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## FIRST 507TH TFG COMMANDER NEW AFRES CHIEF

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger announced September 26 that the president has nominated Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, 10th Air Force commander, for appointment as chief, Air Force Reserve. Headquarters USAF, for a period of four years.

General Scheer was assigned as the operations and training officer for the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron in early 1972. In January 1973, he became the commander of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. At that time, he was a major in a position normally held by a colonel.

He was the commander until May 1978 when he became the commander of the 301st TFW at Carwell, AFB, Texas.

In April 1983, General Scheer became the deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Headquarters USAF in Washington D.C. He assumed the position of the 10th Air Force commander in May 1985.



**Maj. Gen. Roger Scheer, left, new chief of Air Force Reserve, stands with Maj. Ron "Gov" Reagan, 465th TFS operations officer, at the Shearwater International Air Show. General Scheer visited with the members of the 507th TFG during the unit's week-long trip to Canada. The 507th TFG participated in flying exercises with the Canadian Armed Forces in Bagotville, Canada before traveling to the airshow in Halifax. (Photo by SSgt. Steven L. Dilbeck)**

## 507TH CAMS, 465TH TFS DEPLOY TO CANADA

Thirty people from the 507th deployed to Bagotville, Canada September 14-22 for dissimilar air combat training (DACT) with members of the Canadian Air Force. Bagotville is approximately 200 miles north of Quebec.

The 507th sent five F-4Ds, along with 10 aircrews members and 20 maintenance support personnel. Flying approximately eight sorties a day, the 465th TFS flew against the CF-18 (the Canadian version of

the F-18) in a realistic training environment.

While in Canada, members of the unit participated in the Shearwater International Air Show near Halifax, Canada. Our F-4Ds opened the flying display that was seen by approximately 100,000 people. Members of the group also visited local hospitals and handed out patches and pictures of the unit aircraft and Oklahoma.

# COLONEL'S JOURNAL

## RECRUITING, RETENTION IS EVERYONE'S JOB

by Lt. Col. James L. Turner  
507th TFG commander

The Air Force Reserve has exceeded its fiscal year, end-of-year strength goals for the ninth consecutive year. This has been a team effort with unit commanders, personnel specialists and, in particular, our recruiters being the key players in this achievement.

Unfortunately, AFRES organizations lose an average of 8,300 people a year. This equates to losing the entire 507th TFG seven times in one year.

Since the estimated cost of training one reservist is approximately \$25,000, each person we retain not only yields greater taxpayer savings, they continue to be a valuable, trained resource we need to do our mission. It also further represents a safety factor since experience on the job is a very important factor in the safety equation.

Everyone's help and enthusiasm for 1987 will be important in making the 507th TFG the type of organization that reservists already here want to continue to be a part of.

Thanks for being a part of an "excellent" organization. Stick around while we get better!

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Better yet, do your part by being the most convincing recruiters I have. Let your friends and co-workers know the benefits and satisfaction you enjoy by being a member of the Air Force Reserve and the 507th TFG.



*Dear Sonny*

*I was privileged to witness the missing man formation your troops flew for our POW/MIA day observance.*

*It was perfect! I've observed more than a few of these and this one was clearly the best I have ever seen.*

*Please pass on my gratitude and admiration to the crew involved and to all of the support personnel that made it possible.*

*It would be an honor to fly and fight with the 507th!*

*Respectfully*

*Charles Seaver*  
Lt. USAF

Fighter Group, U.S. Air Force Reserve,  
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma".

Lt. Col. James L. Turner                      Commander

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## TWELVE PROMOTED UNDER SPECIAL PROGRAM

Twelve members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group are sporting a new stripes thanks to the Promotion Enhancement Program.

The twelve promotees and their new rank are: CMSgt. Doris Kitze, CSS; MSgt. James Beeler, CAMS; MSgt. Warren Vanamringe, CAMS; MSgt. David Lightfoot, CAMS; MSgt. Kelton Oliver, WSSF; MSgt. Donna Pierson, 465th TFS; TSgt. Richard Christoffel, CAMS; TSgt. Frank Young, WSSF; TSgt. Ernest Baker, CAMS; TSgt. Edward Dimmock, WSSF; TSgt. David Huntley, CAMS; and TSgt. Joe Lafitte, CAMS.

The PEP promotions are awarded to enlisted members of the reserves, who because of the slot they are in, won't get another stripe automatically. In other words, if someone is in an E-5 slot, E-5 is the highest rank attainable no matter

how long they are in the unit or how well they perform their job.

"Unless you get a PEP promotion, you just won't get promoted," said 2nd Lt. Larry Lee, chief of CBPO. "This is a highly competitive promotion system."

"Only the best reservists go up for this program. You compete against all eligible reservists for a very small amount of available promotion slots," continued the CBPO chief. "The trick is to have excellent APRs and strong recommendations from you supervisor and rating officials."

PEP selections are made twice a year with promotions mid-cycle in March and October. For more information on the program, call TSgt. Belinda Journey at 734-7491.

## PATRIOT SPOUSE FLIGHT SUCCESSFUL

Wives of 16 aircrew members were given a rare opportunity to see their husbands performing their reserve jobs when they participated in the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron's Patriot Spouse flight.

The women were flown aboard an Air Force Reserve KC-135 Stratotanker Saturday of the September UTA. The tanker, from the 940th AREFG, Mather AFB, Calif., provided the refueling for the unit's F-4Ds on Saturday.

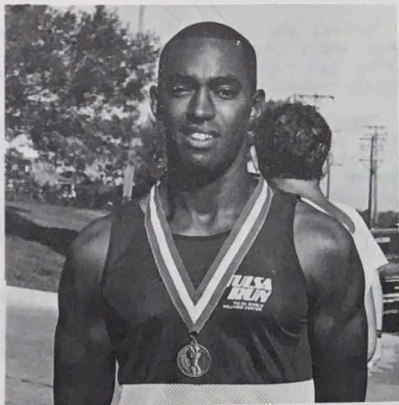
Lt. Col. Ken Mott and his crew made every effort to make the refueling flight as fun and informative as possible. The women were given the opportunity to view

their husbands through the boomer's window in the underside of the tanker along with the chance to talk to the 465th TFS aircrews using the headsets.

A tour of the KC-135 cockpit and a question and answer period was also given to the wives.

Patriot Spouse flights are provided for spouses of aircrew members in Tactical Air Command. According to 2nd Lt. Chuck Smith, project officer for the flight, everyone had a great time. "The enthusiasm of the crew members and their wives helped make the flight a success."

# FAMILY DAY



First in the 10K Fun Run was Steve Latimer, a civilian employee from Procurement. His time was 41:22. The first woman to finish was Sgt. Lucy Bryan, CBPO, with a time of 56:06. First in the over-40 woman's category was Patty Heard, 507th TFG training section, with a time of 58:05. In the men's over-40 category, the winner was Johnny Heard, Pat's husband.

Lt. Col. Larry Turner, 507th TFG commander, finished the course with a time of 57:23.

In the 20-year-old and below category, Terry Webb Jr. was the winner.

The winner for the men in the 21-30-year-old category was SSgt. Michael A. Rhett, 507th TFG Resource Management Office. In the the 31-40-year-old category, the winner in the man's section was TSgt. Jim Gonzalez, 507th TFG Social Actions Office. Capt. Sue Aldrich-Magill, also from the social actions office, was the first runner in for the women.

# FAMILY DAY



Members of CAMS took care of the cooking chores - the well received, excellent & abundant food was proof positive that they do other things just as good as they fix aircraft.



Volleyball ended at 5:15 p.m. with the final match-up games between Group headquarters and Civil Engineering. Group then went on to win the second game. In the third game, Group skunked CE and won the championship.

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Almost every family member had to look at the F-4D on display.

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Keeno the clown, Ken Staten without the makeup, was a tremendous hit with all of the small children - but not as big a hit as the one he's holding, his son Monty.

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## Organizer says THANKS to volunteers

I would like to thank all those people who volunteered their time and energy to ensure the 507th TFG Family Fun Day Picnic entertainment and games were a huge success. There are too many to name; however, I would like to express a special thanks to MSgt. Doug Stewart for the many hours contributed to the planning, set-up and clean up of all the entertainment. Additionally, a big thank you to SSgt. Dave Malenky for contributing to the success of the softball tournament, and the transportation folks for moving the equipment when and where we needed it.

TSgt. Gayle Lopes  
Entertainment Committee Chairman

Don't let what you have read about changes in daylight-saving time confuse you. You'll still have to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Oct. 26.



Under the new law signed by President Ronald Reagan in July, Standard Time still resumes at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October; however, daylight-saving time rolls around a little earlier next spring - on April 5.

## PENTACOST LOGS "DACT" MISSION WITH HAWK



Maj. Dan D. Pentacost, aircraft commander, and Capt. Joe W. Hidy, weapons system officer, were aggressively attacked in what turned out to be an unbriefed DACT mission recently while performing a low-level mission about 100 miles from Tinker AFB.

The intruder, believed to be a Coopers hawk, hit aircraft number 550, shattering the right side of the windscreen.

Major Pentacost safely landed the aircraft without further damage to the plane. Pentacost and Hidy were not injured in the "attack", according to Lt. Col. John Russell, 465th TFS stan/eval officer.

"Pentacost demonstrated great skill in flying the damaged aircraft," said Colonel Russell. The major was recently selected as the 465th TFS operation officer.

## ARE A FEW SECONDS OF PLEASURE WORTH DEATH?

by Maj. Sandy Kutner  
Chief, Social Actions

In the United States there are five million regular users of cocaine plus about 24 million others who have tried it.

The newest means of using cocaine is by smoking a compound called "crack". This is probably the most dangerous drug that has even been introduced. What makes it so risky is that it is so easily addictive. Some are hooked after only their second experimentation.

Crack is available on the streets for a very cheap price and does cause a tremendous high for a very brief period. This high is followed by quite a depressed state which, in turn, causes the need for more crack.

If Len Bias, the number one draft choice of the Boston Celtics, were alive today, he would be the first to let you know of the killing effects of crack. It took his life. Do you want to be crack's next victim?

## FIREFIGHTER BLAZES TO TOP OF CLASS

SrA. Leon M. Roberts, 507th CES, has been named the top graduate of his class at technical school at Chanute AFB, Ill. Airman Roberts is assigned to the fire department.

While at tech school, Airman Roberts maintained a 100 percent average throughout the six-week course.

"I decided to become a firefighter with the 507th because it was more interesting than the other jobs I had in the military," said the top grad. "I enjoy the change of pace and new adventure of being a firefighter with the Air Force Reserve."

He enlisted in the Air Force Reserve after spending three years in the Army Reserve as a fire control repairman for three years with the 1st Infantry Division and six months as a records specialist before joining the AF reserves.

Airman Roberts is a licensed electrical contractor and also works with Wolverine Tubing, when not performing his military duty. He and his wife, Linda Jo, have two children and are expecting their third in December. They reside in Macomb, Okla.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAFETY OFFICE REMIND 507TH PEOPLE ABOUT FIRE HAZARDS

Fall signals the beginning of the home heating season for much of the country. Fire department officials stress that all heating equipment should be checked before it's used.

"Check your furnaces, fireplaces, stoves and portable heaters before you use them," said MSgt. Jerry D. Philpot, deputy chief of the 507th TFG fire department. "Service the equipment, if necessary, to cut down on the risk of fire." Checking the equipment before use may also cut down on excessive energy consumption and equipment breakdown.

"If you burn pallet or crate lumber to save money on buying cord wood, stop!" stressed Sergeant Philpot. "This type of lumber is treated with preservatives and can cause respiratory problems for you and your family. Also, wood treated with preservatives burns hotter."

Using kerosene, oil or LP gas heaters? Make sure you provide adequate ventilations. Sergeant Philpot also suggested keeping the heaters away from

combustibles and putting them where they won't be bumped or tipped.

Fire department officials also suggest teaching your entire family the stop, drop and roll technique if you or another person catches fire. "Those actions can save your life," said Sergeant Philpot.

The sergeant also said that every family should have an evacuation plan for the house. Have practice fire drills.

TSgt. Kenneth Granstrom of the 507th TFG safety office said that the use of key activated deadbolt locks on doors could be considered a fire safety hazard. "Nothing can be worse than not being able to get out of your house because your doors are deadbolted and you need a key to unlock the door," said Sergeant Granstrom.

Both Sergeant Philpot and Sergeant Granstrom agree that two of best fire prevention items are smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. "Make sure everyone in the household knows how to use the fire extinguisher," said the deputy fire chief. "Also, make sure you test your smoke detector at least every six months."

## PAY DATES

The following is provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for October/November. 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
Oct. 22	Oct. 31
Oct. 29	Nov. 7
Nov. 4	Nov. 15
Nov. 12	Nov. 21
Nov. 18	Nov. 28
Nov. 24	Dec. 4

Please note that the October UTA payday is November 7. The November UTA payday is November 28.

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

25 - 26	OCT;	15 - 16	NOV;
06 - 07	DEC;	10 - 11	JAN;
07 - 08	FEB;	07 - 08	MAR;
11 - 12	APR;	02 - 03	MAY;
06 - 07	JUN;	18 - 19	JUL;
15 - 16	AUG;	12 - 13	SEP;

## DINING HALL REOPENS

The dining hall has reopened and reservists are invited to use the facility during the UTAs. There is no charge for use of the facility.

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