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## 507TH RECEIVES TAC FLIGHT SAFETY AWARD

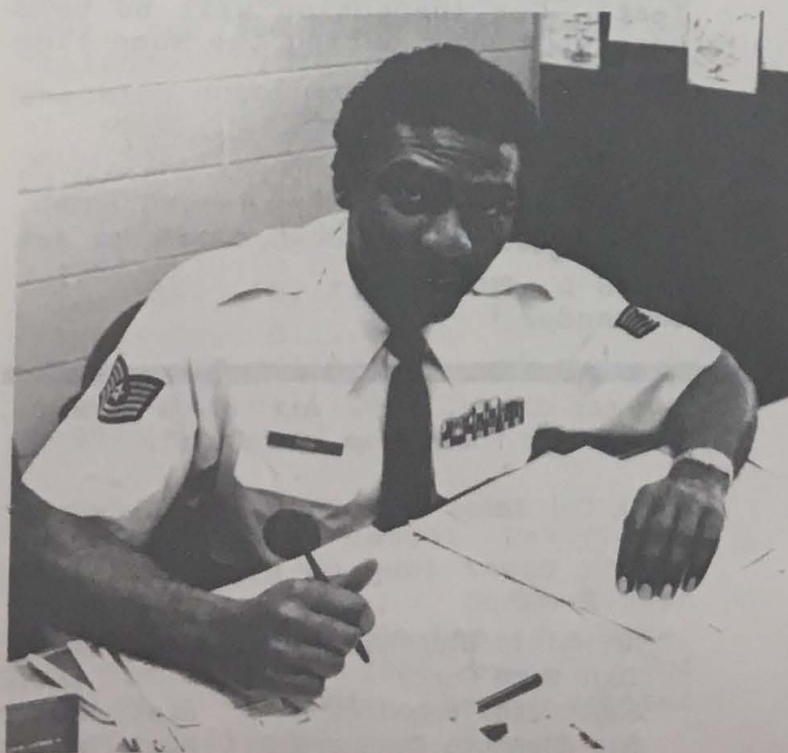
The 507th Tactical Fighter Group has earned the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Award for one year of flying without a command-controlled Class A mishap.

"The members of the 507th can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment," said Lt. Gen. Charles J. Cunningham Jr., 12th AF commander.

The Air Force's 1985 record low major mishap rate was 1.52 per 100,000 flying hours. The Air Force Reserve rate was 1.41.

While setting records, the Air Force flew more hours of realistic training than ever before. "This tells us that the Air Force is performing its mission more safely than ever while achieving greater combat readiness," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles A. Gabriel.

## TSGT PUGH TOP RECRUITER



TSgt. Leopold Pugh, a recruiter with the 507th TFG, was selected as the Air Force Reserve top new recruiter for 1985. Sergeant Pugh recruited 104 people into the Air Force Reserve. (USAF photo)



# COLONEL'S JOURNAL



The Readiness Assistance Visit from 10 AF is behind us now and we learned some extremely valuable lessons from the experiences of the last UTA weekend. First, the mission-ready machinery and command and control conduit of the 507 TFG is in place and sturdy, although somewhat rusty. Secondly, our people really want to do the right thing; sometimes we just don't know what the right response is to a certain situation. Lastly, we must face several more "trying" exercises before our inspection in June in order to be ready for everything the IG team will throw at us.

I feel that communication as to what's expected and then lots of practice actually doing it will clear up the deficiencies when the time comes. We will actually welcome the opportunity to show the

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12 AF/IG team just how good the 507 TFG really is. What I need from each of you is your understanding that it won't be easy regardless of the circumstances. Now I'd like to make it even tougher.

I have every confidence that with the quality people and the "can do" attitude that exists in this organization we can earn better than a satisfactory rating on our ORI. The IG team doesn't pass a better than satisfactory very often but when they do, you can bet that the unit deserved it. I'd hate to be doing all this practicing with the hope of no better than "SAT". I have already passed out this word to your supervisors and have challenged them with channelling all our future efforts from now until 3 Jul 86 with one thought in mind...an excellent rating on our ORI. You can make it happen at the 507 TFG! I'll expect your help.

Incidentally, for those who looked forward to spending some beach time in Gulfport---Biloxi, from 23 Jun through 1 Jul---not so fast! Our inspection will be held here at Tinker during the same time period.

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# GRAMM-RUDMANN COULD CHANGE THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS

Supporters have hailed it as legislation that "forces decisions."

Critics have labeled it unconstitutional and "the dumbest piece of legislation" they have ever seen.

Few people yet understand what impact Gramm-Rudman will have on federal spending. Whatever the effect, it is particularly important for Air Force members to understand the legislation and how it might impact military spending.

"It will change the way the Air Force does business in FY 86," said Maj. Gen. Leo W. Smith II, Air Force budget director.

Passed by Congress in December 1985, Gramm-Rudman is an effort to curb the federal deficit and balance the budget by 1991. That anti-deficit legislation sets a deficit ceiling for each year that would progressively lessen the growth of the nation's nearly \$200 billion annual budget deficit. By 1991, the federal budget would be "balanced" just like a person's checking account.

The year-by-year deficit ceiling set by Gramm-Rudman is:

1986--\$171.9 billion  
1987--\$144 billion  
1988--\$108 billion  
1989--\$72 billion  
1990--\$36 billion  
1991--zero

Whenever the budget passed by Congress fails to meet these yearly deficit ceilings, Gramm-Rudman triggers across-the-board cuts. The fiscal year 1986 budget, for instance, missed the targeted deficit ceiling.

Because of the difference between outlays (actual cash payments) and budget authority (authority to obligate the government), more than \$13 billion in budget authority for DOD had to be cut. This amounted to a 4.9 percent across-the-board reduction.

The Air Force share of the reductions this year is more than \$4.8 billion, including reduction for the Guard and Reserve. Procurement accounts will shoulder more than half those cuts, more than \$2.7 billion.

The anti-deficit legislation cuts "kicked in" March 1. Therefore, those FY 86 cuts must be realized over a seven month period, March-September 1986.

The Defense Department cut 4.9 percent from all areas of military spending, except three. The Reagan administration exempted most military personnel accounts, the Strategic Defense Initiative program and certain firm fixed-price or multiyear contracts.

Pentagon Comptroller Robert W. Helm said that if the administration had not exempted military personnel accounts from those cuts, more than 200,000 people would have had to be discharged from the military this fiscal year.

Mr. Helm predicted, "you're going to have less ammunition, you're going to have less days of readiness, you're going to have fewer spares, fewer support items."

Mr. Helm said that although no DOD programs or weapon systems have been lost under the Gramm-Rudman reductions. "We simply have 5 percent less dollars to implement them with," he said. (AFNS)



# "PATRIOT YUCCA"

## A LOT OF TRAINING AND CUT (CROSS UTILIZATION TRAINING)



Sgt. Robert Benton, TSgt. Charles Phillips, SSgt. Dewey Beene and Sgt. Jack Hesselstine perform a guidance system check on a AGM-65 Missile before releasing it to be uploaded on aircraft.



MSgt. Kenneth Keese (plans & scheduling) doubles as a maintenance controller.



Maj. Mike Bermansolo and Maj. Chip Taylor wait to board their aircraft as Weapons Control Systems Specialists close the aircraft to make the next flight.



SSgt. Mike (Spike) Thompkins (Inspection Dock), exits an intake after checking the front of jet engine for any visible damage and foreign objects.

While at Yuma MCAS, Ariz., the 507th Tactical Fighter Group flew 64 air-to-air sorties for 47.2 hours.

Air-to-ground sorties numbered 71 for 64.6 hours.

The unit dropped 206 live bombs (MK-82), 12 Mavericks and 138 inert bombs.

One scheduled sortie was lost because of aircraft system failure. The unit maintained a 90 percent aircraft system reliability rate which is conducive to home station.

Maintenance kept turnaround times to a minimum. (Photos by John Shelton)



SrA. Brian Seaborn (fuel systems specialist) installs a landing gear down lock just after engine shut down.



SrA. Tammy Roberts (material facilities specialist) holds the aircraft in position while TSgt. John Spaulding supervises the arming of the aircraft prior to taxi.



When it's time to pack up to come home, everybody pitches in and plays mobility.



CMSgt. Bruce Carlisle (avionics maintenance supervisor) and MSgt. Allen Campbell (electronic counter measures supervisor) carry in drag chutes. SSgt. Rodney Osboree, standing in center, watches other flightline activity.



# HELPING EACH OTHER HELPS THE UNIT

EDITOR'S NOTE: The March UTA tested 507th members' wartime operating abilities. Our activities, a preview for the upcoming annual tour, were evaluated by visiting inspectors. Their comments to us can help ensure a successful ORI.

In short, their primary comments centered around some very basic areas needing more attention. They stressed Buddy Care.

It is everyone's job to make sure the person next to them or anyone they observe is properly suited in their chemical gear. Buddy Care also means it is everyone's job to ensure "down" individuals receive immediate attention. You can never be sure whether that person is "down" due to game scenerio or actual emergency. Buddy Care

is not letting someone else take care of it.

Likewise, security awareness is everyone's responsibility. If you see a problem, take the initiative to correct it on the spot.

Another area addressed was 'standardizing the standard'. It is very important for all exercise players to look alike in whatever MOPP level conditions exist.

There were more areas needing attention which will be briefed within squadron and section levels and in upcoming issues of On-Final. The pictures on these pages are being printed, not to criticize specific individuals, but to provide examples of how Buddy Care can be effective.



The buddy system seems to be unknown to these people. Each one has a problem with the wear of the chem gear. If they had helped each other, the chem gear would be of more help in case of attack.

The person on the left doesn't have the hood straps secured and the jacket is not buttoned. The next person also has problems with securing the hood straps. The gloves are outside the jacket and the mask case and tag are not secure. The third person has

unsecured hood straps, jacket not buttoned to back of pants and the drawstring at the bottom of the pants legs are hanging out. The fourth person has unsecured hood straps and the drawstrings for the pants are dragging on the ground.

Using the buddy system, these people may have discovered the problems before taking the chance of getting themselves and others exposed to chemical contamination. Use the BUDDY SYSTEM. It will save your life. (USAF photo)



# HEADS UP FROM THE DOC

by Lt Col, Ollie W. DeHart  
Commander, 507 TAC Clinic

Our recent experience during the practice ORI demonstrated to many of you that wearing the Chemical Warfare Ensemble can be a physiologically stressful task. Under extraordinary circumstances of job requirement, temperature ranges and physical conditioning it can even be dangerous.

As the actual ORI approaches it will become increasingly important that each player recognize the potential danger involved in wear the Chemical Warfare gear in a hostile environment. Your ability to tolerate the added stresses of wearing the suits while performing required duties depend upon your physical condition, your state of thermal acclimitization, and degree of hydration as well as the workloads, air temperature and humidity.

You can increase your own tolerance to heat stress by preconditioning through acclimatization. This process should be initiated approximately 10 days prior to

the exercise by working at least two hours per day in sweat producing exercise or work. By acclimatization your body is able to produce sweat at a lower temperature, you sweat more profusely, the sweat is more dilute, and your kidneys conserve more salt.

Don't take salt tablets, you don't need them; eat 3 meals a day and you'll get the salt you need. Before you begin the exercise (or any heat stress activities) drink at least a quart of water. If you fly to the exercise on a pressurized (commercial) aircraft you'll be partially dehydrated so replenish your water stores--one quart for every 4 hours of flight.

Remember - if you are ill, not acclimatized, over 40, obese, had any alcohol during the preceding 24 hours, suffer from lack of sleep or lack of meals you are vulnerable.

We want to blaze through this ORI but we also want you to come through it safely.

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## "OLD SOLDIER GREATFULL"



3 Mar 86

Larry:

Thank you for an absolutely outstanding visit and flight. I can't remember when I have enjoyed myself more or have been more impressed by people and performance.

The 507th is outstanding in every respect. This was my first real association with a Reserve Group and I came away deeply impressed with the talent, professionalism, and dedication of you and your troops.

Jeff Warner is particularly outstanding!

Thanks again for being so kind to an old soldier -- it was a genuine thrill.

Sincerely,

*Monte D. Montgomery*  
MONTE D. MONTGOMERY, BRIG GEN, USAF  
Dir of Manpower & Organization, DCS/P&R

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## NEW SICK CALL HOURS

The base hospital began a new procedure March 31 for Sick Call during the week. The base hospital has set up a Screening and Treatment Clinic for reservists on mandays or annual tour.

The appointment desk will be open at 6:30 a.m. for S&T calls only. Call 734-8366/8367. Medical records must be picked up at the 507th TAC Clinic before your appointment.

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SATURDAY SIGN IN AT BASE  
THEATER BY 07:15  
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# PAY DATES

The following is being provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for April. 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
25 Mar 86	04 Apr 86
02 Apr 86	15 Apr 86
08 Apr 86	18 Apr 86
18 Apr 86	30 Apr 86
30 Apr 86	09 May 86

Please note that the April UTA paydate is April 30.

Military Pay sends each squadron a listing of individuals who must recertify their authorization to receive BAQ. Failure to recertify will terminate your BAQ approximately 45 days after the listing is given to the squadron.

## 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

### BASE RESTAURANT FACILITY UTA MENU

Saturday April 12, 1986

Sunday April 13, 1986

**LUNCH**

**DINNER**

**LUNCH**

Jumbo Frank w/Sauerkraut  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Strawberry Cream Pie  
Milk 2 cartons or 1-10oz drink - Coffee unlimited-----

Beef Tips w/Rice  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Banana Pudding

Roast Beef Au Jus  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Green Peas  
Tossed Salad

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