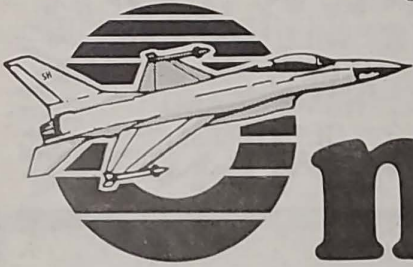


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New construction projects slated for 507th

Major construction projects totaling more than \$2.8 million have been projected or budgeted for the 507th Tactical Fighter Group during the coming years.

The projects, which are either underway or planned for the unit, are scheduled to occur during Fiscal 1989, 1990 and 1991. A majority of the projects are geared to support the unit's new mission of flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The partial list of the projects include construction of a new training facility for the civil engineering squadron, a fire protection system for hangar 1068, a new air ground equipment wash rack and improved ramp security systems.

"Total funding of projects completed, under construction, or still in design phases since 1986 totals more than \$10 million," stated SMSgt. John J. Cameron, programs analyst for the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron.

"We have accomplished a lot in the past few years, but we have a long way to go, so we're alert to budget restraints that could string out projects into future years."

Past major projects include the completion of a new avionics shop. The F-16 mission required single sheet vinyl floors, air conditioning, sound proofing, no windows, cipher locks and a walk-in vault.

A hydrazine storage facility was built. Hydrazine is used in the F-16 for emergency power.

Aircraft tie downs were drilled into the ramp. The F-16 is a light weight aircraft, so straps from aircraft moorings must be tied into steel rings anchored in cement.

A new command post was added, and the wash rack was expanded to 3,000 square feet and made to house

engine modules. The jet engine shop itself was extended 30 feet to facilitate fast modular engine changes. Inside, a monorail was added, a parts cleaning room built, and a bridge crane installed to move aircraft engines in any direction.

A composite materials repair shop was built, since air conditioning and ventilation standards were strict. A 150 car parking lot was added, and the sound suppression pad laid for the hush house.

Under construction is a 3,500 square foot addition on the roof of the Air Freight Terminal for the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron. Also under construction is a 6,000 square foot civil engineering building and parking lot. The 507th Civil Engineering Squadron is presently spread over several Tinker buildings, using courtesy storage.

A fire suppression system is under construction for the fuels systems hangar, and a 3,000 square foot addition is planned for the base hospital, to provide administrative space and medical records storage for the 507th.

Recently completed and in operation is the 507th's newest facility, the "hush house", a building designed for F-16 engines or the entire aircraft, when engine run-up is needed. All sound pollution is kept inside.

Munitions and munitions trailer storage buildings will follow. Still on the horizon are a ramp security fence, airfield lighting and possible airfield closed circuit video cameras. Several dozen minor projects complete the building program.

Air Force Reserve officials are looking for \$32.5 million in construction projects Reserve-wide in Fiscal 1990

and \$35.7 million in Fiscal 1991.

next two years.

Those military construction projects, across the country, include new aircraft maintenance shops and hangars and are slated for the Air Force Reserve in the

Other projects throughout the early 1990s include enhancing civil engineering, security police, medical and aerial port training facilities.



Photo by 1st Lt. Richard Curry

TSgt. John Kunhart works on equipment in the 507th munitions

IG to host conference

In accordance with AFR 123-2 and AFR 123-11, a 12th Air Force Inspector General representative will hold a conference period in building 1048, CAMS Break Area, Career Advisor's Office, on Dec. 2 from 2 to 3 p.m.

The conference period is for all military and civilian personnel desiring to present a complaint. This also includes inquiries or information consistent with the Air Force Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention Program. Appointments are not necessary.

Supervisors should ensure personnel who desire to meet with the Inspector General's representative are afforded the opportunity to do so. Matters discussed during the conference period

will be held in confidence, except to the extent necessary to obtain official consideration.

Individuals unable to attend the conference period may contact any 12th Air Force Inspector during the inspection or call extension 42528 during the conference period.

FUTURE UTA DATES

1990
 JANUARY 6-7
 FEBRUARY 3-4
 MARCH 3-4
 APRIL 7-8

Reservists support Hugo relief efforts

In the wake of Hurricane Hugo's killer winds, aircrews from six Air Force Reservist airlift units transported relief supplies to victims in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Charleston, S.C.

A week before Hugo hit Charleston, weather reconnaissance WC-130s from the "Storm Trackers" of the 815th Weather Flight, Keesler AFB, Miss., went into action to track the hurricane's course. Moving to meet Hugo head on, two WC-130s left Keesler AFB, Sept. 14, and flew their first mission into Hugo the next day from the island of Antigua. Working with another pair of unit

WC-130s operating out of Homestead AFB, Fla., the "Storm Trackers" soon found themselves involved in a pair of rescues.

On Sept. 15 they escorted to safety a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration plane which had lost an engine while flying inside the storm. Two days later a 70-foot tugboat, Lone Star, became lost in the storm and was damaged and unable to steer. The Storm Trackers stayed in radio contact with the tug all night, updating Coast Guard officials in Miami and helping to guide the Coast Guard Cutter Bear to the damaged ship.

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Colonel's Journal

By Col. James L. Turner
507 TFG Commander

Much Reserve activity is going on at Tinker AFB now and in the next few months. Here are the highlights:

The 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron just completed a successful six weeks deployment to Uruguay in which they helped the Uruguayan Air Force put together three T-33 aircraft. Now it's down to some local training as they prepare for their combined Operational Readiness Inspection with Oklahoma City Air Logistics next March.

Next month will see the first large F-16 deployment for the 507th as CAMS and OPS travel to Miramar NAS, Calif., for three weeks of training in air-to-air with the TOP GUN

folks and surface attack missions against U.S. Navy ships.

Our new Leadership Development program will kick off in January. This new innovative school will allow our enlisted corps to get some NCO leadership experience akin to the various schools and academies available but without the 30-day obligation. We'll have another two week session in the July-August timeframe.

Another program getting exposure is the total Quality Management Course that key supervisors will attend in the next few months. This one will eventually be passed on to all through a pyramid learning system using our own people. The few commanders who have already been there are enthusiastic about the program's content which is — as you may have guessed, quality and getting it done right the first time.

Two events that have been successful at the 507th are being advertised again by the Chaplain's office. They are Operation Christmas Spirit and Operation Christmas Stocking. Dis-

advantaged families are helped with food articles by "Spirit" and kids get some goodies they might not otherwise receive in the "Stocking" program. Your contributions to either of these worthwhile programs will be appreciated and, in the past, the 507th has helped make both successful at Tinker.

Next month we get back on the ORI track with a one-day employment exercise, so come prepared.

Don't forget about the new commissary benefits that are in effect next month. It's a whole new program with new privilege cards and options for spouse and dependent ID cards. We are trying to implement this new system this weekend so that you'll not miss any days. There are lots of new responsibilities — some of which are yours. Your squadron has a single point of contact concerning this new program and he or she should be able to answer any questions you may have about it.

One other thing; there are 36 visitors at the 507th this weekend and

next Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Base Theater they will tell us the state of the 507th TFG in regard to their inspection findings or lack thereof. The last time Colonel Brandt, 12th Air Force IG stood up there, October 1987, he said that his job was not always pleasant, because, at times, he had to go into someone's house and tell them that their baby is ugly.

In October of 1987, our baby was very pretty indeed. Once again, I feel that our baby is not only pretty, it's healthy, too. When the IG team leaves, I hope they can say the men and women of the 507th are sharp, motivated, eager, proud, dedicated and professional.

I thank each and every one of you for the effort put into 1989's safe and effective F-16 conversion. Next year will be even better. We're sharp — we know it — so let's show it!

Meanwhile, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!

Reservists share holiday spirit

Unit members have one more opportunity to spread holiday cheer during the December UTA. The 507th is supporting three community service programs: a Christmas stocking project; Operation Christmas Spirit; and assisting a local nursing home.

The Christmas stocking project is operated by the chaplain's office and the Salvation Army of Oklahoma.

Through members' donations, the holiday project provides 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 or 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 Salvation Army has asked the people taking the stockings to avoid filling them with candy items.

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.

The stockings are available at each unit and the Chaplain's office and should be returned this weekend.

Another Christmas project this holi-

day season, Operation Christmas Spirit, is operated in conjunction with the base Family Services Center. "Operation Christmas Spirit" provides needy service members a chance to have a brighter holiday season. Last year 507th members received direct benefits from this program so your donations help other reservists, Chaplain Clay said.

Donations or nominations for Operation Christmas Spirit will be taken through 2 p.m. Dec. 3.

"To donate money, nominate someone or just find out who qualifies, see your first sergeant or myself," said the chaplain.

The Enlisted Advisory Council has organized a project 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.

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.



Photo by SSgt Stan Paregion
Chaplain Joel Clay and SRa. Kandren Huard get involved in the Christmas spirit by helping the Salvation Army collect toys for needy children.

News you can use

Retention hot line needs suggestions

The Air Force Reserve is looking for items of interest for its retention hot line.

The nationwide hot line, 1-800-223-1784 or in Georgia 1-800-537-5907, gives callers a three-minute message on issues affecting personnel and retention in the Reserve. The hot line also provides information about vacancies for statutory active-duty tours.

Reservists can submit hot line suggestions to CMSgt. Henry J. Scott, deputy director of AFRES assignments and career motivation by writing to HQ AFRES/DPR, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-6001.

Speakers Bureau needs your help

Many people enjoy the challenge and excitement of speaking before a live audience. As a member of the 507th Speaker's Bureau, you are given the opportunity to tell the Air Force Reserve story from the enlisted perspective. Besides motivating and informing others, speaking before an audience holds hidden benefits for the lecturer.

The mission of the Speakers Bureau is to match the right speaker to the audience. We try to position speakers qualified on certain subjects with audiences that are interested in that area. Speech topics vary from F-16 eject seat mechanisms to military benefits.

Experience is not necessary for joining the Speakers Bureau because our

public affairs office provides all the assistance you might need. This includes audio visual equipment support and assistance in topic preparation.

To become a volunteer member of the Speakers Bureau, contact the public affairs office in the basement of building 1043, or call extension 43078.

GPO makes good source for military history

A good place to explore military history is in U.S. Government Printing Office publications. More than 100 books on military history and related subjects are available by mail or at the 26 Government Printing Office bookstores located around the country.

If you're just getting interested in the topic an important reference is "A

Guide to the Study and Use of Military History." This 524-page book represents a series of essays on military history, identifies domestic and international sources for its study and outlines the kinds of literature available.

In addition to overviews and general treatment, there are dozens of specialized books, such as *U.S. Revenue Cutters in the Civil War, A Historical Perspective on Light Infantry*, and *A History of the Women Marines 1947-1977*. Related subjects include art, technology, strategy, and logistics.

You can get more information about the history of the 507th by contacting unit historian TSgt. Terri Lundy at 4-3078.

Airmen qualify as NCOs, honored at breakfast

Responsibilities and authorities are bestowed upon the noncommissioned officer by tradition and appointment. These are the first words in the preamble to the "Noncommissioned Officer Charge."

Once each month this tradition is carried out at a special breakfast at the Tinker AFB Non-Commissioned Officers' Open Mess to honor and appoint newly qualified Tinker NCOs.

On Thursday, 17 Tinker airmen were appointed as noncommissioned officers effective today. Tinker Senior Enlisted Advisor, SMSgt. Phillip Sandifer, opened the ceremony with congratulations and some advice for the honored guests. He then read the NCO Charge which advised the newly appointed NCOs of the additional authority and greater responsibility each of them acquired along with their new appointment.

The following listed personnel were appointed to the status of Noncommissioned Officer of the United States Air Force and signed their acceptance of the

Charge.

2854th Air Base Group

Lorena K. Coyle
Mary J. George

2854th Security Police Squadron

Steven L. Bewley
Randy A. Crouse
Brenda L. Lemaire
Shannon D. McCarty
Edward R. Wilds

Stephen G. Cole
Charles S. Daniels
Joseph L. Long
William D. Todd
Kevin J. McCaskill

2953rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron

Jay Smelly

2854th Civil Engineering Squadron

Duke Y. Jonas
Rambler S. Khawsky
Jeffrey A. Timm

Prep Course graduates 26

Members of Class 90-3 of the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course graduated on Nov. 17 during a ceremony held at the Tinker Noncommissioned Officers Open Mess.

The award winners were:

SrA. Patricia A. Gaydos, John Levitov Honor Graduate; SrA. Charlotte A. Kaiser, Distinguished Graduate; SrA. Tina R. Hunt, Distinguished Graduate; SrA. Van L. Hooven, Distinguished Graduate.

Other graduates were: SrA. John Q. Adams, SrA. Bruce A. Bare, SrA. Kenneth B. Blas, SrA. James T. Blue, SrA. Steven R. Boothe, SrA. James C. Brune, SrA. Mary M. Hall, SrA. Scott A. Horton, SrA. Steven C. Kaiserman, SrA. Philip E. Lamanna, SrA. Randy Meeks, SrA. Eddie J. Moriarty, SrA. Karen Rasche, SrA. Kevin D. Root, SrA. Kelley B. Shenold, SrA. Douglas L. Short, SrA. Tina M. Sanftner, SrA. Timothy B. Sprosty, SrA. Georgette B. Strub, SrA. Treva A. Webb, SrA. Timothy C. Wideman and SrA. Gary R. Warren.



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