

507th Tactical Fighter Group



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507th gears up for 'War Year '90'

'Can't stop now' commander says

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group is gearing up for "War Year '90".

"War Year '90", is a program designed to prepare the unit for the next two major inspections, a Unit Effectiveness Inspection in December of 1989, and an Operational Readiness Inspection in October of 1990.

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group Commander Col. James L. Turner, announced plans to kick off the program in October 1989. The colonel said that although the program doesn't officially

begin until October, now is the time to prepare.

"We know this unit has what it takes to meet any challenge. We've proven that during our last UEI, ORI, and throughout the conversion," he said.

"But as much as we may like or deserve a rest, we can't stop now," he said.

Colonel Turner said that because of the strong emphasis placed on the unit's conversion process that it's war-fighting skills have become dulled. The new 507th TFG Tactical Air Command Advisor Lt. Col. Bill Moore agrees.

"I can tell this unit is superb and has fantastic leadership. But because we have put so much attention to the process of conversion, I believe we have

lost that fine edge to our war-fighting abilities," he said.

With the conversion proceeding smoothly, Colonel Moore said the unit should also begin the process of preparing for its next major inspection, a Unit Effectiveness Inspection, scheduled for December. The UEI is designed to gauge a unit's administrative and support functions.

"We will be placing a much stronger emphasis on our self-inspection program and will bring in outside agencies to help us through staff assistance visits," Colonel Moore said. "We need to know where we're doing good and where we need more emphasis."

The colonel said that will include preparations for the Unit's Operation

Readiness Inspection, scheduled for October 1990. The ORI is designed to test the unit's war-fighting skills.

ORI preparations will include holding mini operational readiness exercises to test the unit's war readiness in chemical warfare, mobility, combat quick turns, alert scrambles and operations functions. Also included in training agendas will be exercising command and control functions and unit member's ability to survive.

"Our exercises will involve operating as if we were at our checkered flag location and performing our mission for the NATO pact," Colonel Moore said. "We are going to improve our readiness and become warriors once again."

507th TFG earns Quality of Life tenant unit award

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group has received the "Best Tenant Award" through the Tinker Air Force Base Quality of Life Program.

The award was presented to the 507th last week during the Air Logistics Center staff meeting in recognition of the unit's outstanding quality of life improvements which contributed to increased productivity and employee morale.

According to Zelinda Wolfe, base Quality Of Life project officer, the 507th competed against the other tenant units on base for the award.

The unit won the award based on the improvements performed during Fiscal Year 1988. Those projects included renovation of Group Headquarters building and installation of system furniture, and renovation/improvements made to the maintenance hangar, engine shop, tool shop/flight briefing and MOC control. Exterior landscaping improvements were also cited in the nomination.

Many of the projects cited in the winning tenant package were designed and completed by SMSgt. Frank Boone, of 507th CAMS. Sergeant Boone received the 507th nomination in the Quality of Life Individual category.

"These achievements are a visible tribute to the management and workforce of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group and their dedication to the Quality of Life Program," Zelinda Wolfe said.

UTA Dates

March 4-5
April 1-2

May 6-7

Ceremony marks F-16 conversion

Last month, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group officially became the Air Force's newest F-16 unit.

More than 1,400 unit members and invited guests sat in the hangar to watch the proceedings.

"Today we Oklahomans are tied to the sky

and with that same pioneer tradition. We of the 507th are also rushing toward the future," said Col. James L. Turner, 507th commander. "I accept this mission today and am passing its charter to each member of the 507th. May we never forget our unit heritage and continually ask ourselves, "Why not the best?"



U.S. Air Force Photo by Jim Shepherd

Col. James L. Turner, 507th Commander, accepts the Mission Statement, and prepares to pass it to Capt. Randy Latenser, 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron, and TSgt. Benny Reeves, 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

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Commentary

Parental support needed for proper dental care

By Maj. (Dr.) Sheldon R. Omi
507th Dental Clinic

You can help your children have healthy teeth if you practice and teach proper preventive measures and encourage them to do the same. Your personal dentist and the 507th TAC Hospital dental staff will help you.

Just what is preventive dental care? The term "preventative," as applied towards dentistry, covers a wide range of daily home care routines and professional dental treatments. Now more than ever, dentists recognize the importance of educating patients in three main areas of prevention:

- The use of sealants, fluoride products and professional fluoride applications.
- The role of nutrition and dietary habits (for example, avoiding snacks, especially sticky, high-sugar foods.)
- Plaque control methods, such as daily brushing and flossing.

Plaques, the colorless deposit of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth, is the prime cause of dental and periodontal (gum) disease. Therefore, removing plaque and strengthening teeth against harmful acids is crucial to good oral hygiene.

Here are some important reminders for parent



when it comes time to visit the dentist:

- Don't bribe your child into going to the dentist.
- Don't let anyone tell your child scary stories about dental visits.
- Don't let the child know that you feel any anxiety about going to the dentist.
- Do try to make your trips to the dentist enjoyable for your child.
- Do let your child into the treatment room alone, if that is what the dentist prefers.
- Do set a good example by brushing and flossing your own teeth thoroughly every day and by visiting your dentist regularly.

Counseling system provides feedback for enlisted troops

Unit-assigned enlisted reservists no longer have to wait on official performance reports entering their records before knowing how supervisors view their performance.

A new counseling system started Jan. 1 provides immediate feedback and handwritten comments to the reservist to help improve performance and enhance professional growth.

Called the enlisted performance feedback program, annual counseling sessions will be set up to inform the member on job performance requirements related to his or her obligations to the unit.

The new procedures are mandatory for airmen basic through technical sergeants. Performance feedback for master sergeants and above is optional but strongly encouraged, said Headquarters Air Force Reserve personnel officials.

The new program is designed so the supervisor can help improve the member's duty performance through better communication in private counseling sessions.

"One nice feature of the program is that the new counseling form will not be entered into a member's official records," said SMSgt. Chuck Fuller, chief of AFRES command records and evaluation. "Neither will it be used in any official personnel action unless first introduced by the member."

The supervisor handwrites his or her comments on the form and gives it to the reservist. Since it is a private communication, the supervisor is prohibited from showing it to anyone other than the member.

For additional information on the program, contact SSgt. Cynthia Bischoff, NCOIC of quality force, at 734-7491. (AFRNS)

Hammonds chosen NCO of year

SSgt. Richard H. Hammonds, 507th Communications Squadron has been selected as the Tactical Communications Division's Outstanding NCO of the Year. His package has been forwarded to Air Force Communications Command.

Sergeant Hammonds is a Crypto Equipment repairman whose duties include maintaining and repairing the cryptographic equipment on the transportable record communications van when deployed. He also assists in the maintenance of the MOD-40 Teletype equipment, the HF radio equipment and telephone equipment.

When the 507th Communications Squadron was on deployment to its Collocated Operating Base exercise at Leipheim AB, Germany, Sergeant Hammonds proved his expertise in areas outside his Air Force Specialty Code. According to Capt. Henry Detwiler, 507th CS commander, the resident squad-

ron was unable to communicate with an outlying hangar over the phone and PA system.

"Under Sergeant Hammonds lead, the problem was traced to an underground German communications line. Sergeant Hammonds had his team lay a one mile stretch of field wire to serve as a temporary replacement. The detachment NCOIC remarked that Sergeant Hammonds' fix functioned better than the original line," added the captain.

Willing to spend extra mandays at the unit in order to prepare for exercises and deployments, Sergeant Hammonds spent a week at the unit and came up with a plan to pack all the unit's radios, telephones, maintenance and personal mobility assets on just two pallets per team. "This will save our unit and the base marshallars many dollars and hours each time we exercise or deploy," added Captain Detwiler. "He is quick to take the lead in any endeavor."



U.S. Air Force photo

SSgt. Richard H. Hammonds

Proposed force structure changes affects reserve units

The Air Force Reserve will gain fighters, tankers and transports plus take some programmed losses as a result of Air Force proposed force structure changes.

In separate but related actions, recommendations made by the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure were included in the Air Force proposal to the fiscal year 1990 budget request.

In a conversion move, 18 F-16A/B Fighting Falcons from the active duty fighter squadron at Homestead AFB, Fla., will transfer to the Reserve's 482nd Tactical Fighter Wing at the same location. The transfer will be completed by this summer.

More than a thousand miles to the west, the 704th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, will convert from 18 F-4E Phantom IIs to 18 F-16A/Bs, starting in the summer of 1991. The F-4Es will be retired.

Three air refueling squadrons will

receive two KC-135E Stratotankers each in 1990. The 336th AREFS at March AFB, Calif., and the 72nd AREFS at Grissom AFB, Ind., will start receiving their aircraft in the spring, and the 314th AREFS at Mather AFB, Calif., will begin taking its additional tankers in the summer.

The 356th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio, will boost its airlift capability by converting from eight C-130E Hercules to 12 C-141B Starlifters, starting in the summer of 1991. The conversion will give the Reserve its second unit-equipped C-141 unit.

The 757th TAS, Youngstown MAP, Ohio, will convert six of its eight C-130Bs to C-130Hs, beginning in the fall of 1989.

Four units are slated to take reductions, starting in the fall of 1989. They include the 731st TAS, Peterson AFB, Colo., decreasing from 16 to 12

C-130Bs, and the 711th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin Aux. Field 3, Fla., losing one AC-130A gunship. The 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Portland IAP, Ore., will decrease by one HC-130P aircraft, and the 301st ARRS, Homestead AFB, will lose a CH-3E helicopter.

Two Air Force Reserve units in California are among Air Force units to be affected by recommendations made by the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. They are the 940th Air Refueling Group at Mather AFB and the 445th Military Airlift Wing (Associate) at Norton AFB.

The commission recommended moving the 940th AREFG to McClellan AFB, Calif., if local authorities do not elect to operate the Mather facility as an airport. McClellan AFB is 10 miles from Mather AFB and has the capacity to absorb the unit, the commission said. Additional savings could

be realized if the Reserve unit could remain at the Mather facility, the commission said.

The commission earmarked the 445th MAW and three squadrons from the active duty 63rd MAW to move to March AFB, Calif. That would make March AFB host to three Reserve units — the 445th MAW, 452nd Air Refueling Wing and 943rd Tactical Airlift Group.

The commission also called for the 63rd MAW's fourth squadron to be moved to McCord AFB, Calif. Some of the 445th MAW authorizations would also move to McCord AFB because associate unit authorizations are tied to the number of active duty aircraft assigned and the aircraft determine how many people are assigned to Reserve units. AFRES officials said they would try to accommodate all reservists so that no one would lose his or her job. (AFRNS)

Reserve, active duty civil engineers conduct Mini-Readiness Challenge

Saturday was the day. January 21 was the date. Eight a.m. was the time.

The 2854th Air Base Group Civil Engineers Squadron and the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron were challenging each other to a duel.

"It was a great learning experience for us," said MSgt. Teresa Madison, NCOIC of the 507th CE team. "The base team has done this before and this was our first time for competition-style training."

The 507th will be participating in the first Air Force Reserve Readiness Challenge Competition March 5-12. "We learned a few tricks competing against the active duty unit. They have more experience in training for this competition than we do," added Sergeant Madison.

The base CE team broke their previous personal best score of under 15 minutes for Rapid Runway Repair which entails placement of AM-2 mat. The winning time from the Readiness Challenge '87 was 16:54. "The time

we got in our mini-Challenge just thrilled us," said 2nd Lt. Steve Hoselton, 2854th CES.

"I think the best training that we all received was the opportunity to combine forces and get the job done to the best of everyone's abilities. We all became friends working together in this competition. Everyone gained the experience both professionally and personally which helps in the Total Force concept."

Sgt. Andy May, 507th CES, echoed that thought. "We have never done this style of training before. We've never been to this competition. And, although we doubled the base's time, it was still better than we thought we would do and that makes us feel good about our abilities."

Other competition events included the bulldozer obstacle course, MOS selection and hard-back construction. Capt. Ernest Goodman is the officer in charge of the 507th's Readiness Challenge team.



USAF photo by TSgt. Cathi Benedict

MSgt. Robert L. Chedester, 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, practices his resuscitation techniques on ResusAnne while TSgt. Louann Merle, CAMS training specialist, watches. Sergeant Merle has been certified by the American Heart Association so she can train members of the 507th in Buddy-Care techniques.



Members of the 507th Reserve Civil Engineering Squadron perform Rapid Runway Repair during mini competition.

Hello 507th

Unit welcomes new air advisor

Lt. Col. Bill Moore joined the 507th team Jan. 3 when he became the new Tactical Air Command Air Advisor for the unit.

Colonel Moore is a native of Munday, Tex., where he graduated from the Munday High School in 1966. He received his bachelor's degree in business from Texas A&M in 1970. He received his Masters degree in Science and Systems Management in 1976 from St. Mary's College at San Antonio, Tex.

The colonel was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1970 through ROTC. He entered the Air Force and attended undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard AFB, TX. For the first eight years of his career, he served as an instructor pilot for Air Training

Command at Sheppard and Randolph AFBs. During the last two years of this assignment he served on the ATC staff.

During his career he has flown F-4s at Clark AB, Philippines and Osan AB, Korea. His last assignment was flying F-16-A/Cs at Misawa AB, Japan. This is Colonel Moore's first assignment as an Air Advisor.

"I'm already enjoying it here," he said. "I enjoy Oklahoma, the weather and Tinker AFB and so does my family. The people here, not only on base, but also in town are the friendliest we've seen."

Colonel Moore and his wife, Jerre, have two children; Michelle, 17 and Shannon, 15.

Aerial Port Squadron gives support

By Sgt. Maxine Lewis
72nd Aerial Port Squadron

In response to a call from the Air Terminal, members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, Air National Guard and some Individual Mobilization Augmentees are succeeding in giving valuable support to their counterparts at Tinker AFB.

During December and January the Air Terminal trained all of its employees on a new computerized system. To help ensure normal operation of the Air Terminal was uninterrupted, members of the Reserve forces were assigned to assist. In the first four days, 12 members of the 72nd APS, working various shifts, shared in the handling of 352,648 pounds of

cargo and aided in safely putting 64 transport aircraft back into America's skies.

"We are proud to have an elite group of armed services here that can assist us in peacetime as well as in war," said Howard Manous, Air Terminal supervisor. "The 72nd works with us often and with them, we can count on a job well done."

Many members of the squadron are already familiar with the computerized system of handling cargo and welcome its addition to Tinker's Air Terminal. Most feel certain it will enhance their ability to perform in such a critical field. Though some vital quality training has been given, most members of the 72nd APS believe this new system will provide them the opportunity to continue serving "The Force behind the Force."

Promotions

Master Sergeant

Leonard C. Gaines, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

To Technical Sergeant

Ralph B. Hawkins, 507th Combat Support Squadron; Marie Filbin, 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; David R. Comstock, 403rd CLSS

To Staff Sergeant

Nora Axt, 507th CES; Billy Blankenship, 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Stephen Bounds, 507th Security Police Flight; Glen R. Bralley, 507th SPF; Keith R. Brown, 507th CAMS; Rickie L. Cherry, 507th CAMS; William D. Farris Jr., 507th CAMS; Jesse R. Fletcher, 403rd CLSS; Jimmy R. Hill, 507th CAMS; James P. Hunt, 465th TFS; Gail Hunter, 403rd CLSS; Emmett D. Hutson, 507th CES; Dennis P. Hutton, 403rd CLSS; Maxine Lewis, 72nd APS; David W. Mainord, 507th SPF; Barbara A. McCarthy, 507th CAMS; Mark A. Minchew, 507th CSS; Anita Mitchell, 507th Communications Squadron; Stanley E. Paregien, 507th CSS; Patrick G. Parkes, 507th CES; Randy L. Philpott, 507th CAMS; Morris N. Reece, 507th CAMS; Dan S. Rice, 507th CES; Stephanie Schmidt, 507th CSS; Gary N. Sears, 507th SPF; Jan R. Smith, 507th CS; James A. Stratton, 507th CAMS; Randolph P. Unger, 507th CAMS; Mark K. Walters, 507th SPF; Robert D. Ward, 507th CES

To Senior Airman

Sean E. Boyls, 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron; John E. Bruzek, 507th CAMS; Mitchell L. Calhoun, 403rd CLSS; Linda L. Dean, 507th SPF; Timothy Duty, 507th CAMS; Emdad N. Eleshay, 507th CAMS; Joel A. Fast, 507th CAMS; Byron K. Fisher, 507th CAMS; Ivy D. Hughes, 507th CAMS; Herschel Hampton, 507th CAMS; Howard W. Henshaw, 507th CAMS; Paul Y. Lewis, 507th CAMS; Donna K. Lott, 507th CAMS; Raymond L. Massey, 507th CAMS; Ricky R. Reich, 403rd CLSS; Edward Rosenhauer, 507th CAMS; Melvin M. Tuggle III, 403rd CLSS; Michael N. Vaughn, 507th CAMS; Richard S. Ward, 403rd CLSS

To Airman First Class

Elonda M. Quinn, 403rd CLSS



Jerry Gamble

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by Wes Miles



Tessie Cunningham, teller in Accounting and Finance, Bldg. 1, gives change to Sgt. James Mobley. The improved work stations, as a result of the Quality of Life program, help tellers provide better customer service.

General Walsh presents Quality of Life awards

By Don L. Schmidt
Staff Writer

Individuals and organizations who made outstanding improvements in support of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center fiscal 1988 Quality of Life program were recognized Jan. 25 at an awards ceremony in the Commander's Conference Room, Bldg. 3001.

Brig. Gen. Denis L. Walsh, OC-ALC vice commander, presented awards for the Most Improved Area, to both Accounting and Finance in Bldg. 1 and the Air Accessories Section in the Directorate of Maintenance.

Total renovation that took in the entire Division was accomplished in Accounting and Finance. Approximately 280 people were directly affected by the improvements. Col. Forrest N. Freeman Jr., Comptroller, said but the face-lift to this highly visible, customer oriented facility will be a benefit to personnel from the entire base.

Improvements that were made with a great amount of self help included new offices for the ACF chief and deputy. The size of the conference room was doubled which will make on-site training possible for AC personnel. Systems furniture work stations were replaced, carpet and rubber tile were replaced, ceiling tiles were replaced and walls were painted. Rotary key phones were replaced with touch-tone phones and the customer service counter was replaced.

"A first class environment has been created which has increased morale and productivity of the work force," Colonel Freeman said.

Air Accessories Section

Personnel from the Air Accessories section refurbished Tinker Bldg. 210, a facility which was constructed in the 1940s and had deteriorated through the years. Quality of life improvements consisted of repairing a leaking roof, extensive painting, replacing broken window panes and even landscaping and planting flowers and shrubs in the area around the building.

In the Self Help Project category there were also two winners. Personnel in the Plant Management Division transformed Bldg. 3215, a building with no insulation, work areas sectioned off by fences and a damaged and corroded sheet metal exterior, into a modern work environment for employees.

The building was completely insulated, new lighting was added, new walls were erected and air conditioning and heating units were installed. The outside of the building was reskinned and the building was painted to compliment the base color scheme.

Also receiving an award in the Self Help Project category was the Command and Control Systems Office. Personnel from CCSO, through unit fund raisers and the efforts and talents of unit personnel, constructed a \$30,000 outdoor pavilion for a cash cost less than \$275.



Don Atwell, Plant Management Division, continues his award winning ways as he installs door frame molding in the break area of Bldg. 3108.



A customer is being helped at the end of the new counter, a result of the Quality of Life program, in the lobby of Accounting and Finance in Bldg. 1. The new counter and work stations with the enlarged and newly renovated lobby were designed to make it easier for AC personnel to serve the large volume of military and civilians who come for assistance with pay and travel.

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New Doctors Discovery

Weight Loss Pill Approved for U.S. Gov't. Patent

'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight Already Sweeping U.S.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) — An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady fat loss and calorie reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors claims for a hard-to-get patent that confirms "there has never been anything like their fat-bonding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

You Can "Eat Normally"

Best of all, "you can continue to eat your favorite foods and you don't have to change your normal eating habits. You can start losing fat and reduce calories from the very first day, until you achieve the ideal weight you desire without exercising."

Flushes Fat Out of Body

The new pill is appropriately called the "fat-magnet" pill because it breaks into thousands of particles, each acting like a tiny magnet, "attracting" and trapping fat and reduce calories from the very first day, until you achieve the ideal weight you desire without exercising."

Within 2 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

"Automatically" Lose Fat

According to one of the inventors, Dr. Williams Shell, heart specialist and associate professors of medicine at UCLA medical school, "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

The fat-magnet pills are already sweeping the country with glowing reports of weight loss from formerly overweight people in all walks of life who are now slimmer, trimmer and more attractive again.

Now Available to the Public

If you are trying to lose 20, 50, 100 pounds or more, you can order your supply of these "no-risk" highly successful fat-magnet pills directly from the doctors' exclusive manufacturer only (includes optional calorie-reduction plan for even better results). Send \$20 for a 90 pill supply (+ \$3 handling), or \$35 for a 180 pill supply (+ \$3 handling), to: Fat-Magnet, 9016 Wilshire Blvd., Dept. WX58 Beverly Hills, CA 90211. (Unconditional money-back guarantee if not 100% satisfied.) Visa, MasterCard and American Express OK. (Send card number, expire date, and signature.) For fastest service for credit card orders ONLY call anytime 24 hours, toll free 1(800) 527-9700, ext. WX58.

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