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Light my fire

507th captures Olympic Spirit during historic base torch run

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group helped send the Olympic Festival off to a flying start by supplying runners for the torch and F-16's for the opening ceremonies.

On the morning of the ceremonies, 11 reservists volunteered their time to carry the Olympic Festival torch across the flight line near Bldg. 240. They were followed closely by a caravan of support vehicles and local media representatives.

"It was something you can pass down to your grandchildren. It was great knowing I carried the torch that would start the Olympic Festival. This was the biggest thing in my life as far as athletics, just knowing the torch I carried would start the games. It was an exciting day in my life," said 1st Lt. John Giamello.

The torch's trip across Tinker AFB was just a small piece of the journey through Oklahoma. The torch originally started from Pike's Peak in Colorado.

At 8 p.m. July 21, four F-16A Fighting Falcons from the 507th TFG screeched over Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, signaling the start of the nine day extravaganza.

"The goal of the Olympic Festival is to go higher, faster, farther," said Col. Larry Turner, commander of the 507th TFG. "The F-16 has also meant a quantum leap for our unit, so we were proud to help the Olympic Festival get off to a super-sonic start."

The opening ceremonies were broadcast live on the Nashville Network, TNN. Performers and personalities who came to Oklahoma City for the celebration included: Former President Ronald Reagan, entertainer Bob Hope, Oklahoma natives James Garner (of television's "Rockford Files") and Reba McEntire.

The Oak Ridge Boys, Roger Miller and Patti Page added their own personal music touches. Other Oklahoma personalities included Hank Iba, Mickey Mantle, Pat Jones, Bart Conner and Barry Switzer.

Torch runners for the 507th included Col. Bruce Brandt, 1st Lt. John Giamello, 2nd Lt. Richard Curry, SMSgt. Judy Branchfield, MSgt. Pam Brandt, TSgt. Rick Skelton, TSgt. Michelle Gaenzle, TSgt. Alan King, SrA. Walter Jacques, Dave Mugg and Pat Hurd.



U.S. Air Force Photo by SSgt. Stan Paregien

Going For It! Members of 507th escort the Olympic Festival torch across base during Oklahoma Olympic Festival activities. Holding the torch is Col. Bruce Brandt followed by SMSgt. Judy Branchfield, 2nd Lt. Richard Curry, MSgt. Pam Brandt and 1st Lt. John Giamello.

Records clerk retires after more than 20 years

By SSgt. Stan Paregien
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Peggy Heflebower is getting ready to say farewell to Uncle Sam for good. She spent 22 years as an aircraft records clerk working in documentation with the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"It has been quite an experience. We've taken care of all the records for the F-16 models, including all the inspections and Time Compliance Technical Orders. We also maintained records on all the ground and shop equipment used to keep the planes flying," she said.

When asked what made her job most rewarding over the years, she quickly pointed to the people who surrounded her each day.

"We are a small group working together. The nicest thing is that we have created a family type atmosphere, because everyone here knows everyone else," Mrs. Heflebower commented.

The clerk said the most challenging aspect of the job was working with several different aircraft systems. Four separate systems have come and gone, and Mrs. Heflebower outlasted them all. First it was the C-124, then the F-105, the F-4 and now the F-16.

Although she takes much pride in her work, there have been a few embarrassing moments.

"The most embarrassing thing I ever did was call a general a colonel. I didn't even realize I had made the mistake until he left and someone else told me. I always had a little trouble telling the difference between officers," she laughed.

Now that retirement is just around the corner, she plans to catch up on time gone by.

"I'm going to visit with my family and friends from church, work on my arts and crafts and travel a little. I just want to finish all the projects I started over the years," she said.

UTA DATES

September: 16, 17
October: 14, 15
November: 4, 5

Combat-ready reserve supports active force

"Reservists in 10th Air Force can be proud of their accomplishments in support of our Nation and active duty military forces," said Brig. Gen. John J. Clossner, who relinquished command of the Air Force Reserve Numbered Air Force at Bergstrom AFB on July 6.

"During my two years at Bergstrom, the defense budget has declined, but there is still an emphasis on maintaining a strong Reserve force," said the Vietnam veteran who will soon serve as Deputy to the Air Force Reserve commander in the Pentagon.

"The reserve forces are being asked to pick up more and more world-wide missions, but I am concerned we do it in a measured, careful way. Most important, we want to ensure our units are fully combat ready so they can support the active force."

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard provide approximately one-third of the Air Force's combat capability.

While at Bergstrom, General Clossner managed all Air Force Reserve flying units which would be gained by Tactical Air Command and Strategic Air Command, if mobilized, as well as 58 non-flying units such as civil engineering squadrons, combat logistics support squadrons, medical units, communications squadrons and security police flights. Approximately 20,000 Air Force reservists are assigned to these units at 53 military installations across the country.

Since General Clossner's assignment to Bergstrom in July, 1987, three units under his command successfully converted from F-4 Phantoms to F-16 Falcons, two units upgraded to newer



model F-4s and the KC-135 tanker units began preparing to receive additional aircraft which would increase their combat capability by 25 percent. In addition, he placed greater emphasis on safety awareness, as well as supply, equipment, and personnel problems which would limit a unit's mission effectiveness. As a result, all units under his command — except those converting to new missions — are fully combat ready and all have successfully

completed inspections given by their active duty gaining commands.

General Clossner, a pilot with more than 4,500 hours in five different types of fighter aircraft, had previously commanded the first Air Force Reserve units to convert to A-10 aircraft in 1980 and to F-16s in 1984.

The general was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Texas A&M. He received his wings after pilot

training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, and then completed F-100 fighter training at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. In August 1964 General Clossner was assigned to the 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England, where he flew F-100s.

In June 1967 he was assigned to the 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Phan Rang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, as an instructor pilot. He flew 300 combat missions and also had assignments as a standardization and evaluation officer, ground training officer and flying training officer.

General Clossner separated from active duty in July 1968 and flew for 18 months with Pan American Airlines. In February 1970 he joined the air reserve technician program as a full-time, civil service employee with active participation as a reservist. He was assigned to the 177th Tactical Fighter Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard, Atlantic City, where he flew F-100s and F-105s and was chief of standardization and evaluation.

In January 1973 General Clossner was assigned to the 507th Tactical Fighter Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. He figured prominently in the command's first F-105 fighter conversion and served as chief of standardization and evaluation and as an operations and training officer. He assumed his present command in July 1987.

General Clossner is married to the former Angela Syder of Norfolk, England. They have a son, Ashton, and a daughter, Leigh.

'Combat Ready, Sir'

History made at first sergeant's conference

"Good morning, First Sergeants. How are you this morning?" Addressed to more than 200 Air Force Reserve first sergeants and senior enlisted advisors who attended an AFRES First Sergeants Conference in San Antonio, Texas last month, the answer came back in a deafening roar, "Combat Ready, Sir."

The first sergeants were doing more than just attending the conference to assist them in better mission performance — they were making history. This was the first time that Air Force Reserve first sergeants had ever met as a group to discuss their mutual problems plus receive information on how to improve their performance.

Tinker AFB sent six first sergeants to the conference. The six were CMSgt. Albert Lee Adams, senior enlisted advisor for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group; CMSgt. Raymond Deutsch, 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; SMSgt. David Hardwicke, 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; SMSgt. Paul Wilson, 507th Consolidated Support Squadron; MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron; and MSgt. Tom Clapper, 507th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Troops receive briefings

The six from Tinker AFB were among those who received briefings from Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, commander of the Air Force Reserve; Maj. Gen. Alan G. Sharp, vice commander

of the Air Force Reserve; Brig. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, 10th Air Force commander; and CMSgt. Charles F. Joseph, AFRES Senior Enlisted Advisor.

The Tinker contingent attended the ceremony designating General Scheer an honorary chief master sergeant. Normally such activities are not public, but for this occasion all conference attendees were invited to attend. Others noted the youthful vigor and enthusiasm of General McIntosh, the new 10th Air Force commander.

Sergeant impressed

"I was most impressed with the attention General Sharp gave the conference," said Sergeant Clapper. "General Sharp attended every meeting and was busy taking notes throughout the conference." Sergeant McGuire commented that Chief Joseph demonstrated the confidence that the Air Force Reserve puts in senior NCOs. "Chief Joseph ran the conference."

The six senior NCOs returned to their units, eager to share the knowledge they gained with unit personnel and other first sergeants unable to attend. All attendees agreed that the conference was a success.

Ask the attendees how they liked the conference and they'll tell you. Ask how they feel, and you'll receive the loud reply, "Combat ready, Sir."

Quiz tests communications security knowledge

One would be hard pressed to find a more complicated or more misunderstood concept than communications security in the Air Force. And use of the office telephone is one area where people probably have the most misconceptions.

Here is a true and false quiz to serve as a reminder to everyone about the importance of communications security and how to avoid the seven deadly sins of COMSEC.

- True or false: Only classified information needs protection . . .

False. "Unclassified" and "For Official Use Only" information needs protection, too. For example, if an enemy knows when supply purchases are abnormally high, this may signal an upcoming mission or exercise. Adversaries may have been keeping track of how much has been coming in each month and may be alerted to any substantial increases.

- True or false: The enemy already knows unclassified information from open sources.

Maybe. Information found in newspapers and periodicals may not be the whole truth. Reporters sometimes use conjectures, hearsay or anonymous reports to fill gaps in a story. You don't need to fill in the information or confirm it.

- True or false: Phone calls aren't important enough to monitor.

False. Every call is important to our adversaries because each bit of information they gather can get them closer to solving the puzzle. Remember, your call may contain a

piece of that puzzle.

- True or false: Most people can outsmart an eavesdropper.

False. They are professionals. Eavesdropping is their means of making a living. Enemy agents use methods that are much more sophisticated than a simple tape recorder and wire tap. People can purchase computers over the counter that sort out certain words that certain voice patterns activate.

- True or false: The base is secure.

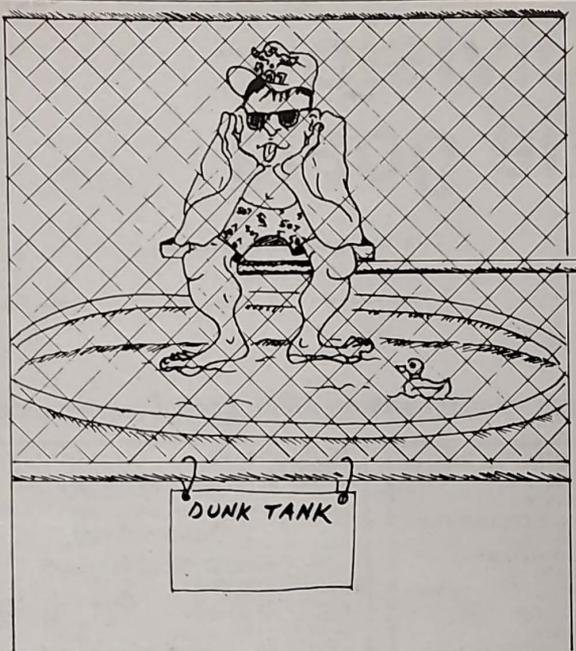
Maybe, but not secure enough to protect telephones against monitoring. An interested person could monitor telephone calls both on and off base. The base perimeter may be secure with guards at the gates, but telephone lines can also run off the base.

- True or false: COMSEC is only for tactical operations in exercises or wartime.

False. COMSEC is for everyone at all times. It's true that COMSEC is essential in wartime, but it is also necessary during peacetime to help preserve our strength. Also, good or bad telephone habits picked up now would carry over into exercises or wartime situations.

- True or false: I don't know any secrets to give away.

False. Everybody knows something. All the little tidbits of information, classified or unclassified, gathered from different people can add up to a total picture. (MAC News Service)



Artwork by MSgt. Ron Brown

Family Day



Set for Sept. 16

The 1989 507th Tactical Fighter Group Reserve Family Day will take place Sept. 16 starting at 7:30 a.m.

"This special day to honor family and friends has been successful in the past and this year should be even better," said CMSgt. Lee Adams, 507th TFG senior enlisted advisor.

The day will begin with a fun run in the morning that can be used to count for Air Force Reserve member's annual fitness run qualification.

"Be sure to bring comfortable gym clothes to jog in," said the chief.

"This will be a good time for members of the 507th to show the activities to their family and friends. It's called family day, but it's really a family and friend day. And if you and your boss are friends, bring him or her along too," said Chief Adams.

An F-16 static display and assorted unit displays including military weapons and an ejection seat will be available for family members to inspect.

Planned sporting activities include volleyball, softball and basketball. Unit rivalry is sure to be at its strongest level, so consider putting a team or two together for some friendly competition. Softball teams should bring enough gloves for the appropriate number of players.

Other events during the day will include a dunk tank. All dunkees will be nominated by their peers and nominators will be able to test their skill by throwing a ball at the special target. Past participants say the experience has made them thankful for hot showers . . .

Lunch tickets are still on sale for \$1 each. Other refreshments will be available throughout the day at a nominal cost.

GI Bill

Veterans Administration helps ease school costs

June 22 marked the 45th year that GI Bill education benefits for military veterans have been provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and its predecessor, the Veterans Administration.

Although the original GI Bill was changed and adjusted for succeeding generations of veterans, its purpose, declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he signed the legislation in 1944, has not. "This law gives emphatic notice to the men and women of our Armed Forces that the American people do not intend to let them down," said Roosevelt.

Since its inception near the close of World War II, the GI Bill and succeeding programs for veterans have provided more than \$69 billion in educational and training assistance to more than 20 million veterans, dependents, active duty members and reservists.

Approximately 140,000 Oklahoma veterans have participated in the Post Korean/Vietnam Era GI Bill alone, and 3,500 are still receiving benefits under this program.

Over the years, 1.1 million disabled veterans have been aided by VA vocational rehabilitation programs. More than 560,000 eligible dependents and survivors have gone to school using VA educational assistance benefits.

Current spending for VA readjustment benefits programs will amount to more than \$733 million, most of it in the form of direct payments to veterans and others enrolled in schools and training activities.

The Montgomery GI Bill provides benefits for servicemembers who agree to have their first year's pay reduced by \$1,200 in return for up to \$10,800 in educational assistance after they meet certain active duty requirements.

Camouflage fatigues mandatory

Camouflage battle dress uniforms become mandatory for wear for Air Force reservists beginning Oct. 1, 1990.

Enlisted reservists will receive BDUs through their unit supply channels; officers will have to buy theirs. Each Reserve unit is responsible for determining how to issue these uniforms, AFRES officials said. In some cases, reservists already have the camouflage BDUs, an optional item for most bluesuiters.

The olive green fatigues are not authorized to be worn after Sept. 30, 1990. The exception to this policy will be the olive green field jacket, which can be worn through Sept. 30, 1992. After that date, it will be replaced with the camouflage field jacket. (AFRNS)



New commander sets goals

Vowing to keep reserve combat readiness as his number one priority, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh pledged to seek unit initiatives that will make the Air Force Reserve program even better, when he assumed command of 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, recently.

General McIntosh, a fighter pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in A-10, A-37 and F-4 aircraft, will now be responsible for managing all Air Force Reserve fighter and air refueling units throughout the United States.

"Gen. John Clossner and his staff put combat readiness of the field units as their top priority. I want that to continue," said General McIntosh after accepting the 10th Air Force flag from Major General Roger Scheer, commander of the Air Force Reserve.

"I am also looking for innovative ideas from the 10th Air Force staff and field units that will make the program even better. Some of the best ideas come from the lowest level . . . the airman in the field who is directly working the problem.

"Units should periodically review how well they are meeting 10th Air Force's goals," said General McIntosh. These goals include enhancing combat readiness through increased emphasis on SORTS rating criteria and security awareness; increased combat capability through realistic training, improved maintenance and retention of a quality work force; and increased emphasis on safety awareness.

"Every time there is an aircraft accident anywhere in the world involving any type of aircraft flown by 10th Air Force, our antennas should go up,"



U.S. Air Force Photo
Brig. Gen.
Robert A. McIntosh

said the Vietnam veteran. "I have instructed my staff to immediately find out all the details that are available, and let appropriate units know so that we don't have similar accidents in 10th Air Force."

Just before coming to Austin, General McIntosh was awarded the Legion of Merit — the second highest peacetime Air Force medal, for his service as commander of the 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing at Richards-Gebaur AFB — the only Air Force Reserve base in 10th Air Force.

General McIntosh was born Feb. 3, 1943, in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He graduated from Riverside High School, DeGraff, Ohio, in 1961, and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Ohio University in 1966. He completed the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1977.

The general was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Ohio University.

General McIntosh separated from active duty in August 1971 and joined the reserve technician program as a full-time civil service employee with active participation as a reservist.

In October 1982 the general became the first commander of the 442nd Tactical Fighter Group at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., when that unit was activated and equipped with A-10 aircraft. The group was redesignated a wing in February 1984, and Gen. McIntosh became its vice commander. He took command of the 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing in January 1987. He assumed his present command in July 1989.

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28th Air Division lists sortie goals

Maintenance sortie goals and sorties generated by Tinker-based 28th Air Division aircraft maintenance units from Aug. 8 through 14 are:

Monthly Sortie Goal
Sortie Contract To Date
Flown To Date
+/-

8th Tactical Deployment Control Squadron
8th AMU
30
12
15
+3

963rd AMU
46
23
28
+5

28th Air Division Flying Program

552nd AWAC Wing

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33
28
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