



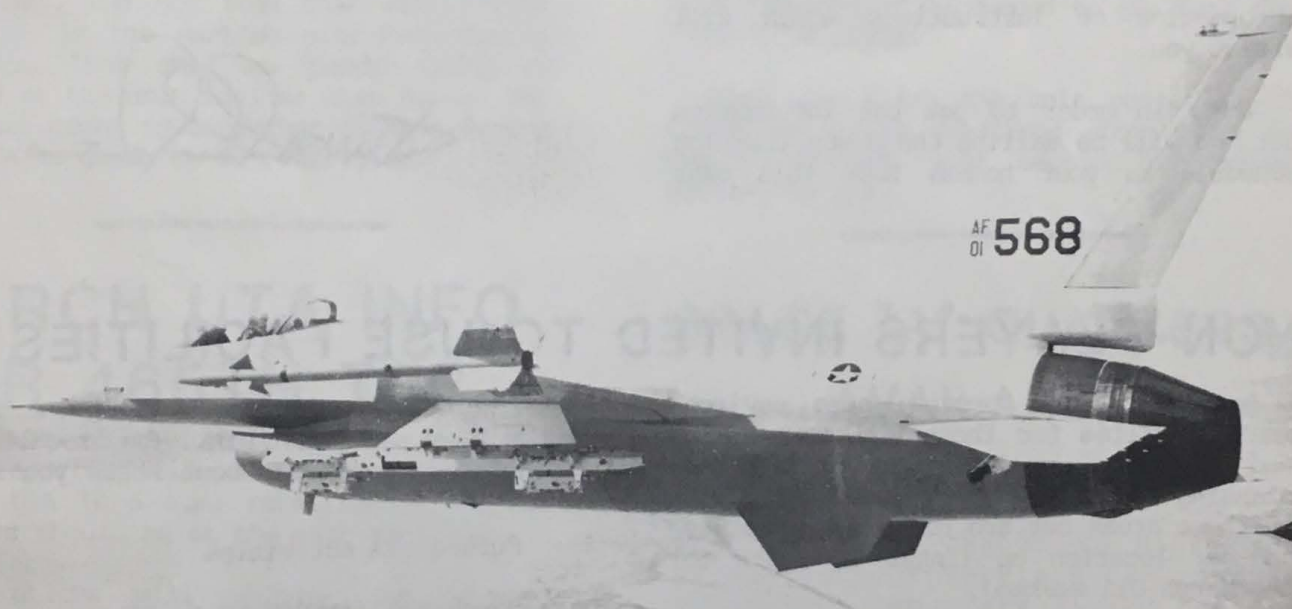
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FIGHTER SQUADRON RECEIVING F-16s



The 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron will be converting from the F-4Ds to F-16 A/Bs beginning in the fall of 1988 Air Force officials announced. The 465th TFS will be the third F-16 unit in the Air Force Reserve.

Other Reserve F-16 units are the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hill AFB, Utah, which is fully operational and the 944th Tactical Fighter Group at Luke AFB, Ariz., slated to be activated in July 1987.

Additional reserve modernization actions announced include the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing at Westover AFB, Mass., receiving six C-5A aircraft beginning in

mid-1988; the 927th Tactical Airlift Group at Selfridge ANGB, Mich., converting from eight C-130A to eight C-130E aircraft beginning in late 1987; and the 911th Tactical Aircraft Group at Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio, will gain four additional C-130A aircraft beginning late in 1987 while losing its last three UC-123K aerial spray aircraft.

These modernization actions will require approximately \$10 million in military construction including \$5 million for the F-16 unit here. In all cases, the environmental impact analysis will not be made until after the analysis process is complete.

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

Just a few quick comments. We're really doing some serious planning for our upcoming Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) and Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

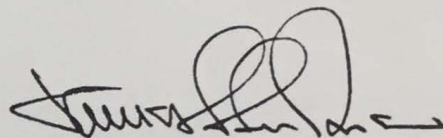
In order to get information out to all 507th members as to what is going on and what to expect on the UTAs up until the ORI in June, we will be using the **ON FINAL** to announce items of general interest and also items which may apply only to specific areas. Be sure to check the entire paper to see if there is any specific information or instructions which will effect you.

Also, in order to get the information out, we will be mailing the Group Training Schedule to your homes. Look this over

carefully to determine which items will apply to you.

Your respective commanders may input items of a training/scheduling type nature which you will need to know **before** you come in on the UTA. I suggest you bring your training schedule with you on the UTA for ready reference.

If you have any questions regarding the UTA activities, your immediate supervisor will be glad to help you.



NON-PLAYERS INVITED TO USE FACILITIES

So that we can provide some environmental realism for those who are working and exercising in the "play area", we are planning for those who also normally work in those areas but are non-players to have another location on Tinker to train for the March UTA weekend.

If you have been identified by your supervisor as a non-player for the Gulfport deployment and our ORI, don't feel like you aren't welcome at 507th TFG facilities during the March UTA.

Plans aren't finalized yet, and there will be some confusion as to whom should be where and when. Please read the UTA bulletin before coming out for the UTA.

There will also be a telephone recall the week of the UTA. The recall will include directions about where you should be.

Future UTA Activities

March 8-9	10th AF Readiness Assistance Visit (Two-day Surge)
April 12-13	One-day employment surge and ability to survive and operate exercise
May 3-4	Tailored mobility exercise
June 7-8	Clean up any weak areas

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MARCH UTA WILL BRING PARKING PROBLEMS

The March UTA will be a very busy time for the members of 507th TFG. "Everyone participating in the Operational Readiness Exercise (Readiness Assistance Visit) should be prepared to hit the ground running when they get here," said Lt. Col. Larry Turner, 507th TFG commander.

Copies of the UTA bulletin have been mailed to members with a listing of events and sections involved.

According to Maj. Roger Barr, WSSF commander, the one item that will effect everyone is the parking situation during the UTA. "Not only are people going to arrive at the unit earlier than normal but they are going to find that parking during the UTA is going to be restricted."

Parking will be limited to the south side of RAPCON Road (in back of the headquarters building). Road guards will be in place to help direct traffic. "People would be wise to get here earlier than they think because parking is going to take some time," added the major.

Also, the security flight commander reminds everyone to bring their ID card. "The 'play' area will have an entry control point and ID cards will be needed to enter," said Major Barr. Restricted area badges will be needed to get into the restricted areas.

After receiving the unit bulletin, if there are still questions about when to report, contact your section on Friday before the UTA.

MARCH UTA INFO FOR 465TH TFS

Members of the 465th TFS are reminded that reporting time for both days of the March UTA is 6 a.m. Intelligence section workers should be at the unit by 5 a.m.

Operations will operate out of the maintenance area and move as much equipment as possible on Friday before the UTA.

Flight crews are reminded to be in their seats in the large briefing room by 6 a.m.

"Since we have such an early reporting time and so many things need to be done before we start flying on Saturday, everyone must be in their seats before the morning briefing," said Lt. Col. Dick Eustace, 465th TFS operations officer.

Flight crews are reminded to get the FCIF/BARF/Bold Face etc., completed before the 6 a.m. briefing.

All personnel will be required to be in chem warfare gear and have line badges in their possession.

SPACE "A" QUARTERS AVAILABLE FOR RESERVISTS

In a recent change to Air Force regulations, reservists can now use government temporary living facilities on a space-available basis whenever they travel.

A current identificationn card and current Leave and Earning Statement must be presented when requesting a room.

This eligibility applies even if the reservist is vacationing but does not include use of visiting officer/airman quarters.

This change is a result of a recommendation submitted to the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Enlisted Advisory Board.

A recommendation to expand the change to include visiting officer/airman quarters will be reviewed at later date.

A WORD TO THE STRUGGLING

by Chaplain (Maj.) Lowrie J. Welton
Unit Chaplain

"Tough times never last, but tough people do!" This is the title of a best selling book of a few years ago. The truth of that statement can be validated by thousands of lives; but the question is, "How do I become a tough person?"

There's a TV commercial for a popular deodorant which gives us a simple format we all can follow. There are three "nevers" we must observe if we want to outlast the tough times of life: Never give up trying, never give into temptation and never give away your hope.

As long as we avoid quitting, avoid a negative attitude and keep looking for a better day. The tough times will pass and we will remain. Never forget that!



Security personnel check line badges and vehicles during the February UTA. The 507th TFG is gearing up for the Operational Readiness Inspection that will be in June. (USAF photo)



Rotating personnel during February's UTA, members of the 507th WSSF performed security duties in the restricted area. Security forces were rotated every 45 minutes because of severe weather conditions. (USAF photo)

VA BENEFITS LOST WITH DRUNK DRINKING

Think the only things you can lose from drunk driving are life or limb?

Wrong. You--or your survivors--could lose your Veterans Administration benefits as well.

The dependents of service members who die on active duty, as well as veterans with anything but a dishonorable discharge, are generally entitled to a variety of VA benefits.

However, the Veterans Administration will deny these benefits if a death or injury is determined to be the result of "willful misconduct" as an action taken with full knowledge of the risks involved, or with a "wanton and reckless disregard of its probable consequences."

This, according to VA regulations, includes a death or disabling injury caused by drunk driving.

"The willingness to achieve a drunken state and while in this condition to undertake tasks for which unqualified physically and mental by alcohol is willful misconduct," the VA regulation states.

The VA usually bases a "willful misconduct" determination on police and hospital reports, as well as the line of duty report prepared by the appropriate service. The line of duty report details events leading up to--but not the cause of--the death or serious injury.

ENROLL DEPENDENTS FOR MEDICAL CARE

The Dependents Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) is a program created by the Department of Defense to insure that eligible military members and their dependents can receive civilian medical care paid for by DOD.

Members of the Air Force Reserve are required to enroll their dependents in DEERS. In the event of active mobilization, dependents will be able to receive civilian medical care without delay.

Enrollment of dependents is mandatory. Documentation required to prove dependent relationship are certified copies of birth, adoption, marriage or divorce certificates. Certified copies may be

obtained by writing to the state where the event was registered or the State Department for children born overseas.

CBPO has scheduled the enrollment by unit. Enrollment is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the UTA. There will be no processing between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The enrollment schedule is: CES, March UTA; ISS, April UTA; WSSF, May UTA; 72nd APS, June UTA; Clinic, July UTA; CSS, August UTA; and MSF, September UTA.

Other units will be scheduled at a later date. If you have any questions, contact SSgt. Brenda Young at 734-7491.

AIRMAN/NCO OF QUARTER

SSgt. Karen Kirkpatrick is the 507th Tactical Fighter Group NCO of the Quarter.

SrA. Charlene Kirk is the unit's Airman of the Quarter.

The 507th Enlisted Advisory Council selected the 465th's Tactical Fighter Squadron nominees for top NCO and Airman of the Quarter October through December 1985.

Sergeant Kirkpatrick works in the intelligence section of the 465th TFS. According to Maj. James Feighny, 465th TFS commander, Sergeant Kirkpatrick provides indepth analysis during mission planning.

Airman Kirk also works in the intell section as an administration specialist. Her responsibilities include quality control of messages and correspondence for the command staff and air crews.

KEEPING OUR SECRETS SECRET

When 16 million classified documents get handled each year by 4.3 million DoD military and civilian employees and contractors, how do you make sure they don't fall into the wrong hands?

It's this "needle in the haystack" problem DoD is working to overcome, L. Britt Snider, DoD principal director for counterintelligence and security policy, recently told Congress.

Snider said the Pentagon has made a major effort to plug up security leaks. But still DoD receives about 600 reports a year about contacts hostile intelligence services make with DoD personnel, Snider said. There are occasional instances where DoD employees and contractors themselves initiate these contacts and offer to sell classified information to which they have access.

Snider conceded that when compared to the vast numbers of cleared people, the number who participate in, or initiate, espionage activities is immeasurably small.

"But it is equally true that one person with the right access may be capable of compromising military systems that cost the U.S. literally millions, if not billions, of dollars to develop and produce," he said.

"This may lead to actions to counter the latest U.S. military hardware or the latest U.S. strategy. And so, from our standpoint, even one case is too many."

Snider outlined DoD's plan for confronting the problem:

Controlling access. Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger recently announced plans to slash the number of security clearances within DoD by 10 percent by Oct. 1. "Obviously, the object is to accomplish the defense mission with as few cleared people as necessary," Snider said.

More accountability. Weinberger's plan calls for improved classified document control, but just as importantly, better controls over individuals with access to classified information. Meanwhile, the DoD Hotline and periodic security inspections are creating more awareness about security violations.

Better enforcement. DoD is looking at ways to improve its investigative process before granting clearances, and already conducts comprehensive reinvestigations of those with access to particularly sensitive information. Additionally, each service's counterintelligence investigative agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have stepped up cooperative efforts to police security violations.

"We nonetheless must face the ultimate reality that no matter what we do there will be other espionage cases in the years to come -- perhaps not as many; perhaps not as serious; hopefully not as drawn out, as those which have recently come to light, but there will be other case," Snider said.

"It is the challenge for all of us in this area to minimize their occurrence within the limits of our resources and consistent with the values and principles of a free society."

TAX TIPS FOR RESERVISTS

by Maj. Richard B. Russell IV
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Tax time is here again, and the deadline for filing will arrive sooner than we think. As most reservists are aware, the basic pay portion of their reserve income is subject to federal income tax and must be included on returns.

There are also some deductions available to reservists. These include travel and transportation expenses and some uniform expenses. Before getting into deductions, it should be noted that travel pay, basic allowance for quarters, basic allowance for subsistence and uniform allowances are not income for tax purposes and need not be added to gross income. In some cases, the amount of expenses claimed must be reduced by the amount of allowances or reimbursements received.

Travel expenses, including meals and lodging, are deductible for reservists who, under competent orders (with or without compensation), must remain away from their principal place of business overnight to perform authorized drills and training duty.

Reservists called to active duty may deduct the costs of meals and lodging while on active duty if they kept their regular job while on active duty, returned to it after release and were stationed away from the general area of that job or business. These expenses are deductible only if reservists pay for meals and lodging at the official military duty location and only to the extent the expenses exceed BAQ and BAS.

The cost of transportation to and from a unit training assembly is probably not deductible in most cases. Reservists, whose normal workweek is Monday through Friday, who attend a monthly unit training assembly on a weekend and return home on Saturday night have incurred a commuting expense which is not deductible. If the

meetings are held outside the general area of the tax home (the main place of business regardless of the location of the family home), reservists may deduct the cost of their transportation to attend the UTA. If the UTA is held on a normal workday, the expense of going from the normal place of work to the UTA is deductible. But if reservists do not go directly from their normal places of work to the UTA, they may deduct only the amount it would have cost to go directly from the first location to the second.

Deductions for travel and transportation expenses must be taken on Form 2106 (Employee Business Expense). If Form 2106 is used, the annual return must be filed using Form 1040. It is not necessary to complete a Form 2106 unless deductions are claimed for expenses in excess of allowances and reimbursements. Reservists who opt to use Form 2106 may compute car expense by showing actual expenses or may use the standard mileage rate of 21 cents per mile for the first 15,000 and 11 cents per mile for each additional mile.

A reservist may deduct the cost and upkeep of uniforms if military regulations prohibit the reservist from wearing the uniform except while performing duties as a reservist. The reservist must, however, reduce the uniform expense by any nontaxable uniform allowance or reimbursement received. The reservist may also deduct the cost of required items that do not replace regular clothing. Such items include insignia or rank, corps devices, epaulets and aiguillettes.

Uniform expense must be claimed in the miscellaneous deductions section of Schedule A (Itemized Deductions). Again, the tax return must be filed on Form 1040 in order to use Schedule A.

Taxpayers who cannot find enough information in the instructions in their forms should request Internal Revenue Service publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax" (revised, November 1985) from their regional IRS office. (AFRNS)

PAY DATES

The following is being provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for March. 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
24 Feb 86	07 Mar 86
03 Mar 86	14 Mar 86
10 Mar 86	21 Mar 86
18 Mar 86	31 Mar 86
24 Mar 86	04 Apr 86

UTA SCHEDULE

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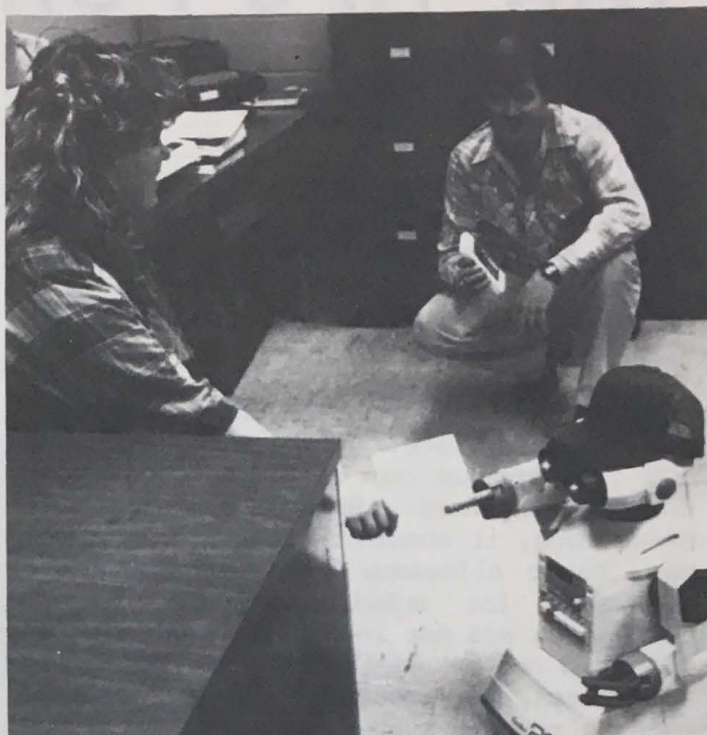
12 - 13 APR; 03 - 04 MAY;

07 - 08 JUN; 12 - 13 JUL;

23 - 24 AUG; 20 - 21 SEP;

ANNUAL TOUR

19 JUN - 03 JUL



Jimmy Guthrie, ISS, demonstrates Robie the Robot for Stephanie Smith, secretary for the recruiting unit. Guthrie won Robie at the Tinker Base Exchange during a drawing. "It's worth about \$400. The instruction booklet was about 50 pages long," said Guthrie. "My son loves it. For me, it is a great \$400 alarm clock."

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