

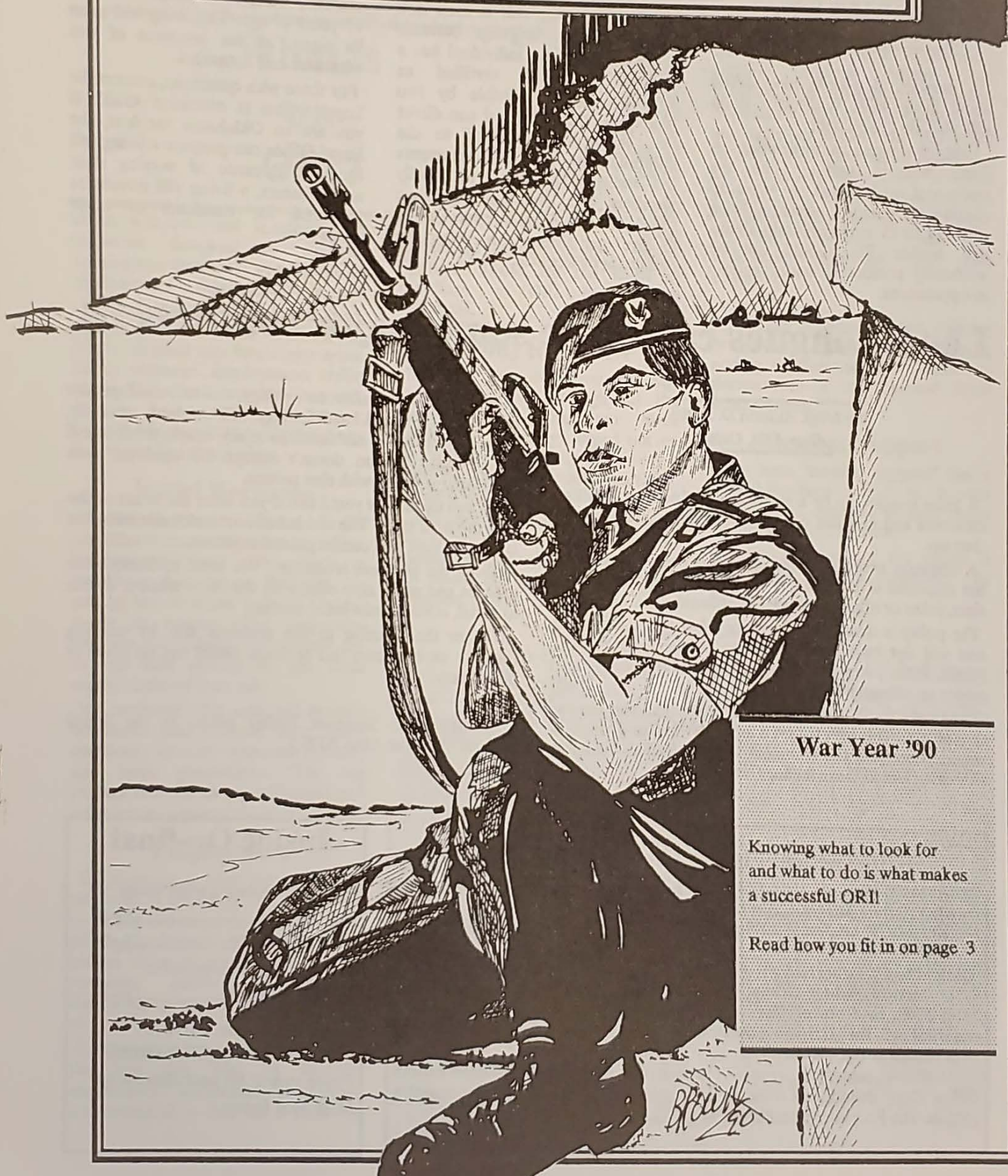


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Knowing what to look for  
and what to do is what makes  
a successful ORI!

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## Living Wills let others know your desires

By Lt Col Fritz Nolting  
507th Staff Judge Advocate

A number of people have asked about living wills. What is a living will, and, do I need one?

First, the name is misleading. A living will is nothing like the traditional will which is used to distribute a person's estate. A living will sets forth an individual's desire that his/her life should not be artificially prolonged under certain circumstances.

In Oklahoma, there is specific statutory language that is used in a living will. The language basically provides that if an individual has a terminal condition certified as incurable and irreversible by two physicians, the individual can direct that he/she be permitted to die naturally. The living will documents the individual's desire to family members and attending physicians should the individual become unable to give instructions concerning life sustaining procedures.

A living will can be made by a mentally competent person at least 21 years of age. The living will must be signed in the presence of two witnesses and notarized.

For those with questions, contact the Legal Office at extension 45103. If you are an Oklahoma resident, the Legal Office can prepare a living will for you. Because of varying state requirements, a living will cannot be prepared for residents of other states.

## Loose tongues can cause some major conflicts

By MSgt. Aulston D. Ridley  
Altus AFB, Okla.

A loose tongue can be a major cause of conflict. Military members and civilians must be especially careful of what they say.

A common problem found in almost every organization but tolerated in none is the use of racial, ethnic or sexist slurs, jokes or other disparaging comments.

The policy is clear: such terms or jokes aren't acceptable and will not be tolerated. Many people believe racial, ethnic, sexist jokes and slurs aren't harmful and shouldn't create an offensive environment.

They believe that such things are told in jest and used as time fillers. This isn't true. To focus on another point, how would you feel if the comment was directed toward you. How long would those feelings last?

Some believe that after an apology, the offended person will be all right and hard feelings will suddenly go away. This is not true. To add insult to injury, others think that if the offended person doesn't accept the apology, then something is wrong with that person.

Stop and think how you'd feel if you were the brunt of the joke or racial slur? The residue of hurt and frustration can last a long time and can be passed to others.

Solving the problem is simple. We need to control our tongues and make sure others do the same when it comes to racial, ethnic, sexist jokes or slurs.

We are the solution to the problem and by working together we can solve this problem which has no place in our society.

(Editor's note: Sergeant Ridley works in the Social Actions Office at Altus AFB.)

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SSgt. Glen Bralley, 507th Security  
Police, guards his post. Artwork by  
MSgt. Ron Brown.

In April of 1991, the 507th Tactical Fighter Group will undergo a grueling examination of its warfighting skills.

The examiners, members of the 12th Air Force's Inspector General's

handle the variety of weapons we could be tasked to deliver.

Now the pilots enter the picture. They are evaluated on all aspects of their role. Are they knowledgeable about the threats they'll encounter?

## What is an ORI?

office, will hurl unit members into scenarios designed to simulate nothing less than total war. It's called an Operational Readiness Inspection.

According to Lt. Col. Roger Barr, ORI Project Officer or "Warlord", an ORI is divided into four major areas. Initial response, employment, ability to survive, and combat support. During the week-long inspection, everyone in the 507th will participate in one or all of these areas.

### Initial Response

"Initial Response includes all the activities from notification by higher headquarters until we're ready to launch combat sorties. Basically, it's getting the weapons systems (F-16s) ready to employ. The inspectors evaluate what shape the aircraft are in and how quickly we get them ready," Colonel Barr said.

He explained this area will include command and control, alert force reactions, security response options, and force generations. "The big players are you as an individual and everyone as a group," he said.

### Employment

Employment is what the exercise is all about. It means getting the bombs on target and requires more than just pilots. The inspectors will observe all phases of sortie generation. Are the required number of aircraft delivered, properly configured and on time?

Combat turns are conducted to see if the unit can "test its wartime capabilities." Munitions load crews are evaluated to find out if they can

Can they survive them? Are their aircraft avionics systems operable and helping them? Can they hit all kinds of targets under varying conditions? Can they, using

teamwork, negate an attack by enemy fighters? These are the kinds of questions an ORI team wants answered.

### Ability to Survive

"A classic case of "wheel spinning" would be going through all the drudgery of getting our force generated only to get wiped out on the ground. The ability to survive is probably the hardest part of an ORI," Colonel Barr said.

"Although it's hard to imagine being under attack while on home base during an inspection, it's something to think about. In a real-world situation, these airplanes we're

launching are going to be hitting and hurting the enemy. They'll try to retaliate and do the same to us," he said.

The colonel stated the ORI team wants to know if the unit can protect and preserve its fighting force. Is it trained to survive chemical/biological attacks, nuclear fallout, and sabotage? Less dramatic, but no less devastating, are natural events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and storms. Accidents such as explosions, fires, and chemical spills are also possible. The Disaster Preparedness Mobility Teams are the key to our surviving these possibilities. Individual responses are also observed.

Don't take chemical warfare training or duties too lightly, the colonel said, adding, members will get a chance to demonstrate it to someone from headquarters.

### Combat Support

The term "combat support" has a behind-the-lines sound to it, the colonel said. Actually nothing could be further from the truth.

"Every squadron of the group is involved in 'combat support,'" he said.







SSgt. Jay Jahangiri, received his U.S. citizenship recently in a ceremony held in Tulsa. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Rich Curry)

## Reservist receives long-awaited citizenship

By SSgt. Stan Paregien  
507th Public Affairs

While most members of the 507th were born United States citizens, one young man has waited quite a while for the privilege of being called an American.

SSgt. Babak Jahangiri-Esfahani, better known to his co-workers as "Jay", has been watching the citizenship clock tick over five years now. He came a long distance to take the oath of citizenship, and he has crossed some cultural barriers along the way.

He was born on January 24, 1969 in Tehran, Iran. His future in the capitol city did not seem to be bright in later

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years.

"The war was going on between Iran and Iraq and I was about to get drafted. From what I heard, a lot of people in their military don't use strategies. Old people would volunteer to walk out into the land mines and clear them out. They just don't seem to use logic in the military. At the time I was 15, so I decided to move to Tulsa where my brother lived.

"It was hard to leave because they didn't want me to. They wanted me to stay in the military. I stayed in Turkey for two months waiting for the papers to be processed. After it was all worked out, I came to Oklahoma," he said. His military training was a different story all together.

"My friend, Sergeant Shawn Younger, talked with me about joining the Reserves. Then we visited a recruiter and signed up. My main reason to join was because I felt I would have to reach and aim higher in America to achieve my goals. The first day I got to basic, my training instructor talked to me and asked me why I even joined. He didn't think I was serious, but I was. After basic training and technical school were over, I came back with a job specialization in vehicle and equipment mechanics," said Sergeant Jahangiri. His current assignment is with the 507th Combat Support Squadron transportation section.

The biggest challenge associated with his Reserve job? "Driving down here from Tulsa," he laughed.

"Seriously, the reward of serving my new country is special. If I wasn't here on weekends, I'd be studying at home.

"I've had problems getting my citizenship here in the U.S. because they kept putting me off four months at a time. I applied right after my 5 year waiting time and it still has taken forever.

Finally, on the morning of April 13, 1990, his alarm clock signaled that the day of celebration had arrived.

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## SMSgt. Judy Branchfield is selected as Sr NCO Academy distinguished graduate

SMSgt. Judy Branchfield has earned the recognition of Distinguished Graduate from Air Force Senior NCO Academy.

Sergeant Branchfield graduated from the Academy on April 25 from a class of 255 active duty, guard and reserve NCOs. As DG, she represents the top ten percent of her class.

"I had finished with an average above 90 percent, so I knew I'd met the academic requirements to be eligible for DG," she said, adding that she had 80 other students.

"However there were two additional factors required to qualify for DG -- peer evaluations and instructor recommendation. None of us could be certain how we scored in those areas, nor exactly how much they would count," she said.

The Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy prepares chiefs, senior master sergeants and master sergeants to better fulfill their leadership and management responsibilities. The academy, held at Maxwell AFB, Ala., is the highest level of professional military education for non commissioned officers.

The 7 1/2 week curriculum encourages faculty and students to work together to increase their ability to lead and manage in today's Air Force. Independent, analytical and creative thinking are encouraged throughout the course. Major study areas include military studies, leadership and management, and communications skills.

Sergeant Branchfield expressed her nervousness on graduation day, saying, "As the commandant approached the podium, I tried to relax and take a deep breath, but there was nothing that could be done to stop my palms from sweating."

She said that in addition to the commandant, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker, and three former CMSAFs including Paul Airey were on stage.

"I thought about my parents. They would be arriving in a couple of hours for the graduation banquet. My dad missed my high school graduation and had insisted on coming down from Virginia to see this one," she said. "I hoped I'd done well enough to make this graduation extra special for him."

As the commandant began announcing the names, she said she gave herself a quick pep talk. "Even if I didn't make DG, the fact remained that, for the past eight

weeks, I'd given it my very best shot," she remarked.

When her name was read she said she was stunned at first. "I know I got up out of my chair, and walked up on stage to receive my plaque, but I don't remember feeling my feet ever touch the floor."

"As I headed back to my seat, I said to myself, 'Hey Dad! this one's for you!'"

Sergeant Branchfield has returned to the 507th where she is the Chief of Career Progression and Training Management in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office.



SMSgt. Judy Branchfield



## Sergeant takes first, second in Base art contest

By 1st Lt. Rich Curry  
507th Public Affairs

MSgt. Ron Brown, 507th Illustrator, entered a Base Art competition last month and walked away with both first and second place in the three dimensional category.

Sergeant Brown said his Reserve supervisor called him at work and told him about the contest.

Sergeant Brown's winning entries are constructed of wood. He said he started his hobby about four years ago.

"I used to go out and buy pre-cut wood from a lumber yard, but that got to be too expensive," he said. "Now I use a table saw and trim down bigger pieces to get what I need." He said many of his creations take about



MSgt. Ron Brown with winning art.

40 hours to build and a lot of them are given away as presents.

"I tried to go to the art festivals, but you really don't make much money there. Besides, I'm doing this because it's fun," he said.

His son, Ronny, also shares his enjoyment of the art. Ronny entered the contest and received a third place in the three-dimensional-group II category. Sergeant Brown said that slides were taken of the winning artwork and will be submitted in the AFLC command art contest.

## Reservist wears combat boots, daughter wears a crown

by SSgt. Stan Paregien  
507th Public Affairs

Msgt. Elvia Bratcher, NCOIC for military pay, is the proud mother of the 1990 Miss Black Langston University pageant winner.

Melanie Bratcher, an 18-year-old Oklahoma City freshman won the title against tough campus competition during April. Miss Bratcher impressed the judges as well as her peers.

"Besides actually winning the judge's votes in the pageant with her talents, she was also selected by the entire field of competitors as Miss Congeniality. This award was given to the person the contestants enjoyed working with most," said Sergeant Bratcher.

Miss Bratcher, a 1989 graduate of Millwood High School has been outstanding in academics as well as

pageants. She has a full tuition scholarship and is the assistant secretary for the freshman class executive board. She has been elected to the President's Honor Cabinet by maintaining an 4.0 grade point average during the fall semester.

"When she won the pageant, I was elated, I took five pictures with no flash before realizing there wasn't any light coming out," Sergeant Bratcher laughed.

Sergeant Bratcher admitted she has supported her daughter toward her goals.

"I've given her a hand with her early endeavors. When she was 12, she entered the Miss Pre-Teen pageant and placed 3rd. Now her career goal is to become a corporate lawyer, raise a family, and give back to the community," said Sergeant Bratcher.



Melanie Bratcher

## Card reflects new sign of times

By 1st Lt. Rich Curry  
507th Public Affairs

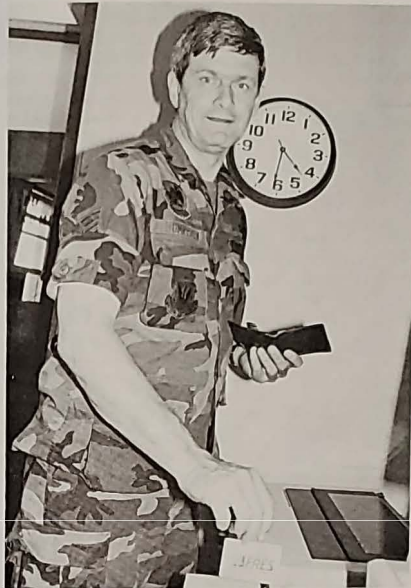
It looks like just another charge card. But this thin piece of plastic reflects a major step forward in faster pay for reservists.

It's called UTAPS; automated unit training assembly processing system. It's the latest improvement in the AFRES data collection and management information system.

All 507th TFG, 405th CLSS and 72nd APS members received their cards during the January UTA. Already several units have used the new system to register their drill attendance and by the end of summer, the old sign-in logs should be a thing of the past.

According to Mr. Stu Markle, 507th Budget Officer, the system is designed to streamline the recording of participation points and payroll information.

Previously, after a UTA sign-out was over, the pay roster had to be validated by the commander and then sent to personnel to credit participation points. The rosters were then sent to Military Pay to be keyed into the pay system at Denver.



MSgt. Steve Humphrey, 465th TFS, signs out for the day. (U.S. Air Force photo)

"The old process was manual, and required a lot of people and time," Mr. Markle said.

The new system, however, allows members to simply slide their cards along an electronic track in a recording machine which is hooked up to a computer. The act of sliding the card registers the members name and other information such as a Social Security number. Finally that data is recorded on a floppy disk which is taken to the pay office for processing.

The benefits to the unit and AFRES are less overtime spent on processing information and more time for other projects. The program also provides benefits to each unit commander by permitting special information products on the status of individual reservists

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Some of the elements that are included in this area include:

- Munitions storage, breakout, assembly and delivery.
- Protection of classified materials in a combat environment.
- Repelling terrorist attacks.
- Restoration of power, communications, damaged facilities, repair of bombed-out runways.
- Weather forecasting and observing flying operations.

## What is an ORI?

It's obvious that all these elements are more than important; they're critical. The ORI team thinks so too. That's why they look at them.

"The ORI team can hit a unit and evaluate the whole thing. The inspection will present a challenge to everyone. How well everyone knows their jobs and does them correctly will determine the final results," the colonel said.

Here are some important points to remember during the ORI. Show a sense of urgency, keep safety awareness involved in all actions, follow your checklist, and above all, don't be afraid to ask questions.



## Reserve news spotlights trust fund, uniforms

### Uniform costs to go up

The cost of buying uniform items at Clothing Sales will go up on October 1st. The good news is that increase will only be 5 to 7 percent, not the 23 percent reported to members at a recent Commander's Call.

The reason for the difference comes after authorities reexamined their pricing formula.

Under a new policy, a surcharge was supposed to increase to accurately reflect the cost of maintaining inventories at government supply depots. However officials used a formula that determined the cost of bringing new uniform items into the system. This falsely increased the costs of existing uniform items whose buying procedures were already established. By using both formulas, the cost increase dropped drastically.

### CAMS fitness time

The 507th CAMS is holding its annual fitness program at 7:30 Sunday during the June UTA. Members may report in running gear. Members who are 35 or will reach 35 anytime in 1990 must fill out an AF Form 842 and present it prior to

participation. These members must walk the 3 mile course. All other members may either walk the 3 mile course or run a 1.5 mile course.

### 507th stands out

The 507th Tactical Fighter Group is standing out once again. This time the unit has appeared not once but twice on a 12th Air Force Inspector General list of "Best Seen to Date" programs within the Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard for 1989.

The unit made the IG list under the category of Elements of Command in the area of UTA Participation and again under Personnel for Quality Force.

### Reservist killed in car crash

TSgt. Benny L. Myatt, a member of the 403rd Combat Logistic Support Squadron, died in a car accident May 3.

Sergeant Myatt was a jet engine mechanic and had served with the unit for several years. The accident occurred in McClain County on northbound I-35, five miles north of Purcell, OK. A southbound car experienced a blow out, crossed the

median and struck Myatt's car head on.

Members of the 403rd along with 507th Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Clay participated in the funeral on May 5. According to 1st Lt. Jim Wood of the 403rd, "We wanted to show Sergeant Myatt's family that we cared and will miss him." Sergeant Myatt was 39.

### Trust fund set for burn victim

A trust fund has been established to help a 507th member seriously burned in an apartment fire in Oklahoma City.

A1C Paul D. Owen, a munition storage specialist with the 507th CAMS, suffered burns over 60 percent of his body. His fiancée, Patty Leflett, received burns over 90 percent of her body.

The two were to be married on May 26 and do not have any medical insurance. A trust fund has been established to help pay the medical bills.

To donate, checks may be sent to: Paul D. Owens Trust Fund; City Bank Wilshire; P.O. Box 32116; Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-0316.

## Reservist receives citizenship

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At the ceremony in a Tulsa federal court house, a group sang patriotic songs and essay contest students observed the proceedings. Captain Rachelle Huss, 507th Transportation Officer and Sergeant Jahangiri's supervisor attended along with his brother, sister-in-law and a friend.

The courtroom was packed with citizens-to-be and their relatives as the judge spoke about the significance of the day.

When his name was called, Sergeant Jahangiri walked up front to receive a certificate that would change his life forever. The certificate also reflected his new name Jay Babak Jahangiri. (He added the name Jay and dropped the name Esfahani.)

"I was really excited. They gave me my citizenship certificate with my photo on it," he said.

During the May UTA, Lt. Col. Roger Barr, 507th CSS Commander presented SSgt. Jahangiri with a United States flag as the entire squadron applauded.

Using his freedom as an American, Sergeant Jahangiri plans on making the most of the future.

"My goal is to finish my electrical engineering degree at TU and then possibly pursue some line of work in the Air Force. If I go with a civilian job, I will stay in the Reserve because I enjoy it," Sergeant Jahangiri said.