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Supply section moves to warehouse

The Combat Supply Section of the 507th Mobility Support Flight now has a new home, thanks to a lot of elbow grease and good base support.

New self-help office facilities have been built and the 13-member section has moved into Building 3 on base. The section's members are responsible for operating and maintaining the new combat supply system and the unit's War Spares Readiness Kits, or WRSK. If mobilized, the section would also assume all base supply duties at their deployed location. In the past, the WRSK was stored in the Bldg. 3 warehouse while the Combat Supply Section worked and trained in other areas of the standard base supply warehouse and the Group Headquarters building.

According to a member of the section, this created a slight problem. The introduction of a new computer-controlled inventory system and the need for closer hands-on training meant the group needed to be permanently located with the WRSK and supply warehouse.

"We've enjoyed a good working

relationship with the base on this project. The Directorate of Distribution allowed us the space in the warehouse to build our new offices," said MSgt. Marie Jacobsen, section NCOIC. "This will help in building a stronger training program for the future."

The project was then turned over to MSgt. Norman Husted, of the 507th MSF's Vehicle Operations Section who designed the new office facility. Assisted by SSgt. David Hastings, also of Vehicle Operations, the two spent almost a month building the new offices, saving the Air Force money in design and construction costs. Also assisting in the ordering of supplies and walking purchase requests through the system were SSgts. Debbie Frisch and Carolyn Cowns.

"We were able to move at the beginning of annual tour and are now enjoying our new home," Sergeant Jacobsen said. "Everyone is really excited about our new Combat Supply System and for the first time, a facility with space enough to operate and train our personnel."



U.S. Air Force Photo by 2nd Lt. Rich Curry
SSgt. David L. Hastings, 507th Mobility Support Flight, and MSgt. Norman Husted, NCOIC Vehicle Operations Section, check the blueprints for the new WRSK section in the base warehouse.

Second spouse flight successful

By Sgt. Marc Shepherd

"But what do you do there?"

How many times have you been asked that question by your spouse or family as you got ready to leave for your UTA?

Well, to help you respond to that question, the 507th TFG held a Spouse Appreciation Day last month. A program explained the Reserve's mission by allowing spouses of 507th CAMS, Life Support, WSSF, and OPS members a look at the 507th mission from a unique angle — the boomer section on a KC-135 Stratotanker.

The day began with an operations briefing for the spouses, explaining the importance and role of the Air Force Reserve in today's world.

Then the group boarded a bus to an awaiting KC-135 from March AFB, Calif. The flight took them to a restricted military airspace zone 60 miles north of Oklahoma City. During the two-hour flight at speeds of 400 miles an hour and an altitude of 30,000 feet, the spouses got the opportunity to view first-hand the refueling process of some of the 507th's F-16 and F-4 fighter aircraft.

The excitement was quite evident as the group took picture after picture of the aircraft refueling, and were able to

lie down next to the boom operator and look straight into the cockpits of the fighters.

In fact, for some of the wives aboard the KC-135, their husbands were piloting the fighters receiving fuel. For the most part, this was the first time any of the spouses had ever been aboard a military aircraft.

After returning to Tinker, they felt they had learned something from the trip and felt Spouse Appreciation Day was important in helping them understand what their husbands and wives do for the Air Force.

"I think it's very important, because it makes me feel a part of the operation," said Heidi Nazelrod, whose staff sergeant husband, Eric, works as an F-4 crew chief.

For Don New, the only male spouse in the group, the trip was one of the most exciting experiences of his life. "I've seen things I've never imagined," he said. Don's wife, Cindy, is a staff sergeant materials expeditor for the 507th.

This is the third spouse orientation held by the 507th, and it definitely isn't the last. Plans are underway for another flight during September's Group picnic. This flight will be for those eligible spouses who did not get a chance to participate in the May flight.



U.S. Air Force Photo by TSgt. Cathi Benedict
SSgt. Vincent Molzahn checks the fit of the chemical warfare mask of a member of the 965th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron. Sergeant Molzahn was assisting the squadron in its training exercise earlier this month.

'Can Win' attitude important

SSgt. Vincent A. Molzahn is a survivor. And, he wants everyone else to be a survivor too.

The new disaster preparedness ART is determined to create a "love and respect" attitude for the chemical warfare suits are worn by 507th members.

"We must have a 'can win' attitude or the enemy will defeat all the good training and experience we have gained through our exercises," Sergeant Molzahn said. "With the technology the United States has we can overcome anything the enemy throws at us. Our biggest drawback is the 'deadman' attitude some of the people have. I aim to change that."

Although only on the job for a month, Sergeant Molzahn has been

working with the 2854th Air Base Group Disaster Preparedness Office. The 2854th just completed some training with the an open air Contaminated Control Area. The 507th disaster preparedness NCO also provided assistance to the 28th Air Division during its recent chemical warfare training exercise in the use of CCA. "Sergeant Molzahn provided us some great training with the members of the 28th AD," said TSgt. Richard Smeltzer, 2854th ABG disaster preparedness office.

"The 507th knows its stuff when it comes to CW training. The job I have now in the 507th is really important and helping the base helped me sharpen up my skills," added Sergeant Molzahn.

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Colonel's Journal

I'm home and proud to be back with the 507th

By Col. Larry Turner

We are all aware of instances in which a single individual has been singled out for rewards or praise for accomplishments actually resulting from the efforts of many. High-salaried coaches, talented quarterbacks, and leading men and ladies are obvious examples. However, when considered alone and without the help of their supporting cast, the contributions of these few individuals would not have gotten much done.

Throughout my 20 years of military

service, I have been uncommonly lucky in having been associated with some good units, some better units, and one outstanding unit. Such is my luck at the present time. So, on June 1, when Col. (Brig. Gen. selectee) Winebarger visited Tucson ANG Base, Ariz. (where I was attending F-16 training), to pin on my "colonel" eagles, I received the reward for which each and every one of you has played such a major part. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all for your superior help.

You would never believe that central Oklahoma could look so pretty and

green, but after having spent two months in the southwestern desert, let me assure you that our lot in life and our location has a lot to recommend it. Tucson, Arizona, is a beautiful place and Tucsonans wouldn't want to be anywhere else but for a TDY Okie, well...it's nice to be home.

The F-16 checkout, run by the 162 TFG, Arizona ANG, was outstanding and the F-16 aircraft is a fighter pilot's dream. The conversion is approaching rapidly, and the pace at the 507th has quickened to prepare for it.

I am sure that over the past two and

one-half years you have become aware of the fact that I, too, love a challenge, and this one (the conversion) is larger than any the 507th has been called upon to meet. As above, I have all the competent, willing and loyal help that I need to ensure the conversion comes off without a hitch and that a few months on down the road, we will not only be the premier unit in AFRES but also, an F-16 organization that any command would be proud to claim. Meanwhile, your proven and faithful F-4's continue to do their job so well. Keep 'em flying safe!

Have you taken care of your family?

By 2nd Lt Rich Curry

Every year, somewhere, it happens. A phone call is received by members of a Consolidated Base Personnel Office bearing grim news.

"Sergeant So-and-so, just died."

What happens next, however, is even more grim than the loss of a valued Air Force member.

"Captain, I can't seem to contact the sergeant's next-of-kin."

"Isn't his emergency data card current?"

"Apparently not."

Or...

"But we were married six months ago. What do you mean his insurance benefits all go to his ex-wife?"

No one likes to think about death,

especially their own; but think for a moment about the loved ones who are left behind. Don't they deserve the same care and attention you tried to give them while you were alive?

There is an easy way to ensure they will be cared for and remove some of the problems they face.

The way is to make sure your DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data card contains the most current, up-to-date information possible.

This form reflects: (a) Who is to be notified in the event of an emergency and their address plus (b) Who is to receive survivor benefits along with their address.

Everyone should update their DD Form 93 if they have experienced:

- A change in marital status (mar-

riage, divorce, or death of spouse),

- Change of address for children, to include the name and relationship with whom the children reside

- Change of address for father or mother

- Birth or death of children in the family

- Death of father or mother.

The form also lets Consolidated Base Personnel members know who the Air Force should not notify in the event of an emergency due to ill health.

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Seatbelts save lives

By TSgt. Cody Smith
507th TFG Safety

"Seatbelts save lives."

How often have you heard those words? Since Oklahoma has enacted the "seatbelt" law, the percentage of users has declined, according to a local newspaper survey conducted last April.

Compared to the 41 percent who buckled up shortly after the law was enacted, the survey now shows that only 38 percent of Oklahoma drivers are concerned about living to tell the story.

Since 1982, traffic fatalities have declined every year, with 1987 being the lowest. But with this year's death toll sitting at 220 in just the first five months, 1988 shows a dramatic increase. That's 14 more deaths than the same period of 1987. March, April and May of 1988 produced 32 more deaths than the same period of 1987.

The number of "non-users" involved in fatal accidents is startling. Two hundred and fifty-three out of 311 fatalities, 81 percent in 1987, 15 out of 20 fatalities, 75 percent over the May 7-8 weekend, and seven out of nine fatalities, 78 percent over the Memorial Day weekend failed to buckle-up.

What does all this mean to you? Well, if you're a gambler, the odds of living to tell the story are not in your favor if you don't "make it click". So, "save your ugly face and buckle up."

From the top

Independence Day message

1776 was a year rich in meaning to our country. Our founding fathers proved that we must be prepared to defend what we hold dear.

Their commitment to maintaining freedom and "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is a legacy we enjoy today.

Let us guard the rights they gave to us as we celebrate our independence.

Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer
Air Force Reserve Commander

Computers speed benefit decisions

(AFRNS) — In the past Air Force Reservists who achieved 20 years of satisfactory service had to wade through 30 pages of information and cost tables to elect a survivor benefit plan option for retired pay at age 60.

Now, with the help of a computer program developed at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, reservists can punch up bottom-line data in less than two minutes.

"Computing which option best serves the member's needs once took a long time — if members even bothered mulling through the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan information package," said Jay Clawson, chief of

the entitlements and casualty branch at ARPC. "The decision is very important because it is generally irrevocable."

The RCSBP enables reservists to provide a monthly annuity to a designated beneficiary based on actuary tables. Public Law 95-397 allows reservists to elect RCSBP coverage for a present or former spouse, children or person with an insurable interest. No payments are due until the reservist reaches age 60 and is receiving retired pay. However, election to participate in RCSBP must be returned to ARPC within 90 days after receipt of the certified package.

AFRES selects new senior enlisted advisor

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — CMSgt. Charles F. Joseph has been selected as the new senior enlisted advisor for the Air Force Reserve.

Chief Joseph, currently senior enlisted advisor to the commander of the 928th Tactical Airlift Group, O'Hare ARFF, Ill., will assume his new duties July 6.

Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRES commander, said, "I am extremely proud to announce the selection of our new senior enlisted advisor. As all of you know, our number one goal is readiness. A major portion of Chief Joseph's tasks will be to enhance the leadership capability of our young NCOs, unit training programs, and the well being of newly enlisted personnel. Success in these areas can only improve produc-

tivity, retention, and, ultimately, readiness."

"I look forward optimistically to working with Chief Joseph. He will be the senior enlisted advisor for all enlisted Air Force Reservists from Headquarters Air Force Reserve and Air Reserve Personnel Center, to each individual unit and every individual mobilization augmentee. He will work with our commanders to help ensure that our airmen and NCOs get the support required to perform their tasks effectively."

Chief Joseph, 53, enlisted in the Air Force in July 1952. His first assignment was with the 515th Fighter Group at Duluth AFB, Minn. Two years later, he transferred to the 607th Air Base Wing at Thule AB, Greenland.

He returned to the States in June

1955 and was assigned to the 2471st Air Reserve Training Center at O'Hare. Thirteen months later, he separated from active duty.

Chief Joseph joined the Reserve's 64th Tactical Airlift Squadron at O'Hare as a squadron operations supervisor in July 1958. In March 1965, he became a loadmaster.

From 1968 to 1986 he was first sergeant of the 928th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and then 928th Combat Support Squadron. He served briefly as an air transportation manager with the 928th CSS before becoming the 928th TAG senior enlisted advisor in September 1986.

The chief will be the Reserve's seventh senior enlisted advisor. The first advisor was appointed to that position in March 1973.

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Colonel Cole leaves 507th for IMA slot

For more than 28 years, Col. Clifford A. Cole has been a vital member of the reserve forces at Tinker AFB. In fact, during that time he has become an institution; an example of leadership and commitment. On June 30, Colonel Cole will bid the 507th Tactical Fighter Group farewell.

Colonel Cole, 507th Combat Support Squadron commander, is leaving the 507th for an Individual Mobility Augmentee position across base in the Transportation Operations Division.

"I hate to leave but the time has come to leave the group to the younger troops," Colonel Cole said. "They might not have my experience but I know they can handle it. After all, I trained them," he grinned.

The colonel entered the military in May 1946 when he was 16 years old. He stayed on active duty eight years and was assigned to Air University in Alabama; 10th Air Force Headquarters, at that time on Guam; Carswell AFB, Texas; Fort Ord, CA; Fort Richardson, Alaska; and Fort Hood, Texas.

The colonel took a break in service only to reenter in 1959 to become the NCOIC, Accounting and Finance Office, 305th Troop Carrier Squadron and 937th Military Airlift Group, the predecessor of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group at Tinker.

"My only regret is that I had a five-year break in service between my active duty and reserve service," he added.

One of the programs in the mid-sixties that he initiated for the unit, and ultimately the reserve forces, was getting the reservists paid at the end of their annual tour. Annual tour paychecks were originally sent to the reservists two weeks after they completed annual tour. Colonel Cole, then a senior master sergeant, began his annual trips to Denver and working with the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, made the changes to the system so he



U.S. Air Force Photo by SSGT. Jeanette Deatherage

The Patriot Polar deployment in 1987 gave the Cole family the opportunity to visit some old stomping grounds.

could bring the money back to the unit and pay the reservists.

He still goes to Denver and gets the annual tour pay checks for unit members. After 22 years, he believes he has had his hands on paychecks or cash totalling more than 10 million dollars. His last trip was this past month preparing for the unit's summer annual tours.

After receiving a direct commission in April 1969, he worked in the supply, administration and finance career fields. In April 1983, he became the commander for the 507th Combat Support Squadron. "My most memorable experience was the opportunity I received when the 507th deployed to Sivrihisar AB, Turkey. It was a bare base environment and I served as base commander," said the colonel.

Along with all of his work in the reserves, the colonel has also worked in the Accounting and Finance Office in civil service on Tinker before retiring from that job in 1985. That retirement

gave him the added pleasure of more time but the 507th has made sure that his "free" time is still productive for himself and the unit. One of the benefits of the retirement, added with the joys of the reserve unit deployments, gave the colonel, his daughter, Marilyn, and his son, Ricky, the opportunity to return to an old homestead.

During Patriot Polar, the summer deployment in 1987, the three had the chance to return to Fort Richardson, Alaska, where the Coles lived in 1954. Ricky was five and Marilyn was four. Have times changed? You bet. Now it's Colonel Cole, Staff Sergeant Ricky and civilian employee Marilyn. The whole family is quite involved in the reserve family too.

"I stress family backing for reservists. It's difficult to give 100 percent without family support and understanding," he added. "I have encouraged all my family members and relatives to join either the active or reserve forces."

Both "kids" work in 507th CAMS. Marilyn is the civilian in the family group. She works as an administrative secretary for the maintenance commander. Ricky is an Air Reserve Technician and works in weapons control system.

During his military career with the 507th, the colonel has been honored by the Department of Oklahoma's Reserve Officer Association as "Minuteman of the Year" for his support and dedication to the ROA and the Air Force Reserve. He served as State President of the chapter in 1986-87.

"I have had a most satisfying and rewarding career having served both as an enlisted member and officer. My association with the dedicated people who make the 507th the finest unit in the Air Force Reserve is what I'll miss the most," he said.

Scott Young shows 'right stuff'

Once again, reservists are showing the world they've got the right stuff — the right Young stuff.

MSgt. Brenda Young, the 507th TFG career advisor, is an Air Reserve Technician. TSgt. Frank Young, 507th Combat Support Squadron, is a straight reservist. Their son, Scott, was recently selected as a Gifted Student from Traub Elementary School in Midwest City.

"We always knew he was a good student as he usually pulled A's," added the 507th Tactical Fighter Group Career Advisor. "But to have our feelings confirmed through the testing was a highlight in our parental accomplishments."

Not only is Scott a good student, he's also involved in Little League and

plays for the Traub Yellow Jackets. A member of the Traub "A" Club, he's only gotten one B and "that upset him more than it upset Frank and I," added the proud mother.

Scott's dad works for the Department of Public Safety as a driver's license examiner in the Midwest City/Del City area. When he's on reserve duty, he works in the personnel office.

Scott, who will be in the fourth grade next year, was tested at the seventh grade level in math, science and language arts. "He's always shown a strong interest in the computer," added Frank. "In fact, his favorite program is Flight Simulator. He must be thinking of a career in the aerospace industry. Maybe even as a military pilot."

"The school takes this program very

seriously. I hope Scott understands that," added Brenda. "He even had to sign a contract to ensure he understood that although he is in a special program, he was still required to stay up to speed with his regular fourth grade class at Traub Elementary School." Scott will be attending Pleasant Hills Elementary School for his advanced level classes.

All Midwest City school children are tested in the third grade. The top 10 percent were selected for the program and teacher recommendation, parental approval and academic records were also taken into account. "Something like this is a highlight in a parents' career," added Sergeant (Mom) Young.



Lt. Col. Mark Jensen, flying safety officer for the 507th, gets his final splash down from one of his twin sons, Geoffrey or Matthew, who wouldn't admit which one it was. Colonel Jensen will be retiring from the reserves.

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U.S. Air Force Photo

Scott Young shows his winning stance for his Little League team, Traub Yellow Jackets. Scott was recently selected by the Midwest City School Board as a gifted child and will be taking part in advance level courses during the school year.