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MSgt. John Kunhart, 507th  
CAMS armament system  
mechanic, services a wing  
pylon assembly. See related  
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Colonel's JournalEditorials

# OKIES are part of my family

**By Col. James P. Feighy**  
507th DCO

I was honored and pleased when asked to write this for the On-final. My thanks to Lt. Col. Bob Lytle for this opportunity to bid farewell to the many outstanding individuals that make up the "OKIE" family. I regard the "OKIES" as a part of my family as well as my employer and appropriately this column comes out on family/employer appreciation day.

During the time I have been here at Tinker, I have had the best of times with only a few of the worst. I have had the misfortune of losing some friends and colleagues to both accidents and disease and will miss and always remember them.

My best memory of you are those when we excelled as a team through ORE, ORI, and UEI, as a result of pulling together. It is this team work that is the heart of "OKIE" pride and spirit.

In the future, you will be asked to continue to excel and to practice your combat and support skills. Practice is what makes

you as good as you are and those of you who supported Desert Storm demonstrated that the concept works. Your excellence insured that we will be asked to participate again when the need arises.

In saying good-bye I want to thank each of you for keeping me safe and out of trouble. That's what team work does. In addition, I want to pass along these words from General Colin Powell. From an article in U.S. News and World Report. "SUCCESS ... is the result of perfection, hard work, and learning from failure."

Each of you is a success and I salute you in your striving for perfection and continued hard work. You don't give up when you fail but you learn and continue to grow.

P.S. Thanks to my wife "Tina" for her understanding and help with this article.

God Speed and Fly Safe

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## A word from Maj. Gen. John Closner

Maj. Gen. John Closner, chief of the Air Force Reserve, commented recently on Desert Storm:

"The quality of the Air Force Reserve's support for Operation Desert Storm was totally verified from Day One. We had thousands of people mobilized, including most of our medical forces. Additionally, we had many more volunteers on active duty.

"Our participation cut across the spectrum of specialties: security police, maintenance, individual mobilization augmentees, strategic and tactical airlift, refuelers and fighters are but a few examples.

"I am proud of the airmanship of our people. Our people did the job in a tough environment and they did it well.

"One thing we have learned is that we are more prepared to deploy and go to war with our forces than we are in taking care of the people left behind. We are continuing to develop better support as each day goes by, but we have plenty of future growth in supporting the needs of our families. (AFRNS)

## Obey the ten commandments of safety

**By MSgt. Cody Smith**  
507th Safety Office

1. LEARN the safe way to do your job before you start.
  2. THINK safety, and ACT safety at all times.
  3. OBEY safety rules and regulations...they are for your protection.
  4. WEAR proper clothing and protective equipment.
  5. CONDUCT yourself properly at all times...horseplay is prohibited.
  6. OPERATE only the equipment you are authorized to use.
  7. INSPECT tools and equipment for safe condition before starting work.
  8. ADVISE your supervisor promptly of any unsafe conditions or acts.
  9. REPORT any injury immediately to your supervisor.
  10. SUPPORT your safety program and take an active part in safety meetings.
- Safety is in the TION business. We can either practice prevention or we do some investigation. It's up to us.

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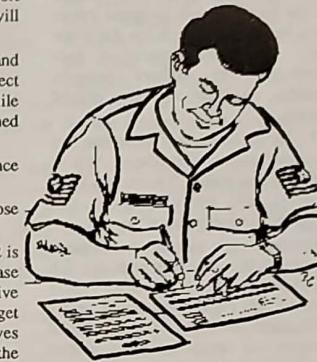
# Activated Reservists get two W-2s

Reservists who were activated in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm will receive two W-2 forms for 1991.

According to Air Force Accounting and Finance officials, one W-2 should reflect pay received while on active duty while the other will reflect reserve pay earned during the year.

However, accounting and finance officials have expressed concern that these records may not reach those reservists.

"Once a reservist is deactivated, a W-2 is issued within 60 to 90 days after release and is based on the time spent on active duty," said Mr. Stu Markle, 507th Budget Officer. "But if that reservist moves during that time or doesn't return to the



address they previously reported, the active-duty W-2 may end up lost in the mail."

Mr. Markle said both W-2s will be needed to accurately report income taxes. If you did not receive an active duty W-2 form Mr. Markle suggested you report to the Tinker Accounting and Finance Office to provide a proper mailing address.

"If the 507th has a proper mailing address, we can handle the W-2s for a member's reserve pay, but we can't do anything about the active duty W-2s. It's a different system. Each member who does not receive an active duty W-2 must take care of that individually," Mr. Markle said.

## September's Family Fun Fair events previewed

Many exciting and educational events await you on Family Fun Fair Day during the September 14 UTA.

The 403rd CLSS will maintain a booth to display ABDR tools and techniques. It will be run as an ongoing question and answer session to help reservists and visitors understand the concepts and terms involved.

The booth will display tools, technical orders, chemical warfare ensembles, and photographs of ABDR pad exercises. The booth will be manned by a uniformed member of the 403rd until noon. We may also run a game or concession from this booth.

The 507th Communications Squadron will be setting up the following display for family day: A telephone visual voice

display for everyone to examine. Two individuals will be selling tickets for games, meals, drinks and other necessities for a three hour period.

The 507th Medical Squadron will set up an ambulance for standby and display to the public. The squadron also plans to host an ongoing slide presentation as well as face painting and cake walk activities.

The 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron will be hosting activities in building 1048 from 10 to 11 a.m. Plans including films, briefings and activities in the Life Support Section.

The 507th Civil Engineering Squadron will host an open house to show off their new offices in building 1047. There will be a continuous showing of films on various civil engineering activities, and various static displays of equipment.

The 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will feature a rapid munitions assembly demonstration, weapons static display, weapons loading demonstrations as well as provide open shop walk through tours throughout the day in building 1030 and the surrounding maintenance buildings.

The 507th Merchandise Sale will be conducted during the fair day. A booth will be set up in the hanger and checks will be accepted.

The 507th TFG will be selling their special tee shirts with silk screen for \$7.50, embroidered for \$8.50 and golf shirts for \$18.50.

The 507th CAMS will also be selling their shirts at the same prices. CAMS coffee cups will be \$5.50 and Coolers will be \$2.50. Paper weights are \$1.50. CAMS hats will be \$6.00.

## Fund honors high school crash victims

Tragedy struck August 27 when three Carl Albert High School students were killed in a one-car accident during lunch break.

One of the students, Jamie Fry, 15, was the daughter of SSgt. Lynn Fry, Jr., a firefighter with the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron.

A fund has been established for a Carl Albert High School memorial scholarship and also to help defray the families' expenses. If you would like to make a donation, contact your supervisor or Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Clay, 507th Chaplain at extension 45632.

## TSgt. Prince finds two ways to serve

While former British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill may have said, "A reservist is twice the citizen", TSgt. Robert Prince is proving even active duty life provides a way to serve twice.

Sergeant Prince, a member of the 72nd Aeriel Port Squadron, was activated last November in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In addition to a full workload as a night shift air cargo specialist, additional duty squadron safety NCO and fulltime enrollment in the Community College of the Air Force, Sergeant Prince responded to the call and became a member of the Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard.

*"I remember when my father passed away. He had a full honor guard funeral. I was impressed with it. When I found out in January the Tinker Honor Guard needed members, I joined up," he said.*

For Sergeant Prince, the Honor Guard became that second way to serve his



TSgt. Robert Prince

country and community. As a member of the Honor Guard, Sergeant Prince says he represents both the Air Force and Air Force Reserve at such ceremonies as military funerals, parades, weddings and other official events.

As far as he knows, he is the first reservist stationed at Tinker AFB to join the base group. "I received a lot of support from my commander, first sergeant and supervisors," he said.

Fortunately, he says, his honor guard duties didn't interfere with his job working on the night shift. "There were a few days, after driving across Oklahoma to provide final burial honors, and then going into work that night, that I was dragging a little," he said. "But I was proud I could do it."

He said military funerals are a majority of the workload for the honor guard. "We carry most of the state and average about 1-2 funerals a week. We have also done a few parades," he said. "It's a good feeling to go help out at these events and see how appreciated we are," he said.

"I think the single most satisfying thing I get from helping the honor guard is the pride I feel at these events. I know I'm doing a service for the Air Force. At funerals, we're showing one last final tribute for someone's dedication. It's a sad time, but it's a time of pride," he said.

*"When you fold a flag, do it good, and get that tight fold, you get a real good feeling. You're proud of our traditions."*

"After we fold the flag we present it to the survivors and salute. We tell them: 'From a grateful nation and the President of the United States, we present you this flag in appreciation of your loved one's faithful service to his country. Our thoughts are with you



Sergeant Prince in full color guard uniform.

today.' You can see how much they appreciate us being there," he said. "People come up to us afterwards and hug us. It really is a good feeling to serve these people this way," he said.

To date, Sergeant Prince has received almost 50 detail participation certificates. In July, he was named Honor Guard member of the month.

While most of the 72nd APS has officially deactivated, Sergeant Prince is remaining on extended active duty until November.

"I'd like to stay with the honor guard after the tour ends, although, it's probably going to become much harder to support the events. Still, I want to keep helping anyway I can," he said.

## First Sergeants attend conference

by MSgt. Tom Clapper  
507th Civil Engineering Squadron  
First Sergeant

*"If you don't like changes, then you won't like the next few years in the Air Force Reserve."*

That was the greeting that nearly 300 Air Force Reserve First Sergeants heard while attending the 3rd annual conference held in San Antonio, Texas during the August UTA. The greeting was from the AFRES Chief, Maj. Gen. John Closner.

There were six First Sergeants representing the 507th and Tinker Air Force Base. Led by CMSgt. Raymond Deutsch of CAMS and SMSgt. Jerry D. Jackson of the 507th Medical Squadron,

the Reserve First Sergeants included MSgt. Nathaniel McGuire of the 72nd Aeriel Port Squadron, and MSgt. Joseph Tytanic of the 403rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Also present at the Operation Desert Shield and Storm. Other first sergeants also shared their Belinda Journey of the Training Section war-stories with the conference. This was the most valuable experience, nearly

The first sergeants were briefed on upcoming changes in the blue uniform and possibly the BDUs, changes in the missions of many organizations, and changes even in unit names and designations as well as organization.

You may have missed your first sergeant during the last UTA but he has not missed military training. Be sure to ask what he learned and what will happen to the Air Force Reserve. He will be one of the first to know. After again in the future and they all mean a new way of doing things.

Those acronyms, you will hear them all, they don't call him the "First Sergeant" for nothing.

## Child care help provided for those activated

All active duty military and reservists who participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm or who are now in Operation Desert Calm are being offered coupons for free child care services by the Tinker Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Divisions' Child Development Center and Youth Center.

Reimbursement to any one family shall not exceed \$100. The coupons may be Point of contact to obtain coupons for for redeemed until September 30, 1991. further questions is Sandra Lang at the Costs in current resulting from the Persian Gulf conflict in excess of fees collected 734-4213.

### Becoming an Honor Guard member

The Tinker AFB Honor Guard is an elite team of volunteers who help carry on the military tradition.

Honor guard members represent the United States Air Force, and participate in many off-base activities where they may be the only contact people ever have with the Air Force.

According to Capt. Kenneth Corgan, OIC of the TAFB Honor Guard, team members strive for self-discipline in their appearance, performance bearing and behavior. Professionalism, he said, is paramount at all times.

"As a team, we represent the finest tradition of the United States Air Force and Tinker Air Force Base in the Oklahoma community," he said.

If accepted in the Honor Guard, members must attend a mandatory six week training class (one hour evening session per week), attend mandatory monthly meetings, weekly practice during training and participate in a minimum of two Honor Guard functions per month in order to remain an active member.

For more information on the Base Honor Guard program call either extension 42727 or 44226.

## Gaines' job is not just putting out fires

by Msgt. Tom Clapper

For Msgt. Leonard C. Gaines, of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, there's more to life than just putting out fires. In civilian life he is Deputy Fire Chief Leonard Gaines of the Oklahoma City Fire Department. During weekend job as Chief of Fire Protection of CE drills and annual tour he is Chief of Fire Protection for the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Msgt. Gaines began his military career and that of a firefighter at the same time. He enlisted in the Air Force to learn the training, MSgt. Gaines has the perfect trade and he did. "It was a boyhood civilian background for his reserve dream" he says of his career as a firefighter. After a number of years and work is working with a uniformed force different assignments with the Air Force, with a strong sense of discipline, he returned to his home in Oklahoma City to become a firefighter in his civilian life and joined the reserve.

*"I got a lot from the military. It taught me my trade and gave me the formal discipline necessary in this demanding field," said Msgt. Gaines.*

As a Deputy Chief with the OKC Fire Department, Deputy Chief Gaines is tasked with training responsibilities for the more than 300 firefighters who compose the fire department they are.

He is one of eight deputy chiefs in the department and along with three assistant chiefs, he reports to the fire chief who is responsible for the entire Oklahoma City Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Gaines has held his current position since December 1990 while maintaining his Air Force Reserve job as Chief of Fire Protection of CE since 1989.

The reserve and civilian jobs complement each other and each provides a useful background for the other. Since much of reserve duties are important technical training and a highly responsible job, his military background and reserve service give him an extra advantage in his civilian position.

Asked the major difference between firefighting in the military and civilian world, Msgt. Gaines mentioned three areas.

First, in the civilian world there is a greater emphasis put on emergency medical services. This is not to say that Air Force and Air Force Reserve firefighters are not trained in these areas; they are.

In fact, a firefighter can usually give emergency medical aid to keep a patient going until medical personnel arrive. However, it is becoming a bigger mission of civilian fire departments all the time.

The second difference is the number of females active in civilian fire departments. "We have female dispatchers here at Tinker AFB, but as of yet we do not have any female firefighters in this reserve unit."

MSgt. Gaines observes that he has met female firefighters on active duty at other bases and would not be surprised if there were some in his section some time soon. The third major difference is the amount of time spent on the job. It is not unusual for military firefighters to spend up to 72 hours a week at the fire station. In the civilian world the philosophy taking hold is that less consecutive hours on duty will prevent burnout. MSgt. Gaines would not be surprised to this philosophy also gaining support in the military.

"It won't be easy," he admitted, "since the Air Force stresses dedication and getting the job done but the alternative may be continual turnover of personnel."

If you see Msgt. Gaines at Tinker AFB he will be in uniform. If you see him at his civilian job he will also wear a uniform. The uniform will be different

As a reminder to those interested in firefighting, "It is not just putting out fires," said Msgt. Gaines.

Note: On August 3, Msgt. Gaines was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He is now a Social Actions Officer with the 507th TFG.

## Reservists take a dip for community

Five members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group took a dip in the Base Pool recently to help out the American Red Cross.

On July 30, Colonel Clark, the Tinker Base Commander, made the Tinker swimming pool available to support the Swim-a-cross. The sixth annual event was held in cooperation with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. This fundraising event was held at the Gerrity Pool on base.

The funds raised from the swim will remain in the local area to be used in supporting the delivery of Health and Emergency Services to Military Families.

At the unit level, each unit was encouraged to select a designated swimmer who is a focal point for unit participation as well as being a swimming participant.

To promote friendly competition, swimmers from units of the same size swam during the same time slots. Each swimmer was allotted a two-hour time frame. Pledges were made on the number of lengths completed within that time frame.

507th members who swam include Cindy Bischoff, Charlotte Epps, Jana Lucy, Andy Lang, and Lucy Bryan.

## 507th CAMS Munitions Maintenance Branch

### "PICK UP AND DELIVERY"

by Major Donald W. Klinko

"The purpose of the Air Force is to fly and fight, and win."

Tactical Air Command's motto serves as a constant reminder of the mission of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. Hopefully, our expertise and capabilities in that regard will serve as a deterrent to our adversaries. Should deterrence fail however, we must be prepared to make good on our promise to deliver fire and steel on enemy targets.

It takes skillful, well-trained pilots to fly our high-performance F-16 aircraft to such a target, but that act in itself does the wartime mission little good if the pilot can't deliver ordnance on his target. And that's where the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's (CAMS) Munitions Maintenance Branch comes in. The branch's personnel in three sections--Weapon Storage, Armament, and Loading--make sure the F-16 pilot has the tools to do the job.

MSgt. James Andrews, a senior munitions storage specialist and NCOIC of "C" Group, gave a simplified explanation of the function of the Storage Section: "The loaders receive it from us and they put it on the jet."

"It" includes 20-millimeter ammunition for the F-16's multi-barreled M-61 Vulcan rotary cannon--both high-explosive incendiary (HEI) and armor-piercing incendiary (API) varieties; AIM-9 "Sidewinder" air-to-air missiles, AGM-65 "maverick" air-to-ground missiles, Mark-82 500-pound bombs,



MSgt. Gary Seale, prepares an AIM-9 wingtip missile prior to flight. (U.S. Air Force photo)

flight." That includes checking the missile's guidance and control cooling system, which uses argon gas. When the argon bottles lose pressure, storage section personnel are responsible for recharging them.

Bomb assembly at a deployment site is carried out with the Rapid Ammunition Assembly System (RAMS), explained TSgt. Calvin Keller. He characterized RAMS as "a sort of bomb assembly line that can be set up in 45 minutes." Personnel properly trained to use RAMS should be able to "build" 60 bombs per hour, regardless of type.

TSgt. Keller emphasized that the RAMS crew would probably deploy ahead of aircraft and pilots: "It has to be there, along with prime mover equipment, before the aircrews arrive."

# Reserve news you can use

## Paralegal Opening

There is a paralegal position open in the unit Legal Office. Anyone interested may call extension 45103.

## Immunizations rules change

Due to changes in AFMPC Policy the 507th CBPO will no longer be tracking immunizations in their system. This will now be the responsibility of the supervisor or mobility OIC/NCO.

The Medical Squadron will continue to give immunizations but there will be no immunizations updates made. To

refresh members memory, the frequency of immunizations is:

Typhoid - every 3 years

Tet/Diph - initial series of 2 then every 10 years

Yellow Fever - every 10 years

Oral Polio - 3 doses.

If you have any questions about the new program/responsibilities contact MSgt. Pam Brandt at extension 47491. The immunization line will continue to be announced in the Group bulletin.

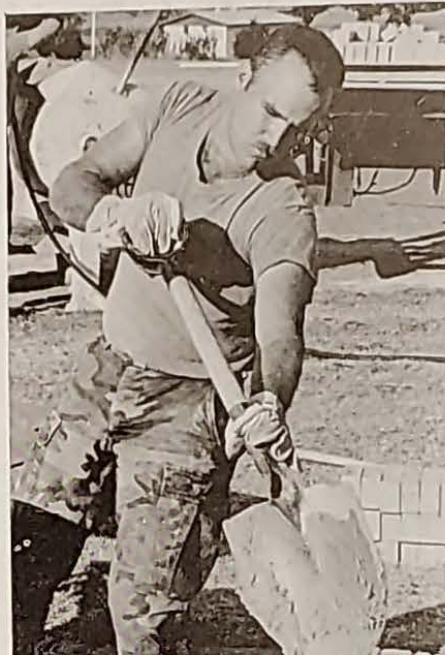
## Airman/NCO of the Quarter reminder

Airman and NCO of the Quarter nominations are due to Msgt. Charlotte Epps no later than 4 p.m. September 14. This is for the period of July 1 through September 30, 1991. Each unit may submit one airman and one NCO. Submit your nomination on the 507TFG Form 1. The EAC panel will make their selection on September 15 right after the EAC meeting. Nominations may be delivered to room 211 in Bldg 1043.

## Physicals must be met

Medical Squadron officials report they have a new policy letter from HQ AFRES concerning noshow for physicals and other medical requirements. The new policy states: "When the individual misses his/her appointment a letter is sent to both the individual and his/her supervisor giving them 60 days to complete the requirement. After 60 days, if the requirement is not met, the individual will be placed on a 4 profile and immediately processed for administrative discharge."

According to Mrs. T.J. Bingham of the Medical Squadron, "I know this new policy sounds rough but there is a real problem getting people to show up for their physical appointments." Failure to report for physicals, she said, wastes valuable time and prevents medical personnel from rescheduling and



SSgt. David Haggard, 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, helps construct a new building sign for the Civil Engineering Squadron. The work was completed last month.

conducting required physicals for other members.

## Youth Center plans events

The Tinker Youth Center is keeping up the pace with back to school activities by offering many options for the Center's patrons.

A feature event for the Youth Center will be a circus, held on September 22 on the Soccer Field, located across from the Child Care Center, Bldg. 5510. Among events scheduled are piano and karate classes. For more details on classes offered at the Tinker Youth Center, call 734-7866.

## Exchanges may stay open for reservists

Where possible, reservists will continue to receive base exchange services when active-duty operations shut down on selected bases throughout the United States. Exchange officials vow to keep exchange doors open at bases where reservists continue to train.

## Members promoted

The following members have been promoted recently. Congratulations to these members. Promoted to A1C is John Day.

### Promoted to SrA are:

Sandra Deffler, Marcus Dixon, Kevin Easterling, Sherri Frair, John Hankins, Barbara Hill, Pamela Nelson, Jonathan Odum, Brenda Pearce, Alan Rehrig, Jami Stroud, and Ernest Washburn.

### Promoted to SSgt are:

Jeffrey Alexander, Gerald Bowland, John Carey, Edward Graham, Ricardo Guevara, Debra Hall, Cecilia Hood, Julie Ingarra, Mary Junk, Rene Martinez, Natasha Nelson, Annetta Serviss, and Michael Vaughn.

### Promoted to TSgt are:

Gary Burkhardt, Lori Cranford, Patrick Holloway, John Kunhart, Christopher McCormick, and Catherine Robinson.