

507th Tactical Fighter Group

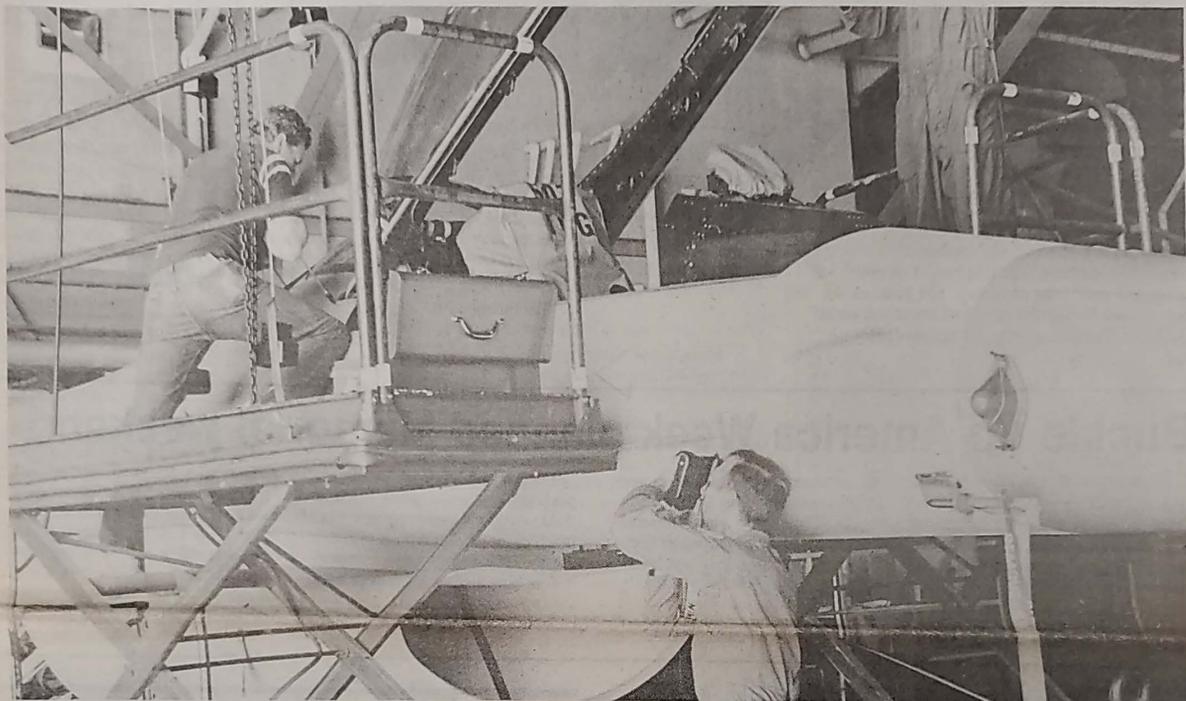


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TSgt. David McLeod, Det. 7, 1361st Audiovisual Services Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C., takes a picture of SSgt. Terry Shook, 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, egress section. Sergeant

McLeod and other Air Force photographers were at bases throughout the country taking photos for "The Week in the Air Force" project directed by Air Force Public Affairs.

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Noncommissioned Officer personnel system speeds processing for Air Force Reservists

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — A new personnel system will soon make personnel actions quicker and easier for Air Force Reservists.

Under Personnel Concept III, an Air Force-wide program, many of the personnel actions currently performed in consolidated base personnel offices, such as an individual's records review, can be done in orderly rooms and other unit administrative offices.

"PC-III will save time for reservists, because they will have less paperwork to complete and fewer trips to personnel offices," said SMSgt. Janet Whatley, chief of the system design division in AFRES personnel plans and systems. "The new system will also help personnel and orderly room people reduce or eliminate delays in information processing, inaccuracies and lost paperwork."

AFRES began testing PC-III at Dobbins AFB, Ga., in May 1988. Dobbins will be the first Reserve location on line and could be operational as early as June or July 1989.

"The convenience and capabilities of the new system have been well received by the unit personnel assigned to the 94th Tactical Airlift Wing and 14th Air Force at Dobbins," Sergeant Whatley said. "We

encourage people in our units to visit Dobbins to see firsthand the interaction between the CBPO and units with the new system."

The new system consists of end-point computer systems in AFRES military and civilian personnel offices connected to gateway computer terminals in supporting CBPOs. For example, the gateway computer for reservists at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., will be at Altus AFB, Okla. Electronic communications will also link the AFRES personnel offices to unit orderly rooms and administrative offices in AFRES units.

"PC-III will help people in personnel offices and orderly rooms efficiently perform routine personnel work, such as reporting the change of a supervisor, approving a promotion list or quickly obtaining information on participation requirements," Sergeant Whatley said.

According to TSgt. Pam Brandt, 507th CBPO Personnel Systems Manager, the 507th has already been conducting personnel training classes to prepare unit personnel specialists for the PC-III program. "We expect to install PCIII here around January of 1992," she said.

Deployment team ships B-1B spares to air logistic centers

By TSgt. Alan King
403rd CLSS
Public Affairs Representative

Six members of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron recently returned from El Segundo, Calif. where they supported an active duty 60 member supply and transportation rapid aerial deployment team.

The RAD team has been tasked by Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command to go to all Rockwell International plants that produce the B-1B. The program identifies all spare parts and ships them to various air logistics centers for implementation into the Air Force supply inventory.

The team also salvages tools and equipment used to build parts, so they may be reused. The project identifies and tags parts and tooling, then packages and ships them to Air Logistic Centers.

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Your seatbelt... don't leave home without it

Mom survives hit and run

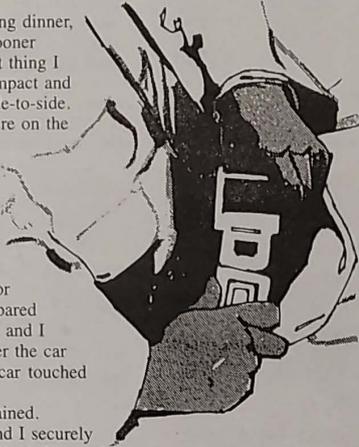
Barbara Michaels, from the 507th information management office, will remember Thanksgiving 1988 forever. She and her son, Jamil, survived a hit and run accident because they wore their seatbelts.

"Driving home from a Thanksgiving dinner, Jamil and I started to exit I-240 at Sooner road," said Ms. Michaels. "The first thing I remember about the accident is the impact and then the slipping and sliding from side-to-side. Thank goodness no other vehicles were on the access road near me."

According to Barbara, a car rear-ended her in a hit-and-run. One witness, behind her on the exit ramp, described the car, said Ms. Michaels. But, the police never found it.

"I've been going to the chiropractor for the whiplash which is minor compared to what could have happened if Jamil and I hadn't worn seatbelts. I still remember the car whipping around. At one point, the car touched the edge of the bridge supports heading over the highway," she explained.

"I know the seatbelts kept Jamil and I securely in the car and seat," she explained. She believes she and her son would have been thrown out of the car if they hadn't worn the seatbelts. "The impact felt strong."



Major remembers...

Family's survival close call

When the "it will never happen to me" happened to an F-16 pilot, he took stock of the predicament, noted the lesson learned and pressed on.

"We've always worn seatbelts," said Maj. Jim Hicks, F-16 pilot with the 465th TFS. After a car accident two years ago, Major Hicks and his family appreciated the benefits of wearing seatbelts. "According to the highway patrol, my family should have been dead," said the major.

"My wife, Diana, was driving our GM Suburban on a farm-to-market road in our hometown, Waxahachie, Texas. According to her statement to the highway patrol, a pick-up truck was pulled off to the right and as my wife, with our two children in the vehicle, passed the pick-up, the driver turned on to the road and broadsided my wife's Suburban.

"Diana veered to the left to avoid getting hit, but this guy had never looked so he kept going until the impact," said the major. "She plowed into him right at the driver's door. She was traveling at 55 miles-per-hour when the impact occurred."

The other driver neglected to wear a seatbelt, Major Hicks said. But luckily for him, he slid into the passenger floorboard avoiding a direct impact. The passenger, however, remained in the hospital for a long time.

Except for the bruises from the seatbelts, Diana and the children avoided injury. "The highway patrol told me later when they arrived at the accident, that they expected to see bodies. Seeing my family walk away from the accident surprised and impressed them," added Major Hicks.

"Ten minutes after it happened, I came upon the accident. I thank God everyday for seatbelts. My family should have been dead."

Buckle up America Week planned Memorial weekend

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — For the fifth year, the last week in May, which includes the long Memorial Day weekend, has been officially designated as "Buckle up America Week."

During May 22-29, traffic safety proponents throughout the country

will encourage everyone to be more safety conscious, said CMSgt. Ernest D. Teele, Air Force Reserve Command safety superintendent. They will urge people to use safety belts in their vehicles, correctly buckle children into child safety belts and learn more about new automatic crash protection systems.

The goals of this year's awareness week are to increase safety belt and child safety seat use, achieve a minimum of 70 percent correct restraint use by 1990 and to expand awareness of how automatic crash protection systems, such as air bags and automatic belts, work to comple-

ment existing systems.

Seat restraints are mandatory for reservists while they are in uniform or on a military installation. "Our goal is to make people safety conscious not only while on duty but at all times," Chief Teele said. "We encourage everyone to buckle up every day of the year."

Dining Hall breakfast 'eggs-actly' as ordered

By MSgt. Tom Clapper
507th Civil Engineering
Public Affairs Representative

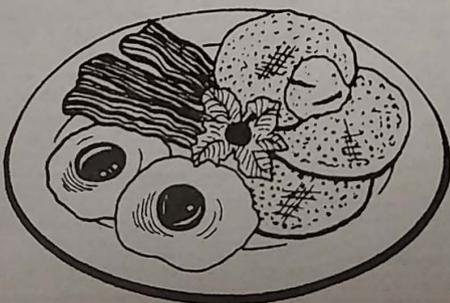
At 6 a.m. during a drill weekend, I waited outside the Vanway Dining Hall, during a cold spell. The cold didn't last, because before long the doors opened and I entered through the line first.

The Dining Hall is now open for reservists on drill weekends at 6 a.m. and credit goes to our Senior Enlisted Advisor, CMSgt. Lee Adams. We have long had the problem of reservists having little time to eat breakfast. People either missed breakfast or arrived late to formation. Thanks to Chief Adams, that problem no longer exists.

The system works. Not all problems are solvable, but we can concentrate on those that are and put maximum effort into taking care of them. The Air Force has a number of paths to take if you believe something should and can be changed.

Don't gripe to your buddies. Take the problem to someone who can help. And if one channel doesn't work, try the next one. Remember, start with your chain of command and don't give up, even if there is no immediate resolution. The dining hall problem took time, but now on drill weekends, a full stomach helps forget that the problem existed.

Next problem, please.



★ Promotions ★

To Senior Master Sergeant:

David H. Hardwicke*, 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; Keith A. Crall, 403rd CLSS
Myrl Meder, 507th security police flight

To Master Sergeant:

Linda Connor*, 507th Combat Support Squadron; Albert M. Dodd, 507th CAMS; Floyd Gordon Jr., 507th CAMS; Judy Hayes, 403rd CLSS; Wayne D. Miller, 507th CAMS

To Technical Sergeant:

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Lathey, 507th CS; Melissa Little, 403rd CLSS; William Moonen, 403rd CLSS; Kim R. Moore, 507th CS; Mary K. Randolph, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron; Barbara D. Thiessen, 507th CAMS; Susan M. Yoha, 507th CAMS

To NCO status:

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To Senior Airman:

Gregory L. Barnes, 507th CAMS; James M. Cope, 507th CES; Aaron Mabray, 403rd CLSS; Patrick Smith, 403rd CLSS

To Airman First Class:

Jackie G. Ames, 507th CES; Anthony C. Gilkey, 507th CES; Jana K. Lucy, 507th CSS; Kimberly M. McKiddy, 507th CAMS; Teresa L. Miles, 72nd APS; Richard Reynolds, 507th CAMS; Kelly L. Wilbright, TAC Hospital

*Promotion Enhancement Program (PEP) promotees

Challenge team departs to Florida

Twenty members from the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron will join the top Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS teams in the Air Force next week at Eglin AFB, Florida to prove who's best of the best.

This will be the first time for the 507th team to compete in the Air Force-wide competition. The Prime BEEFers will slap down AM-2 matting, hammer together hardbacks for tents and plow through Florida dirt on bulldozers in their quest for bragging rights and the Best in the Air Force title.

To take the Best in Air Force Reserve honors in March, the reservists competed against eight other teams and placed in the top three in 13 out of 21 events.

According to members of the CE team, one of their strengths is building the hardback tent frame and tent pull event. The engineers showed off their skills last weekend at the Glenwood addition off base, while family and civilian employers watched.

At Glenwood, the team constructed a hardback tent frame — a final dress rehearsal before they depart tomorrow.



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SSgt. Andy May, a member of the 507th Readiness Challenge Team, cuts a stack of hardback tent rafters during a practice exercise. The 507th team departs for the Air Force-wide competition Saturday.

Air Force people should understand Federal issues

By Brig. Gen. James S. Allen
Commander 833rd Air Division,
Holloman AFB, N.M.

As one of his final acts as President of the United States, Ronald Reagan submitted to Congress his fiscal 1990 budget package.

Each year when Congress considers the upcoming yearly budget, certain myths surface about the defense portion of the pie. That nearly half of the entire federal budget goes for defense is one of those myths.

Commentary

In reality, about 27 cents of every dollar in the federal budget is earmarked for defense. It is true that

in the 1950s defense got half or more, but not today.

Another myth is that defense has maintained, if not increased, its share of the federal budget, while other parts of the national budget have had cuts.

Fact is, since 1982 Congress has cut the defense budget by some \$148 billion, while increasing domestic program authorizations by \$323 billion beyond presidential requests. In 1983, defense was cut by \$18 billion while non-defense spending increased \$84 billion.

The bottom line is that while total federal outlays have been steadily increasing over the years, the defense share has been relatively stable. A full 73 percent of the fiscal 1988 federal budget went to non-defense items.

I encourage each of you to read and keep abreast of Air Force issues that mold the opinions of the American public. As Air Force ambassadors, it's important that each of us understand these issues. A better informed Air Force member results in a more knowledgeable American people. (TACNS, Courtesy of the Holloman AFB Sunburst)

Officer opening available in Personnel Office

Are you searching for a challenge? Then you haven't heard about the Deserving Airman Program. This program allows highly qualified airmen (usually NCO's) an opportunity to earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve.

You can qualify if you:

- possess a bachelor's degree (preferably with a major in business administration or management),
- have an outstanding military record,
- are 30 years old or younger at the time of

commission, (under certain circumstances waived to 33.)

- have a proven track record of excelling and a strong desire to continue your career in the Air Force Reserve as an officer.

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office has an officer opening in the Personnel Utilization Section with an authorized grade as captain.

If you meet the above qualifications and are prepared to take the next step forward, call 1st Lt. John A. Giamello, chief, CBPO at ext. 47491.



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The 507th made a spot appearance on television recently. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority production of "Oklahoma Passages" featured a cameo appearance of a 507th F-4.

Reserve News Notes

507th produces grads

Seven members of the 507th have joined the ranks of Community College of the Air Force graduates.

The reservists, who graduated from CCAF last month, attended the spring graduation ceremony held April 25 at the NCO Open Mess.

One CCAF graduate was SSgt. Vincent A. Molzahn, 507th Disaster Preparedness. According to Sergeant Molzahn, had it not been for a conversation, he might never have graduated.

"I talked with Nancy Knight of 507th Training, and she told me about the CCAF program. We checked my records and found that with my past military education, I only needed to take one college class to get a degree," he said. "I'm glad I took the time to earn this."

Other 507th graduates include MSgt. Charlotte Epps, TSgt. James Etheridge, SSgt. Harold Gray, SMSgt. Nathaniel Hawthorne, SSgt. Dale Knepp, and SSgt. Roger Koenig.

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The Community College of the Air Force allows reservists to earn college credits towards an Associate Degree based on military education courses and outside civilian classes. Enrollment is free. For more information, contact Nancy Knight at 734-7075.

Llanusa duo state champs

The fact that Marilyn Llanusa has two all-American boys may not be hard to wrestle with . . . but her sons are.

Marilyn Llanusa is a civilian employee at the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. Her sons, Tony and Marcus, recently took first place in the state wrestling championships.

Marcus won the junior high state 5A title in February at 115 while Tony won the high school 5A title last month at 178.

GI Bill helps careers

ROBINS, Ga. (AFRNS) — The Montgomery GI Bill can help some Air Force Reservists land better jobs.

To qualify for the GI Bill, reservists must be a high school graduate or equivalent, must have completed initial active duty training, must not have a bachelor's degree and must commit to six years in the Reserve. Officers who do not have a bachelor's degree are eligible, provided they serve for six years from the date they are eligible for the program.

Full-time students can receive \$140 per month, half-time students can get up to \$70 per month. The Veterans Administration will determine how much a student receives if he or she opts to go to school less than half time.

The program provides up to 36 months of educational assistance in earning a baccalaureate degree.