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Colonel's Journal

Welcome home warriors

By Lt. Col. Robert E. Lytle
Commander

By the time this newspaper is out, most of our Desert Storm warriors will be back with us. Already, our fighting medical technicians and physicians have returned. The rest of our Civil Engineering members should all return this month and most of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron members have returned to civilian life.

I want to take this time to share my feelings regarding your contributions during Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

I firmly believe the response of all reservists has redefined the meaning of "Total Force". Our military could not have been this successful without each and every one of you.

Maj. General John J. Closser, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, put it this way:

"A simple 'well done true and faithful servant' is far from adequate recognition for your service during Desert Storm. You participated flawlessly in an operation so brilliantly conceived and executed that it will become the cornerstone of a new way of thinking about combat."

"Your country and I are honored by your sacrifices. You've proved that training, good equipment, dedication (individually, your families' and employers') and teamwork are a truly awesome combination."

The Tinker reservists weren't a highly visible side of this operation. Yet, throughout it all, you were there.

As others boarded jets amid nationally televised, tearful departures, you were there. You silently flowed into those vacated slots to keep the home station hospitals and essential services operational. As others received holiday messages from a grateful nation back home, you were there.

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1st Lt. Gail Livengood checks over an infant at the Shaw AFB pediatrics clinic. The 507th medics returned from their deployment to Shaw AFB last month. More photos on pages 8 and 9.

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Your teams surged ahead at stateside locations to make sure they had the equipment, food and supplies needed to keep that massive war machine rolling. You also made sure those vital jobs back home got done.

You did your job.

The problems you faced were just as hard as your personal businesses were closed and personal lives and families were put on "hold". And yet you blended in to active duty life so well, there was virtually no way to tell you were reservists.

As our nation watched the war unfold, you too watched and waited and continued to do your job.

Throughout it all, the 507th also labored on with a fixed objective: To prepare ourselves to successfully complete our Operational Readiness Inspection and ultimately be ready to respond should the call come for our unit to deploy.

Then, seven months after it began, it was over and the troops began returning en masse to a hero's welcome. You began gradually returning too, some in your cars from across country, others in commercial aircraft. You returned as you left, ebbing back to us to continue to do your jobs.

Be proud of your accomplishments! You were the motor that held our nation's military together. You did more than your job, you did a great job!

To the members of the 507th Medical Readiness Squadron, thank you. To the members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, thank you. To the members of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron and all others who worked supporting active duty on extended mandates, thank you. We welcome you back. Our upcoming Family Day plans will include giving you the honor and recognition you truly deserve.

But until then, we salute you.



A different kind of hero

By 1st Lt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs

Last January, America showed the world we had the strength and courage to take a stand.

It was a stand against tyranny and oppression. A stand for freedom.

The world held its breath as America raced across the desert.



American men and women in uniform showed true courage as we stopped the fourth largest army in its tracks.

We welcome them home and celebrate our pride for their accomplishments. They truly are our heroes.

But even as we applaud their return, there is another kind of American hero, another kind of courage, another side of America here that is taking a stand.

This time, it is on the side of compassion.

American military, under the direction of Maj. General Jay Garner, are still on the scene in northern Iraq, helping the Kurdish people.

This is the side of America viewed by the world today. Perhaps, it one of the most important views of all.

As the world watches, American Green Berets are helping the elderly and standing in rivers handing babies

to safety, they are building tents and helping to feed starving masses. As the world watches, American GIs are performing morning calisthenics while hundreds of children join in on the "game"; they're setting up hospital stations; keeping the camps free of Iraqi trouble-makers; they're tossing Kurdish boys high in the air and making them laugh.

Americans are on location in Bangladesh, helping hundreds of thousands of storm victims pull their lives back together.

They're true Americans, doing what our nation does best: helping others and they're saying things like, "This is the most important thing I've ever done."

General Garner was interviewed recently on an American talk show. During the interview, he modestly said, "I think you'd be proud of what's happened."

We are, General.

We are also proud that America has the strength and wisdom of when to use military might and when to use the strength of compassion.

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Dual pay can bring double trouble

By 1st Lt Rich Curry
507th TFG Public Affairs

Along with the knowledge they are serving their country, reservists also enjoy the benefits of that extra paycheck once a month. Additional workdays, or mandays, may also help boost normal civilian income.

However, according to Mr. Stu Markle, 507th Budget Officer, if they're not careful, reservists employed full-time by the Federal government, may unwittingly be setting themselves up for possible audit and criminal charges.



"The problems come when we look at what's called the Dual Compensation Law (Section 5533 (a) of Title 5, United States Code)," Mr. Markle said.

"This provides that an employee shall not receive pay from more than one position for an aggregate of 40 hours in any one work week."

That means, he said, members employed by the Federal government cannot draw military pay and civilian pay at the same time. He defined Federal employees as personnel employed by the United States government not just "DoD".

There are a few exceptions to the law, he said.

*You can use your leave (annual/compensation or military) during your active duty time. Annual/comp leave may be used for inactive duty training.

*If an employee begins a military tour after completion of a civilian workday, he/she is entitled to civilian pay without charge to leave even though the employee receives a full days military pay (49 Comp. Gen. 233 at 243 (1969)). However, if the employee receives military pay on successive days, the employee must be in paid leave status to receive pay from his or her civilian position. This is true whether or not the employee performs a full days work in that civilian job.

*If at the end of a military tour an employee reports to his or her civilian job at the start of the regular workday, they are entitled to receive civilian pay without charge to leave even though they receive a full day of military pay. The fact that the employee received military pay that day is not considered to conflict with getting civilian pay for work done after ending the active military duty.

Mr. Markle said the law also applies to "ART's" as well reservists who are also Federal employees.

"It has some serious implications for order issuing officials," he said. "For order issuing officials: "Be aware of what you are signing."

Mr. Markle said members need to know that military pay covers the full 24 hour day and compensation from any other Federal position can only be paid when the employee is in an authorized paid leave status from the other position. The only exceptions are stated above.

"The publication of successive one day orders to cover an active duty period of more than one day is fraud. If an auditor encounters sequential orders situation, that investigator may refer the problem to Air Force Office of Special Investigation or other Federal investigative authorities for criminal action," he said.



TSgt. Cherry named top 507th NCO

Technical Sergeant Julia R. Cherry has been named as the 507th Fighter Group's NCO of the Quarter for January through March 1991.

Sergeant Cherry is a member of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron where she works as a logistics technician.

According to her supervisors, TSgt. Cherry is an involved and concerned leader in her home community and in her reserve unit. In her military position, she is directly responsible for the units ability to mobilize. She oversees annual tour Operation Orders, plans, over 160 mobility personal readiness folders, manages mobility equipment program equipment to include over 480 mobility bags, and conducts in house mobility exercises. She is a member of the TAFB NCO Academy Graduates Association.

In civilian life, she is also a volunteer of the United Way and a trustee in her local church.

Sergeant Cherry has earned a BA Degree in Business and is currently working on her Masters in Business at Central State. She has completed NCO Leadership School, in residence at TAFB and is currently enrolled in the NCO Academy PME Correspondence Course.

Her supervisors describe Sergeant Cherry as a very highly motivated individual with a positive "Can Do" attitude. They cited her as an NCO who manages situations rather than

letting situations dictate her activities with an outstanding ability to get results.

During her tenure in the NCO Leadership School, TSgt. Cherry excelled in the top ten percent of her class. While working on her BA degree, she continued on the Dean's Honor Roll for eight semesters while holding a full time job at night. She has been recognized for 14 years of dedicated service to her community church. As a member of the 403rd CLSS, she received the Air Force Commendation Medal. She was also recently named the 10AF Mobility NCO of the Year of 1990.

Her supervisors state she is a visible and vocal reserve member in her home community, as well as with her contacts with active duty personnel in promoting the Reserve Program. As the Logistics NCO in the 403rd, she attends high level staff meetings on base and interacts with active duty members on numerous occasions. Her nomination package cites her for always maintaining the epitome of what an "outstanding reservist" should be.

In addition to progressing rapidly through her AFSC in military PME, TSgt. Cherry was named 10th Air Force Outstanding Mobility Technician of the Year. She competed against other top individuals in her unit and career field to win that selection.

Congress okays women fighter pilots

Washington (AFNS) -- In a landmark action May 8, the House Armed Services committee voted to let Air Force and Navy women pilots fly combat missions.

The committee action would not require the services to put women on combat missions, but would give them the option by lifting the statutory prohibition that now exists for the Air Force and Navy. There is no statutory prohibition on women in Army combat roles, but they have been barred from direct combat assignments by service policy.

The bill to lift the ban on women combat fliers was initiated by Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., who offered an amendment to the bill to cover the Air Force. Rep. Beverly B. Byron, D-MD., chairwoman of the personnel subcommittee, amended Mrs. Schroeder's proposal to include the Navy.

In response to the House action, Air Force officials applauded the accomplishments of women in the Air Force but will wait until a specific law is enacted before fully assessing the impact and developing plans for implementation.

There are currently 74,556 women in the active Air Force, 13,778 officers and 60,778 enlisted. During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, more than 3,800 women were deployed performing duty in all career areas open to women.

Officials say women are eligible for 97 percent of Air Force positions. Restriction from certain duties is based on Title 10, U.S. Code 8549, which states women may not be assigned to duty in aircraft engaged in combat missions.

In both aerial and ground activity, the key elements are the proximity to enemy-held or contested territory, and

the ability of the enemy to take and hold prisoners.

Air Force Regulation 35-60 explains combat exclusions affecting the assignment of Air Force military women and applies to all members of the Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

All Air Force officer career areas are open to women. But combat exclusion doesn't allow assignment of women in aircraft which fly into hostile territory, or are involved in combat operations behind enemy lines.

These include fighters, bombers, gunships, forward air controllers, most helicopters and some reconnaissance aircraft.

Open to women are transport and strategic aircraft, tactical airlift, tankers, airborne command and control, mission support, some helicopters, reconnaissance and flying training.

72nd Aerial Port Squadron deactivates

By Don L. Schmidt
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You made the "Total Force" concept work, Brig. Gen. Marcelite Harris, told the more than 100 members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron at a May 3 deactivation ceremony.

"We called and within 12 hours you were there to share the burden of a tremendous work load," said the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center vice commander.

That call came Nov. 27 of last year when 110 members of the Reserve squadron were called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield. They joined with the Directorate of Distribution personnel at Tinker AFB during Operation Desert Storm, surged to become the second largest aerial port in the world, second in movement of cargo only to the aerial port at Dover AFB, Del.

In December, 72nd squadron members and Tinker people worked around the clock with virtually no days off battling wind chills of minus 36 degrees. Yet, at Christmas, 45 aircraft went through Tinker in 36 hours.

In the peak month of February, 14,000 tons of cargo were moved, more than 10 times the previous monthly average.

General Harris told squadron members their accomplishments had been recognized all the way up the chain of command.

In his recent visit to Tinker AFB, Secretary of the Air Force, Donald Rice, made it a point to mention the outstanding job done by the Tinker Aerial Port.



Donald Rice, Secretary of the Air Force, spoke to 72nd APS members at Tinker AFB last April.

"It is gratifying to know that we can count on you when we need you," she said. "I hope that need will not arise in the near future but, I know that if it does, you will be here."

Although deactivation has begun, all the members of the 72nd who do their monthly training and the two weeks in the summer at Tinker, won't be gone until the end of July. Fifty members of the squadron were deactivated May 31, with 30 more scheduled to deactivate by June 30. The remaining 30 will return to civilian life by July 31.

Although most of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron are from the surrounding area, at least 25 percent of them come from other states.



Members of the 72nd Aerial Port Squadron received official word of their deactivation during a ceremony held May 3. (U.S. Air Force photo by M. Tim Blake)

Harrah's loss is unit's gain

You don't have to call him "Mr. Mayor" anymore

By SSgt Stan Paregien
507th Public Affairs

You don't have to call him "Mr. Mayor" anymore.

April's end marked the completion of Lt. Col. Gary Mixon's three year term as mayor of Harrah, Oklahoma.

Colonel Mixon, the 507th Chief of Intelligence, joined the unit last December following an active-duty tour as an Intelligence officer with 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing on base.

The colonel said he first got involved in politics by serving on the planning

commission as a chairman in 1977. In 1983 he was elected to the council as a trustee. Three years ago, the five member council of Harrah appointed him as mayor.

The colonel stated he felt his military experience helped him in this new civic role. Colonel Mixon served on active duty during the Vietnam War. Because of this, he said, he was familiar with working under pressure.

"We had to make quick decisions while being assertive and decisive during the war. That was really a good experience to look back on when I started working in city government," he said.

Colonel Mixon has faced many challenges as mayor of Harrah, and he pointed out that small town politics are often tougher than working for a big city.

"I know Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick and have talked to him from time to time. The only difference between our jobs was his decisions involved more money and people. It is a little less personal. My decisions affected the people I saw on the street, in the grocery store and the barber shop each day. You either make someone or their relatives mad. That was the hardest part," he said.

SrA Hyde chosen for top Airman of Quarter honor

Senior Airman Glen Hyde, of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, has been named Airman of the Quarter for 1 January to 31 March 1991.

According to his supervisor, 1st Lt. James Wood, "Airman Hyde is extremely conscientious and performs flawlessly under any and all circumstances."

Lieutenant Wood added that not only is Airman Hyde a visible and vocal reserve member in his home community, but through his contacts with active duty personnel he has promoted the Reserve program and provided information to several individuals who were interested in Reserve careers.

In his nomination package, Airman Hyde was cited for his strong educational background. His continuing pursuit of knowledge is indicated by his completion of his ECI five level course which he scored a 92 percent. He is also working on a degree in Sports Medicine at Cameron University.

During his tenure in his Air Force Technical Training School, SrA Hyde was chosen as class leader and then performed in such an outstanding manner that he received a letter of commendation from his student squadron commander and a certificate of recognition from the Technical Training Center.

He has also been recognized for 2 years of dedicated service to the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity by the award of that organization's Bronze Medal.

Airman Hyde is also an involved leader in his unit and home community. During the planning of the 403rd's first annual Dining-out, he was an integral part of the planning committee.

As a third year medical student at Cameron University, he is active in several student organizations. He is an adamant

volunteer for the yearly Special Olympics and a member of the local 4-H Club.

"Airman Hyde is an exceptional young man who has successfully balanced a civilian occupation with a short, but distinguished Air Force Reserve career," Lieutenant Wood said.

Court grants reservist to be rehired at old job

A Federal District Court ruled in favor of a Reservist who was denied employment because he was away on military duty and not available for work at the projected start date.

The Court said that the Veterans Reemployment Rights Act (VRRRA) (38 USC 2021-2026) prohibits discrimination based on Reserve obligations against first time job applicants as well as against an employee seeking to return to his or her previous position. Even though the Reservist was unavailable at the initial start date due to military duties, he was protected under the VRRRA. *Beattie vs Trump Shuttle, Inc.* DC DC, No 90-1160 (March 3, 1991) cited in Vol 59 U.S. Law Week, page 2556.



Members of the 507th Medical Readiness Squadron pose in front of their "home away from home", the Shaw AFB Hospital. For five months, 53 members of the 507th

MRS served on active duty operating virtually every aspect of the hospital. (U.S. Air Force photo)

507th Medics return from active duty



SSgt. Lori Cranford, NCOIC of Immunizations, helps a patient at the Shaw AFB Hospital. (U.S. Air Force photo by SMSgt. Jerry Jackson)

After serving approximately five months on active duty, a majority of the 507th Medical Readiness Squadron have returned home to Tinker Air Force Base.

According to MSgt. Hiroko Yates, 507th MRS Air Reserve Technician, 49 of the 53 hospital members returned last month. Personnel still deployed are also expected to return soon.

The 507th team were recalled January 16 in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The medics deployed to backfill active duty hospital operations with the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital at Shaw AFB, S.C.

Sergeant Yates said a previous annual tour to Shaw AFB three years earlier provided valuable information to the deploying medics. "We already knew a lot about the hospital and the offices we would be working in," she said. "With that information, we were able to create a pre-deployment briefing very quickly."

Upon arrival at Shaw AFB, Sergeant Yates said the reservists were quickly put to work.

"We were replacing more than 130 members of the hospital staff who were deployed elsewhere. There were some initial reservations about exactly what we would be able to do but once the active duty staff realized our unit had a long term assignment and we possessed critical skills they needed, our people were assigned some top positions of responsibility," she said.

The reservists were assigned positions such as Chief, Resource Management Office; Chief, Flight Surgeon Office; OIC, Environmental Health; OIC and NCOIC, Special Care Unit; Medical Squadron Commander; NCOIC, Emergency Room; Nursing Outpatient Services Superintendent; NCOIC, Orderly Room and Personnel.

The Tinker team reviewed and updated the hospital's self-inspection program, budget plans, mobility records, quality assurance programs and conducted a total of 17 environmental surveys while stationed at Shaw AFB.

As Medical Squadron Commander, Major Steven Gentling, was responsible for more than 400 military and 70 civilian personnel as well as all personnel and administrative functions of the hospital.

"This was a significant challenge," Sergeant Yates said, adding that the major established the "Goals and Objectives" program for 1991 and initiated dialogue with other federal hospitals in the area in search of joint ventures and training sharing programs.

The sergeant said the team strived to balance the desire to integrate into a "Total Force" facility and at the same time maintain and enhance unit integrity and esprit-de-corps.

She said the supervisory evaluations written on unit personnel reflected their ability and willingness to "jump right in".

"We proved to be an important resource to the section and hospital," she said.



Sgt. Mary Junk, medical technician, tends an injured patient at the Shaw AFB Hospital emergency room. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Capt. (Dr.) Brian Coerver, Chief of Dental Services and SSgt. Michelle Sobel, Dental Technician, prepare for their next patient. (U.S. Air Force photo by SMSgt. Jerry Jackson)



New weight standards cut out fat

The new Air Force Weight Management Program went into effect May 1 using body fat measurement standards to determine compliance.

According to the newly revised AFR 35-11, a member's overall appearance, rather than total weight will be reviewed. The maximum allowable weight standard will continue to be used as a first indicator that a person may have too much body fat.

The new method relies on measurements to determine the total body fat percentage.

According to the regulation, individuals are measured at the neck, waist and hips. Then, after a little math, a person's score is compared with the regulation's charts.

For example, to figure a woman's body fat percentage, she is measured at the neck (just below the larynx), at the waist (at the narrowest point, usually located half way between the navel and lower sternum) and at the hips. Then, you add her waist and hip measurements and subtract her neck size. That number is referenced on a chart that takes into account her height to achieve her body fat percentage.

A man's body fat percentage is figured by subtracting the neck size from his waist size. The result is referenced on the appropriate chart for his height.

Once identified under the program, a person is given enough time to lose all the body fat required to meet standards, at the rate of 2 percent body fat per month.

During the monitoring period a member must lose 2 percent per month or face being denied pay and points. People who do not meet standards at the end of the prescribed period are

discharged. People who satisfactorily complete the program are enrolled in a six-month observation period during which they must maintain standards. If they gain the body fat back during this period, they are discharged.

Air Force officials rewrote the regulations to align Air Force members with members of the other branches of the military.



Fighter units prepare for Gunsmoke '91

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) -- Two Air Force Reserve units are setting their sights on this year's U.S. Air Force Worldwide Fighter Gunnery Meet at Nellis AFB, Nev., Oct. 6-19.

An F-16 Fighting Falcon team from the 944th Tactical Fighter Group, Luke AFB, Ariz., and an A-10 Thunderbolt II team from the 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., plan to represent AFRES at Gunsmoke '91.

At the last competition two years ago, Capt. Patrick Shay of the 944th TFG team landed the top gun award for having the highest total score in strafing, bombing and navigation events. His team came in second place overall, and the group's maintenance team captured top honors. At Gunsmoke '85, the 442nd TFW won the top maintenance team award.

Gunsmoke is a biannual event, sponsored by Tactical Air Command. It demonstrates the capabilities of fighter and attack weapons systems, enhances esprit de corps, increases unit training efficiency, and recognizes the best aircrews and aircraft maintenance teams.

In addition to F-16 and A-10 teams, Gunsmoke '91 will pit F-15E Strike Eagle, A-7 Corsair II and F-111 teams against each other in various air-to-ground scenarios that test combat skills.

These teams will come from commands which have tactical air force units. The commands include Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces and TAC's 9th and 12th Air Forces.

Gen. John Michael Loh, TAC commander, said it is the competitive

edge, honed by during events like Gunsmoke, that helped prepare pilots for their combat missions during Desert Storm. "The time has come to reconstitute from Desert Storm and continue on the training track," General Loh said.

"We will press on with Gunsmoke to stay competition tough which helps us to be ready to fight again if required." - General John Loh, TAC Commander

Judging of the competition will end Oct. 18, and winners will receive their awards Oct. 19.

Base Gym annex reopens this month

The Base Gym annex in building 216 will reopen this month featuring new equipment and improvements.

The facility was previously closed for remodeling.

According to Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials, the facility now contains improved weight management and bodybuilding areas, four station nautilus equipment, stairmaster and free weights.

The tennis courts have been modified to support local interest in racquetball. Eight regulation size courts have been constructed each with air conditioning and four of the courts have a glass wall at one end for viewing.

The remaining tennis court will be resurfaced and also be used for aerobic classes.

The fees for the TAFB Health and Fitness Center are \$10 per month to all AFLC Club card holders. All other eligible persons, will pay a monthly fee of \$12. The daily use fee will be \$1.50. Aerobic fees will not be included in the monthly or daily use charge.

Lockers at the new gym will be issued on a first come, first serve basis with the exception of members who had been assigned a locker prior to the Gym closing.

Those individuals will be reissued a locker, if they so desire. Lockers will not be assigned to new members prior to the grand opening.

For more information contact the Gentry Sport & Fitness Center at 734-7676 or 734-3651.



Sgt. Ethier makes perfect score

When it comes to taking test exams, Sgt. Ronald J. Ethier of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron can go to the head of the class.

Recently Sergeant Ethier became the first ever student to score a perfect 100 on all of his course exams while attending training school.

This unusual event occurred recently in the aircraft apprentice strategic electro-environmental systems specialist course with the 3360th Technical Training Group at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

Sergeant Ethier completed the 166-day course without missing a single question on the measurement tests.

While completing the eight blocks of training totaling 839 hours of classroom training, Sergeant Ronald Ethier successfully completed 12 measurement tests consisting of approximately 300 questions without a single miss.

Sergeant Ethier is the first student to complete the course with a perfect score since it was revised in November 1988. So far, his outstanding accomplishment stands alone among the 2,500 other students that have completed this course.

Sergeant Ethier has since returned to 403rd CLSS and Oklahoma, where he resides in the area with his wife, Pamela.

Your story ideas are needed for On-final

Have you ever wondered why a good story from your section or squadron was not mentioned in this paper? It was probably because no one knew about it at the public affairs office.

Any time you are aware of an upcoming exercise or special event, be sure and call the public affairs office at extension 43078.

Inputs do not have to involve "big, fast-breaking news". Any story, big or small is needed to help 507th members learn more about each other and how everyone fits into the "big picture" in the Air Force Reserve.

While members are encouraged to try their hand at writing stories, some people simply don't have time to write it themselves. That's OK.

Just jot down the important information like squadron, section, contact person and a phone number and pass it along. The public affairs office is here to help you get your information published. Call 1st Lt. Rich Curry or SSGT. Stan Paregien at extension 43078 for more information.

Reserve news you can use

Blood drive planned this month

A blood drive will be held on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A bloodmobile will be parked in front of hangar building 1030. All 507th members are encouraged to participate.

Board makes uniform changes

The latest uniform board has ruled that:

*Flight clothing may now be worn to off-base establishments such as short, convenience stops and fast food restaurants, but not for extended shopping, dining or other social events. They can't be worn where alcohol is the main bill of fare.

* For men, it's now OK to wear satin-finished and chrome studs,

cufflinks and badges with the mess dress uniform. They can't be mixed, however.

* For women, plain, black patent leather or high-gloss purses with fold-over flaps are authorized as long as they are no bigger than 13 inches by 9 inches by 4 1/2 inches.

* Black or brown turtleneck T-shirts may now be worn with fatigues. White t-shirts or thermals may be worn -- but they can't show.

Insurance premiums can be changed

People who don't want the new \$100,000 Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, or SGLI, coverage, or want to cut back on the amount of coverage may do so through the personnel office. The Persian Gulf conflict Supplemental Authorization Act of 1991 increased SGLI coverage to \$100,000 last April. It

was done to automatically provide \$100,000 of SGLI to beneficiaries of eligible members who might die before having a chance to sign up for the new increase. The change also applies to reservists for full- or part-time coverage. Premium rates remain at 8 cents per \$1,000. Reduced coverage and premiums start the first day of the month after the change is requested. No action is required of anyone wanting to keep the full \$100,000 coverage.

President says cut energy use

President Bush has directed that, by the year 2000, all federal agencies will cut energy use by 20 percent. The cut includes a 10 percent reduction in vehicle fuel use and is expected to slash taxpayers' costs by \$800 million a year while saving around 100,000 barrels of oil a day.

Personnel strength to decline in 1992

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) -- The size of the Selected Reserve will shrink in fiscal year 1992, according to Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, chief of Air Force Reserve.

The Air Force Reserve will recruit to an end strength of 81,200 reservists in FY 92, down 4,391 from the current year, said General Closner in testimony before committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate in April.

"This downward trend may well continue," he said. "Our full-time work force of civilians, air reserve technicians, regular Air Force and reservists on statutory tours of active duty finds itself increasingly stretched to meet the management requirements of our units, especially with regard to readiness."

From 1970 to 1990, the size of the Selected Reserve grew by about 65 percent, but the full-time force needed to support it dropped from 25 to 18 percent of the Selected Reserve.

"As the wartime requirements continue to grow, the size of the peacetime structure must continue to be

supported," General Closner said. From fiscal years 1991 to 1992, the ART workforce will grow from 10,316 to 10,343, and the non-ART civilian force will climb from 4,435 to 4,769.

General Closner said the Reserve's pilot manning currently stands at 100 percent but he expects above average losses in the mid-1990s because of the retirement of Vietnam-era pilots. "This will expand our need to hire new pilots precisely when the active force is trying to retain theirs. To solve this dilemma, we have to build manning options that are responsive and flexible for meeting our pilot inventory requirements...."

The general thanked the congressmen for the benefits and entitlements they approved for reservists in the FY 1991 National Defense Authorization Act. He particularly praised them for monetary compensations such as the variable housing allowance for recalled reservists, for the commissary, exchange and morale entitlements recently afforded to "gray area" reservists, and for expanded Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

He also told the representatives and senators how much he appreciated the new personnel benefits enacted in the 102nd Congress. "This support for our Desert Storm participants will never be forgotten."