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EDITORIALS

Colonel's Journal

Let's provide a war-ready team

By Lt. Col Robert Lytle
Commander

Standing on the sidelines, waiting for your turn at bat is never easy.

It's not easy for the baseball player, and it's not easy for us here at the 507th.

Our nation is at war. As that war progresses, those feelings of wanting to be allowed to "do my job" will grow. Throughout this unit your voices seem united in this. You are volunteers, you have trained long and hard to defend this nation and your skills are needed. I respect and admire you for your courage and dedication.

You are not alone in this feeling. Recently media attention has addressed those feelings of men and women from all the services who are on the sidelines. Their voices are also united in the desire to do their job. Eventually, when the ground war builds, that frustration will grow.

Some of you have recently asked why we continue to press to complete our Operational Readiness Inspection when our services both as sections and individuals are needed elsewhere.

For the record, when this unit has been tasked with a mission, we have not refused. This was seen last month by the activation of our medical squadron and our civil engineering PRIME RIBS section. Since last August, almost 80 other volunteers have been dispatched to locations throughout the country.

To "piecemeal" away segments of our organization, I believe, runs the risk of delayed activation of the group as a whole. We

must remember that the 507th is a Tactical Fighter Group. Our primary contribution to national security is our F-16 Falcons with the capability to stop an enemy from making war.

Those men and women currently on the front line today came from units around the world. Their skills, and backgrounds are diverse. Their units do have at least one thing in common: They have already proven themselves capable through an ORI in their current weapon system.

Likewise, dozens of fighter units exist who have also already proven themselves, through the same process, to our commander-in-chief that they too are ready. It is true the 507th could be called without having had an ORI. It is also true that a coach picks his most capable and proven players for his lineup.

There is no way to predict when or where our services will be needed. I do know that whatever may come, we will be ready. Allowing our ORI to run its course is perhaps the best way for us as a group to be allowed to join our brothers and sisters in this national effort. Again, I applaud your desire and dedication. By working together, we can reach this goal.

Tip from the
Inspectors

During the ORI, wear WAR gear (i.e. BDU's/fatigues) under your chemical suit. Do not wear personalized t-shirts or shorts. No unit baseball caps are authorized.

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EDITORIALS

Terrorism can strike anywhere

by Sgt. Bryan Hollenbaugh

Langley AFB, Va. (AFNEWS) -- Terrorism can strike any time and anywhere.

"Because of our current situation in the Middle East, the potential has increased for terrorist activity," said Col. Dale Landis, Tactical Air Command's deputy director of security police.

Countering the threat, according to Capt. Tom Smart, begins with each and every Air Force member. Captain Smart, a TAC anti-terrorism staff officer, added that "every Air Force member is responsible for protecting our key resources -- equipment and people."

"It all starts with awareness," he said. "If all Air Force members increase their awareness to a situation, it makes it all the more difficult for a terrorist to succeed.

Awareness leads to detection, which leads to decisive action."

Captain Smart said that part of the Air Force's plan of awareness is a system of four threat conditions: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. Each level of condition increases security procedures on and around each installation.

Threatcon Alpha: A general warning that there is a possibility of terrorist activity, but the nature and extent are unpredictable.

Threatcon Bravo: Warning that there is an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity even though no particular target has been identified. During this condition, 100 percent identification checks go in effect, as well as several other heightened security measures.

Threatcon Charlie: A warning that an incident has occurred or intelligence reports indicating that

some form of terrorist action is imminent. During this condition, Alpha and Bravo measures remain in effect, but only mission essential personnel report to work.

Threatcon Delta: A terrorist attack has occurred or intelligence reports have indicated that terrorist activity against a specific location or person is likely. Under this condition, only mission essential visitors will be allowed on the base and all vehicles entering will be searched.

"When a threat condition is implemented, there will be signs at all base gates displaying the current condition," said Captain Smart. "As security police increase their vigilance, so should each and every member of that base. If you notice something peculiar, don't hesitate to notify the security police." (Courtesy TAC News Service.)

By Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Clay
507th Chaplain

Words
of
Encouragement

In the midst of war (or any stressful situation) people become very irritable. They don't like the stress. One of the first things we revert to is the attitude of doing only what is required or demanded. Whatever is specifically stated or ordered is followed to the letter, no more, and less if possible.

In history, those who were considered great commanders were the leaders who could motivate their people beyond what was just required.

We can all be great leaders! From the newest Basic Airman to the most senior staff member we can use our skills and personality to go beyond the basics to greatness. Watch for ways that you can make a difference in your area. Help people deal with stress by your dealing with stress. Don't deny the pressure. Talk out situations without becoming frustrated or hurt. This is the way to excellence.

Budget cuts to clip 10th AF's feathers

BERGSTROM AFB, Texas — The Air Force announced last month the elimination of all three Air Force Reserve numbered air forces, including 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, by the end of September, 1992.

This action is the result of the Defense Management Review and other management initiatives in response to Congressionally directed fiscal guidance, end strength constraints, and the changing world environment.

At Bergstrom AFB it will result in the loss of approximately 188 positions including 61 full-time Air Reserve Technicians, 20 civilians, 104 off-base reservists, and three active duty personnel.

Not affected will be the 924th Tactical Fighter Group, the 10th Civil Engineering Flight, nor the newly activated Ground Combat Training Center

which is responsible for training reserve security police. More than 320 Air Reserve Technicians and civilians and 930 off-base reservists will continue to serve at Bergstrom in these organizations.

Tenth Air Force is currently responsible for managing all Air Force Reserve fighter and air refueling units in the United States. Included are approximately 20,000 reservists assigned at 23 military installations.

Numbered Air Forces face budget axe

Management of these units will be transferred to HQ Air Force Reserve at Robins AFB, Ga., which will be gaining approximately 131 Air Reserve Technician positions in 1992.

It is Air Force policy to minimize adverse impacts on personnel. Every effort will be made to find other jobs on base or within the Air Force for civilians and technicians who have their positions eliminated, according to Air Force officials. Priority placement efforts will also be provided for reservists who are not yet eligible for retirement.

Special Valentine shows support for Civil Engineers

Valentine's Day may have come and gone, but some 507th members will remember it for quite some time.

Members of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron's PRIME RIBS section got a surprise in the mail last month from the rest of their squadron. The PRIME RIBS team was activated and are now stationed at Offutt AFB, Nebraska in support of Operation Desert Storm.

A Valentine's Card, signed by the Civil Engineering Squadron members, was mailed to them last UTA.

"It was the biggest card I could find," said CE first sergeant MSgt. Tom Clapper.

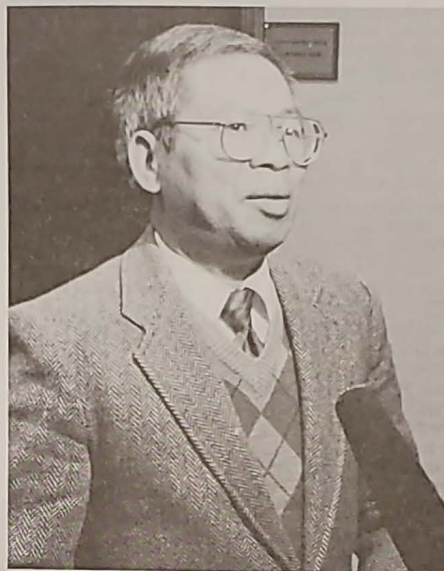
"We believe in supporting our people," he said. "Although they may not be over in Saudi Arabia, they are still on active duty and away from home. We intend to keep in touch."

Sergeant Clapper said even though the team resides in Omaha, Nebraska, they face a host of new financial and family situations. "We plan to take good care of them," he said.

Besides, Sergeant Clapper added, those activated reservists are an invaluable source of information or what to expect if activated.

The first sergeant reflected that when the PRIME RIBS team was called up, the rest of the unit had the realization that any of their other teams could be next.

"Meanwhile, they are still our people as far as we are concerned -- they are just on an extended TDY," he said.



Capt. (Dr.) David Vu, 507th Medical Squadron talks with local reporters during a recent check presentation by local Vietnamese citizens to support spouses of service members deployed to Saudi Arabia. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt Rich Curry)

Vietnamese group expresses support, appreciation of U.S. forces

Members of the Oklahoma City Vietnamese community met with Tinker Air Force Base officials recently to show their support of military members participating in the Persian Gulf.

Among the group was a member of the 507th Medical Squadron, Capt. (Dr.) David Vu. The group presented Tinker officials with a check to be used to support military families with emergency needs caused by the deployment of their sponsor or spouse to Saudi.

Dr. Vu said the group wanted to express their support and appreciation to the sacrifices American troops are making.

"We wanted to tell them that we are behind them and are proud to be Americans," Dr. Vu said.

Since the presentation, Dr. Vu has deployed with other members of the 507th MS to Shaw AFB, S.C. in support of Operation Desert Storm.

A letter from one of the Vietnamese members, Anh Tran, was also presented to be forwarded to deployed forces. It reads:

Dear Soldiers of Operation Desert Shield:

Although we are thousands of miles apart and although none of you probably even know me, I would like to express my feelings of gratitude towards the bravery and the commitment that you have for the United States.

My name is Anh Tran, and I am currently attending Oklahoma State University. Although the hectic rounds of exams are filling up my every moment, I still want to stop and thank you for what you are doing in Saudi Arabia. (In spite of)...the harsh and hot Saudi Arabian deserts, remember that you have the support and love of millions of people back home.

It is sometimes difficult to understand all the technical aspects of politics and war as well as events occurring the way they do. What I do know though is that the cause you are representing is very noble indeed. This is not a superficial compliment, for I am speaking from experience. It is people like you, who possess loyalty to your country and its ideas of freedom and justice, who gave my family and me a chance to start a new life fifteen years ago. In 1975, my family and I were evacuated by U.S. soldiers.

Although my family had been uprooted from our homeland, we knew the country we left behind was no longer worth living in if our freedom was to be stripped away from us. We were willing to start over from scratch in a strange land with new customs and language as long as it offered us two things: Freedom and Justice. That is exactly what the U.S. is to us, and never will we take for granted the rights we have today, nor will we forget the soldiers, fifteen years ago, who had a heart to care-just as you are caring today.

That is why I commend you for what you are representing today. To be dedicated to defending freedom and justice, be willing to draw a line to those advocating insane injustice is the mark of the bold and brave. Once again, remember that you are not alone. Our hearts and minds are with you - our heroes and protectors. All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of one single candle - all the evil in this world cannot put out the flame of your determination.

All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers and may the love of your special people at home warm your hearts.

God bless you all,
Anh Tran

Sergeant Stahlman's career outlasts nine Presidents

By SSgt. Stan Paregijn
507th Public Affairs

After serving the military under nine different presidential administrations, from Truman to Bush, SMSgt. J.D. Stahlman decided to retire.

"I joined the Air Force to keep from being drafted in April of 1951 during the Korean War," he joked. That strategy apparently worked. Today, 34 years later, he still hasn't been drafted.

"My first job was in the motor vehicle maintenance keeping the cars and trucks running," said Sergeant Stahlman.

He was assigned to Will Rogers Air National Guard as part of the active duty personnel for three months. He then went to Shaw and Frances E. Warren for schooling and was discharged in 1955 from active duty.

In 1956, the 69th Troop Carrier Squadron was formed at Tinker and Sergeant Stahlman decided to reenlist.

"I had heard about the squadron forming and got excited. I had been thinking about getting back in a unit anyway so I did," said Sergeant Stahlman.

After the Berlin Crisis was over in the sixties, Sergeant Stahlman considered going active full-time.

"It seriously crossed my mind to stay on active duty, but they didn't keep many on at that time so I got a civilian job.

In 1965, he started working for the Corps of Engineers as a construction inspector on the Broken Bow project. His job was to make sure it was strong enough to hold the water. He also worked on waterways and recreation centers.

During his civilian career, Sergeant Stahlman worked on the 507th CE Building, local Navy projects, and the AWACS building.

A lot of things have changed in the time Sergeant Stahlman has worked for Uncle Sam. From new uniforms to new planes, he has seen it all.

"Some of the biggest improvements have been in the mess hall, housing, and quality of life. And of course, all the equipment is better.

"On the other hand, discipline is more of a problem now than then, but that is pretty much because of the direction our whole society has been going.

"We didn't have go bags or gas masks back then either," Sergeant Stahlman said.

He mentioned that the flight transportation time has improved drastically.

"Now you can go halfway around the world quicker than it takes to drive across the U.S.," Sergeant Stahlman said.

Sgt. Stahlman served during Vietnam and the Cuban Missile Crisis and he was in Germany helping to open Sembach AB during the occupation period.

"Sembach was used as a TAC Reconnaissance base to keep down the Russian threat. That was the beginning of the Cold War.

"I think our strong military helped cause the Berlin Wall to come down. I was in active duty about the time it was built, and it was great to see it fall," he said.

He pointed out the need for a continued strong military might that other countries will respect.

"I'm still apprehensive about the Russian threat. By building our military up during the Reagan years, we helped to

give the Soviet people more freedom, but the recent crackdowns in the Baltic States looks like the same old Russia to me," he cautioned.

Sergeant Stahlman said his experiences with the 507th have been rewarding.

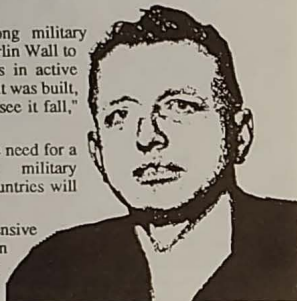
"I stayed in because I felt I owed my country and I wanted to repay it in the Reserves.

"I have driven a lot of miles and spent a lot of hours but it has been worth it. The challenges of getting prepared for active duty have made it exciting. It has been fun working with people like Bobby Hignite, Colonel Shaw, and Colonel Cole. They've been here about as long as me," Sergeant Stahlman laughed.

On his final UTA in February, Sergeant Stahlman had this advice for "younger" members of the 507th:

"This unit can be a very rewarding experience if you support the mission and keep a positive attitude. It is nice to be number one, but don't get down when things don't go your way. Set goals and look for assignments to meet those goals," he said.

His plans for retirement include fishing, working on cars and furniture, and enjoying life with his wife Margie and their four children and grandchildren.



Desert Storm

Information

Iraqi disinformation bends truth

SAUDI ARABIA (AFNEWS) -- Much like the Nazi broadcasts from Berlin Betty during World War II, Iraq's Baghdad Betty and Iraq Jack are spitting out daily doses of disinformation.

Listeners should not allow themselves to be swayed from these obvious fabrications and attempts to discredit the United States and its allies.

One of the more noted gaffes by Iraq's radio propaganda pair was when Baghdad Betty reported to American forces that their wives and sweethearts were romancing noted television movie stars, such as Tom Cruise and Bart Simpson.

Iraq's campaign to confuse facts, however, hasn't been confined to absurd attempts on the shortwave radio bands. More serious and potentially damaging stories originating from Iraqi sources have been working their way into the world press.

For example, according to the U.S. Information Agency, a Jan. 15 report from Baghdad radio falsely claimed U.S. intelligence is planning to remove Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah IBN Abdul Aziz, commander of the Saudi National Guard, from the political scene. The report went on to say that the United States intends to assassinate the prince.

Additionally, Iraq reports claimed that as of Jan. 19, 142 coalition forces aircraft and 23 cruise missiles had been downed by Iraqi military during hostilities. The Iraqis also said some of the cruise missiles were recovered and will be used against allied targets.

Only seven coalition aircraft were reported lost in the first 36 hours of Operation Desert Storm, according to U.S. Central Command commander in chief, Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

**Currently, Iraq's claims
tend to be running roughly
10 times the actual
number of coalition aircraft
downed.**

When coalition losses stood at two planes missing, the Iraqi count was 14. When the actual count was four, they said 44.

As of Jan. 19, Iraqi math figured the count at 94, when the count actually came to eight. Even on Jan. 22, after five days of war and more than 8,100 combat sorties, coalition forces had lost only 14 aircraft to enemy fire -- nine U.S. and five allied.

Although these reports are among the most recent coming out of Baghdad, they are part of a coordinated program by the Iraqis that has been going on since the start of Operation Desert Shield. Such early reports seemingly were designed to turn Arab opinion against the U.S.-led coalition.

When multinational forces first began arriving here in August, Iraqis assailed their presence by claiming U.S. troops were defiling Muslim holy places. Additionally, Iraqi Health Minister

Abdul Salam Mohammed said thousands of U.S. forces were carrying AIDS.

Since the start of Operation Desert Storm, the Iraqis have stepped up their disinformation campaign with false reports and battle claims.

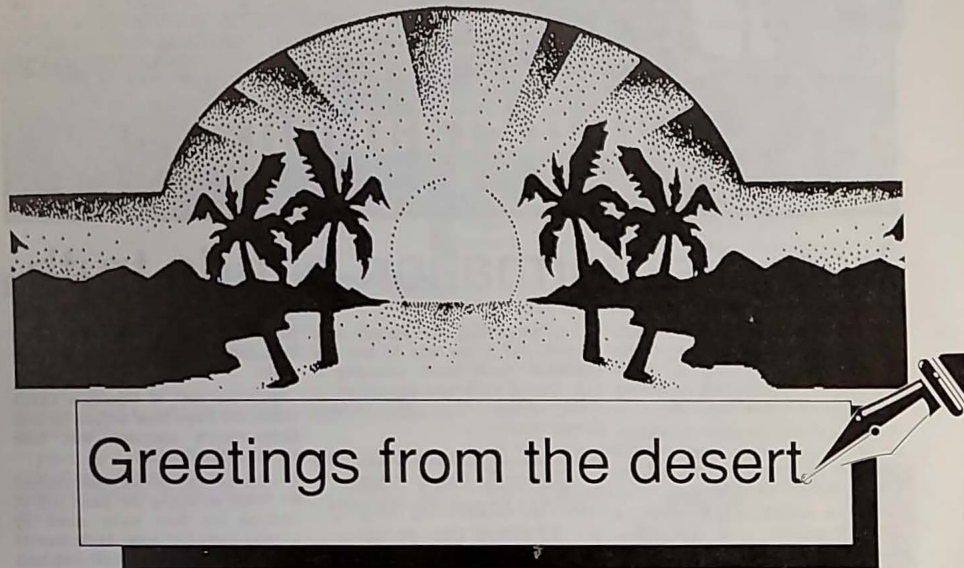
An Iranian news service report credited the Iraqis as saying the Saudi city of Dhahran has been under attack by missiles every half hour. At the time of that report, only one missile had been fired at Dhahran Jan. 18. According to General Schwarzkopf, it was downed by an Army Patriot missile battery and never hit its target.

Another report aired over Radio Madrid in Spain credited the Iraqi armed forces general command and the Iraqi ambassador to Spain as saying the multinational force bombing of Baghdad Jan. 17 was

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Special Desert Storm Issue



Greetings from the desert

Dear Ed,

Thanks for reminding me why I'm here

NOTE: The following letter is reprinted from the Desert Defender, Operation Desert Storm's command newspaper. It was originally sent to "Any Service Member" from a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y. the response was written by Capt. James Tynan, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional). After copies of the two letters were printed in the Newark, N.J., Star Ledger, there was an overwhelming response from the people of New Jersey in the form of letters of support, cards, notes and packages.)

Greetings G.I. Joe Jerk,

Don't you feel stupid being sent to Saudi Arabia? You're probably sweating your butt off while I am sitting down here eating a home-cooked meal in a nice apartment while you are dirty and sitting or standing in the middle of the desert, waiting for your next glass of water.

Monday Night football has started and other new programs will soon be coming on, while you're probably watching some stupid sand dune or digging your latrine.

Well, I guess the U.S. Army screwed you over pretty good...you must be pretty mad not even seeing your family - I guess you better get used to it, if you're going to be in the Army!

I guess you're buttering up an officer or something. Think next time before you do something stupid like join the Army, you jerk!

Your friend,

Ed

Dear Ed,

I received your letter to "Any U.S. Service Member" with the salutation "Greetings, G.I. Joe Jerk" a couple of days ago, and I'm writing to say thank you for reminding me why I'm out here and you're not.

Contrary to what you think, I'm extremely fortunate for having been given the chance to serve in America's armed forces and for having the opportunity to associate with some of the finest Americans I've ever known.

You see, Ed, it takes a very special kind of person to do what I and thousands of other American men and women are doing right now for our country and the free world.

A kind of person who is totally committed - someone who voluntarily chooses to leave his family and friends for an unknown period of time to deploy out here and work seven days a week, 12 arduous hours or more each day, in the Saudi Arabian desert.

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Activated!

A First Sergeant's perspective

By MSgt. Tom Clapper
507th Civil Engineering Squadron
Public Affairs Representative

How does it feel to be called up to active duty?

"It is a lot like basic training," said MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire, First Sergeant of the 72nd Aeroport Squadron. "People can tell you all about it but until you actually experience it for yourself, you really don't understand it," he said.

Sergeant McGuire, whose unit was activated in November of last year and stationed at Tinker AFB, took time from his schedule to visit with his fellow First Sergeants last UTA. Also attending the meeting was 507th TFG commander Lt. Col. Robert Lytle and Senior Enlisted Advisor, CMSgt. Lee Adams. While there, Sergeant McGuire gave an informal briefing on what happened to his unit and what other units should expect should they join him on active duty.

Families were a major concern, said Sergeant McGuire. "For the first week or so the families seemed to be in shock.

Then they realized all the implications that this was not just a short TDY," he said. MSgt. McGuire said the unit handled the situation by arranging for a special spouse briefing. Supported by the base and 507th, the unit presented a program informing the spouses and other family members about the resources available to them.

According to one activated reservist, there are 100 things you have to do and not always time to do them. Members must be careful with their money to ensure they are not faced with bankruptcy when called to active duty. The watch word is to make your financial plans now and don't wait until you get called up.

That is good advice according to Sergeant McGuire's description. There were too many times when a member didn't have time to correct his or her paperwork during UTAs and then when activated, the discrepancy between personnel and pay records caused a delay in pay.

There were other surprises, according to Sergeant McGuire. He said he was overwhelmed by the amount of patriotism shown by some of his

personnel. "Those who had been giving me the most trouble during UTAs were the most gung-ho once they had been recalled," he said. "Apparently, once they realized that they were needed in support of Desert Storm, they understood why they had been trained and threw themselves into their jobs, heart and soul."

There will always be surprises, he counseled, but that is all the more reason to prepare in advance.

"The most important thing is your mental attitude," the sergeant observed. "Be thinking that you might be activated and then follow through on what you know you will have to do."

He said that the planning and preparation helps, but, he said, "You are still shocked and surprised when that call finally comes late at night."

Mobilization status changes for some reservists

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Air Force Reservists who were previously ordered to active duty under the Presidential 200K Call-up Authority converted to partial mobilization status Feb. 1.

Under this executive order for partial mobilization, reservists will not stay on active duty for more than 12 months, unless extended to a maximum of 24 months.

The period of active duty starts on the day each individual signed in after being recalled or placed under partial mobilization. For example, if a reservist signed in for duty on Dec. 1, 1990, the last day of duty will be Nov. 30, 1991.

Mobilized reservists fall under the full operational control of the appropriate gaining command; however, personnel management and administrative control remain with the Reserve.

The new status does not entitle reservists to permanent-change-of-station entitlements, such as shipment of household goods or movement of dependents.

Special Desert Storm Issue

Iraqi is history long, violent

SAUDI ARABIA (AFNEWS) -- Operation Desert Storm is not the first conflict to sweep into Iraq. In fact, the nation has a long history of warfare.

The 167,924-square-mile country -- about the size of California -- is home to about just over 18 million people. Most are Muslim -- about 55 percent Shi'a and 40 percent Sunni. The remaining 5 percent are Christian.

Iraq's two largest ethnic groups are Arab and Kurds. Petroleum accounts for 32 percent of Iraq's normal gross national product and 99 percent of its merchandise exports.

Known as Mesopotamia, Iraq was the site of flourishing ancient civilizations.

For centuries, it formed the border between the Roman and Persian Empire. Muslims conquered Iraq in the 7th century. In 762, Baghdad became the capital of the vast Muslim empire that had been built in the century after the death of the prophet Muhammad.

The 400 years beginning in the middle of the 8th century, known as the Abbasid period, was the golden age of Islamic art and science. Gradually, however, the empire was weakened by internal dissension, until in 1258 Baghdad fell to the Mongol hordes of Hulegu Khan, grandson of Ghengis Khan.

The area now known as Iraq then passed from the hands of one foreign

dynasty to another, finally becoming part of the Turkish Ottoman empire. By 1638, Baghdad, once the leading city of Islam and one of the prime centers of civilization, was nothing more than a frontier outpost for the Ottomans.

At the end of World War I, Iraq became a British-mandated territory and was declared independent in 1932. Several coups and assassinations later, Ahmad Hasan Al-Bakr emerged in 1968 as president of Iraq and chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council. He resigned in July 1979, and his close collaborator assumed both offices. That man was Saddam Hussein. (Courtesy CENTCOM News Service)

Desert Express:

When it's got to get there overnight

CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. (AFNS) -- Critical spare parts are getting to Operation Desert Shield faster, thanks to a new express airlift service recently incorporated by Military Airlift Command.

Every day, Desert Express moves mission-essential spare parts and other high-priority cargo on special 437th Military Airlift Wing C-141 missions from Charleston AFB, S.C.

"It's essentially an overnight service for 'show-stopper' items," said Col. Craig Thompson, deputy director for operations at U.S. Transportation Command.

"The service is exclusively for those items which must be there to get an aircraft off the ground or other essential weapon systems working."

Normally after supply requisitions are filled, the parts are sent to one of the aerial ports for transportation, he explained. However, the parts are not moved until there is a full airplane load.

With the new express service, parts are shipped every day regardless of whether or not there's a full load.

"Right now, the Army is being allocated five pallets, the Air Force four, the Navy two and the Marine Corps one," Col. Thompson said.

The services are required to make "reservations" for the parts they want on the flight. Once the particular service gives the OK, the part is marked for Desert Express and shipped by commercial overnight express service to Charleston.

"We launch a plane at 12:30 p.m. every day. Seventeen hours later, it's in theater. From there, the intratheater transportation

service takes over, and within hours, it's where it needs to be," Colonel Thompson said.

The first Desert Express departed Charleston Oct. 30. After a refueling stop at Torrejon AB, Spain, the C-141 continued on to deliver its cargo to a Desert Shield location.

"This first mission went like clockwork," said Col. Thomas Griesser, commander of the 625th Military Airlift Support Group, which is responsible for a quick turnaround at Torrejon.

The Desert Express turn time at Torrejon is two hours less than the norm for a C-141 and one hour less than the turn time set by MAC for Desert Shield aircraft.

Even if the C-141 comes in disabled, the Desert Express will go on. A C-141 is on standby at Torrejon just in case something ever happens.

"So far it's been a great success story for MAC and the transportation system as a whole -- including the in-country transportation," Colonel Thompson said. "All the items which had to be moved within a certain time-frame have been moved." (Courtesy of MAC News Service)



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Support groups help those left behind



The following is a partial list of various Desert Storm support groups created to assist spouses during family separations.

COPE is a support group sponsored by the Tinker AFB Family Support Center. They feature guest speakers dinners out and "how to" seminars. The Group meets on the first and third Monday of every month. For more information call 739-2747 or 739-2417.

Other groups on base may be reached by calling the Red Cross at 734-3030, Family Services at 739-2505, NCO Wives' Club at 734-3435, or Officers' Wives Club at 734-3418.

Oklahoma National Guard group may be reached at 425-8255. Call for locations, dates and times of meetings.

Marine Corps League meet the fourth Friday of each month. Call 737-7833 for details.

Soldier Creek Baptist Church at 9020 S.E. 15th meets the first and third Monday at 7 p.m. and is open to all services. Call 732-3235 for details.

First Southern Baptist Church at 6400 S. Sooner Road sponsors a group. Call Alicia Oppelaar at 733-8248 for details.

Sand Castles, sponsored by the St. Mark's Cumberland Presbyterian Church meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. One group is located at 1245 S.W. 74th. A second on the north side at 11701 N. McArthur meets Thursdays at 7:30 and may be contacted at 721-7539 or 721-1542.

Desert Storm created hardships for those overseas as well as those left behind. Local support groups have formed to support the spouses of deployed service members. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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Survey finds employers supportive

Washington) -- A survey of the nation's top 500 companies has found benefits for mobilized guardsmen and reservists show "that Corporate America is still trying to do right by its employees," according to the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. The results of the survey were published in the February issue of the association's monthly magazine, "The Officer".

The corporations were queried in December by Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, AUS (Ret.), executive director of ROA, on their policies for their employees who had been called to active duty in the military reserve for Operation Desert Shield.

The association initially had contacted 60 corporations in October at the time the Persian Gulf crisis was developing. Many then were evaluating their policies but that survey indicated positive programs, ROA commented.

"As the uncertainty of the Persian Gulf extended," ROA continued, "so too did some of the newly established policies. Short-term ones became longer-term; longer-term policies were extended even further."

"IBM's policy for pay differential, for example, increased from 180 days in September to its present 365-day policy. To its 30 days full pay reported in October, General Electric added 11 months pay differential. Philip Morris went from 60 to 120 days to end-of-month following one year after date of call-up."

"Paul M. Thomson, Director of Compensation and Benefits at United Technologies, summarized best the reason for policy modification when he said: 'It was decided this crisis required the corporation to minimize our employees' concerns if activated.'"

"Of those responding, three offered pay differential for the duration. They are Beckton Dickinson, Valero Energy, and Avnet."

"Seven companies--Exxon, IBM, Mobil, Philip Morris, United Technologies, Bristol-Myers, Squibb, and Diamond Shamrock--are offering differential for one year, with Exxon preceding its package with two months' lump sum salary. General Electric follows its one-month full salary with 11 months of differential."



The 14-page summary of 155 companies appears in the 156-page annual "Reserve Forces Review" issue of "The Officer." Copies of the issue can be obtained for \$5 for postage and handling from ROA Reserve Review, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

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aimed largely at civilian targets. According to Lt. Gen. Charles A. Homer, Central Command Air Forces commander, the focus of all Operation Desert Storm air strikes is on military objectives.

General Homer helped demonstrate the effectiveness of the attack on Baghdad with video tape shown before a media briefing in Riyadh Jan. 18. The tape, filmed from allied aircraft, showed bombs hitting their targets with pin-point accuracy, including the headquarters building of the Iraqi Air Force. (Courtesy CENTCOM News Service)

Iraqi Disinformation

Special Desert Storm Issue

BX privileges

now

unlimited

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Air Force Reservists in the Ready Reserve now have unlimited privileges at base exchanges and revenue-generating morale, welfare and facilities.

Reservists in good standing and their dependents may use exchange and MWR facilities such as golf courses and temporary lodging facilities on the same basis as active-duty members.

These new benefits, however, bring similar identification requirements to gain access to the facilities.

Reservists need their Reserve ID card, and dependents need a Defense Department Form 1173-1, DOD Reserve dependent ID card, or an Air Force Form 446, Reserve dependent ID card.

Until implementing instructions and forms are available at authorized ID card-issuing offices, dependents who do not have the appropriate ID card may enter exchange and MWR facilities if they accompany their sponsor.

During this interim period, family members can use exchange facilities

unaccompanied by showing a photo ID and a copy of their sponsor's leave and earning statement, said Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

"We've been urging people to obtain Reserve ID cards for their dependents for some time," said Capt. Tim Covert, 507th CBPO chief.

"These new entitlements are a great incentive for reservists and their families, but these benefits also mean an end to the old ways of doing business. Reservists and their dependents will no longer need to show orders or pay statements to enter these facilities, but they will need an ID card. A Reserve ID card for dependents makes it convenient."

Dear Ed,

Thank you for writing

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A kind of person who is totally dedicated - someone who volunteers to replace many of life's come-to-be-expected luxuries such as three hot meals a day, a daily shower, ice, air conditioning, bed sheets, flushing toilets, cold water, a roof overhead and Monday Night football for MRE's (meals ready to eat), washing with leftover drinking water, self-dug latrines, sand storms, relentless desert heat, sock-wrapped bottles of warm drinking water and sitting in shade provided only by a poncho.

A kind of person who is heroically brave - someone who fully accepts the fact that he may never see his loved ones again, that he may die at the hands of the enemy, Ed, because of his decision to be here. A kind of person who is incredibly proud - someone who readily places their needs second to God and country for a principle for which their forefathers have fought for more than 200 years - the principle of freedom.

That's right, Ed, when you take the time to look through all of the clutter which surrounds the external issues, freedom is the underlying reason we're over here. Our goal is to defend a principle which sits at the very heart of who we are as a nation - a free nation - as people living in a world which cannot claim that principle as a universal right. A principle which allows you and me the freedom to publicly speak out or write about our political belief or personal feelings without having to worry about spending time in jail.

A principle that gives you and me the freedom to worship a supreme being in any fashion we choose or the right to say we are non-believers, without the fear of punishment looming over our heads. A principle which guarantees you and me and all other Americans the freedom to go wherever we want to go, whenever we choose, without fear of being watched or hassled.

A principle which gives your children and mine, Ed, the freedom to pursue a way of life that could take them to the moon, to MIT, to the Supreme Court, to the New York Times without being forced to interrupt that journey by having to serve in the military of a country which made it all possible for them. Now that's freedom, Ed - America's kind of freedom in its purest form!

Just one more thing, Ed, I pray you never forget that the freedom you enjoy today did not come without a grave price. A price paid not by you or me, yet, but by thousands and thousands of American men and women, military and civilian, who sacrificed the ultimate - life - in service of their country, to ensure that you and I would remain free. A price, Ed, still willingly being paid today by American heroes who are over here with me so that the rest of America, including you, will be able to enjoy the taste of freedom tomorrow. God bless you, Ed, and may your freedom be long lasting!

Sincerely,

James F. Tynan

Capt., U.S. Air Force

Operation Desert Storm

Desert Storm Special Issue

More reservists called up

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- More than 7,000 Air Force Reservists went on active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm during the last three weeks in January.

They included aircrew, maintenance, medical, civil engineering, security police and aerial port personnel. Some elements of the following units were called more than once during January:

C-130 TACTICAL AIRLIFT: Aircraft, aircrews and support personnel from the 907th Tactical Airlift Group, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

USAF CONTINGENCY HOSPITALS: 11th CHP, Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, Texas; 12th CHP, Travis AFB, Calif.; and 13th CHP, Scott AFB, Ill. The call-ups include geographically separated detachments from each hospital.

FIREFIGHTERS: 10th Civil Engineering Flight, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; 445th Civil Engineering Squadron, Norton AFB, Calif.; 512th CES, Dover AFB, Del.; 514th CES, McGuire AFB, N.J.; 923rd CES, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.; 924th CES, Bergstrom AFB; 930th CES, Grissom AFB, Ind.; and 940th CES, Mather AFB, Calif.

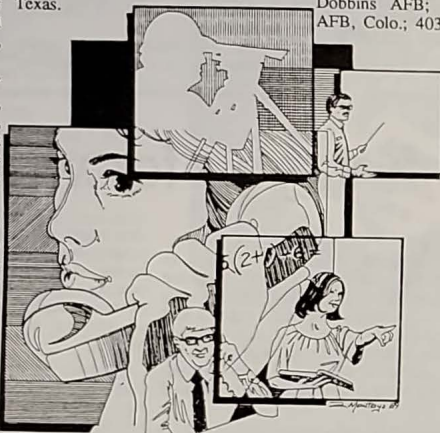
PRIME RIBS (Readiness in Base Services): 10th CEF, Bergstrom AFB; 301st CES, Carswell AFB, Texas; 419th CES, Hill AFB, Utah; 442nd CES, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.; 452nd CES, March AFB, Calif.; 482nd CES, Homestead AFB, Fla.; 507th CES, Tinker AFB, Okla.; 906th CES, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 914th CES, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.; 916th CES, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; 917th Barksdale AFB, La.; 924th CES, Bergstrom AFB; 926th CES, NAS New Orleans, La.; 930th CES, Grissom AFB; and 940th CES, Mather AFB.

SECURITY POLICE: 315th Security Police Flight, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 349th SPF, Travis AFB; 445th SPF, Norton AFB; 446th SPF, McChord AFB, Wash.; 512th SPF, Dover AFB;

514th SPF, McGuire AFB; and 639th SPF, Westover AFB, Mass.

AIR REFUELING: KC-135 maintenance crews from the 336th Air Refueling Squadron, March AFB, and KC-135 aircraft, aircrews and support personnel from the 940th Air Refueling Group, Mather AFB.

AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION GROUP: 32nd AEG, Kelly AFB, Texas.



AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRONS: 33rd AES, Greater Pittsburgh IAP, Pa.; 34th AES, Kelly AFB; 35th AES, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; 36th AES, Richards-Gebaur AFB; 40th AES, McChord AFB; 45th AES, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.; 47th AES, Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP, Minn.; 60th AES, Andrews AFB, Md.; 63rd AES, O'Hare ARFF, Ill.; 64th AES, Dobbins AFB, Ga.; 65th AES, Travis AFB; 68th AES, Norton AFB; 69th AES, McGuire AFB; 70th AES, Niagara Falls IAP; 72nd AES, McGuire AFB; and 74th AES, Westover AFB.

AEROMEDICAL PATIENT STAGING SQUADRONS: 21st APSS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; 22nd APSS, Andrews

AFB; 23rd APSS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; 33rd APSS, McGuire AFB; 34th APSS, Roslyn ANG, N.Y.; 35th APSS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 36th APSS, O'Hare ARFF; 39th APSS, McChord AFB; 41st APSS, Luke AFB, Ariz.; 42nd APSS, Norton AFB; 44th APSS, Travis AFB; and 52nd APSS, Scott AFB.

MEDICAL SQUADRONS: 94th MS, Dobbins AFB; 302nd MS, Peterson AFB, Colo.; 403rd MS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; 440th MS, Gen. Mitchell IAP, Wis.; 507th MS, Tinker AFB, Okla.; 908th MS, Maxwell AFB; 910th MS, Youngstown MAP, Ohio; 911th MS, Greater Pittsburgh IAP; 913th MS, Willow Grove ARF, Pa.; 914th MS, Niagara Falls IAP; 927th MS, Selfridge ANGB; 928th MS, O'Hare ARFF; 934th MS, Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP; 939th MS, Portland IAP, Ore.; and 943rd MS, March AFB.

USAF CLINICS: 315th Clinic, Charleston AFB; 349th Clinic, Travis AFB; 439th Clinic, Westover AFB; 445th Clinic, Norton AFB; 446th Clinic, McChord AFB; 459th Clinic, Andrews AFB; 512th Clinic, Dover AFB; 514th Clinic, McGuire AFB; 932nd Clinic, Scott AFB; and 940th Clinic, Mather AFB.

TACTICAL CLINIC: 907th Clinic, Rickenbacker ANGB.

AERIAL PORT SQUADRONS: 49th APS, McGuire AFB, and 81st APS, Charleston AFB. The 72nd APS from Tinker AFB went on active duty last November.

Lt. Wood chosen for 10AF award

1st Lt. James Wood of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has been picked as the 10th Air Force Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance Officer for 1990.

A decision for the AFRES-level judging is currently pending.

If selected by AFRES, Lieutenant Wood will compete with active duty officers for the Air Force's Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Outstanding Aerospace Maintenance Officer of the year award.

The award is presented annually to acknowledge outstanding contribution to improve maintenance operations. It is named in honor of retired Lieutenant General Leo Marquez, a former U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Engineering.

In his nomination package, Lieutenant Wood was cited for his outstanding professionalism and leadership as the senior Air Reserve Technician (ART) for the 403rd CLSS.

According to 403rd CLSS Commander, Lt. Col. Warren Muller, "Lieutenant Wood is an aggressive officer with outstanding leadership abilities."

"Lieutenant Wood's work and influence on the squadron can be seen in all sectors." --Lt. Col. Warren Muller

The colonel said he dramatically increased the squadron's Status of Resources and Training (SORTS) through his efforts and careful attention.

The colonel praised Lieutenant Wood's guidance and enthusiasm in leading the maintenance branch through preparation for a major command unit effectiveness inspection. He said the branch received its highest rating and best comments in more than 10 years. "And at the inspection team out-brief, Lieutenant

Wood was specifically named as unit outstanding over achiever," the colonel said.

Lieutenant Wood was cited for his efforts this past year in developing and planning of the successful reassembly of three T-33 aircraft at Carrasco Air Base, Montevideo, Uruguay, South America. He personally organized three teams of reservists, to complete the job. The project was accomplished under extremely demanding conditions in spite of a language barrier and shortage of serviceable parts and equipment.

"His excellence in handling the day to day activities as well as special projects has resulted in letters of recognition received from base organizations, major commands, and United States Ambassadors to several foreign nations," Colonel Muller said. "He is enthusiastic, supportive, visible and recognized by all as a positive force behind the 403rd. His ability to get results has no peers."

NCO, Airman of Quarter picked

TSgt. Sandra Watkins and SrA Larry Nugent, both from the 507th Medical Squadron, have been selected as the 507th NCO and Airman of the Quarter.

As a radiology technologist at the 507th Medical Squadron, Sergeant Watkins independently operates her section. She also works daily as a civilian ultra-sound technician in this same section. According to Col. Clio Harper, 507th MS commander, this has vastly increased her knowledge and expertise as well as significantly contributes to the overall success of her unit.

Unit honors TSgt. Sandra Watkins and SrA Larry Nugent

"TSgt. Watkins is a composed, mature and motivated NCO," Colonel Harper said. "She has the unique opportunity to be in a position where she has been able to 'bridge the gap' between Active Duty and Reserve." Consequently, he said, she is often called upon by her active duty counterparts to perform on UTA weekends.

TSgt. Watkins is a recipient of the Air Force Commendation and Meritorious Medals. In 1985, she received a certificate for successfully completing 160 hours for the academic and clinical program of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. In 1987 and 1988, she received the Sustained Superior Performance Award from the Department of the Air Force. She also holds

an Associate Degree in Radiology and is planning to complete a degree in Management.

Colonel Harper stated Sergeant Watkins' skillful management of her time has enabled her to take on additional duties and she has been an excellent role model for the unit.

"Her expertise has provided an added and vital dimension to the Air Force Reserve," he said.

SrA Nugent serves as a medical technician in the Physical Exam Section. According to his supervisor, since becoming a member of the unit, he has excelled in utilizing all available resources to enhance his knowledge.

"SrA Nugent is highly motivated and continues to advance and aspire toward self-improvement," Colonel Harper said.

The colonel said Airman Nugent is an assertive, confident, and dedicated individual who seeks out additional duties. During the unit's 1990 annual tour, Airman Nugent "took charge" of several situations and lead his peers through different training scenarios. Airman Nugent recently returned from active duty as a volunteer from Tyndall AFB for Operation Desert Shield.

The sergeant's immediate professional goal is to achieve a degree in Nursing. He is a recipient of the Reserve Outstanding Unit Award and the Meritorious Service Medal.

"Airman Nugent is a resourceful individual and highly respected by members in this unit," Colonel Harper said. "His personal approach of the unit personifies the positive attitude and pride he has for the Air Force Reserve."

Education benefits improve

Reserve seeks officers for service schools

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- The Air Force Reserve is seeking officers to attend in-resident professional military education schools for the 1992 school year.

Each year AFRES receives 36 allocations for officers to attend the National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, and Squadron Officer School.

The National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces are senior level courses which focus on national security issues. The schools are 10 months long and open to colonels and lieutenant colonels. Both schools are at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., is also for colonels and lieutenant colonels. It's a nine-month discipline which deals with the analysis and in-depth evaluation of current U.S. policy, doctrine and strategy of aerospace power.

Air Command and Staff College is a 10-month course for majors, and Squadron Officer School has a seven-week curriculum for captains. Both schools are at Maxwell AFB and deal with management, leadership and communications skills.

More details about these courses and application procedures are available at the 507th training office.

CCAF registration automatic

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. (AFNS) -- A new Community College of the Air Force registration policy placing non-registered students in the degree program began last month.

The new policy applies to all eligible active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve enlisted members not currently registered in a CCAF degree program.

The policy uses CCAF's personnel data to automatically place non-registered students in the degree program.

Additionally, upon graduation from basic training and being awarded their primary Air Force Specialty Code, new airmen will be similarly processed. Even though degree program assignment will now be automatic, new airmen are encouraged to receive degree program counseling after they've attained their three-skill level.

According to Nancy Knight, 507th CBPO Training section, progress



reports for individuals will not be automatically produced. "What that means is that everyone should come to the Training office to request their CCAF transcript," she said. Knight encouraged 507th members to take advantage of the CCAF degree program.

"With the new Montgomery GI Bill benefits, it's really easy to get a CCAF degree," she said. "CCAF graduates receive a two-year Associate of Arts diploma. In many cases that can show a potential civilian employer you have more qualifications and training and are more deserving of a job."

There is no change for those individuals who would register in subsequent CCAF degree programs or wish to change their program.

More information is available from Nancy Knight or Stephanie Thrower in the training office at extension 47075.

Free college credit is available

The following is a list of College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) tests available free-of-charge at the Base Education Office.

For more information on receiving study guides or scheduling a test, contact Nancy Knight or Stephanie Thrower at the 507th Training Office, extension 47075.



DANTES

Subject Standardized Tests

Intermediate College Algebra, 3; Calculus I, 4; Principles of Statistics, 3; History of Western Civilization to 1500, 3; Geography, 3; Ethics in America, 3; War and Peace in the Nuclear Age, 3; Lifespan Developmental Psychology, 3; General Anthropology, 3; Introduction to Law Enforcement, 3; Criminal Justice, 3; Astronomy, 3; Physics for Non-Majors, 6; Physics with Calculus-Mechanics, 3; Physics w/Calculus - Electricity and Magnetism, 3; ACS General Chemistry, 6.

Principles of Physical Science I, 3; Physical Geology, 3; Principles of Finance, 3; Principles of Financial Accounting, 3; Personnel/Human Resource Management, 3; Organizational Behavior, 3; Introduction to Computers w/Basic Programming, 3; Introduction to Business, 3; Risk and Insurance, 3; Principles of Real Estate, 3; Money and Banking, 3; Basic Marketing, 3.

Fundamentals of Counseling, 3; Beginning German I, 3; Beginning German II, 3; Beginning Spanish I, 3; Beginning Spanish II, 3; Beginning Italian I, 3; Basic Automotive Service, 3; Automotive Electrical/Electronics, 3; Introduction to Carpentry, 2; Basic Technical Drafting, 3.

Fundamentals of Electronics, 3; Electric Circuits, 4; Electronic Devices, 4; Business Mathematics, 3; Principles of Public Speaking, 3; Technical Writing, 3; Principles of Electronic Communication Systems, 3; Television Theory and Circuitry, 3; and Principles of Refrigeration Technology, 3.

CLEP

General Examinations-Recommended Semester Hours

English Composition, 6; Social Science and History, 6; Natural Science, 6; Humanities, 6; Mathematics, 6; English Composition w/Essay, 6.

Subject Examinations-Recommended Semester Hours

American Government, 3; American Literature, 6; Analysis and Interpretation of Literature, 6; College Algebra, 3; College Algebra-Trigonometry, 3; Computers and Data Processing, 3; Educational Psychology, 3; English Literature, 6; General Chemistry, 6; General Psychology, 3; Human Growth and Development, 3; Introduction to Management, 3; Introductory Accounting, 6; Introductory Business Law, 3.

Introductory Marketing, 3; Trigonometry, 3; Freshman English, 6; Introductory Macroeconomics, 3; Introductory Microeconomics, 3; Introduction to Sociology, 3; College Composition, 6; French - Level 1 & 2, 6-12; German - Level 1 & 2, 6-12; Spanish - Level 1 & 2, 6-12; Calculus, 6; General Biology, 6; American History I, 3; American History II, 3; Western Civilization I, 3; and Western Civilization II, 3.





Know your bombs?

TSgt. Richard Sweeden, a Disaster Preparedness Technician, holds a simulated Unexploded Ordnance Shell. If you find a UXO during the Operational Readiness Inspection, mark it off, and report it immediately to the SRC.

TSgt. Cherry picked by 10AF

TSgt. Julia Cherry of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has been picked by 10th Air Force as the Outstanding Military Logistics Plans and Programs Technician of the Year for 1990.

Her nomination package is currently at Air Force Reserve headquarters pending decision of the AFRES-level judging.

Sergeant Cherry is responsible for logistical planning and program support of 403rd annual tours, special project TDYs as well as mobility exercises.

According to 403rd Commander Lt. Col. Warren Muller, "Sergeant Cherry has impressed me with her ability to get the job done in a consistently superior manner. Her desire to contribute in anyway that she can and her work attitude has a significant impact on everyone who works with her."

In nominating her for the award, she was cited for identifying and solving a variety of problems ranging from mobility equipment allowances to developing a computer tracking system for unit mobility bags.

She was given the primary responsibility for developing plans of the 403rd's maintenance

restructuring under the Air Force's RIVET Workforce program. That program combines maintenance-related Air Force Specialty Codes into more flexible and smaller groups, by reducing specialization.

Sergeant Cherry was also instrumental in the development and planning of the logistics for project "Look South" involving the reassembly of three T-33 aircraft at Carrasco, Montevideo, Uruguay. Three separate 403rd teams deployed to assist that country in rebuilding those aircraft.

She also served as the president of the Tinker Air Force Base NCO Academy Graduates Association during that time and was the 507th NCO of the Quarter for the third quarter.

According to Lt. Col. Robert Lytle, 507th Commander, "Sergeant Cherry is an aggressive NCO with outstanding leadership abilities. She attacks problems with a thoroughness and a sense of purpose that guarantees positive results. Her record in the 403rd has been phenomenal and her achievements warrant this recognition."

Avoid becoming a terrorist target

By F. Peter Wigginton

Washington (AFNS) -- The threat of global terrorism by supporters of Iraq is on the rise, and experts say the best defense is vigilance.

"The rhetoric coming from the Middle East prior to Jan. 15 promised terrorist attacks would take place against American interests and citizens, both abroad and in the United States," said a spokesman for the FBI, the lead oversight agency for counter- and anti-terrorism in the United States.

"Second-front" operations in the United States, as Iraq's Saddam Hussein calls them, may be airports, banks, sporting events and train stations in such major cities as New York, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles, FBI director William Sessions said recently. The object of an attack, another federal official noted, is to "get the biggest bang for their buck."

Maj. John Kirby, an anti-terrorism expert in the Air Force office of special investigation, said media reports of pro-Iraqi groups being ordered into place for terrorist activities are generally accurate, but their capabilities remain to be seen. "This is a serious matter that everybody needs to be concerned about," he said. "There is no total protection against terrorism. Yet, there are a number of things a person can do to reduce the risk."

Mr. Sessions says Americans should go about their normal business, but be vigilant as to what is going on around them. They should report any activity out of the ordinary immediately to the FBI, the police or appropriate military authority.

Each military service is responsible for advising its members about precautions to take to minimize the threat, said Major Kirby. The recommendations are common-sense measures DoD personnel should keep in mind. They center upon three basic rules: Be alert, keep a low profile, and be unpredictable.

For example, if you see someone watching you, your home or your place of work, report it immediately to the authorities. The same rule applies to suspicious-looking vehicles, especially those that appear to be following you.

If out of the United States, avoid restaurants, clubs and other facilities known to cater to U.S. military members and civilians. Avoid gatherings readily identified as American. Don't wear flashy or distinctly American clothing. Military members should not wear their uniforms unless prescribed.

Teach children not to leave school with strangers, nor should they or adults open their residence doors without knowing whom to expect.

Don't jog or exercise alone, avoid isolated areas and dark streets. Don't get separated from any group or family you may be with.

Avoid flashing money or otherwise bringing attention to yourself. Vary your routine so it's difficult for someone to know when you'll be where and what route you'll follow to get there.

Anti-terrorist experts stress that regardless of the circumstances surrounding the loss of your identification card, wallet or license plates, report the matter to the military police immediately. Terrorists may use these items to gain access to military installations. (Courtesy American Forces Information Service)

Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals who were recently promoted.

To SMSgt.

Deborah Willis

To MSgt.

Sharon Morgan, Luis Tacon, Lynndall Wolfe

To TSgt.

Terrie Munsey

To SSgt.

Thomas Allen Jr., Gregory Barnes, Emmanue Brucetage, Cynthia Burkhalter, Timothy Duty, Michael Eidenshink, Emad Elesh, James Eye Jr., Evan Fenn, Timothy Henderson, Michael Hill, Cheri Hughey, Thelma Jones, Mario Lopez, Judith Osborne, Jenna Petty, Ricky Reich, Darrell Rhodes, Christine Riggio, Edward Rosenhauer, Bryan Smittle, Michael Swann and Shirley Thompson.

To SrA

Richard Andrews, Christopher Basoco, Stanley Boyd, Sandra Christensen, Gary Cobb, Christopher Cox, Sherry Cunningham, Paul Duit, Thomas Fry, Florenda Joseph, Sheila Kaplan, Mikula Labbe, Michael Lee, Michael Pope, James Porter Jr., and Layne Wroblewski.

To A1C

Stacy Ballou

Reserve news you can use

Senior NCO Academy class needs you

AFRES is currently soliciting applications for Senior NCO Academy Class 91-D.

The class will run from 1 Mar through 19 June 1991.

Applications screening for SNCOA Class 91-D will be held March 13 and 14. Selections will be announced March 14. Applications must be submitted through the Group Training Office to arrive at AFRES not later than March 8. Interested members must have their completed application in to Group Training not later than March 3.

For information on specific application requirements, contact the Group Training Office staff at extension 47075.

VA educational benefit

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Members of the Selected Ready Reserve can now receive \$400 for education from the Department of Veteran Affairs in addition to their Reserve GI Bill benefits, VA said.

The Reserve Member Stipend Program is a competitive program open to all SRR members eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve and who have scored above 50 percent on the Armed Forces Qualification Test.

The awards are for students in their final year of an associate degree program, as well as third- and fourth-year students in baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing and occupational or physical therapy.

Recipients receive a \$400 a month stipend, in addition to the GI Bill benefits.

In exchange, participants must agree to serve as a full-time registered nurse, or occupational or physical therapist in a VA medical center for one year for each year of stipend support. The maximum length of the stipend award is two years.

Requests for applications can be made in March to the chief of nursing or the chief of rehabilitation medicine at any VA medical center.

Applications can also be obtained from deans of nursing, directors of occupational or physical therapy, or the financial administrator at schools with accredited programs.

Additional information is available from the VA health Professional Scholarship Program (143C2), 810 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420, (202) 233-3652.

House votes to aid Reservists, Veterans

In the latest congressional attempt to soften the impact of the war on reservists, the House voted 414 to 0 for legislation to protect active-duty military personnel from evictions, civil suits and loss of health insurance.

Under current law, families of active duty personnel cannot be evicted from apartments or homes if their monthly rent is less than \$150.

The bill passed January 29 increases that threshold to \$1,200. The measure also provides that those called to active duty would automatically have health insurance reinstated upon their return to civilian life and delays until July 1 any civil actions against them by creditors.

Also physicians called to active duty would be allowed to have their medical malpractice insurance premiums suspended and coverage reinstated once they return from active duty.

Easter baskets for Desert Storm

Much attention has been focused on the troops stationed in the desert.

The 507th wants to assure its activated 507th comrades assigned stateside that their sacrifices in support of Operation Desert Storm are also not forgotten.

You can help the Easter Bunny take care of our activated reservists assigned to the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, 507 Medical Readiness Squadron, and 507 Civil Engineering Squadron.

There's a big, but empty basket for each of these units, and your contributions are needed to fill them up. Take your creative Easter basket-filling items to your first sergeant, the Chaplains or CBPO (SMSgt Branchfield) by March 15.

Bring anything you'd like to receive, such as candy, cookies, or any other fun or creative Easter basket-filling things (for instance, a plastic egg with a cartoon or message of encouragement inside).

Club is off-limits

Colonel John Clark, Tinker Air Force Base commander has placed the Bourbon Street Club, 2900 Air Depot Road in Midwest City as temporarily OFF LIMITS to all member of the United States Armed Forces.

This order applies to all military personnel assigned to or attached to military units or installations in Oklahoma and is applicable to both active and Reservist. Violation of this order may subject the offender to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.