our mission during the upcoming ORI set for June."

According to 2nd Lt. J. Renee Lane, disaster preparedness OIC, the unit accomplished what it set out to accomplish with the exercise during the UTA. "Keeping the people in the chemical gear over an extended period of time proved we could still get the job done."

The main goal of the December UTA from the disaster preparedness office point of view was getting the unit people exposed to working in the chem gear. "The folks proved to themselves that they could wear the ground crew ensemble and still do their jobs," added Lieutenant Lane. "We are getting better each UTA and as long as we keep practicing and maintain a positive attitude, we can't help but do well in the ORI."

CMSgt. Gerry Elders, 507th CAMS, is assigned to the CCA during mobility. "I thought the exercise was an overall success."



Dusting off the chem warfare hood is one of the first steps in the CCA. (USAFR photo) (continued on page 4)

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

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Cannon AFB, N.M. (AFRNS) There is an old cliché that there is always "the 10 percent who don't get the word" Unfortunately, this is not a fixed figure. At any one time, for many reasons, many of our people just "don't get the word." Following the logical path of the Peter Principle, those who do not get the word are probably those most affected by it.

In any large organization, such as the military, communication is a key element in determining success or failure. We must all be concerned with our ability to communicate clearly and effectively with each other. The millions of dollars worth of equipment being developed to counter the enemy's ability to "jam" our communications is evidence of the importance of communications to a fighting force. We will not have the luxury of shaking our heads and chuckling about the "10 percent" in wartime, when the lack of good, clear information may be the difference between life and death.

Aircrews practice "Comout" procedures and develop nonverbal signals to get "the word" during heavy "comm jamming" while airborne. But we have yet to find a way to get the word out completely, unambiguously, to everyone on the ground.

I am always amazed that the old party trick of whispering a sentence into the ear of one person and then having the message passed along, invariably results in a

garbled message after four or five translations. The same thing happens on a daily basis in every large organization, and certainly on every Air Force base.

What can we, as supervisors, leaders and communicators do about this? Here are some hints:

- * Never presume that anyone knows anything. They might, but it's better to make sure they do.

- * Repetition is the key to learning. The more often you say it, the better chance of having it heard.

- * Ask questions. After having put out a policy statement, instruction, or any piece of information, the best way to measure comprehension is by asking the audience questions about it.

- * Expect confusion. The KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid) principle still applies.

- * Figure on a six-month cycle of information. Personnel turnover being what it is, you must figure on getting "the word" out on a semi-annual basis, minimum.

- * As a last suggestion, it pays to check the efficiency of the grapevine. After your next meeting when some specific guidance is given, wait three days, then ask the most junior member of your organization with a "need to know" what the guidance was. It may surprise you and convince you of the need to review your communications techniques. We may never completely eliminate the "10 percent," but maybe we can reduce their numbers.

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ROURKE IS NEW SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Russell A. Rourke was sworn in December 6 as secretary of the Air Force, after confirmation of his appointment by the senate.

Mr. Rourke had been assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs since May 1981. He was sworn in as Air Force secretary during ceremonies conducted by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger December 10.

Commenting on his selection, Mr. Rourke said, "I am honored by the confidence demonstrated by President Reagan and the senate. Both the White House and the Congress have been most supportive of recent Air Force strategic and tactical upgrades,

"I hope to sustain the fine gains made by Secretary Verne Orr and to further increase the American

BX ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS

Base Exchanges will soon be accepting credit cards for payment of merchandise, according to Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

MasterCard and VISA credit cards will be accepted in main exchange stores, shoppettes, clothing sales stores and some exchange concessions beginning January 6.

Credit cards cannot be used at Tinker's BX gas station. Also, credit cards will not be accepted for personal services such as haircuts at the base barber shop.

Exchange officials said AAFES will not issue credit cards, nor approve credit applications. They said those functions are done by financial institutions offering MasterCard and VISA.

Credit card use is expected to increase exchange sales about 6 percent. Officials said the cards will not cause any price changes.

public's confidence in the Air Force's professionalism and integrity."

Mr. Orr, who retired in November, served as secretary of the Air Force for nearly five years.

As secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Rourke will direct all policies of the one million military and civilian member Air Force.

Mr. Rourke, 53, served as the principal advisor to Mr. Weinberger on congressional consideration of the defense department's legislative program, maintaining direct liaison with Congress, the executive office of the president and other government agencies on defense legislative matters. He also was overseer of the military departments' congressional activities on defense matters. (AFNS)



One of the 507th TFG's F4s, tail number 704, recently logged more than 6,000 flying hours. The milestone was reached by the air crew of Maj. Michael "Solo" Bermensolo and Maj. James "Maddog" Mitchell. The ground crew for the plane was TSgt. John Glover, crew chief, and SSgt. Pat Fairley, assistant crew chief. (USAFR photo)

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According to the chief, there was a minor lack of knowledge on wearing the chem gear. "The CCA procedures went fantastic. The problems we experienced were nowhere near what we expected."

"What we did during the December UTA gave a good picture of what we can expect during our June ORI. With a few minor adjustments, our ORI will be a success," said Chief Elders.

Besides wearing the chemical gear and completing task qualification training under those conditions, one of the major tasks accomplished during the December UTA weekend training was the feeding of the 507th's members.

"Thanks to Clarence Price and his workers from the base cafeteria, we solved that problem," said CMSgt. Lee Adams, 507th TFG senior enlisted advisor.

Since the members of the 507th weren't permitted to leave the 507th area during the day, meals had to be brought to them.

"We set up the Apple Orchard (contaminated control area or CCA) in the hangar and processed the troops through at a rate of about 200 an hour," added the chief.

"For me, it brought back memories and the troops seemed to enjoy that it was good, hot food," said Mr. Price. "The cooks supplied from the 507th did a great job and we received lots of favorable feedback from the 507th people."

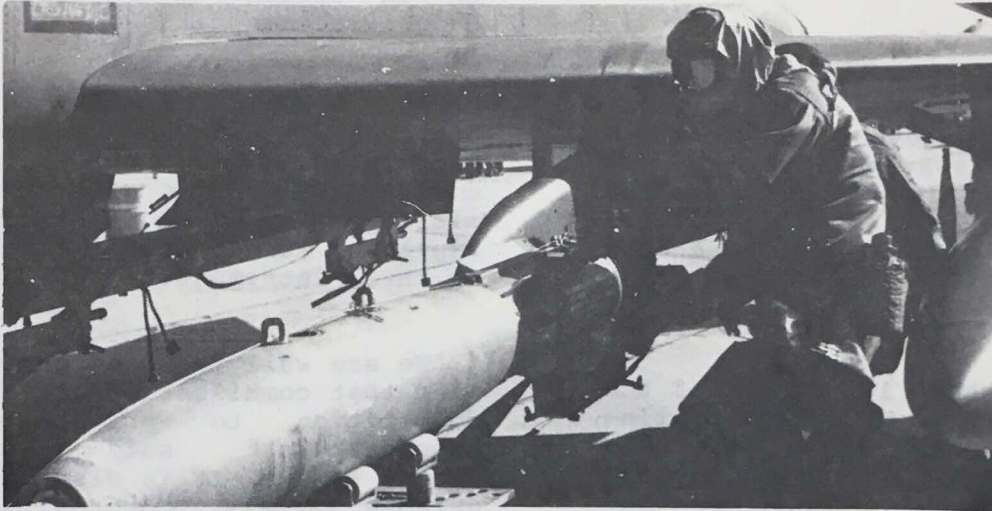


Assisting in the serving line, Clarence Price, Base Cafeteria Manager, restocks the butter supply. Personnel from the cafeteria made the feeding of the 507 people a lot easier than anticipated, and the taste and quality of the food received many compliments.

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"I am proud of the flightline and office people who toughed it out in the chemical gear," said Colonel

Wrucha. "I know that working in the gear is not easy. But, in the end, the goal is survival."



Loading bombs on the aircraft is what it's all about, in a chemical environment or not. If you can't deliver bombs on a target at any given time, you won't have the ability to survive, and our main objective is to survive. Hence, training for a chemical environment is a must for survival.



Refueling is just one of the many routine tasks that needs to be accomplished whether or not a chemical environment exists.



One of the unit's newest members trained in the CCA by assisting with the removal of the chem warfare jackets and pointing out steps to be followed in decontamination.

COMMISSARY SHOPPING TEST COMPLETE

Reservists lost their chance to get extended commissary shopping privileges after an 18-month test of the idea.

The military started the limited test Jan. 1, 1984, that allowed reservists at seven locations to shop at commissaries for up to 14 days at any time throughout the year. In the past, reservists had only been allowed to use the stores while on active duty more than three days.

With fewer than 10 percent of the eligible reservists using commissaries during the test, officials felt they "could not go to bat and argue for increased funds to continue the policy."

In a report to Congress in late June, Deputy Secretary of Defense

William H. Taft said the military was opposed to the change for reservists and based the decision on an Office of Management and Budget recommendation.

OMB opposed improved shopping privileges for reservists mainly because "private sector grocers could legitimately claim that the military commissary system is now expanding its competition with them to their detriment."

"We are well aware of past criticism that commissaries offer unfair competition to private sector supermarkets," said Secretary Taft's report. It is also said that defense leaders "are realistically concerned about changes in the commissary use patterns that may jeopardize this important benefit for all military members."

PAY TIDBITS

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veteran's Group Life Insurance increased to \$50,000 effective January 1. The coverage had been \$35,000.

The monthly premium cost is now \$4 per month for maximum coverage.

Coverage is automatic for the maximum, unless a service member selects, in writing, less than the full amount. If a member has previously declined or selected a smaller amount, they must again select a smaller amount or decline in writing. The necessary forms must be completed in the CBPO.

PAY DATES

The following is being provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for January. 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
3 Jan 86	15 Jan 86
14 Jan 86	24 Jan 86
20 Jan 86	31 Jan 86
27 Jan 86	7 Feb 86

SEVEN DEADLY SINS OVER THE PHONE

SCOTT AFB, Ill. (MNS) -- One would be hard-pressed to find a more complicated or more misunderstood concept than communications security in the Air Force. And use the office telephone is one area where people probably have the most misconceptions.

Here is a true-false quiz to serve as a reminder to everyone about the importance of communications security and how to avoid the seven deadly sins of COMSEC.

True or false: Only classified information needs protection.

False. "Unclassified" and "For Official Use Only" information needs protection, too. For example, if any enemy knows when supply purchases are abnormally high, this may signal an upcoming mission or exercise. Adversaries may have been keeping track of how much has been coming in each month and may be alerted to any substantial increases.

True or false: The enemy already knows unclassified information from "open" sources.

Maybe. Information found in newspapers and periodicals may not be the whole truth. Reporters sometimes use conjectures, hearsay or anonymous reports to fill gaps in a story. You don't need to fill in the information or confirm it.

True or false: Phone calls aren't important enough to monitor.

False. Every call is important to our adversaries because each bit of information they gather can get them closer to solving the puzzle. Remember, your call may contain a piece of that puzzle.

True or false: Most people can outsmart an eavesdropper.

False. They are professionals. Eavesdropping is their means making a living. Enemy agents use methods that are much more sophisticated than a simple tape recorder and wire tap. People can purchase computers over the counter that sort out certain words or that certain voice patterns activate.

True or false: The base is secure.

Maybe, but not secure enough to protect telephone against monitoring. An interested person could monitor telephone calls both on and off base. The base perimeter may be secure with guards at the gates, but telephone lines can also run off the base.

True or false: COMSEC is only for tactical operations in exercises or wartime.

False. COMSEC is for everyone at all times. It's true that COMSEC is essential in wartime, but it is also necessary during peacetime to help preserve our strength. Also, telephone habits -- good or bad -- picked up now would carry over into exercises or wartime situations.

True or false: I don't know any secrets to give away.

False. Everybody knows something. All the little tidbits of information -- classified or unclassified, gathered from different people can add up to a total picture.

(Courtesy the Kirtland AFB, N.M., Focus.)

**Make
Telephone
Security
Your
Hangup!**



NEW FITNESS PROGRAM ON HOLD BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A new physical fitness program, originally scheduled to begin this month has been put on hold. Now slated to begin late this year, the new program will require faster running times and situps.

Additionally, for those born after 1951, the mile and a half run will be mandatory. The three-mile walk will not be an option.

Also, concerning physical fitness, Reserve officials have said

they aren't kidding about weight control. Reservists who fail to comply with weight standards in Air Force Regulation 3511 can expect to face involuntary separation.

A master sergeant with more than 30 years military service was discharged for failing to control his weight. He had been on the weight management program for more than three years but was still 22 pounds over his maximum allowable limit.

BASE RESTAURANT FACILITY UTA MENU

Saturday, January 11, 1986

LUNCH	DINNER
Jumbo Frank w/Sauerkraut	Roast Beef Au Jus
Whipped Potatoes	Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans	Green Beans
	Corn Cobbets
Tossed Salad	Tossed Salad
Strawberry Cream Pie	Butterscotch Pudding
Milk 2 cartons or 110oz drink	
Coffee unlimited	

Sunday, January 12, 1986

LUNCH
Swiss Steak
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Green Peas
Tossed Salad
Coconut Cream Pie
Milk 2 cartons or 110oz drink
Coffee unlimited.

NOTE: BREAKFAST STANDARD MENU

UTA SCHEDULE

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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