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CLINIC PASSES TWO-YEAR INSPECTION

The 507th TAC Clinic proved once again to Air Force inspectors that they can do the job required. "We had a Health Services Management Inspection from Jan. 7 through 11," said MSgt. Carol Abberton, the Air Reserve Technician for the clinic.

The inspection team covered two phases of the medical services. "Although they look at everything we do, the two biggest areas inspected were health services management and readiness and training," added Sergeant Abberton.

The clinic showed an improvement since the last inspection two years ago. "Our self-inspection program really helped in that matter. We have 64 items that we take a hard look at all the time," continued Sergeant Abberton.

"We even have items on our training schedule that aren't covered by regulations," she said. "To have a fully

functioning hospital, there are certain skills that we don't have authorized to us right now."

To make sure the clinic has the people needed and the tasks covered to get the job done, they (clinic reservists) go out on their own and get trained. "We have all our administrative people trained in triage, drawing blood and the transport of patients," said Sergeant Abberton. "We know that there are certain things a field hospital has to do to be a true hospital. If we don't have the right number of people for a certain skill, we get others trained."

"The 507th as a whole has been a great help to us. The clinic has proved it is ready for the mission. The training we received with the help of unit members was vital to us passing this inspection," added Sergeant Abberton.

PAYING OFF GETS MESSY

Air Reserve Technicians Sue Morris, JAMS programs and mobility, and Mike Bless, Weapons Control System, had a wager on the National Football Championship Game between Miami and Penn State.

Since Mike's team won last year, he got first pick of teams and selected Miami to win. "So, I got stuck with Penn State," said Sue.

The payoff was a pie in the face to the loser. Mike lost.



PATRIOT LEI

A LEARNING/TRAINING EXPERIENCE



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

All our deployed personnel are back from "hard duty" in Hawaii. But, it wasn't all sun and sand.

A deployment such as this offers many unique training opportunities that we simply cannot get here at home. We took full advantage of them.

Our less experienced aircrews gained much valuable experience from overwater training with our U.S. Navy counterparts at Barbers Point Naval Air Station. Our more experienced aircrews needed to have this training emphasized.

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We all caught up on new procedures and developments while honing our flying skills.

Our maintenance personnel kept our aircraft in excellent condition and always ready to fly. The support people did their respective jobs also -- everyone had a job to do and a place to fill in the overall picture.

We understand we missed a beautiful snow/ice storm while we were gone. We are glad to be back.

Our next big event affecting the entire group is the arrival of the Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) team the second week of February. The team will be here Feb. 10-12.

With our people, base personnel and other experts in the field will evaluate our existing facilities and support we need for our conversion to the F-16 aircraft.

Information gained and decisions made during their visit will be very important. These decisions will greatly influence the ease with which our conversion is accomplished.

So gear up and get ready! The official date for our conversion is rapidly approaching.

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WORKING TOGETHER KEEPS IT TOGETHER

Editor's note: Chaplain (Maj.) Lowrie J. Welton is transferring to 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joel R. Clay

Have you ever seen some of the intricate, inner workings of the human hand? The way in which each tendon, muscle, nerve and bone work together is absolutely amazing.

Not only is the inner workings amazing, but the hand also gives you such a keen sense of touch. It can adapt to hot and cold temperatures. It can grip even when wet. And yet each finger is unique in and of itself.

As I watched the 12 aircraft leave the flightline for the trip to Hawaii, I was reminded of all the hands that go into an operation like that. The aircrew, the

ground crew, maintenance, weapons, electronics. Each part working to bring about specified action. Each person involved -- unique in and of themselves.

Even as I stood watching the planes roll by, I felt a great sense of pride in being a unique part of the event.

Our lives are made up of these unique events. A telltale sign of belonging yet being independent. Being corporate yet individual. This balance of aloneness and togetherness allows us to comprehend even greater things.

To understand the parts helps us understand the whole. You are a unique part of a significant organization. You are a unique part of a significant universe. Keep it together with your contribution of talent, time, and energy.



BRAVING SUB-FREEZING WINDS, CHAPLAIN CLAY DISPATCHED EACH AIRCRAFT DEPARTING FOR HAWAII WITH A SALUTE.

AROUND THE GROUP IN JANUARY 1987



HUGH O'BRIAN, STAR OF THE WYATT EARP T.V. SERIES, RECENTLY VISITED THE 507TH TFG TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO STACEY LASITER, A SECRETARY IN CAMS, FOR DEMONSTRATING A COMMITMENT TO THE YOUTH OF THIS NATION THROUGH SUPPORT OF THE HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION.



THOSE PERSONS WHO RETURNED AT THE MID POINT OF THE HAWAII DEPLOYMENT WERE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL WINTER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SLIPPING, SLIDING, SCRAPING AND SHIVERING.



HAWAII BOUND AIRCRAFT BEING LAUNCHED BY GROUND CREW MEMBERS IN PARKAS AND RECOVERED AT BARBERS POINT IN T-SHIRTS.



SPRAYING FOOD COLORING ON A SNOW WOLF (MAN), TSgt JOHN CARDONI CREATED HIS OWN SPECIAL GREETING FOR UNIT MEMBERS RETURNING FROM PATRIOT LEA.



EVEN THOUGH HARD WORK WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY, THERE WAS SOME TIME SET ASIDE FOR RELAXATION IN HAWAII.



DRUG TESTING IS AT THE 507TH

Unit people are currently undergoing urinalysis testing at the Clinic. The most common problem was that some could not fill the sample bottle.

Maj. Sandy Kutner, chief of Social Actions, suggests that people notified that they are getting tested should drink at least three glasses of water between notification Sunday morning and the actual test.

"By drinking the water as soon as you find out you have been selected for the test you could prevent much of the embarrassment once you get to the clinic," said the major. After the individual signs in, he or she cannot leave until the sample jar is filled.

The quota for the unit will increase to 13 beginning in April. "All people are randomly selected," said Major Kutner.

Many procedures are implemented to insure that the procedure for selection is as fair and impartial as possible. "For example, the January test had a commander as well as two people from the Social Actions office as selectees," added Major Kutner. "As a matter of fact, almost half the selectees were officers."

One other point to remember according to Major Kutner is that once you are selected one month that does not mean you are not susceptible for retesting. "It can come at any month at anytime."

NEW COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES STILL ON HOLD

Air Force Commissary Service officials at Kelly AFB, Texas are advising reserve forces personnel that commissary use will be allowed on an extended basis as soon as the Department of Defense provides an implementing policy.

Tinker AFB commissary officials say they are ready to open the doors to the reservists when they get the go ahead.

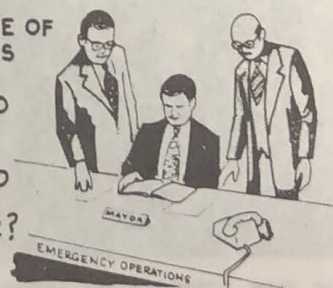
The change to the commissary use entitlement allows reservists to use the commissary any time during a 365-day period equal to the number of days spent on active duty, up to 14 days. These days can be used any time during the year starting with the date of active duty training.

Since the new policy isn't in effect yet, the current commissary privilege is the old one--commissary privileges during a tour of longer than 72 hours.

Officials said they welcome the new policy of expanded use and are aware of the importance to reservists that this non-pay entitlement represents. However, until the new instructions are received, no changes can be made.

DID YOU KNOW - ?

THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IS TO DEVELOP THE CAPABILITY TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY IN ANY TYPE OF DISASTER?



TEETH TALK

DENTAL HYGIENE PREVENTS PERIODONTAL DISEASE

Editor's note: 1st Lt. (Doctor) Brian Coever, is the 507th TAC Clinic dentist. He has been assigned to the clinic since March 1985. This column will pass on some information to help you take better care of your teeth.

Periodontal disease is responsible for 70 percent of all tooth loss in the U.S. It affects 90 percent of the population during some time in their lives.

Plaque is the prime cause. Plaque by-products irritate gums and cause them to become red, tender, swollen and bleed easily.

Unremoved plaque hardens into calculus (tarter), making removal of fresh plaque

more difficult. Once it reaches this state, only a dentist or dental hygienist can remove it.

Gum tissue surrounding teeth breaks down because of irritants in plaque. The tissue pulls away from the teeth and forms small pockets which fill up with more plaque.

Ultimately, the irritants destroy the tooth-supported bone. If left untreated, the teeth will loosen, fall out or require removal.

Good dental hygiene can ward off gum disease. Professional care can stop its progression.

JANUARY PROMOTIONS

To Master Sergeant

Jack D. Mahon

To Technical Sergeant

Max D. Staats, Sam L. White Sr., Cathy L. Benedict, David W. Cook, Leonard C. Gaines

To Staff Sergeant

Dwight H. Buechler, Teresa M. Dhanani, Joseph C. Fleming, Tammy Dee Hatley, Patricia G. Kinnamon, Roy Resto, David K. Shields, Tracey S. Koehn, Steven C. Switzer, Tresa M. Vrooman, Barry D. Watson, Ronald A. Balmer, David L. Kirby, Phillip E. Sloyer, Chester W. Whiteis

To Senior Airman

Keith R. Brown, Ricky C. Buchanan, Patrick A. Hudson, Tracy L. Mays, Nicola L. Stoddard, Amita Mitchell, Veva J. Brown, Bonnie Cobb, Maxine Lewis, Maria Elizabeth Victorino, Donald R. Wilson

To Airman First Class

Carl E. Robertson, Billy P. Lowe, Joan Scott

CIVIL SERVICE AWARDS

Civil Service 30 year award

Joe B. Bagby

Civil Service 20 year award

Rufus Cleveland, Peggy R. Heflebower, Billy C. Wright

Civil Service 10 year award

Lawrence R. Letarte, Charles R. Pospisil, Gary D. Reagan, James L. Walker, Brenda R. Young

W-2 FORMS ON THE WAY

All 1986 wage and tax statements, commonly known as W-2 forms, should reach you by Feb. 15, according to Air Force Accounting and Finance Center officials.

Forms will be mailed to the address shown on the earning statement. If your form does not reach you by mid-February, contact the 507th pay office at 734-7207.

FEBRUARY/MARCH PAY DATES

The following is provided to keep you informed of the pay dates for February/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 information must be received by 10:30 a.m. so it can be filed in time to meet the deadline.

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
February 5	February 13
February 10	February 20
February 18	February 27
February 25	March 6
March 5	March 13
March 11	March 20

Please note that the February UTA paydate is February 20 and the March UTA paydate is March 20.

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

07 - 08 FEB;	07 - 08 MAR;
11 - 12 APR;	02 - 03 MAY;
06 - 07 JUN;	18 - 19 JUL;
15 - 16 AUG;	12 - 13 SEP;

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