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Reserve scores big at Gunsmoke '89

Air Force Reservists from Luke AFB, Ariz., cranked, loaded and flew their F-16s to the trophy case and finished in second place overall at the Air Force's worldwide gunnery meet, Gunsmoke '89, in October.

Capt. Patrick Shay from the 944th Tactical Fighter Group landed the competition's top gun award. The award goes to the pilot with the highest total score in strafing, bombing and navigation events.

In other individual competition, Captain Shay came in third in the 20-degree low angle/low drag bomb event and fourth in the 10-degree low angle/high drag bomb event. Teammate Maj. John R. Shnowske tied for second place in the 20-degree low angle/low drag bomb and finished fourth in the 200-foot level bomb event. Another 944th TFG reservist, Maj. Milton J.P. Miller, placed fourth in the navigation attack event.

The 944th TFG's maintenance team bolted down top honors, scoring a perfect 1,000 points during four of the six

days at Gunsmoke. The 930th TFG from Grissom AFB, Ind., an Air Force Reserve A-10 unit, had two perfect days and notched second place in the maintenance team competition.

The Arizona reservists also earned the overall weapons load team award for their performance in the static weapons load and integrated combat turn competitions. The integrated combat turn requires people from several different specialties to refuel, reload weapons and launch a fighter as quickly as possible after landing.

The 944th TFG team finished in second place for the overall top team award with 9,254.5 out of a possible 10,000 points, just 59 points behind the Air National Guard's 169th TFG from McEntire ANGB, S.C.

Gunsmoke '89 was *deja vu* for the Air Force Reserve. At the last competition two years ago, the Reserve boasted the top gun and best maintenance team and came in second for the top overall team and weapons load awards. (AFRNS)



U.S. Air Force Photo

SrA. Richard Schammahorn spruces up a power cart during routine maintenance at the 507th's Aerospace Ground Equipment branch. Unit members are reminded they have only one weekend left to spruce up their areas before the 12th Air Force Inspector General team arrives. The IG is due to visit the 507th from November 30 through December 4.

507th Christmas programs under way

The Christmas stocking project operated by the chaplain's office and the Salvation Army of Oklahoma is just around the corner. This holiday project gives the 507th members an opportunity to play Santa to the children of Oklahoma City.

According to Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Clay, the stockings should contain

items for either a boy or a girl.

For boys, some ideas are small clothing items such as hats, gloves or socks, small toys such as cars, army men/women, marbles or card games. For girls, suggestions include small dolls, doll clothes, coloring books, play jewelry and small clothing items such as hats, gloves or scarves.

The stockings will be available during the November Unit Training Assembly and should be returned during the November or December UTA.

The Salvation Army has asked the people taking the stockings to avoid candy items. "Some of the children receiving the stockings really need the items listed such as gloves and giving candy would detract from the intent of this program," said Chaplain Clay. The chaplain added that those who find they don't have the time to buy stocking items themselves may donate money to the project. A member of the unit will purchase items for them.

Another Christmas project under way this holiday season is Operation Christmas Spirit. According to Chap-

lain Clay, last year 507th members joined with the Family Services Center and received direct benefits both from the giving and receiving end. "Operation Christmas Spirit" provides needy service members a chance to have a brighter holiday season.

"Nominations will be taken through December's UTA. To nominate someone or find out who qualifies, see your first sergeant or myself," said the chaplain.

Donations for Operation Christmas Spirit will be taken through 2 p.m. December 3.

"Remember, as you prepare to enter the Christmas season, give a little extra to those who will have nothing except for your gift," he added.

UTA Schedule

Dec. 2-3

Jan. 6-7

Feb. 3-4

Mar. 3-4

Dependents need ID card for Commissary use

Dependents of Air Force Reservists may need a reserve dependent identification card (Air Force Form 447) to enter some military commissaries starting in January 1990.

The Air Force wants dependents to have the ID cards by then to enter its commissaries, and Air Force Reserve officials are urging units to ensure no dependents are denied their commissary privileges.

"We are encouraging unit commanders to issue the reserve dependent ID cards, especially if dependents have

been or will be turned away from a commissary," said Bob Burnett, chief of the entitlements branch at AFRES headquarters. "We realize the entire command is not going to have reserve ID cards for every dependent overnight.

"If a reservist's dependents do not have an Air Force Form 447, the commissary privilege card with the dependents' names typed on it, certified by the unit commander, along with any photo ID will get them in most com-

missaries. This process, however, puts a real administrative burden on unit commanders. The dependent ID card, in the long run, cuts down on paperwork and guarantees entry to a base or commissary."

The Department of Defense is working on a new DD Form 1173-1, reserve dependent ID card, to give all reservists' dependents a uniform ID card. No issue date has been announced, officials said. The AF Form 447 will remain valid until it expires and is

replaced with the new DOD card.

Dependents usually can enter an Air Force base without the dependent ID card, said Air Force officials. However, other components have turned dependents away from their installations if they did not have reserve dependent ID cards.

Reservists encountering difficulties in entering the base commissary are requested to contact 1st Lt John Giannello or MSgt. Pam Brandt at the 507th CBPO, ext. 47491. (AFRNS)

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Reservist shuts down shop for country

By SSgt. Stan Paregien
507th Public Affairs

Many Air Force Reservists have trouble convincing their employers that military training time off the job is a major benefit to America. Some have trouble getting off weekends; some have conflicts with the two weeks necessary each summer.

Unlike these reservists, SSgt. Anna Price never has difficulty trying to persuade an employer to allow time away for the military. Why? She is the boss.

Sergeant Price is the proud owner of her own crafts store: Anna Price Designs, located at 1100-3 S. Air Depot in Midwest City. Her shop features silk floral arrangements, special cranberry and cobalt glassware, and handmade furniture.

Each UTA weekend Sergeant Price closes her shop down and puts a sign on the door: "Dear customer, I am serving my country with the 507th Tactical Fighter Group in the Air Force Reserve. See ya next week, SSgt. Anna Price." Since she is the sole owner and employee, the store is closed for the weekend.

But how did she decide to join the Air Force Reserve in the first place?

"I joined the active duty in 1978 after working six years as a floral designer in Oklahoma City and Colorado Springs. In the active duty my job was working in Base Supply at Little Rock Arkansas. Four years later I cross-trained into navigation systems working on weather radars and beacons. It sure was a lot more technical. I went to Tinker in 1982 and worked



SSgt. Anna Price prepares for another Reserve weekend drill. As owner and sole employee of a Midwest City business, weekend drills mean locked doors.

U.S. Air Force Photo by MSgt. John Shelton

seven years until I decided to transfer into the Reserve and go back into floral design," she said.

"I love crafts. It's my favorite thing to do but the military didn't have a career field for me like that. Now I'm working supply again in the Reserve. It's really great to be able to do both.

Closing her store on UTA's takes away a whole weekend of earnings, but the dedication Sergeant Price shows to

her military job seems to be appreciated by her customers.

"Most of them are pretty impressed and supportive of my military duty. Even though it is necessary to lock up the shop one weekend a month, I have heard no complaints from my shoppers," she said.

While her dedication and patriotism stands out now, her interests and love of designs began much earlier.

Back in 1972, she got a job in a flower shop as a delivery person. The owner then decided he needed to train a designer and she received some "on the job training". While she was in Colorado, she learned from a woman who came to the U.S. from Germany. The European style has saved Sergeant Price time and money over the long run.

By using her knowledge of design, Sergeant Price was able to help with many Air Force functions here at Tinker AFB, including several dining outs. Now that she is writing her own paycheck and paying all the business bills, what does she expect?

"I would like to start breaking even. It takes time for any new business to get going. Some day I would like to move into a larger area and expand to a full-service floral shop. But right now I don't carry any fresh flowers or deliver," she commented.

"One day I hope to be able to hire a store manager. I'm really looking forward to Christmas because in addition to the crafts, I do a lot of giftwrapping," she said.

Staff Sergeant Price sacrifices her time as a Reservist and business owner to protect the freedom of America. How does she feel about living the American dream and creating her own store?

"It was scary starting up my own business. When I got that last active duty pay check, I had a funny feeling in my stomach, and it's still there. But I really wanted to go out on my own and get more creative. Hopefully it will pay off more and be a success," Sergeant Price said.

Stella?



U.S. Air Force Photo
No, she's not Stella, but A1C Kelley Baker played the old gypsy woman in the Rose State production of "Streetcar Named Desire." Airman Baker is a personnel clerk at the 507th.

Reservists to share with elderly residents

The Enlisted Advisory Council wants to share the Christmas cheer this year with Four Seasons Nursing Center in Midwest City.

The nursing home has asked the 507th to donate 100 boxes of tissue, 100 bottles of hand lotion or 100 pairs of slippers.

To participate, unit members need only to donate money to their squadron EAC representative. "We are asking for people to donate money instead of items. The EAC will then go out to buy what is needed," said MSgt. Charlotte Epps, enlisted advisory chairperson. "We have helped children and our age group in the past. This year, we were also asked to help the elderly have a brighter holiday," she said.

And, as Betty Hanks, recreation supervisor at the nursing center says, "We are all going to be elderly one day. This is a wonderful way to show we care."

The items donated by the 507th Tactical Fighter Groups will be combined with other organizations donations to provide one large holiday package to each resident. So, for the price of a box of tissue, a bottle of hand lotion or a pair of slippers, the Christmas season could be brighter for some elderly residents.

Commander's Comments

Recently, the third Monday in November has been set aside as "National Military Families Recognition Day." In the upcoming season of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate to honor those who support our mission in a quiet, but effective manner because our families help make possible our well-trained force. Their vital contributions must not be taken lightly or for granted and it is fitting that we set aside a day to honor our spouses, children and parents. As your commander, I salute our families and send them sincere gratitude for their heartfelt patriotism, their sacrifices, and their daily contributions to the mission of the Reserve Forces of our country.

Similarly, again this year, we observe Veterans Day, Nov. 11, with our country at peace. The countless contributions made in the past by veterans have allowed us to enjoy our current peace and prosperity. However, as the popular saying goes: Peace is not free. We cannot

forget that our freedom has been paid for most dearly by brave veterans. On November 11, please pause to express gratitude to those who have gone before us. We owe an everlasting debt to them.

Lastly, to complete November's theme, let me pause to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and collectively offer my humble thanks to each and every member of our Reserve family here at Tinker Field. You have completed an unprecedented year of accomplishments, you have risen above the daily challenges of a most difficult major conversion effort, you have never forgotten what we are here to do, and in most instances you have kept your sense of humor. My path has been made easier by your contributions and your guiding light has been recognized by others as a beacon to be followed and emulated. Thanks "Okies", you are the best!

Col. James Turner
507th Commander

Government offers GI Bill for reservists

The U.S. government is offering Air Force Reservists an opportunity that hits close to home — the pocketbook — now and later. Under the Montgomery GI Bill, the government will help pay for a better education, a prerequisite for a better job in the future.

According to economic experts, America's economy is shifting from a manufacturing economy to an age of information management where a college degree or advanced technical school education is not only necessary to advance but required to survive. They

predict that all new jobs created by the turn of the century will require some training above the high school level.

Reservists can use their Montgomery GI Bill benefits to obtain a degree. They have only to stop by the training office and fill out a DD Form 2384, enroll in the college of their choice and start receiving checks to help pay for expenses.

Those enrolled full-time can receive up to \$140 a month. Three-quarter time enrollment is \$105 monthly or \$70 a month for half-time enrollment. People who take just

one class can receive \$35 a month. The maximum amount may not exceed \$5,040.

Many reservists who took advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill have traded in their stripes for bars of gold. Some have earned higher degrees, and others have become more advanced in particular skills required in their civilian jobs.

What will you be doing 10 years from now — earning more money or looking for a job? The MGIB can help answer that question now. (AFRNS)

FEDERAL WOMEN'S WEEK

Tinker chapter honors women with special activities Nov. 6-10

The Federal Women's Program will be celebrating Federal Women's Week, Nov. 6 through Nov. 10.

Activities for the week include the annual Kick-Off Luncheon Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers' Open Mess and a base-wide Lunch 'n Learn brown bag workshop at the Tinker Recreation Center Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m. State Supreme Court Justice Alma Wilson will be the guest speaker at the Kick-Off Luncheon. Lt. Col. Glendann Hardy, Lt. Col. Susan Harger, and Sgt. Joyce Butler will conduct a panel discussion on "Women in the Military" at the Lunch 'n Learn.

Information about tickets may be obtained by contacting Bonnie McDonald, ext. 62729.

Transportation to and from the Kick-Off Luncheon and the Lunch 'n Learn will be provided by the Tinker Shuttle Bus beginning at 11 a.m. at Bldg. 2122, with additional pick up points at Bldg. 3705 — North End, Bldg. 3333 — South End, Bldg. 3001 — Flag Pole, Bldg. 1 — Door C, and Bldg. 506 — West Side.

Additional activities being sponsored by various directorates and divisions include the following:

Nov. 6

DMM Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Workshop — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., MMI Conference Room, 1AH192B. Guest Speakers: Gilbert Montalvo, Staffing Specialist, DPCFT and Teresa Callan, Retirement Specialist, DPCET. POC: Annie Robinson, ext. 63374.

"We All Came Home" — a film about women prisoners of war in World War II, Tinker Recreation Center, Ball Room, Bldg. 5702. 3 showings: 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. The film is 25 minutes long. POC: Debbie Robertus, ext. 42626.

MAS Brown Bag Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., MAS Conference Room, Bldg. 210. Guest Speaker: Walter H. Lipke, MAS Division Chief. Topic: Mission of MAS Organization. POC: Ian Hinesley, ext. 65066.

MAD Workshop — 8 to 9 a.m., MAE Conference Room B, Bldg. 3001, Post 80W, 2nd Flr. Guest Speaker: Barbara Staats, Bethany Pavilion. Topic: Improving Inter-Personal Skills/Dealing with Difficult People. POC: Christina Taylor, ext. 65956.

Nov. 8

MA Brown Bag Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., MAE Conference Room B, Bldg. 3001, Post W80, 2nd Flr. Guest Speaker: Dr. Ramona Paul, Administrator for Human Resource Development for

The Spirit of Women: Strong and Steadfast



Oklahoma City Schools. Topic: "Promoting Yourself". POC: Dora Haggard, ext. 62107.

SC Brown Bag Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SCC/SCS Conference Room, 2AC4/108B, Bldg. 3001. Guest Speakers: Tracy Leese, Chief Merit Promotion, DPCFB and Kika Eastman, Staffing Specialist, DPCFT. Topic: "Ask a Personal Question, Get a Personnel Answer". POC: Nancy Hammer, ext. 97547.

All civilian employees of the Department of Defense are covered by the Federal Women's Program; therefore, formal membership is not required. All federal employees who are interested in attending any of the FWP activities are encouraged to do so.

For additional information concerning the Federal Women's Program you may contact Janet Burnett, Federal Women's Program Manager, ext. 92660.

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