

## 507th Tactical Fighter Group



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## Civil Engineers get "real life" training

By MSgt. Tom Clapper

It wasn't in the weekend training schedule and it wasn't a simulation.

On Dec. 11, the base experienced breakage in a number of water mains. The most noticeable was the flooding of the main intersection south of Gate 1 by the Wright Flyer memorial.

After the initial rush of water, the intersection was closed with cars and other traffic forced to detour. Many of the base civil engineers had already been working 24 hour shifts. Fortunately, the UTA weekend began Dec. 12. The base called the Reserve and the Reserve responded.

Members of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron went to work. With the rush of blue 507th hats into the area, base engineers were now free to rest or allocate their resources to other important projects.

The Reserve force was led by CMSgt. Robert Carlile, NCOIC, Pavements and Equipment Section of the 507th Prime BEEF Team. "BEEF" in Prime BEEF stands for Base Emergency Engineering Force.

While the water main break could hardly be classified as a full-scale emergency, it was the type of operation for which this unit was designed.

For the next two days the Pavements and Equipment personnel put into practice what they had learned in training.

They worked side by side with their active duty counterparts, operating heavy machinery to remove debris and

clear the area.

According to Col. Richard A. Thompson, 2854th Air Base Group Civil Engineering Squadron commander, the efforts of the reservists were appreciated.

"Thanks to the dedicated efforts of

the 507th personnel, repairs to the major water break by the Wright Flyer monument were completed over a two-day weekend. This project could have taken in-house personnel into the middle of the next week," Colonel Thompson said.



Members of the 507th Civil Engineering lent a hand during the December UTA by helping repair a major water line break on base.

U.S. Air Force Photo by MSgt. Tom Clapper

## 507th receiving a touch of "CLaSS"

By 2nd Lt. Richard Curry

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group gained a "CLaSS" act January 1 as the 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron officially came under the unit's command control structure.

Previously, the Reserve tenant unit had been directly assigned to Tenth Air Force with the 507th TFG providing administrative support (CBPO, Military Pay, and medical).

Under the restructuring, the 403rd maintains its current designation and will still report to the Air Force Logistics Command if mobilized for war or national emergency. The change affects a total of six CLSS units previously assigned to Tenth Air Force.

According to Capt. Tony Gonzales, 10th AF Logistics Maintenance chief of Management and Procedures, the new system allows for a more localized commander control, will improve equipment, training and reporting requirements, and create even more effective channels of communication for recruiting needs.

The mission of the 403rd is aircraft battle damage repair, combat packaging and combat supply operations. The unit is the only Reserve battle-damage repair squadron for the KC-135 Stratotanker. They also perform battle damage repair for the A-7 airframe as well as engine repair for F-4s, F-111s,



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Maj. Warren A. Muller, new 403rd CLSS commander, addresses his unit during a change of command ceremony held last month.

KC-135s, B-52s, A-7s, and C-141s.

Previously a 10th AF maintenance and supply squadron, the 403rd was created and activated in 1979. Currently 177 reservists are assigned to the outfit. For peace-time training, the 403rd provides intermediate level maintenance and helps modify aircraft routinely serviced by the Oklahoma City Air Logistic Center.

According to Capt. Paul Hammonds, 403rd Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Program Manager and

senior air reserve technician, the new system should provide even greater training opportunities for the squadron.

"Now our members may receive job-related systems training on the F-4 engines by working directly with members of the 507th," he said. Likewise, other training opportunities exist for 403rd supply and transportation personnel, he said.

"We're looking forward to a much closer relationship with the 507th," he said.

## Blood Drive scheduled

Members of the 507th may give the gift of life Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during a Blood Drive sponsored by the Oklahoma Blood Institute. The Blood Drive also falls into January's National Volunteer Blood Donor Month that President Ronald Reagan proclaimed before the holiday season.

"This month America honors all

who have been generous in donating blood. I encourage all who are eligible — most adults are — to participate in this simple act with such huge personal rewards," said President Reagan. "Anyone who has given blood knows the great satisfaction that comes with having contributed to protecting or preserving another's life."

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# Colonel's Journal: Time to tackle 1988

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

I hope you all had a good holiday season, survived our icy weather conditions, are back at work and ready to tackle 1988 and what lies out there in front of us. The events of 1987 are history and we can now assess the effectiveness of our Group for the past year:



- Four very successful inspections, including the 507th TFG's fantastic rating for the Unit Effective Inspection.
  - The formal presentation of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
  - The presentation of the AFRES Crew Chief of the Year Award.
  - Numerous accolades from higher headquarters won by our recruiters, personnel training division and Group budgeters.
  - The achievement of most of our organizational and squadron goals.
  - And, last but not least, the continuation of a safe, efficient, and mission-ready fighter group.
- 1988 lies before us and it promises many challenges. Among them:
- Getting a running start on the F-16 conversion while continuing to operate our F-4s for a while longer.
  - Increasing our TAC Clinic manning and equipment to Medical Readiness Squadron standards.
  - Increasing our Civil Engineers' unit manning and equipment to become a Combat Support Team within the Prime BEEF element.

- Achieving those mission-readiness ratings in our Status of Resources and Training data that will keep all our units "at the top".

• Improving the way we do business.

- Continuing to make our active-duty counterparts proud of the fact that the 507th wears a TAC patch.

At first glance, this list does not appear to be too comprehensive and leaves the impression that it will be business as usual around the 507th in 1988. Let me assure you that this is diametrically opposed to what's really happening.

There are many inherent responsibilities of which we must all be aware and held accountable. President Reagan has issued an executive order calling for a 20 percent increase in federal productivity by the year 1992. As prime movers in this effort, the Office of Management and Budget will hold all governmental agencies accountable for their progress towards the president's goal.

This will demand teamwork, leader-

ship at all levels, and a strong and broad organizational commitment to excellence. Quoting Lt. Gen. Michael J. Duggan, deputy chief of staff, programs and resources, in a recent Inspector General magazine article: "As stewards of taxpayers resources, we have an inherent responsibility to be efficient in carry out the Air Force missions to get the most defense for every dollar. Our first priority is sustaining and improving the combat effectiveness of our forces — readiness and sustainability".

Our Air Force leadership has remained committed to these aspects of mission effectiveness and so must we. At the risk of being extremely repetitious, I request that you put 110 percent forward during this period of gradual conversion to the F-16 aircraft. Do it by the books, follow safety procedures and technical orders, and remember that until the official conversion date, we will be operating the best F-4 unit in the United States Air Force. That will require everyone's commitment, and I'm counting on you.

## Set your goals and pursue them this year

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joel Clay

January is a time for new beginnings and change.

It means longer days. The Winter Solstice is passed and each day brings a few more minutes of sunshine.

It signifies the passing from one year to the next. It means a change of semesters for kids in school and the promise of spring.

A lot of factors go into making January so unique, including an opportunity to do some positive things with our lives!

We are all given this season as a time for planning, planting and watching things grow, not only with our gardens, but with our lives as well. We take this time to plan and plant our New Year's resolutions. Our goals to accomplish.

Goals should be planned and worked the same way we would build a house. We are . . . that house is our lives.

Before setting out on this project, ask yourself these questions: Are your goals reachable? Do you have short range and long range goals? Will your goals produce visible and measurable results?

Each of these questions are important to consider. Without reachable goals, we tend to become disheartened and surrender to the "inevitable". With short and long range goals, we can gain a sense of accomplishment along the way as each reach each new rung on the ladder. Likewise, when our quest for improvement produces visible results, we all feel a great sense of accomplishment.

Now that you have thought about your personal goals, how about your

goals for your work at the 507th. The same questions apply!

No matter what your job is you must have goals and ask these questions about those goals.

If you haven't set goals for your 507th work, do so this UTA. Set them to correspond to your colleagues. Make them positive. In the end, we all benefit. Happy New Year!

## What Leadership School means

By SSgt. Larry McClure  
507th Weapons Section

Becoming an NCO means CHANGE. In that transition from worker to supervisor, suddenly you're responsible not only for yourself, but also for all the people of lower rank or assigned under your authority.

I never really felt that change until I attended the NCO Leadership School at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Attending Leadership School is a unique opportunity. It's an opportunity to learn the true meaning of a leader. It gave me the insight of what it takes to be not just an NCO, but what it takes to be a good NCO.

Now, more than ever, I have come to grips with what has been expected of me all along.

Being an NCO now means accepting the responsibility that comes with the status . . . it also means helping others achieve their military goals. It reinstated what it means to have a uniform that is RIGHT, and worn with pride.

NCO Leadership School is a rewarding concept, and a challenge that every NCO should be eager to accept.

I am looking forward to someday attending the NCO Academy and that it



SSgt. Larry McClure  
507th Weapons Section

will show me even more about the obligations of being an NCO and a leader.

The payback will be in my devotion to duty and acceptance of responsibilities.

Thank you, 507th, for this opportunity.

## In Memorium



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Lt. Col. Herbert (Bert) Acheson  
Aug. 21, 1935 - Dec. 17, 1987

Lt. Col. Herbert "Bert" Acheson, former 507th member, passed away Dec. 17.

Colonel Acheson, who retired from the Air Force Reserve June 21, 1985, had served with the 507th many years.

He had been the Maintenance Control Officer, Quality Control Officer/Flight Test Pilot and Safety Officer at various times during his assignment with the unit. Colonel Acheson will be missed by the people who worked with him through the years while he was assigned with the 507th.

Donations to the Diabetes Association in Colonel Acheson's memory will be accepted by supervisors, first sergeants and unit commanders.

## Promotions

The following people have been promoted to the rank indicated during January:

To senior master sergeant: Gerald K. Harden, 403rd CLSS; Roger F. Newton, 403rd CLSS.

To master sergeant: Jimmy L. Guthrie, 507th CS.

To technical sergeant: Larry C. Clement, 507th CAMS; Geneva M. McMahon, 507th CAMS.

To staff sergeant: Charles S. Carroll, 403rd CLSS; John A. Primo, 507th CAMS.

To senior airman: Belinda S. Elliott, 507th CAMS; Ferdinand Esquivel, 403rd CLSS; Phyllis E. Hausam, 507th CAMS; Caesar C. Latimer Jr., 507th MSF; Melissa Little, 403rd CLSS; Thuy Thi Mai Nguyen, 507th MSF; Donnie S. Ramsey, 403rd CLSS; Kevin H. Roberts, 403rd CLSS; Melvin I. Scroggins, 403rd CLSS; Duffy D.

Smith, 507th CAMS; Robert G. Springer, 507th CAMS; Cynthia A. Stanley, 507th CES; Todd L. Swank, 507th CAMS; Kenneth C. Walker, 72nd APS.

To airman first class: Jeffery Alexander, 507th CES; Pamela J. Davidson, 72nd APS; Leon J. Davis Jr., 72nd APS; Debra K. Krahn, 507th CES; Rachelle McConnell, 72nd APS.

### December promotions

To airman first class: Lisa R. Coward, 507th CAMS; Gregory S. Moses, 403rd CLSS.

To airman: Felicia Alexander, 507th CAMS; Sylvester R. Cooper, 72nd APS; Michael H. Feliz, 72nd APS; Mark A. Green, 403rd CLSS; David V. Haggard, 507th CES; Rosiline R. Ratliff, 507th MSF; David L. Stout, 507th CES; Charmain Winborne, 507th CAMS.

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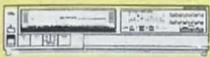
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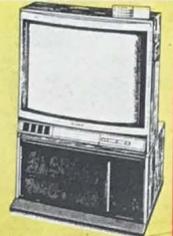
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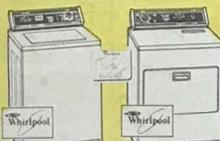
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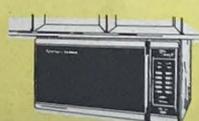


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# Proud Scout tests Presidential recall program

By 2nd Lt. Richard Curry

Ninety-three percent of the United States Reserve Forces could be recalled within 72 hours in response to the threat of war or national emergency.

These figures are the result of a recent Presidential recall exercise held Oct. 24 and called Proud Scout '88.

The exercise involved 15,451 Selected Reservists from 120 units across the country and tested Presidential recall authority authorized under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. That code authorizes the President to involuntarily call up to 200,000 of the total 1.1 million Selected Reserve members back to duty for 90 days, and after giving written notice to the Congress, to extend them on active duty for another 90 days.

The test included Selected Reserve members from separate reserve component units located in 33 states, the District of Columbia and the Common-

wealth of Puerto Rico.

Proud Scout '88 was a limited notice, partial call-up, and was designed to measure notification and reporting procedures for each of the services, including both Army and Air National Guard, Reserve, Navy Reserve and the Coast Guard. The 507th Tactical Fighter Group was not tasked in the exercise.

In a press interview, Stephen Duncan, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, talked about the exercise.

"We tried to make the test as realistic as possible," he said. "The services were directed not to inform the Selected Reserve units or the individuals of their selection so that we could have a limited notice."

Mr. Duncan said the test took place in a peacetime environment on a weekend where there was not gradual buildup of tensions as one might expect in certain emergency situations. It was

planned so it would not relate in any way to a real live, real world scenario. Because of this effort not to create false impressions, all recall actions were conducted by telephone and the media was not used, he said.

"The services contacted 93.8 percent of the Selected Reserve within 72 hours, the full period of the test. Ninety-two percent of the reservists actually reported to their drill or mobilization site or were excused from reporting in situations where it would cause undue hardship or burden either on an individual or their employer," he said.

Mr. Duncan, who has been a drilling reservist for 18 years, said that aside from seeing how the recall system

works, the exercise brought out another point.

"It reminded, and I consider this very important . . . the individual members of the Selected Reserve that they actually can be called to active duty on short notice and demonstrated that the Selected Reserve will respond in a timely manner," he said.

Mr. Duncan said because of our transit society, he anticipated far lower results. The results, however, suggest "we have a pretty good system for keeping their names, addresses and phone numbers and an ability to contact them."

While he said there are no current plans to repeat the exercise, the possibility is always there.

## King 'adopts' Japanese student

By TSgt. Cathy Benedict

SSgt. William King, a chapel management technician with the 507th Combat Support Squadron, has opened his home to a Japanese exchange student from Kyoto, Japan.

Naofumi Yoshida, 17, is attending Chickasha High School for his senior year.

"His father, a teacher in Japan, felt Naofumi would have a better 'shot' at a Japanese college or university if he had some time here before applying," said Sergeant King.

Japanese students are tested for



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Naofumi Yoshida, a Japanese exchange student, gets a look at the cockpit of an F-4D during Reserve Fair Day. Naofumi is attending Chickasha High School, and is living with SSgt. William King, background.

English comprehension for their college entrance exams.

The Kings have two sons, Mike, attending the Chickasha school and another, Mark, who graduated last year. Sergeant King said he had been thinking about taking in a foreign student for some time.

"I've been wanting to do this for a number of years," he said. "When I saw a notice where I work, (Canadian Valley Area Vocational and Technical School), I went home, talked to my wife and sons and decided to apply."

Sergeant King's sons were excited but also hesitant. "They knew there would be some changes but figured in the long run, it would be worth the efforts."

Naofumi has also had to except the changes from Japanese to American schooling.

"He's told me that American students don't seem to take schooling as seriously as Japanese students. I agree with that wholeheartedly," Sergeant King added.

"There is a world of difference in the American attitude versus the Japanese when it comes to school. In America, school is a 'fun time'. In Japan, school is the ladder to improve yourself and the country," he stated.

Sergeant King said he hoped that Naofumi's school attitude is picked up by his sons and other students at Chickasha.

"From the school reports we've gotten, Naofumi has adapted quite well. He's a bright young man and has a good attitude."



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MSgt. Gary Sorrells (right), SSgt. Patrick Holloway (left) and SSgt. Lori Wise were selected as the Weapons Load Crew of the Quarter for October-December 1987. A new incentive program for maintenance troops, the crew will receive a plaque according to MSgt. William Morgan, NCOIC of weapons. "We started the program to help reinforce the proud feelings our people have in working at the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. We have good people and we just want others to realize it too."

## WSSF member makes drug bust

Sgt. Mark Walters, a 507th Weapons Systems Security Flight member and Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, recently netted more than \$85,000 in cocaine and cash during a traffic stop conducted in his civilian

job.

Sergeant Walters said he was driving 13 miles west of El Reno in his patrol car when he made a routine traffic stop Dec. 7.

The sole occupant of the car, a California man, was arrested after a small portion of marijuana was found in the car. The man was apparently headed towards Oklahoma City at the time of the arrest, Sergeant Walters said.

The following day, a search warrant was served on a box in the trunk of the car. Inside the box were three kilograms (about six and a half pounds) of cocaine and about \$2,000 in cash.

"The cocaine was valued at about \$28,500 per kilo, or \$85,500," Sergeant Walters said.

The man is still in custody and his name withheld pending an Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics investigation.

## Enlisted panel convenes

Air Force Reservists can recommend ways to improve the command at the next meeting of the Air National Guard/U.S. Air Force Reserve Enlisted Advisory Panel, scheduled at Robins AFB, Ga., Feb. 3-4, 1988.

They can submit their ideas on Air Reserve Personnel Center Form 2, Policy and Advisory Council or Advisory Panel Recommendation, or on plain bond to CMSgt. Richard Russell, AFRES senior enlisted adviser. The mailing address is AFRES/CMS, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-6001. (AFRNS)



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## Winter Wonderland

December 15 became a 'winter wonderland' at the 507th and Tinker AFB. Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron folks spent the day clearing the ramp while aircrew members were "grounded" due to poor flying conditions. Ten days later, on Christmas, Mother Nature again proved her strength with an ice storm that coated the area with up to two inches of ice.