

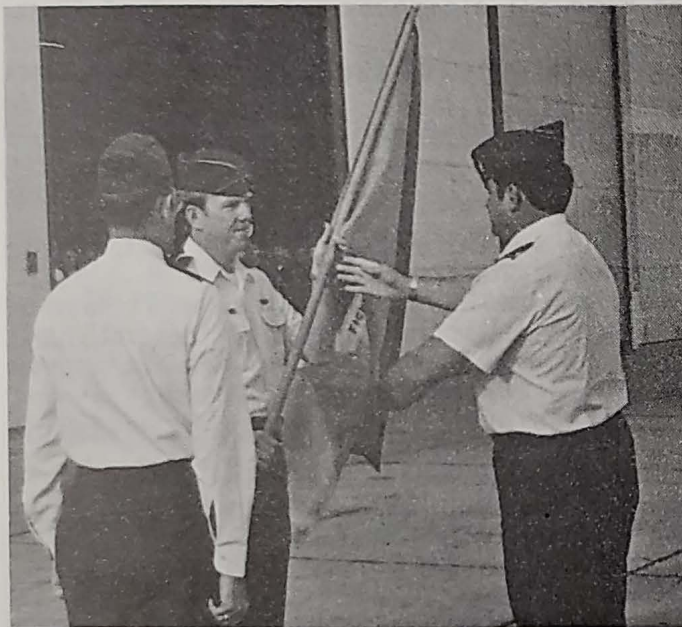
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507TH CAMS RECEIVES NEW COMMANDER



At the November UTA, the 507th consolidated aircraft maintenance squadron held a change of command ceremony in which Maj. O.B. Stansell Jr., relinquished command of the squadron to Maj. Scott E. Wilson. Maj. Wilson is the only AFRES flying Deputy Director for Maintenance.

Lt Col. James L. Turner was the presiding officer and expressed his thanks and appreciation to Maj. Stansell along with his welcome and best wishes to Maj. Wilson.

Maj. Wilson addressed the squadron expressing "the mission" as his top priority.

Symbolizing the acceptance of command, Maj. Scott E. Wilson receives the unit Guidon from Lt Col. James L. Turner.

A FLIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



'Twas the night before Christmas and all over the base
 not an aircraft was leaving for outerspace.
 The planes were all parked on the ramp with care,
 In hopes that He would leave them there.
 Each airman was nestled all snug in his sack,
 While visions of Fly-bys kept coming back.
 Mom in her hairnet, and I, without cap,
 Had just settled down for a much needed nap.
 When out in the hall there arose such a clatter,
 I leaped for the phone to see what was the matter.
 "OH, NO!" I cried, and clutched for my shirt,
 "Merry Christmas, Darling, they've called an alert"
 I left the house in somewhat of a hurry.
 And started the car with the usual flurry.
 I rushed to the flight line and out to my plane,
 With all those important things crammed in my brain.
 The word had been given, but not by St. Nick,
 The voice on the phone had said "Get here quick".
 More rapid than eagles, his air crews they came
 With orderly shouting and checking by name.
 Now fighters, now tankers, now air crew and ground.

The ramp was alive with the power units sound.
 To radar, to engines, to gear and munitions
 The Specialists checked for the proper conditions.
 The air Crews arrived all laden with gear,
 A last minute check that Form 1 is clear.
 I climbed up the ladder and into my seat,
 And fastened the straps, fast, firm and neat.
 Other pilots and WSO strapped in too,
 The interphone muffled the voice of the crew.
 Check list completed, with engines alive,
 Start two and now one.
 Everythings ready for the race to be run
 I can't help but think that up there so high.
 He's watching our boys in the beautiful sky.
 And waiting out here for my take-off time,
 I wonder if families like yours and mine,
 Will see TAC's Christmas trees up in the sky
 With their hundreds of contrails blazing high,
 Wearing a network of silvery gray,
 Our gift of SECURITY -- on this Blessed Day.

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

A lot went on in 1986 with new and welcome accolades being sprinkled on the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. 1987 promises more of the same. Things appear to be looking up for reservists overall in the 507 TFG in particular. Some of the high points:

- Thus far, an accident-free year for the 507th TFG. We continue to accomplish the mission on a daily basis with a "safety first" attitude.

- Many of our facilities within the Group are getting exterior and interior facelifts. Hopefully this organization will be a much more cheerful place in which to work in the future.

- Two extremely successful unit deployments to Yuma Marine Corp Air Station, Arizona in 1986, and numerous other mini-deployments, all of which were successful and helped to train for the mission.

- The obvious success this organization attained in June when a 12th Air Force inspection team told us and the rest of the world what we had known all along--that we are an "excellent" organization.

- New legislation coming out of Congress which promises unprecedented benefits for Air Force reservists in regards to commissary usage.

- A congressional mandate that future military construction budgets will contain 10% set aside for the Guard and Reserve.

- New GI Bill benefits for those wishing to sign up for a longer period of time in the Ready Reserve Program.

- The much talked about and long anticipated promise of something better for the 507th TFG in the form of a new mission aircraft sometime in the very near future.

Hopefully, during this brief period of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we'll have an opportunity to reflect on and perhaps get caught up in the idealistic meanings of these holidays (other than the obvious day off most of us will enjoy). I hope that each of us has had a great deal for which to be thankful in 1986. If you haven't given it much thought, try these:

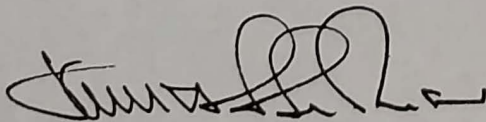
- Our country remains as free and strong as ever, a shining example for those who don't share our freedoms and an ominous threat for anyone wishing to usurp ours.

- Even though we are weathering some tough times in Oklahoma, we are doing fairly well. Considering the current situation in other parts of the world, we aren't doing too badly. Regardless, we always have the prospect of a brighter tomorrow to anticipate.

- Most of us are surrounded by healthy, supportive families and friends willing to lighten our burden and ensure a continuity of brighter tomorrows.

- We are part of an organization that is bigger than the sum of all its' parts, and we perform a valuable service to our country. We are a recognized asset and can anticipate continuing to be a viable, and necessary, part of our country's defense for a long time to come.

As a final thought, I'd like to leave you with the message that as 1986 winds down, we have a period of time in which our minds are not always on our business. In the task-oriented and busy days ahead of us, don't forget to do things in a very safe manner. Not all of those around you are doing that and I'd like to have you stick around in 1987 while we get better.



JAMES L. TURNER Lt Col, USAFR
Commander

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"THE VOICE OF THE ENLISTED"

AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

by CMSgt Lee Adams 507th TFG Senior Enlisted Advisor.

As your senior enlisted advisor, one of my primary responsibilities is to ensure that all enlisted members are kept aware of activities that have a direct impact on their professional careers.

November through December 31, such an activity is occurring. The activity is the annual Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Membership Drive. Since its inception in 1961, AFSA has gained the respect of Congressional and Pentagon leaders alike for its sustained role as the "Voice of the Enlisted" because it's the only association to exclusively represent the professional and personal interests of Air Force enlisted members and their families.

Membership in AFSA is entirely voluntary and is open to enlisted members

of all grades, whether they be active Air Force, retired, in the Air National Guard, or in the Air Force Reserve. Family members are eligible for membership in AFSA's Auxiliary.

Nearly 150,000 enlisted members have already joined AFSA because they realize the importance of having a voice in matters affecting their careers. AFSA members also enjoy the opportunity to take advantage of numerous educational programs and scholarships that are unavailable elsewhere. And through the Airmen Memorial Museum--a memorial to all Air Force enlisted members, both past and present.

As the AFSA membership drive continues, I urge all enlisted men and women--from airman basic to chief master sergeant--to explore the many advantages of voluntarily joining this professional enlisted association.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

by Chaplain Welton

A man was on his way to the unemployment office when he was robbed. His wife thought this would be more than he could bear. To her surprise he responded with thanksgiving. He was thankful that they took only his money. He was thankful that it was he who was robbed and not he who robbed.

What a wonderful attitude to have and this is the best time of year to cultivate it. Giving things and giving thanks are the common practices of this holiday season. But when we catch the real spirit of the season we'll be giving love, hope,

joy, peace and thanks. Then we are giving blessings as well as counting blessing.

My staff and I wish you and yours a Happy, Joyous Holiday. We would also like to remind you to bring in the red Salvation Army Christmas Stockings this UTA. In many cases this small gesture of your generosity will be the only Christmas the underprivileged children of the Oklahoma City area will have.

Happy Holidays. and don't forget to bring back the red Salvation Army Christmas Stockings this UTA. The needy kids of Oklahoma city are counting on it.



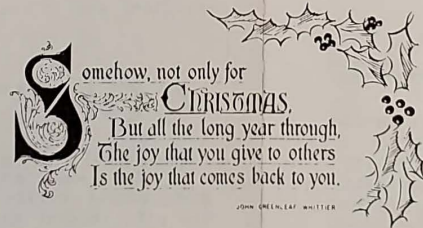
AIC Stan Paregein turns in his stocking to Chaplain Clay. The stockings will be given by the Salvation Army to underprivileged children in the Oklahoma City area.



Receiving instructions on how to use the life raft, Maj. Don Plunk responds to questions asked by SSgt Pat Schell, life support technician. Recently all air crew members went through their annual water survival training. This year it was conducted at the Tinker area YMCA in Midwest City, due to the inclement weather.



Painting murals on the wall is just one of the ways personnel is being decorated by those who work there. Here TSgt Belinda Journey paints the wing on an F-16 Flacon.



JOHN GREENLEAF WALTER

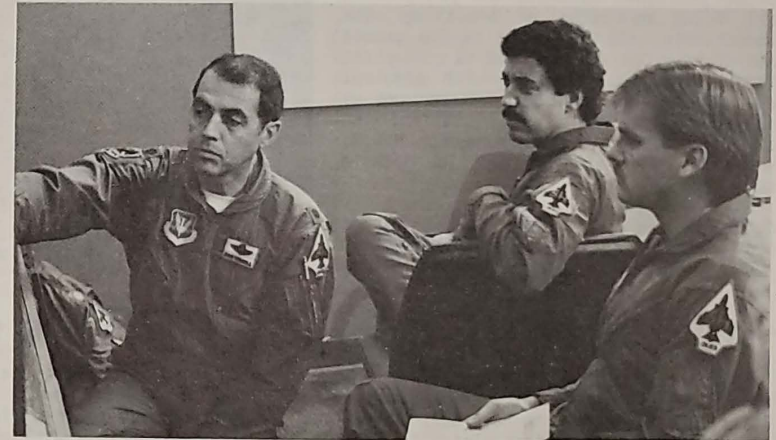
"MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD"

by TSgt Brenda Young.

Co-chairman/Group Career Advisor:

The purpose of the Enlisted Advisory Council is to provide enlisted members of the Air Force Reserves with a vehicle for expressing their views and concerns. This Advisory Council System gives the senior host commander, unit commanders, supervisors and installation people an

added way to exchange ideas and solve issues at the lowest level. The Advisory Council is not a substitute for the chain of command or a way to solve individual "gripes". Instead, the system is designed to solve problems that affect our military members as a group. If you wish to voice your opinion see your unit Enlisted Advisory Council representative.



Pointing out the route and targets on a map, Lt. Col. John Russell, goes through his preflight briefing with Dino Lalli, one of the hosts of the local PM Magazine program, and Joe Nicholson, the programs producer.

Orientation flights are afforded to some members of the media to further their knowledge in our organization, so that they will be more able to explain our mission and present to the public the reserve story as it is, not as those without the facts perceive it to be.

Prior to their orientation flight, Dino and Joe were given extensive egress training and briefings on all safety items and situations that could arise.

Their preparations for flight, views and reactions were video taped for inclusion in a PM Magazine program in the near future.

CPR TRAINING PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS

After completing her UTA SrA Kristi R. Crail was returning home and stopped at the Deer Run gas station located at Harrah-Newalla exit on I-40. Airman Crail was waiting on a friend to pick up a few items when she heard a woman start screaming. A young child's father had picked up his 2 year old daughter who apparently had stopped breathing and had already turned blue in color, Airman Crail realized what was happening and rushed to the father and asked if he knew CPR, his reply was negative.

She proceeded to check the young child and found no pulse or breathing. She immediately laid the child on the ground and started CPR and was able to revive the infant after approximately 7-8 minutes. When the Newalla rescue unit arrived at the scene the child was breathing. The child was eventually transported to M.W.C. Hospital for treatment. The child survived.

Our congratulations to Airman Crail for quick reaction to a potentially life or death situation. Our hopes are that in some way her military and rescue training

enabled her to keep her head and react to this tress situation with clarity and calmness.



SRA KRISTI R. CRAIL
507TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQ.

CHRISTMAS SAFETY

Christmas time is not the time of year when people want to think about accidents. But it's a worse time to have one.

The most common holiday mishap is fire. At Christmas we use decorative lights, candles and other potentially hazardous things we don't use at any other time of the year. A little extra caution can head off a tragedy.

When buying an artificial tree, check the labels to make sure it's flame-proof or at least flame retardant. Some artificial trees carry restrictions as to the type and number of lights that may be safely used. Read and heed all warnings. If you use a real tree, be sure to keep the stump immersed in water to prevent

drying. Dried out evergreen trees catch fire easily and burn quickly.

Do not overload electrical circuits with too many strings of lights. The best idea is to buy a handy, multiple outlet with a built-in circuit breaker. Check for one at any discount or department store in the electronics section.

If you want to use candles to warm the holiday atmosphere, make sure they are kept well away from curtains, lampshades and all other combustibles. Never let small children light, extinguish or carry candles without on-the-spot supervision.

Don't let a senseless accident spoil your holiday. Take a few, simple precautions and have a safe and **HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.**

TOTAL FORCE AT WORK

As part of the Total Force, members of the 507th Weapons Systems Security Flight are augmenting the 2854 th Security Police Squadron.

According to the 2854 Security Police Manager, CMSgt Charlie A. Dunbar, "We have always worked closely with the Security Flight at the 507th. Because of an active duty manning shortage, we requested support from the 507th." They are definitely qualified and were able to fill the position quickly without any problems.

"Using MPA mandays, they are getting valuable training in their AFSC, while at the same time fulfilling the Total Force concept." said MSGt. John Childers, 507th WSSF Superintendent. (MPA mandays are paid

for by an active duty major command).

SSgt Ray Bettger, Flight Chief at the 2854 ABG/SPS, who works closely with the reservists said, "They are highly motivated professionals. The men and women are showing outstanding duty performance and skill in their day to day duties and are always putting forth a good image. These reservists take their job seriously".

Those 507th Security Flight personnel who are currently supporting the 2854 Security Police Squadron are: TSgt Ed Dimmock, SSgt Jim Shepherd, Sgt Lewis White, A1c Donnell Smith, A1c Roy Powers, A1c Nicki Stoddard, A1c Jeffery McComas, AMn Glen Brailey, AMn Michelle Swyden.

PERSONNEL UPDATE DESERVING AIRMEN COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

Starting with the 1987 non-EAD (Extended Active Duty) commissioning program, ARPC will convene a selection board in **JULY** rather than August. This means that applications for Deserving Airmen Commissioning will have to be submitted earlier than in previous years.

The suspense for application submission has been established as follows: For applicants requiring an age waiver, the member must submit the completed application to 507 CSS/DPMQ by 8 Feb 87. For all other applicants, the member must submit the completed application to 507 CSS/DPMQ by 8 Mar 87.

These dates have been set to correspond with established suspense dates at 10AF.

Additionally, new age limits have been set for the 1987 selection. The new age

requirement specifies that applicants must be appointed as a commissioned officer **before** reaching age 30. Age waivers may be requested for outstanding and deserving applicants who can be commissioned before age 35. No waiver will be granted for individuals who are 35 years of age or older.

One of the requirements for commissioning is to pass the AFOQT within the past 6 months. The AFOQT will be administered on Sunday, December 7, 1986. Personnel wanting to take the test in preparation for the upcoming commissioning selection board, should contact 507 CSS/DPMQ at extension 4749 prior to the exam date.

Any questions or requests for assistance should be directed to TSgt Belinda Journey in Bldg. 1043.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following list is for your information and to assist you in keeping your shots up-to-date:

- Small Pox Primary smallpox vaccination is followed by reimmunization interval every 5 years. NOT BEING GIVEN AT THIS TIME.

- Yellow Fever Primary yellow fever vaccination is followed by reimmunization interval every 10 years. Do not take it if you are allergic to eggs or chicken protein.

- Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) Only three doses required. First two doses 6 to 8 weeks apart, third dose 12 months after the second dose. Reimmunization is not required.

- Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoid (TD) Three basic injections. First two doses 1 to 2 months apart, the third dose 12 months after the second dose. Reimmunization every 10 years.



- Typhoid Vaccine Two basic injections given 4 weeks apart. Reimmunization every 3 years.

- Influenza Reimmunization every year.

- TB Tine Retest every year.


UTA SCHEDULE			
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;

THE 507TH TFG PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND INDULGENCE DURING 1986. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST OF HEALTH AND THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY SEASON.

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