

## 507th Tactical Fighter Group



## On-final

IG gives 507<sup>th</sup> "thumbs up"

The 12th Air Force Inspector General team visiting the 507th TFG last month departed Oct. 7, but not before giving the unit a "thumbs up" approval.

The 32-member team visited the unit from Oct. 1 through 7, checking and

double checking the 507th's ability to carry out its assigned role. The unit was then rated on its effectiveness, efficiency and economy of its policies, plans, operations, procedures and management.

According to 507th TFG Command-

er, Lt. Col. James L. Turner, "The team that came in here was credible, fair, firm and ruthless in looking. They looked in places we didn't even know we had."

The team's final outbrief was held in the Base Theater with approximately 250 unit members attending. Throughout the outbrief, the unit was repeatedly praised for its leadership and management of its various organizations.

The team praised military appearance and courtesy of unit personnel as well as participation in training activities as 'commendable'.

The unit's physical fitness and weight control program received special attention and was cited as "best seen in two years."

Practically across the board, unit members were repeatedly cited for their enthusiasm, dedication and motivation as well as their job knowledge. Many individual programs were singled out as "best seen to date."

The team was also highly impressed with the unit's overall management and leadership techniques.

Among the distinguished visitors attending the outbrief was Brig. Gen. Lester P. Brown Jr., 12th Air Force vice commander.

In addressing the group, he stated that this was his first occasion as 12th AF vice commander to visit one of the units.

"It's a pleasure to go to a unit that's got its act together as well as the 507th," he said. "I'd like to congratulate you for doing a superb job."

In his closing remarks to the unit,

Col. William Brandt, IG team chief, also congratulated the unit.

"I've been in the IG business off and on for seven years and contrary to what most people think, it's not always a lot of fun. A lot of times you have to go into somebody's house and tell them their baby's ugly," he said.

"Well, I think you can see from this report that you've got a great looking kid and something to be proud of. I was impressed and my team was impressed with what we saw here. We recognized that your job has been doubly tough because you've been faced with maintaining the F-4 while also trying to get ready for your new aircraft, the F-16. Our hats are off to you for those efforts. You've set a margin for other units to try to beat," he said.

In addressing the audience, Colonel Turner said, "This (rating) is a heck of an accolade for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. This is a group rating and it's shared by all. My only regret is that you couldn't see all 1,457 of my 'good-looking kids' this morning."

"We use goals in the 507th. About eight months ago, we set our goal and doggone it we made it again. I know what you folks in the 507th are thinking: 'There's always room for improvement'. You're right. We're going to set some more goals and we'll meet them again next time."

"The burden will always be on us to do the job, to do it right, to document it and then to improve it. But I'll tell you this you Okies, I'm proud to share my Okie patch with you."



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SrA. David Mainord was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for saving a C-5 aircraft from potentially serious damage. He is a security police specialist from the 507th.

## Reservist is awarded for protecting C-5

By Nora MacKay  
Public Affairs Officer  
Westover AFB

Westover AFB, Mass. — Two reservists, one a member of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group's Weapons System Security Flight, were awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal on Nov. 5 for their quick action during a dangerous situation two days earlier on the flightline here.

SrA. David Mainord from the 507th TFG, on temporary duty with the 639th WSSF at Westover AFB, was on his first night of duty as an entry controller to the C-5 parking area when a light cart caught on fire near a C-5A Galaxy.

"There was a carbon build-up in the light cart's exhaust system," Airman Mainord explained. "It caught on fire and started spewing red-hot sparks all over the place."

SSgt. Phillip Smith, a reservist also on temporary duty from March AFB, Calif., had just reached the scene with

a cup of coffee for Airman Mainord, who would have normally been alone. Sergeant Smith attempted to turn the light cart off, but the sparks continued spewing out, Airman Mainord said.

"I radioed an alarm for the fire department," Airman Mainord said. "Then Sergeant Smith and I hooked the cart up to a truck and pulled it away to safety."

Sergeant Smith said, "It was one of those things that when you think about it later, you say, 'Wow, why didn't I just run?'"

Capt. Robert Mooney, commander of the 639th WSSF at Westover AFB, said the quick action and cool-headedness saved the other workers in the area from possible injury and the surrounding equipment from potentially serious damage.

The Air Force Achievement Awards were presented by Brig. Gen. Frederick Walker, 439th MAW commander.

In the citation, Airman Mainord was recognized for his "outstanding service

(See Reservist Page 14)

## Reserve Fair Day

## Getting ready for fun

Saturday is Reserve Fair Day, a time for 507th members to bring their families, friends and employers in for a look at the unit. Amid the activities scheduled, an F-16 aerial demonstration is planned.

Following is the schedule of events:

8:30 — Sign up for Two Mile Run at Building 1043 parking lot

8:45 — Two Mile Run starts

9:45 — Volleyball Tournament — Fuel Barn

10:1:00 — Rappelling Demonstration at gun range

10:1:00 — Kids Art Corner Open-Coloring Contest featured

10:15 — Cake Walk

10:30 — Limbo Contest

10:30-1:30 — Carnival Games Open

— Bean Bag Toss, Ping Pong Toss, Wheel of Fortune, Basketball Shoot, Balloon Dart Throw (25 cents a ticket)

10:30-11:30 — Sign up for the Truly Terrible Joke Contest at Ticket Booth

11 — Lunch starts

11-11:30 — Vocal performance by Winfred Graham

11:30 — Truly Terrible Joke Contest

12-12:45 — Country Western Band featuring Andy Lang

12:45 — Commander's Review?????

1-2:30 — Polaroid photos in F-4 (\$1 each)

1:15-2:00 — Country Western Band

1:30 — Aerial Demonstration

2 — Awards Ceremony

2:30 — Signout

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# Colonel's Journal: Congratulations Okies



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

Congratulations from our higher headquarters and numerous senior officers continue to arrive at the 507th complimenting your achievements on the 12th Air Force Unit Effectiveness Inspection we received last month. Reading through the UEI report will impress anyone on the pride, job knowledge, thoroughness and professionalism of each section within the group. Well done!

Take a few bows for your fantastic showing. Take a few deep breaths and on with the show. We need more of the same as each of you will have to apply your individual skills over the next several months for us to successfully clear our highest hurdle yet — the safe

and efficient mission change from our F-4D Phantoms to the F-16A Fighting Falcons.

Coincidentally, our first two F-16 maintenance trainer aircraft, a B model from MacDill AFB, Fla. and an A model from Nellis AFB, Nev., are due to arrive in early December. Soon after, Tinker AFB will have some SH 507th Falcons gracing the local flying traffic pattern because we already have onboard our first two F-16 qualified pilots. Others will begin their aircrew training next month. A few CAMS "knuckle busters" have already returned from their training, are in school now, or will start very soon!

Our conversion is well under way and the next several months will be the most exciting period in the modern history of the 507th TFG. Let's get on with it!

Best wishes and good luck are on tap for our five recent graduates of the Community College of the Air Force: MSgt. Guadalupe Ozuna, Jr., TSgt. Leonard Gaines, SSgt. Lee Quick, SSgt. Ronald Wallace and SSgt. Ricky Way. We welcome their help and appreciate their self-improvement efforts. Anyone else interested in the CCAF program will find the 507th CSS/DPMT section more than willing to help them get started.

As we approach the traditional time for Thanksgiving, let's take a few moments to pause and remember everything and everyone we have to be thankful for. You have each had important roles to play in the recent unparalleled success of our unit. I am personally grateful for the way you do business — Thanks for being "Okies".

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joel Clay

"Seek Peace and Pursue It." These words, taken from Psalm 34:14, are the 1988 Chaplain's Theme. It might seem strange for the Air Force Chaplaincy to choose such a theme.

But then again, perhaps not. After all, peace is our ultimate goal.

You as Air Force personnel are given the task of seeking after peace. Peace is a part of our primary mission and no one should desire peace more than

those tasked with the responsibility of maintaining it.

We want peace because we know the terrible price of war. No one deserves peace more than those who serve in the Armed Forces, ready at a moment's notice to put their life on the line for peace.

This year you can make the Chaplain's Theme become your theme. Seek peace in all your actions. Pursue it with a vigor unequalled. Make peace your watchword whether working at the 507th or at home. Remember, "Seek Peace and Pursue It!"

## Time to give thanks for our freedom

Thanksgiving means more than a one-day feast. It's a time to take stock of all the many benefits we and our nation enjoy.

Our national material wealth is second to none. But there is one

aspect we enjoy that money cannot buy — freedom.

Let's all give thanks for our freedom and resolve to continue to ensure that precious national treasure.

— Roger P. Scheer, Maj. Gen.,  
USAF  
Commander

## Six top performers are promoted through PEP

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group received six new promotees October 1 by way of the Professional Enhancement Program (PEP). Three unit members received master sergeant stripes while three others received technical sergeants stripes.

Master sergeant stripes were awarded to Gayle Lopes and Terry Thrower from Combat Support Squadron (CSS), along with Ron Abersoll from the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS). Technical

sergeant stripes were awarded to Michael Kessler and Alan Ward from CAMS and Danny Cross from CSS.

PEP stripes are awarded to qualified Air Force Reserve members who are top performers of the organization but are hindered by promotions because of the slot they are holding. For example, if someone were in a position that only authorizes a technical sergeant, that would be the highest rank attainable no

matter how long they have been in the unit or how well they perform their job. PEP allows individuals to exceed the grade authorization by one stripe.

According to 2nd Lt. John Giamello, Chief of Personnel, "This is a highly competitive promotion system and only

the best are considered. Those selected at group level then compete for the stripes against other selectees in the wing."

PEP selections are made twice a year with promotions mid-cycle in March and October.

## Commissioning program changes

Improvements in the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program will make it easier for enlisted reservists to become officers, according to Air Force Reserve officials.

These changes include eliminating a time limit for applications and a quota. If a vacancy exists in a unit, reservists

can submit applications, said Roy Cross of the AFRES personnel actions division here.

Also, the AFRES vice commander now has the authority to convene a selection board at any time during the year. Previously, the selection board met once a year at the Air Force Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

Reservists must still hold a bachelor's degree, have unit commander approval, be appointed as a commissioned officer before age 30 and meet medical, educational, testing and other requirements to qualify for nomination to the board.

The changes took effect in August with the recent publishing of the new Air Force Regulation 36-15.

## Clinic Notes

Due to Reserve Fair Day, the following scheduling changes have been made by the 507th TAC Clinic:

7:30 — Flying Physicals/Female Exams

8:15 — Periodic Physicals

9:00 — Gas Mask Insert Exams

9:30 — Drug Testing Program

9:30 — Weight Management Evaluations

9:00-11:00 — Regular Immunizations — Parachute Shop

12:30-1:30 p.m. — HIV Testing — as scheduled

12:10-2:30 p.m. — Flu Shots-CAMS hangar floor

Personnel are reminded that the Clinic has moved to a new location in the Base Hospital. They are now located on the second floor across the lobby from the elevator.



U.S. Air Force Photo

The 1987 flu shot period is upon us once again. Flu shots are mandatory for all military members. The TAC Clinic will give this year's shots on Sunday in the CAMS hangar. Those scheduled are: 72nd APS from 12:10 to 12:30; 507 CAMS, 12:30 to 1:40; 507 CSS, MSF, and CES, 1:40 to 2:00; 507 WSSF, CS, and TFG, 2 to 2:15; and 465 TFS, from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m. Bring your shot record with you.

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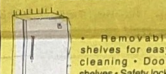
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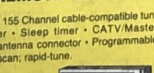


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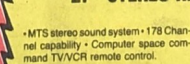


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Cable News Network has been actively advertising a news-gathering program called "News Hound." This program will consider airing home videotape recordings of potentially newsworthy events taken by amateurs.

If the material is used, the photographer can be compensated for the story, making this program very tempting to many home video buffs.

In view of this, each Air Force member needs to be aware of the ground rules for releasing official Air Force information. According to a recent message from the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office, any material shot off base while off duty is personal and the photographer can do what he or she pleases with the video. However, if the material is shot on base or while on duty, release of the material outside the Air Force is

contrary to Air Force directives. This guidance applies to unauthorized release of any information.

Air Force Regulation 190-1, "Public Affairs Policies and Procedures," clearly states the procedures for releasing information, and who may make a release. The regulation states, "the command is responsible for releasing information to the public. Even though information is unclassified or has been cleared by security review . . . it cannot be given to the public unless the commander approves it for that purpose."

Each person is responsible for getting the necessary review and clearance through their respective Public Affairs Office before releasing any proposed written or spoken statement, or taking any action that involves an issue of public concern. (TACNS)

## Reservist . . .

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while performing his duty as Entry Controller for the C-5 aircraft at Compass Rose, a C-5 remote parking area.

## Speakers needed

The 507th TFG Public Affairs Office maintains a listing of persons who are willing to speak to civilian organizations about varied subjects, primarily the Air Force Reserve.

Persons wishing to speak may contact the PA office and become a member of our speakers' bureau. If you have spoken to an organization recently, contact us so that we may get credit for it. We will maintain records that may be used later for your effectiveness reports.



U.S. Air Force Photo

It was a bit noisy, but the ceremony went on as 507th TFG Commander, Lt. Col. James L. Turner enlisted four new members into the unit. The ceremony was held in September in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

# Reserve news from around the world

### First F-16C/D unit activates

Luke AFB, Az. — Members of the 944th Tactical Fighter Group marked the activation of the first AFRES fighter unit to be equipped with brand new F-16C/D Fighting Falcons on Oct. 24.

The 944th is a "sister" unit to the 507th under the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing.

The activation of the 302nd TFS gives AFRES two F-16 flying units. The 507th is the next unit scheduled to receive F-16s. The 507th conversion ceremony, scheduled in April of 1988,

will close the loop and create the first AFRES all F-16 wing.

### KC-10 units gear up

Bergstrom AFB, Texas — Recruiting and training are the initial primary concerns for three KC-10 associate maintenance squadrons activated by the Air Force Reserve October 1.

The new units are at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., Barksdale AFB, La., and March AFB, Calif. Reservists currently provide 50 percent of the aircrews for the KC-10 tanker/cargo aircraft. The activation of the squadrons is the first time they are being



U.S. Air Force Photo by L.L. Smith

Members of the 12th AF IG team watch during a munitions loading operation. The IG team visited the unit last month and were impressed by what they saw.

## New personnel system ready

Air Force Reserve members can expect to see personnel actions completed quicker and more accurately through a new system called Personnel Concept III (PC-III), according to personnel officials here.

"PC-III is a program being undertaken by the Air Force to improve the quality and efficiency of personnel service at locations throughout the world, using improved information processing technologies," said MSgt. Janet Whatley of the AFRES personnel systems division.

According to 2nd Lt. John Giamello, chief, 507th TFG CBPO, the current personnel system, while automated, requires large numbers of paper forms and rosters to be transferred between personnel offices and operational units to input or retrieve information.

"Delays in information processing, inaccuracies and loss of paperwork that often result will be reduced or eliminated through PC-III," he said.

The new system will feature "gateway" computer systems in supporting active-duty consolidated base personnel offices and end-point computer systems in AFRES military and some civilian personnel offices. These will all be connected through electronic communications. In addition, PC-III

equipment will link CBPOs and supporting unit orderly rooms in AFRES units.

"PC-III will help people in CBPOs and orderly rooms efficiently perform routine personnel work, such as reporting the change of a supervisor, approving a promotion list or applying for retraining," the lieutenant said.

"Although the system will automate what's now being done manually, the certification/approval paperwork for commanders and supervisors won't be eliminated by PC-III," Sergeant Whatley said. "We believe worksheets will be used by the units to meet these requirements."

The Air Force began a two-year test of the system in July 1986. AFRES participation in the test will begin in February 1988 at Dobbins AFB, Ga., and Robins AFB.

The Air Force will decide in May 1988 whether to implement the system Air Force-wide," Sergeant Whatley said. "If worldwide implementation is favorable, the Air Force will start a four-year implementation schedule for active-duty bases and their supported off-base locations in late 1988. Eventually all AFRES military and civilian personnel offices and units will participate in PC-III." (AFRNS)

## 507<sup>th</sup> Community projects set

Three unit projects are under way to support the needy this Christmas.

The first is the Salvation Army stocking program. The stockings will be here during the November UTA. The 507th Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joel Clay encourages all members to pick up one and fill it with items for either a boy or girl. The stockings must be turned in to the Salvation Army by Dec. 7, so return them to Chaplain Clay or Dave Mugg by Dec. 4.

The second program concerns gathering used clothing for donation to families in need. Chaplain Clay stated unit members may bring boxed or bagged garments to the unit by the next unit training activity. They will then be

donated to local organizations for distribution.

The third program involves participation with the Base Family Support Center in "Operation Christmas Spirit." Donations will be taken and given to needy service members.

Chaplain Clay stressed the importance of participating in this program. "Last year, unit members received direct benefits from this program that helped make their holidays a little brighter. So you see our contributions not only help active duty members in need, but reservists as well."

To donate or nominate someone who qualifies, see your first sergeant or Chaplain Clay.

tasked to provide maintenance support for the KC-10, officials said.

### Two "Bears" intercepted

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio — Aircrews from the Air Force Reserve's 906th Tactical Fighter Group here intercepted two Soviet Bear bombers over the Atlantic Ocean in a first for AFRES crews flying from Iceland.

The intercept occurred in September during the unit's training deployment to Iceland. Two F-4s from the unit's 89th Tactical Fighter Squadron intercepted the Soviet Bears about 245 miles

southeast of Keflavik, Iceland.

### AFRES pilot "Top Gun"

Nellis AFB, Nev. — Air Force Reservists took the "Top Gun" and "Top Maintenance" honors during the 1987 GUNSMOKE competition held here October 4-17.

GUNSMOKE '87, Tactical Air Command's world-wide gunnery competition pitted the 18 best fighter units in the U.S. Air Force.

Taking the honor of "Top Gun" was Maj. Danny Hamilton of the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah.