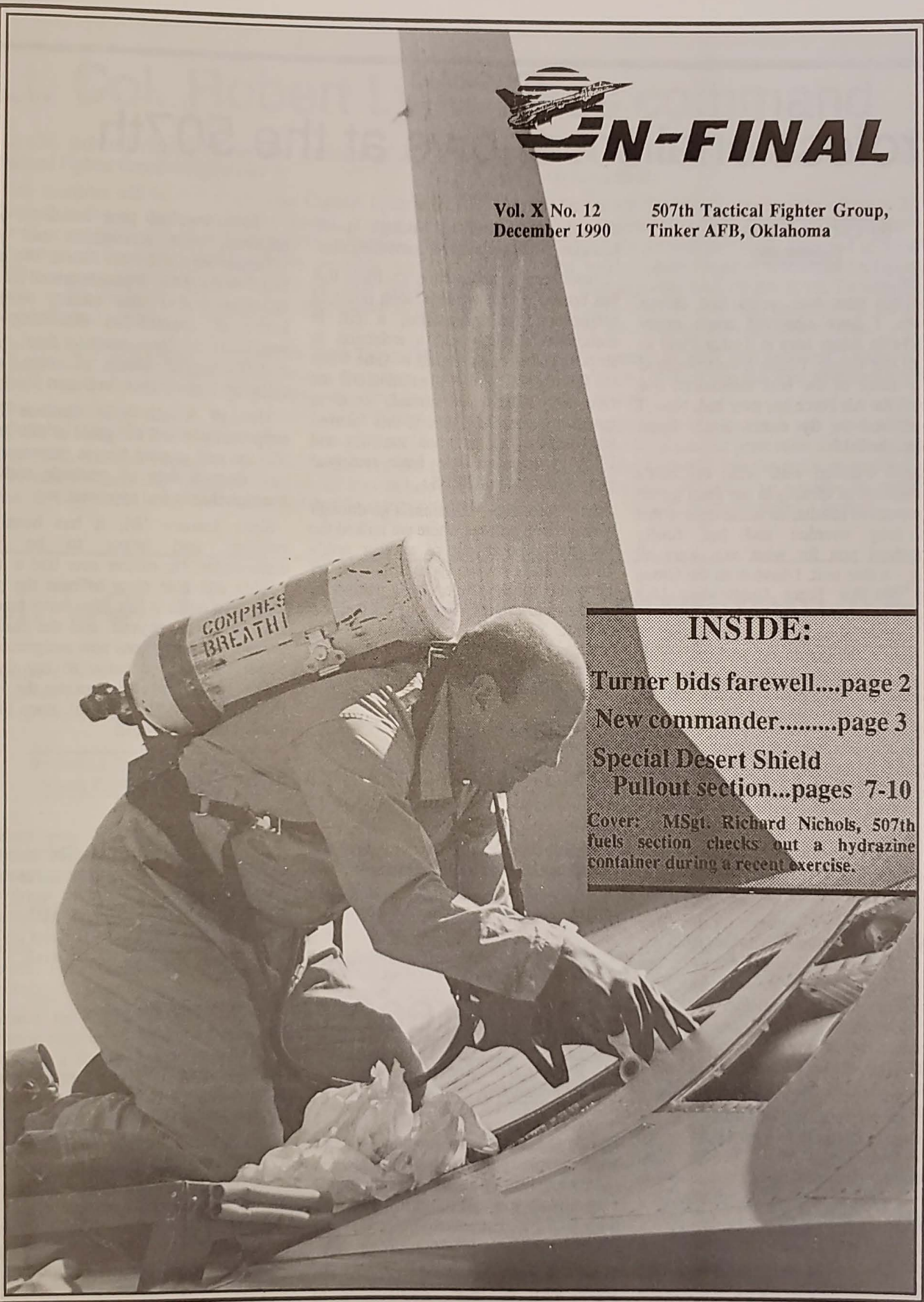




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EDITORIALS

Professionalism shows at the 507th

By Col. James L. Turner
Commander

For the past four years and eleven months, I have observed some pretty remarkable things here at Tinker Field as part of our Group. I have been privileged to fly some of the best maintained F-4 aircraft the Air Force has ever had. Now, I am thrilled to fly our nation's finest fighter, the F-16.

I have watched with pride the unit's achievement of identity in our great record of inspection results, an achievement that was long overdue and has finally recognized you for what you were all along - a fine unit. I have seen the Group earn two Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. I have seen individual squadrons and individual sections be recognized as the best in the command, and the best in the Air Force. Individuals winning national and command awards are too

numerous to mention. Through it all, however, I have witnessed something else.

I have seen a dedicated work force that has braved severe weather, long hours of preparation for inspections, a cut in authorized strength and a reduction in stripes. There was a period of time when the future of the unit, the mission and the type and number of aircraft were in question. Apparently none of this deterred you because our retention statistics and UTA participation rate have remained close to the top in AFRES.

I have seen true professionals go through a conversion process where we milked the last flying hours out of another unit's aircraft, and flew two types of aircraft off our ramp, all the while with a number of our key players off to school for the new aircraft. You never complained and you overcame some huge obstacles. Nevertheless, you converted the unit early, and more importantly, safely.

I have watched your reactions, your response, your anticipation and your volunteerism for Desert Shield. We have had over forty 507th people tasked for this operation and I have already received letters of appreciation describing our volunteers as "best seen to date". This unit, like our individuals, will shine if ever called on to participate in Desert Shield.

Through it all, your families have supported you and the goals of this group like the real unsung heroes they are. We owe them a debt of gratitude and our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Since January '86, it has been my privilege and honor to be your commander. No officer ever had a more willing and able crew to ease the path. You have made it fun. You have made it easy. As Lilia, myself, and the children prepare to move to our new assignment in South Florida, we pause to say thanks Okies. We will always consider the 507th to have been a very special place in our lives. You are the best!

Take pride in your safety record

By Col. James L. Turner
Commander

The congratulatory message on this page from Brig. Gen. Robert McIntosh, 10th Air Force Commander, reflects the pride our 10AF Commander shares with all successful units for a mishap free fiscal year 1990, and a justifiable concern that is warranted by a review of our recent AFRES fighter safety record.

For several years, senior Air Force leaders have been reminding aviators that the privilege to continue to wear USAF wings is earned every time he/she flies. Concurrently, maintenance's reputation is only as good as the last aircraft furnished to ops for a sortie.

Our record here at the 507th over the past several years indicates that, indeed, not only maintenance and ops personnel, but

everyone takes safety seriously and has earned our leader's respect and praise.

We are firmly committed to continuing this outstanding record of flight, ground and explosive safety here at the 507th TFG. The keys are involvement,

Safety record praised

By Brig. Gen. Robert McIntosh
Commander, 10th Air Force

During the last twelve months many of your people performed with flawless professionalism and discipline. I congratulate you and those in your units who contributed in preventing ground and air mishaps.

Please convey to your people the significance of their contributions to

supervision and discipline. The stakes are high in human and equipment resources. You have proven yourselves worthy and equal to the task. General McIntosh is proud of you and so am I. Keep up your outstanding, safe, and quality work.

Safety during FY90. A well deserved congratulations to you commanders who experienced no Class A mishaps.

Overall within 10th AF, we fell short of our flying safety goal. We experienced two Class A flight mishaps which resulted in the loss of two lives and three F-16 aircraft. Our resultant 10th AF mishap rate is approximately 3.5. As you know, both accidents involved supervision and in-flight discipline.

Lt. Col. Robert Lytle takes command

Lt. Col. Robert E. Lytle, will assume command of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group on December 1.

Unit members will be able to welcome Colonel Lytle and bid farewell to former commander Col. James L. Turner, at 8:30 a.m. December 1 at the Base Theater during an official change of command ceremony. Busses will be available, starting at 7:50 a.m. to transport unit members to the Base Theater. To avoid traffic congestion, members are encouraged to use the shuttle instead of their own vehicles.

Colonel Lytle was the commander of the 704th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 924th Tactical Fighter Group, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, an F-4E unit. He is currently attending an F-16 replacement training unit at McConnell AFB, Kansas with scheduled completion later this month.

As 507th Tactical Fighter Group commander, Colonel Lytle will assume leadership responsibilities which also include two non-flying reserve units: the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron and the

403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, also located on Tinker Air Force Base.

Colonel Turner will become the commander of the 482 TFW, an Air Force Reserve F-16 unit located at Homestead AFB, Florida. Colonel Turner was previously stationed at the 482nd and in 1984, he became the Deputy Commander for Operations there until assuming command of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group in January 1986. In assuming command of the 482nd, Colonel Turner will be filling a general officer billet.

In a farewell message to 507th unit members, Colonel Turner expressed his "thanks to all of you and your efforts over the past 4 years and 11 months."

"I want to let each of you know that it was your outstanding efforts and support that made this promotion and move possible. I know you will give Colonel Lytle the same support and show him the same Okie "can do" spirit that's made you one of the Air Force Reserve's premiere organizations," he said.

Lt. Col. Lytle honored at Bergstrom AFB

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the 924th Tactical Fighter Group's unit newspaper, "Bulls-Eye".

By 2nd Lt. Tammie D. Grevin
924th TFG Public Affairs

Move over Time Magazine, the 924th Tactical Fighter Group has its own 1990 Man of the Year.

Recently, Bergstrom Air Force Base Federal Women's Program hailed Lt. Col. Robert Lytle, commander of the 704th Tactical Fighter Squadron, as its Man of the Year.

While the announcement came as a pleasant surprise to many who know him, it proves a fitting award for such a fair man. "Colonel Lytle has a deep sense of integrity," says MSgt. Estella Mendez, command post technician. "He is fair in all his dealings with people."

Colonel Lytle, who is in Kansas for F-16 training, was not available for comments. However, Colonel Richard J. Eustace, 924th commander, says, "Bob is a strong supporter of EEO (Equal Employment

Opportunity) as was reflected in his decisions."

The FWP Man of the Year award is designed to honor a man who has shown dedication to the advancement of women, says Christen Sorrell, Bergstrom AFB FWP coordinator.

Colonel Lytle's contributions include: selection of women to leadership positions in two critical sections of the squadron (intelligence and command post), organization of an orientation program where by various spouses of 924th members could see reserve refueling tankers in action, motivation of squadron members to act with him in support of a local battered women's shelter, and adoption of a needy family during last year's holiday season.

According to Patsy Nieto, Colonel Lytle's secretary for the past 3 1/2 years, the FWP award could not have gone to a more deserving person. "He (Colonel Lytle) is the kind of person who you want to put forth the extra effort for. He is the type of supervisor who works just as hard as anyone else. He sees the 704th as a family, and always looked at how the end product

of what we were doing would benefit the unit."

Maj. Craig Collins, 704th operations officer, says, "He proved himself as a pilot and gained the respect of those he flew with. He treats everyone with the same respect and always gives everyone the courtesy of listening. He is a 'follow-me' type guy, not a 'go get 'um'."

Sergeant Mendez uses words like professional, fair, modest in describing her boss. Then, she says, "He takes care of people. You can always depend on him to help you if you hit a brick wall. He is the type person who pushes for you to take care of your own situation, but he would always be there to pick you up or take over if you needed him."

Perhaps no words better describe Colonel Lytle than people oriented. According to SMSgt. David Bunch, senior enlisted advisor, "Colonel Lytle is very people oriented. He strives to bring out the best in people and will not accept anything less. He has a unique ability to draw out the best in people. He is without a doubt, the only logical selection for the FWP award."

General Closner becomes AFRES chief

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Maj. Gen. John J. Closner III became the chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRES commander in a ceremony at Robins AFB Oct. 30.

The change-of-command ceremony marked the passing of leadership from Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer to General Closner, former deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve.

Gen. John M. Loh, Air Force vice chief of staff, officiated the ceremony and General Scheer's retirement from the Air Force Reserve. General Loh credited the Air Force Reserve's increased ability to meet its mission to the outgoing chief's leadership.

"Now more than 98 percent of units not undergoing conversion are combat ready," he said. He added that the figure represented a more than 20 percent increase above what General Scheer inherited.

That increased capability has allowed the Air Force Reserve to be a full partner in America's defense, General Loh said.

"Let there be no doubt the Air Force Reserve is committed to Total Force," he said. "The more than 80,000 men and women in the Air Force Reserve personify the adage, 'Citizen Airman.'"

General Loh praised the support Air Force Reservists are providing to Operation Desert Shield. "Roughly 4,000 volunteer and mobilized reservists are operating and maintaining C-5 and C-141 aircraft in Southwest Asia," he said.

That support has not been without its costs, said General Scheer. He took the occasion to present the Airman's Medal to SSgt. Lorenzo Galvan, a loadmaster who risked his life to save others after their C-5 transport crashed near Ramstein AB, Germany, Aug. 29. Sergeant Galvan is a reservist in the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas.

"He certainly epitomizes the young leaders we have in the Air Force Reserve," General Scheer said. "You people have put together units that are far more ready today than perhaps we

had a right to believe," he added. "You've done all of this by instilling the pride so aptly shown in Operation Desert Shield."

As incoming chief of Air Force Reserve, General Closner named readiness as his first priority. He stressed the Air Force Reserve's cost effectiveness in performing Air Force missions.

"I'm concerned with making sure we continue to improve our combat readiness," he said. "More efficiency is important because we probably won't have all of the resources we've had in the past. We must find innovative ways to keep combat readiness at the highest state possible, and we're going to have to do it with fewer assets."

General Closner also praised employers for their support as reservists continue to leave to protect America's interests overseas.

Maj. Gen. Jack L. Lively, General Scheer's mobilization assistant, also retired Oct. 30.

General Closner: A profile of our new commander

JOB: Chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and commander of Air Force Reserve, with headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga.

LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY: Must have high integrity. Without it, you'll lose everything else. Lose it, and everyone has a chance to compromise what you expect of him or her. Hold people accountable. Make them responsible. Set boundaries but make them broad. We've got to get our folks bought into the attitude that everything we do individually affects our fellow reservists as well as active-duty counterparts.

BORN: March 27, 1940, Houston, Texas.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Active-duty Air Force -- pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas, and F-100 fighter training at Luke AFB, Ariz., 1962-1964; pilot in the 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England, flew F-100s, 1964-1967; instructor pilot in the 615th TFS, Phan Rang AB, Republic of Vietnam, 1967-1968; and separated from active duty, 1968.

Civilian employment -- airline pilot, Pan American Airlines, 1968-1970.

Air National Guard -- full-time technician and chief of standardization and evaluation, 177th TFS, New Jersey Air National Guard, Atlantic City, N.J., flew F-100s and F-105s, 1970-1973.

Air Force Reserve -- full-time air reserve technician and chief of standardization and evaluation and operations and training officer, 507th Tactical Fighter Group, Tinker AFB, Okla., flew F-100s and F-105s, 1973-1975; commander, 465th TFS, Tinker AFB, flew F-105s, 1975-1978; commander, 917th TFG, Barksdale AFB, La., flew A-37s and A-10s, 1978-1983; commander, 419th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, flew F-16s, 1983-1987; commander 10th Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, 1987-1989; and deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., 1989-1990.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University, 1962; Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., 1971; Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, 1973; and Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C., 1976.

FAMILY: Wife, Angela; children, Scott and Leigh.

403rd gets AFRES maintenance award

The Air Force Reserve has picked the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron to receive the (Small Unit) AFRES Maintenance Effectiveness Award for Fiscal Year 1990.

The unit was selected over all other small maintenance units within the Air Force Reserve to win the award. As of November 13, the unit had also won the 10th Air Force maintenance unit award (small unit) and the Reserve Officer Association award for Numbered Air Force-level maintenance effectiveness.

In being selected for the award, the 403rd was cited for having distinguished itself by accomplishing superior aircraft battle damage repair maintenance from October 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990.

According to the award citation, the 403rd "maintained a high degree of personnel and equipment readiness...and has deployed numerous personnel to support training and operational missions."

Continuing, the citation stated, "The expertise of the 403rd personnel has been acknowledged by organizations from Central America to Japan and throughout the United States."

According to 1st Lt. James Wood, 403rd Maintenance Officer and ART, "This award represents a year's worth of hard work and sweat by everyone in the squadron."

Lieutenant Wood said that throughout the rating period, the unit was actively involved in a variety of maintenance functions such as aircraft assembly, modification, training, NATO exercises and deployments. In addition, he said, the squadron participated in numerous Tinker Air Force Base and Oklahoma City area community relations events and public activities.

"This award reflects more than a dozen small team deployments around the world and a lot of real-world support of the active duty mission. Every member of the 403rd has a right to feel proud of this honor, because it took every member working together to earn it," the lieutenant said.

507th CAMS picks Load Crew of the Year

The 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has selected three munitions specialists as the Load Crew of the Year for 1990.

The team, consisting of, MSgt. Gary R. Seale, SSgt. Randolph P. Unger and SSgt. Gary M. Burkhart, were selected among their peers for the honor.

According to CAMS Commander Major James Walker, the award reflects a "challenging competition" designed to encourage the growth and development of skill. It requires the demonstration of technical competence and operational knowledge through quarterly performance of integrated combat turns and written tests.

Load crews are inspected for compliance with crew certification requirements and meeting the standard of AFR 35-10. Throughout the year, crews compete for Load Crew of the Quarter on their way to Load Crew of the Year.



SSgt. Gary Burkhart, MSgt. Gary Seal, and SSgt. Randolph Unger display the teamwork that helped them earn the 507th CAMS Load Crew of the Year award. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Stan Paregien)

Commentary

Your gifts can spread Christmas Spirit

By Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Clay
507th Chaplain

With Christmas 1990 just three weeks away, the 507th Chapel has stationed boxes as collection depots for toys to be distributed through television station KFOR's "TOYS 4 TOTS" program.

Our involvement in "TOYS 4 TOTS" carries on our giving tradition in the place of the past years' "Christmas Stocking" drives. 507th "spreaders of good will" have until the end of the December UTA to join in this total community effort to provide toys to needy area children. You may place your gift in one of the boxes located in the following areas:

- 1) 507 Chapel offices located on the 2nd floor of the northeast corner of building 1030 (CAMS hanger)
- 2) CSS orderly room located in the basement of building 1043;
- 3) 403rd CLSS orderly room;
- 4) 72nd APS orderly room (Air Freight Terminal);
- 5) TAC Hospital orderly room (2nd floor Base Hospital);

Give your child the gift of SAFETY this year

By MSgt. Cody Smith
507th Safety Office

With the Christmas season here, or at least the spending that goes with the season. I thought it would be a good idea to pass on some information that may prevent serious injury to your child because of a particular "toy" that is often bought for gifts.

The fact is that each year, 600 children (up to age 14) are killed and another 380,000 are treated in emergency rooms due to bicycle-related injuries. Research indicates 75 percent of bicycle-related deaths and hospitalizations are due to head injuries. Studies show also that helmets could prevent 85 percent of these head

6) 465th (entrance hall to building 1048).

The items needed for the toy drive include small toys, games or clothing that could be given to either boys or girls. Suggested donations could include cars, dolls, coloring books, card games, play jewelry and small clothing items such as hats, gloves, socks, or scarves.

Other projects sponsored by the Chaplain's office this year include Operation Christmas Spirit, a base fund-raising program for needy military members, a toy and clothing gathering to support local programs, and a Christmas letter program to send mail to military members supporting Operation Desert Shield.

Operation Christmas Spirit is a base run program that provides assistance to active duty military and reservists alike. Nominations for the program are due no later than this weekend. Nominations forms are being made available through squadron commanders and first sergeants as well as from any member of the Chaplain's staff. To nominate someone or find out who qualifies, see your first sergeant or stop in at the Chaplain's office in building 1030.

A new program this year involves sending letters and Christmas greeting cards to military members stationed overseas in support of Operation Desert Shield. Members may bring their cards and letters to any member of the chaplain's office through December's UTA.

We will be collecting toys, clothing, letters, and money through noon Sunday, December 2.



injuries. Helmets are also recommended for skateboarders.

As a public service, the Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition, a non-profit organization, has made helmets available through the AAA office on I-44 and NW 23rd, for a discount cost of \$18.50 (similar helmets retail for up to \$50.00). The helmet comes in four colors—neon pink, neon yellow, black and white, and fits ages 3 through most adults (inner padding is provided for small children). You may also contact Cody Smith at the Safety Office 42014 for more information.

Remember this when shopping for the vehicle of your child's "choice", demand all the safety equipment is intact before giving the green light.



Words of wisdom on what to take to the desert

By Capt. Kevin A. Baggett

LANGLEY AFB, Va. (AFRNS) -- So, it's your turn to visit the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Depending upon your specialty, you know what equipment to bring, but what should you pack to make life easier during your deployment?

No one should leave home without their Swiss army knife. Anyone who's ever traveled already knows this, so enough said.

All you really need otherwise are uniforms, underwear, socks and comfortable boots. Uniforms should be issued to you before you depart. If you can, sew your name on your uniforms before you leave. There are few tailors in Saudi Arabia, so mark your uniforms as soon as possible. Marked uniforms are less likely to get lost in the laundry.

If you're not on your back sleeping, you'll be on your feet, so bring plenty of thick cotton or wool socks. In the desert heat you'll need plenty of insulation, and many people find wearing two pairs of socks comfortable.

Comfortable boots go with cushion-soled socks. The desert is no place to break in a new pair of boots. Whatever type of boots you bring, make sure they are broken in.

The desert heat will draw moisture from you in the form of perspiration. Your sweat will be absorbed by your underwear and held next to your skin, creating an efficient cooling system. Along with keeping you cool, this system will make you stink. Changing your clothes often is not only healthy, your tent mates will demand it. Make sure you bring plenty of underwear. Once you think you've packed enough, add two more sets.

Now, that you're clothed, the most common problem seems to be dust. It gets into everything and makes wearing contact lenses irritating and potentially dangerous. If you have an option, wear glasses. Pack at least two pairs.

Bring prescription sunglasses if you can get them. Sunglasses are sight savers in the desert. As with all necessary items, try to bring an extra pair in case of accident or loss.

Plan to catch up on your reading. Bring those books that you've been meaning to read. Morale, welfare and recreation centers, with help from fellow service members and local U.S. and English citizens, have donated books to create impressive libraries, but they may not have that one book you've been wanting to read.

Next to reading, music is the most popular pastime. Most people find personal tape players or radios the best types. Because they're compact and have headphones, you won't disturb others. If you bring a radio, you'll want to bring a long-term supply of batteries. While there are places to get batteries, the lines are long.

Other items you might consider bringing are powdered electrolyte beverages, lip balm with sun protection, talcum powder, cards, writing paper, envelopes, stamps, cameras and film. Make sure to keep your stamps in a moisture-proof bag to keep them from sticking together.

Other than that, let your imagination guide you. The MWR people are making great efforts to help people get through their deployments. Movies are being shown, and games and athletic equipment are available for your use. (from Tactical Air Command News Service)

A checklist:

Preparing for deployment

"Everyone who has even a slight chance of deploying should prepare a personal checklist of things which must be accomplished and use it in addition to their mobility checklist. Take the time now, while the time is available."

--Maj. Gen. Billy J. Boles, commander, Air Force Military Personnel Center

The following are some of the areas reservists and their families should consider in preparing for a possible deployment:

- *Update Emergency Data Cards and Serviceman's Group Life Insurance policy beneficiaries.
- *Make sure medical and shot records are current.
- *Ensure that financial arrangements are made, including Direct Deposit, and that a copy of your latest Leave and Earnings Statement is available.
- *Appoint guardians for minor children of single parents, or for children when both parents might be deployed
- *Arrange or kids' transportation as well as medical and school records.
- *Update wills and grant necessary powers of attorney.
- *Ensure that homes and apartments will be maintained and insured, and that monthly payments will be made.
- *Make arrangements for automobile insurance, and maintenance or storage.
- *Make arrangements for mail pick-up or forwarding.

Operation Desert Shield -- Special Issue

Mobilization includes legal matters

By SSgt. Cathy Robinson
507th Legal Technician

Should our reserve unit be mobilized for Operation Desert Shield, are your legal affairs in order?

Honestly asking yourself that question may very well elicit an answer of "no." If that is the case, don't be embarrassed; you have plenty of company.

Many young people--in fact anyone young enough to be serving in the armed forces--subconsciously think that "Wills are mostly for old folks, so I'll get around to having one made up when it's convenient." That line of reasoning doesn't make much sense when you realize that, unfortunately, combat takes the lives of healthy young people.

Should you die "intestate," meaning without a will, your savings and possessions might very well not go to those best able to wisely use or dispose of them.

So if you just don't feel the need for a will, or you already have one, all your legal affairs are straight, right? Probably, "wrong."

Your legal obligations to your dependents and creditors don't end with your deployment. Can your spouse or other primary adult dependent pay the bills? Can he or she get at your checking account, if necessary? What if legal action is brought against you in your absence? Are you currently in the process of selling or purchasing a car or home? In your absence, both routine and unforeseen legal matters can be taken care of by someone to whom you grant "power of attorney."

Powers of attorney are of three basic types: General, Special, or Medical. The first two are those we are most concerned with here. Providing you have absolute trust in the person you designate as your attorney-in-fact, granting him or her

general power of attorney might be appropriate.

Be warned, however, that a general power of attorney gives your attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do anything you might do if you were available. This could include either major property purchases or the sale of all your worldly possessions. Furthermore, you are responsible for all acts performed by your attorney-in-fact whether or not you have given him or her permission to perform the acts.

So, by way of example, if you have experienced recent marital strife, you may wish to think twice before granting your spouse general power of attorney. You could return to find that, out of necessity, your next residence will be a monastery or convent.

The alternative to granting someone general power of attorney is to grant your attorney-in-fact one or several special powers of attorney. Unlike the general power of attorney, the special power of attorney grants your agent authority to act in your behalf in a specific respect, and in that respect only. Special powers of attorney may, for example, limit your agent's powers and responsibility to selling a specific piece of property, paying your taxes, and shipping your household goods.

Perhaps the primary disadvantage of a special power of attorney is that your agent would be incapable of dealing with unforeseen legal matters.

Whichever power of attorney you choose, remember that is not a substitute for a will. Powers of attorney are rather intended to facilitate the conduct of your business and other personal affairs while you are absent or temporarily disabled. In fact, for your own protection, no power of attorney should extend beyond one year under normal circumstances. The relationship created between you and your designated agent by the power of attorney terminates when your agent is informed of your death.

That's another reason why you should have a will and a duly appointed executor.



SSgt. Cathy Robinson, 507th Legal Technician, works on another will during last month's UTA.

You should also be aware that no one is legally bound to accept your power of attorney. Most agencies and individuals will do so under most circumstances. For example, most banks and other financial institutions will not accept your agent's signature for a loan or mortgage. Similarly, most title insurance companies will not accept your agent's signature on a real estate deed.

Above all, don't wait until you're standing in the equipment-issue line, clothing deployment orders, to think about your will and power of attorney.

The unit's legal office has made it remarkably painless to accomplish both wills and powers of attorney in a single Unit Training Assembly.

The entire processes for both documents, to include filling out preliminary forms, should take about a half hour of your time. And that will be a well-spent half hour indeed, especially when compared to the hours of unease you'd feel if you deployed without them.

Operation Desert Shield -- Special Issue

Crash survivor earns Airman's Medal

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- The lone survivor of an Air Force Reserve aircraft that perished in the crash of a C-5 transport Aug. 29 received honors for heroism Oct. 30.

SSgt. Lorenzo Galvan, a loadmaster with the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, was awarded the Airman's Medal by Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, outgoing chief of Air Force Reserve, in a ceremony at Robins AFB.

The medal recognizes Sergeant Galvan's efforts to save other crew members after their C-5 transport crashed just after takeoff from Ramstein AB, Germany. The sergeant ignored his own injuries and repeatedly entered the flaming wreckage to remove several passengers. He was one of four of the plane's 17 occupants who survived the crash.

The aircraft had been on an Operation Desert Shield support mission at the time of the accident.

Sergeant Galvan consoled the families of the nine reservists who died in the crash telling them, "Be strong. And rest assured that your husbands, fathers and loved ones died doing something that is necessary to ensure the security of

the United States, our allies and our way of life."

The Airman's Medal is the Air Force's seventh highest award. It is given for heroism involving

voluntary risk of life under conditions other than those of conflict.



Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, chief of Air Force Reserve, pins the Airman's Medal on SSgt. Lorenzo Galvan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Hawkins)

Mail call highlights the day in Desert Shield

LANGLEY AFB, Va. (AFRNS) -- "Mail call!"

The words are barely past the lips before the cammy-clad postal worker is surrounded by anxious and hopeful faces. For military people deployed to Operation Desert Shield, where the days are long and the nights lonely, the arrival of a bag full of mail is the highlight of the day.

It takes about 10 days for mail to arrive in Saudi Arabia. Some letters may arrive all at once so information management officials at Tactical Air Command headquarters suggest numbering the outside of the envelopes so recipients know which one to open first. They also advise to type the address element on the envelopes. Automatic mail sorters can read these envelopes and are much faster than mail handled by hand, which is how it's done for handwritten envelopes.

Family members may want to send "care" packages. Recipients of coveted parcels from home are the envy of the camp. Field exchanges have goodies, but stocks go quickly, according to officials.

"Nice-to-haves" include cookies, other snacks, crossword puzzles, new paperbacks, lip balm and cassette tapes. Other favorite items are razors, toiletries, family photographs and drawings by children.

There are some restrictions as to what can be sent to Saudi Arabia. Alcohol is absolutely not allowed. Other forbidden items are pork or pork products and anything that could be considered pornographic, including the swimsuit issue of a sports magazine.

Local postmasters have a complete list of restrictions. (from Tactical Air Command News Service)

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Reservists
haul
people,
cargo,
fuel

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Air Force Reservists are living up to the Air Force Reserve motto, "Ready Now," in their support of Operation Desert Shield.

By mid-September, reservists had logged more than 32,000 hours of flying time for Desert Shield. They flew nearly 41,000 passengers, hauled more than 55,000 tons of cargo and pumped more than 1 million gallons of aircraft fuel.

Reserve associate aircrews, flying huge strategic airlift transports, moved the most people and material. C-141 Starlifter crews logged 13,655 hours, while airlifting 7,847 passengers and 10,954 tons of cargo. C-5 Galaxy crews put in 7,527 hours and transported 19,014 passengers and 32,790 tons of cargo.

Unit-equipped aircraft provided the following support:

-- C-141 -- 1,041 hours; 1,548 passengers; and 1,626 tons of cargo.

-- C-5 -- 4,280 hours; 7,865 passengers; and 8,710 tons of cargo.

-- C-130 Hercules tactical transport -- 1,986 hours; 4,335 passengers; and 1,423 tons of cargo.

-- KC-135 Stratotanker refueling aircraft -- 539 hours; 336 passengers; 22 tons of cargo; and 1,007,000 gallons of fuel.

AFRES associate crews on KC-10 Extender refueling tankers also recorded more than 3,470 flying hours in support of Desert Shield.

Before the call-up of reserve forces began on Aug. 22, AFRES volunteers had flown more than 4,300 hours, airlifting some 8,150 passengers and nearly 7,000 tons of cargo to Southwest Asia in support of Desert Shield. In addition, C-130s carried passengers and tons of cargo to U.S. ports from various locations inside the United States.

Many unsung heroes support Desert Shield

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Aircrew members are not the only Air Force Reservists involved in Operation Desert Shield.

More than 675 reservists in aircraft maintenance have deployed and another 1,750 are supporting the operations at their home stations.

About 170 combat logistics support reservists are performing man-days in support of operations both overseas and in the States. Some 50 supply people volunteered for duty, and about 20 transportation people are working at stateside and overseas locations.

Since the beginning of Operation Desert Shield, 250 reservists from civil engineering's prime base engineer emergency force (Prime BEEF) are serving on man-days. More than 75 personnel from civil engineering's prime readiness in base services (Prime RIBS) are in place at six stateside locations. One hundred thirty firefighters are supporting Operation Desert Shield with others waiting to take their place.

About 150 security police have deployed in Operation Desert Shield.

Other unsung heroes, from other specialties, have also done their part to support the operation.

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- The Air Force called up 460 Air Force Reservists to support Operation Desert Shield during the first three weeks in October.

The recall included 187 aircrew, maintenance and support personnel from the 927th Tactical Airlift Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich., and 206 from the 914th

TAG, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y. Sixty-seven medical personnel from the 32nd Medical Services Squadron, Roslyn ANGB, N.Y., also deployed.

With this call-up, about 3,670 reservists have been called to active duty since the president authorized the call-up of reserve forces Aug. 22.

Tactical
airlifters,
medics join
recall



CE team
drive the
"big ones"
at REOTS

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507th Public Affairs

Eight members of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron got an opportunity to drive "the big ones" during a special heavy equipment operator class in Pennsylvania.

The class, called REOTS, which stands for Regional Equipment Operator Training School, involves training in five types of heavy earth-moving equipment. From October 14 to 19, the team had the opportunity to train on a dozer, loader, dump truck, grader, and excavator to repair simulated battle-damaged conditions.

The civil engineering team consisted of MSgt. Tom Irwin, MSgt. Luther Bagwell, MSgt. Loyed Gayman, TSgt. John Ries, TSgt. Clifford Demers, SSgt. Joe

Normandin, SSgt. Cynthia Stanley and SSgt. John Potter. One member of the 507th team, TSgt. Clifford Demers, was selected as honor graduate among the class.

"REOTS gave our people an intense 5-day workout," Sergeant Irwin said. "The course is designed to qualify us in Rapid Runway Repair and other ground repairs designed to show what real battle damage is like."

Sergeant Irwin said the course required "exacting standards" of repair. In one example, he said, grading repairs of a surface had to fall within 2 inches of the existing surface.

"We really learned the type of tasks we would perform and equipment we would operate in real life," he said. "It was a great learning experience."

ABOVE: MSgt. Loyed Gayman practices his earth moving skills.

Below: SSgt. Cynthia Stanley smooths out a surface grade.

(U.S. Air Force photos)



General Closser: An interview with

Editor's note: Maj. Gen. John J. Closser III became chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRES commander Oct. 30. In an interview with Air Force Reserve News Service, General Closser commented on his priorities, where the Air Force Reserve is heading and what it must do to stay combat ready.

AFRNS: What are your major priorities for the Air Force Reserve and which one is the most important?

GENERAL CLOSSER: My first priority is combat readiness. I'm concerned with making sure we attain combat readiness and then maintain it.

Another priority is the quality revolution. Everybody's heard about it. For the quality revolution to work, we have to be open to the ideas of all our people -- officer, enlisted and civilians, I mean all. Good ideas aren't restricted to germination in only our middle manager's minds. This is not me talking -- it's history. The people who got into this quality revolution a long time ago -- primarily Japan, Germany to some extent and some U.S. companies -- will tell you the three biggest drawbacks to quality are the chief executive officer, the division chief and the middle management supervisor. It's not the worker.

My third priority is to do more with less, which is really to do more with less waste. That fits in with the quality revolution -- do it right the first time. Less waste is important because we won't have all of the resources we've had in the past. We must find innovative ways to keep combat readiness at the highest state possible, and we're going to have to do it with fewer assets.

AFRNS: That leads to the next question. In view of current budget concerns, what changes, if any, do you foresee for the Reserve?



GENERAL CLOSSER: First, let me make it clear. We are part of the administration; we support the president's decisions. Congress, of course, provides the funds for us to do the job.

The administration has acknowledged the military will have less money to do its job in the future. My guess is the Air Force Reserve will stay pretty much the same. We may have reductions but considerably less than our active-duty partners. The people issue will be good for the Reserve in the overall sense, but locally we may have some seriously profound individual turmoil. We are going to have a big effect on the percentage of what we contribute to the Total Force. We'll see some areas where our percentage of a particular mission will increase dramatically.

AFRNS: If you could change one thing in the Air Force Reserve, what would it be and why? What one thing would you keep the same and why?

GENERAL CLOSSER: I'd like to change the incredible amount of bureaucracy it takes to get our missions accomplished. We've attacked the paperwork problem, but we still have a long way to go. Everyone has to become involved from the lowest level to the top. We've seen great initiatives come out of the NCO Leadership Development Course and Total Quality Management training. The best way to solve our problems is by becoming more efficient -- to remove all of the roadblocks that we managers have allowed to be erected.

Through everybody's involvement, through accountability, we can eliminate these problems, and people will be happy to come to work.

My ultimate goal is for people to enjoy the profession they are involved in.

I'd like to ensure we keep the loyalty of our reservists and their families, the esprit de corps of the Reserve and the positive image that the Reserve has -- the recognition for its role in Desert Shield, Just Cause and Grenada. These tests are a reaffirmation of the Air Force Reserve and its people -- they said they'd be there and they were and many still are.

AFRNS: What do you see as your greatest challenge and what is your greatest asset coming into the job as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRES?

GENERAL CLOSSER: My greatest challenge will be the working environment in the Pentagon. That's going to be a challenge because very little of my training is directly related to the Air Staff and political part of this business. As a field commander, you have the opportunity to give speeches, present awards, fly airplanes and lead enthusiastic people in the exciting part of air power...the mission.

Also on the plus side, I've been very fortunate to be blessed with a very strong marriage. Angela and I have been married for 23 years and have two wonderful children. I also have a very fundamental strength -- a strong faith in God.

the new AFRES commander

AFRNS: How have past assignments and experiences prepared you for this assignment?

GENERAL CLOSSER: I have been lucky to be in the right places with the right challenges. I was very fortunate to start in the Reserve as a squadron operations officer in 1972 and progress right on to squadron commander, group commander and wing commander including transitions to newer aircraft. My last command assignment was at 10th Air Force. I've enjoyed the many command jobs, as well as the experience as deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve.

Opportunity knocks not just with exposure to good assignments but to be blessed with good people. I've also been lucky to have people who provided great insight to solutions for most all of the challenges we experienced. By and large, I've had excellent support from the top and outstanding support from our enlisted and officer folks.

**"The old adage, 'You don't make it on your own,' is true beyond measure."
--General Closser**

AFRNS: As a young man growing up in Long Island, N.Y., what were your aspirations and has your career come about as expected?

GENERAL CLOSSER: My interest in the military started in college. I'm an Aggie and went back to Texas A&M when I was commander of 10th Air Force to give a talk on my military career. The students thought they were going to hear a typical career story from a typical general. I think I kind of shocked them. I told them I didn't get a warm feel for the military when I was at A&M. I had to be in the corps, but I didn't fit the mold of the military man. I went to A&M because it was a family tradition; my father and his father went to A&M.

While there, I had the opportunity to fly an airplane, and like George

Peppard said in the movie, "The Blue Max," I said, "I think I'd rather do this than run around on the ground with the Army." Since I had the requirement to be in the military, I decided to join the Air Force. Then I got swept up in one of the greatest challenges and benefits that God ever created -- flying airplanes.

I still wasn't interested in staying in the military. It wasn't what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I had to extend on active duty for 10 months, not because I felt I was a true-blue patriot, but so I wouldn't miss the action in Vietnam. When I got back to the States, I said thank you very much, I've had enough of the military. No hard feelings, but it's not for me.

I then went to work for Pan American Airlines for a while until I was furloughed, as many airline pilots were in the late '60s. I had heard about the Air National Guard so I went to fly with them for a year or two. After two years, I went to fly F-105s with the Air Force Reserve.

By the time I had the opportunity to be recalled by Pan Am, I was a general officer. I looked back and said for a guy who didn't have desires to be a military man you sure put enough time in. It wasn't something a guy from Bayside High School, who occasionally managed to get into trouble planned to do.

I told the young guys at A&M to work awhile at something and if they didn't like it, tackle something else. I'm not one to plan out one's entire life. My advice to the cadets was to do the best you can, be happy with what you're doing and give something back to your people. Don't be just a taker.

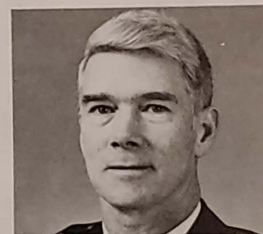
AFRNS: How does our reservists' performance in Operation Desert Shield measure up to the Air Force Reserve motto, "Ready Now"?

GENERAL CLOSSER: We've had a tremendous amount of volunteerism. Almost 7,000 reservists volunteered for active duty before the president authorized the call-up of the reserve components Aug. 22. Another 15,000

said, "I'm ready. Call me." The support of the country, the families and the employers has been mind boggling.

Since I joined the Reserve in 1972, I've always wondered, "Who's going to be there when a crisis comes?" I knew we'd have a large percentage but how large -- 80, 85, 90, 95 percent? I also wondered if the guy who said he would be there would be there. You know the type -- the guy with bravado, the Rambo type. Would he be there or give excuses not to go?

It's way, way below 1 percent who've been recalled involuntarily who've



said they can't go. We've had some automatic deferrals -- people in school, etc. I'm talking about personal hardship cases, and I've heard only of a few.

"I'm really impressed by the volunteerism, the quality of the performance and the unselfish attitude of our reservists, their families and their employers."

AFRNS: About employers, what is your assessment of their support of the Reserve during Desert Shield?

GENERAL CLOSSER: We're in uncharted waters right now. Desert Shield is causing an enormous financial hardship, not only on certain reservists, but also on the employers of reservists. I mean big time. There are some employers who are really, really sacrificing when it comes to support of our reservists and guardsmen.

A photo tour in and about



ABOVE: SSgt. Kelly Stout, 507th CAMS, checks the speed brake on a unit F-16.

LEFT: Capt. John Erickson and MSgt. Donna Pierson, 465th TFS, fill out luggage tags during mobility processing.

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TOP LEFT: A 465th pilot during recent chemical training exercises.

TOP RIGHT: A1C Stanley Boyd, left, and SSgt. Mark Scherber, 507th Communications Squadron, lay telephone lines in preparation for April's ORI.

BOTTOM LEFT: TSgt. Carolyn Cowns, 507th Combat Support Squadron, checks out her mobility folder while waiting her turn to process through.

BOTTOM RIGHT: TSgt. Debbie Robertus, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, is busy certifying cargo prior to simulated airlift.

the 507th Group



Reserve news you can use

Basic military instructor program filling jobs

Applications are now being accepted for the Air Force Reserve (AFRES) BMT instructor voluntary recall to extended active duty (EAD) program. Applications will be accepted to fill quotas for FY91 and FY92. The FY91 board will convene in Jan 91 for EAD reporting in the March/April 91 time frame. The FY92 selection board will convene in August 91 for EAD reporting in Oct. 91.

Selected applicants will serve a 3-year tour of active duty and will be assigned to Lackland AFB, TX. For more information or eligibility requirements, interested applicants need to contact TSgt. Cindy Bischoff at 734-7494.

Toll-free number lists entitlements

Air Force Reservists can obtain information about their entitlements through a toll-free number at the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

The number, 1-800-525-0102, is the reservists' link to answers on questions about changes from Reserve to active-duty status as a result of Operation Desert Shield. Topics covered include pay, orders, nurse and physician corps, retirements, command chaplains, officer

appointments, officer and enlisted assignments and reference services.

This number is a source of general information and is not a substitute for more in-depth information available at local consolidated base personnel offices, said ARPC officials.

Free FAX donated

American military deployed to Desert Shield will soon be receiving facsimile machine greetings from home.

A program announced by AT&T officials, called Desert FAX, began Sept. 21 and allows greetings to the troops free of charge at the company's 400 phone centers nationwide.

The duration of the free Desert FAX service will depend on several factors, including cost, volume of messages and benefit and services provided to military personnel and their families, AT&T officials said.

Correct travel uniform

Reservists often wear incorrect uniform combinations when traveling by commercial means. Regulations stress service dress uniform or a short or long sleeve shirt or blouse. In "shirt sleeves" a tie or tab must be worn. Also, the lightweight blue jacket and pullover sweater are not permitted.

Report pregnancy soon

507th TAC Hospital requires pregnant reservists to report their conditions the first Reserve weekend after diagnosis.

Weight program more stringent

Air Force Reservists must now weigh in annually, and those within five percent of their maximum allowable weight must weigh again six months later.

These major changes to the Air Force Reserve weight management program went into effect August 1 with a revised AFRES supplement to Air Force Regulation 35-11, The Air Force Weight and Fitness Programs.

Under the new program, male reservists who are initially identified as overweight by 15 pounds or less will enter an informal weight program for no more than 90 days. Women nine pounds or less overweight are placed on the informal program. They can only enter the informal program once. If they do not meet standards during the informal period, they will enter the formal program.

"The Air Force Reserve will permit reservists to participate with pay and points during a period which allows them to lose weight safely and reach standards," said MSgt. Preston Rolle, NCOIC of the personnel action section at Headquarters AFRES.

The Reserve will deny pay and points when satisfactory progress is not made. Satisfactory progress means a man has lost at least five pounds per month, and a woman has lost at least three pounds per month.

The Reserve will process reservists for administrative discharge if they do not achieve their maximum allowable weight during the allowed time on the formal program.

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