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Command changes throughout 10th AF

According to Air Force Reserve officials, by midsummer, nine wing and group command positions within 10th Air Force will change because of retirements, promotions and transfers.

Setting the stage for the moves, Brig. Gen. John Closner took over the reins of 10th AF July 6. He replaces retiring Brig. Gen. William McDaniel.

General Closner had been the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing commander from July 1983 through June 1987. While wing commander, Hill AFB, the 419th became the first Air Force Reserve F-16 unit.

That was his second time dealing with a conversion. His first experience was at the 917th Tactical Fighter Group when it converted from A-37s to A-10s. Before that, he was assigned to the 507th TFG in the early 1980s as an F-105 pilot.

Other changes within the wing include:

Col. Forrest S. Winebarger is the new 419th TFW commander. He had been the commander at the 482nd TFW, Homestead AFB, Fla. He will be replaced at the 482nd by Col. David Smith, currently at HQ AFRES, Robins AFB, Ga.

Brig. Gen. Ralph D. Erwin departed his position as commander of the 301st TFW, Carswell AFB, Texas to become mobilization augmentee to the commander of Tactical Air Command.

Col. William H. Lawson took command at the 301st, transferring from the 906th TFG at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Col. James W. Hamer assumed command of the 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, Calif. He had commanded the 512th Military Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Del.

Col. John F. Harvey will take command of the newly created 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom AFB, Ind. He is currently

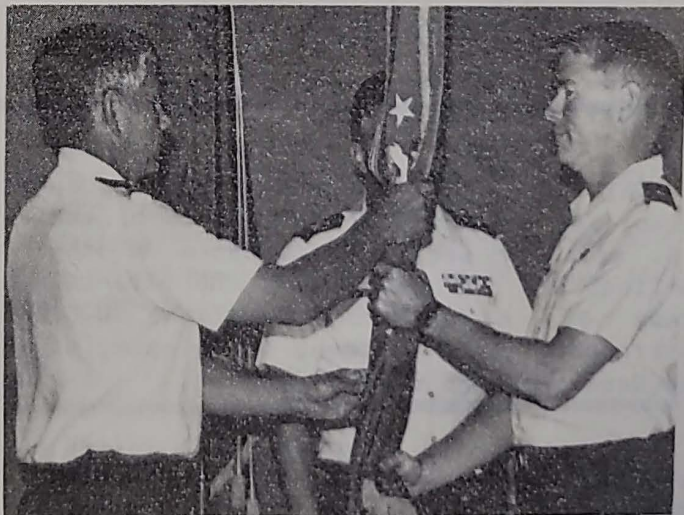
the commander of the 910th Tactical Airlift Group at Youngstown Air Reserve Base, Ohio.

Col. William Tracy took over commander for the new 917th Tactical Fighter Wing, Barksdale AFB, La. He had commanded the 926th TFG in New Orleans.

Lt. Col. Bob Efferson moved from his job as director of operations for the 301st TFW to take command of the 926th TFG.

Col. Bane Lyle became commander of the newly designated 930th TFG at Grissom AFB, Ind. His former position was director of operations at 419th TFW at Hill AFB, Nev.

Lt. Col. David Tanzi, former commander of 917th TFG at Barksdale, took over the reins at the 906th TFG at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.



Brig. Gen. John J. Closner III (right) accepts the command of 10th Air Force from Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, commander of Air Force Reserve. The former commander of 10th Air Force, Brig. Gen. William B. McDaniel received the Distinguished Service Medal upon his retirement with 34 years of military service. (USAF photo)

COLONEL'S JOURNAL

Keep up your great work

We're staying busy with our mission

by Lt. Col. James L. Turner
507th Tactical Fighter Group Commander

Lots of important things happening at the 507th in June and July.

Great annual tour with lots of progress in chemical warfare task qualification, weapons load and small arms training.

Facilities and ground continue to be upgrade thanks to our Civil Engineering Squadron. Hats off to: Willie Harvey, Nun Barbee Jr., Kathy Carrington, Benjamin Gilbraith and Steven Johnson for their help in this area also.

TAC Clinic has been to Spangdahlem, Germany for their annual tour (and got to see the Paris Air Show to boot).

Mobility Support Flight had one group deployed to Spangdahlem AB, Germany and another to RAF Alconbury, England.

Weapons System Security Flight were in the Nevada desert north of Las Vegas for their "Silver Flag Alpha" deployment.

The Communications Squadron is deploying to Leipheim, Germany.

Cadres from CAMS, CSS and the TFS are deploying to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Tenth Air Force commanders were our guests for a mid-week conference.

Lots of preparations continuing for our "excellent" inspection in October.

The conversion to F-16 aircraft progresses. We'll get our maintenance trainees in December.

To those who have made it happen or will, thanks. You deserve a bow.

A Heartfelt "well done" to retiring SMSgt. John Donovan and a rousing OKie welcome to our new 507th TFG Senior Recruiter MSgt. Phil Waltz. He comes to us from 917th TFG at Barksdale AFB, La.

Our new Personnel Chief is 2nd Lt. John Giamello. He arrives from 482nd TFW at Homestead AFB, Fla.

The 465th TFS new training officer is Capt. Steve Dalton. He worked at Northrup Aircraft Company.

The new 465th TFS weapons officer is Capt. Kevin Hinterbury. He's transplanted from Nellis AFB, Nev.

Stay busy, stay mission ready and STAY SAFE!

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Six AFSCs picked for reenlistment bonus

Thinking about reenlisting? Looking for a career change? Six AFSCs are now eligible for bonuses if the reenlistment takes place before Sept. 30, 1987.

According to TSgt. Brenda Young, group career advisor, these AFSCs were selected in the critical career fields where vacancies exist. "The Air Force has given commanders more say-so when it comes to bonus AFSCs," said Sergeant Young.

The new AFRES manning policy in effect through FY 88 gives a strength ceiling for the first time in AFRES history.

"Units are no longer allowed to be

overmanned. People in overage status are being encouraged to cross train," said Sergeant Young.

Because of known critical skill shortages coupled with the upcoming conversion, the AFSCs selected are: 423X4, 427X5, 461X0 542X1, 571X0 and 631X0.

The second bonus AFSC listing will be implemented beginning Oct. 1. The new list could have some changes depending on the response from the list in effect from now until September.

For more information, contact your unit career advisor or Sergeant Young.

Tax Reform Act impacts everyone

by Lt. Col. Mike Minnis
Staff Judge Advocate

In case you haven't heard, Congress has enacted new tax legislation that affects us all. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has made many changes to the way we pay federal income tax. Some changes include:

Dependents

Among other things, the Tax Reform Act requires that any child who will be at least five-years-old by the end of 1987 and who will be claimed as a dependent on a 1987 Income Tax return (filed in 1988), must have a social security number while is shown on the filed return. Failure to obtain the SSAN will result in a \$5 penalty.

To obtain a social security number for a dependent, use Social Security Form 5. Processing of this form can take up to five weeks so apply for this as early as possible.

IRAs

The new tax act still allows full deductions on Individual Retirement Accounts for those whose adjusted gross income is less than \$25,000 (single) and \$40,000 (married). This deduction still applies whether or not the individual is covered by a company plan.

Deductions

The act also eliminates charitable contributions for those who use the short

form. Those who itemize deductions (schedule A) retain the full deduction. Deduction of sales tax has been eliminated altogether for 1987 and moving expenses can only be claimed by those who itemize.

Deductions for Consumer Interest claimed by those who itemize will decrease over the next four years until eliminated. The percentage of Consumer Interest deduction allowed will be 65% in 1987, 40% in 1988, 20% percent in 1989, 10% in 1990 and zero in 1991.

These are just a few of the changes brought about by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Additional information can be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service, your accountant or tax preparation expert, or commercial tax guides. Limited information is available in the Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

Remember, you must have the new W-4 form filed by October 1987 or you will run the risk of paying a penalty.

COOPS

June's On-final article about Maj. Bill Allen and "Shady Lady", aircraft #773, was misleading. Major Allen flew a number of combat missions while assigned in Southeast Asia, not just the one with the 'Lady'.

Are you qualified to wear the aircraft/munitions badge?

You may be authorized to wear the Aircraft and Munitions Maintenance Badge if you have **ever** had one of the following AFSCs: 32XXX, 42XXX, 43XXX, 461XX, 462XX, 463XX, 4016, 4024, 4054 or 4096.

There is one hitch to the wear of the badge if you were qualified in the AFSC before Aug. 8, 1986. Those people who would have qualified for the badge before the badge was available will be grandfathered regardless of their current AFSC.

"You'll need to submit proof that you held one of those AFSCs so you can qualify for the badge," said MSgt. Judy Branchfield, personnel office. She added that it is up to the people wanting the badge to initiate the paperwork.

The CBPO quality force section needs to verify the information before Aug. 7. "It's up to the person requesting the badge to ensure all the right information is submitted," Sergeant Branchfield said.

ATTACK RESPONSE EXERCISE - AUG 87 GET READY NOW



Think twice before you commit pay fraud

Do you remember the last time you filed a travel voucher? When you were filling out the voucher, did you think about....well, were you considering ways to get a little "extra cash" back?

"If anyone has ever had these thoughts, I hope they didn't succumb to the temptation," said Stu Markle, 507th TFG Budget Officer.

A recent Air Force Audit Agency review detected several paid fraudulent travel vouchers. According to Mr. Markle, the majority of these payments were made as a result of a traveler claiming fictitious travel itineraries, altering legitimate travel orders (i.e., changing names, SSANs, and points of travel), or claiming reimbursements for items to which they were not entitled.

"Many of the persons who filed their travel vouchers and knew the vouchers were false when filed have already been prosecuted. As for the remainder, it's only a matter of time before they are found out, too," Mr. Markle added.

In an effort to curtail these incidents, the Air Force Accounting and

Finance Center developed a program which all accounting and finance offices (AFOs) will be implementing. This program requires all AFOs to randomly sample travel vouchers, both paid and unpaid. This review will encompass the verification of all claims on the travel voucher and its supporting documentation, including the travel order to ensure nothing has been altered. The review will be performed on a regular, but unannounced basis.

"Tinker's Customer Service Technicians will also be reviewing each travel voucher and its travel order, as it is turned in for payment, in an effort to verify its authenticity," Mr. Markle added.

So, if you have ever considered acquiring some "extra cash" when filing your travel voucher, think twice. Is the dollar amount that may be obtained through the falsified order or voucher worth the price you'll pay when caught? The maximum is a \$10,000 fine and five years imprisonment. Just remember, someone may be watching.

Get ready for October's inspection

The commander paces the floor, checklist in hand. He's reviewed every detail at least a dozen times and everything seems under control.

He feels he's done his job and that he's prepared for what is about to happen.

But regardless of the time and effort put forth, a certain anxiety comes over a unit commander faced with the inspector general's team.

"The purpose of the IG team is to identify and correct management-oriented deficiencies," said Col. John O'Leary, former AFRES inspector general.

"We're looking to improve the system by correcting management problems. But we also want to commend those units who are doing a better job than their counterparts in related activities," he said.

The IG team inspects each unit about every two years. Individual areas within the units are rated as outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal or unsatisfactory.

The IG team also acts as a crossfeed for information between units.

"In most inspections we find three to six outstanding achievements within each unit. These methods are then passed on to other units within the Reserves," said Colonel O'Leary.

"When we go out on inspection, we hear about all the problems within each unit and we try to work with them," he said. "If five units are doing something five different ways, there must be one way that's better than the other four.

"Our people learn something with every inspection. They carry good ideas from one unit to the next. This helps the whole system.

"A good inspector with a little experience can spot a unit that hasn't done anything in six months and all of a sudden everything is done in 30 days," he said, adding that units cannot be prepared for an inspection within the 30-day notice period if they haven't been doing their jobs well all along.

Colonel O'Leary said that the day-to-day management of an organization is one aspect that makes a difference between the Unit Effectiveness Inspection, which surveys daily peacetime operations, and

the Operational Readiness Inspection, which surveys wartime operations.

"A good unit can be a great unit on any given day during an ORI. Everybody in the

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unit can be keyed for that one-time ORI event," he said.

"One the other hand, this same unit may be doing a lousy job with its daily day-to-day management activities. To pass the UEI, the unit must do their jobs day in and day out 365 days a year. They can't just make a mad scramble in 30 days."

As an experienced inspector, Colonel O'Leary said he feels that command leadership is the most important factor in making a good unit.

"The leadership a commander gives to his or her unit personnel is reflected in the way they do their jobs," he said. "The unit commander who sits back and does nothing will have a unit that does the same. But, the unit commander who gets out and really shows some active leadership will have a unit that works hard and proves they can do as much as he or she can. These are the units that set the world on fire."

Colonel O'Leary said he feels the experience gained by IG team members is invaluable.

"As a team member, you learn so much just by being exposed to such a wide variety of people. With every inspection, you see something new," he said. "You'll find better ways of doing things, and you also learn from other people's mistakes. I think it's a tremendous experience. (AFRES News Service)

OKies top AFRES list for manday processing effectiveness

A recent report from HQ AFRES shows that the 507th Tactical Fighter Group has once again proved that "OKies is tough" by having the lowest reject rate for manday processing in the command. "The .662% reject rate is a direct reflection of the outstanding expertise demonstrated by a number of people," said Lt. Col. James L. Turner, 507th TFG commander.

According to Ms Pat Heard, manday program manager, close coordination between the training office, pay section,

administration and squadron manday managers was the backbone of the accomplishment. "The 507th manday program the most effective in AFRES," she said.

The manday program is a composite of effort from the point of order preparation, through updating of orders in the personnel computer system, of timely submissions of tour certifications and finally, the timely and accurate payment of the tour.

Update on AFR 35-10 brings changes

Air Force Regulation 35-10 requires sunglasses, if worn, must be conservative in style. Mirrored glasses are not considered conservative so they should not be worn if in uniform.

If you wear a band or string to keep your glasses around your head/neck you'll have to find another method. The regulation prohibits any ornamentation that is on the head or visible around the neck.

The regulation has also been changed concerning the wear of flightsuits off-base. The only stops you can make are "emergency" ones. According to 2854th Air Base Group CBPO, quick trips get food or

gas must not be done if wearing flightsuits.

On the "good" side for flight crews, the Air Force intends to renew the tradition of issuing leather flying jackets this fall to aircrews assigned to combat ready operational units. According to Lt Gen. Thomas J. Hickey, deputy chief of staff for personnel, the jacket is for flight duties as well as for wear on and off base.

The jacket is similar to the jackets issued to aircrews during World War II and issued to naval aviators over the past 60 years.

CE has busy annual tour helping unit

by MSgt. Tom Clapper
507th Civil Engineering Squadron

You still have to watch your step. Safety requires it but thanks to the efforts of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron the sidewalks should be smoother underfoot. The squadron spent its two week annual tour making the 507th area safer and more appealing for work.

The largest most visible projects were repairing the sidewalks and installing windows in building 1037. Civil Engineers also placed a concrete slab behind building 1048 as the foundation for a temporary metal building and outdoor light poles and their concrete bases were moved.

Commanded by Lt. Col. David E. Pierson,

approximately 50 Prime BEEF (Base Engineering Emergency Force) personnel labored for two weeks to improve conditions for the 507th TFG. They also integrated with the 2854th Civil Engineering Squadron on Tinker and worked on projects designed to support the base as a whole.

During the tour, the unit spent a few evenings in the Glenwood training area accomplishing their annual bivouac.

Not everyone in the unit had the pleasure of spending two weeks pulling a home-station tour. The unit's firefighters spent their two week tour at Luke AFB, Ariz. while the Prime RIBS (Readiness in Base Services) team deployed to Aviano AB, Italy.

507th takes top spot for CCAF degrees

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group had more Community College of the Air Force graduates than any other Air Force Reserve unit in 1986.

"Each of the 16 graduates deserve praise from the unit," said Lt. Col. James L. Turner, 507th TFG commander. "This is one record of which I am quite proud."

As a group-level unit, the 507th TFG surpassed two wings. The 349th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., had 14 graduates and the 514th MAW, McGuire AFB, N.J. had 13.

All enlisted reservists may register with the college and earn a CCAF degree. By doing so, they gain more expertise in their Air Force jobs and general education background, CCAF officials said. The Air

Force benefits by having a better educated, more knowledgeable enlisted leader and manager.

In many cases, reservists earn degrees in field closely related to their civilian careers. A CCAF degree can offer civilian employers an easily understandable record of Air Force training.

A total of 4,914 enlisted people on active duty, in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve earned career-related associate in applied science degrees in the largest spring graduating class in the college's 15-year history.

Enlisted reservists who want to know more about CCAF should contact the group training office at 734-7075 for more information.

Captain Bratton earns dental degree

Capt. Roy L. Bratton, 507th TFG, recently graduated from Oklahoma University's College of Dentistry as a Distinguished Graduate. The captain attended the school for four years and says "it was worth the time and effort it took." Since graduation, Captain Bratton set up his dental practice in Atkins, Ark.

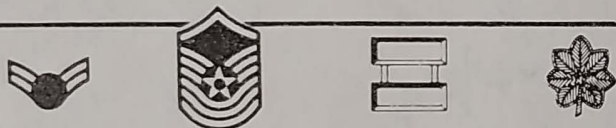
"Even though I'm leaving the state because of my new civilian career, I'm staying with the 507th," added the captain. "I won't give up my Air Force Reserve career."

AFRES 'exists' in OK School Code

Capt. Barry Roberts, safety office, decided that, "although it was a small matter" it mattered to him. It mattered to him enough to take the time to get the Oklahoma School Code to recognize Air Force Reserve as a "legitimate component of the US armed forces".

"I found an obscure section of the Oklahoma School Code which contained outdated language referring to the reserve forces. One thing led to another and I got the wording of the law changed," said Captain Roberts.

"Now the Oklahoma Statutes states Air Force Reserve as a known entity instead of 'any other component'," said Captain Roberts.



Promotions

To lieutenant colonel

Michael Minnis

To major

James Walker

To master sergeant

Teresa Pruitt Madison

To technical sergeant

Marsha E. Blessing, Brett J. Bryce, David M. Malenky, Cody D. Smith Jr., Ingrid D. Weeks

To staff sergeant

Larry D. Barnard, Terence T. Carr, Tony L. Collins, Peter R. Howse, Charles E. McBath, John D. Swift

To senior airman

Glen R. Bralley, Barry T. Knight, Thomas R. Oliver, Roy W. Powers III, Della E. Smith, Ronnie C. Wilson II

To airman first class

Gary G. Burton, Earl E. Dodd, David A. Edwards, Lisa C. Jackson, Daniel J. Kieser, Richard F. Kutner, Randy W. Mauk, Brent C. Morris, Curtis D. Ringgold, Xavier G. Smith, Bryan S. Smittle, Brian K. Walker

To airman

Regina A. Chesser

Proposed UTA schedule for FY 88

UTA SCHEDULE

October 3-4**	April 16-17
November 14-15	May 21-22
December 12-13	June 18-19
January 9-10	July 16-17
February 20-21	August 20-21
March 19-20	September 17-18

July 18-19
 August 8-9* August 29-30*

*These dates have been changed to accommodate the Tinker AFB Open House set for September 12. Since this conflicted with our original September UTA date, there are now two UTAs scheduled for August.

Offschedule UTA for 403rd CLSS and 507th CS

November 7-8 (403rd only), February 6-7, April 9-10, August 13-14

**The 12th Air Force Unit Effectiveness Inspection will be October 1-7. The Fiscal Year 88 proposed UTA schedule has the October 87 UTA scheduled for October 3-4.

PAY DATES

Document File Date Scheduled Pay date

July 6	July 15
July 14	July 24
July 22	July 31
July 28	August 7
August 5	August 15
August 11	August 21
August 20	August 31
August 26	September 4
September 3	September 15

July UTA pay date is July 31. The first August UTA pay date is August 21. The pay date for the second August UTA is September 15.

To meet the scheduled pay dates, the military pay section must have the necessary documentation by 10:30 a.m. to meet the deadline.

For more information, call 507th TFG pay section at 734-7207.

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